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# The Times

FLOYD COUNTY

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## Convict first chooses jail, changes mind

by **Randell Reno**  
Staff Writer

A convict in court for violating his parole shocked a judge when he asked to go back to jail instead of being placed under supervised release.

Brian Mulkey appeared in Floyd Circuit Court Friday for a hearing to decide whether his probation would be revoked.

Mulkey had been charged with first-degree assault in 1998, but in exchange for a guilty plea, his charge was amended to first-degree wanton endangerment.

He was originally given a one-year sentence, serving one month, with the remainder suspended. He was to serve two years supervised probation on his release.

Mulkey allegedly violated his probation in September when he smoked marijuana and used cocaine.

Mulkey's attorney, Vicki Ridgeway, asked the court not to send her client to jail because she

said he had not had time to be treated for his drug use. She said he needed another chance at probation because he had a job and a child.

But when given the choice of five years probation or the remaining 11 months of his sentence, Mulkey asked for the jail time.

Judge John David Caudill, who was taken aback by request, gave Mulkey his options once more, adding that Mulkey would have work with either choice.

Given a second chance, Mulkey chose probation, after which Caudill told him he would have to work 40 hours a week at a job or 20 hours a week community service. He must also be tested for drug use, visit the probation officer often, and receive treatment.

"I am glad you chose that," said Caudill. "It seemed like you wanted to go back to cocaine."

Mulkey was released from jail

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Santa Claus came under a barrage of hugs from the children. One child ran straight to him as soon as he left the patrol car. (photo by Randell Reno)

## Children shop with cops for a special Christmas

by **Randell Reno**  
Staff Writer

A host of children from Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties were treated to an early Christmas Friday.

The Kentucky State Police Professional Association (KSPPA) gave 71 children a chance to meet Santa and to buy something they truly wanted for Christmas.

With an allowance of nearly \$40, the children were permitted to shop for anything and the Paintsville Kmart was the place to shop.

Eight troopers and four dispatchers from the KSP Post 9 in Pikeville, along with volunteers, led five children each throughout the department store. Most headed straight for the toy department, but a few chose to wander into the clothing section.

Employees with the state police pay dues into the KSPPA. It is these dues that are distributed to the children. The KSPPA gives part of the dues paid back to each post.

That money, and a little extra kicked in by the employees, gave some low-income children a little extra for Christmas.

It was the dispatchers and troopers of Post Nine who started the Shop With A Trooper and Dispatcher program. Each district is permitted to do what it wants with the money it receives.

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Students took a little time deciding what they wanted for Christmas. The gifts are courtesy of the Kentucky State Police. (photo by Randell Reno)

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## Briefs

### Governor ends state burn ban

Gov. Paul Patton signed an executive order Friday lifting the burn ban across the state.

The executive order rescinds the ban put in place on November 18 as a response to extensive forest fires which endangered public health and safety and threatened the natural resources of the state, the governor's office said in a press release.

Patton's office explained that the ban has been lifted because the extreme fire hazard which prompted it no longer exists.

### Public meetings

■ Prestonsburg Tourism Commission, special meeting, May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, 11:30 a.m., Tuesday. Items to be discussed include a city brochure and a three-on-three basketball tournament.

## Martin council asks for county's help

by **Willie Elliott**  
Staff Writer

It appears the flood control project for the city of Martin may stand a better chance of becoming a reality after the city council adopted a resolution during Thursday night's special-called meeting to request that the Floyd County Fiscal Court act as sponsor for the proposed flood control project for the city.

With Thomasine Robinson acting as mayor for the meeting, the group saw more positives than negatives to allowing the county fiscal court to be the sponsor.

For one, the fiscal court would have better bonding potential and a better chance of acquiring extra

grants. Also, part of the flood control project lies outside the city limits. By accepting the request, the fiscal court would eliminate this problem.

County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson will take the request before the fiscal court for consideration.

City attorney Tim Parker said U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers, who was instrumental in getting funding for the project, supported the idea of having the fiscal court as the project sponsor.

Parker said the city would lose control of the project, but pointed out that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would control the

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## P'burg stores change with the times

### Christmas shopper

This young lady took a long look at the collection of products available at Ritchie's Hallmark.

(photo by Randell Reno)



by **Randell Reno**  
Staff Writer

It would be pretty safe to say if you have a business, you have visited

C&R Office Supply in downtown Prestonsburg.

It may also be safe to say if you love greeting cards, you have stopped by Ritchie's Hallmark.

In either case, if you have visited these businesses you were probably treated with a warm smile and courteous service.

C&R Office Supply has been in

Prestonsburg for 20 years now, providing office needs and service to many Floyd Countians.

Beginning with typewriter and adding machine repairs, the service side of the business has traveled with technology and progressed to copiers and fax machines.

Hubert Ritchie

established C&R Office Supply 40 years ago, starting in Pikeville. He spread the business to Paintsville

(See **Stores**, page two)



Part seven in a series of articles exploring Floyd County businesses which have survived the death of downtowns.



These kids were on hand at the Holiday Inn yesterday to have breakfast with Santa and listen to stories told by Mrs. Claus. One youngster even told Mrs. Claus a story. (photo by Willie Elliott)

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# Stores

when the flood of 1977 left eight feet of water standing inside that store. In 1979 he opened the Prestonsburg location.

Hubert Ritchie began his work in office supplies and service 48 years ago. He worked for eight years in Hazard. These educational years led him to open his supply store in Pikeville.

But without a service center, he had to load up the machines the customers brought in for service and haul them to Hazard for repairs.

According to his daughter Linda, Kentucky State Police kept an eye on Hubert Ritchie's loaded-down vehicle. Weighted down in the back and covered, KSP decided Ritchie could be hauling alcohol into the dry counties of Floyd and Pike. But the joke was on the troopers when they pulled him over, only to find business machines.

The business has been family owned and operated since its inception. Hubert's wife, Nancy handles the financial end of the business. Their children manage the stores; Linda in Prestonsburg, Scott in Paintsville, and Sam and his wife Anita in Pikeville.

Next to the Prestonsburg office supplies store is a Hallmark store.

It was Hubert Ritchie who recognized that those who needed office supplies also needed stationery, said Linda. So Ritchie's Hallmark was established four years after C&R.

But Hallmark has grown to represent more than just stationery and cards.

Through the efforts of Linda and her family, the Prestonsburg Hallmark has become the guaranteed place to find that special gift or collectible.

The store has an exclusive collection of the Department 56 small town collectibles, Ty Beanie Babies, Christmas decor and lighthouses. The selection is phenomenal.

The key to the stores' success is a set of good ears.

"We socialize a lot. We know everybody by name," said Linda Ritchie.

This familiarity breeds good business. Ritchie's attention to personal taste allows her to order things which can't be purchased at a normal department store.

"You get to the point where you know the customer," said Ritchie. "We go to the shows with the customers in mind."

Once she acquires a product, an interested customer may receive an invitation to check it out. It is her practice to know what is special to her customers.

Linda attends no less than four trade shows a year. While there, she says she does personal shopping, as well as shopping for her customers. This extra effort has helped the business. She said the business has grown every year.

"We try to meet the customer's needs," Linda Ritchie said. "I try to get what they

want."

Linda has been purchasing things for the store since she was six years old. Accompanying her father to trade shows for Hallmark, she was taught just how to buy for the store.

"My dad told me to buy 30 percent of what I loved, 30 percent of what I hated, 30 percent of what I kind of liked, and 10 percent will fall into place," said Ritchie.

This philosophy must have worked. Collectors of all ages come into the store, she said. Some of the younger shoppers even have charge accounts just for Beanie Babies.

"We basically have things you can't get any where else," said Ritchie.

While still in kindergarten, Allison Pack, one of the first children to shop at the store, opened up the first layaway and to this day still shops at the store.

Hallmark has kept in stride with the boom in the candle industry, too. The store has a wide selection on display and will try to get anything it does not have.

The bridal registry at Hallmark has grown in use, too. For millennium brides-to-be, this is the place to start. There is a wide variety of brass and photo albums.

Aside from all the exclusive collectibles available, customers can still make a select from a vast array of greeting cards. With hundreds available, there is sure

to be one which will have that special message.

Four employees have stood the test of time with the Ritchies. Anna Miller, C&R manager, has worked for the family 23 years. Salesman Rick Bentley has worked for 13.

On the Hallmark side, Sue Hale has been an employee for 15 years and Lynn Hall has been with the business for 12.

It's a chemistry that works. Good ears, an attention to detail, that extra step to help you build your collection or to make your family members happy, and good employee relations. All combine to make C&R Office Supply and Ritchie's Hallmark downtown survivors.

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# Court

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that afternoon.

In other court matters on Friday: ■ Donnie Reynolds, 25, of Frasures Creek in McDowell, was sentenced to two years in a state penitentiary on Friday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Reynolds had been charged with wanton endangerment after he drove his car down the wrong side of the road while drunk, causing an accident.

After Reynolds' attorney asked the court to be lenient in the sentencing, Caudill read a letter from the defendant in which Reynolds said it was just a car wreck.

Caudill said Reynolds was showing no remorse for his actions and that he was taking no responsibility for the accident.

Reynolds is to spend a year in custody. After that year, he will be released to serve two years of supervised probation.

As Reynolds was walking out of the courtroom, his attorney patted him on the back, apologizing to him.

# Martin

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design of the project.

Parker said he thought the fiscal court would be sensible about decisions about the project. He said he thought the fiscal court would allow the city to assume control at a later date when the city was in better fiscal condition.

When approval, of bills which included utilities and day-to-day expenses came up, Parker asked about the situation with the Henry P. Thompson Company bill. Thompson had repaired pumps for the city and Parker said the company was calling to ask when payment would be forthcoming.

Parker said he told the company he could not talk about payment until he talked with the council. Company personnel have also been calling individual council members.

Robinson said the council needed to keep good relations with the company or it may be hesitant to do repair work in the future.

Parker said a \$2,000 payment would be a sign of good faith. He said it would not be good for the city to get a reputation of not paying its bills.

In order to balance the books, the city had amended the water and sewer budget. Thursday night's reading made the budget, which calls for \$166,000 for sewage and \$159,000 for water, official.

Through federal funds, the city received a grant for body armor (bulletproof vests). The city will get three of these vests with stipulations that the vests have to be new and must be worn by the officers to whom they were issued. The vests will cost the city no additional funds.

"That's all right," Reynolds responded. "I'm not worried about it."

■ Vaughn Eric Fritts, 23, of Carlisle, entered a guilty plea for third-degree burglary. The charge was amended from second-degree bur-

glary.

Fritts was sentenced to serve six months in a state penitentiary. Upon his release he will serve four years probation, with a minimum of 10 hours community service.

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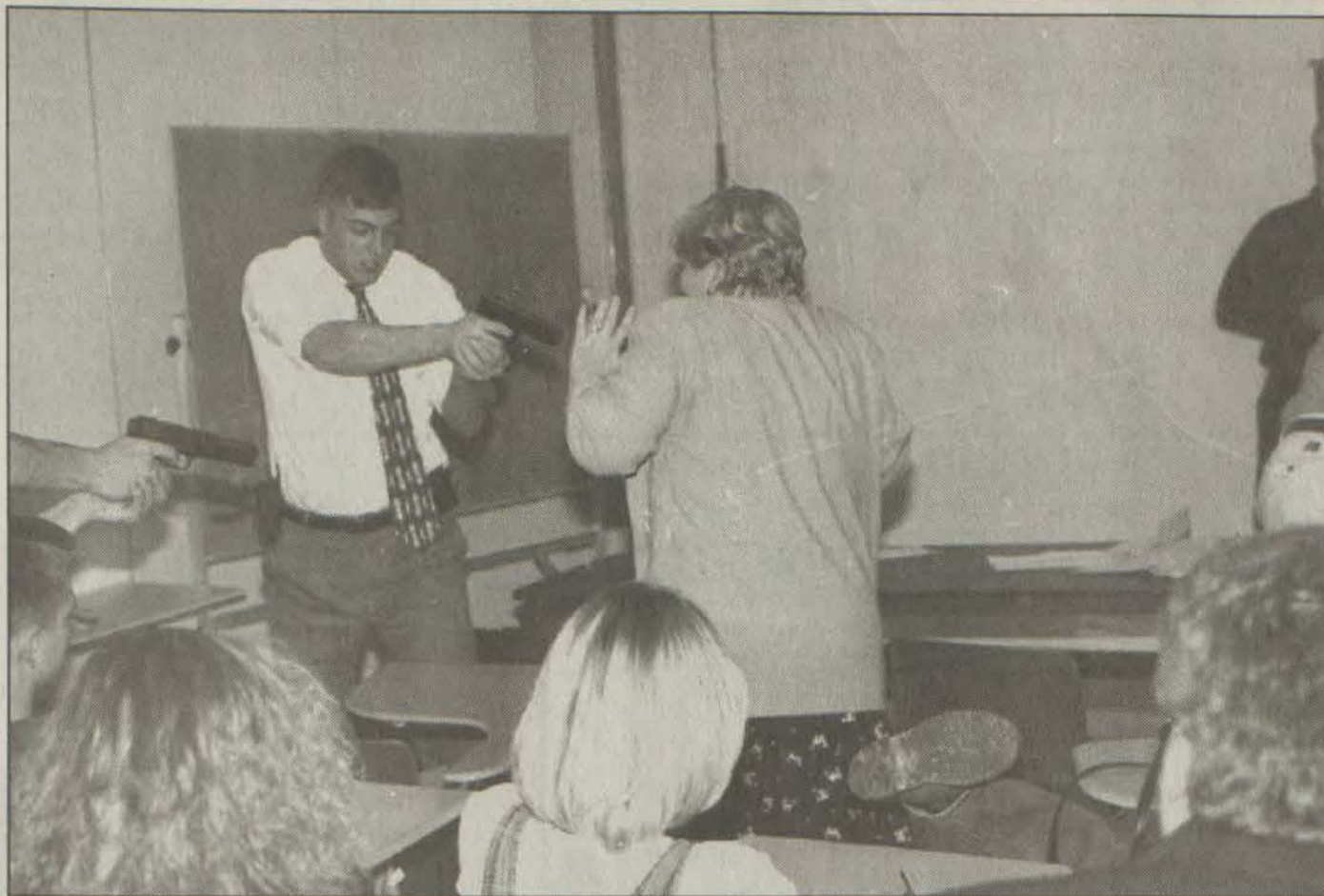
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This mother of a rape victim, played by Mike Dixon's wife Jeri, is being restrained after shooting the alleged rapist, Jason Hall, in Thursday mock trial in Dixon's class at PCC. (photo by Willie Elliott)

## Education wins in PCC mock trial

by Willie Elliott  
Staff Writer

Looking much like the real thing, Mike Dixon's law enforcement students staged a trial for alleged rapist Jason Hall Thursday at Prestonsburg Community College.

The mock rape occurred last month at the Super 8 Motel, and students gathered information in much the same manner as law enforcement officials would do. One outcome of their investigation led to the indictment of Jason Hall for raping Misty Shepherd (since this is mock rape and trial we can use real names).

Dixon told those in attendance that the students would be "ad-libbing profusely today." He told his students to have a good time but at the same time make the mock trial a real learning experience.

The classroom contained much of the tension associated with real-life trials, as various witnesses prepared for their testimonies.

Melissa Crider, looking very much like a smartly-dressed lawyer, told the jury that Hall had lied about scratches he received during the alleged altercation. Crider said rape is "a crime of power meant to

degrade the victim."

Hall's attorney, Anna Belcher, taking on a "I can't believe they are doing this to my client" attitude, said the prosecution had a weak case, containing too much circumstantial evidence.

Belcher pointed out to the jury that Shepherd and Hall were former lovers and portrayed Shepherd as a dominatrix.

Belcher insinuated that Shepherd accused Hall to get revenge for their breakup.

Several witnesses were called to offer evidence against the defendant. Dixon, playing the part of a crotchety judge, would at times step out of character to encourage the two "attorneys" to ask more probing questions. He told the two young ladies not to let his rulings intimidate them, but it appeared at times that did happen. Then Dixon would return to his role and ask the court to hurry the case "because I need some pizza."

Dr. Mock, a PCC faculty member playing the part of a forensic specialist, delivered the most damaging evidence — a blood match of a sample taken from Hall and the blood found on the victim at the time of the rape.

That information, along with

matches in DNA and pubic hairs, resulted in a 99.7 percent chance that Hall was the perpetrator.

Mock unintentionally provided some comic relief when the overhead projector he planned to use to show his findings would not work because a bulb was out.

At one point, the case seemed to be going nowhere and Dixon, as the instructor, told the group it may be ad-libbing a little too much.

The trial was abruptly stopped when Misty's mother (Jeri Dixon) pulled a gun and shot at Hall.

This caused pandemonium in the "courtroom" and three instructors from the college came running.

Dixon then stopped the demonstration and praised the students for doing an admirable job, considering no parts were rehearsed. Dixon said this reflected well on the quality of students and the law enforcement program at PCC.

After the mock trial ended, Dixon related to the audience how Hall was recently involved in a serious (this time real) case at Otter Creek Corrections Center.

To continue hands-on, real-life experiences, Dixon plans a mock full-scale takeover of the campus next semester. He said the planning would be done by him and his second-semester students.

## Shopping

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Post 9 decided last year to give the money to kids at Christmas. Two children in grades K-6 were selected by family resource centers from each elementary school in the five county area. A total of 71 children were bussed to the Paintsville Kmart from the five counties.

The children waited patiently in the front of the store for their famous host. As the officers and children waited, a patrol car rushed to the top of the hill with its siren blaring. There in the front seat sat Santa.

All the moments of anxiety and excitement were rewarded as a tiny little girl rushed out into the vestibule to hug Santa.

The KSP checked with department stores in the surrounding counties searching for the best offer for the kids. The Paintsville Kmart gave the KSP a discount on the purchases, therefore giving the children a better deal.

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# Viewpoint

## QUOTE OF THE DAY...

Now I know how hard life is, and the better I am in life, the better life is.

Eric Tollison—

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## Editorial

### Thumbs

#### Thumbs up

The folks with the City of Prestonsburg continue to outdo themselves. In every season of the year, they fashion a decor that draws compliments and inspires good will.

This holiday season is no different. The lights and the displays all over downtown and at Archer Park are creative, tasteful and extensive. Plus, they're fun.

This is probably the only time of year when people can't wait for nightfall, because that's when the world — in Prestonsburg at least — is filled with light. You can't help but smile.

The seasonal look and the spirit it promotes are sources of pride, not just for city residents, but for all Floyd Countians.

Call the city offices or stop a city worker on the street and tell them how much you appreciate what they've done to make our world a little brighter.

— Pam Shingler

#### Thumbs down

Floyd County has one of the most beautiful state parks in Kentucky, perhaps in the country. It is, in fact, a resort — as the name Jenny Wiley State Resort Park asserts — with exceptional accommodations and dining, boating and camping, fishing and golfing, and other kinds of activities.

The lake is beautiful all year long and the grounds are neatly groomed. Once you get to the park, you're in for an eye-pleasing sight.

Sadly, the same cannot be said for the route leading to the park.

Sure, there are some gorgeous patches. Some first-class houses, worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, are on view. The parcels of woods are likewise pleasing to the eye.

But these don't negate the ugliness that affronts visitors along the route. At least three houses are in various stages of falling down. Unlivable, they sit empty and rotting.

Why don't the owners finish the job and clean up the lots? Couldn't firefighters use the structures for training exercises? Why are the properties not sold to someone who will clear them off and build a clean, new home?

Those of us who drive by these properties frequently tend not to see how horrible they look. Like the garbage alongside the road, we grow accustomed and we lose the impact that hits people who visit for the first time.

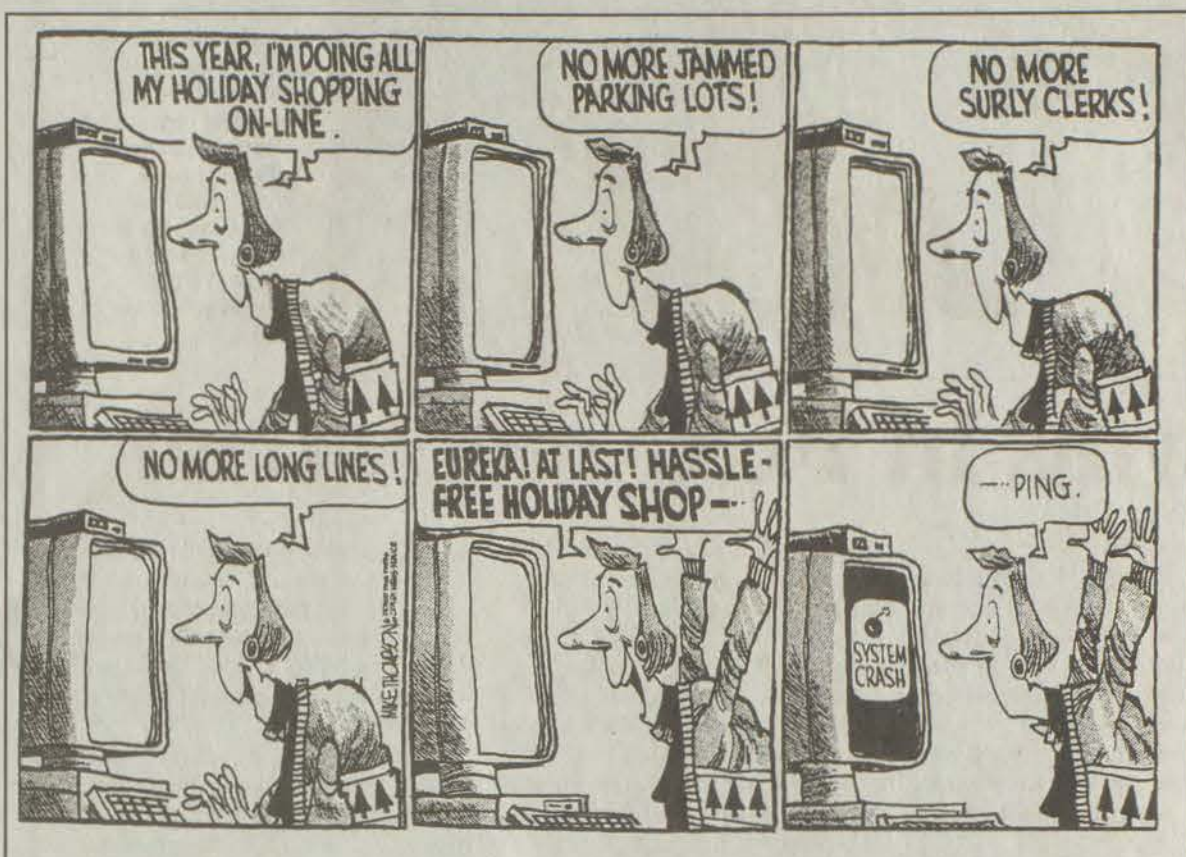
If the presence of these dilapidated buildings reflected just on the owners, that would be one thing. But, unfortunately, visitors tend to see something like this and forget about the mansions they passed a minute before.

Before they even get to the park, they are apt to form a subconscious judgment about us and how we live. That judgment can cloud their vision of what they see at the park.

Is there something county officials can do to nudge these property owners to take some pride and clean up these eyesores? The next few months would be a good time to accomplish the cleanup, before the influx of spring visitors begins.

It's the least we can do for our pioneer mother, Jenny Wiley.

— Pam Shingler



## Letters to the Editor

### Writer offers tips for dealing with public abuse

Editor:

In recent weeks, compelling new evidence about the long-term effects of child abuse and neglect has received nationwide media attention.

First, Prevent Child Abuse America's survey of the nation's 50 states and the District of Columbia revealed that more than three million children were reported as abused or neglected in 1998, a 30 percent increase in the number of reports over the previous 10 years.

Then, a coalition of children's advocacy groups identified child abuse and neglect as one of the top 10 threats to American children in the new millennium. As our heads swim with images of happy children in safe, loving, nurturing environments, the reality is that millions of children in this country are subjected to abuse and neglect at the hands of those adults responsible for their care and safety.

We all have a role to play in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. How many times have we stood in line to buy holiday gifts at a department store, watching with silent disapproval while a stressed out adult physically or verbally abused a child in front of our eyes?

Here are some tips on responding to such behavior

in a public place:

- Start a conversation with the adult to direct attention away from the child. For example: "Children can wear you out, can't they? Is there anything I can do to help?"
- Divert the child's attention (if misbehaving) by talking to the child?
- Look for an opportunity to praise the parent or child.
- If the child is in danger, offer assistance. For example, if the child is left unattended in a grocery cart, stand by the child until the parent returns.
- Avoid negative remarks or looks, which are likely to increase the parent's anger and could make matters worse.

Any readers wanting additional information on how they can help prevent child abuse and neglect can call the Parent Helpline, 1-800-432-9251.

As we approach the new year, let our commitment to protect Kentucky's children be among the resolutions we keep.

Jill Seyfred, ACSW  
Executive Director  
Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky  
Lexington

### 'Let's not lose prison jobs'

Editor:

I agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Ralph Davis' editorial, "Do what it takes to keep prison open" (Floyd County Times, December 8). I do not believe that a criminal (inmate) from Iowa, Maine or Indiana would be much different or more dangerous than our home-grown variety from Kentucky.

It is my understanding that these inmates have not been convicted of violent crimes, such as murder, rape, arson or such, and will someday re-enter society. Thus, the "crime-level" nature at Otter Creek will not change.

Indeed, the odds that one of our people would be assaulted by an escaped prisoner would seem less than being attacked by a fellow citizen from Floyd County.

Each week, our newspaper reports a murder, stabbing, rape or a violent assault committed by some local person freely walking the streets. At least an Otter Creek inmate would have to escape before he could commit such an assault.

Folks, in Floyd County, it is difficult to overesti-

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## Guest Editorial

### Free trade without the WTO

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Demonstrators at the World Trade Organization (WTO) meeting in Seattle protested "free-trade" negotiations between various nations of the world because, the protesters claimed, free trade harms people. I too oppose the WTO but for a different reason: I favor free trade, not only because people should be free to do what they want with their own money but also because free trade improves people's standard of living.

Free trade is simply the ability of people to trade freely with one another. Why is that a good thing? Because whenever two people enter into an exchange with one another, both of them benefit from their own individual perspective at the moment of the trade. If that were not true, they wouldn't enter into the exchange with one another.

Therefore, standards of living of people rise

through the simple act of trading! For example, suppose one person has ten apples and another has ten oranges. By trading one apple for one orange, the respective standard of living of each person has increased. The corollary principle then is that whenever government interferes with the ability of people to trade with each other, people's standard of living is lowered.

"But some nations have protectionist barriers. Don't 'we' need to retaliate?" Let's examine the fallacies of this common argument. Assume there are two nations — Freedonia and Libertonia — that have no trade barriers between them. The people of Freedonia produce cheese and wine. Those in Libertonia produce beef and juice. There is a lot of trade between the people of the two nations.

One day, a small group of politically-connected

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## Letters to the Editor

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## Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis  
Managing Editor



### A fight in the making

I suppose, from a business perspective, I should thank the Prestonsburg City Council for the golf board ordinance they passed last week. From all appearances, the ordinance has set up a future battle, and we all know that big, ugly fights sell more papers than peace and harmony.

Here's the deal. Faced with a disagreement over whether to take control of the city's future golf course themselves or assign it to a more-or-less independent board, the council opted for a compromise.

Under the ordinance given final approval on Thursday, there will be a golf board charged with day-to-day operations of the course, but both the council and the mayor will have veto power if the board does something the city doesn't like.

Now, here's the rub. How can you give veto power to two separate entities? Surely at some point, be it next week or 50 years in the future, there will come a time when the mayor and council disagree over some facet of the course's operation.

Consider this example. Suppose someday a problem arises and the golf board faces a choice between Plan A and Plan B, or else they'll have to close the course down. A majority of the board decides to go with Plan A.

But suppose the mayor, who, mind you, also sits on the golf board, was not in the majority and favored Plan B instead. He could then take his trusty veto pen and overrule the board, even if the vote for Plan A was 7-1. It's the equivalent of giving the mayor eight votes.

It goes further. A veto doesn't automatically switch the golf board's decision to Plan B. It just erases their decision to go with Plan A and puts them right back at square one.

So, the golf board, needing to adopt one of the two options to save the course and realizing their choice for the first one will be nullified, goes back and votes for Plan B, this time unanimously. Everything's peachy, right?

Wrong. Suppose the city council comes along and decides they don't like Plan B. So, they veto it.

We're right back at square one again, only this time, both of the golf board's potential solutions face a veto. The problem places the mayor and council at a stand-off and nothing gets done.

Okay, I realize that's a very simplistic example, but it illustrates the problem — you cannot give two entities equal power without providing some means of conflict resolution. And while it appears the current mayor and council get along fine, there is no guarantee they will continue to do so, or that the next batch voted in will see eye-to-eye on anything.

I mean, is it very hard to imagine in Floyd County that politics could one day come before progress? Or that a group of politicians might exploit an inherent weakness in the ordinance to their own ends?

The problem isn't one of right or wrong, but merely one of faulty construction of the law. We often hear about checks and balances when talking about government, including during the debate over this ordinance.

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## Letters

mate the importance of an organization paying a \$4.5 million payroll. Nor should we overlook the fact that it is here, now, and it is paying our people \$4.5 million a year. It is also providing our people with medical insurance, retirement benefits and so forth.

Perhaps just as important, it is providing our people with a dignified, honest job where they can go each workday and earn their own way.

I understand that some people may be terrified by living next door to a prison or in the vicinity of a prison. Perhaps there is a social stigma also, kind of like living on the wrong side of the tracks.

Let us help these neighbors of ours. Would it not be possible for the state to buy these folks out at a very fair market price for their homes or farms and help them relocate? It seems to me that coal sever-

ance tax money could be used for this purpose.

If it can be used to attract a business or start a new business, surely it can be used to hold on to a going concern with a \$4.5 million payroll.

Please folks, let's not blow this one. These jobs are here now. Let's not lose them.

Lloyd "Blue" Goble  
Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653

## Sen. Ford praises Sheriffs' Ranch

Editor:

Sen. Wendell Ford was the fea-

tured speaker at the 70th annual Kentucky Sheriffs Association Conference at the University Plaza Hotel in Bowling Green.

Sen. Ford's message at the banquet on Saturday evening, December 4, was a true testament to his faith in the success of the Boys and Girls Ranch.

As he mentioned, the Kentucky Sheriffs Boys and Girls Ranch speaks highly for sheriffs in Kentucky and their dedication to helping underprivileged children.

Sheriff John Blackburn of Floyd County was recognized by the Ranch for his support and assistance to the camp this year. Thanks to his support, underprivileged children not only in Floyd County, but also throughout the state, are able to enjoy a week of fun and learning, at no charge.

This three-day conference was centered around training for sheriffs

and deputies throughout the state and was presented by the Department of Criminal Justice.

National Sheriffs Association President Philip McElvey was also a guest at the conference and spoke on behalf of the association.

Sheriff Bobby Thomas of Hardin County was sworn in as president of the Kentucky Sheriffs Association for the year 2000. Sheriff of the Year honors went to Sheriff Tony Wenz of Mason County, and Deputy of the Year went to Deputy Eddie Vice of Fleming County. Congratulations to each of you.

This was one of the nicest conferences I have attended in my 22 years of working with sheriffs in Kentucky.

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people in Freedonia decide to go into the juice business. In order to protect their "infant industry," they persuade the members of their legislature to enact protective tariffs on Libertonia juice.

Who has been harmed by the Freedonia protective tariff? The consumers in Freedonia have been harmed because they are now denied the choice of freely purchasing Libertonia juice (and probably at a lower price). And, of course, the juice producers in Libertonia have been harmed by the loss of juice sales to people in Freedonia.

Is there any reason to extend the harm to more people in Libertonia with a retaliatory tariff? Suppose, for example, that the Libertonia juice producers convince their legislators to "retaliate" by imposing a restrictive tariff on Freedonia cheese. The harm has now been extended to two entirely new groups of people — Libertonia cheese consumers and Freedonia cheese producers.

What happens if there is no retaliation? While Libertonia juice producers and Freedonia juice consumers will continue to suffer harm, Libertonia consumers are still free to continue purchasing Freedonia cheese and wine and Freedonia consumers are still free to continue buying Libertonia beef. Thus the harm that the Freedonia government has done with its tariff continues to be limited to two groups of people — the consumers and producers of Libertonia juice.

What then should be done by

Libertonia when Freedonia imposes protectionist tariffs on Libertonia juice? Absolutely nothing! In fact, the ideal situation would be one in which the citizens of Libertonia have constitutionally prohibited their own government from retaliating with its own protectionist tariffs against Freedonia. To repeat, when Freedonia harms its own consumers of juice with a protective tariff, what benefit is there in Libertonia's harming its consumers of cheese and wine with a retaliatory protectionist tariff?

What then is the ideal course of action for two nations that already have trade barriers between each other? Call for trade negotiations? Enter into trade agreements? Mutually agree to reduce trade restrictions?

Free trade requires none of these things. Instead, a nation devoted to free trade should simply eliminate all of its own tariffs and import restrictions — unilaterally! No meetings. No negotiations. No trade agreements. I repeat: All that a nation should do is repeal its own trade restrictions!

"But the other nation might not reciprocate." Yes, that's possible. But again, to the extent that people are free to trade with others, to that extent they are better off. Freedonia consumers of Libertonia beef and Libertonia consumers of Freedonia cheese and wine continue to improve their standard of living even though Freedonia consumers of Libertonia juice and Libertonia producers of juice are suffering

from the protective tariff that Freedonia officials have imposed. Ultimately, the answer lies in Freedonia consumers' persuading their legislators to repeal the juice tariff that is interfering with their freedom of choice and their well-being.

Thus, advocates of free trade have no use for such things as the WTO, GATT and NAFTA. Why should people's freedom to trade and their economic well-being depend on the whims and caprices of international politicians and bureaucrats? To advance freedom, free trade and higher standards of living for us, the American people should require the U.S. government to unilaterally repeal U.S. tariffs, import quotas and other trade restrictions.

Hornberger is president of The Future of Freedom Foundation ([www.fff.org](http://www.fff.org)) in Fairfax, Va., and co-editor of The Case for Free Trade and Open Immigration.

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The problem, however, is that, while the ordinance adopted by the council certainly places a check on arbitrary power by the golf board, it contains no balance.

Solving the conflict would be simple. The council could amend the ordinance to give the mayor veto power, but keep the ability to override his vetoes. Or the council could choose to retain veto power, but require a recommendation from

the mayor before acting upon it.

Constructing the ordinance in either of those ways, and I am sure there are other ways as well, would provide some final say in the decision-making process, as well as encourage the council and mayor to work together to solve disputes.

Otherwise, we'll be left to wait for the inevitable fight to break out — and to be ready to print a few more papers when it does.

## Morehead State University slates winter graduation

Lisa Dawn Burriss of Vanceburg will be the student speaker for Morehead State University's Winter Commencement, on Saturday, December 18, at 10:30 a.m. in Academic-Athletic Center.

About 500 graduate and undergraduate students are candidates for degrees to be conferred by MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin.

Also during the ceremonies, the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree will be presented to Josephine D. Richardson of Whitesburg, a former community journalist and social worker who operates a mountain crafts outlet. The honorary Doctor of Public Service degree will be awarded to John M. Rosenberg of Prestonsburg, director of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky.

An honors graduate, Burriss will receive a bachelor's degree with a major in English and a minor in technical communications. Nominated as the outstanding English student of the year for 1999, she was a Dean's List student each semester of her college career.

Once degrees are conferred, the new graduates will be greeted by MSU Alumni Association president

Janet Coakley of Harrison, Ohio.

Dr. L.K. Williams, professor of accounting and recipient of the 1999 Distinguished Teacher Award, will be the grand marshal, with Dr. Frances Helphinstine, professor of English, serving as faculty marshal.

Student marshals will be Ali Alvizadeh of Morehead, representing Graduate Programs; Dan J. Osborn, Thealka junior, and Eric R. Hudson, Lost Creek senior, College of Science and Technology; Holly Bumgardner, Morehead sophomore, and Rob Nester, Jeffersonville sophomore, College of Business; Sarah Lochow, Morehead senior, and Lara Plumley, Lexington senior, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences; and Joel Chaffins, Morehead senior, and Ada Lewis, Olive Hill junior, Caudill College of Humanities.

A reception for graduates and their families, co-sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association, will be hosted by each of the college's deans and faculty immediately following the ceremony.

For additional information, call the Office of the Registrar at 606/783-2008.

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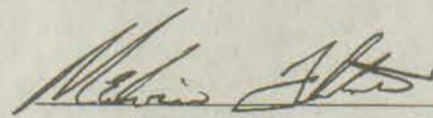
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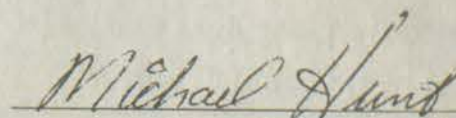
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## 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.

should call 606/886-1037, ext. 15.

## Church hosts After Hours

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Business After Hours at St. James Episcopal Church, 554 University Drive, Prestonsburg, on Tuesday, December 14, 5-7 p.m. Rector Johnnie Ross will host the event and encourages members of the congregation to join Chamber members for an evening of fellowship, food and fun. The group will learn about the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry and other services the church provides. Call the Chamber office at 886-0364 to register for the event.

## Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child

A reception will be held Tuesday, December 14, from 6-8 p.m. at Prestonsburg for the winners and their families of the Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child Writing Project. Children from each school were asked to write about what Christmas means to them. Then each school's panel of judges selected the best 20 writings. These writings were in turn submitted to another panel of judges who chose the top 12 winners. Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child is a joint program offered throughout WMDJ Radio, McDonald's and Floyd County Schools.

## Toys needed

Otter Creek Correctional Center is requesting donations of repairable toys. Inmates are repairing the toys to give to needy children in the region for Christmas. Donors can drop them off at the center or a staff member will pick them up. Call Jeff Little or Greg Compton at 606-452-9700.

## You or someone you know can't stop drinking

Alcoholics Anonymous is willing to help. For more information, call 1-800-467-8019. Al Anon: For support and understanding of the disease—meets, 8 p.m., Saturdays, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. (Alanon is for family members of alcoholics).

## Depressed Anonymous

Are you feeling lonely, hopeless and trapped in a self-constructed prison and can't overcome it or get out? This support group is not for those people who need it but for those people who want it. We understand. For more information, call: Randall, 886-0483; Jim, 886-3027; Jane—886-8219; Sue—789-8712.

## Conservation district meet

The Floyd County Conservation District will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 21, at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is open to the public.

## 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.

- 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.

## 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.

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

## Apples for the students

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

## Big Sandy Abuse Center

If you are a victim of abuse, remember it is not your fault! The abusers are responsible for their behavior. If there is no intervention, the abuse will only get worse over time. Break the cycle of abuse; call the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center's 24-hour crisis line to find a way out of victimization. Call 886-6025, or out-of-the-area 1-800-649-6605. Remember: Love doesn't have to hurt!

## Albert Rose

Albert Rose, 78, passed away Monday, December 6, 1999, at Whetstone Care Center, Columbus, Ohio. He was born the son of Albert A. Rose and Nora Whittaker Rose on February 24, 1921, in Auxier.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Edna; one daughter, Nanette Adkins; one granddaughter, Gillian McLane; one sister, Gertrude Ousley; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friends Karla Tomastik, Susan Sheely and the alumni group at the former Wayland High School.

He was retired from Nationwide Development Company, a member of Nationwide Retirees, Oakland Park Prime Time Group, Oakland Park United Methodist Church and the American Legion, and a veteran of the Air Force serving in World War II.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 9, at Schoedinger North Chapel, with Pastor Janet Lewis presiding. Interment followed at Kingwood Memorial Park.

## Barbara Fouts

Barbara Fouts, 92, of Long Fork, Virgie, passed away Wednesday, December 8, 1999, in her residence.

Born April 25, 1907 in Virgie, she was the daughter of the late Christopher and Lusane Bentley Stewart. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Herbert Fouts and Joe Fouts, both of Virgie; three daughters, Flora Bentley, Ruth Stewart and Avalene Tackett, all of Virgie; 20 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Fouts; two sons, Billy and Isaac Fouts; one daughter, Shelby Jean Johnson; one brother; and five sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 11, at 11 a.m. in the R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home, with James Harmon and other Church of Christ ministers officiating.

Interment was conducted at the Bentley Cemetery.

## Truman Johnson

Truman Johnson, 68, of River Rouge, Michigan, passed away Monday, December 6, 1999, at his residence.

Born on March 1, 1931, in Speight, he was the son of the late Pleasant and Lillie Johnson. He was a retired steel mill worker and affiliated with the Church of Christ.

He is survived by three daughters, Robin Osborn of St. Helen, Mich., Sue Bernardi of Louisville, Mich.; three brothers, Hobert Johnson and Hubert Johnson, both of Speight, Bruce Johnson of Ecorse, Mich.; three sisters, Hazel Johnson and Emma Johnson, both of Speight, Molly Owens of Langley; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Draxie Hall.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 9, at 11 a.m. at the R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home with ministers of the Church of Christ officiating.

Interment followed at the Pleasant Johnson Cemetery at Long Fork, Virgie.

## Kimberly Ann Jacobs

Kimberly Ann Jacobs, 22, of Pippa Passes, died Friday, December 10, at Vencor Hospital in Louisville, following an extended illness.

Born on March 27, 1977, in Knott County she was the daughter of Darrell Jacobs of Pippa Passes and Aileen Jacobs Napier of Kendallville, Tenn. She was a student at Knott Central High School.

Survivors include one son, Shane Michael Jacobs of Pippa Passes; a grandmother, Dora Jacobs of Pippa Passes; a great-grandmother, Francis Slone Jacobs, of Pippa Passes; and one sister, Amy Lynn Jacobs of Lexington.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, December 13, at 11 a.m., at the Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist Church in Pippa Passes, with Clyde Jacobs, Kelly Slone and Emmitt Slone officiating.

Burial will follow in the Jimmy Slone Cemetery, Pippa Passes. Services will be under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Visitation was held at the Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist Church on Saturday.

## Lonnie Samons

Lonnie Samons 73, of Allen, died Thursday, December 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg following an extended illness.

Born on July 13, 1926, in Martin, he was the son of the late William Lee and Lissie Click Samons. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include his wife Leona Hurd Samons; two sons, Emie Lee Samons of West Liberty and Ronnie Dean Samons of Martin; one daughter, Polly Shepherd of Prestonsburg; one brother, Hie Samons of Martin; one sister, Polly Crum of Martin; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with Ellis Stephens officiating.

Burial followed in the Crum Cemetery—Arkansas, Martin, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

## REGIONAL OBITUARIES

### Magoffin County

Cynthia Conley Blanton, 92, of Salyersville, died Monday, December 6. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 8, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Mitchell Howard, 71, of Falcon, died Sunday, December 5. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 9, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Sanford Ward, 80, of Salyersville, died Sunday, December 5. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 8, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Orlean Enderlee, 51, of Marion, Ohio, died Saturday, December 4. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 7.

Grover C. Jenkins, 83, of Oak Hill, Ohio, died Saturday, December 4. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 7, under the direction of Kuhner-Lewis Funeral Home.

### Pike County

Robert Henry "Bob" Matney, 73, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, December 7. He was a C & O Railroad carman. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

JoAnn Parsons Thacker, 48, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, December 8. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Shirley Rose Sargent, 37, of Paw Paw, died Tuesday, December 7. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 11, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Jennings L. Ramey, 64, of Williamsburg, formerly of Pikeville, died Tuesday, December 7. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 11, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Barbara Fouts, 92, of Virgie, died Wednesday, December 8. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 11, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Buster "Buck" Mullins, 78, of Breaks, Va., formerly of Pike County, died Wednesday, December 8. He is survived by his wife, Polly Tipton Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 11, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Clinton Belcher, 57, of Pikeville, died Thursday, December 9. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

## Blood drive at Osborne Monday

Christmas is a time of enjoying the company of your family and friends around hearty meals and rooms filled with laughter. Unfortunately, not everyone gets to share in such festive holidays.

Many families will spend Christmas in Highlands Regional Medical Center, McDowell ARH, and Our Lady of the Way Hospitals where many patients are awaiting blood transfusions.

Osborne Elementary and Central Kentucky Blood Center are joining together to sponsor a blood drive on Monday, December 13, in order to protect these families from the pain of losing loved ones. To carry out this mission

volunteer donors must step forward and give the gift of life.

By donating blood between 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the CKBC bloodmobile in the parking lot you could aid up to three patients with a single donation. To donate, you must be more than 17 years old and weigh in excess of 100 pounds.

This holiday season give the perfect gift to someone who will really appreciate your generosity. Give blood. It's a gift that will last a lifetime but won't cost you a cent. For more information, contact Dawn Wheeler at 432-4979. All donors will receive a special gift for volunteering.

## Hall graduates NCO academy

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Brian E. Hall has graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned officer (NCO) Academy at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Florida.

The graduates received advanced military leadership and management techniques, communication skills, and behavioral science studies.

Hall is an imagery analyst

assigned to Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska.

He is the son of Ronald R. and Mable Hall of Garrett.

The sergeant graduated in 1984 from Allen Central High School at Eastern, and received an associate degree in 1996 from the Community College of the Air Force.

## St. Martha

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7:33 reckless driver on RT 321  
7:52 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Job Corps

December 7  
9:19 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Family Dollar  
10:24 car broke down at PCC  
4:21 accident with injuries at Glass America  
4:56 theft related incident at Green Acres Apts  
7:37 911 hang-up call on S Circle Dr

9:08 suspicious person at Fast Change & Lube  
9:35 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Riverview Nursing Home  
10:48 suspicious vehicle at Lee's

December 10  
10:39 alarm activated at Citgo Station  
1:34 alarm activated at Pinzone Bowling Alley  
1:40 911 hang-up call at Highland Heights Apts

## Marriage Licenses

Marlena, Lynn Justice, 18, Pikeville, and David A. Campbell, 49, Pikeville.

Beth Tucker, 18, Hi Hat, and Daniel Lee Walters, 22, Pikeville.

Millison Michelle Brown, 26, Prestonsburg, and Freddie Lee Newsome, 20, Prestonsburg.

Leah Marie Martin, 24, Hueysville, and Wesley Devon Moore, 23, Hueysville.

Amanda L. Close, 24, Bellevue, Ohio, and Troy Cummings, 25, Bellevue, Ohio.

Susie Fay Sparkman, 54, Martin, and Rondall Conaly, 60, Hueysville.  
Deborah Lee Calhoun, 20, Martin, and Grover Edward Rowe, 20, Martin.

Stephanie Danielle Stiles, 21, Inez, and Gary Christopher Isaac, 21, Bypro.

Jamie M. Tuttle, 20, Bevinsville, and Kevin Johnson, 22, Bevinsville.

Laura Michelle Johnson, 32, Prestonsburg, and James Shawn Jarrell, 25, Prestonsburg.

April Lynn Johnson, 18, Melvin, and Jason Adkins, 18, Melvin.

## Property Transfers

Trenton Darrell and Danita Gail Spears to Toler Creek Free Will Baptist Church, property located on Toler Creek.

Andy J. Dye Sr. and Wilma Dye to Star Bank, NA, property location not listed.

City of Wheelwright to David Hall, property located at Wheelwright.

Curt and Janis Newman to Timmy T. and Sandra Maggard, property location not listed.

O.T. Hammonds to Charles Dean Hammonds, Joe Taylor Hammonds and Donnie Ray Hammonds, property located on Bull Creek.

Gary Allen and Bertha Garrett to George and Andrea Thornsberry, property located in Prestonsburg.

Edd Junior Mosley to Bill M. and Shirley W. Mosley, property located on Left Beaver Creek.

Zanada E. McDavid to John Coleman, property located at Weeksbury.

Danny C. and Jacquelyn Hendrix to Barry C. and Denise Clark, property location not listed.

Sonja Lea Tackett and John McKenzie to ContiMortgage, property location not listed.

Edward L. and Teresa M. Billips to Harold J. and Ruby M. Tackett, property location not listed.

George S. and Susie Wright to James E. Wright and heirs, property located on Bob Ousley's Branch.

Ellen C. Hall to Janet C. Rowe, property located at Auxier.

Russell Wallen Jr and Sarah Meade Wallen to Johnny Lee Wallen, property located at Dwale.

Joe K. and Rhonda Howard to Sabrina K. Tackett, property located on Abbott Creek.

Dwayne and Sue Carroll to Shelby Shrewsbury, property located on Right Beaver Creek.

TEDCO Inc to Pen Coal Corporation, property location not listed.

Lakeway Fuel Corporation to Pen Coal Corporation, property location not listed.

Janet C. Rowe to Joey Edward and Kimberly S. Shelton, property location not listed.

Laura K. Mitchell to Benjamin L. Weaver, property located on Right Beaver Creek.

Laura K. Mitchell to Benjamin Weaver, property located at Garrett.

Lula Akers to Paul Howell, property located on Toler Creek.

Lizzie and Ed Bentley to George and Teresa Cooley, property located on Prater Creek.

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Timothy Ellis Martin and Gina Marie Watts to Johnny Webb Jr and Krystal Webb, property location not listed.

Darbie Hall to Donald Ray Hall, property located at Grethel.

Darbie Hall to Andy Steve Hall, property located at Grethel.

Darbie Hall to Donald Ray Hall, property located at Grethel.

Board of Education of Floyd County to Orris and Dorothy Hayes, property located on Bays Branch.

Melvin and Dorothy Robinson to Ricky and Tonia Robinson, property located on Abbott Creek.

Melvin and Dorothy Robinson to Ricky and Tonia Robinson, property located on Abbott Creek.

Marvin O. and Gearldine Skiles to Ruby Jean Ratliff, property located at Weeksbury.

Ruby Jean and Trubie Ratliff to Ruby Jean Ratliff, property located at Weeksbury.

Paul M. and Mona J. Skiles to Ruby Jean Ratliff, property located at Weeksbury.

James W. and Patsy Skiles to Ruby Jean Ratliff, property located at Weeksbury.

R.V. May to Phyllis Hale Ranier, property location not listed.

## Restaurant, School, and Mobile Home Park Inspections

• Jerry's, US 23 N, 71: Critical violations found: Automatic dish machine not sanitizing by failing to reach 180°. Slicer not being cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis. Miscellaneous chemicals and hand lotions stored above 3 compartment sink. Items must be corrected within 3 days.

Other violations found: Thermometers not located in outside freezer and waitress cooler. Meat stored on floor in walk-in refrigerator. Numerous boxes on outside of walk-in cooler. Cheese slices stored with raw meat in front line reach-in.

Ice cream scoop stored in pooled water. Ice scoop in ice bin in waitress area in need of repair. Lid missing at waitress station ice machine. Cardboard box used to line shelves in back storeroom. Cardboard box being reused for plastic fork and cup storage. Handle to brushing brush and hanging pan in poor repair.

Loose rust inside top and lid of ice machine. Slices not clean. Compressor unit in bad repair.

• Super America, 88 in deli and 83 in retail: Critical items found: Dented food can on shelf. Outdated over-the-counter drug. Items had to be corrected within 5 minutes.

Other violations found: Thermometers not present or not visible in ice cream cooler. Ice scoop not properly stored. Shelf under fountain lined with napkins. Shelf in walk-in rusted. Ice machine is rusted under lid area. Fountain needs cleaned. Fountain nozzles need cleaned.

Paper towels/napkins stored on floor. No soap in bathroom. No flap in lid in bathroom. No lid on the dumpster. Garbage and debris around dumpster. No working light in walk-in cooler.

• Allen Food Market, N/A: Inspection made due to complaint of spoiled meats.

No spoilage of meats (ham hocks) found. Safe temperatures maintained and no visual evidence of problem meat storage or display at time of inspection.

• Burger King, Allen, 88: Potatoes stored on floor in freezer. Coffee machine nozzles need cleaned. Microwave needs cleaned. Gaskets on cooler under microwave needs cleaned. Utensils were not being air dried. three-compartment-sink has a leak underneath in the plumbing.

Commode doesn't work in men's restroom. Dumpster needs a lid. Vent above microwave needs cleaned.

## Suits Filed

Nancy Bailey of Langley VS Rite Aid of Kentucky Inc, injury caused by negligence of store employees.

Gwendolyn Webb of McDowell VS Martin Vanoor Webb of Prestonsburg, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Bankers Trust Company of California VS Terry Johnson of Melvin, et. al., collection of debts.

Albon Meade & Sons Construction Company Inc of Stanville VS Ferry Kidd of Grethel, collection of debts.

Pam Stumbo of Prestonsburg VS Dencil McKinney of Teaberry, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about July 1, 1999.

Marvin Howard of Prestonsburg VS Karen Bevins Howard of Prestonsburg, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Greenpoint Credit Corporation VS Carl Stanley of Allen, collection of debts.

Ollie J. Goble of David VS Jimmy R. Mullins of Garrett, et. al., compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on Oct. 27, 1999.

Dexter Howell of Floyd Co, et. al., VS Donald W. Roberts of Betsy Layne, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on Nov. 11, 1999.

Benny Sweeney and William Delong VS Freddie E. Beverly of Inez, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about Sept. 18, 1999.

Scott Orthopedic Center of Huntington, West Virginia, VS Steven D. Shell of Endicott, collection of debts.

National City Bank of Kalamazoo, Michigan, VS Larry D. Short of Prestonsburg, collection of debts.

Wesley Electric & Supply Inc of Louisville VS Charles Prater of Salyersville, collection of debts.

Commonwealth of KY VS Timothy Akers of Grethel, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Jamie Newsome of Beaver, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Anna Newsome of Bypro, petition for

health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Vernon Tackett of Weeksbury, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Bruce Salisbury of Martin, petition for health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Johnny Owens of Garrett, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Randy Owens of Blue River, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Leo Thornsberry of Garrett, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Danny Tackett of Grethel, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Randy Reynolds of Martin, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Sherry Paige of Wheelwright, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Paul Shepherd of Hueysville, petition for child support and health care insurance.

Commonwealth of KY VS Loretta Tackett of Pikeville, petition for health care insurance.

Sandra Parsons of Harold VS Leonard Dawson Parsons of Harold, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Greenpoint Credit Corporation VS Kenneth D. Brown of Hippo, collection of debts.

Della M. Bryant and Danny R. Tackett VS Linda J. Tackett, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about Nov. 16, 1999.

Ford Motor Credit Co VS Elbertson Bentley Jr of Langley, collection of debts.

Tim Hitchcock and Jerry Sublett VS Billy Stambaugh of Paintsville, et. al., compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on June 7, 1999.

Brian Prater of West Prestonsburg VS George P. Summers III of Prestonsburg, compensation for injuries received during an automobile accident that occurred on or about March 7, 1999.

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## Martin scores 23 in loss to Sheldon Clark

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Allen Central Lady Rebels just need to learn to take care of the basketball, to be able to handle pressure defense and convert the baskets underneath the basket.

Those three shortcomings cost Allen Central a 56-45 decision to the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals Thursday night in one of the top regional match-ups.

Jessica Martin was outstanding for the Lady Rebels, scoring a team-high 23 points and pulling in 14 rebounds. Natalie Cooley also had a strong game on the court, finishing with nine points, Shannon Sizemore added six and Kari Osborne scored five. Osborne had two blocked shots in the game and pulled down four rebounds. Guard Shanna Howell finished with two points.

It wasn't that the Lady Rebels did not have good looks at the basket. They had several uncontested shots underneath but the ball would not go in.

Mandy Harmon, a much sought-after junior, led all scorers with 24 points for Sheldon Clark. Harmon, who had to sit much of the third quarter with three personal fouls, was smooth on the court and fans could easily see why the colleges are anxiously awaiting her senior season.

Allen Central had 20 turnovers in the game, 11 coming in the first half. They took better care of the basketball in the second quarter, but that was when they failed to convert underneath the basket.

The Lady Rebels found themselves down by 13 points, 31-18, midway through the second quarter but

(See Sheldon Clark, page two)

ALLEN CENTRAL'S JESSICA MARTIN (50) blocked the shot of Sheldon Clark's Mandy Harmon in girls basketball action Thursday night at Allen Central. Martin scored 23 points for the Lady Rebels (photo by Ed Taylor)



Johnson Central wins at AC Section • B2



Prestonsburg at Betsy Layne Preview Section • B4



From the Tackle Box w/Jim Lyons Section • B6



RICKY POWERS (23) OF PRESTONSBURG pulled down a fourth quarter rebound against Magoffin County Friday night. Prestonsburg dropped a 53-37 decision to the Hornets. Prestonsburg travels to Betsy Layne Tuesday night (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Strong fourth quarter sends Magoffin past Prestonsburg

### Cold outside shooting spells 53-37 setback

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

With the wind blowing on the outside, sending the temperatures plunging, it was cold on the inside of the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse Friday night, well, for the Prestonsburg Blackcats anyway.

The cold-shooting Blackcats fell to Magoffin County in a regional game that was moved from its original Saturday night.

One would have to wonder if the game had remained scheduled for Saturday night, would have been a little different.

Prestonsburg could not find its touch from the outside as they searched for a solution to the 2-3 zone the Hornets played.

Prestonsburg had its lowest point production of the young season, as the players' shooting was colder than the temperatures outside in a 53-37 loss at the hands of the Hornets.

Prestonsburg dropped to 0-3 on the season, while Magoffin County improved to 2-1.

No one scored in double figures for Prestonsburg. Ricky Powers and John Dixon led the offense with seven points each. Dustin Music finished with six.

While Prestonsburg was struggling offensively, so was

(See P'burg, page two)

## Coleman scores 13 in 71-43 loss to Belfry Pirates

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Basketball is a fast-paced game. A game designed from the start not to allow any contact between players. In the game of basketball, getting the ball up the floor, taking care of it and attempting to score is very important.

However, for the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats, getting the ball up the floor and then taking care of it was a problem as they dropped a 71-43 regional game to defending 15th Region champion Belfry Thursday night at Belfry.

It was the first loss of the season for Prestonsburg, as they dropped to 4-1 on the year. Belfry improved to 2-1.

It was a homecoming of sorts for Prestonsburg sophomore Ramanda Music, as she returned to the school she helped lead to the Sweet Sixteen last season. The Belfry fans did not forget her, taunting just a bit when she got the ball. But Music, the mature player she is, still scored 12 points in the game, in spite of the taunting by the fans.

Brooke Coleman, who seems to improve with every game, led the Lady Blackcats with 13 points. She had eight rebounds in the game and three assists.

It was a fourth quarter that Coach Bobby Hamilton would just as soon forget. The Lady Blackcats looked like anything

(See Coleman, page two)



Brock Keathley (23) gets up high for this shot in the game between Betsy Layne and Fleming Neon. Betsy Layne defeated the Pirates of Fleming-Neon to improve their record to 2-1. (photo by Karen Joseph)

## Betsy Layne places three in double figures

by Karen Joseph  
Sports Writer

The Bobcats of Betsy Layne hosted the Pirates of Fleming-Neon on Friday night. The Bobcats were coming off a hard loss the Friday before to Johnson Central. But Coach Brent Rose was hoping to get his Bobcats back on the winning track.

It was not what one may call a pretty win, but it was a win for the Bobcats. Both teams had several turnovers, but the Bobcats came away with the victo-

ry 80-68.

Justin Bartley was the high scorer for the Bobcats. Bartley finished with 18. Brad Daugherty and Brock Keathley also finished in double figures. Daugherty had 10 and Keathley had 13.

Brock Keathley put the Bobcats on the board early in the game, scoring a two-point basket.

Bradley Brooks was assessed with

(See Betsy Layne, page two)

## A Look At Sports... Simply amazing!!!

Well here it is another Sunday and we will begin a new week tomorrow morning, the Lord willing, as we get a little closer to the beginning of a new millennium.

I received an e-mail from Lance Daniels, who pointed something out to me that is astonishing.

(See Sports, page two)



## THE SCORE BOARD

### Girls

Pikeville 60,	Elkhorn City 51
Belfry 71,	Prestonsburg 43
Shelby Valley 72,	Magoffin Co. 34
JCHS 66,	Phelps 36
Sheldon Clark 56,	Allen Central 45

### Boys

Betsy Layne 80,	Fleming-Neon 68
JCHS 86,	Allen Central 76
Bell County 75,	Paintsville 66
Belfry 66,	Phelps 46
Elliot County 73,	Morgan Co 54
Breathitt Co 78,	Leslie Co 65
Clay Co. 69,	Jackson Co. 55
Knott Central 90,	Cordia 71
Magoffin Co. 53,	Prestonsburg 37
Pikeville 90,	Millard 45

## Games on tap

### Girls

**Mon., Dec. 13**  
Allen Central at Phelps  
Paintsville at Betsy Layne  
South Floyd at Millard

### Tues., Dec. 14

Prestonsburg at Betsy Layne

### Boys

### Tues., Dec. 14

Prestonsburg at Betsy Layne  
Pianist at South Floyd

### Elementary Basketball

### Mon., Dec. 13

Inez at Adams  
MCA at Allen

### Tues., Dec. 14

Betsy Layne at ACMS  
Allen at Stumbo

### Wed., Dec. 15

Jones Fork at Stumbo  
Adams at Betsy Layne  
South Floyd at Allen

# Johnson Central survives Allen Central scare

## Scott scores 17 in 86-76 loss to JCHS

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin did not know how his team would match up against a bigger and more experienced Johnson Central team when they came calling Friday night in one of the top regional games.

But when the game began, the Rebels held their own against the taller Eagles and put a scare in the top-ranked regional team before falling 86-76.

Allen Central (3-2) forced the Eagles into numerous turnovers in the early going and trailed by only two points, 25-23, at the first stop.

The first quarter was a close

affair as the lead see-sawed back and forth.

But it was the Rebels who shined in the second period, as they outscored the visiting Eagles 23-16 in the second quarter to take a 46-41 halftime lead.

"We made some subs in the second quarter to give some of our players a break," said Johnson Central Coach Johnny Ray Turner. "We didn't handle the ball well against their defense. But both teams made a lot of turnovers. We didn't take control of the basketball in the second period."

In the third period, the lead exchanged hands with Allen Central holding a one-point, 64-63 lead after three quarters. The Eagles took better care of the basketball in the second half.

"We made some adjustments at halftime and played better in the second half," said the Johnson Central coach. "We made sure who was supposed to be guarding who in the second half and we played a lot better."

Johnson Central grabbed the lead early in the third period and held off the Rebels' repeated

charges. "They played good basketball," said Coach Turner. "They shot the ball well."

Again, the Rebels did not convert well from the free throw line, making 7-of-13. Johnson Central connected on 10-of-18.

Rodney Scott led Allen Central's scoring with 17 points. Leslie Stone added 12 and Jeremy Hayes finished with 11.

"Jeremy hit three three-point baskets against us," said Coach Turner. "They hit five treys and I think we had four."

Jeremy Sexton finished with 11 points and Larry Mullins netted 10. Travis Francis scored seven, with Josh Howell tossing in six. Z.W. Chaffins finished with two points.

Mitchell Coleman finished with only 10 points for the Eagles, but according to his coach, he played well at other places.

"He just played a good all-around game for us," he said. "Tommy (McKenzie) had his best game of the season for us. He handled their press real well."

McKenzie led all scorers with 23 points. Marvin Fannin added 17 and

Jimmy Burchett followed with 16. Clint Hackney totaled eight points.

"Clint and Mitchell played in foul trouble in the second quarter and didn't play that much," said Coach Turner. "We came out in the third quarter and scored and took the lead early. Then we had the big fourth quarter."

"Allen Central is going to be a hard team to beat. They hit their shots in the first half but didn't shoot as well in the second half," said Coach Turner.

Heath Castle came off the Eagle bench and scored 10 points.

Allen Central will take a week off before hosting the South Floyd Raiders on Friday, December 17.

## Sports

Something that I did not know, and I appreciate very much Lance filling me in on the accomplishments of athletes from tiny Paintsville High School.

I received this e-mail the first of the week (December 7) and I cannot find any small high school who has sent as many athletes (football, baseball or basketball) to the next level than Paintsville. Look at this:

- John Pelphrey, basketball, Kentucky
- Mike Minix, baseball, Vanderbilt (also drafted by the Yankees)
- Jared Gray, baseball, UNC-Wilmington
- Lance Daniels, baseball, Western Kentucky

- Joey Couch, football, Kentucky
- Keith Adkins, basketball, Notre Dame, UNC-Wilmington
- Jerry Pelphrey, basketball, East Tennessee
- Tucker Howard, baseball, Louisville
- Greg Slone, baseball, Western Kentucky
- Jon Holbrook, baseball, Kentucky and Morehead
- Brent Hamilton, baseball, Eastern Kentucky University
- Brian Lyon, basketball, UT-Martin
- Craig Ratliff, basketball, UNC-Greensboro (drafted by Orioles)
- J.R. Vanhoose, basketball, Marshall University

• Todd Tackett, basketball, Kentucky

That is 17 athletes to sign letters of intent to play Division I athletics. No, Lance I don't know of any other small school who has sent more athletes to the next level than Paintsville.

That is a compliment to coaches Bill Mike Runyon (basketball), Charlie Adkins (baseball) and former football coach Walter Brugh.

Needless to say, they take athletics

serious at Paintsville High School, but also academics because you have to make the grade to get into the next level.

The Cincinnati Reds will continue their pursuit of Ken Griffey Jr., who will be a free agent this coming season. The Reds will have to give half the team to obtain the Seattle Mariners outfielder.

Griffey has never helped the Mariners to a World Series. Still, he

is a big-name draw and will bring fans to the stands. After all, isn't that what it is all about? But the kind of season the Reds had last year will put the fans back at the ball yard. I don't see a need to get Griffey, who will demand much, much more than the Reds will want to pay.

I would like to see them bring Greg Vaughn back. I think Vaughn was a positive influence on some of the younger players and one of the

reasons the Reds did so well. His 45 home runs last year will be missed this coming season.

Just think, spring training isn't all that far off. We are just beginning the basketball season, but already I long to hear the ball hit the "wooden" bat and sail over the fence.

Well, until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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## Coleman

but world beaters in the fourth period when they muffed away the ball, watching the Lady Pirates go on a 28-7 run.

The game was close entering the fourth, with Prestonsburg looking at only a seven-point deficit, 43-36, heading into the final period. Prestonsburg Coach Bobby Hamilton said the Lady Pirates were just too quick for Prestonsburg.

"They had the quickest two guards I have seen," he said. "We tried to press them in the fourth quarter. They were just too quick for us."

The Prestonsburg coach said Belfry's pressure, defense and quickness forced his Lady Blackcats to play a different game,

"We just got out of our game plan," he said. "Their press just crushed us. It wasn't much of a game after the third quarter. Our guards couldn't handle the pressure up front."

While the Lady Blackcats suffered their first loss of the season, the Prestonsburg coach said things were going to improve.

"We will get better at handling the pressure defenses," he said. "I don't think Belfry can improve any more on rebounding. They did a great job there. But we can improve in handling the full-court pressure."

Music was still hampered with a sore wrist she hurt in the Betsy Layne game at Pike Central last week. Stephanie Adams is still

favoring an injured ankle. "It was tough for Ramanda going back to Belfry," said Coach Hamilton. "They yelled at her, but it wasn't all that bad. She handled it well."

The Prestonsburg coach said it may have been a blessing in disguise for his team.

"You hate to say that as a coach, but it may have been a loss we needed," said the Prestonsburg coach. "We will use it and build on it. After the Pike Central tournament, our practices weren't what I wanted them to be. It was as though they were saying, 'Look at us, we're good.' I gave them a talk that deflated their ego after the Belfry loss."

The two teams played to a 12-12

Magoffin County. The Hornets did not actually scorch the nets. Both teams were missing and missing bad from the outside.

Actually, Prestonsburg played the Hornets close until the fourth quarter, when their defense broke down, allowing the Hornets some easy baskets underneath.

Prestonsburg trailed 29-26 entering the fourth quarter, but early turnovers at the onset of the period gave momentum to Magoffin County as they scored the first five points to take a 34-26 lead. Powers' two free throws and a three-point basket by Matt Clay cut the margin back to five, after a basket by Ryan Montgomery gave Magoffin

County a 36-28 lead. Clay's basket made it a 36-31 score.

After the two teams exchanged turnovers on two possessions, Magoffin went on a 15-2 run that netted the Hornets a 51-33 advantage. Prestonsburg could never regroup after that.

Back-to-back three-point baskets by Dixon and Kyle Shepherd gave Prestonsburg a 10-6 first quarter lead. Magoffin broke out to a 4-0 lead, but Dixon hit consecutive 14-footers to tie the game at 4-4. After a basket by Arnett Hicks, Dixon and Shepherd drilled their treys just before the quarter ended.

Prestonsburg extended its lead to seven points at the start of the sec-

ond quarter. Powers buried a three-pointer for the biggest Prestonsburg lead. But Magoffin County zipped off 12 unanswered points to take a 18-13 lead. Prestonsburg turned the ball over three straight times to aid in the spurt. With 2:37 to play in the half, Music hit two free throws and Powers had a rebound basket to make it a 18-17 game at the half.

The two teams exchanged baskets to start the third quarter, then exchanged turnovers, as Prestonsburg was not able to take advantage of three straight Hornet turnovers.

Prestonsburg took its first lead since the first quarter on a long three-point basket by Seth Crisp,

who finished the game with four points. Crisp's basket gave the Blackcats a 24-22 lead. The game was tied at 24 before Magoffin took the lead for good at 25-24, when Hicks converted an old-fashioned three-point play.

Branham and Clay finished with five points each. Shepherd had three.

Hicks led Magoffin with 13 points. Scotty McCarty added 12 and Montgomery finished with eight, as did Joey Howard.

Prestonsburg meets Betsy Layne Tuesday night at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse in their first conference game of the year.

## Sheldon Clark

were not ready to quit. Martin led an Allen Central charge that cut the deficit to just four points, leading a

9-0 run to make it a 31-27 game.

Martin scored six unanswered points, Sizemore hit a 14-foot jumper and Osborne hit the front end of a two-shot foul in the run. Two free throws by freshman Kellie Moore gave the Lady Cardinals a 33-27 halftime lead.

Sheldon Clark came out and dropped from their full court press and started trapping half-court to start the third period. The change in defense caused mild problems for

the Lady Rebels, as they trailed 37-32 with 4:44 to play. Turnovers 14 and 15 for Allen Central allowed the Lady Cardinals to stretch the lead back to eight, 42-34, after three quarters.

Harmon returned to the floor for the Lady Cardinals in the fourth quarter and quickly made her presence known by scoring the first six points for Sheldon Clark, hitting a shot at the 5:21 mark to give Sheldon Clark a 47-36 lead.

Sophomore Nikki Copeland hit 4-of-4 free throws and scored underneath to extend the Sheldon Clark lead to 15 points, 53-38. Martin scored the final seven points for Allen Central, the last three on a long three-point basket, to close the margin to the final 11 points.

Desiree Cassidy finished with eight points for Sheldon Clark. Moore added six and Crystal Ray scored two. Lauren Burke had one point.

**SHELDON CLARK (56)**

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Harmon	7	2	5-4	24
Cassidy	3	0	3-2	8
Ray	1	0	0-0	2
Moore	2	0	2-2	6
Burke	0	0	4-1	1
Copeland	2	2	8-5	15
totals	15	4	22-14	56

**ALLEN CENTRAL (45)**

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Cooley	0	2	4-3	9
Martin	10	1	0-0	23
Howell	0	0	2-2	2
Sizemore	3	0	0-0	6
Osborne	2	0	4-1	5
totals	15	3	10-6	45

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## Betsy Layne

his first foul in the first minute of the game. Brooks fouled Holcomb and Holcomb put the Pirates on the scoreboard by hitting one of two free throws.

Brock Keathley hit another basket for the Bobcats and this time it was a three-pointer. Justin Bartley then stole the ball and took it all the way to give the Bobcats a quick 8-1 lead.

After Fleming-Neon hit two free throws, the Bobcats went on an 8-0 run to lead the Pirates 16-3.

Holcomb had a steal and a basket at the end of the first quarter to bring the Pirates within six of the Bobcats. Betsy Layne led at the end of the first quarter 16-10.

The Pirates played very good defense in the second quarter. Cook scored two quick three point baskets to tie the score with 7:05 remaining in the half.

But the Bobcats would answer quickly, Justin Bartley took the ball to

the goal to give the Bobcats back the lead. Bartley scored again on the next trip down the floor and the Bobcats went on a six-point run to give them a six-point lead.

The offense of the Pirates heated up. Richardson hit a three-point basket to bring the Pirates within three with three minutes remaining in the half.

But again the Bobcats would answer. Brock Keathley hit a two-point basket and then, on the next trip down the floor, Keathley was fouled on a three-point attempt. Keathley hit two of the three to give the Bobcats back a seven-point lead.

Richardson hit two more three-point baskets for Fleming-Neon, but the Bobcats continued to hold on to a 10-point lead at the half.

At the beginning of the second half, the Bobcats went on another one of their runs. They quickly jumped out to an 18-point lead by scoring eight unanswered points.

The Pirates' first points in the second half came on two free throws by Holcomb after he was fouled by Bradley Brooks.

The Bobcats could never really be comfortable because the Pirates kept fighting back. The Bobcats were up by 16 at the end of the third quarter.

The Pirates came out strong in the fourth. They closed the margin to within nine with 5:30 to play in the game. The defense of Fleming-Neon forced the Bobcats to commit eight turnovers in the fourth quarter.

Gibson fouled out of the game with 4:57 remaining, and this put the Pirates at a disadvantage. The Pirates outscored the Bobcats by four points in the fourth quarter, but it was not enough as the Bobcats went on to win 80-68.

The Bobcats improved to 2-1 and will entertain the Blackcats of Prestonsburg. The Blackcats are coming off a loss to Magoffin County.

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# Prestonsburg enters conference season at Betsy Layne

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Two weeks into the high school basketball season and already one of the top conference games of the year will take place Tuesday night at the D.W.

Howard Fieldhouse at Betsy Layne.

The Prestonsburg Blackcats and Lady Blackcats will make the trip up U.S. 23 to begin conference race.

The Betsy Layne Ladycats and the Lady Blackcats have already

met once this basketball season, but in a nonconference game. The two teams squared off in the semifinals of the Lady Hawk Tip Off Classic last week with Prestonsburg coming away with the win and eventually a championship.

The two county powerhouses will battle this time in a game that will have a lot of significance for Betsy Layne, being it is a home game. Betsy Layne failed to handle the pressure of Prestonsburg in the first game and the Lady Blackcats dominated the boards.

Prestonsburg Coach Bobby Hamilton says the board work was the difference in the first meeting of the two teams.

"This is going to be a bigger game for both of us," said Coach Hamilton. "It's a conference game and the key to us beating Betsy Layne again is controlling the boards. We have to find a way to get past their half-court trap."

Hamilton said he will use a three-guard front when they visit the Dome Tuesday night.

Betsy Layne could be without the full service of Jenny Parsons and eighth-grader Whitney Lykens. Both have been ailing.

You can rest assured that when these two teams collide Tuesday night, everyone will be focused early knowing the importance of this early conference match up.

While the Betsy Layne Bobcats are off to a quick start this basketball season, it has been just the opposite for the Prestonsburg Blackcats. Betsy Layne brings a 2-1 record to the Dome while Prestonsburg (0-3) is still looking for its initial win.

Prestonsburg has played Elkhorn City and Magoffin County tough in the team's last two outings, but just can't seem to locate the one go-to player they need.

The Blackcats have struggled

with their outside shooting and have not been able to convert around the basket area.

Ricky Powers has been the leading scorer for the Blackcats through three games, but he could not get his shots to drop against Magoffin County Friday night.

Matt Clay, Brandon Branham and Seth Crisp will need to pick up their game offensively. John Dixon looked impressive Friday night, scoring seven first-quarter points, but he didn't seem to touch the ball much the rest of the way.

Betsy Layne is off and running with a new attitude and the new look has produced two wins in

the first three outings for the Bobcats. Injured Scott Collins saw limited playing time Friday night against Fleming-Neon, a game the Bobcats won easily.

Coach Brent Rose is getting good play from his starters, but Brad Daugherty has been a spark off the bench for Betsy Layne.

Justin Bartley continues to light it up from the outside and Bradley Brooks, along with Adam Collins, has been a force on the boards. Guard Brock Keathley has proven to be an asset through three games.

The conference race gets started this Tuesday night in what promises to be a good Floyd County Conference season.

## Floyd County Basketball Standings

### WOMEN

Team	Overall	Conference
Prestonsburg	4-1	0-0
Allen Central	2-2	0-0
Betsy Layne	1-2	0-0
South Floyd	2-3	0-0

### MEN

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

Saturday night games not included

## Johnson scores 15 as South Floyd edges Adams Middle

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The South Floyd Middle School Lady Raiders placed three players in double figures en

route to a 48-39 win over the Adams Middle School Lady Blackcats Wednesday night at the Adams gym.

Ashley Johnson pumped in 15 points and pulled in 10 rebounds in leading the trio of scorers. Megan Ousley netted 12 points and Brandi Anderson scored 11. Anderson drilled two three-point baskets in the victory.

Heather White led the Lady Blackcats with 13 points. Megan Little finished with 11. Molly Burchett totaled five points and Tabatha Caudill scored four. Megan Harris had two points.

South Floyd was sluggish in coming out of the locker room for the start of the game. Adams built a 16-7 first-quarter lead behind the play of White and Little. White's three-point basket gave Adams the lead and she had five points in the quarter. Anderson netted four first-quarter points for the Lady Raiders.

South Floyd, which hadn't played in over a week, turned up its offense in the second quarter and outscored Adams 14-6 to take a 21-20 halftime lead.

"I feel the long layoff hurt us," said South Floyd Coach Melinda Osborne. "We got off to

a slow start but picked it up in the second quarter."

Johnson, who went scoreless in the opening quarter, scored seven second-quarter points.

At the onset of the second half, the Lady Raiders arrived a little flat as they struggled from the floor with Adams taking advantage and leading 35-26 after three quarters. White scored six of her points in the third period and Little drained a trey and had five points in the stanza. South Floyd could only manage two field goals — baskets by Tabatha Tackett and Johnson — in the period.

It was all South Floyd in the final quarter in a 22-4 run that netted the final 48-39 margin. Ousley, who had five points coming into the final stanza, scored seven points and hit 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch. Anderson buried two three-point baskets in the quarter.

"We came out in the fourth ready to play like we are capable of playing," said Coach Osborne.

Tackett finished with six points for the Lady Raiders. Leigh Ann Tuttle added two points but had five rebounds. Tackett also had five boards.

## Sports in Perspective

by Denis Harrington

From its very inception, tennis has been regarded as something of an elite sport. A game with a code of etiquette that befits ladies and gentlemen when engaged in competitive circumstances.

For many years, these rules of court decorum proved to be sufficient even at the highest tournament levels. No better example of this fact exists than the behavior of such erstwhile stars of the 1960s as Rod Laver and Ken Rosewall.

When Laver and Rosewall were learning their trade in Australia, the importance of sportsmanship was stressed almost as much as gaining a command of the game itself. Proper dress and comportment became as much a part of competing as hitting winners.

On one occasion, Laver and Rosewall faced each other in the

finals of a winner-take-all tournament with a \$50,000 prize going to the victor. During the course of the closely contested match, the referee judged one of Laver's returns to be out. Rosewall promptly called time and went to the official's chair.

"With all due respect, sir," he said, "I do believe that last shot was in."

After lengthy review, Rosewall was found to be correct.

Newspapers all across the land reported Rosewall's act of sportsmanship as a most unusual occurrence. And it surely was.

"It's not something that happens very often," Laver said recently. "And certainly not today."

When the conversation turned to modern court manners, Laver smiled ruefully.

"The players today have their own style of behavior," he said. "They do their own thing. They're

not overly concerned with the prescribed way of doing things or are simply indifferent to it. They don't like losing and they don't mind showing it. I certainly don't agree with the conduct of the game now, but the old court rules are definitely out."

Gamesmanship, in Laver's opinion, has become as accepted practice in tennis today.

"For instance," he said, "I've seen players try to hit the other person with the ball on exchanges at the net rather than attempt a passing shot. I would be embarrassed to do such a thing. It's just not in the spirit of the game. As I mentioned earlier, there's quite a difference between the players now and those of my time."

But it's the temperamental outbursts so common to big-time tennis in the modern era that most disturbs Laver.

"The racket throwing and verbal abuse of officials can be traced to such high profile players within the past couple of decades as John McEnroe and Ilie Nastase," he said. "Their antics did give a higher level of exposure to tennis, but it brought a kind of baseball atmosphere to the game. I don't think we want to attract that kind of people."

Currently, McEnroe can be seen continuing his childish routine on the senior tennis circuit. Recently, while playing in the finals of a tournament in Chicago, he soundly berated a female line judge before an ESPN-TV audience and then charged the referee, loudly taking him to task, all the while banging his racket on the ground. Here's a 40-year-old man still acting like a spoiled brat and getting away with it.

Jimmy Connors, now 47, also plays the senior tour. And like McEnroe, he continues to verbally abuse the officials and hold them up for ridicule before spectators in attendance, as well as those looking on via television.

All sports allow protests on behalf of the participants, but there are limitations. In football, if a player contacts an official or becomes excessively irate, he's thumbed out of the contest. Gone. And a fine as well as suspension can follow. Basketball beefs are policed along the same lines, as is the case with volleyball, soccer, etc.

Golf, another sport with an elitist tradition, doesn't allow its officials to be bullied. Displays of temperament are met with 2-stroke penalties or disqualification. And if such activity takes place on the PGA Tour, fines and an enforced vacation can be assessed.

So what's with tennis? It's high time that the game's governing bodies move into the present age. McEnroe, et al should get the same treatment accorded the bad boys in other sports — expulsion, fines and, if necessary, suspension.



Trapped in the corner was this Sheldon Clark player as Allen Central's Shannon Sizemore played defense. The Lady Rebels will travel to Phelps Monday night (photo by Ed Taylor)



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# Kentucky Sportsline

By Tom Leach

It's not Tennessee, but finishing the season with a win over a team wearing orange would still represent a significant achievement for Hal Mumme's third Kentucky team — and it would make a strong foundation for the future look even better.

Both Syracuse and Kentucky lost four of their final five games, but I think the Wildcats will take a much more upbeat attitude into this game because of the minimal pre-

season expectations. And while last season's team reveled in the hoopla around the first New Year's Day bowl game in almost 50 years, I think this group will focus exclusively on the contest with the Orangemen.

Like Kentucky, Syracuse entered the season faced with the prospect of replacing an All-American quarterback (Donovan McNabb) and big-play wideout (Kevin Johnson, Tim Couch's

teammate in Cleveland). However, the program at

SU has advanced to the point where expectations were still high, as opposed to Kentucky where many experts foresaw three or fewer wins.

So even though both teams lost four of their final five games and finished 6-5, the mood in the UK camp is considerably more upbeat than it must be at Syracuse. But that may not help Kentucky if the Wildcats cannot improve on their ability to handle pressure-oriented defensive schemes.

Normally, Mumme would welcome the manner in which opponents defended the Wildcats from mid-October to the finish. But injuries and other circumstances left the Cats in a situation where wide receivers could not break free from press coverage at the line of scrimmage and get into their pass patterns. You'll notice that Kentucky's offensive attack finally started to look like it did in the first half of the year when Mumme moved stronger players like Derek Smith and Bobby Blizzard to the outside in the Tennessee game.

With rest and rehabilitation for the wideouts, don't be surprised if the Air Raid offense takes off again in the Music City Bowl.

From a recruiting and a program momentum standpoint, just making it to a second straight bowl game



was the important achievement, but winning it would be a nice complement. Mumme and company are obviously still facing a good-sized gap between the Wildcats and the likes of Florida and Tennessee, but it is certainly easy to envision a team this young laying the groundwork for annual bowl bids.

And getting young players used to success is an important step in the program-building process.

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### A TEST OF FAITH

If you read last week's column and you're wondering if I stand behind my confidence that Kentucky will be Final Four contender in March, I do.

Kentucky is now trying to overcome what were essentially two lost years in recruiting. Rick Pitino's final class of Myron Anthony, Michael Bradley and Ryan Hogan are all gone and the previous spring, the Cats landed only Jamaal Magloire.

Given those circumstances, Kentucky is left to rely on a team full of sophomores and freshmen and you can never predict the path of the timeline of their development. However, this group is potentially as good as any group of first and second-year players in the country and eventually, they'll mature into a very good team.

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### ROOKIE STARS

"The talent just isn't there."

It's the current lament of Big Blue fans who have seen the basketball team drop three successive games. Well, the first loss (Arizona) came at the hands of a better team. The second and third (Dayton and Indiana) came at the hands of just the kind of team that figured to give a young squad problems — experienced.

Florida suffered a surprising loss to Purdue — surprising until you consider how much more experience the Boilermakers have.

By March, Florida's superior talent will have closed that experience gap and Purdue won't beat the Gators then, and it's the same way with Dayton and Indiana against Kentucky.

Tayshaun Prince, Desmond Allison and Jules Camara may not have the look of being a stellar group of recruits right now, but it says here that time will change that perception.

But I think the greatest source

(See Sportsline, page six)

## Pruett to stay at Marshall; Pikeville quiet on Mid-South Conference move

by Jason Blanton  
Sports Columnist

If you were outside on Friday afternoon and heard a big sigh, it was coming from Huntington.

That was after Thundering Herd football Coach Bob Pruett announced — really he called his secretary and told her — that he was staying with Marshall University.

He was the leading candidate and probably was going to be named the head football coach at the University of Houston.

Pruett, 57, felt his loyalty to his alma mater outweighed the chance for a bigger payday.

Houston was offering between \$500,000 to \$650,000 in base salary, and that was a huge jump from what Pruett is making at Marshall. He makes \$132,000 and

signed a seven-year contract extension last month.

The coach has led the Thundering Herd to three straight Mid-American Conference championships and is unbeaten going into his team's Dec. 27 Motor City Bowl game against BYU.

In Pruett's first year (1996), he won the I-AA title as Marshall finished 15-0.

The big thing now is, if Marshall wants to be the big-time program it thinks it is, to make its coach a nice new offer or some other school will entice Pruett and he will leave.

It's going to be a problem that Marshall University will have to face in the future because of the success it's having on the gridiron.

### Pikeville College to Mid-South?

Rumors are flying around this area that Pikeville College is leaving the KIAC and will be one of the newest members of the Mid-South Conference.

Contrary to a published report that Pikeville and Lindsey Wilson have joined the Mid-South, no official word has come out of the Pikeville College camp.

I'm not saying that Pikeville College won't join, but the college is mum as of Saturday morning.

The Mid-South is a great conference, with the likes of Georgetown, Campbellsville, Cumberland and Union College, and the conference is considering a move up to NCAA Division II.

If the Bears join the conference,

then football will not be far away. That could only help the college with the amount of local talent in the area.

According to the report, the Mid-South presidents moved the two schools into the league in meetings earlier in the week.

Hey, it's not like a national security issue so I hope in the weeks to come we will hear Pikeville College's side.

### Can Bowden do it again?

By the time this column hits the street, Ken Griffey could/should be a member of the Cincinnati Reds.

The baseball winter meetings began Saturday morning and Reds GM Jim Bowden has said that the number one thing is to get the trade over with.

If Bowden can acquire Junior, then they should go ahead and put up a statue of him out front of the Cinergy Field.

The Reds have added Dante Bichette to replace Greg Vaughn and, with 68 days to spring training, an addition of Griffey should start a season ticket frenzy.

According to reports, the Reds will trade Pokey Reese, Scott Williamson and Brett Tomko to Seattle for the best player in the game.

That's a lot to give up, but to get someone who could write his ticket to any team in baseball, it is the right amount.

Even if Bowden and the Reds can't get Griffey, you have to give them credit for trying to give the fans a product that they will want to see.

But, the No. 24 would look good in centerfield in Cincinnati.

### Goodbye Cinergy?

Today, the Cincinnati Bengals will play their final game in Cinergy Field.

According to some fans, pro football left Cinergy Field a long time ago.

Cincinnati will host rival Cleveland, which includes former University of Kentucky great Tim Couch. Couch said earlier this week that he bought around 20 tickets for family and friends.

But there will be a lot more Couch fans there than the 20 tickets he bought. It should give Couch a very comfortable feeling and he could turn in one of his better games of the season.

Ironically, Cincinnati and Cleveland hooked up on Dec. 17, 1995, in the final game at the old Cleveland Stadium. A few weeks earlier then-Browns owner Art Modell had announced that he was moving the team to Baltimore.

The Browns won that 1995 matchup, 26-10.

Cincinnati won this year's first game and should win today's contest.

## Bentley's Comments

### 'Morrie' a better book than flick

First off, let me say I'm no Mitch Albom.

There. Before my critics out there think I'm comparing my writing abilities to his, let's stop right here.

But in some ways, we've led similar lives.

We both never thought we'd be writers, yet for years, it was all we cared about. We both put off relationships because of our preoccupation with our occupation. Luckily for him, seven years wasn't too long. She was still there for him; I wasn't so lucky.

We used our newspapers to open other doors. We dabbled in radio and television — mine on a much smaller scale, obviously. He writes of having as many as five jobs at once.

I work at Pikeville College, and do odd jobs for this paper and one in Pikeville as well as the KIAC, while picking up work from time to time for local radio and television stations and the occasional magazine.

Suffice it to say, sometimes I'm a little stretched.

The difference is, Albom has reached the end of his days of gloom. Instead of five columns a week, he pens two. Where he used to work almost constantly for ESPN as well as various media outlets in Detroit, he now appears on The Sports Reporters about once a month.

The reason he's stopped could be that he's plateaued. He has been named the nation's top sports writer for 10 consecutive years. It could be that he has all the money he'll ever need.

Or it could be Morrie Schwartz.

Last Sunday night, more than 23 million people stopped what they were doing and tuned in to ABC to watch a movie called "Tuesday's With Morrie". It is the account of Schwartz's battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. It is the account of Albom, a former disciple of Schwartz's at Brandeis University, being reunited with the professor he called "Coach" after all these years.

It is the account of two men dying. Schwartz's life was coming to an end; for Albom, it was the passing of a way of life.

Perhaps you were one of the millions who spent two hours watching the sparkling portrayals of Albom and Schwartz given by Hank Azaria and Jack Lemmon. If so, you saw a beautiful movie.

Either way, I want to encourage you to pick up the

book.

In 1997, 25,000 copies were printed. Albom thought it was more than enough. By December 1999, more than three million copies had been sold.

Trust me, three million people can't be wrong.

In December 1997, the Pikeville College men's basketball team went to Hawaii for seven days. Jimmy Raines, one of my closest friends, was along on the trip and brought a copy of this recently-released book.

In those seven days, we rollicked and frolicked across two of the most beautiful islands on earth. But that book was read.

Four times.

On Tuesday, I picked it up again, and breezed through 29 pages. Tuesday. How appropriate, I thought. That night, a member of the Pikeville College women's basketball team asked if she could look at it.

Three hours later, Michelle Stanley was 124 pages into it, and begged me to let her take it to the dorm to finish it.

In the middle of finals.

She did. On Wednesday, I read the final 163 pages in a matter of hours.

I don't point this out to show that people who have been through or are currently in college can read fast. It's to show you that had you picked up Tuesday's with Morrie at 9 p.m. Sunday, it's possible you could have been through it by the time the movie closed at 11.

It's a splendid book, written beautifully by arguably the nation's top writer of any discipline. Albom focused on Schwartz — the professor referred to it as "our final thesis" — who focused not on dying, but on living.

"Once you learn how to die, you learn how to live."

Sociology classes should use it as a teaching tool, this book.

English professors should use it to show how simple brilliance can be.

The lessons in this book aren't shoved down your throat. Albom doesn't shout "Amen!" at every one of Schwartz's aphorisms.

It's simple. It's understated.

And it is dazzling.

Buy it. Borrow it. If the library has it, check it out.

But above all, read "Tuesday's with Morrie".

## Millard to host girls All "A" regional

by Ed Taylor  
Spots Editor

Millard High School will be the host school for the Girls All "A" Classic, but whether the event takes place at Millard gymnasium is not known.

The site for the tournament will be announced at a later date.

The tournament, which has grown in popularity over the years, will be held January 11-15.

The top bracket has the regional Class A heavyweights and it should be a good tournament. While most teams are down this year, all are rebuilding and there can be no clear-cut favorite in the tourna-

ment.

Allen Central has won more Class A regional titles than anyone but fell to Phelps in last year's finals.

The Lady Rebels may carry the favorite's role on paper this year, but anything can happen.

The tournament opens Tuesday night, January 11, with one game pitting the Piarist School against the Lady Cougars of Elkhorn City. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

Play continues Wednesday night with a double header. Pikeville will meet an improved South Floyd team, who lost earlier this year to the Lady Panthers. Game time is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Allen

Central will meet Paintsville in the second game Wednesday night.

The first round ends on Thursday night with two games. Defending champion Phelps will square off against a good Feds Creek team at 6:30 p.m. Phelps will be minus Courtney Mercer, Erica Fannin and others.

Host Millard will meet the winner of the Piarist/Elkhorn City game in the second game Thursday night at 8:15.

Semifinal action takes place on Friday night, January 14, with games set for 6:30 and 8:15 p.m.

The survivors of the semifinals will meet in the championship game at 7 p.m. on Saturday.



Shannon Sizemore (10) scored on this drive to the basket against Sheldon Clark Monday night. The Lady Cardinals pulled out a win over the host Lady Rebels (photo by Ed Taylor)

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### 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 races as rated by NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Daytona 500        | Super Bowl opens the season            |
| 2. Brickyard 400      | Hard to beat the atmosphere            |
| 3. GoRacing.com       | New name for Bristol night race        |
| 4. Winston 500        | Racing extravaganza of the fall        |
| 5. Coca-Cola 600      | Racing's longest day                   |
| 6. Pepsi Southern 500 | Toughest track in '50 and now          |
| 7. The Winston        | Don't like racing? I dare you to watch |
| 8. Pepsi 400          | Daytona under the lights               |
| 9. Exide 400          | Richmond race has dramatic history     |
| 10. Primestar 500     | Something unexpected will happen       |

### HOLIDAY BOOK OFFERS

Searching for available NASCAR-related books, we found these four offerings from David Bull Publishing, 4250 E. Camelback Road, Suite K150, Phoenix, AZ 85018; phone (602) 852-9500.

**Fifty Years of Stock Car Racing: A History of Collectibles and Memorabilia**  
By Ken Breslauer, foreword by Richard Petty.

Hundreds of color photos of old press passes, souvenir programs, badges, calendars, garage passes, tickets, model-car kits and posters. Even has a Cale Yarborough ceramic Sippin' Whiskey Decanter, circa 1973. Retail price: \$24.95.

**Mark Martin: Driven to Race**  
By Bob Zeller, foreword by Mark Martin.

A remarkably frank "official" biography. Impressive for the well-researched information on Martin's formative years and

for its depiction of the driver's late father, Julian. Retail price: \$24.95.

**Rusty Wallace: The Decision to Win**  
By Bob Zeller with Rusty Wallace.

Similar in form to the Martin bio, with vivid information about the driver, his father, Russ, and his racing siblings. Included are many boyhood photos, including a selection from Rusty's baby album. Retail price: \$24.95.

**Junior Johnson: Brave in Life**  
By Tom Higgins and Steve Waid, introduction by Cale Yarborough.

The story of one of NASCAR's greatest drivers and a genuine folk hero. Plenty of humor here, along with Johnson's characteristic bluntness. Rich descriptions of the moonshining era. Retail price: \$29.95.

### 2000 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Feb. 13	Daytona International Speedway (Bud Shootout)
Feb. 20	Daytona International Speedway
Feb. 27	North Carolina Speedway
March 5	Las Vegas Motor Speedway
March 12	Atlanta Motor Speedway
March 19	Darlington Raceway
March 26	Bristol Motor Speedway
April 2	Texas Motor Speedway
April 9	Martinsville Speedway
April 16	Talladega Superspeedway
April 30	California Speedway
May 6	Richmond International Raceway
May 20	Lowe's Motor Speedway (The Winston)
May 28	Lowe's Motor Speedway
June 4	Dover Downs International Speedway
June 11	Michigan Speedway
June 18	Pocono Raceway
June 25	Sears Point Raceway
July 1	Daytona International Speedway
July 9	New Hampshire International Speedway
July 23	Pocono Raceway
Aug. 5	Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Aug. 13	Watkins Glen International
Aug. 20	Michigan Speedway

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

■ Cale Yarborough and Lee Roy Yarborough were not related — note the slight difference in the spelling of their names — but they were two of NASCAR's very best drivers in the 1960s and '70s. Both drivers also made somewhat successful runs in the Indianapolis 500, as did Donnie Allison.

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Dale Jarrett was honored as Driver of the Year during a luncheon on Dec. 3 at the New York City restaurant Le Cirque 2000.

Jarrett, the Winston Cup champion, was the choice over CART champion Juan Montoya in voting by a panel of 15 motorsports journalists. Jarrett received 13 votes to Montoya's two.

YET AGAIN: Amazingly, Bill Elliott, who last won a race in 1994, was named NASCAR's Most Popular Driver for the ninth year in

In the off-season, what's the next best thing to "being there" at the races?

Probably the Winston Cup Preview, scheduled for Jan. 15, 2000, at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem, N.C. Last year the

event, in which virtually every driver participated, raised \$220,000 for charity.

There is probably no better place to accumulate autographs, handshakes and brief conversations with one's favorite drivers, and all it costs is \$15 (child-

dren under 12 free). The event is highly planned and organized, and many show cars, interactive displays and souvenir trailers are on-site.

For more information, visit the coliseum's Web site ([www.ljvm.com](http://www.ljvm.com)), or that

of the Winston-Salem Convention and Visitors Bureau ([www.wscvb.com](http://www.wscvb.com)).

The preview carries the name of its originator, the late head of Sports Marketing Enterprises, T. Wayne Robertson.

### PROFILE

## Rookie of the Year



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Tony Stewart was named the 1999 Rookie of the Year.

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

The native Hoosier made a glorious trip to the Big Apple for the Winston Cup Awards banquet. Tony Stewart had never been to New York City until last week when he was honored as Rookie of the Year at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Stewart finished fourth in the point standings, won three races and had what most considered to be the best rookie season in NASCAR history.

**AGE:** 28  
**HOMETOWN:** Born and raised in Columbus, Ind., also lived in Rushville, Ind.  
**MARITAL STATUS:** Single  
**CAR:** No. 20 Home Depot Pontiac Grand Prix, owned by Joe Gibbs

**RECORD:** 34 starts, 2 poles, 3 wins, 12 top-five finishes, 21 top-10s, almost \$3 million in career earnings

**FIRSTS:** Start (Feb. 19, 1999, at Daytona), pole (April 18, 1999, at Martinsville), win (Sept. 11, 1999, at Richmond)

**WHAT DID YOU THINK OF NEW YORK?**  
"It is almost hard to describe my first impressions of New York City. When I arrived very late Tuesday night, all there was to see was lights everywhere I looked, including straight up. First to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel: very impressive. Old, elegant and dignified. (It was) a good time to remember all of the manners that my mom worked so hard to teach me when I was a kid."

**DID YOU SEE THE SIGHTS?** "Thanks to

Home Depot, a limo driven by Alberto picked us up at the hotel door and off we went, first to see the Statue of Liberty. We opted to view the lady from the park below the World Trade Center twin towers rather than take the boat, in the interest of time and the fact that the wind was really cold. After reading about how many stairs and floor equivalents there were inside to get to the top, I did learn that not only is the statue the symbol of freedom as you enter our country, but the pose of one arm in the air is the perfect method of hailing a cab! I had to give Alberto a little help on getting through traffic NASCAR-style, but he caught on fast!"

**DID YOU DO ANY SHOPPING?** "(After lunch) it was off to Macy's so I could dress a little more 'New York.' A cool leather coat and other accessories later, we were off to (Greenwich) Village for dinner at a theme restaurant called Jekyll and Hyde's. They seemed to know a bunch about NASCAR and a guy named Tony Stewart. Then to the Orpheum Theater to see 'Stomp.' It was great. What rhythm and talent. After that, a peek at a couple of New York nightclubs. Interesting, I must say!"

**WHAT DID YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE CITY?** "The best thing about New York? People yelling at each other from cars, bicycles, push carts, rollerblades and every other form of transportation you can think of. The worst thing? The traffic. Man, what a mess. I don't think I could handle it on a daily basis."

### Trackside Trivia

1. Who won the 1966 World 600 for Petty Enterprises?
2. When Cale Yarborough left Junior Johnson's team at the end of 1980, who was his new car owner?
3. How many races did Ned Jarrett win in a Ford?

1. Marvin Panich; 2. M.C. Anderson; 3. 43

ANSWERS

### AROUND THE GARAGE

## Jarrett toasted as Driver of the Year

a row and the 14th time overall.

The balloting was conducted among fans who called a 900 telephone number and was sponsored by the National Motorsports Press Association.

"The fans have stuck with me through thick and thin, and I continue to thank them from the bottom of my heart," said Elliott.

**MARTIN BY REMOTE:** Mark Martin, recovering from lumbar-fusion surgery at his Daytona Beach, Fla., home, spoke with reporters in New York by phone.

"My back is sore where it was

cut open and all of that work was done," said Martin, "but my spine and all of the nerves in my spine have no pain. That's where the pain always came from before. I am not moving very far right now, but I don't have that (pain). Trying not to have too high of expectations, I have this feeling that I am going to feel an awful lot better."

"It is my prediction that when I go to Daytona this year I will have a completely different attitude toward racing than I have had in any other year. I swear I am going to be a brand-new person."

**EARNHARDT ENCOURAGED:** Not surprisingly, seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt thinks he will be a contender for an eighth title in 2000.

The key? Turning top-10 finishes into top fives.

"It was an up-and-down year," said Earnhardt of the season recently completed. "We showed big improvements throughout the season, winning three races and finishing seventh in the points. With 20 top-10 finishes, I feel we're on the right path. If we turn those into top fives, we'll have a good chance at the 2000 championship."

## Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,  
(In response to letter criticizing NASCAR for setting a poor example for kids):

Like you said, all sports celebrate. But if this person really cares about kids, does he let his kids watch wrestling in a day and age when either major faction, WCW or WWF, allows its wrestlers to use vulgar language and obscene gestures? I think we should all think better of NASCAR, which is in general a very good sport.

Bill Herchel  
Hazleton, Pa.

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Dear NASCAR This Week,  
I have some questions concerning the (TV deal for 2001 and beyond).

What will happen to "Inside NASCAR," "Raceday," "RPM 2Nite" and pre-race shows?

Will we see qualifying and "happy hour"?

Every time a network station shows the races, there are no interviews immediately after the race. (Will this continue?)

This year ABC showed one race, but when it was delayed, they switched to a college basketball playoff game. Is this going to continue to happen?

Janet Rowland  
Greenwood, S.C.

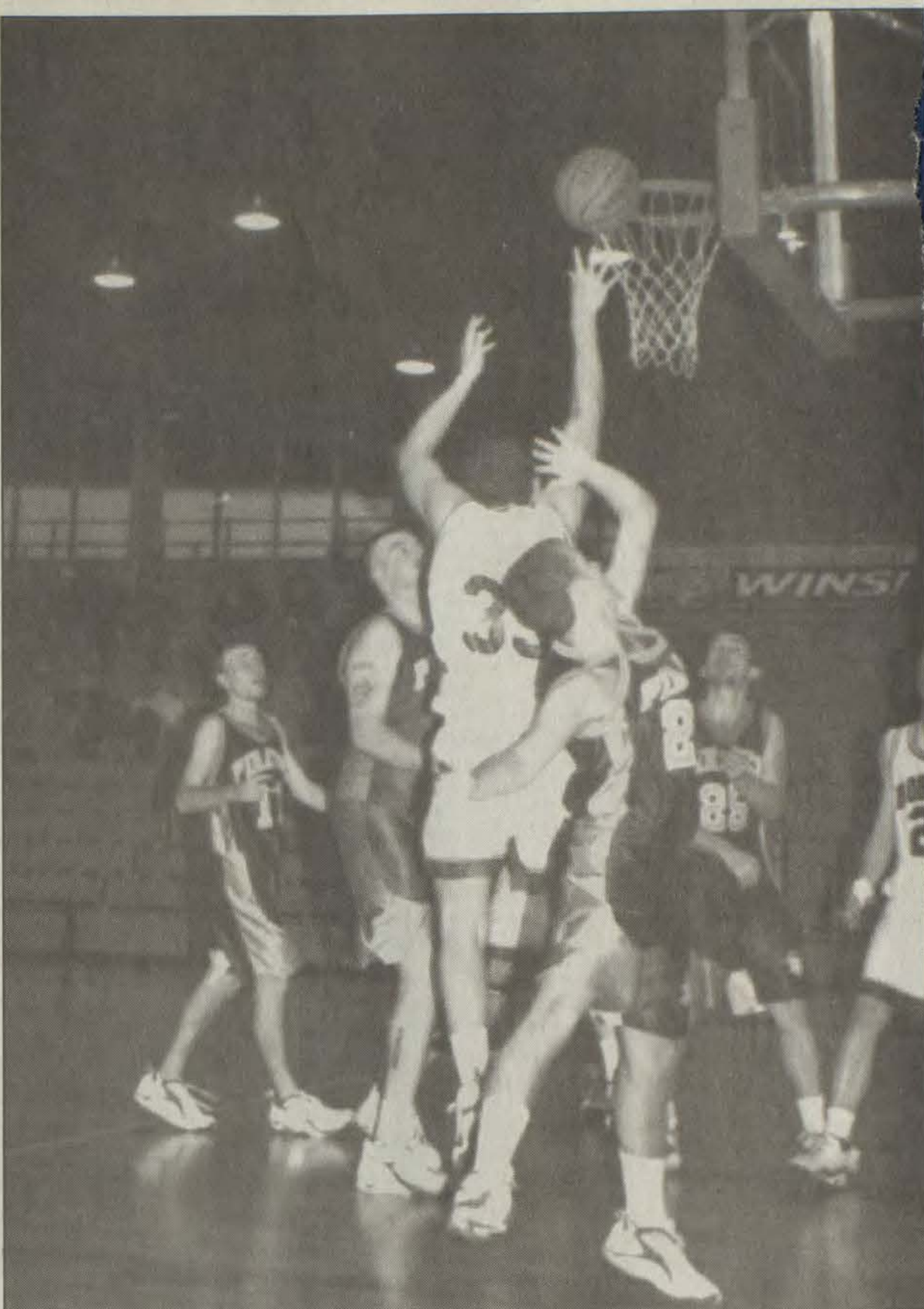
Only time will tell, but NASCAR officials tell us that most of these concerns have been covered in negotiations. As for the highlights shows, either they will continue (ESPN has no plans to discontinue "RPM 2Nite") or be replaced by similar shows on the new networks. If delays cause scheduling problems, races would likely be shifted to cable partners, such as F/X or a Fox Sports Net site or perhaps, in NBC's case, one of the Turner stations. NASCAR is also close to announcing its own 24-hour racing network.

## Fan Tips

■ The Nashville Network, which televises a wide variety of motorsports competition, has lent its name to a new collection of video games called "TNN Motorsports Greatest Hits." The packet includes Test Driver: Off-Road 2, Test Drive 4 and Destruction Derby 2, all in one package. More information can be obtained from ASC Games' Web site ([www.ascgames.com](http://www.ascgames.com)).

### FOR THE KIDS

■ For a look at the variety of NASCAR-related toys available, we went on the eToys Web site ([www.etoys.com](http://www.etoys.com)), completed a search and found 207 toys listed. Among them were NASCAR Speedway: Tri-Oval (\$179.99), Jeff Gordon Helmet and Uniform Set (\$54.99), various drivers' Car Playing Cards (\$2.99), Talking Key Chains (\$4.99), Racing Seats (\$59.99), Hot Wheels Electronic Fast Facts Game (\$24.99) and My Size Puzzle (\$6.99). Also, NASCAR Driver Bubba by Mattel (\$24.99).



Adam Collins (33) finds his way through a bunch of Pirate defenders to score a basket. Collins finished the game with nine points to help the Bobcats win over Fleming-Neon. (photo by Karen Joseph)

## From the Tackle Box...



The jury is still out as to what makes bass hit artificial lures. Some lures don't in any way resemble the food that a bass normally feed on. A great many lures are manufactured to look and feel like a live minnow, frog, salamander or a bug-like creature. But I have many lures in my tackle that do not resemble anything I have ever seen in or out of the water. It is just simply a lure. When I see them coming through the water, it would seem logical to me that it would scare every fish in the lake away. But for some strange reason a largemouth bass will charge these lures with a vengeance.

These strange contraptions are called spinner baits. If you would put a microphone in the water and pick up the sound of one coming through the water, it would sound something like buckets and tin cans being dragged behind an automobile. Yet I have caught six- and eight-inch largemouth bass on lures almost as big as they are.

One day, while traveling North on Route 23 on my way to Huntington, W. Va., I stopped at a sports store that was going out of business. I purchased, at a bargain price, all the pieces necessary to build my own spinner baits. They consist of spinners (little shiny metal objects, resembling a spoon without a handle and with a hole in the end), a wire attached to a lead head and a hook, rubber skirts bearings, beads and little propellers. You assemble all these together and you have a spinner bait. On the other hand, you may want to go buy them already assembled and save yourself the trouble.

The advantage of making your own lures is that you may modify them to fit your own preference. You can design them to run on the surface, shallow or deep. You can also select the colors that work best for you. You may want to add

hooks or fashion a wire on the bait to make it weedless.

It is fun to use your own creativity when making one of these lures. There's also a lot of satisfaction in catching fish on a lure that you have fashioned. You will be able to open your tackle box in the presence of a friend and proudly exclaim, "Hey, I made these lures myself!"

Over a period of time I have accumulated a wide variety of sub-surface baits. Usually, anglers who are pursuing bass will select minnow plugs, crankbaits or those that vibrate or rattle. These are made of wood, plastic or composites. Some of them are made to resemble the natural food that bass feed on.

I have recently discovered that some of the older lures that I have used for years are irreplaceable. They are no longer manufactured. Or at least if they are, I haven't been able to find replacements.

I used a vibrating lure for years that was very successful for me. When all else failed, it seemed this lure would catch fish. I have caught crappie as well as bass on this lure. The manufacturer's name on the lure was, "Flat Fish,"

(Some anglers call it a "Lazy Ike.") It had three treble hooks attached. It was a two-and-a-half-inch, brown and black rainbow shaped lure that had a wiggling action in the water.

One day, while trolling in the Paintsville Lake head waters, I hung this lure on the bottom. I spent a half-hour trying to retrieve it, but couldn't get it loose. It was like losing an old friend. I have looked for months in an effort to find another one without success. I assume it is no longer manufactured. Every time I have a slow day on the lake I think of my "ole pal," and wish I had it back.

Another lure that is successful in catching bass, as well as bluegill and crappie is the jig. These lures also lend themselves to creativity when making them up. The lead jig-head is attached to a hook. You can purchase various head designs. Some anglers tie materials on these heads and hooks much like tying a fly. They may resemble just about anything.

This lure can also be outfitted very quickly by threading countless little rubber creatures such as worms, frogs, waterdogs, lizards, etc. on the hook. You may also use live bait or pork rind on this lure.

These lures may be bounced along the bottom, suspended at predetermined depth with a floater. I have found the use of a float very

effective when the water is rough. The waves will lift the float up and down, giving the jig a natural motion in the water.

I'm not a live bait angler. But I am well aware of the fact that fish will take live bait much better than artificial. There are anglers who fish only for trophy fish, and if you ask them what they use most, the answer will be live bait. I have examined a few record books and have found that a number of record size largemouth bass have been caught using live bait.

Nightcrawlers are the favorite with these anglers, however, minnows, small frogs or waterdogs are also very successful. Live bait will often catch less active bass in very cold water. The bait must be presented very slowly to a lethargic fish during the late fall and winter months. Many of the artificial baits when moved slowly will not function properly. When the fish aren't active, they are more selective when feeding, and may not be fooled with an artificial lure.

During the winter months, when the water is below 50 degrees, it is a good idea to switch to live bait. It is hard for any fish to resist a big juicy nightcrawler. However, I find it very hard in the spring and summer months to use nightcrawlers when bass fishing. If the population of bluegill is great, they will strike with lightning speed the

instant the bait hits the water. "The early fish gets the worm?"

The type of live bait preferred by anglers may be based on geographic location. As pointed out before, nightcrawlers work well in any location. A great many of these live baits named are seasonal and many times are hard to find. Frogs are probably a favorite of largemouth bass. These may not be easy to find in the winter months. A number of live bait, can be purchased at bait stores, but not the frog. Not too long ago, I read an article that was expressing concern about the rapid decline of the frog population. The reduction in their habitat has greatly affected their numbers.

Anglers on or near the east coast, have great success with eel. They are very hardy and can be easily kept alive in wet areas. In the Southeast, salamanders are preferred. It is always wise to do some research to find out what works well in your particular area.

A word of caution about the use of live bait is that it must be put on the hook correctly. When placing a live bait on your hook, great care should be taken to hook it in a manner that will make it appear natural.

Whatever bait you choose, load up and head for the fishing hole. Remember to fish safe, and keep our lakes and streams clean.

## Sportsline

(Continued from page four)

of optimism for the Wildcat faithful comes in the person of a pair of freshmen — Marvin Stone and Keith Bogans.

Cats of the past like Derek Anderson got a taste of what these two can do during the summer pickup games. Legend has it that Bogans boldly challenged "D.A." the NBA star with no apologies.

"When I play against those guys, I want to go out and play hard. I don't want to be a laid back type of player. I want to go at them before they go at me," Bogans said. "To me, they're just on the next level. It's nice that they're playing in the NBA but I'm going to go at 'em, regardless of who they are."

And from what source does this kind of confidence stem?

"I just picked that up on my own," Bogans explained. "When I was a kid, I used to always play against the older kids. When I was nine, I was playing like 14-and-under. Older guys never intimidated me. If they want to talk trash,

I'll talk trash."

Stone is not nearly so brash in his conversation, but he plays the game with a similar level of unapologetic bravado. He attacks missed shots as if they are his by birthright and yet there's a real sense of finesse to his offensive game.

"When I was young, I always liked to pass the ball," Stone said of his passing skills, amazingly good for a big man so young. "I'm always double-teamed and triple-teamed, so you have to pass the ball."

Stone says starting doesn't concern him, nor do points. He'll be content to specialize in rebounding, shot-blocking and defending if that's what it takes to help the Wildcats succeed.

And what of those bold statements from coach Tubby Smith, about Stone perhaps becoming the best big man ever produced at UK?

"It makes me feel pretty good," he said. "The pressure really don't bother me. I just want to have fun."



CRYSTAL OSBORNE WAS NAMED Twirler of the Month for the month of October. She is a member of the Kentucky Dazzalettes. She attends Betsy Layne Elementary.



ELIZABETH SPRADLIN, A MEMBER OF THE Kentucky Dazzalettes, was named Twirler of the Month in October. Spradlin attends Stumbo Elementary.

INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

Rookie Prevails In Rare Fish-Off

In a rare Sunday morning fish-off, little-known pro Rufus Johnson of Strawplains, Tenn., utilized the three-hour overtime period well enough to win the \$213,000 BASSMASTER Alabama Eastern Invitational on Lake Martin over the weekend.

At the end of regulation competition Saturday, leader Carl Maxfield of Summerville, S.C., found himself deadlocked with Johnson, who had charged from 48th place on the final day into a first-place tie with a total of 25 pounds, 4 ounces. Maxfield and Johnson were sent back onto Lake Martin for a one-hour sudden-death period, but they returned empty-handed.

That led to Sunday's three-hour fish-off — believed to be just the fourth such overtime in the 32-year history of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society. Johnson brought back three bass weighing 3-10; Maxfield's two bass weighed just 2-5.

Johnson, competing in just his second BASS event, took home \$42,000, which included a fully rigged Ranger boat. "My main strategy (in the overtime) was to catch a largemouth," he said. "I figured it would take more weight to win this thing than what the spotted bass could give me. I pulled up to my first point this morning, and caught two spots and lost a largemouth between 4 and 5 pounds. That rattled me for about 30 minutes, but I got my groove back and started back to running points."

Johnson's success came on a chartreuse Fat Free Guppy crankbait made by Excalibur.

Martens' Month November was a big month for young California phenom Aaron Martens, who added more gold to both his trophy case and bank account.

First, the 27-year-old pro from Castaic won the BASSMASTER California Western Invitational on Lake Oroville. Then he wrapped up his third Daiwa Cup (signifying the Angler of the Year on the WON Bass circuit) by finishing third in the WON Bass Miller High Life Western Classic on Lake Cachuma. The WON Bass tour is sponsored by Western Outdoor News.

Martens returned to Lake Oroville the next week to win the Angler's Choice Western Pro-Am Championship (earning a fully rigged Bass Cat boat with a 200-hp Mercury outboard).

The kid is certainly shaking things up on the Left Coast while adding new milestones to his unrivaled young career.

Hines Returns Although he has been missing from the national tournament scene in recent years, Arizona pro Greg Hines re-emerged recently to win the WON Bass Miller High Life Western Championship.

Hines scored an 8-pound-plus victory over Californian Gary Boyd to earn the Ranger/Mercury package top prize.

Wise Career Move Ten years ago, David Fritts was working in a tire retreat shop in Lexington, N.C., and making \$12,000 a year. Since then, he has made \$1.6 million in tournament fishing.

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	25	Denny Brauer, Camdenton, Mo. <i>Runner-up in 1999 Classic; still the man to beat</i>
2	2	25	Davy Hite, Prosperity, S.C. <i>Won '99 BASS Masters Classic</i>
3	3	25	Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Ark. <i>Won BASS Top 150 opener; made Md. finals</i>
4	4	25	Kevin VanDam, Kalamazoo, Mich. <i>Won N.Y. BASS event; third in Md. Top 150</i>
5	5	25	Rick Clunn, Ava, Mo. <i>Runner-up in VI. BASS Top 150</i>
6	6	8	David Fritts, Lexington, N.C. <i>Two top-10 finals; Millennium runner-up</i>
7	7	25	Stephen Browning, Hot Springs, Ark. <i>BASS Mich. Top 150 finals</i>
8	8	8	Tim Horton, Spruce Pine, Ala. <i>Won Md. Top 150; leads Angler of Year race</i>
9	9	21	David Walker, Cannon, Ky. <i>FLW Tour Angler of Year; 15th in Md. Top 150</i>
10	10	25	Zell Rowland, Montgomery, Texas <i>Finals of VI. BASS Top 150</i>
11	11	22	Clark Wendlandt, Cedar Park, Texas <i>Won FLW Open; MegaBucks runner-up</i>
12	12	5	Darrell Robertson, Jay, Okla. <i>M-1 champ; won \$850,000 in two months</i>
13	13	25	Mark Davis, Mount Ida, Ark. <i>Narrowly missed Md. Top 150 finals</i>
14	14	15	Roland Martin, Clewiston, Fla. <i>Runner-up in Top 150 season-opener; 21st in Md.</i>
15	15	3	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.

PRO BASS FISHING RESULTS

Angler	Hometown	Score
1. Rufus Johnson, Strawplains, Tenn.	15/0 28-14	\$42,000
2. Carl Maxfield, Summerville, S.C.	14/0 27-09	\$27,000
3. Paul Hanley, Hull, Ga.	14/0 23-05	\$25,000
4. Chuck Economou, Palm Bay, Fla.	14/0 22-11	\$9,000
5. Jimmy Millaps, Canton, Ga.	13/0 21-10	\$7,000
6. Kevin Wirth, Crestwood, Ky.	12/0 21-08	\$5,500
7. Perry Burke, Chipley, Fla.	13/0 21-06	\$5,000
8. Royce Railey, Thomson, Ga.	15/0 21-04	\$4,500
9. Chris Ingram, Eclectic, Ala.	15/0 21-02	\$4,000
10. Sammy Bray, Rocky Mount, N.C.	14/1 20-14	\$3,700
11. Jim Bitter, Fruitland Park, Fla.	13/0 20-09	\$3,200
12. Curt Lytle, Suffolk, Va.	15/0 20-07	\$2,900
13. Koby Kreiger, Osceola, Ind.	15/0 20-06	\$2,500
14. Chris Elliott, Raleigh, N.C.	14/0 19-11	\$2,300
15. Terry Baskay, Monroe, Conn.	14/0 19-10	\$2,200
16. Tom Hamlin, Jr., Macon, Ga.	11/0 19-09	\$2,000
17. Danny Isehnart, Mequon, Wis.	15/0 19-09	\$2,000
18. Jason Quinn, Lake Wylie, S.C.	12/1 19-08	\$2,000
19. Tom Southern, Sylva, Ala.	13/0 19-06	\$2,000
20. Mark Menendez, Paducah, Ky.	15/0 19-05	\$1,950
21. Eric M. Weir, Gastonia, N.C.	13/0 19-05	\$1,950
22. Ted B. Caldwell, Alexander City, Ala.	13/0 19-03	\$1,900
23. Phillip Nunneley, Cullman, Ala.	14/0 19-00	\$1,900
24. Fred Bland, Birmingham, Ala.	13/0 19-00	\$1,900
25. Joe Thomas, Milford, Ohio	13/0 18-11	\$1,900
26. Dwayne Horton, Knoxville, Tenn.	15/0 18-03	\$1,800
27. Gerald Swindle, Warrior, Ala.	14/0 18-02	\$1,800
28. David Pollard, Carrollton, Ga.	13/0 18-00	\$1,800
29. George Cochran, Hot Springs, Ark.	10/0 17-15	\$1,800
30. David S. Kelso, Steubens, Maine	11/0 17-12	\$1,800
31. Woo Daves, Spring Grove, Va.	15/0 17-10	\$1,700
32. Lewis Lecroy, Olathe, Kan.	12/0 17-05	\$1,700
33. Coby Carden, Shelby, Ala.	13/0 17-02	\$1,700
34. Frank M. Kitchens III, Oxford, Ga.	12/0 17-01	\$1,700
35. James A. Parker, Fayetteville, N.C.	14/0 16-15	\$1,650
36. Art Ferguson III, Rochester, Mich.	13/0 16-15	\$1,650
37. Jody Cordell, Stone Mountain, Ga.	12/0 16-14	\$1,600
38. Bobby Padgett, Columbus, Ga.	15/0 16-08	\$1,600
39. Jay Yelas, Tyler, Texas	15/0 16-08	\$1,600
40. Jay Kendrick, Kingston, Ga.	11/0 16-06	\$1,600
41. Tommy Stiles, McMinnville, Tenn.	11/0 16-02	\$1,500
42. Ronnie Ray, Phenix City, Ala.	10/0 16-00	\$1,450
43. Loren Hill, Mableton, Ga.	12/0 16-00	\$1,450
44. Trip Weldon, Wetumpka, Ala.	14/0 15-15	\$1,400
45. George T. Forrester, Lula, Ga.	13/0 15-11	\$1,400
46. Bret King, Lenoir City, Tenn.	12/1 15-11	\$1,400
47. Scott Webster, Clinton, Mich.	12/0 15-08	\$1,400
48. Jon Wheeler, Mapleville, R.I.	9/0 15-07	\$1,400
49. Robert Vogelsang, Jessup, Md.	14/0 15-05	\$1,400
50. Bill Smith, Prestonsburg, Ky.	9/0 15-02	\$2,400
51. Larry Lazon, Port Charlotte, Fla.	12/0 15-01	\$1,000
52. Chip Harrison Jr., Bremen, Ind.	10/0 14-15	\$1,000
53. Scott Turner, Concord, N.C.	10/0 14-13	\$1,000
54. Scott Stiles, Kissimmee, Fla.	10/0 14-13	\$1,000
55. Gerald Beck, Lexington, N.C.	12/0 14-07	\$1,000
56. Bobby Wilson, Alcolu, S.C.	11/0 14-06	\$1,000
57. Pete Gluszek, Pittsgrove, N.J.	11/0 14-06	\$1,000
58. James Nuckols, Rockwood, Tenn.	6/0 14-05	\$1,000
59. David Williams, Maiden, N.C.	10/0 14-05	\$1,000
60. Chris Daves, Spring Grove, Va.	13/0 14-03	\$1,000
61. J. T. Kenney, Frostburg, Md.	12/0 14-02	\$1,000
62. Jim Murray, Phenix City, Ala.	9/0 14-02	\$1,000
63. Charlie Youngers, Oviedo, Fla.	11/0 14-02	\$1,000
64. Timmy Horton, Spruce Pine, Ala.	11/0 14-01	\$1,000
65. Roger Farmer, Dalton, Ga.	11/0 14-01	\$1,000
66. Rip Bass, Spring Hope, N.C.	12/0 14-01	\$1,000
67. Dave Barnes Sr., Weeks Mills, Maine	13/1 14-00	\$1,000
68. David Dudley, Lynchburg, Va.	10/0 13-13	\$1,000
69. Larry Jones, Acworth, Ga.	11/0 13-11	\$1,000
70. Ralph W. Laster Jr., Topeka, Kan.	11/0 13-11	\$1,000
71. Mike Parrott, Jacksons Gap, Ala.	14/0 13-11	\$1,000
72. Earnest Freeman, Waldorf, Md.	11/0 13-11	\$1,000
73. Ed Klepits, Walkkill, N.Y.	10/0 13-10	\$1,000
74. Thomas O'Bryant, Hollywood, Md.	11/0 13-09	\$1,000
75. Tommy A. Holloway, Elberton, Ga.	8/0 13-09	\$1,000
76. Thomas E. Burke, Gainesville, Fla.	12/0 13-08	\$1,000
77. Alan Rusk, Dalton, Ga.	12/0 13-08	\$1,000
78. Jim Findley, Winter Garden, Fla.	11/0 13-07	\$1,000
79. Pete Sanello, New Bern, N.C.	9/0 13-07	\$1,000
80. James C. Lee, Marietta, Ga.	11/0 13-06	\$1,000
81. Mickey S. Phipps, Lexington, S.C.	10/0 13-05	\$1,000
82. Randy Melvin, Boca Grande, Fla.	12/0 13-04	\$1,000
83. Raymond A. Craig, Crooksville, Ohio	9/0 13-04	\$1,000
84. Marcia Fann, Clewiston, Fla.	11/0 13-01	\$1,000
85. Richard Miller, Auburn, Ala.	9/0 12-15	\$1,000
86. Frank Ippoliti, Mt. Airy, Md.	10/0 12-15	\$1,000
87. Tracy Watkins, Williamston, S.C.	12/0 12-14	\$1,000
88. Mark Rose, Marion, Ark.	12/0 12-13	\$1,000
89. Michael Lacorelli, N.J.	9/0 12-13	\$1,000
90. Roger Schofield, Killen, Ala.	9/0 12-12	\$1,000
91. Harry Moore, Columbus, Ga.	7/0 12-12	\$1,000
92. Robert Strader, Sandusky, Ohio	11/0 12-09	\$1,000
93. Don Graham, Huntersville, N.C.	12/0 12-08	\$1,000

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YOUR SPORTS

## Upstart Sport Is Gaining Mow-mentum

By STEVE GUST

## The Mental Game

### Pros Turn to Sports Psychology To Keep Up with Competition

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

It surprised many when Dion Hibdon won the 1997 BASS Masters Classic on Alabama's Lake Logan Martin. Prior to that, the Missouri pro had never won a national tournament.

It may surprise fishing fans even more to learn that Hibdon laid the foundation for his biggest career moment two weeks earlier, during the official Classic off-limits period. During the time the contenders were not allowed on the water, he made perhaps his best career decision ever.



Dion Hibdon credits a session with a sports psychologist for enabling him to win the 1997 BASS Masters Classic.

Hibdon drove to Tulsa, Okla., to see a shrink.

Not just any shrink, mind you, but Dr. Julie Ness, a sports psychologist who has quietly been working with several top tournament pros over the past couple of years. Hibdon is convinced that what he took away from that single session paved the way for the accomplishment that solidified his career and nailed down his own piece of fishing immortality.

"I don't know that I could have won the Classic without seeing her first," he says today. "I think she prepared me to win the Classic."

The arrival of sports psychology in professional fishing is a sign of the growth and advancement of the sport. Some of the sport's biggest names are recognizing the value of psychology to enhance their ability to perform at a high mental level amid the rigors of tournament competition.

Ness has added seven pro anglers (Dion and Guido Hibdon, Ken Cook, Jeff Fletcher, O.T. Fears, Joe Thomas and Kenyon Hill) to a clientele that includes athletes in baseball, football, basketball, hockey, soccer, gymnastics and tennis, as well as corporate executives.

applying the proven principles of her profession to the guys who catch bass for a living. In fact, she found some surprising similarities.

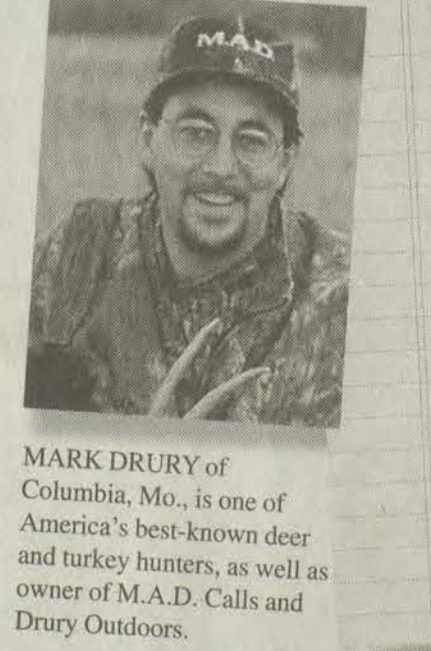
"I speak to them about the same things I speak to CEOs and other athletes about — primarily using your focus, being mentally tough, having confidence, taking risks," Ness said. "I talk about the mental side of performance. I can have the same conversation with a 10-year-old gymnast or a 40-year-old fisherman."

Obviously, there are far more uncontrollable variables in fishing (the weather, water conditions, equipment failure or the changing mood of the fish) than those involved in gymnastics, where the participant controls his or her own destiny. But that is of little consideration, according to Ness.

"We're kind of been in the background of professional sports for a while, and the sport is just now really coming into its own."

"There are a lot of variables that go into a performance in any sport," she says. "A golfer would say, 'Well, I can't control the wind and the rain.' And a tennis player could say the same. But those things aren't important. What is important is the mental side of the performance — whether you choose to set yourself up for success or you choose to set yourself up for failure."

## Tips From the Pros



MARK DRURY of Columbia, Mo., is one of America's best-known deer and turkey hunters, as well as owner of M.A.D. Calls and Drury Outdoors.

### Keep a Journal for Better Hunting

"One of the best tips I can give to deer hunters is to keep a journal of your hunts."

"How many times have you been out scouting and some special spot comes to mind that you had forgotten about? It may be a white oak tree that was raining big acorns, or a trail crossing that was only active after a heavy rain, or just a ridge that seemed to always have been covered with fresh scrapes just prior to the rut.

"If you have been hunting for a few years, many of those special spots may have slipped your mind. One way to keep all of your special spots fresh in mind is to simply write them down. Just a few short lines in a notebook could save you hours of scouting in the future. It also comes in handy to look back and see what direction the wind was coming from, what the moon phases were, or what time of the day the deer activity was the best in that area.

"You might be surprised what you can teach yourself when you make a few simple notes after your hunt."

Lawn mower racing is a sport that just keeps growing. If that sounds like a bad pun, it is. And it's just the sort of thing you'll hear often from those involved in this odd sport. Especially Bruce Kaufman of Illinois, president of the U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association, who bills himself as the "Mr. Mow It All" of the sport.

Probably as long as there have been riding lawn mowers, there have been races. But it was never an organized endeavor in the United States until 1991, when Kaufman formed the USLMRA (with the help of the manufacturers of STA-BIL, a fuel stabilizer). He modeled the group after a similar one founded in England in 1972.

Kaufman wasn't sure his group would last for more than a year or two, but it did. Now, there are 750 members nationally, and racers come from all over to participate in the STA-BIL National Lawn Mower Racing Series, which has been running since 1992. This year's Nationals featured more than 40 racers from 20 states, their lawn mowers bearing names such as The Lawn Ranger, Geronomow and Sodzilla. Some of the races are being broadcast nationally on The Nashville Network (TNN).

The great "mow-ment" in the history of the USLMRA came in 1993, when the sport was incorporated into the finale of the then-popular ABC television program, "Home Improvement." The episode featured Tim Allen, the star of the program, in a lawn mowing race against real home-improvement celebrity Bob Vila.

"There was a lot of interest after that show," said Kaufman, who had pitched the idea to the show's producers. Lawn mower racers — who must be at least 16 — compete in five classes on oval tracks and road courses, attaining speeds up to 55 mph. A drag race may hit 75 mph, Kaufman said. Still, safety is the top goal. For starters, the blades are removed from the lawn mowers before the races.

"There's never been anything serious," Kaufman said. "Maybe a hurt wrist."

Participants are in it for the fun, pure and simple. If they can win the national title, there's little recognition — and no prize money. Sometimes the events help raise money for charity, though, Kaufman said. At the Erie County Fair in Buffalo, N.Y., about 1,200 spectators were present for a recent race, Kaufman said.

Who are these riding-mower gladiators? Reigning Nationals champion Bob Stormer, 35, of Glasgow, Mont., may be typical of the racers. In 1992, he read about an upcoming local race in a local newspaper. He watched the competition in "utter amazement," and came back the next year — this time as a participant.

"There's a lot of backslapping that goes on after a race," Stormer said. "The races generally go about seven to 10 laps. About that time, stuff starts to rattle off. Hey — these are mowers, not cars."

At first, his wife thought it was stupid, Stormer said. But he defends himself by saying, "There's a lot worse things I could be doing."

And this riding warrior has no intention of stopping. "Next year I hope I get to the Atlanta and Texas Speedways," he said. With 34 races under his belt, he will probably compete for six more years and then turn the mantle over to his son, who will have turned 16.

More television exposure, including reruns of the "Home Improvement" episode, are bound to keep this sport on the cutting edge, so to speak. But despite the exposure and the possibility of increased sponsorships, there will be only one motivation for the men and women with mower madness.

"Hey, it's just a hoot," Stormer said. "These mowers handle like outhouses. Most people, when they see our mowers, laugh but are endeared to them. It's a good thing to offer them."

Steve Gust is a writer in Edmond, Okla.



Lawn mower racers round a curve at a USLMRA event.

## GEAR AND GOODIES

### Anchor Promises to Hang Up Less Often

When it comes to anchors, it seems that most fishermen have never found one that they completely like. A new anchor designed for small and medium-sized fresh- and saltwater boats may just change that situation.

Capt. Jep Turner of Louisiana was one of those anglers frustrated by traditional anchors, and he set out to design a better one. The result is the Mighty Mite Hang and Release Anchor, a grapple-type anchor consisting of a lead-filled aluminum pipe and five half-inch malleable aluminum prongs.

The key to the design is the aluminum prongs, which straighten out to release the anchor from most underwater snags it may encounter. The prongs can then be easily bent back into their original shape.

The rust-proof anchor works well with various types of bottom structure. Users say it is practically impossible to get the anchor stuck in mud, sand, oysters, rocks, wrecks or jetties.

The Mighty Mite is available in a 12-pound version for boats of 18 to 24 feet, and an 8-pound version for boats up to 18 feet.

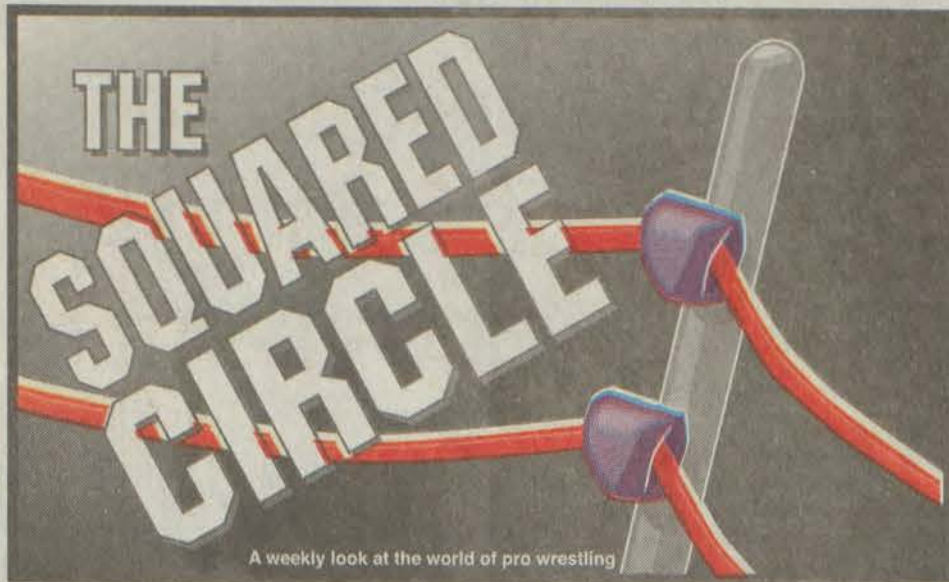
A PVC mounting bracket is also available for convenient storage.

— Tim Tucker

For more information, call Mighty Mite at (800) 290-9293.



The Mighty Mite's malleable prongs allow the anchor to be pulled free of most obstructions.



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. Kane, WWF



■ SCOTT STEINER ■ KANE

Look for: Scott Steiner, aka Big Poppa Pump, to return to the ring.

**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**

Tell us what you think about professional wrestling, its stars, trends and story lines.

Give us your feedback on wrestlers or issues you'd like to see on this page.

Also, if you have a question or comment about a subject, write to us at The Squared Circle, c/o Sports, News Journal, 70 W. Fourth St., Mansfield, Ohio 44903. You can fax it to us at 419-521-7415 or e-mail to aconchel@cosmg.com. Please include your hometown.

Dear Squared Circle, Here are my top 10:

1. Kevin Nash
2. Scott Hall
3. Triple H
4. The Rock
5. X-Pac
6. Kane
7. Sting
8. Chyna
9. Chris Jericho
10. Harlem Heat

—Cody Bays Bucyrus, Ohio

Dear Squared Circle, Can you tell me where Sam Houston is and what he's doing now?

—Jeff Orr Fayetteville, N.C.

A. Houston dropped out of sight several years ago. He wrestled independent cards in the East and Midwest up until the mid-1990s. By the way, he is Jake Roberts' half-brother.

Dear Squared Circle, I loved Magnum T.A. in the '80s. Whatever happened to him?

—Robin Lambert Chillicothe, Ohio

A. After a terrible auto accident that left him partially paralyzed, Magnum (Terry Allen) worked behind the scenes for WCW and even did a few announcing spots. We're not sure what he is doing these days, but he reportedly is living in the Carolinas.

Dear Squared Circle, My top 10:

1. The Rock
2. X-Pac
3. Chris Benoit
4. Bret Hart
5. Stone Cold
6. Triple H
7. Sting
8. Road Dogg
9. The Big Show
10. Mankind

—Blake Sczepanski Stephen, Minn.

**FEUD OF THE WEEK**



Dawn Marie vs. Francine, ECW

**CATCH PHRASES**

"They love me. They hate me. They'll never forget me."

—Diamond Dallas Page

**REAL NAMES**

Christian

Jason Reso  
6-1, 225

Hometown: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Birthday: Nov. 30

Pro debut: 1995

**MAT MEMORIES**

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history:

■ 1982: WTBS-owned Georgia Championship Wrestling is renamed World Championship Wrestling. This opened the door for the regional promotion to go national.

■ Nov. 19, 1987: Riki Choshu's orbital bone is broken by Akira Maeda in Japan.

**WHO'S HOT/WHO'S NOT**



**ON THE RISE**  
**Chaz of the Headbangers:** Since rejoining his tag team partner as Mosh, Chaz and Thrasher have regained their previous popularity among WWF fans.

**TAKING A FALL**  
**Chris Jericho:** Has taken a significant amount of heat for his rough treatment of Chyna. But the WWF still has big plans for the charismatic one.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



**VIDEO GAMES MAKE GREAT GIFTS**

By Carl Hunnell  
The Squared Circle

Wanna leap from the top rope and smash The Rock with a forearm smash? Feel like grabbing a chair and cracking Goldberg over the head? Always wanted to slap a DDT on Kane?

Well, you can now take matters into your own hands.

Thanks to some new video games being offered by both the World Wrestling Federation and World Championship Wrestling, there is no need to wait until "Raw is War" or "Monday Nitro" to get physical in the ring.

If you're looking for Christmas gifts for that wrestling fan on your shopping list, here are some things to know about the current crop of wrestling video games, including "WWF Attitude" and "WCW Mayhem," both for Sony Playstation.

First, the bad news. These games are not cheap. Expect to pay between \$40 and \$50 per title, depending upon your retail outlet.

But be careful when buying a wrestling video game for less. It's likely an older game that doesn't have the high-quality graphics offered by the newer models. The joy your gift brings will fade quickly if the player cannot engage in a weapons match with Sting or bloody the face of Stone Cold Steve Austin.

Second, make sure the video game you are buying works in the game player. All of these games are getting a big push by the wrestling promotions. But a Playstation game, for instance, won't work in a Nintendo 64 and vice versa. As The Rock would say, "Know your game's role!"

Third, be sure the game is age-appropriate in terms of graphics and content. In "WWF

Attitude," for example, the blood flows freely simply by clicking on that option before a match. In "WCW Mayhem," a weapons match allows the wrestlers to literally smash their opponents over the head with a kitchen sink, among other things.

If you aren't sure what the game does, ask a store clerk before putting your money down on the counter. Better yet, ask a kid in the aisle who's looking at the same games. Chances are he knows more about the games than the store's employees.

My pick as the top wrestling game out today is "WCW Mayhem," despite the fact the WWF is still putting on better television shows.

Most of the new games offer great graphics, vibrant colors and realistic entry music.

But in "Mayhem," the wrestlers look and act more realistic than in any game tested. The weapons you can choose are startlingly real, and the effects of bashing a kitchen sink upon Lex Luger's head remarkably satisfying.

Most of the games also move quickly once matches are under way. But the delay while the matches load before beginning can seem endless. In "Mayhem," the load time doesn't seem as long as in some others.

**AFTER THE BELL**

News and gossip from the wrestling world:

■ Mark Madden met with WCW officials to discuss the proposed variety show he and the Outsiders will host. The talks were said to have gone well, and it is expected an announcement about the show will be made soon.

■ On Friday, Dec. 17, look for ECW stars to invade the RollerJam track. Stars Axl Rotten, Little Guido and Big Sal E. Graziano will be trackside to observe the action. They might even decide to get involved.

■ WCW operations director Bill Busch reportedly attends every "Nitro" and watches each match as intently as he did during his first week on the job.

■ Reports that The Rock was jumping ship to WCW are untrue. The WWF star has another five years on his contract and is said to be very happy where he is.

■ It was great to see Jushin Thunder Liger back in the ring on "Nitro" last week. He's a high-flyer with great moves and flashy costumes.

■ Many readers have written in wanting to know what is going on with The Undertaker. We've learned that Mark Calloway is feeling better than he has in a long time after his groin injury. He still is bothered by arthritic hips, but is said to be planning a return to the WWF before Royal Rumble. Taker is thinking about working some shows over Christmas for a promoter in Puerto Rico.

■ Look for Van Hammer to receive a new gimmick and a bigger push.

■ The WWF says it is not interested in signing Randy Savage. But talks with The Macho Man and his valet/girlfriend Gorgeous George (Stephanie Bellars) could resume. Also, don't forget that the Slim Jim contract is exclusively Savage's and likely will follow him to the WWF, should he sign there.

■ Sting is returning to his babyface role. WCW management tried putting him over with the fans, but it hasn't worked. Also expect Liz to manage Sting for a while.

■ The Godfather has signed a three-year extension to remain in the WWF. Charles Wright had reached an agreement with the WWF to remain in the federation earlier this year, and now they have finalized that deal.

■ Vince McMahon was quoted in The Wall Street Journal: "You'll see less aggression, less colorful language, less sexuality. Some of the more-controversial characters may not appear on a regular basis." Sounds like the WWF's attitude just got a little bit of an adjustment from losing Coca-Cola as a sponsor and threats by others to pull out as well.

**COMING TO YOUR TOWN**

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:



- WWF...  
Dec. 13, "Raw Is War," Tampa, Fla.
- Dec. 14, "Smackdown," Tallahassee, Fla.
- Dec. 20, "Raw Is War," Houston

Dec. 14, "Thunder" taping, Madison, Wis.

WCW...  
Dec. 13, "Nitro," New Orleans

ECW...  
Dec. 16, Cookeville, Tenn.  
Dec. 18, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
St. John 3:16

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## Take your 'dog-gone' time before choosing a pet

Story and photos by Pam Shingler

The image of a cute, cuddly puppy or kitten under the Christmas tree conjures Norman Rockwell's pictures and fantasies about home and family life.

And there's no better place to find a pet than the Floyd County Animal Shelter, which, as of Wednesday, has about 24 puppies and four kittens, along with 35 adult dogs and 12 cats — the numbers change daily.

But before you rush over to Stephens Branch in West Prestonsburg to pick from the litters, the shelter staff asks you to think hard and to make sure your dream fits with the reality of your own personality and home situation.

In fact, here are some realities to consider before you get a pet, now or any time.

- Puppies poop on the carpet until they learn not to, and sometimes that takes longer than you think it should.

- Kittens scratch everything, including curtains, expensive furniture and nice clothes.

- Puppies and kittens run underfoot before you can say "Scat!"

- Like babies, puppies and kittens sleep most of the time, but when they are awake, they are bundles of energy, unleashed rambunctious, pranksters on unsteady feet.

- Also, like babies, they learn at different rates, none before its time. Don't expect a little critter to stop playing just because you're tired or to stop nipping at your hose because you say so.

- And also like babies, puppies grow. That tiny, precious, wriggly thing that fits in your hand might grow to weigh more than you do, capable of doing great damage to your personal property — albeit unintentional — and making you wonder who's leading whom on that leash.

- As for adult pets, you need to remember that the yard is their bathroom and there's no flush toilet. What follows is that you and someone you love and/or fear is likely to step in the droppings sooner or later.

- You also need to remember that many dogs are natural diggers. They like to make holes and hide things, and they like to search for yard vermin, sometimes scratching a mole trail across your coifed lawn. They'll also tromp on your hollyhocks, scatter your roses, and knock over your peonies.

- Indoor cats that use litter boxes will eventually and odoriferously fill them up.

- Like other living creatures, dogs and cats need fresh water and steady meals every day to be healthy. Crying "OOPS, I forgot to feed the

dog" on a regular basis won't cut it.

- Like human beings, cats and dogs have different personalities. No two are alike. Some are ornery, some are doting; some are independent and some exceedingly dependent; some are smart and some not so smart; some are happy-go-lucky, some are whiny.

- Cats are not good pets for people who need to be in control.

- Just like kids, no pet will ever suit

repeating: Do the right thing and have them neutered.

- Pets have health needs, too — again, like their human counterparts. A responsible pet owner will pay to have dogs and cats neutered so that they don't bring more potentially homeless animals into the world. That can cost between \$40 and \$60, or more if the animal stays at the clinic overnight.

- Then, there are vaccinations against rabies and other fatal diseases and check-ups that run \$30 to \$40 a pop. Medicine to protect against heartworm, which claims probably as many lives as cars, is \$10 to \$12 a month, and if you administer flea and tick preventatives, you're talking about another \$10 or so a month.

- Again, like human beings, pets need a reliable supply of pats on the back, hugs, and reassurances of "Good girl" or "Good boy."

- If you can't deal with these realities, then don't adopt a pet.

Perhaps the most important point to remember, says Rhonda Castle of the animal shelter staff, is that adopting a pet should be "a commitment for the life of the pet."

Unfortunately, she says, the population of the shelter grows after the Christmas holidays as people realize the pet they got as a gift is not what they wanted. Worse, the number of pets dumped along roadsides increases, too.

Castle advises not getting another person a pet as a surprise. "Lots of people don't know they're getting an

animal for a present, so they're not prepared," she says.

In fact, they may be somewhat resentful.

Picking out a pet should be a cooperative project, even if it's for a child. On Wednesday, a local family came into the animal shelter to look for a puppy. Wisely, the adults let the child hold and become acquainted with several puppies and then let her pick the one she best connected with.

The child, says Castle, will feel more responsibility and commitment to the pet because she chose it. The same is true for Aunt Edna or Grandpa Zeke. If you're considering giving them a pet, make sure it's what they want and let them pick it out.

Castle reminds pet givers, too, that the holidays are stressful on animals — just as with humans. This is especially true if the animal is in new surroundings. It's apt to cry, growl or snap more with this change in routine and the heightened tensions of the season.

Keep that in mind if you begin to think you may have gotten a lemon. The little creature will likely calm down after the frenzy of the season passes.

After you've thought it through and have determined you'll make a commitment, the animal shelter staff will gladly help you pick out a loving companion from among their collection of abandoned and discarded pets.

Before they are adoptable, adult dogs and cats at the shelter receive their shots and are neutered. To recoup a portion of their expenses, the non-profit agency charges \$50 for dogs and \$40 for cats — which is a bargain compared to what it would cost you to have the same treatment done on your own.

Since puppies and kittens are too young to have the full range of health treatment, the shelter requires adopters to sign a contract promising that they will take proper

## 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.*

### Inaugural chit-chat:

Talk of 100,000 in Frankfort bluffed many away, as was the case when the multitude was expected for the Floyd County Sesquicentennial...But it was a great day...You wondered who would put out a fire if one started in Prestonsburg...All the floats were fine, and that includes Floyd County's, of course, but I liked Logan County's best...the one with the 'coons up the tree and three hounds going, loud and strong...but it may not have registered so well with those who don't go in for hound "music"...Coal from the Mountains, cotton from the Purchase, pretty girls from all over...You wondered if Ike knew how much money was being "wasted" in that display of armed might...And after standing for five hours you wondered if, after all, you weren't in pretty good condition...

### LIQUOR REPORT

Mrs. Delbert Montgomery, a Floyd Countian now living in Albion, Mich., sends us a newspaper clipping which tells how the moonshiners in Michigan are keeping the federal boys hopping, these days. The situation is such that Michigan is reportedly getting more gallons per acre of corn than any other state in the Midwest. One John Lathem, chief of Washington headquarters of the Alcohol and Tax Division of the Internal Revenue Service, opined that the moonshiners are principally hillbillies and other Southerners who have been drawn to Detroit by the hope of easy jobs in the automotive industry."

But Assistant U. S. Attorney General John R. Jones, of Detroit, described the

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## One more chance

The Kentucky Opry's Christmas Show has proved so popular that another performance has been added.

The additional show is Sunday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m.

The final holiday show had been scheduled for the previous Friday.

To reserve seats for the show, call 886-2623 locally or toll-free 1-888-MAC-ARTS.



## Scattershot

Although I can — with a little nudging — engage in quite long discourses, sometimes I have just a little to say about a lot of things, and that's what I'm doing today, kind of like Mr. Norman Allen, whose column appears on the right, but certainly with nowhere near his skill and flair.

First, I was somewhat miffed the other day when the Lexington Herald-Leader reported on the young man from Centre College who just won a Rhodes Scholarship to study in England. The paper, I believe, said he is the first Kentuckian to be designated a Rhodes Scholar in several decades.

Not exactly. As I recall, a young woman from Floyd County, no less, is a Rhodes Scholar. Leslie Kendrick, daughter of attorney Will and poet Leatha, is, as we dawdle, enrolled in graduate studies at Magdalen College of Oxford University, under the auspices of the late millionaire industrialist Cecil Rhodes.

Proving that great minds attract, she is, in fact, just a few days away from marrying another Rhodes Scholar, although he is not a Kentuckian.

Perhaps the Herald-Leader does not count Leslie since she won the scholarship while a student at the University of North Carolina.

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## PostScript

by Pam Shingler  
Editor



## PCC exhibit attracts doll collectors

Dolls from 44 countries were on display at the 1999 International Doll Exhibit at Prestonsburg Community College's art gallery last week.

Decked out in their brightly-colored, native costumes, the dolls were from the collections of five persons in the area.

The exhibit was put together by Dr. John Shiber, PCC professor, and sponsored by the college's Multi-Cultural Task Force Committee as part of its goal of creating awareness of other cultures.

Also on display were books and posters about other countries.

Persons whose dolls were included in the exhibit were

- Dottie Lewis of Staffordsville, an English teacher at Paintsville High School, whose dolls were gifts from her father who served in the military during the 1950s and '60s;

- Rebecca Estep of Flat Gap, a PCC student and employee of Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville, who has been collecting since 1991;

- Betty Jo Pelphrey Conley, Johnson County Clerk, who has been collecting dolls for many years and displaying them in her office;

- Annette Williams, a nurse from Flat Gap and a missionary to Togo for the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, whose dolls represent the highly creative culture of the West African nation; and

- Barbara Burke of East Point, a teacher at Our Lady of the Mountains School, some of whose dolls had been collected by family members of Russian descent. Dolls belonging to her daughter Lauren were also in the exhibit.

Among items from the United States were dolls from Alaska, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Louisiana and several Native American tribes, including Blackfoot, Cherokee, Inuit, Navajo and Sioux.



Barbara Burke, right, and daughter Lauren display a doll from northern Germany, one of about 20 they had in the International Doll Exhibit at PCC.



A burly cloth bear welcomed visitors to the recent doll exhibit.

# Pets

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care of their new pet.

Castle and the other staff of the shelter are excited and pleased when someone adopts a shelter animal. On Wednesday afternoon, for instance, there was literally rejoicing as a long-haired, white mixed breed was being groomed for her new owner.

Although the dog was obviously frightened by the unwanted bath, she was basking in the attention, the cooing and petting. The adopting master has rescued other animals, and the shelter staff felt good about the former stray's

future.

They love to match pet lovers with shelter animals, but they also want to make sure that the animal is going to a good home.

Castle is adamant: "If you're not ready for a pet and the responsibilities that go with it, just don't get one."

She sees way too much of what happens when people are not responsible. "It's sad. The animals just keep coming in here. They just keep coming and keep coming. We do what we can."



Animal shelter staff member Crystal Mehning shows off a puppy to a prospective adoptive family. On Wednesday, the shelter had 24 puppies, 35 dogs, four kittens and 12 cats. The population generally increases after the holidays when people decide they don't want the puppy or kitten they received as a gift.



# Town-World

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'shiners as "third or fourth generation Detroiters."

We like Mrs. Montgomery's comment on the situation:

"I think your readers will enjoy reading about moonshiners here in a wet state where taverns are open seven days a week. Most Floyd Countians think moonshine stills were found only in dry states. I believe this proves they are wrong."

## LET'S STANDARDIZE

Planning on playing Santa Claus, this Christmas? Have a care, lest you disillusion that youngster of yours who has seen everything from the Taj Mahal by moonlight to the backside of the moon by television.

We might start out by standardizing Santa himself. This business of having the old boy come in different sizes is plumb disconcertin'

to young'uns. For instance: A boy dashes into Store A, and a rotund Mr. Claus waddles forward, giving with a ho-ho and glad-handing the caller. The youngster listens to his line of prattle, takes his balloon and dashes down the street two doors to Store B where Mr. Claus, weighing 40 pounds less, has a slight hitch in his walk and can't crack a smile, not to mention giving forth with a "M-e-r-r-y Christmas!" Upshot of the matter, the bright youngster does some calculatin', and the chances are, comes up with the answer, which this paper is loath to mention.

So, if you're one of these do-it-yourself guys and insist on playing Santa to your wide-eyed one, get the proper measurements. If you're too thin, you can correct the situation by padding. If you can't laugh merrily enough, get one of the older children to play a

recording, and keep your mouth shut.

And please don't get cute. There once was a Santa Claus who went shopping, late the night before Christmas, because he tried to do a jig in his high-top boots and in the resulting fall smashed Junior's sled.

## HE STAYED ON JOHNS CREEK

The death of Pete McCoy this week marked the passing of more than a tired, old war veteran whose heroic exploits had been forgotten, or never learned, by a new generation. Pete was a true mountaineer: unassuming, generous, so freedom-loving some might have called him "independent." He was the type you had to know intimately to know something of the depths of his nature.

The story is told that when Pete showed up with 17 prisoners, that day in France, after he had killed seven of the enemy, an officer asked him what he wanted done with the prisoners. "Feed 'em," the lachonic Pete replied. "They look like they need it."

Pete McCoy wasn't speaking for posterity, or was he being "smart." He just didn't like seeing people—anybody—hungry.

He might have, soon after the war, cashed in on his reputation as a war-hero. He was offered money to appear on the stage. He was offered money to appear on the stage. He was offered help from other sources as his health failed. He would have none of either. He wanted to stay home on Johns Creek, to be himself, to be among his own people.

Many owe much to Pete McCoy and such as he.

# Postscript

I prefer, however, to claim her as a Kentuckian, and one from the eastside at that.

The revelation last week that doctors and other medical personnel are responsible for more deaths than disease or accidents is absolutely chilling. We tend to regard physicians as being on such a higher plain than we are, but t'aint necessarily so.

It certainly makes you want to make sure the prescription is clear if you go to the pharmacy and to double check the instructions to the nurses if you're in the hospital.

When I first heard about these findings, I thought immediately of my cousin Fred, who died last year after a simple hemorrhoid operation. A surgeon accidentally slit his colon and then ignored the signs of infection. Fred died from gangrene

within a couple of weeks.

You associate gangrene with battlefields or severe diabetes or unsanitary conditions. You just don't expect such in modern hospitals. Obviously, we don't expect enough.

In a story from Morgan County, a youth reportedly pulled a knife on another youth, which is truly disconcerting.

The report added that the bus driver did not know the incident was happening and that it only came to light when the child got off the bus at 6:30 a.m. Say what?

Isn't it also disconcerting that children are arriving at school that early, an hour-and-a-half to two hours before classes begin? Can't we do better than that? And do we dare hope that if children have to be at school that early, they are

involved in organized learning activities?

Let this be one of several reminders before we start getting calls from angry readers. The next few Wednesday editions of Lifestyles will not have the regular Our Yesterdays column, except for 10 years ago.

Way back when the pace was slower, way back before the force of the broadcast media was so fierce, way back before the Times went to two issues — and then three — a week, the operation shut down for the week of Christmas and sometimes even New Year's.

There were no editions to summarize for today's readers then. So we will continue to publish, but without the bits and pieces from past years. We'll still run 10 Years Ago, and the 20-, 30-, 40-, 50- and

60-year wrap-ups will resume on January 5.

A visit to the animal shelter the other day — which always leaves me on the brink of tears — reminded me of a message I want to send to a friend who has decided not to get another pet because she says it hurts too much when pets die.

We lose close friends to moves or death, but we don't — or at least I hope we don't — say we never want to have another friend because it hurts too much to lose them.

The same, I believe, is true with pets. I agree it's heartbreaking to lose a pet and that pet's particular personality can never be duplicated. But, as with friends, there's another one who needs us and whom we need.

# THINGS TO PONDER

## When big anger comes in a small package

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Now that we have looked at the various ways that adults react and cope with angry feelings, there is that all important issue of dealing with angry children. An even more important issue, directly associated with children's anger, is that their anger usually stimulates angry feelings in the adults.

Since so many of us were led to believe that anger was bad and were often made to feel guilty for expressing anger, it is of utmost value for us to teach our children to accept the feelings, channel and direct them in appropriate ways.

The adults must allow the children to feel all of their feelings. Then, if the adults know what is happening, they can use their skills to show children acceptable methods of expressing their feelings. Strong feelings cannot be denied. Angry outbursts need to be recognized and treated with respect and not always viewed as an indication of a serious problem.

Before attempting to address the child's anger, the adult needs to identify the source of the outburst. Some possible causes for the outbursts may be:

- a defense to avoid painful feelings;
- associated with failure, low self-esteem, and feelings of isolation; or
- related to anxiety about situations over which the child has no control.

In addition, angry defiance may be related to feelings of dependency, sadness, and depression. For younger folks, anger, and sadness are very similar; what an adult experiences as sadness is expressed by a child as anger.

Before jumping into the situation with the angry, acting-out child, the adults need to distinguish between anger and aggression. Anger = a temporary emotional state created by frustration. Aggression = frequently an attempt to hurt a person or to destroy property. Try not to avoid anger and aggression.

When evaluating children's aggressive behavior, be careful to distinguish between behavior that represents emotional problems and behavior that is normal. As mentioned earlier, adults need to display to kids that their feelings are accepted, while suggesting other methods for expressing feelings.

For example, "It's OK to be upset. Let me show you what some children would do in a situation like this."

It is hard for adults to remember this when they are upset, too, but it is not sufficient to tell children what behaviors are unacceptable. The children need to be taught ways to behave that are acceptable. Important, important — adults must find ways to communicate to children about what is expected of them.

Even though the adults may obtain some relief of their anger by spanking or hitting the angry child, research has repeatedly shown that punishment is not the most effective way to communicate to children. The following are some helpful ideas, but not a "bag of tricks."

• A very basic approach is to be alert to when the child is being good and tell him/her what behaviors please you. Recognize positive efforts and reinforce good behavior.

Find opportunities to say such things as, "I like the way you come in for dinner without being reminded. I'm glad you shared your snack with your sister." Of course, teachers can also apply this principle; i.e., "I know it was difficult for you to wait your turn, and I'm pleased that you could do it. Thanks for sitting in your seat quietly."

• A second suggestion is to deliberately ignore inappropriate behavior that can be tolerated; that is, ignore the behavior and not the child. Sometimes, this is referred to as "Don't get upset unless the house is on fire. (Or) Be careful of how you choose your wars. (Or) Don't pick at everything, just the important ones."

• Thirdly, children are like adults; they need to have ways to be physically active that are acceptable — exercise and activities. Remember, they are not going to vegetate in front of the TV with the remote control like some adults might, which leads to another important approach to children and their feelings.

That is, structure the surroundings. If kids are left to supervise themselves or a wide range of ages are expected to play together for a long period of time, trouble is going to brew and erupt. Parents need to know what are reasonable expectations of children, based on age and abilities.

know what is going on and are able to step in to prevent "challenging" situations and substitute more desirable choices. Sometimes, this can be as simple as separating the children, sending each in opposite directions to do different things, that will attract praise.

• Other approaches to decreasing anger outburst in children include:

— (1) use closeness and touching by moving physically closer to the child. Young ones are frequently calmed by having an adult nearby;

— (2) be ready to show affection with a sudden hug;

— (3) find ways to show humor in the situation. Kidding can help the child to "save face," but the kidding should not be in the form of sarcasm or teasing ridicule;

— (4) express an interest in the child's activities. Who doesn't like someone to show an awareness of what we are doing?

— (5) appeal directly to the child by telling him/her how you feel and ask for consideration. Of course, do the same thing in return for the child;

— (6) explain the situation, since even young children can begin to react properly once they understand the cause of their frustration; and

— (7) encourage children to see their strengths as well as their weaknesses. In other words, try the positive approach, instead of always seeing doom and gloom.

Another "face saving" technique for the angry child is to use physical restraint and remove him from the situation completely, if necessary.

By all means, the adult cannot afford to lose his temper and other children should not be allowed to make "smart," unfriendly remarks of the out-of-control child.

There are even more ways to help the situation, for when the adults really get upset with angry small ones. Some examples include clear communications, such as say "No" with short and precise limits within which the child can function. Tell the child that their angry feelings are accepted and offer suggestions for expressing them more appropriately.

Build a positive self-image; encourage children to see themselves as valued and valuable people. It's so nice to know that someone thinks you are worthwhile.

Most, most importantly — adults must model appropriate behavior. Parents and teachers' actions have a powerful influence on a child's behaviors.

Please, stop, listen, and think of choices, when a child is showing angry feelings. Younger individuals certainly have their rights to their feelings. It is also just as important that adults do not use their interactions with angry children as a chance to unload their angry feelings and frustrations from other sources when needing to cope effectively with their children.

Coping with anger within the home in an acceptable manner is of great value, especially during stressful times, such as the holidays. Remember that.

## Family reunion?

Share your family news. If your family has had a reunion within the last six months, the Times will publish a picture or two and basic information about the gathering. Stop by 263 S. Central Avenue; send to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email fctimes@eastky.net.

## Birthday?

Put your little one in the news. Let the Times help you celebrate your child or grandchild's birthday. We'll print the youngster's picture and birthday information — free. Stop by 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; send to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email fctimes@eastky.net.



A shimmering table decoration for the holidays can consist of bare branches sprayed gold or silver, decorated with ornaments and then placed in a festive flower pot.

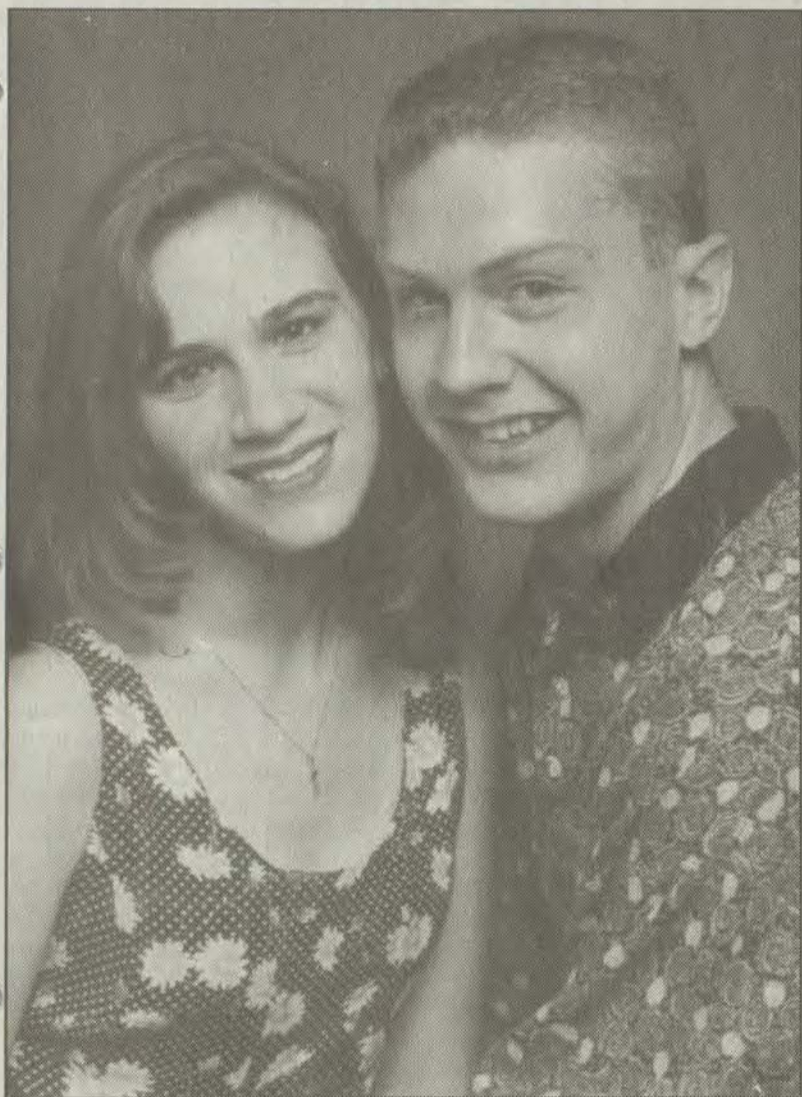
# Anniversaries



### Celebrating 66 years

Joe and Rebecca Arnett of West Prestonsburg, will celebrate 66 years of marriage with an anniversary party with family and friends on Saturday, December 18, at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn. They were married December 24, 1933, and have three children, Joe of Louisville, Lolita Ann King of Proctorville, Ohio, and Glenn Philip of Reston, Virginia. They have eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He is retired from Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company, and she is retired from the former West Prestonsburg Post Office. They attend the Assembly of God Church in Magoffin County.

# WEDDINGS/ ENGAGEMENTS



### Pikeville wedding planned

Karen Mabelle Strawser of Pikeville, and Michael Bennett Sanders of Charleston, South Carolina, announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Wedding vows will be exchanged at 6 p.m., Wednesday, December 29, at St. Francis Catholic Church in Pikeville. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Strawser of Pikeville. She expects to be graduated from Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina, in May, with an honors degree in biology. The groom-to-be, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sanders of Lancaster, is a Senior Airman in the United States Air Force, stationed at Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina. After May, the couple will reside in Mildenhall, England.

# NEW ARRIVALS

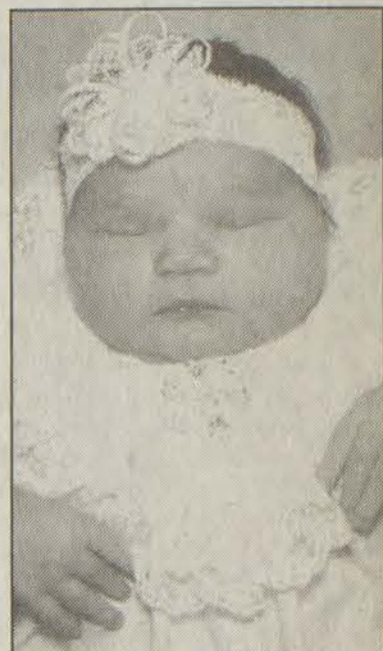
### Pikeville Methodist Hospital Births

October 27: A son, Brian Steven Fields, to Tonya Maria Johnson and John Jason Fields.  
 October 28: A daughter, Timika Hope, to Jacqueline Kelli and Scott Laverty Kincaid; a daughter, Emily Grace, to Elizabeth Antonette and John Mark Gross.  
 October 30: A daughter, Hannah Nicole, to Jill Denise Compton and Brian Curtis Manns; a daughter, Kayla Renee, to Sherry and Billy Edward Slone.  
 October 31: A son, Madison Allen, to Chrystal Faye and Ivory Allen Hendrix; a son, Daniel Austin T. Ray Akers, to Teresa Coleman; a daughter, Jasmine Sky, to Paula Louise and Ricky Wayne Castellanos.  
 November 1: A daughter, Breanna Destiny, to Jonda and William Ivle Kiser; a son, Austin Skyler, to Amanda and Billy Raymond Meade; a son, Colt Jared, to Kathy and Brett Reed Osborne; a daughter, Lindsay Taylor, to Thelma Lou Pierce.  
 November 3: A daughter, Leslie Morgan, to Lorene Lynn and Shawn Dean Wright.  
 November 4: A son, Ethan James, to Angela Michelle and Ricky James Waddles; a daughter, Michaela Brooke, to Chassie and Michael Norman.  
 November 5: A son, Stevie Ray Yates Jr., to Evlyn Rose and Stevie Ray Yates; a daughter, Kayla Brook, to Justina Dawn and Bobby Joe Adams; a daughter, MacKenzie Brooke, to Megan and John Justice.  
 November 6: A son, Lucas Eric, to Karen Jean and Barry Benny Adkins; a daughter, Destiny Renee Hall, to Angelena Kay Patton and Christopher Allen Hall.  
 November 7: A daughter, Emily Fayth, to Donna and Jamie Hall; a daughter, Madison Paige Robinson, to Tammy Gail Stanley and Doug Robinson; a son, Shane David Hamilton, to April Akers and Steven Hamilton.  
 November 8: A daughter, Destiny Page, to Jennifer and Steve Compton.  
 November 9: A son, William Cory, to Linda and Perry May; a son, Austin Talmadge-James, to Rabeca Jolene and Timothy James Settle.  
 November 10: A daughter, Brittany Nicole, to Melody Lynn and Terry Lee Wallace; a son, Corey Ashton, to Regina Lorene and Larry Allen McKinney.  
 November 11: A daughter, Miah Elaine, to Meredith Elaine and Jeremiah Thomas Elswick; a daughter, Amber Marie, to Tina Marie and Brian Keith Williamson; a daughter, Autumn Lee-Ann, to Alisa Nell and Ernie Lee Jones; a son, Lakota Ray, to Sherri and Eddie Mullins; a son, Michael Timothy Karfa Jr., to Tina Raelyn and Michael Todd Bingham.  
 November 12: A son, Dylan Wade Mayhorth, to Jeanna Kaye Smith; a daughter, Makenzie Foster, to Terra Leigh and Shannon Foster Keene; a son, Gabriel James, to Carolyn Marie and Randy Dale Ferrell.  
 November 13: A son, Zachary Blake, to Heather Lynn Lawson; a son, Dawson Lee, to Virginia Lou and Jeffery Scott Ballenger; a son, Dylan Jay, to Darlene and Bruce Wayne Prater.  
 November 15: A son, William Coleston, to Pamela Kay and William Kirby Blankenship; a daughter, Hailey Nichole Childress, to Selena Denise Blair and James Darrell Childress II; a daughter, Kayla Dawn, to Sandra Gale Damron and Randy Handshoe; a son, Brandon Douglas, to Stacy Jo and Benny David Slone.  
 November 16: A daughter, Elizabeth Rose, to Connie Lynn and Bill Jones.  
 November 18: A daughter, Olivia Grace, to Benita Leigh and Robert Eugene Foley.  
 November 19: A daughter, Cassandra Briann, to Shana Dawn and Orville Mitchell Jr.; a daughter, Keeley Lanae Holbrook, to Keisha Spencer and Eddie James Holbrook; a daughter, Lauryn McKell, to Misty and Travis Good; a son, Phillip James Jordan, to Heather Nicole Pelfrey and Phillip Bryan Jordan.  
 November 20: A daughter, Allison Paige, to Leslie Ann and James Melvin Workman.  
 November 21: A son, Tommy Blake Chapman, to Jaclyn Rebecca Smith and Tommy Owens Chapman.  
 November 22: A daughter, Elizabeth Rene'e Staggs, to Lisa Rene'e and William Nicholas Staggs; a daughter, Katlin Brooke, to Chrystal Gail and Gregory Paul Smith; a daughter, Savannah Leigh Shoemaker, to Angela Starr Damron; a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, to Shonda Lynn and Joey Wayne Wright; a son, William Lee, to Shelia Kay and Randall Lee Smith.  
 November 23: A son, Bradley Gage, to Be'linda Louise and Christopher Luther Bentley; a son, Trenten Blake Matoon Little, to Kara O'Bradley Matoon Alara and William Thomas Farley Little; a son, Gabriele Thomas, to Amanda Lynn and Jackie Lee Dotson; a daughter, Megan Nicole, to Kimberly Adkins and William Charles Branham.  
 November 24: A daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, to Valerie and Ishmal Ratliff; a son, Christopher Allen, to Billie Renee and Bradley Elswick Jr.; a son, Tyler Dewayne,



Alexis Ciera Sexton

Kristi Samons and McCaye Sexton announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Ciera Sexton, on November 10, 1999. She weighed seven pounds and was born at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville.



New arrival

Tracy and Nioka Mullins of Martin, announce the birth of their daughter, Chelsea Briana Mullins. She was born at 3:12 p.m., on Tuesday, October 26, 1999, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She weighed nine pounds, five ounces, and was 21-1/2 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Rex and Billie Wright of Arkansas Creek in Martin. She has a big sister, Chasity.

to Angel Nicole and James Dewayne Tackett.

November 26: A son, Nathaniel James, to Crystal Marie and James Edward Blair; a daughter, Elisa Lynn Marie, to Makaylee Lynn and Delmar Jr. Kendrick.

November 27: A son, Grant Azzie, to Sandy and Billy Osborn.

November 28: A daughter, Lakisha Nichole, to Victoria and Earl Lee Hall.

November 29: A daughter, Kellie Lynn Nicole, to Katherine and Earnest Bryan Borders; a son, Johnathan Dakota Scott, to Amanda D. and Christopher Robin McKenzie; a son, Tanner Lee, to Glenna C. and Johnny W. Williams; a son, Colton Lynn, to Jennifer and Lynn Cross.

November 30: A son, Ryan Ottis Kirkin, to Jennifer Lynn and Jonathan Delane Bentley; a daughter, Hannah Marie Mullins, to Kenenna Alekanohea and James Christopher Mullins.

## How to help prepare children for challenges

(NAPSA)-While preparing children for life's challenges may not seem like child's play, it is during a child's "pretend" play time that they may find effective ways to cope with daily obstacles they may encounter.

In a child's development, there are many challenges, such as getting along with friends, coping with a fear of the dark, and learning to ride a bike. To make mastering these challenges easier, parents should provide their children with the necessary tools.

One powerful tool parents can supply is unstructured free time

for fantasy play. It's healthy for preschoolers to use fantasy play to act out difficult situations.

This type of imaginative role playing lets children suspend reality and explore conflicts in the safety of their own worlds.

Parents can encourage this activity and spark their child's imagination by playing "dress-up" games with fun costumes and props.

Intelligent, high-quality television and video programming can also serve as a springboard for pretend play. Dragon Tales, a new animated educational program for

young children is a good example. Launched on PBS, the program comes from Children's Television Workshop, the creators of Sesame Street, and animation specialists Columbia TriStar Television Group.

Through a world of fantasy and adventure, the series demonstrates different strategies children can use to explore the challenges they often face. Dragon Tales helps children examine issues and investigate different methods for dealing with them.

According to, Rita Weisskoff, Ph.D., "Children are extremely

imaginative, curious and enthusiastic. This is exactly the way we hope they will be on their first day of school. One way to support their being ready to learn is to encourage them to grapple with daily situations and experiences, and to help them increase their strategies for meeting these challenges in their lives."

Educational experts at Children's Television Workshop advise parents to leave some unstructured time for fantasy play when children are juggling school, soccer and piano lessons. A little fantasy can go a long way.

# COLORING FUN

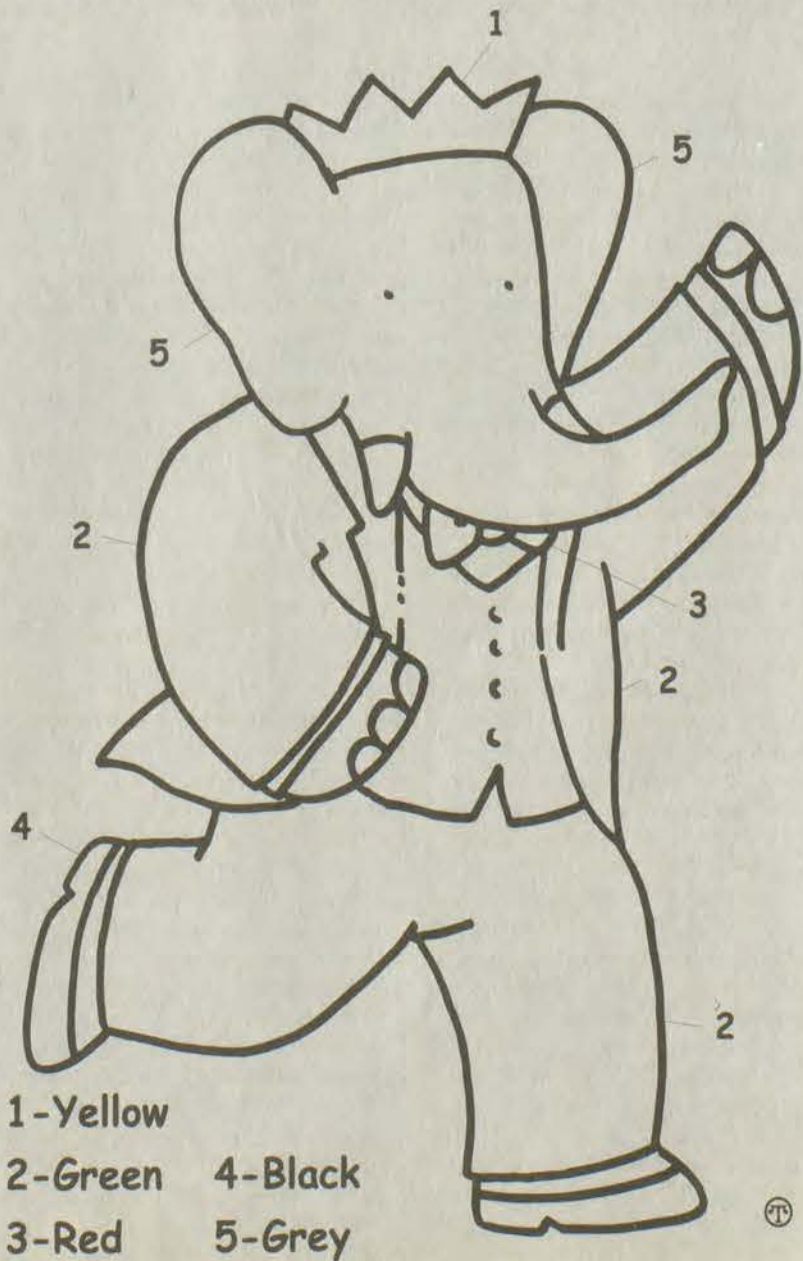
## The world's most treasured elephant returns home for the holidays

(NAPSA)-This holiday season, one of the world's most beloved characters is making a grand entrance into homes across the country.

He has a flair for fashion, is not ashamed to say he weighs a ton and for nearly 70 years has made generations of families "nuts" for his tales. Who is this classic heavyweight? Babar!

Donning his signature green suit and bright red bow tie, Babar is back on home video in an all-new feature length film from HBO Home Video, Babar: King of the Elephants. Treat your child to this literary classic he or she may enjoy for years to come. Based on the beloved books, the film traces Babar's unforgettable adventure from birth to kingship.

Available in stores December 21 for \$19.96, Babar: King of the Elephants is the first in a line of quality children's video releases from HBO Home Video. Other beloved literary tales to arrive on home video in 2000 include Goodnight Moon and Other Sleepy Time Tales, Pippi Longstocking and Happily Ever After: Fairy Tales for Every Child.



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## Public health officials warn of inhalant abuse

FRANKFORT — The American Academy of Pediatrics designates the month of October as National Child Health Month to increase public awareness regarding child and adolescent health issues.

This year's topic for special emphasis is inhalant abuse. As part of National Child Health Month, Kentucky public health officials are warning families about the dangers of abusing inhalants such as glue and fumes from aerosol cans.

Dr. Steve Davis, director of the Division of Adult and Child Health, said the 1997 Kentucky Youth Risk Behavior Survey showed that 26.5 percent of the males and 22.5 percent of the females of children in grades 9 through 12 reported they had used inhalants to get high.

Inhalant abuse is also called "huffing," "sniffing" or solvent abuse. It is a harmful activity that can cause short and long term health problems, including brain damage. Products used include air fresheners, nail polish remover, cooking sprays, fumes from aerosol cans such as spray paint, glue products, cleaning fluids, or gasoline cans. The fumes are inhaled directly from the container or from a bag or saturated rag to induce a "high."

"The scariest thing about inhalants is that a child could die from using them only once," Davis said.

He urged parents, teachers, and caregivers and others who work with children to be aware of the signs of inhalant abuse. They include breath and clothing that smell like chemicals; spots or sores around the mouth; paint or stains on the body or clothing; a drunk, dazed or glassy-eyed look; nausea or loss of appetite, anxiety, excitability or irritability.

Inhalant abuse is difficult to treat, so it is best to take steps to prevent it, become familiar with the signs and symptoms, and if it is identified, seek treatment before the problem becomes a habit, Davis said.

Adults can help young people stay away from drugs and inhalants by building self-confidence, helping them to set goals for themselves, talking openly with them about these issues and teaching them to resist peer pressure.

Davis urged parents, teachers, caregivers and others who work with children to become familiar with the signs and symptoms of inhalant abuse and to ask their family physician or local health department for help in preventing this problem.



# ACADEMICS

## Kids prepare to rev their veggies in annual Lunch Box Derby

Fourth and fifth graders from across the United States and Canada will be learning important lessons about nutrition this winter with a program called the Lunch Box Derby.

Sponsored by Washington state's apple growers, the program challenges kids to build cars from fruits and vegetables and race them for distance—proving you can go farther on healthy foods.

This will be the seventh year for the Lunch Box Derby, which culminates April 3, 2000, with the International Lunch Box Derby Finals in New York City. Five teams representing the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom will be selected for the finals.

"We created the Lunch Box Derby as a fun way to teach kids about nutrition," said Steve Lutz, president of the Washington Apple Commission. "Teachers use the derby to teach healthy food choices, mathematics, teamwork, even geography and physics."

More than 1,500 classrooms participated in

the Lunch Box Derby competition last year. The rules call for teachers to divide students into teams of four and ask them to construct racing vehicles from a variety of fruits and vegetables.

In addition to fresh produce, kids also can use four toothpicks, two bamboo skewers, and a rubber band. An inclined board or tabletop serves as the raceway. The cars roll down the track, and the vehicle traveling the greatest distance wins.

At the finals, the winning racers have rolled an average of more than 35 feet.

While distance determines the winner at the international finals, it is not the only criteria used to select the teams that will participate in the event. Teachers send in information on their classrooms' winning cars, and entries are judged 70 percent on distance and 30 percent on creativity.

In March, 20 teams will be selected as regional winners and will receive Olympic-

style medals, Washington apple caps and a 42-pound box of apples for their classroom, plus a \$100 check for classroom supplies. Four of those teams will advance to the finals, facing the national winners from the United Kingdom.

At the finals, each member of the winning team will receive a \$200 savings bond, and a \$1,000 check for school supplies will be awarded to their school.

Teachers can find official racing information at the Washington Apple Commission's web site—[www.bestapples.com](http://www.bestapples.com)—or they can obtain free sign-up information (including the Lesson Plan & Rules, an official entry form and stickers) by writing to The Lunch Box Derby: Box 550; Wenatchee, WA 98807. The deadline for entries is March 3, 2000.

Past international winners have been from Oberlin, Kansas; Weippe, Idaho; Tampa, Florida; Ashtabula, Ohio; Portland, Oregon; and St. Andrews, Scotland.



Amanda Jarrell, a third grade student in Mrs. Hamilton's class at Allen Elementary uses a magnifying glass to observe changes in her mealworm. The class watched their mealworms go from the pupa stage, changing into the adult beetle.

## Kids who help animals honored for kindness

(NAPSA)—A new program recognizes the doggone heroic deeds that some kids show each day for their animal friends. The Humane Heroes program was created by The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and Petopia.com, the "Internet Pet Paradise," and was recently launched in The ASPCA's "Animaland" magazine for children. It features the true stories of children who have dedicated their time to making the world a kinder, safer place for animals.

To participate in Humane Heroes, The ASPCA is asking children between the ages of 7 to 12 to write to Animaland and tell their humane story, or the story of someone they feel has helped an animal. Stories can be emailed to [heroes@aspc.org](mailto:heroes@aspc.org). All children who send in an essay will receive an official "Humane Heroes" certificate and Animaland stickers. Essays that exhibit outstanding examples of helping animals will be featured in the Humane Heroes section of Animaland. Selected hero stories will also be featured in the kid's section of The ASPCA's website, [www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org).

"With so much media attention focused on troubled kids in our society today, our program is important because it recognizes children who have the compassion to help defenseless animals," says ASPCA President Dr. Larry Hawk. "We also hope our program will inspire other children and adults to do the same."

One lucky child will be selected to attend The ASPCA's National Humane Awards Luncheon in New York City. Each year the event honors members of the public and the humane community who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to improving the quality of life for animals.

Animaland magazine is part of



Children who have made the world a kinder, safer place for animals may now get the recognition they deserve.

the ASPCA junior membership club called ASPCA Animaland. The program is designed to help children learn humane themes while teaching them about the exciting world of animals. Members receive monthly mailings that alternate between activity and game sheets, colorful posters, the "Animaland" magazine and costs \$16 annually. To learn more about membership, email inquiries to [animaland@aspc.org](mailto:animaland@aspc.org) or call 1-800-7769-4036 to order by credit card.

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For more information on Animaland or The ASPCA, visit the ASPCA's Web site at [www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org). Essays can also be mailed to: ASPCA Humane Heroes, 424 East 92 Street, New York, NY 10128-6804.



Andrew Noble, a kindergarten student at Allen Elementary, volunteers to assist Community Health Educator Kim Blocker of Our Lady of the Way Hospital, with the demonstration of the importance of hand washing.



### Downtown trick-or-treating

Students of Our Lady of the Mountains, under the all-seeing eyes of their teachers, went trick-or-treating in downtown Paintsville. The 80 preschoolers, kindergartners and first through fourth graders were dressed up, while the fifth through eighth graders wore their regular uniforms. Each one of the older students took two of the youngest ones by the hand to guide them from business to business. Lauren Damron, center, made sure that James Sanders and Mary Sanders of Floyd County, found their way from business to business.

## Pointers For Parents

### Getting kids off to a good start during any season of the year

(NAPSA)—If anyone knows about the importance of a nutritious breakfast it's Dr. William Sears, the author of several popular books on children and the pediatrician many people describe as the next Dr. Spock.

If anyone knows how difficult it can be to get children to eat breakfast before they go to school, it's Dr. Sears, the father of eight children.

"Breakfast eaters are likely to achieve higher grades, manage more complex academic problems and be more attentive in school than breakfast skippers," said Sears, whose books stress the importance of early bonding with children and providing the best nutrition.

Children who begin the day with a junk breakfast, said Sears, can have modulating blood sugar levels that may create learning and behavior issues, whether they are in school or home for the holidays.

As a direct result of his most recent book, The Family Nutrition Book, Sears helped create a supplement to make mornings easier for parents.

The supplement, Nutri-Kids School Aid, was created in conjunction with Rexall Showcase International, a division of Rexall Sundown. It contains high-quality proteins, carbohydrates and high-potency essential

vitamins and minerals that are said to enhance focus, mental clarity and energy levels in kids.

Additionally, the supplement is rich in DHA (docosahexaenoic acid) and AA (arachidonic acid), the two Omega-3 fatty acids that are found in high concentration in the brain. DHA and AA have been shown to have a beneficial effect on learning ability and communication pathways within the brain. In fact, many experts believe that some children, especially those with learning and behavioral issues do not receive adequate levels of these two brain fats.

"In formulating Nutri-Kids School Aid, we thoroughly researched all nutrients that have been scientifically shown to promote learning and selected a complementary combination of nutrients that promote optimum nutrition," said Sears.

Sears adds, "The powdered drink mix also gives busy parents an easy way to provide these important nutrients while children enjoy adding their favorite fruits and flavors."

His hope is that by using his formula to add a few vitamin Cs and Bs and DHAs, children will be more focused when it comes to learning their ABCs.

Call 1-888-22-Rexall to learn more or visit the website at [www.rexallshowcase.com](http://www.rexallshowcase.com).

## National group recognizes local kids

(NAPSA)—Each day, 3,000 kids become regular smokers; one-third of them will die prematurely from a tobacco-related disease. Now, kids across the country are taking on the tobacco industry and showing they are a powerful part of the solution to fighting youth tobacco use, not just part of the problem. Through advocacy activities, public education efforts and peer-to-peer training, these young people are working to break tobacco's hold on America.

You can nominate a young person from your community to receive national recognition for his or her tobacco prevention work by completing a nomination form for the Youth Advocates of the Year Awards program sponsored by the Campaign For Tobacco-Free Kids (Campaign). Each year, the Campaign honors one national winner, five regional winners and one group winner.

Winners have an opportunity to participate in events across the country and each receives a scholarship and grant. The national winner will receive a \$3,500 scholarship and a \$750 grant to fund his or her local tobacco prevention efforts. Each regional winner will receive the same grant plus a \$2,000 scholarship and the group winner will receive a \$2,000 grant to fund its local work.

"These kids are making an impact in their communities—in both large and small ways—as they fight for a tobacco-free environment for themselves and their peers," says Bill Novelli, president



of the Campaign For Tobacco-Free Kids. "Previous winners have passed local ordinances and statewide legislation; reduced the number of tobacco ads to which they are subjected in local retail outlets and in magazines; and taught their peers about the dangers of youth tobacco use."

All winners represent the Campaign as tobacco control advocates throughout the year, traveling to conferences and other youth events to train their peers in tobacco prevention. Past winners have appeared in "People" magazine and on the Rosie O'Donnell Show, participated in White House events, spoken at press conferences, and met with members of Congress.

To nominate a youth for this prestigious award, request a nomination form by writing to the Campaign For Tobacco-Free Kids, 1707 L Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC, 20036. You also can call the Campaign at 202-296-5469 or visit its web site at [www.tobaccofreekids.org](http://www.tobaccofreekids.org). Nominations must be postmarked by February 19, 2000.



The fifth grade students at Allen Elementary, during a study in classification, collected insects and arranged them by insect order. They then competed to be overall winners. First place, Lucian Conn; second place, Allison Hamilton; third place, Leanne Goble; and most creative display, Janie Elliott.

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# ACADEMICS

## Helping to heal America's children



Promoting the joy of reading is the goal of NEA's Read Across America, says NEA President Bob Chase, pictured here with Phillip McGloin and The Cat in the Hat.

## How to help your child love to read

(NAPSA)-Researchers at the U.S. Department of Education say the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success is seeing that children learn to read.

To help children and parents, experts at the National Education Association (NEA) have come up with five steps and one special day.

The steps include:

1. Have a good supply of books, newspapers and magazines at home. Children with access to lots of reading material read better than children who don't.

2. Be a role model. A love of reading comes through exposure. Children need to be read to often and they need to see family members reading and writing.

3. Start early. The ideal time to begin sharing books with children is during infancy. From early on, children should own books, be read to often and talk about books they know. Ask them to elaborate or add their own endings.

4. Teach your children while you read aloud. When you read to your children, help them learn the basic rules of print. Point out how spaces separate words. Occasionally, run your finger along with the words as you read so your child can learn that sentences start on the left and go to the right. Point to the period at the end of a sentence and say "that's the end."

5. Participate in Read Across America Day, March 2, 2000. To celebrate what would have been the 96th birthday of beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss, also known as Theodor Geisel, the NEA, parents and teachers are organizing special activities to spotlight the importance of reading with children.

"The more children read, the better they do in school," says NEA President Bob Chase. "So on March 2, we're calling for every child in every school in every community to read with a caring adult."

The NEA is the nation's largest professional employee organization, representing nearly 2.5 million elementary and secondary teachers, higher education faculty, education support personnel, school administrators, retired educators and students preparing to become teachers.

To learn more, read what's on the web at [www.nea.org/read.across](http://www.nea.org/read.across).

(NAPSA)-The health of America's children is being improved in an important way.

More is being done to educate parents and health professionals about psychiatric illness, which affects more American children than leukemia, diabetes and AIDS combined.

At a recent reception celebrating the publication of a book titled, "Childhood Revealed: Art Expressing Pain, Discovery and Hope" by Harold S. Koplewicz, M.D., and Robin F. Goodman, Ph.D., of the New York University Child Study Center, President Clinton declared November to be National Child Mental Health Month. The president encouraged parents to talk to their children about mental health issues.

According to Koplewicz, director of the NYU Child Study Center, this is a crucial first step.

"If we are really going to make a difference and begin to address the problems of school violence, teen suicide and adolescent depression," says Dr. Koplewicz, "then as a nation we must start discussing childhood and adolescent psychiatric illness."

Dr. Koplewicz suggests opening the dialogue by asking children the following four questions:

- How are you getting along at school, with your friends?

- Do you find it hard to follow rules, listen, control your anger or get along with others?

- Are there times when you feel sad, down, nervous or feel like you're not good enough?

- Is there anything you would like to change about yourself?

According to Surgeon General David Satcher, "More than 10 million children and teens have a diagnosable psychiatric disorder. Only one out of five receive proper diagnosis and treatment."

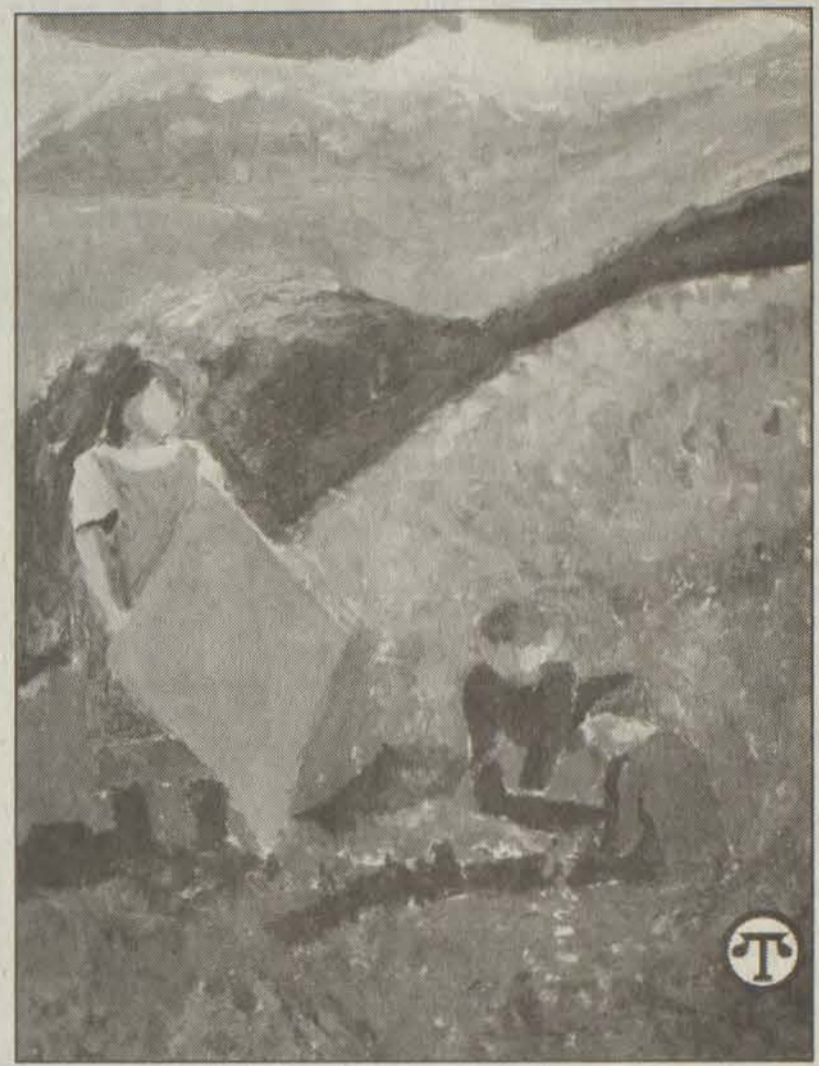
A new web site was created by the NYU Child Study Center to help parents find out more about child and adolescent mental health issues.

AboutOurKids.org covers topics from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, social phobia, anxiety and depression to parenting.

"We felt it was imperative to have a website that people can turn to for information on many different mental health issues, as a starting point to diagnosis and getting professional help," said Koplewicz.

Up-to-date, easy to navigate and comprehensive, the site offers an easy and private way to learn about different behaviors such as fears, aggression and bedwetting and helps decide if they warrant treatment.

For more information, visit [www.AboutOurKids.org](http://www.AboutOurKids.org).



In a new book, "Childhood Revealed: Art Expressing Pain, Discovery and Hope," children use art to show how psychiatric illness has affected their lives.

## Transylvania offers students summer Academic Camp with computer emphasis

Transylvania University is offering junior high and high school students a summer academic camp with computer emphasis.

As participants in this program, students will learn about computer fundamentals as well as acquire proficiency in several computer languages. In addition, students will explore four other academic areas and attend standardized

test preparation sessions daily.

Two sessions of the camp are offered: Session I, June 11-16, is for eighth, ninth and 10th graders; Session II, June 18-23, is for 10th-12th graders. The cost is \$250 per camper and enrollment is limited to 50 students per session. There is no deadline to apply, however, applications will not be accepted once the limit is

reached.

For more information or to register, contact Donna Ellis at 606/233-8228.

Transylvania, founded in 1780, is the nation's sixteenth oldest institution of higher learning and is consistently ranked in national publications as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country.

## Save time applying for college, apply online

(NAPSA)-Students have a new way to apply to college. By going online.

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More and more students are using the Internet to apply to college online.

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the College Board's college search database, SAT registration, SAT Score Sender, as well as helpful financial aid tools and information, including a scholarship search, students have what they need to apply to college right at their fingertips.

The College Board is a national, non-profit association of schools, colleges and educational organizations. It champions the cause of educational excellence and facilitates student transition to higher education. To learn more about Next Stop College, go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and click on "Apply Online to Colleges."

## Guide can help parents prevent underage drinking

(NAPSA)-As children grow into teenagers, they learn that making decisions for themselves is more than just child's play.

Encouraging news is that many of these youngsters are choosing not to drink alcohol. The 1999 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse shows that the percentage of children ages 12 through 17 who report having a drink in the last 30 days is 41 percent lower in 1998 than it was in 1982.

A new free guide to help parents prevent underage drinking is designed to continue the trend.

The guide, called "Let's Talk, A Family Guide to Making Responsible Choices," provides parents with information to advise their children about responsible choices, particularly before the children become teenagers.

The guide was developed with input from psychologists and family counselors, substance abuse experts and law enforcement officials.

Independent research among young people consistently shows that parents are the most effective teachers when it comes to making choices about alcohol.

Research also shows that when parents communicate factual information and family values to their children, it can enhance children's lives and help to protect children from potential risks.

"Statistics like these show that efforts to reduce underage drinking are working," said Patti McKeithan, vice president of Corporate Affairs at Miller Brewing Co., which is distributing the free guide. "By talking with our children during their very important pre-teen years, we can help guide them through peer-pressure-filled times."

Miller Brewing is one of the founders of the Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) program that has trained hundreds of thousands of servers of alcohol to prevent over consumption and underage drinking. Miller is also a sponsor of a safe special event planning kit that helps plan smooth-running celebrations, and the company supports ID checking and wristbanding at public events to reduce underage drinking.

The free guide is available by calling 1-800-MILLER-6 or by downloading from the Web site at [www.thinkwhenyou-ouddrink.com](http://www.thinkwhenyou-ouddrink.com).

## Let's Talk

A family guide to making responsible choices.

## How to win the homework war

(NAPSA)-One of the most commonly waged battles between parents and children is over homework. Even with the best of intentions, tackling this ongoing dilemma in a positive and constructive way can be a constant challenge.

The following tips from the education experts at Sylvan Learning Centers are designed to help you work more effectively with your child:

- Be a homework manager. Don't do your child's homework, but provide the structure and tools needed to complete assignments successfully. Often, it's the lack of planning that makes things seem overwhelming.
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- Review assignments. Speak regularly with your child to ensure that he/she understands what needs to be accomplished.
- Break long-term assignments into smaller segments. Larger projects will be less overwhelming when viewed as a series of incremental tasks.
- Set milestones. Teach your child to set completion dates on a calendar to help stay on track and complete projects on time.
- Celebrate success. A celebration gives your child a sense of accomplishment and pride.



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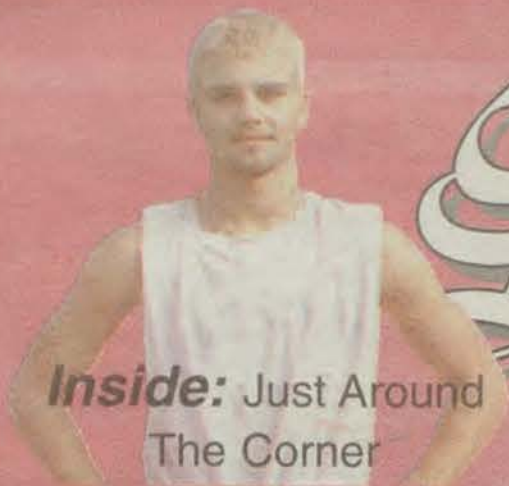
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# Sports In Perspective

by Denis Harrington

The place of psychology in organized sport is now well established. Any number of professional teams employ a "shrink" for the benefit of their players and not a few leading tour golfers and tennis professionals regularly consult psychologists for the purpose of improving their mental approach to the play-for-pay grind.

How important are mind tactics? Much more so than has been believed through the years.

Back in 1981, Dr. Julia Anthony became the first psychologist to be associated full-time with a National Hockey League club. She was retained by the Philadelphia Flyers to enhance player performance.

"The idea is to minimize the frequency of slumps by getting them (the players) to maximize their performance capabilities," she explained recently. "When players doubt themselves, then other worries creep in. Once they're not happy with themselves, they become more reactive to outside stimuli. And that's how slumps begin."

Prior to obtaining her Ph.D. in psychology, Dr. Roberts held forth as a highly successful tennis pro. Once, she was the 17th-ranked woman in the world.

"Because of my tennis experience I could readily

understand what the players were going through," she said. "Developing and promoting self-confidence is most important to game success. It's not something that can be accomplished most effectively by oneself."

A classic case in point is that of Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain, perhaps the greatest goal scorer of all time in the annals of the National Basketball Association. During his career in Philadelphia, San Francisco and Los Angeles he couldn't be stopped from the field. But the story was much different at the free throw line.

"I was better than 80 percent shooting foul shots in practice," he said, "but it didn't matter. I knew I wouldn't shoot well in a game. It was all mental. Somehow I just knew I was going to miss when I stepped up there."

Curiously enough, Chamberlain made a high percentage of his free throws in both high school and college. But as a pro, his effectiveness rapidly dwindled until he had developed a major mental block about foul shooting.

Larry Costello, one of Chamberlain's teammates, recalled, "The fans would start yelling when Wilt went to the line. He'd just grab the ball and shoot it quick almost as if he wanted to miss the shot and get it over with so he could get away from the free throw line."

Many players and coaches tried to help Chamberlain overcome his foul shooting problem, but to no avail. And that's because the malady was psychological in origin and not mechanical. He needed professional help.

A serious injury can also play upon a player's psyche long after the physical disability has healed.

In 1993, Monica Seles was the top-ranked women's tennis player in the world. Early that year she was playing a tournament in Hamburg, Germany, when a spectator stabbed her in the back with a knife.

Fortunately, the wound didn't prove fatal. But it resulted in serious mental scarring.

"I had difficulty making myself play before crowds again," she said. "Any unusual sound or disturbance upset me, made me nervous."

More than a year passed before Seles returned to the tennis circuit. But she wasn't the same player. Her shots lacked their one-time authority and she played more tentatively overall. She still seemed to be "running scared."

Today, at 26, she continues to campaign, only not so prosperously as was previously her due. Frequent sessions with a psychologist have become standard operational procedure in the hope her erstwhile form can be recovered before it is too

late.

Former Atlanta Falcons quarterback Archie Manning told of attending confidence building seminars in the offseason.

"All that booing and los-

ing can get to you," he said. "You begin to doubt your own ability."

Currently, the PGA Tour makes a psychologist available at tournament sites for those players who don't

have their own.

Worry, adversity and fear of injury or diminishing skills weigh heavily on the minds of today's athletes. Nothing is so tenuous as one's perception of self.



HENRY WEBB (LEFT) AND JOHNNY RAY TURNER (RIGHT) met on the hardwood last week when South Floyd faced Johnson Central in tournament play. Webb played for Coach Turner at McDowell High School. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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# From the Pressbox

## Officiating keeps Newsome close to the game

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

For a long, long, long time the art of officiating basketball was a "man's world." But for April Newsome, former basketball standout with the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats, when it comes to officiating basketball games, both genders are the same.

"When you go on the floor, man or woman, you are equal," said Newsome, who is in her second year as one of three women officials in the 15th Region Officials Association. "When you go out there, you are not there to satisfy anyone. You can't. You can't satisfy the coaches or the crowd."

Newsome said the crowds, and coaches, look differently upon a woman official, and a woman referee has to make strong calls.

"You cannot let people intimidate you," she said. "That is one thing the crowd

likes to do and does do. If you are a woman, they love to try and intimidate you.

"The crowd looks at the men and think they are supposed to be better officials than women. But that is just how it is. But we're all just the same."

Newsome said she enjoys the art of calling basketball games but feels the women don't get the respect men do.

"Men enforce things a little more than women do," she said. "Men are more demanding of the players and coaches, therefore, men get more respect than do women."

The second-year official said there are frustrating times on the hardwood, but she has-

n't experienced any situations that are more difficult than the standard.

"It's hard to say if one situation has been worse than others," she said. "I have been in a lot of difficult situations."

Newsome began her officiating career calling grade school games this year and has developed quickly into one of the more promising officials in the 15th Region. Wyvonna Davis is a veteran woman official in the association and Gloria Mullins has become the newest female referee this year.

While calling mostly junior varsity games this year, Newsome did receive two varsity games for the 1999-2000 season. She was scheduled to call the championship game of the Three Rivers Conference Girls Tournament at the Piarist School this past Saturday night.

"Why me? I don't know," she said. "I must be doing something right."

Newsome, while working with men officials, finds the men do not resent calling with a woman.

"They think of us as just one of them," said Newsome. "They help me out. I tell them, tell me what I am doing wrong. They always tell me."

Newsome said assigning secretary Ancie Casey has been a big help to her in her early going.

"He has helped me a lot," she said. "He has stressed to me, 'Don't make calls that are not there.'"

Newsome said she was told to let the kids play basketball and not to call every "picky thing!"

"That has been something he has stressed," she said. "You have to let the players play basketball."

Newsome said she was more comfortable with officiating basketball this year.

"I am doing better this season," she said. "I feel more comfortable each time I go out there."

She said she was not ner-

## Former standout is one of three women officiating

"I still play," she said. "Every Sunday, I play basketball. I try to get that in every week."

Newsome said she plays in pick up games at Virgie each weekend.

Her future plans are to return to college in January and she will also join the work force at Sykes in Pikeville.

"I am going to become a student, laborer and official in January," she said.

What was her parents' reaction when she wanted to become a basketball official?

"Well, mom was all for it, but dad questioned me about it," said Newsome. "He said, 'Are you sure you want to do this? Can you do this?'"

Her brother Shawn thinks she "is a pretty good referee — for a girl."

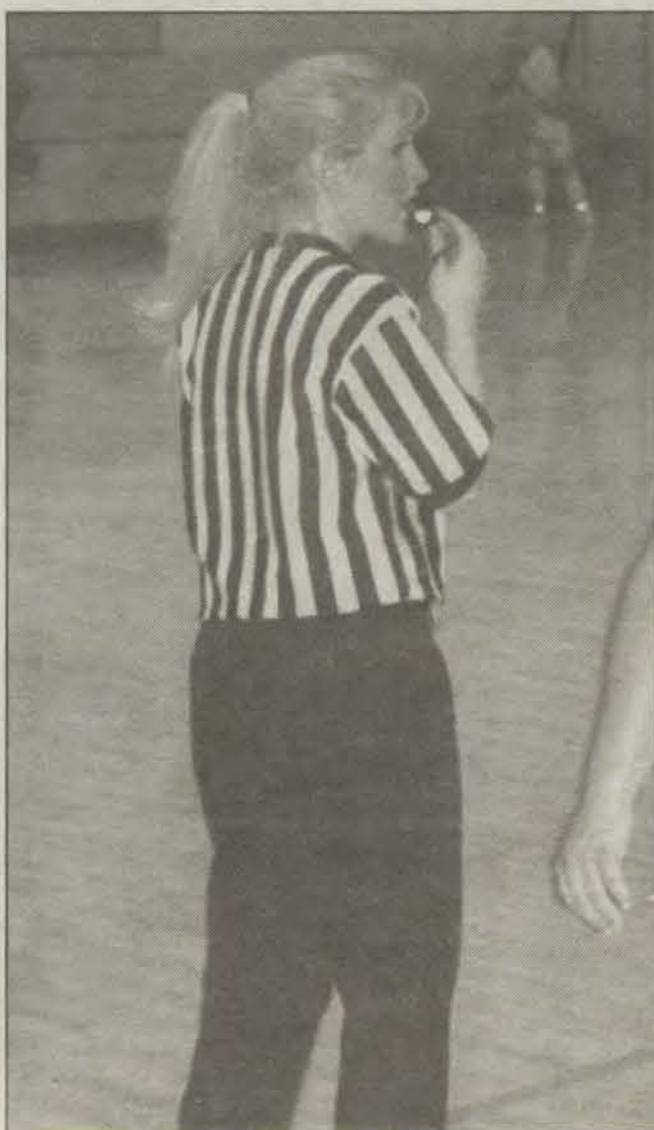
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	Sat. 6	Cumberland	Lebanon, TN	7:00
	Wed. 10	Rio Grande	Pikeville	7:00
	Fri. 12	Rax Invitational **	Pikeville	6&8
	Sat. 13	Rax Invitational **	Pikeville	2&4
	Wed. 17	Campbellsville	Pikeville	7:00
	Fri. 19	Bevo Francis Tourn.***	Rio Grande, OH	2:00
	Sat. 20	Bevo Francis Tourn.***	Rio Grande, OH	TBA
	Tues. 23	U.Va. Wise	Wise, Va.	5:30
	Fri. 26	Southern Virginia	Pikeville	4:00
	Sat. 27	Alice Lloyd	Pikeville	4:00
	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
JANUARY				
	Sat. 8	Southern Virginia	Buena Vista, VA	2:00
	Mon. 10	Brescia	Owensboro	5:00
	Thur. 13	Alice Lloyd	Pippa Passes	6:30
	Sat. 15	Indiana-Southeast	Pikeville	1:00
	Mon. 17	Michigan-Dearborn	Pikeville	5:00
	Sat. 22	Lindsey Wilson	Columbia	4:00
	Mon. 24	Bluefield	Pikeville	6:00
	Wed. 26	Transylvania	Lexington	5:30
	Sat. 29	Spalding	Pikeville	2:00
FEBRUARY				
	Thur. 3	U.Va.-Wise	Pikeville	5:30
	Sun. 6	Indiana-Southeast	New Albany, Ind	1:00
	Tues. 8	Cumberland	Williamsburg	7:00
	Sat. 12	Lindsey Wilson	Pikeville	3:00
	Tues. 15	Union	Barbourville	7:00
	Sat. 19	Brescia	Pikeville	3:00
	Tues. 22	Georgetown	Pikeville	7:00
	Sat. 26	Spalding	Louisville	1:00

\* All times Eastern

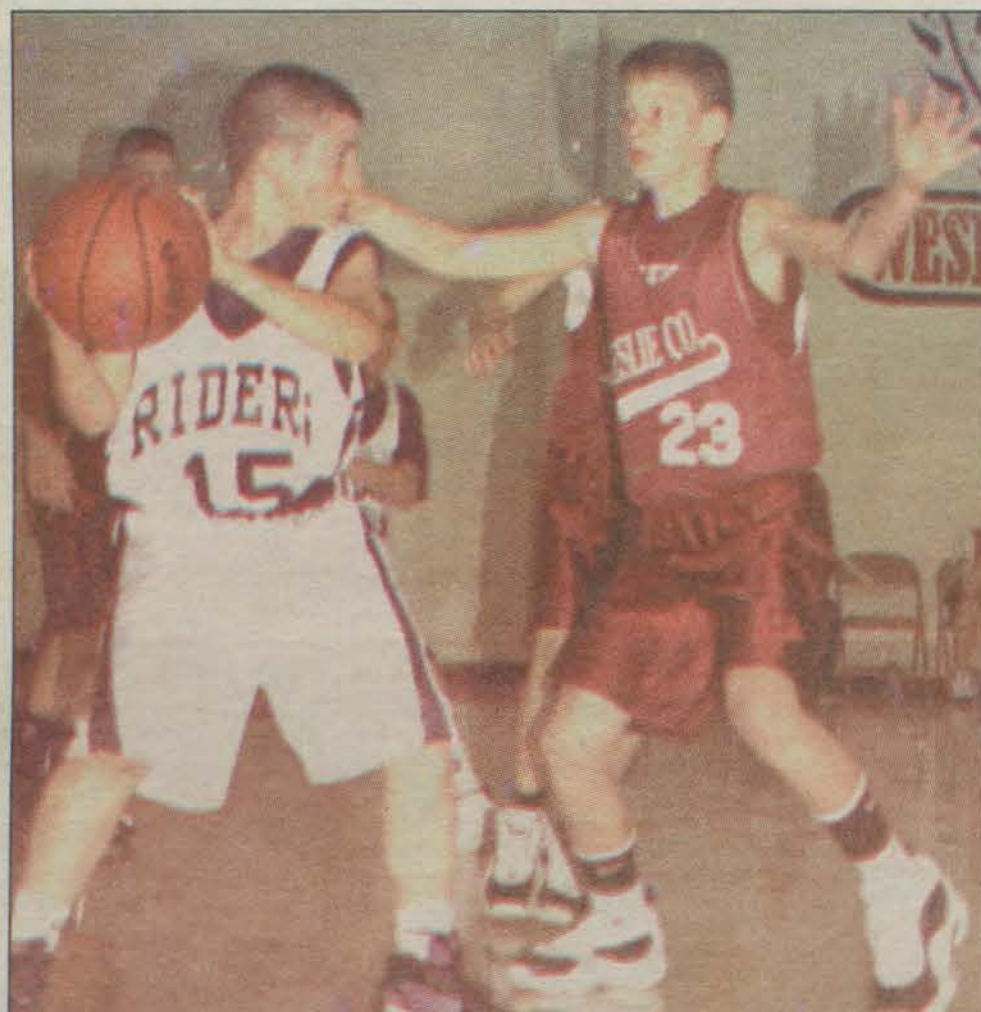
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April Newsome

# Wesley Riders on a mission



by Karen Joseph  
Sports Writer

Floyd County will have another contender at the grade school level come 2000.

The Wesley Christian School opened its doors in the fall of 1998. The school did not have a sports department the initial year. But this year, Randy Tincher decided to change that.

"My son attends school at Wesley Christian and I wanted him to play sports. So I decided to start the basketball team. Lon Murray helps me with the team," said Coach Tincher.

The Wesley Circuit Riders played their first basketball

game on Saturday, December 4, in the new gym at the school. They hosted the Leslie County Eagles. Drew Hilton scored the school's first two points.

"My boys were really nervous the first game," Tincher said. "I have 11 kids on the team and only four have played organized sports. So they were a little nervous, but I think they will overcome that."

"We started practicing on October 15. These guys come out and practice and give you all they have. They are just learning to play organized sports, so they must learn the aspect of team ball, as well as the fundamentals of the game. This will take awhile, but they

will get better as the season progresses."

At the first game, following a prayer, Whitney Trimble and Chelsie Madden played the Star Spangled Banner on fiddles. Both of these young ladies are in the fifth grade at the school.

The enrollment at the school is around 80 to 85, including day care, so most of the boys play basketball.

The boys (or girls, for that matter) can participate in football in county schools if they choose to, since Wesley does not have a football program.

Students are also involved in several other activities and with their academics they all

have a full schedule. And at Wesley Christian School, the children's academics are first priority.

Since this is the first year for the Circuit Riders, they are not competing in the Floyd County Conference.

"We only have two eighth-graders on the team. There is only one seventh grader, so next year we think we will be ready to compete in the county," Tincher said. "We have some really good players on this team. It is just going to take time for them to get used to each other."

The Riders played Allen Central Middle School on Tuesday and looked like a dif-

ferent team. The Riders scored 23 points against Allen Central. "The boys played together better as a team and we made fewer mistakes than we did in the first game," said the Riders coach.

Randy Tincher has coached at public schools before, so he has experience in the coaching field. But this is his first year at a private school.

"More than anything, I want to teach these boys the fundamentals and the concept of team ball. Most don't have experience and this will be a learning year for them. But it is exciting to watch them learn," says the coach.

The Wesley Riders may not

have a winning season this year, but they are having a good time. They are a joy to watch and watch out for them in the coming years. They have a very good and caring coach and the team gets a lot of support from the school.

Coach Tincher says, "I have never had so much cooperation and encouragement anywhere I have coached. They are very supportive at the school."

If you get a chance this basketball season, go out and support these young men and this exceptional school. It is so refreshing to attend a sporting event where there is no screaming, no foul language and everyone gets along.



### Wesley Christian School Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
12/4/99	Leslie Co.	Wesley Christian	5 p.m.
12/7/99	Allen Central	Duff Elementary	6 p.m.
12/11/99	Leslie Co.	Hayes Lewis Elem.	4 p.m.
12/14/99	M.C.A.	M.C.A.	6 p.m.
12/16/99	Allen *	Wesley Christian	6 p.m.
01/4/99	M.C.A.	Wesley Christian	6 p.m.
01/7/99	Allen Central	Wesley Christian	6 p.m.

### Wesley Christian School Riders Basketball Team

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Grade
00	Eddy Kuss	C	5-7	125	8th
33	Derek Slone	F	5-4	110	8th
15	Drew Hilton	F	5-3	106	7th
4	Devan Carroll	G	4-7	70	6th
14	Nathan Crum	F	5-4	130	6th
11	Shane Duncan	G	5-0	98	6th
5	Chris Hall	C	5-4		6th
45	Kris Hamilton	F	5-2	90	6th
3	Justin Murray	G	5-0	80	5th
24	Cameron Tincher	G	4-6	60	3rd
2	Zak Key	G	4-9	80	2nd

# Touching Bases

## How important are those sports physical forms?

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Allen Central's Jessica Martin is back on the basketball court, playing basketball and doing quite well.

But there was a time earlier, before the season began, that it was not known for a certain if Jessica would again play the game she loves.

You see, Jessica was suffering from artrial fibrillation (rapid heart rate) and it threatened her playing days. She had been having heart palpitations for the past two years and last year a heart murmur was thought to have been detected.

After an EKG, nothing was detected and Jessica was given

the okay to return to the basketball court last season. But during last season, she would have to indicate to her coach, Anthony Moore, that she needed to come out of the game. Her problem? Her heart would race until she could not breathe.

During this year's physicals, she confided in her doctor of her problem. In August, her doctor ordered a heart card for Martin. The card would be used to measure her heartbeat for two weeks.

It was during those two weeks that she recorded two separate episodes. After the two weeks the card was returned, only to have the doctor order some blood work and, perhaps, start her on heart medicine.

Jessica's parents sought a second opinion with a cardiologist.

While waiting to see the cardiologist, a call from Allen Central said that Jessie, who had been playing ball, blacked out. Rushed to the hospital, it was detected that she had a rapid heart rate.

It was at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington that the Martins learned they had two options for their daughter: 1) To give her beta blockers (medicine), which came with side effects such as fatigue and sometimes depression, and she would have to stay on the medicine for the rest of her life. 2) To have a procedure called cather ablation performed, which has a success rate of 95 percent.

The choice was unanimous for the Martins, they chose the ablation, which was performed on October 21.

On Tuesday, November 9, Jessica was released from her cardiologist and on Friday, November 12, released from her family doctor. She began practice on Monday, November 15 and is "feeling great."

According to her mother, Edith Martin, she has not experienced any shortness of breath or dizziness.

"I feel great, just fine and doing real good," said Jessica, after her team faced Sheldon Clark this past Thursday night, a game where she scored 23 points and pulled down 14 rebounds.

Mrs. Martin's concern, like others, is whether sports physicals are taken seriously when administered by doctors.

Of late, we have heard and read of athletes collapsing on the court and dying, including a UK recruit from Indiana, a young man from Lexington Lafayette and, more recently, professional basketball player Wilt Chamberlain, who had a history of heart problems. Chamberlain died of an enlarged heart.

"Are we looking at these

young people and thinking because they can run up and down the floor an entire game, they are healthy?" asked Mrs. Martin. "That is what I thought."

The sports physical form asks some pretty strenuous questions that need to be completed by parents as well as the athlete.

"The parents should ask their young man or young lady, most definitely, the questions listed on the form," said

Martin.

For the Martins, they had to make a decision concerning their 17-year-old daughter — an athlete who could get up and down the floor but needed help. That help was sought, received and today Jessica is doing what she loves — playing basketball.

The Martins were informed that Jessica is fine and there is only a three percent of a reoccurrence.

The challenge is very clear

to all parents whose kids play basketball. Make sure you know the physical condition of your star player (and, to you, he/she is a star). Take the sports physical form seriously.

I wish Jessica the best. I have been following her since her grade school days at old Maytown Grade School. She is a fine young lady and has a bright future ahead of her — thanks to caring and concerned parents.



Jessica Martin

### 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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**PIKEVILLE COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Sat. 6	U.Va-Wise	Pikeville	7:30
Tues. 9	Rio Grande	Pikeville	7:30
Thur. 11	Transylvania	Pikeville	7:30
Sat. 13	Miami-Hamilton	Pikeville	7:30
Thur. 18	Allice Lloyd	Pikeville	7:30
Sat. 20	Cumberland	Pikeville	7:30
Tues. 23	College of W. Va.	Beckley, W.Va	7:30
Fri. 26	Rax Invitational**	Pikeville	TBA
Sat. 27	Rax Invitational**	Pikeville	TBA
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Wed. 1	Brevard	Pikeville	7:30
Sat. 4	Cumberland	Williamsburg	2:00
Sun. 12	Union	Pikeville	3:00
Mon. 13	U.Va.-Wise	Wise, Va.	7:30
<b>JANUARY</b>			
Mon. 3	Campbellsville	Campbellsville	7:30
Wed. 5	Union	Barbourville	7:30
Mon. 10	College of W. Va.	Pikeville	7:30
Fri. 14	Indiana-Southeast	Pikeville	7:30
Sat. 15	Brescia	Pikeville	7:30
Tues. 18	Lindsey Wilson	Columbia	8:00
Thur. 20	Coal Classic ***	Beckley, W.Va.	TBA
Fri. 21	Coal Classic ***	Beckley, W. Va.	TBA
Fri. 28	Temple Baptist	Pikeville	7:30
Sat. 29	Spalding	Pikeville	4:00
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Sat. 5	Brescia	Owensboro	3:00
Sun. 6	Indiana-Southeast	New Albany, Ind.	3:00
Tues. 8	Berea	Pikeville	7:30
Thur. 10	Allice Lloyd	Pippa Passes	7:30
Sat. 12	Lindsey Wilson	Pikeville	7:30
Sat. 19	Berea	Berea	7:30
Thur. 24	Georgetown	Georgetown	7:30
Sat. 26	Spalding	Louisville	7:30

*Just around the corner*

**Prestonsburg football field**

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Just around the corner there is still a glimmering hope that the Prestonsburg football Blackcats will enjoy a renovated football stadium next season.

While the facility the committee wanted is not possible, the present proposed plan could very well become a reality.

Currently, the plans call for purchasing of a parcel of land behind the present football field and build a training facility, dressing rooms and training area (weight room).

The present bleachers would be moved to the sideline next to the school building with the bleachers elevated four-feet. Atop the bleachers would be a 40-foot press box for the radio, television, scoreboard operator and public address announcer.

Running along the main street, adjacent to the school, a building would be constructed for a concession area, rest room facilities and other needed areas.

The renovated facility would not include a track and field facility, according to Kelly Moore, member of the committee to oversee

the development of the stadium.

"They tell us the money is just not there for a track and field facility," said Moore.

Moore said the stadium should be ready by the start of the football season in the fall of 2000. The present field would be shifted to the right facing it from the street area.

Dirt would be hauled in to replace the present field, which contains a lot of rocks.

So, if all goes well, it looks like just around the corner, a new football field could be a reality.

**Pike teams advance in Rax**

Two wins and a forfeit helped three Pike County teams to advance in the 10th Annual Rax Junior High Invitational basketball tournament at Pikeville College Monday night.

Millard and Pikeville advanced with wins, while Dorton won by forfeit over South Floyd, who did not show up for the tournament. Each team moved into the quarterfinals Thursday and Friday.

Millard opened the tournament with a 40-37 win over Betsy Layne. The Mustangs placed three players in double figures en route to the victory. Jimmy Henson scored 10 of his team-high 14 points in the first half to get Millard off to an 18-15 lead at the intermission. Eric Slone scored 11, nine in the second half, to ensure the win, Robbie

Spears also tossed in 11.

Newsome led Betsy Layne with 14 points, while Kidd added 10 points for the Bobcats.

Millard will play Pikeville in the quarterfinals, as the Panthers knocked off Turkey Creek, 60-48.

Robert Shurtleff scored 14 second-half points, finishing with 21 to pace the Panthers.

Pikeville built a 29-19 lead at intermission thanks to balanced scoring. In addition to Shurtleff's seven, Kelsey Friend scored all eight of his points before the break, and David Fish tossed in seven.

Fish finished with 11, while Jan Johnson tossed in 10 for Coach Bart Williams' team.

Paul Howard led all scorers on the night, scoring 31 for the Wildcats. He had 17 first-half points.

Doug Howard scored 12 for Turkey Creek.

Dorton got a win in the final game of the night, advancing when South Floyd failed to show.

**Jamerson lead Allen past Elkhorn City**

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Nicholas Jamerson scored a team-high 10 points and Nathan Newsome netted nine to lead the Allen Eagles to a 36-29 decision over Elkhorn City in a quarterfinal game in the 10th Annual Rax/Pikeville College Junior High Tournament held at Pikeville College.

Allen jumped out to a 20-12 half-time lead and held on for the win. Brandon Ratliff scored 19 points for the Cougars to lead all scorers. The two teams played Thursday night.

Allen and Virgie completed the first round of the tournament and Pikeville became the first team to qualify for Saturday morning's semifinals.

Virgie became the eighth team to

reach the quarterfinals with a 42-17 win over Phelps. The Eagles broke open a close game in the second quarter. Leading 10-7, Virgie scored 18 of the last 21 points of the half to lead 28-10 by intermission.

Jon Newsome led all scorers with 13 points. Todd Miller and Patrick Tackett had eight points each. Adam Prater and Gabriel Stevens, who had five markers each, led Phelps.

Robert Shurtleff scored 11 of his 13 points in the first half as Pikeville knocked off Millard 57-14 in the final game Thursday evening.

Kelsey Friend chipped in 11 for the Panthers, who await the winner of Friday's Dorton/Mullins game in the semifinals.

Robbie Spears, who scored seven for Millard, led the Mustang output on the night.

**Louisville Cardinals  
1999-2000 Schedule**

<b>November</b>			
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)		
<b>December</b>			
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
<b>January</b>			
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
<b>February</b>			
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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