

Monday morning inferno...

## **Cops nab 28** in Pike, Floyd drug sweep

#### **Times Staff Report**

Police arrested 28 people in Pike and Floyd counties yesterday during an early-morning drug raid. According to Kentucky State police, officers from that department, in conjunction with Pikeville City Police and the Pike County Sheriff's Department, began raiding homes of suspected drug dealers at 7 a.m. yesterday.

At press time, KSP was waiting to complete processing of the 28 suspects before releasing the names and addresses of those arrested.

Around 70 charges have been filed in connection with the arrests, with suspects charged with dealing in marijuana, cocaine and LSD, as well as prescription drugs and blank prescription pads.

The arrests are just the latest stemming from an undercover investigation of drug activity in the Big Sandy region. Since May, officers have arrested more than 70 people in connection with more than 150 drug-related offenses.

According to state police, the investigation is continuing and more arrests are expected.

### P'burg council names golf board members

#### by Randell Reno Staff Writer

Members of the Prestonsburg City Council met in special session Tuesday to ratify Mayor Jerry Fannin's appointments to the city's newly-created golf course

advertise for bids on a street sweeper. The council asked that the city's needs be specified in the submission for new bids, as well as a request for a two-year warranty on the machine.

The council also gave tentative approval to a bond ordinance. The



Firefighters from the Coal Run and the Betsy Layne fire departments responded to a warehouse fire just across the Floyd and Pike county line at Boldman on Monday. The fire is under investigation by Don Parker, arson investigator for Kentucky State Police. (photo by Randell Reno)

## Someone to look up to...

Grant will link deputies with kids in housing projects

#### by Randell Reno Staff Writer

Starting in January, 30 area youths and 10 police officers will kick off a new program for those in desperate need.

Rita Whicker, of the Martin Housing Authority, and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department worked together to procure a grant for the children of the Grigsby Heights and Pageant Hills housing projects in Martin.

said Thornsberry.

The program is designed to incorporate after-school tutoring, mentoring and role modeling, motivational and educational

The program is like the Big Brother-Big Sister program. We will have a good time with them

- Lt. Ricky Thornsberry

excited about the new program. "A mix of men and women are expected to participate in the program," said Thornsberry. The officers, who will be trained at the

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pate.

model.

Housing Authority, will be required to spend an hour a week with each child.

A nationwide campaign to "We will provide send Christmas cards to Paige more 'Touchdown' trainbegan when, after being asked said what she wanted for Christmas, Whicker. "The videos the child replied that all she

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### Dying girl asks Christmas wish

The Garrett Volunteer Fire Department is passing along word of a 4-year-old cancerstricken girl in Tennessee who has asked for Christmas cards for what will likely be her last holiday.

The Cookeville (Tenn.) Herald-Citizen reported December 10 that the parents of Paige Lane of Cookeville were told that a series of experimental cancer treatments which were Paige's last hope of battling the disease would not be effective. The girl was then sent home to spend her final days with her family.

advisory board.

Council members approved the appointments of Fred Goble, Ted Nairn, Dick Clark, Paul Hughes and Joe "Bucky" Burchett.

The ordinance requires that two of the initial members serve a oneyear term, while three will serve a two-year term.

Mayor Jerry Fannin and council members Gormon Collins and Danny Hamilton will also serve on the board

The council also decided to re-

ordinance will authorize the sale of \$270,000 of the city's water, sewer and natural gas system revenue bonds. The sale will finance the cost of the construction of extensions, additions and improvements to the existing combined and consolidated systems.

All members except Ralph Davis and Estill Carter were present at yesterday's meeting.

Another special meeting of the council is scheduled for Friday at noon.

Called a joint experiment between the two agencies by Lt. Ricky Thornsberry, the Sheriff's Junior Mentoring Program will attempt to give positive role models to 30 children ranging from kindergarten students to high school seniors.

The housing authority will provide the facilities for the program and sheriff's department employees will serve as the role models,

Floyd County Sheriff's Department

counseling, historical and cultural exploration, work skills development, personal skills development and youth leadership skills, pregnancy prevention, and youth sports.

If weather permits, the officers plan to have cookouts and picnics with the kids also.

Whicker said that, while smaller programs have been in place at these housing projects, she is

will show the officers how to be a good mentor, a good listener, and to get (the children's) trust."

Sign-up for the program will be

based on a first come-first served

basis, with the first 30 children to

sign up being chosen to partici-

kids a positive male or female role

The program aims to give the

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videos,"

wanted were Christmas cards like other children in the hospital received.

The Herald-Citizen reported that the family has received numerous cards, packages and donations since word of the story first broke.

The Garrett fire department has asked that anyone wishing to send a Christmas card to Paige do so by writing:

Whicker said that 90 percent of Paige Lane

> 4538 South Creek Road Cookeville, TN 38506

### Galveston man faces **34-count indictment**

### Rapes top 29 other true bills returned by grand jury

#### **Times Staff Report**

A Floyd County grand jury issued a 34-count indictment against a Galveston man, with all but two counts related to drug or weapons violations.

Timothy Wayne Hall, 37, was one of 30 people indicted by the grand jury yesterday. He now faces three counts of first-degree drug trafficking, five counts of second-degree drug trafficking, five counts of third-degree drug trafficking, seven counts of pos- session of a handgun by a convicted felon, 12 counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and two counts of possession of a police radio following the grand jury's action.

Of the 34 counts, only seven -the third-degree trafficking and the police radio violations - are not felonies.

According to the indictment, nearly all of the drug charges against Hall involve prescription drugs, including Xanax, Valium, Valium Mylan, Lortab, Tylox and codeine. One count alleges Hall sold 51.4 grams of cocaine.

The charges arose after officers with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department raided Hall's home October 29, seizing the cocaine and over 700 pills.

When Hall first appeared in court to answer the drug charges in November, police slapped him with the weapons and police radio charges.

#### Two charged with rape

In a pair of indictments issued yesterday, two Floyd County men each face single counts of firstdegree rape relating to separate incidents.

Richard E. Martin, 19, of Prestonsburg, was indicted for allegedly forcibly raping a minor girl on February 23

According to court documents, Martin, who at the time was a student at Prestonsburg High School, allegedly raped a fellow student inside the school after classes had dismissed for the day.

In a separate case, Daniel R. Howell, 25, of Harold, was also charged with first-degree rape.

In the indictment, the grand jury alleged that Howell forced a woman to have sex with him on August 21.

If convicted, each man faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

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## Messer's keeps 'hanging in there'

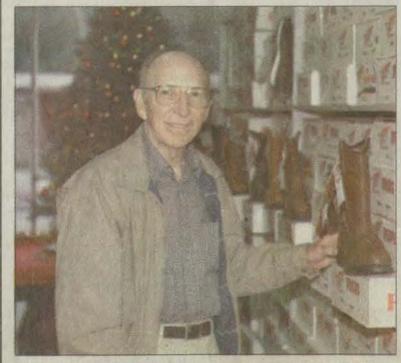
#### by Willie Elliott Staff Writer

Messer's Department Store in Martin is probably the easiest store in the county to give directions to: The Huddleston Building between the Twin Bridges where Left Beaver and Right Beaver converge.

The store has stood on the banks of Beaver Creek for over 40 years, selling apparel that people need and want.

The upscale clothing store is owned and operated by 71-yearold Truman Messer, who buzzes around with more energy and enthusiasm than many men half his age, all the while smiling his captivating smile.

Messer was in business with his brother Coet at Garrett in 1957 when he decided to move



Messer's Department store owner and operator Truman Messer shows off one of his best selling shoes, Red Wing Boots. The store stocks apparel for ages 3 and up. (photo by Willie Elliott)

his business to the present location where he now employs six full-time workers, plus part-time workers during such busy seasons as Christmas.

The store deals with some of the better-known brand names,

such as SAS, Red Wing, Dexter, Nike and Reebok in shoes and Corretta and Levi Strauss in clothing. Messer said Dockers pants are an especially popular item for He said men. Dockers have cut into traditional dress pants sales. He said he wears the brands he sells, mentioning Hardwick in suits and Dockers for most any occasion.

Messer said most of the orders were done by telemarketing. He said a few salesmen still came to the store, but he said he and his son-in-law Denver Ousley phoned orders to the company using numbers kept on the store's Rolodex.

Messer said the secret to surviving all these years resulted from "being tough and hanging in there" and the loyal customers who keep coming back. He mentioned Bessie Woods of Allen who has been coming to the his store for many years. He said some families have shopped at the store for as many as four generations.

Messer said his business was evenly divided among age groups. He said anyone from age 3 and up could find what was needed in the way of apparel at



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

the store.

The three busiest times of the year are the same ones that occur at most stores: Easter, back-toschool and Christmas. Messer said the down-times for the store were March and September, but added, "We generally run pretty even throughout the year.'

The store holds three traditional sales --- clearance, January sales and back-to-school.

Messer said he keeps up with styles by going to clothing shows and just watching what people are wearing. He said he enjoyed seeing what people wear.

What does a man who has

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## **Grand Jury**

### Other indictments

Others indicted by the grand jury yesterday include:

Danny R. Harris, 30, Galveston, drug trafficking for allegedly selling five or more pounds of marijuana on October 29, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia for allegedly possessing rolling papers and an indoor grow light, and one county of being a persistent felony offend-

William Ray Johnson, 28, Auxier, drug trafficking for allegedly selling less than eight ounces of marijuana on July 16. two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia for allegedly possessing rolling papers and scales, marijuana possession and marijuana cultivation.

Matt Newsome, 24, Prestonsburg, trafficking in a simulated controlled substance for



deputy two counterfeit drugs on felony offender. March 29, possession of drug paraphernalia for allegedly possessing a straw, and first-degree cocaine possession.

Randall N. Ray, 22, and Johnathan M. Sowards, 23, both of Pikeville, drug trafficking for allegedly selling five or more pounds of marijuana on September 11; four counts of possession of drug paraphernalia for allegedly possessing scales, balances, a sifter and a set of lights; and marijuana possession.

Jason R. White, 21, Prestonsburg, possession of LSD, possession of marijuana, and driving under the influence of drugs.

James L. Yates, 24, Honaker, second-degree assault for allegedly scraping Betty J. Yates with a knife on April 24, first-degree fleeing a police officer, and violation of a protective order.

Oscar Little, 22, fourthdegree assault for allegedly hitting David Howell with an ax handle on August 17.

Randy Owens, 27, Blue River, violation of a protective order, first-degree fleeing a police

allegedly selling an undercover officer, and being a persistent home of Elizabeth Ousley on April

James E. Miller, 42, second-degree David, theft and receiving stolen Prestonsburg, escape for allegedly escaping the custody of Kentucky State Police Sgt. Shawn Roop on October 21.

Bill David Collins II, 27, Prestonsburg, first-degree bail jumping for allegedly failing to appear in court to be tried on a felony charge on October 13.

20, Ricky Martin, Prestonsburg, second-degree burglary and three counts of theft for allegedly breaking into the home of Billie Moseley on October 13 and taking two collectors knives, five souvenir liquor bottles and \$1,000 in cash.

Timothy Wayne Austin, 38, Hager Hill, second-degree burglary for allegedly breaking into the

children in the housing projects are the projects who have the father as

Messer's-

to relax? Messer is not only an astute businessman but he is also very smart - he plans to spend January through March in Florida and let his daughter Tina and her husband run the store.

Ousleys will take over full operation of the store. He said he didn't know how he would deal with retirement after all these years of staying busy. He said his wife's illness will be a factor in determining when he will leave the business.

Clyde Lee Bradley, 47.

property for allegedly taking and

receiving a 1987 Chevrolet Blazer

owned by Willis Sparks on March

4, driving under the influence of

alcohol and driving with a DUI-

Jimmy Branham, 21, both of

Prestonsburg, two counts of theft

for allegedly taking a lawnmower

owned by Edith May and a

Kawasaki jet ski owned by

Prestonsburg Cycle Center on

September 15, and attempted theft

for allegedly trying to push a crate

containing a four-wheeler owned

by Prestonsburg Cycle Center into

the back of a pickup truck.

Brandy Crabtree, 22, and

suspended license.

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"He is one of the best persons to work for. He knows how to treat people," said Charlotte Hall, who has worked in the store for 12 years.

Billie Dudley, who was busy assisting a customer, has been there for over 20 years.

Mary Carroll echoed Hall's comments when she said, "He's the finest man you'll ever want to work for."

Messer would be hard-pressed to find an excuse for being late to work: He lives in the apartment above the store.

### **KSP** promotes officer to rank of sergeant

Police Acting Commissioner Robert F. Stephens recently announced the promotion of Steven

With his promotion, Sergeant Slone will be transferred to the KSP Post 3, Bowling Green.

Sergeant Slone is a 1990 graduate of Pikeville High School and a graduate of Morehead State University.

Sergeant Slone and his wife, Rebecca Lynne, have three children, Sarah Andrew, 3, and Alex, 1.



theft for allegedly adding 200 lbs. of copper worth \$493.83 to a weigh ticket while working at Mountain Metal on September 18.

Shawn D. Walls, 26, Martin, first-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree fleeing a police officer and driving under the influence of alcohol on August 4.

Greg Thacker, 23, Harold, first-degree criminal mischief for allegedly throwing a rock through Charles Dwayne Salisbury's window on June 13.

Ronnie Hall, 31, Galveston, first-degree fleeing a police officer and driving under the influence of alcohol on September 8.

Charlene Doyle Chapman, 30, Kimper, two counts of seconddegree forgery for allegedly forging Betsy Coleman's name to a

in their lives, according to Whicker.

too," she said.

Whicker.

"And the parents get a break

Activities for the project have to

"No one else in the county is

The money for the project was

provided by a federal grant through

the Juvenile Justice Center. The

sheriff's department discovered the

grant through talks with the center

about school safety. The department

be planned a year in advance in

order to keep the grant, said

doing this same grant," she said.

Billy Joe Hunter, 21, Allen, telephone contract at Appalachian Cellular on September 15.

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Green Hall, 65, Prestonsburg, driving with a DUI-suspended license on September 6.

Accused of flagrant non-support for failing to pay child support were Eric Collins, 28, Honaker; Christopher M. York, 23, Morehead; Craig L. Carr, 21, Nashville, Tenn.; and Robert Stewart, 37, Betsy Layne.

In addition to yesterday's indictments, the grand jury also sent one misdemeanor case back to district court for prosecution.

In that case, Jamie Johnson Jr., 23, Topmost, faces two counts of theft for allegedly taking a component from a stereo belong to James Owens on January 4 and another component from a stereo belonging to James Johnson on January 7.

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who then typed up the request. The time spent with the kids will vary. Officers will be assigned to

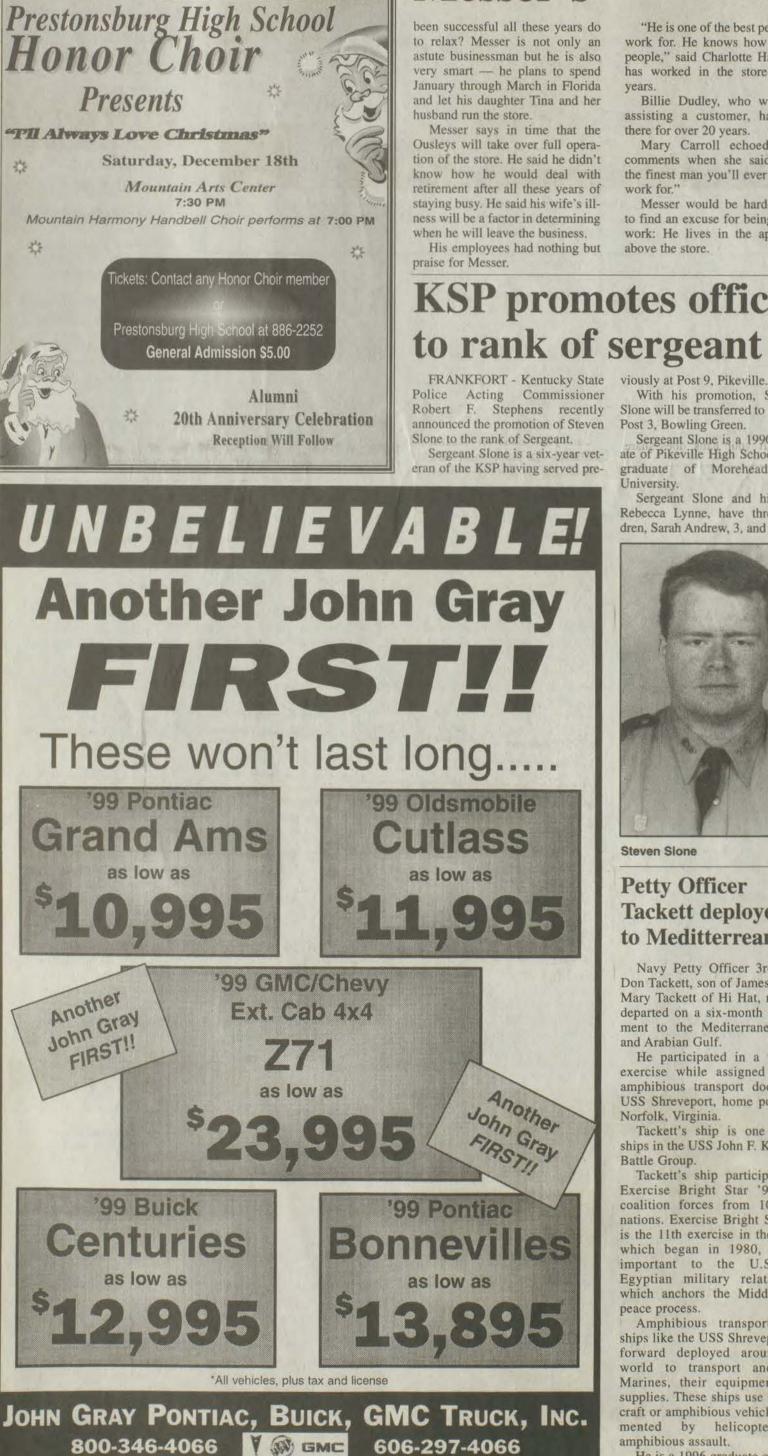
three children each and will spend an hour a week with each.

But while the officers will be required to give each child an hour a week, if they choose they can combine their kids together in order to give them a long period of time, said Whicker.

"The program is like the Big Brother-Big Sister program. We will have a good time with them," said Thornsberry.







U.S. 23 460 intersection, Paintsville, Ky.

from single-parent families, a moth- their only parent, a vast majority do er only. While there are children in not have a positive male role model

**Steven Slone Petty Officer Tackett deployed** to Meditterreanean Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class

Don Tackett, son of James D. and Mary Tackett of Hi Hat, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf.

He participated in a training exercise while assigned to the amphibious transport dock ship USS Shreveport, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia.

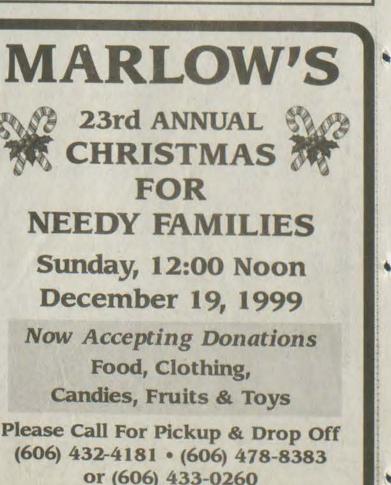
Tackett's ship is one of the ships in the USS John F. Kennedy Battle Group.

Tackett's ship participated in Exercise Bright Star '99 with coalition forces from 10 other nations. Exercise Bright Star '99 is the 11th exercise in the series which began in 1980, and is important to the U.S. and Egyptian military relationship which anchors the Middle East peace process.

Amphibious transport dock ships like the USS Shreveport are forward deployed around the world to transport and land Marines, their equipment, and supplies. These ships use landing craft or amphibious vehicles augmented by helicopters in amphibious assault.

He is a 1996 graduate of South Floyd High School.

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viduals who have a gambling problem or addiction now are available statewide following successful completion of a 21-hour training program by 56 Kentucky substance abuse and mental health professionals.

That brings to 58 the number of persons who have completed American Compulsive Gambling Counselor Certification Board training. Two certified counselors already were located in Louisville.

Gambling counseling services are available at 14 of the statewide community mental health/comprehensive care centers across the Commonwealth, said Michael R. Stone, executive director of the Kentucky Council on Compulsive Gambling.

The council co-sponsored the training with the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services, Division of Substance Abuse. It was held in Bardstown, November 16-18.

"With only two certified compulsive gambling counselors in the state, the council set an objective last year to increase the number," Stone said. "With the assistance of the Division of Substance Abuse and its director, Mike

Counseling services for indi- Townsend, we are pleased that gambling counseling services are more widely available.

> "Judging from calls to the 1-800-GAMBLER helpline, which have doubled each of the last two years, and from the reports of the attendees at the training that they are seeing more persons seeking help for gambling problems, it is an important development to get this many counselors trained to address gambling questions."

> Stone noted that access to the counseling should be easier.

> Comprehensive care centers with counselors on staff who completed the training course are:

> · Region 11 Mental Health, Prestonsburg · Four Rivers Behavioral,

> Paducah · Pennyroyal Regional Mental

> Health, Hopkinsville · River Valley Behavioral

Health, Owensboro

· Lifeskills, Bowling Green · Communicare, Elizabethtown

· Seven Counties Services,

Louisville and Shepherdsville Comprehend Regional Mental

Health, Maysville

· Pathways, Ashland · Kentucky River Community

Care, Hazard

The answer to these questions

is yes. Banks and other financial

institutions have been taking steps

to ensure the security of their cus-

tomers' information. In fact, many

have established strict privacy

policies to protect credit, loan and

mortgage information. However,

consumers can also play a role in

safeguarding their financial infor-

your financial information is

intact? Talk with your bank and

1. Ask your bank if they

follow these privacy tips:

What can you do to ensure that

mation.

· Cumberland River Regional Mental Health, Corbin

· Lake Cumberland Regional Mental Health, Somerset · Bluegrass Regional Mental

Health, of Lexington, Frankfort and Danville. In addition, several private and non-profit hospitals and treatment centers, as well as individuals in private practice, completed the training, Stone added.

Persons who have questions about compulsive gambling whether it is about themselves, a family member or a friend - are advised to call 1-800-GAMBLER. The calls are answered by the crisis line staff at River Valley Behavioral Health in Owensboro, 24-hours-per-day, seven-days-perweek. The staff knows the locations of the trained counselors and can refer callers to the nearest site.

The council also reports that two new Gambler's Anonymous rooms are available for persons interested in self-help opportuni-ties. There now are 13 Gambler's Anonymous meetings in Kentucky and four Gam-Anon meetings available for family members of compulsive gamblers. The meeting locations also are available by calling 1-800-GAMBLER.

The Kentucky Council on Compulsive Gambling is a nonprofit organization that takes no position for or against gambling. Its purpose is to increase public awareness that compulsive gambling is a disease, to increase the number of professionals who can offer treatment and counseling services for compulsive gamblers, and to provide a way for compulsive gamblers to get help.

The council's programs are funded by donations and memberships from individuals and corporations.

The Kentucky Council on Compulsive Gambling is governed by a board of directors composed of president Caleb Cooley, Pikeville; secretary Jim Blackerby, Lexington; treasurer and professional adviser, Dr. Curtis Barrett, Prospect; Dennis Boyd, Louisville; Don Clippinger, Ft. Thomas; Mark Crane, Louisville; Gayle DiCesare, Owensboro; Don Fox, Paducah; C.M. Newton, Lexington; and Rick Redman, Louisville.

For more information, contact Executive Director Michael R. Stone, at 502/223-1823, or e-mail kmstone@mis.net.

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### Protect yourself and your financial privacy

**Consumer** Corner

(NAPSA)-With the birth of the technology age, banks and financial institutions are able to serve their customers with greater efficiency. Having consumer information allows banks to provide a wide array of products and services that are of interest to customers. To offer these products, it sometimes is necessary for banks to share specific customer data within their branch families and with their business partners.

Are banks and other financial institutions taking steps to secure consumer data and use it only for business purposes? Can consumers take an active role to protect their personal financial information?



2. Find out if your policy clearly discloses a bank's purpose for collecting customer information.

Find out if you are given a choice whether or not your information is shared in a secondary manner, such as for marketing purposes.

4. up-to-date encryption technolo- information that can link your gies (the process of encoding data via a secure web site to ensure that it cannot be copied or transferred, for any purpose) to protect the security of data.

5. . If your bank does share

its information with third parties, does it demand that these parties comply with their preset policies? Find out whether or not 6.

your bank disciplines employees who violate its privacy policies. Obtain a copy of your

credit report each year. 8. Never provide personal credit card information over the phone.

9. Destroy pre-approved Ask if your bank employs credit offers, receipts and other name with an account number.

> 10. If you do not want your information shared, notify your bank and decide what privacy policy is best for you.

Call your bank or financial

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof: abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

> -First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution

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### **QUOTE OF THE** DAY ....

Allow children to be happy in their own way, for what better way will they ever find?

Samuel Johnson-

## -Editorial

### **Imperial Paul** Meddling in Pike County unbecoming, distracting

At his second inaugural, Gov. Paul Patton urged Kentuckians to work together and respect people who disagree with them. A few days later, he berated and insulted Pike County Judge-Executive Karen Gibson because she disagreed with him.

Patton's huffy interference in local decision-making is unbecoming. A second-term governor should have bigger things on his mind. In the end, Patton's imperial approach is bound to be unproductive.

Gibson says her rural constituents need safe drinking water more than they need a \$22.5 million civic center that Patton wants built in downtown Pikeville.

Patton, a Democrat and former Pike County judgeexecutive, made it clear in a 2 1/2 page letter to Gibson, a Republican, that the center is an economic development priority. He accused her of trying to undermine earlier initiatives and of putting "political hatreds above the best interest of the people of Pike County."

Undoubtedly, personal and political rivalries play a part in this drama.

But Gibson makes a legitimate argument. Civic centers and stadiums have dubious economic value, while prosperity shuns places that lack basic amenities such as water.

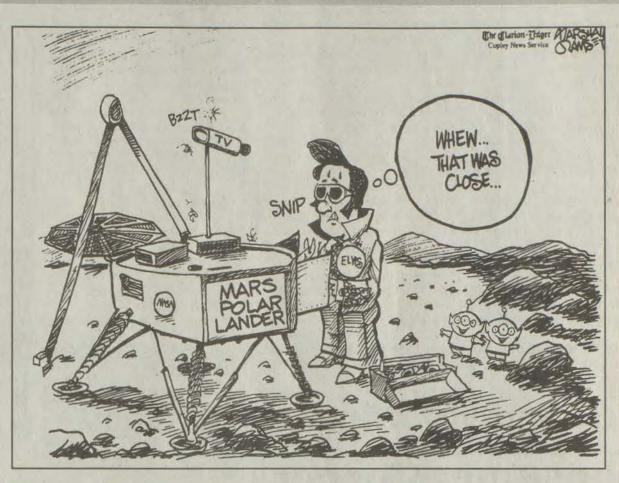
Gibson wants to extend public water to 4,666 households before spending taxpayers' money on a new 6,700-seat venue (Palais Paul, perchance) for concerts, ball games and wrestling matches.

In an area where groundwater has been ruined by coal mining and raw sewage, Patton doesn't deny the need for improvements. "Let me state that no one knows the importance of water in Pike County better than I."

But the governor really wants the civic center. He and the legislature already have set aside \$12.5 million, including \$7 million in coal severance taxes. Patton says he'll get the rest from the legislature this year. But he wants Pike County to provide \$1.3 million.

If fiscal court doesn't agree, Patton says he'll reduce state spending on Pike water projects by \$1.3 million and shift the money to the civic center.

Gibson says she'd rather postpone the center a few years and put local surpluses and coal severance taxes into water lines. Her position is popular among the hundreds of people who have to haul drinking water and boil their bath water. The mostly Democratic fiscal court is loyal to Patton, though they're also under pressure from rural constituents who want water.



## Letters the Editor

### Attorney gives downside of workers' comp law

#### Editor:

After reading a recent editorial on black lung benefits in Kentucky, I realized that many people might not be fully aware of the many problems surrounding the Workers' Compensation laws as it relates to on the job injuries.

There has been so much rhetoric surrounding the Workers' Compensation Law under House Bill 1 that it is difficult to know where to begin a rational discussion of the issue.

However, I have attempted here to clarify some of the major problems with the injury portions of the current law that often go'unnoticed, and surface each and every day as injured citizens look for the safety net their employers have paid so much to provide:

Here is the Top Ten List of problems facing injured workers under Kentucky's law.

by the insurance industry to release people far earlier than is medically acceptable. In fact, it is common practice for the insurance companies to actually send an insurance representative into the medical examinations with the injured workers. This is a shocking breech of privacy.

In addition to pressuring the physician to make findings that will save the companies money, (usually not in the best interest of the patients), injured workers are in a situation without any representative of their own. Terribly inequitable.

6. The re-opening clause is very unfair. Inexplicably, the law pre-decides exactly when the condition of an injured patient might worsen. From the date a person has settled his/her claim-and for the rest of their life-they have only a tiny window (between years 3 and 4 after the original claim was settled or decided) to re-open it, no matter how serious the condition. If you become totally disabled in year, 1, year 2, year 5, or ever after, you are barred from re-opening your case to increase the percentage of disability. How can this be fair to injured workers? 7. There is no adequate way for injured workers to get their medical bills paid in a timely way, if at all. Insurance companies often decide not to pay medical bills, even though the law requires them to do so. Companies know that injured workers are statutorily prohibited from paying an attorney to help them collect their medical benefits. Of course, the insurance companies have access to all the legal representation they want, to deny these claims. Very one-sided situation that causes serious financial and medical distress for injured workers. 8. In the most serious cases, insurance companies send the injured employees for an endless stream of medical reviews, often out of state. Injured people are subjected to continuing defense medical reviews until the insurance companies find one doctor who agrees to release the patient for work.

Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott Staff Writer



### Some things I wonder about...

You know the political job I want? It has to be railroad commissioner. The job doesn't pay much, but the present commissioner admits he does nothing and has been campaigning many years for the abolishment of that office.

I know some other offices that should meet the same fate. I won't mention any of them though --- I may want to run for one of them one of these days. Basically, I'm looking for a good-paying job that has little or no work to it.

Elect me and I won't campaign for the abolishment of railroad commissioner. I will just collect the check - small as it may be — and continue living my life as I do now. I may even campaign for a raise. I know nothing about trains or rails so I should be superbly qualified for the job. If I can't have that job (but it is really the one I want), I will take lieutenant governor. I know you are wondering why I would prefer the railroad commissioner over lieutenant governor - for the most part, the commissioner gets more respect just for doing nothing. I love this country. Why is it that we hear people say someone is uncouth, but we hardly, if ever, turn the expression around and say someone is couth? Couth is a good word. I looked it up. It means SOPHIS-TICATED, POLISHED. So uncouth means the exact opposite since the prefix un-meaning not, is used. Thus, an uncouth person would not be sophisticated or polished. Just thought you would like to know about that. Just as an experiment, go up to a person on the street and tell him/her that he/she is couth. The person may react in a manner similar to the woman who was told her son was illiterate. She said, "I want you to know his dad and I were married a month before our son was born." I am going to do a survey on the meaning of couth. I am going to ask 50 people to tell me what they think the word means. I will report the findings of my survey which will have a margin of error of  $\pm$  5. I have no idea what that means. I just see it dealing with surveys all the time, and thought I would put it in to make my proposed project sound more scientific. Oh, another thing that bothers me is that he/she and her/him business, but if we are to be correct we have to use it or rewrite our sentences. They don't bother me that much. Most people would say: "Go up to a person on the street and tell them they are couth." Obviously one person can't be them, so we have to resort to the her/him construction. I certainly would not recommend telling a group of people they are couth. You could get whipped even though you mean well. You want to know the rule about parentheses? Well, I'm going to tell you anyway. If the material inside the parentheses is a fragment, the period goes outside. If the material is a complete sentence, the period goes inside. I know how you are excited about this. I would

Patton prides himself on cooperating with Republicans in the legislature. He would do well to extend the same consideration to the Republican who voters put in his old place at the courthouse in Pikeville.

He'd be practicing what he preached at his inauguration. And, who knows, cooperation might accomplish something really significant.

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1. Benefit levels are so low that people cannot feed themselves, no less their families, especially those with permanent partial disabilities and their inability to return to their former work.

For example, a tool and die-maker with 30 years of experience, and a family to support lost his thumb. Although he was totally unable to perform his job and his ability to earn a living, the benefits he received were \$3.25 per week. How can someone afford housing, food, clothing, transportation to re-train, doctors, etc. on that kind of a benefit level?

2. The law is blind to the fact that some injuries can disable a person from any profession for which they are qualified to do. The injuries are looked at strictly as a percentage of the body function lost, leading to grave injustices. There is no consideration for a person's education level and work history.

In other words, a lifelong heavy laborer with a sixth grade education, no longer able to perform his job because of a work injury, would receive the same benefits as a college graduate who presumably would be able to find a sedentary, more-skilled job. Who is going to hire a physically incapacitated laborer?

3. There is exclusion for disability caused by the natural aging process in this law, despite the fact that often the effects of aging manifest themselves because of the injury. A recent ruling by the Workers' Compensation Board has exaggerated this problem by disallowing special fund compensation for injuries that can have an "age related" element.

Tragically, this decision will leave thousands of people with debilitating back and neck injuries without any financial or medical help when they are unable to return to work.

4. There is no incentive for insurance carriers to follow the law. This is the only type of insurance in Kentucky that is exempt from the Unfair Claims Practices Act (a.k.a. bad faith laws). Workers' Compensation carriers routinely deny claims, cut off benefits without cause, deny medical benefits without reason, etc.

This is probably the single most disastrous element of the new law. People are given no legal recourse to hold a bad-acting insurance company accountable, no matter how illegal the actions of the carrier or the employer.

5. As low as the benefits are for the partially disabled worker, benefits are cut in half for the partially disabled employee who drags himself back to work. Regular pressure is placed on the medical community

The common experience is that those folks are then sent back to jobs they are too sick to perform, and fired shortly thereafter. This denies them any future coverage. Unfortunately, this is a very common practice in Kentucky under House Bill 1.

9. Efforts to get emergency or "interlocutory" relief for an injured worker are nearly impossible. It takes tons of paper work, and the rulings never come-no answers, no response. Attempts to find relief are met with litigation roadblocks instigated by the insurance companies. There is no such thing as emergency assistance under workers compensation.

10. Workers who are still in the workforce over age 65 are treated differently from every other worker. Older workers make up an increasingly important part of the workforce, yet no matter how severely injured they are on the job, older workers are denied the same benefits of all other workers.

While this is not a complete list of problems, it provides a good overview of some of the most serious deficiencies in the new law. You need only to look in your own city to find heart wrenching case examples of families trying to survive these currently insurmountable problems in the law.

The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) recently compiled a video, which highlights the issues

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## **MSU plans Kwanzaa activity**

As the holidays approach, Morehead State University's Minority Student Services will host a special celebration for its students

On December 15, the students will celebrate Kwanzaa and graduation, according to Peggy Overly, minority student affairs coordinator. The festivities will begin at 7 p.m., in the Commonwealth Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

During the celebration, graduating seniors will receive a special certificate and a kentu (a stole), which they will wear during the University's commencement exercises slated for Saturday, December 18, at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center.

MSU's Black Gospel Ensemble will sing for the group before the banquet, and following the meal, Dr. Roger Cleveland of Frankfort, a in the Kentucky consult

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Department of Education's Division of Equity, and a MSU alumnus, will be the guest speaker.

The Kwanzaa holiday was started in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, a professor at California State University. The celebration's name is Swahili for "the first encourage use of the major princifruits," and it encourages African Americans to reflect upon their African roots as well as their pre-

sent life in America.

During the meal, a centerpiece of fruits and vegetables will adorn the table and will be given to the students to take home after the celebration.

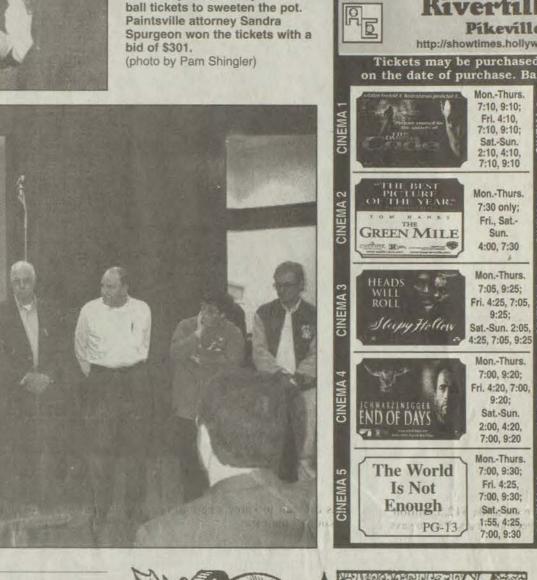
"Kwanzaa was developed to pals, those things you can use yearround." Overly said. "It is a really special time.

There are seven principals of Kwanzaa, which Overly assigns to students to research and present to the group during their celebration. They are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose,

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that surfaced during the statewide *Executive Directory* hearings Workers on Compensation this summer. I suspect the committee's findings will mirror this list, for these same problems repeat themselves every day, in every corner of the state.

Letters

I encourage you to view the LRC video. It is available from the Labor and Industry Committee in Frankfort, 502/564-8100. The hundreds of injured people who came to these hearings were not "anecdotes" or "sound-bites," but citizens of this great state struggling to exercise their legal rights with all odds stacked against them. Penny Gold

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### 'Face up to' problems

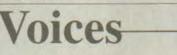
It seems a lot of people are taking this place to be something it's not. We don't have any crack prostitutes like our friends in New York and the west coast. Let's be glad, and try to make the best of a sorry situation!

Sure, per capita, many of our people are "on the draw," but let's not forget what type of lifestyle we lead. We have the most dangerous jobs in the country and that accounts for about half of all check "drawers." Then, we have the highest cigarette smoking population in the country. That doesn't help either.

Altogether I'm pretty proud of people and stand by them. I'm not for all these people who are "downing" the special on HBO. Sure it doesn't paint a pretty picture, but look around us people and you'll see it! People are poor, and people are hungry, too.

If you don't like the HBO special, just get off your butt and try to change this place for the better! It used to be much worse in Floyd County, and it's on of the rise (believe it or not). So let's let the big cities have their problems, and let's just face up to ours!

Teddy Stephens Harold



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give you some examples, but as some of my teachers used to say, "Look it up.

A couple of week ago, I wrote about taking a woman's cake at church. Ova Warrens baked a cake for church and let me take what was left home. Gee, thanks Mrs. Warren. The cake was delicious. She said she did it so I wouldn't have to steal anyone else's food. Next week, I think I will steal a steak. No, just kidding.

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### **MSU** band participates in capital event

Students from Morehead State sophomore, is the drum major. University were members of the All-College Band that participated in the inaugural activities when Gov. Paul Patton ushered in his second term of office.

band marched in the governor's parade in Frankfort. The band was parade, according to John Fannin, assistant professor of bands at Murray State University, who is the parade coordinator.

The inaugural parade, which included 89 other marching bands along with five former governors and state dignitaries, was Tuesday, December 7, beginning at the intersection of West Main and Washington Streets in Frankfort.

The parade proceeded up Main Street to Capitol Avenue where it passed the governor's reviewing stand and ended at the state capitol building, according to information from the governor's office.

Among the 28 MSU students participating in the event were Rhiannon Hedrick, the daughter of Bill Hedrick and a Prestonsburg junior and a band assistant. Jeanie Branham, a Prestonsburg sophomore and the daughter of Eugene Branham, plays clarinet.

Jim Shepherd, the son of Judy Shepherd and a senior music education major from Prestonsburg, plays trumpet. He is a member of the Symphony Band, Concert Choir and Phi Mu Alpha.

Julie Ackman, the daughter of Bill and Ruth Ann Ackman, plays horn. A senior music education major from Falmouth, she is a member of the MSU Symphony Band, Sigma Alpha Iota international women's music fraternity, MSU Marching Band and serves as a student director of the MSU basketball band.

Faith Adams, the daughter of Steve Adams and a Russell sophomore, plays horn. Tara Age, the daughter of Debby and Kevin Age and a sophomore music education major from Louisville, serves as a guard. She is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota and MSU Concert Band. Wendy Amburgey, the daughter

of Jim and Linda Amburgey and a sophomore communications major from Letcher, plays trumpet. She is a member of the MSU marching and concert bands. Rob Arnold, the son of Linda Arnold and a London

Tracee Blackstock, the daughter

of Jon Blackstock and Molly Blackstock, is a senior music education major from Ironton, Ohio, and band assistant. She is a member of The 200 member intercollegiate Sigma Alpha Iota, Sigma Sigma Sigma and the Percussive Arts Society. Amber Broadnax, a part of the third division of the Cincinnati sophomore and the daughter of Robin Broadnax, is a guard.

Anthony Capalad, the son of Elpino and Barbra Capalad and a junior communications major from Norton, Virginia, plays tenor drum. He is a student of Frank Oddis, associate professor of music, and a member of Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity

Kyle Dixon, the son of Butch and Lynne Dixon and a senior music education major from Greenup, is a band assistant. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha, MSU symphony and concert bands and a student director of the basketball band. Eric J. Dykes, the son of Jenny Lou Dykes and a senior music education major from Science Hill, plays tuba. He is a member of T.U.B.A. and the MSU Concert Band.

Julia Graepel, a Morehead senior and the daughter of Ursula Graepel, plays flute. Kevin Hogle, the son of Darlene Coots and a senior percussion major from Newport, plays cymbal. He is a student of Oddis and a member of Phi Mu Alpha.

Jason Hurd, the son of Claude Hurd and a sophomore music education from Indianapolis, plays the trombone. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha and MSU Concert Band. Rebecca May, the daughter of Dennis and Jackie May and a senior elementary education major from Brandenburg, plays the flute. She is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota and MSU Marching Band and is the principal flute for MSU's Concert Band.

Jeremy E. Miller, the son of Don and Vicki Miller and a senior music and real estate major from Claypool, Indiana, plays the snare drum. Aaron Nicholson, the son of Timothy Nicholson and a West Baden, Indiana, senior, plays baritone

Shaun R. Popp, the son of Raymond and Sharon Popp, and a senior music education major from Sassafras, plays alto saxophone. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha and MSU Symphony Band. Robert Scheeler, the son of Robert and Linda Scheeler and a senior music education major from Grove City, Ohio, plays bass drum. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha.

music education major from Ashland, plays clarinet. She is a member of MSU Symphony Band and Rejoice Wind Ensemble.

B. Matt Voiles, the son of Bruce and Arlene Voiles and a senior music education major from Jamestown, Ohio, is band assistant.

of Pat Walton and a sophomore He is a member of MSU Marching and Concert bands.



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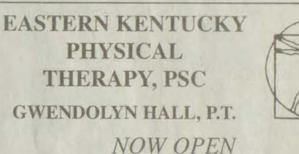
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In talking to Governor Jones about Floyd County, he always expresses how much he appreciated all that Floyd County did for him, and he is very proud of what he was able to do for Floyd County. He is presently doing everything he can to work with Judge Paul Hunt Thompson to make sure that the prison at Wheelwright remains open. He knows how hard Judge Thompson worked to get the prison built and he is confident that Judge Thompson will not let the prison be closed. With the fine leadership of Judge Thompson, Senator Benny Ray Bailey and House Majority Leader Greg Stumbo, Governor Jones was able to do a lot for Floyd County, and he is confident that there are many more good things to come for Floyd County.

I sincerely hope you can join me for the reception honoring Governor and Mrs. Jones.

Your friend, **Bill "Crush" Dingus** 

Chris Schmidt, the son of Rose Durbin and a senior music major from Elizabethtown, plays tuba. He is a member of T.U.B.A. and MSU Symphony Band.

Chad M. Sheridan, the son of Phillip and Brenda Sheridan and a senior music education major from Pleasant Hill, Ohio, plays alto saxophone. He is a member of MSU Symphony Band and Phi Mu Alpha. Brian Silvey, the son of Allen and Diane Silvey and is a senior music education major from Maysville, plays trombone. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha, Pi Kappa Lambda and MSU Symphony and Concert Bands

Alyssa Stevens, the daughter of Hershell and Joy Stevens and a junior music education major from West Liberty, plays trumpet. She is a member of MSU Marching and Symphony bands and Sigma Alpha Jota, Heather Walton, the daughter



### **Bound for** dental school

Veronica McKinney, a 1999 Pikeville College graduate with a degree in biology, has been accepted into the University of Kentucky Dental School. McKinney scored in the 96th percentile in biology on the Dental Admissions Test (DAT). She is the daughter of Michael and Loretta McKinney of Martin. She will be attending the UK Dental School in the summer of 2000.

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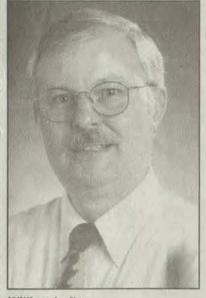
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### **Four from Floyd County** complete parent institute

LEXINGTON - Four Floyd County residents are fellows of the a volunteer and classroom mother 1999 Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership, having graduated from the program in a ceremony November 19.

The institute is managed and operated by the Prichard for Academic Committee Excellence.

It trains parents in ways to work with teachers, administrators, and other parents to increase academic achievement in Kentucky public schools, said Bev Raimondo, director of the Commonwealth Institute.

The Floyd County residents in the institute this year are:

· Billie Sue Duty of Weeksbury, at W.D. Osborne Elementary School:

· Catherine JoAnn Johnson of McDowell, room mother and parent volunteer at McDowell Elementary School;

· William Loftus of East Point, parent member of the school-based decision making council at Adams Middle School and Prestonsburg Community College professor;

• The Rev. Johnnie E. Ross of Prestonsburg, member of the Floyd County Board of Education, Episcopalian minister, and environmental specialist with the state Highway Department.

## **Report backs KY's P-16 council goals**

### Cody joins others calling for high standards

requirements ask too little of stu- admission requirements; and conreleased recently by the Education Trust.

The report, "Ticket to Testing System (CATS). Nowhere: The Gap Between Leaving High School and Entering by 29 education leaders from 14 College and High-Performance states that calls for systemic coopand enrollment; high school grad- education to ensure that all stu-

Current high school course uation requirements and university dents will meet high academic dents and teachers, says a report tent in K-12 and college tests, including Kentucky's Commonwealth Accountability

The report includes a statement Jobs," looks at college preparation eration between K-12 and higher

### **Kentucky Community** and technical college nears completion

Technical College Pikeville education facility has announced that the building is nearing completion.

On Wednesday, December 1, approval was given for temporary occupancy of the building located at 170 Huffman Avenue that will allow furnishings and equipment to be installed. The telephone system should be operational by December 15.

Kitty White, chair of the committee stated, "Due to construction challenges, the projected opening date was moved from the fall of 1999 to January, 2000. The patience displayed by the Pike County community is greatly appreciated and will soon be rewarded when classes begin in the new facility.'

Permanent occupancy is expected in time to offer classes there for the spring semester.

According to Bobby McCool, Interim Director of Mayo Technical College, future technical programs to be offered include automotive, industrial maintenance, electronics, and construction technology. Upon opening, both business and office and LPN classes will be offered. Prestonsburg Community College,

The Advisory Committee for according to Interim President the new Kentucky Community and Charles Stebbins, plans to offer classes for the business technology program, general education, transfer, law enforcement and human services as well as developmental courses.

The advisory committee has been very involved in the process for planning, and White remarked, "Working with both Mayo College Technical and Prestonsburg Community College has been a very worthwhile endeavor. Both Bobby McCool and Dr. Stebbins have listened to the community concerning its needs."

An open house is being planned for the near future to allow the community an opportunity to celebrate and to tour the facility.

Education standards. Commissioner Wilmer Cody and Council on Kentucky Education Postsecondary President Gordon Davies signed the statement.

"With the formation of the Kentucky P-16 Council, we are ahead of many other states in aligning high school and college curricula," said Cody. "The council's goals mirror those of the Education Trust-open communication, high standards, strong assessments and early planning for college."

"Our nation is no longer well served by an education system that prepares a few to attend college to develop their minds for learned pursuits while the rest are expected only to build their muscles for useful labor," the statement said, in part. "In the 21st century, all students must meet higher achievement standards in elementary, secondary and postsecondary schools."

The Education Trust, based in Washington, D.C., promotes high achievement for students from kindergarten to college levels. More information about the report and the organization is available at http://www.edtrust.org.

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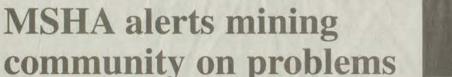
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"We're moving rapidly to determine the extent of the problem,' said Davitt McAteer, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "MSHA is working cooperatively with all parties, including the manufacturer, industry and labor organizations and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. We will provide the mining comincluding corrective actions, as rapidly as possible.'

MSHA began its investigation into the CSE units after a miner

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The Mine Safety and Heath opened a SCSR unit during a orated breathing hose Immediately, tests were begun on 242 similar units and seven more deteriorated hoses were found. Intensive tests are continuing.

McAteer said that tests so far had not determined the cause of the deteriorated hoses. Possible factors may include exposure to heat, age, or type of material used for the hose. All units so far found to have problems were manufactured before 1994.

"As soon as we found the problem, we took action," McAteer said. "We're now checking hundreds of units to determine the extent of the problem. Upon completion of testing, the manufacturmunity with more information, er will be informed of deficiencies that are found. At the same time, we are moving to establish an emergency temporary standard addressing service life and periodic testing to eliminate this type of problem.'

Visual inspections generally do not reveal any hose problems. The agency emphasized that mine operators should perform regular, thorough inspections of the SCSR units and remove from service any units with detectable damage.

MSHA advises that where possible, mines using CSE SR-100 units should replace older units with newer ones and place extra SCSR units on each mining section. The agency expects to have further information available for the mining community within a few days.

Federal mining regulations require that all underground coal miners be supplied with a breathing device that will provide at least one hour of oxygen in a mine emergency such as a fire or explosion.





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### Martin pallbearers listed

Serving as active pallbearers for the funeral of Stella Perry Martin were Doug Sturgill, John Martin, Ray Martin, Kenneth Fletcher, Gary Prater, Rick Ward, and David Hadden. Honorary pallbearers were Larry Collins, Thurman Newman, Okel Perry, Calvin Knipp, Sonny Newsome, Gary Newman and Jim Newman.

### Yabroff pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Dorothy "Dotty" Gay Martin Yabroff were Tommy Hall. Stevie Hall, Bryon Hall, Wes Gearheart and Derrick Martin.

### Niece palbearers listed

Serving as pailbearers for the funeral of Phillip Dale Niece were Kevin Parsons, Stanton Niece, Shawn Niece, Jim Lyon, James "Bud" Orsborn, Estill Lee Parsons. Timothy Parsons, and Patton Allen Niece.



### pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Ruth Alice Pack Francis were Doug Marcum, Kevin Marcum, Robbie Francis, Scotty Francis, Ross Francis and Alan Derossett

#### Keen pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Roxie Keen were Don Neekamp, Dave Clark, Timothy Miller, Elmer Hicks, Dean Caudill, Rocky Caudill, Craig Bentley and Eugene Tackett.



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### Elzie Edward

### "Duke" Pack

Elzie Edward "Duke" Pack, 52, of Wheelwright, died Friday, December 10, 1999, at the Veterans Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

He was born December 28, 1946, in Price, the son of Oval and Elva Little Pack. He was a retired truck driver, a U.S. Marine, Vietnam War veteran, and attended the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors, other than his parents, include three sons, Paul Edward Pack of Paris, Tennessee, Christopher Wayne Gentry and Eric Aaron Gentry, both of Jacksonville, North Carolina; one daughter, Veronica Ray Owen of Grayville, Illinois; one brother, Eugene Pack of Wheelwright; two sisters, Sharon Patton of McDowell, Brenda Merion of Langley, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 13, at 11 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Clergyman Louie Ferrari officiating.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Scot Merion, Kevin Patton, Brian Patton, Jimmy Farmer, David Farmer, and Hubert Farmer.

Honorary pallbearers were Darrell Little, Ronnie Newsome and Randy Farmer.

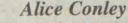
### Stella Perry Martin

Stella Perry Martin, 83, of Printer, died Friday, December 10, 1999, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following a long illness.

She was born March 17, 1916, in McDowell, the daughter of the late Charlie Perry and Minnie Howell Perry.

She was preceded in death by Iher husband, Arthur "Cam" Martin. Survivors include two daughters, Billie Jean Fletcher of Kimper, Betty Joyce Collins of Westerville, Ohio; one brother, Okel Perry of Hi Hat; three sisters, Melvina Newsome of Grethel, Beatrice Newsome, and Wilma Alley, both of Dayton, Ohio; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 13, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergyman, Ted



Alice Conley, 89, of Mousie, died Wednesday, December 8, 1999, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

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She was born in Mousie, on July 16, 1910, the daughter of Madison Campbell and Rhoda Wicker Campbell.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ballard Conley.

She is survived by five sons, Wayne Conley of Leburn, Martin Conley of Huntsville, Alabama, Claude Conley of Mousie, Clarence Conley of Utica, Ohio, and Billy Mitchell Conley of Morristown, Tennessee; two daughters, Wanda Louise Owens and Aileen Wicker, both of Mousie; three sisters, Melissa Martin of Martin, Dealie Kunkle of Hindman, and Della Martin of Florida; 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel with Rogers Hicks, Coy Combs and Ralph Howard officiating.

Burial was in the Smith Cemetery at Mousie, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

### Sil Tanie Hall Yates

Sil Tanie Hall Yates, 92, of Bevinsville, died Saturday, December 11, 1999, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on November 30, 1908, in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Evaline Hall.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William A. Yates.

Survivors include three sons, Homer Yates of Bevinsville, Donald Yates of Martin, Robert (Bob) Yates of Lockport, Illinois; three daughters, Hazel Hall of Vickery, Ohio, Yvonne Webster of Springfield, Ohio, Billie L. Stegall of Hi Hat; one brother, Lee Hall of Strongsville, Ohio; 34 grandchildren, several greatgrandchildren, and two great-

great-grandchildren, ad motion Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 14, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, Bypro, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial was in the Will Hall Cemetery, Bevinsville, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier

### Lona Slone Ferguson

Lona Slone Ferguson, 67, of Lexington, formerly of Martin, died Sunday, December 12, 1999 at her residence.

She was born August 22, 1932, the daughter of the late Isom B, and Pearlie Mullins Slone. She was a retired nurse for the Old Beaver Valley and Our Lady of the Way Hospitals.

husband, Malcolm Her Ferguson, preceded her in death.

She is survived by one son, Malcom "Mac" Ferguson and three grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6-9 p.m., today (Wednesday), at Hall Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 16, at noon, at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Dr. Adrain Roberts officiating.

Burial will be in the May Cemetery, Martin, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

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### Johnson County

Loretta Dodd, 59, formerly of Wheelwright, died December 5. She is survived by her husband, John Dodd Sr. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 9, at Paintsville Funeral Home.

### Pike County

Clinton Belcher, 57, of Pikeville, died Thursday, December 9. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 11, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

### Amazing grays: A bright silver lining

(NAPSA)-There's a bright silver lining in the graying of America: the potential for millions of volunteers. One effort to tap that potential is the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). At last count some 463,000 elderly across America are serving their communities through RSVP. Volunteers of America is one of the organizations

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I have glorified thee on earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. JOHN 17:4

Shannon, officiating.

Burial was in the Family Cemetery at Hunter, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

### Will (Bill) Ward Jr.

Will (Bill) Ward Jr., 54, of Hi Hat, died Saturday, December 11, 1999, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born on March 25, 1945, in Bevinsville, he was the son of the late Will Ward Sr. and Sarah Johnson Ward. He was a disabled coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Eloise Harris Ward.

Other survivors include one son, Billy Ward, of Melvin; one daughter, Lucinda Hood of Lenoir, North Carolina; two brothers, Arthur Ward of Eaton, Indiana, Joe Ward of Wabash, Indiana; five sisters, Dorothy Manns of Marion, Ind., Anette Farmer of Wheelwright, Bethel Thornsbury of Martin, Millie Dye and Lilly Ward, both of North Carolina; two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 13, at 10 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, Melvin, with ministers of Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Harris Family Cemetery, Melvin, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

### Virdle Conn

Virdle Conn, 77, of Martin, died Saturday, December 11, 1999, at the J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa.

He was born June 19, 1922, in Martin, the son of the late William Conn and Lizzie Jarrell Conn. He was a laborer for New York Central Railroad.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Conn and Chester Conn, both of Lancaster, Ohio.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 14, at 1 p.m. at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the Church of Christ ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Adkins Cemetery, Arkansas Creek, Martin, under direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Funeral Home, Martin

### **Roberta** Louise Sammons

Roberta Louise Sammons, 61, of Kingman, Kansas, formerly of Water Gap, died Wednesday, December 8, 1999, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, Kansas, following a brief illness.

Born on February 17, 1938, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late John and Ada Conley Whitt.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Sammons.

Survivors include four sons, Robert Lee Sammons Jr. of East Point, Ronnie Sammons of Thealka, Jackie Sammons and Roy Sammons, both of Auxier; five daughters, Francis Poe and Tammy Carroll, both of David, Avonelle Mullett of Auxier, Charlotte Hornbeck of Cheney, Kansas, Flossie Sammons of Olive Branch, Mississippi; two brothers, Frank Whitt of Water Gap, Bill Whitt of Texas; two sisters, Minnie Conley of South Haven, Kansas, Mary Johnson of Campton; 23 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 13, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Delmon Hayton officiating.

Burial was in the Prater Cemetery, Big Branch, Prestonsburg, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

that operates RSVP Programs. A good example of the RSVP at

work is in the heartwarming example of Margaret Wood. Several days each week Margaret Wood works as a receptionist at the Volunteers of America offices in Denver. She has a bright cheerful word for everyone and is hardworking and efficient. Wood never misses an incoming message or return phone number. She makes an important contribution to Volunteers of America and her community. What makes her participation so very special is that Wood is nearly 80 years old, blind, and a volunteer.

Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit, spiritually based organization providing local human service programs and opportunities for individual and community involvement. The organization's paid professional staff partners with thousands of volunteers to deliver human service programs. To find out more about about RSVP and Volunteers of America, visit the organization's web site at www.voa.org.

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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.

### Children's room open house

Family Court Judge Julie Paxton and her staff will host an open house for the new children's waiting area in the Floyd County Justice Center on Tuesday, December 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. The designated area is on the second floor of the building and provides a place for children to stay during court proceedings. Businesses and individuals are being asked to contribute items to improve the area, such as books and furniture. Contact Debbie Woods at 886-2549 or 9901

### Christmas party at Job Corps

The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center will have its annual Christmas Party at noon on

December 23 in the center cafeteria. The event is open to the public.

Once again, community members may donate gifts for the students who will remain at the center over the Christmas holidays. As many as 30 students are expected to stay. Those who plan to attend the party or who plan to donate a gift and

wish to have it picked up should call 606/886-1037, ext. 15.

### 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

### A Card of Thanks

The family of Earnest Vance wishes to thank our many friends, neighbors, and ministers, Clinton Moore, Jimmy Hall, Billy Hamilton and Bill Slone, for their comforting words to our family in our time of sorrow. We thank Roger Recktenwald for the kind things he had to say about his long-time friend and our dad. We thank our many friends, from near and far away, who sent flowers, food and had comforting words to say to us. We thank the folks at Nelson-Frazier for their kindness and professional service shown to us in our time of grief. We thank the Left Beaver Rescue Squad and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for controlling traffic. We thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts.

Minerva Osborne Vance, and Family

### Card of Thanks

The family of Eugene Sparkman would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of

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-789contact the center. 8712.

### **Conservation district meet**

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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

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an office on the third floor of the 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 The South Floyd Youth Services Center is located on South Floyd's

campus in room 232. For more information, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable Hall 606/452-9600, ext. 243.

### Martin High alumni

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

### McDowell Family

**Resource Center Activities** G.E.D. classes are held each

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

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

Call to schedule an appointment, 377-2678.

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

If you would like more information on any of the above programs or services contact the Center, 377-2678

#### Veterans rep.

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

### **PHS** classes to host reunion

Prestonsburg High School classes of 1940-49 will have a reunion September 23, 2000, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Members of those classes shall contact graduates in Prestonsburg by January 15.

### 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.

#### Veterans affairs

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs is trying to locate family members of missing soldiers that fought in the Korean War, U.S.

and North Korean Governments have been negotiating to bring our missing comrades home. If you are a family member of such a serviceman, from any branch of service, or know of someone that is, please contact your local KDVA field representative, Roger Belcher at 606/ 886-7920.

#### **Big Sandy Abuse Center**

If you are a victim of abuse, remember it is not your fault! The abuser is 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!

### **Pikeville Methodist** Hospital January 2000

January 4: Prepared Childbirth Classes will be offered from 7-9 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3938. January 18: So your're going to have a baby? An Epidural Class will be offered from 7-9 p.m., at the education center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3938.



### Card of Thanks

The family of Madeline Mitchell wishes to thank all the Old Regular Baptist Preachers, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their help. Also, thanks to each person who spoke comforting words, sent

our loved one: those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church; the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The Family of Eugene Sparkman

### Card of Thanks

The family of John Wallace Estep Jr., would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped them in any way upon the passing of their love one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Dr. Ken Lemaster for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of John Wallace Estep, Jr.

### Card of Thanks

I want to say," thank you," to everyone who assisted me during the funeral of my beloved wife, Roxie Keen. Thanks to all the staff at Hall Funeral Home, the pallbearers, all my spiritual brothers and sisters, everyone who sent flowers, brought food and served my guests; and to everyone who came and spoke a kind word of comfort during my time of grief. Thank you, and God bless you.

> Loving Husband, **Ernest Keen**

### Card of Thanks

The family of Julia Layne Martin would like to thank all those who have helped us during the loss of our loved one. The food, flowers, and kind words were sincerely comforting and appreciated. Thanks to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and Hall Funeral Home for their compassion and unending service. Special thanks to Riverview Manor and Highlands Regional Medical Center staffs for their tender and affectionate care for our beloved. We would like to extend our deep gratitude to Elders Earl Slone and Jerry Manns, and the kind members of the Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church. Although we may not acknowledge every comforting word or action, we believe God has seen each and every one and will express our gratitude for us.

The Family of Julia Layne Martin

## for caregivers

(NAPSA)-The Lord is merciful and will not reject us forever. He may bring us sorrow, but his love for us is sure and strong.

Lamentations 3:31,32 The Bible continues to provide strength for people facing the physical and emotional stresses of vari-

ous diseases. In addition to those who are ill, most diseases present special challenges to those who are caregivers. Alzheimer's disease. which affects about four million Americans each year, is one such condition.

Studies show that more than 80 percent of Alzheimer's caregivers say they frequently experience high levels of stress, and nearly half say they suffer some form of depression.

To promote awareness of the toll that Alzheimer's disease takes on both patients and caregivers, the American Bible Society is offering the Scripture Portion, God's Love For Us Is Sure & Strong. This



Collection of Scripture passages is designed to provide spiritual comfort for caregivers.

publication uses Scripture passages to examine the feelings that caregivers may experience when caring for loved ones.

The chapters are organized around six topics: facing your feelings; facing day-to-day care; facing difficult decisions; facing death and loss; God's caring for you as you care for others, and a parting word. Key Scripture verses are highlighted to provide caregivers with reminders that God cares for them and their loved ones and promises to support and sustain them in their caregiving work.

It's recommended that this Scripture Portion be shared with caregiver support groups, churches and friends of caregivers.

To obtain a free copy of this Scripture Portion, contact the American Bible Society at 1-800-32-BIBLE (1-800-322-4253) and mention source code #99GRU68AN for item #107869. Organizations that want multiple free copies can fax quantity requests on official letterhead to the American Bible Society, Scripture Grants Program at 212-408-1554.



flowers, brought food, or helped us during her illness and passing.

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The Family of Madeline Mitchell

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Saturday, December 25 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Luke Salyersville, KY

Saturday, December 25 Feast of the Holy Family Schedule 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Martha

Sunday, December 26 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Luke Salyersville, KY

11:15 a.m. Mass at St. Martha

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From left, Peacle Warren, , Floyd County-Judge Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, Mable Hensley and Everett Austin were on hand for the Christmas party and dinner at the McDowell/Minnie Senior Citizens Center last Friday. Thompson provided the funds for the get-together. Senator Benny Ray Bailey was on hand to talk to the seniors. The center is named in honor of Bailey's Mother Viola. Warren and Hensley were the oldest seniors (in their 90's) and Austin was the youngest at age 60. (photo by Willie Elliott)

### **Orientation and assessment set at PC**

Orientation sessions have been noon. The assessment testing will ment. scheduled for new students planning also be the same day from 1 p.m. to to enter Prestonsburg Community College in the 2000 spring semester. The orientation is required for those planning to pursue a degree, and provides an evaluation of academic skills as well as an overview of the campus and services available.

New students who attend orientation in December or January will be eligible to register during Prestonsburg CC's open registration in January. Orientation sessions are scheduled for Monday, December 20, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the Pike Auditorium on the Prestonsburg campus.

Assessment testing on the Prestonsburg campus is December 20, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; December 21, 9 a.m. to noon; January 4, 5, and 6, 2000, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and January 7, 2000, 9 a.m. to noon.

In Pikeville, the orientation session is scheduled for Friday, December 17, 1999, from 9 a.m. to

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4 p.m. who are not planning to enroll in English or math courses, may choose not to attend an orientation ext. 221 or 223. session or to complete an assess-

Anyone planning to attend orientation and/or assessment, should Non-degree seeking students register in advance by calling the Counseling Center at (606) 886-3863, ext. 251, or (606) 432-4800,

**Exceptional Parks employee** receives certificate of merit award

State Resort Park in Prestonsburg, has been awarded a Certificate of Merit Award from the state program was developed in 1994 to Department of Parks.

outstanding service and dedica- ees. tion. He illustrates an ongoing commitment to the daily operations of the Division of Maintenance, which is instrumental in providing quality service to other employees and guests who depend on him.

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### CCCS offers tips to avoid overspending during the holiday season

There are only a few more shopping days left until the biggest giftgiving holiday of the year, and as millions of Americans continue to pack into shopping malls and store outlets looking for the perfect present, retail merchants are in consumer heaven.

According to a recent survey conducted by the International Mass Retail Association, during the 1998 holidays, consumers spent 16 percent more than they budgeted on holiday gifts for an average of \$964 per family.

"We generally spend around tral and eastern Kentucky, under-\$1,500 to \$2,000 on Christmas gifts," said Sue McKee, of Cynthiana. "We want our family to be happy, and although we try to set a budget, we sometimes find it difficult to stick to our initial shopping plan.

Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS), America's first non-profit debt counseling company, educates people about the dangers of overspending during this festive time of year. Johnny Cantrell, director of CCCS of censtands the dangers, and has observed that the splurging patterns recur year after year.

"Every holiday it is the same thing," Cantrell said. "Our society is so commercialized that consumers get mesmerized by the mass quantities and variety of merchandise options available to them. People simply go into shopping mode. With so many available products, sometimes holiday shoppers find it difficult to overlook enticing merchandise, so they buy more gifts companies.

than they can afford."

When consumers find themselves seeing red after the holidays are over, CCCS provides debt management and budget counseling. Through confidential personal finance education, CCCS has helped many people establish a comfortable budget, avoid bankruptcy, and regain their financial well being. Since 1955, the company has handled nearly 133,000 clients, and recovered more than \$224 million to credit granting

"While the holiday season is a time for giving, consumers should prepare for the effects of over-Cantrell said. spending," "Unfortunately, holiday shoppers who get caught in the joy of the season often end up in financial trouble. When they get to that point, CCCS is available to help people find financial stability."

Industry data indicates that it takes four months to pay off holiday charges, bringing an upsurge of clientele into the CCCS offices around March of the new year.

Last year, Cantrell worked with a client who spent \$2,000 on a computer for one child. The client didn't want to dismiss the wishes of another child, so he in turn spent another \$2,000 on that child. When February rolled around, he found himself in the CCCS office.

"Overspending problems arise when parents are concerned about equality in holiday giving," Cantrell said. "In an effort to make the children equally satisified on Christmas morning, many parents overindulge in impulse buying, and find themselves in financial trouble."

To help consumers with last minute shopping, CCCS offers the following tips:

· Develop a shopping list, and stick to it. Do you really need to buy everyone you know a holiday present? Would they be just as happy with an inexpensive card? Don't impulse buy for unnecessary gifts. The vast majority of holiday consumers can develop a manageable list of buying for no more than 10 tors and businesses.

· Establish a budget. The need for holiday budgeting has never · been greater, as consumers are expected to go overboard on spending for the new millennium. When calculating a budget, set a price for every item intended to be purchased, including holiday dining, gift-wrap, greeting cards, postage, travel, and other expenses. These items can add up in a hurry, and can ruin the budget set for holiday gift shopping.

· Pay with cash. Set aside a budgeted amount of money to use specifically for holiday presents, and attempt to avoid the use of credit cards. Using layaway plans is also a valuable decision, because you can pay for the merchandise in increments, without owing interest on the purchase price. If you must use credit cards, plan to pay off your balance as soon as possible.

"The convenience of credit cards makes it easy for consumers to overspend during the holidays," Cantrell said. "Avoiding credit use this time of year can save consumers plenty of money and frustration, therefore allowing them to start the new year off in a financially stable state-of-mind.'

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

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Kentuckians who have left welfare say they do not want to go back to receiving public assistance, according to a study by the University of Louisville.

Most welfare-leavers also are employed, have more income than people still on welfare, and are still receiving Medicaid and food stamps, the study found. Most importantly, the children in those families are in good health.

"These first results are encouraging," says Viola P. Miller, secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children. "Many families appear to be on the right track to succeed both economically and socially after they leave welfare. We are pleased that the majority of people both still on welfare and those who have left, are satisfied with the help they are receiving from the cabinet's employees. We are proud of how our front-line staff is implementing welfare reform."

The study by UL's Kent School of Social Work is part of a larger research study commissioned by the Cabinet to monitor and evaluate the impact of welfare reform on Kentucky's families. This report focused on the well-being of children, both in families still receiving welfare, and those who have left welfare. Researchers surveyed 507 people drawn randomly from welfare case files in 1998; researchers will re-survey the same people

More than two-thirds of annually for several years. This percent of welfare-leavers and 34 method will show the Cabinet how the quality of life changes for these families as welfare reform progresses.

The majority of respondents are young white females who have been Kentucky residents for at least 20 years; 71 percent are natives of the state. Of the 507 people surveyed, 74 percent were still receiving welfare; 26 percent have left welfare.

Not all the news for welfareleavers is good. Among families with preschool-age children only six percent of those who had left welfare had children enrolled in preschool, compared to 17 percent of families who remained on welfare. The children of welfareleavers were also more likely to have trouble making passing grades: 30 percent of former welfare recipients said their children had academic problems, compared to 20 percent of families still on welfare.

The study's major findings include:

· 61 percent of those who have left welfare say they are better off and 17 percent say they are no worse off; 68 percent would not return to welfare.

· Family structure appears to be related to leaving welfare; those who have left were more likely to have a spouse or partner living with them and to have children no longer living with them. Fifty-four

percent of recipients are married. · More than 90 percent of cur-

rent and former welfare recipients report their children's health to be good or excellent; 94 percent of their children are covered by medical insurance.

· 62 percent of welfare-leavers and 30 percent of active recipients are employed, with average monthly incomes of \$692 and \$359 respectively.

• 72 percent of welfare-leavers and 94 percent of recipients receive food stamps.

· About one-fourth of current and former welfare recipients reported financial hardships related to utility payments and one-fifth reported telephone cutoffs. Welfare-leavers reported more problems than those still on welfare in meeting rent/housing payments (21 percent vs. 12 percent) and getting needed vehicle repairs (10 percent vs. four percent).

• 82 percent of all respondents reported that their welfare caseworkers had given them appropriate information, and 61 percent said their caseworkers had helped them find work.

The report's authors note small or no difference between welfareleavers and those still on welfare in most measures of child and family well-being and financial hardships. They emphasize the importance of monitoring any negative changes in these measures in future surveys and identifying what factors cause such changes. The Cabinet concurs.

"We are committed to thoroughly tracking the results of welfare reform," Miller said.





Care givers learn emergency counseling Participating in a four-day advanced critical incident stress intervention and peer support course recently were Djuena Potter, health technician with the Pike County Board of Education; Debra Hayes, Betsy Layne Elementary School nurse; Shurella Hall, Shelby Valley High School youth services center coordinator; and Deron Rambo of the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB). The course took place at the Georgetown-Scott County Emergency Management Agency headquarters. KCCRB coordinates a statewide network of mental health professionals, school and emergency services personnel who provide confidential counseling to emergency workers, disaster victims and their families following traumatic emergencies.

### **Students showcase** their mediation skills

Middle School competed on student. "It felt good helping other November 15, in a Mock Mediation Showcase, organized by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). The day-long competition was held in Louisville on the U. of L. Shelby Campus.

Students from schools in Boone, Boyle, Hardin, Jefferson, and Woodford counties participated in the competition as part of the "We Can Work It Out!" Mediation Showcase. The showcase featured four mock mediation sessions during which students mediated in role-playing exercises. Scenarios calling to rumors and other subjects. Students were judged on their mediation skills, such as active listening, remaining impartial, identifying the facts of the dispute, and brainstorming possible solutions.

Students at past mediation showcases have called the event both fun and useful. "I learned that you can work out problems without



A team of students from Adams going to the principal," said one students" work out their problems. Students and teachers participating in the showcase have been trained in the six steps of conflict resolution as outlined in the National Institute for Citizen Education in the Law's "We Can Work It Out!" curriculum.

> Students on the Adams Middle School team are Tommi Sue Tussey, Brianna Moore, Amber McKinney, and Michelle Lackey. They were coached by Michelle Keathley and Charlene Nunn.

For more information about this ranged from discriminatory name and any other AOC law related education project, contact Deborah Williamson, general manager, Division of the Youth, Families and Community Services, Administrative Office of the Courts, 100 Millcreek Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; or call (502) 573-2350.





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### Number of holiday travelers to dip slightly, says AAA

Americans are expected to travel 100 miles or more from home this Christmas and New Year's holiday, the second highest number of travelers for any holiday period. according to AAA.

That figure represents a one percent dip from last year's record 45.2 million travelers. This is the first projected decline in Christmas-New Year's travel since 1990. However, growth in travel for this holiday period has actually increased by 63 percent since the beginning of the decade.

travel by auto this holiday, while cent; theme or amusement parks, another 9.6 million say they'll go by plane, train or bus. Both figures represent a 1 percent decline from 1998.

"Gasoline prices are at their highest level since 1990," according to Dan Dickson, manager of public relations for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky. "That, and a desire by some to stay home and avoid all the New Year's

A near-record 44.6 million two reasons why the travel numbers are expected to be down slightly this year."

> The largest group of travelers, 9.2 million, will come from the west, followed by the southeast, 8.9 million; the northeast, 5.8 million; the midwest, 5.6 miles and the Great Lakes, 5.5 million.

percent of travelers plan to visit a city during the holidays, while another 30 percent expect to travel to a town or rural area. Other popular destinations include ocean/beach, 12 percent; moun-About 25 million people plan to tains, seven percent; lakes two pertwo percent; state or national park, one percent and other or don't know, five percent. The holiday projections are based on a national survey of 1,500 adults conducted by The Travel Industry Association for AAA.

AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky is a not-for-profit auto club serving 120,000 members in 61 counties in central and eastern Kentucky and Millennium celebrations, may be parts of Virginia and West Virginia.

may not resume until a new "oil-

for-food" agreement is reached

In Kentucky, the pre-Christmas

price for a gallon of self-serve

unleaded regular is \$1.28, up anoth-

er four cents since November. For

the second month in a row,

Kentucky has the nation's 17th

paying too much? Drivers in balmy

Hawaii are paying an average of

\$1.53. The country's cheapest gas

can be found in Oklahoma, at

In Lexington, gas prices dropped

an average of a nickel a gallon in

December to \$1.23. However, the

city's gas prices have exhibited vast

mood swings this year, rising dra-

matically, then falling again soon

not-for-profit auto club serving

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with the United Nations.

According to AAA's survey, 41

(NAPSA)-It didn't take a lot of toying around for Harry Tomkins to figure out a way to help bring smiles to children in the hospital.

When patients at any one of the 22 Shriners Hospitals in the United States, Canada or Mexico receive a brightly painted wooden toy with wheels during the holiday season, chances are that little present came from the workshop of "The Toy Maker" Tomkins in Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

For the past four years of his retirement, Tomkins, 75, a Shriner from Rameses Shrine Temple in Toronto, has turned the use of his wood-working skills into nearly a full-time job. But that seems to suit Tomkins and his wife, Elma, just fine, because, she says: "Harry's been working with wood for a lifetime and making toys for Shriners Hospitals patients makes my husband so proud to be a Shriner."

"Actually, when I decided to make wooden toys and, perhaps, donate them to local Christmas efforts, it was my son, Ross, also a Shriner, who reminded me of some-



Harry Tomkins of Canada, often called "Santa Claus," volunteers his time to make toys for children at Shriners Hospitals.

thing that was only too apparent," Harry Tomkins says. "Ross remarked, 'You're a Shriner, and Shriners operate 22 childrens' hospitals, so it seems pretty plain where the toys should be going,' Well, that was the start of my newfound career."

ed thousands of hours to his his personal project. Even after the holidays, his toy making is never ending. Once he completes a large batch of his toys, which include wooden buses, cars, hippos, bears, ducks, whales and giraffes, the craftsman contacts the Shriners Hospitals, arranges for delivery of the toys, and sometimes even personally delivers his handmade works of art to some of the hospitals-at his own expense. He even makes a point of distributing his toys to the Honolulu Shriners Hospital during his annual vacation in Hawaii.

Saying that his hobby has grown by leaps and bounds in just four years may be an understatement. About a year ago, Tomkins completed his 10,000th toy, and to mark its production, he presented the specially inscribed toy to Rameses Shrine Temple, where it is now on display. At present, Tomkins is happy to report that he is well over the 12,000 mark in his toy production-all for the love of children, as

Since 1995, Tomkins has devot- indicated by the heart logo that accompanies each toy, along with the inscription, "With Love, Harry."

In return for his charitable work, Tomkins expects nothing more than a big smile on the faces of all recipients of his toys.

"After all, I'm proud to have, in some small way, brightened their stay at our Shriners Hospitals," he savs.

Already, "Santa" Tomkins has a scrapbook filled with letters of appreciation and photos of children with his toys from nearly every Shriners Hospital-and from grateful parents, too.

"That's where I get my satisfaction," says the toy maker.

This holiday season, Shriners Hospital patients may find out that there really is a Santa Claus-in the person of Harry "The Toy Maker" Tomkins.



**Pre-holiday gas prices** Gasoline prices have increased crude oil from Iraq has stopped and

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after.

an average of 2.8 cents per gallon nationwide over the past three weeks, rising to their highest pre-Christmas level since 1990, according to the latest AAA survey.

AAA's monthly Fuel Gauge Report shows self-serve regular unleaded gasoline averages \$1.31 per gallon across the United States, the highest December price since cheapest gas prices. Think you're 1990, when the average price was \$1.37 per gallon. That price was recorded on the eve of the Gulf War with Iraq. Gas prices are up 28.7 cents per gallon since last December, when the average fuel price was \$1.023 at the pump.

"Crude oil prices have really had an impact on gas prices lately," said Dan Dickson, public relations manfor AAA Blue ager Grass/Kentucky. "Gasoline is refined from crude oil and crude prices have been climbing steadily, so naturally the price at the pump has jumped, too.'

Dickson added that the flow of parts of Virginia and West Virginia.

Visitors to Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin can enjoy this folder of art that was presented to the hospital by students at McDowell Elementary. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Toy maker seen as Santa Claus for hospitalized children



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# South Floyd on a streak

### Next game



South Floyd at Allen Central Records: SF 5-3: AC 2-2 When: Fri., Dec.17, 6:00 p.m.

#### by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

Someone will have to make note of this date in time, marking the first time in the history of South Floyd High School (and it has been a short history) the Lady Raiders basketball team has won four consecutive games.

South Floyd won over the Lady Mustangs of Millard this past Monday night to, give them their first four-game winning streak.

The streak began with a win over Feds Creek last week and continued with a win at Rosehill on Friday. Then, this past Saturday night, they

### Four game streak school record

defeated Raceland in overtime.

"The Lady Raiders are playing with some fire," said first-year coach Paul Cline. "They will compete hard this season.'

South Floyd was a 30-point winner over the host Lady Mustangs, coming home with a 73-43 win. Lindsey Hall pumped in 20 points to lead South Floyd. Martha Crawford continued to score from the threepoint arc, hitting two three-point baskets on her way to 18 points. Sonya Tackett added 10 points as the third player to hit double figures. Freshman Valerie King came off the bench and contributed eight points. Minnie Tackett and Stephanie

Skeans netted four, with Sara Johnson completing a old-fashioned three-point play for her three points. Monica Newsome and Stacie Stanley had two points. Tabitha Berger scored one.

Johnson pulled down 12 rebounds in the game. She also dished off three assists.

South Floyd attempted 34 free throws, hitting 20. Crawford was a perfect six of six.

Becky Coleman led Millard with 12 points. Bethany Hall and Kristi Taylor finished with eight apiece.

South Floyd led 12-8 after the first period behind Crawford and Hall. A 19-10 spurt in the second quarter netted them a 31-18 halftime lead.

The Lady Raiders had extended their lead to 23 points after three quarters with Coach Cline going to the bench early. South Floyd outscored Millard 42-25 in the second half.

South Floyd posted a thrilling 56-51 overtime win over Raceland, but it wasn't the fact they won in an extra period that made it so dramatic.

"We got down by 20 points and these girls never did quit," said the South Floyd coach. "We came back

(See STREAK, page two)

### **Tigers beat** Ladycats on last second shot, 60-59

### by Karen Joseph Sports Writer

The Bobcats of Betsy Layne hosted the Lady Tigers of Paintsville Monday night.

The Lady Cats were coming off a road trip this past weekend in which they lost to Madison Central. The Lady Cats were 3-1 going into Monday night's game.

Paintsville led most of the game, at one time by as many as 14 points.





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### Stumbo dedicates victories to **Cliff Daniels**

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

The 1999-2000 basketball season at Stumbo Elementary has been dedicated to the memory of Cliff Daniels, a former Mustang, who passed away back in the summer

The Tuesday, November 16 game, in which Stumbo hosted the Adams Middle School Lady Blackcats and Blackcats, was a special night for those in atten-



dance

The evening started with the Lady Mustangs defeating the Lady Blackcats 45-43. Kesha Newman led all scorers with 25 points, followed by Heather Hamilton with nine. Shelly Hammond netted five and Sarah Flannery scored four. Whitney Tackett and Mara Biliter added one point each.

The Lady Blackcats were led in scoring by Tabatha Caudill with 20 points. Heather White netted 15 with Megan Little scoring three. Dracey Hicks and Megan Harris scored four and three points respectively.

The Mustangs defeated the Blackcats 47-25 in the second game of the evening. The Mustangs were led in scoring by Jimmy Akers with 11 points. Jack Slone and Brandon Hall had eight points each, with Brandon Kidd scoring six. C.J. Newsome added five and Ryan Mitchell had four. Mason Hall netted two, as did Wesley Hall.

Jason Hughes led Adams Middle School with six points. Tyler Burke netted four along with

(See DANIELS, page two)



SOUTH FLOYD'S RYAN SHANNON (5) drove past a Pike Central defender Saturday night. Shannon scored 17 points in his team's 99-79 win over the Hawks. The Raiders travel to Allen Central Friday night (photo by Ed Taylor)

### Hall scores 29 as South Floyd wins at Pike Central 99-79

#### by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

The South Floyd Raiders fans were not going to be satisfied for anything less than their ball team

hitting the century mark against Pike County Central last Friday night at Pike Central.

However, the faithful had to settle for a 99-79 win over the Hawks that improved the Raiders' overall record to 5-1 on the season.

Freshman Michael Hall pumped in 29 points to lead South Floyd in scoring. He buried three three-point baskets. Rusty Tackett, just a sophomore, drained four treys and finished with 17 points. Senior Ryan Shannon netted 17 in the game and hit one trey. In all, South Floyd buried nine three-point baskets.

Byron Hall, who had 10 rebounds, also had 10 points. Jimmy Stumbo led the Raiders in

rebounding with 12, as well as two blocked shots. He had six points to go with the other stats.

Shawn Scott, a sophomore, was outstanding for the Hawks with 21 points. His quickness on the court allowed him to beat the Raider defense for

some easy baskets. He had one three-point basket. Chris Clevenger finished with 15 points and Kevin Looney added 11. Looney hit a trey and was perfect at the charity stripe, hitting six of six. South Floyd Coach Henry Webb said his team

has arrived.

"I said all along if we could put together a complete four-quarter game, we would be awesome," he said. "I feel like we did that here tonight."

It was a game of comebacks for the Hawks, as they never could overtake the Raiders who built as much as a 27point lead three times in the game.

The Raiders led 23-15 at the first stop. Pike Central took the early lead on a three-point basket by Looney. Clevenger scored consecutive baskets, with a basket by Hall sandwiched between, to give the Hawks a 7-4 lead. South Floyd took their first lead of

the game on a three-point basket by Shannon with just under four minutes to play in the opening period.

Hall nailed a 19-footer and buried a three-point-

(See HALL, page two)

The Lady Cats had a poor shooting night. Betsy Layne hit only 16 of 52 from the floor. But despite having a horrible shooting night, the Bobcats fought back and lost by only one point.

Kretzer made a last-minute shot to give the Tigers the 60-59 win

Betsy Layne placed two in double figures. Jenny Parsons led the Lady Bobcats with 16 points and eighth-grader Whitney Lykens added 15 for the Bobcats.

Kim Kretzer lead both teams in scoring. Kretzer finished with 27 points for the Tigers.

Cats show

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**JCHS 58**, Magoffin Co 44

Powell Co 49, Morgan Co 41 Pike Central 87, Elkhorn City 71 Shelby Valley 62, Sheldon Clark 50 Pikeville 77, Feds Creek 43 R. Christian 46 Buckhorn 68, Betsy Layne 59 Paintsville 60, South Floyd 73, Millard 43 South Floyd 56, Raceland 51, OT South Floyd 47, Rosehill 43 Madison Cen. 68, Betsy Layne 52

Boys

South Floyd 99, Pike Central 79 Williamsburg 60, Whitney Co 51 Green Co 76, West Carter 82,

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### Games on tap

Girls

Thurs., Dec. 16 Betsy Layne at Millard Prestonsburg at Whitesburg

Sat., Dec. 18 Allen Central at Cawood

Mon., Dec. 20 Allen Central at Betsy Layne

Boys

Fri., Dec. 17 Betsy Layne at Paintsville South Floyd at Allen Central

Tues., Dec. 21 South Floyd at Paintsville Prestonsburg at Pikeville

Elementary **Basketball** 

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Thurs., Dec. 16 Adams at Johnson Central ACMS at Stumbo

for Ken Griffey Jr. in

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(See SPORTS. page two)

BOA Girls

A Look At Sports Reds pull out;



South Floyd's Dusty Tackett (14) watched as the basketball went one way a Pike Central player another. The Raiders picked up their fifth win of the season with a 99-79 win over the host Hawks (photo by Ed Taylor)

### Streak

and tied the game to win in overtime.'

South Floyd outscored Raceland 9-3 in the extra period, hitting five of eight free throws. Minnie Tackett had four points in the OT.

The game was tied at 47 after regulation play.

Raceland rolled to a 16-7 firstquarter lead over the visiting Lady Raiders, drilling two three-point baskets. Linda Strong and Amber Tackett nailed treys for Raceland to stake a nine-point advantage.

In the second period, Raceland buried three more three-point baskets, one each by Allison Sargent, Tackett and Sam Rigsby, Raceland led by 12 at the half, 29-17.

Martha Crawford, who was playing despite a virus, had the hot hand in the third period for South Floyd. Crawford had only a three-point basket and free throw at the intermission, but drained two treys in the third period and Valerie King had one quarters and overtime), Raceland had but four field goals.

Crawford finished with 13 points for the game to lead South Floyd. Sonya Tackett added 12 and Lindsey Hall scored 11. Both Minnie Tackett and Kandence Mitchell finished with eight points for a balanced attack for the Lady Raiders.

King had three points and Stephanie Skeans scored one.

"This was nothing but teamwork," said Coach Cline. "They pulled together and fought for what was rightly theirs.

"Martha played as hard as I have ever seen her play and she didn't feel well. Kandence was playing hurt but went back in the game and pulled down some key rebounds to help us hang on."

Coach Cline cited King and Minnie Tackett for their effort on the other end of the floor.

"Both played awesome defense." he said. "Sonya played with nothing for good when they outscored the host school 20-6 in assuming a 30-18 halftime lead.

Mitchell scored six of her points in the opening period, but the Lady Raiders trailed 12-10 at the first stop. Laura Riddle rippled the nets for eight first-quarter points for Rosehill.

Martha Crawford hit two threepoint baskets in the second period to ignite the 20-6 run for South Floyd. Mitchell added six more points in the quarter and Minnie Tackett netted four.

It was a 41-34 South Floyd lead after three quarters and the Lady Raiders had to hold down a Rosehill rally in the fourth quarter.

Adam Meade. Shane Hatfield sang "Angel" in honor of Daniels. McCreary all had two points each.

"We were told they were not a good team this year," said Coach

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Cline, "only to find out when we got over there they were undefeated." Crawford hit for seven points in

the game and Tackett scored four. Jessie Paige and King had two points each.

"Kandence and Lindsey really stood out for us," said the South Floyd mentor. "Lindsey handled the ball really well while Kandence played with a lot of teamwork.

"Sara Johnson has really stepped up her game when we needed her. The 'Towers,' as we call them, worked hard inside for their rebounds."

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scored three. Cody Branham, Kory Brittany Mitchell read a poem cho-Caudill, Shane Dingus and Josh sen by Cliff's mother, and Shawna

### Hall

er to open up a 16-9 South Floyd lead, causing the Hawks to take a timeout.

Shannon completed an old-fashioned three-point play, making it a 21-11 lead.

A couple of turnovers by the Raiders allowed the Hawks to narrow the lead to eight points on baskets by Scott and Josh Williamson before the quarter ended.

The Raiders dominated the first three minutes of the second quarter and opened up a 31-15 lead. Rusty Tackett, off the bench, drained consecutive three-point baskets and Hall connected on two free throws for the 16-point cushion.

A three-point basket from Josh Weddington with 28 seconds left in the half cut the South Floyd lead to just 10 points, 41-31 at the half. Pike Central scored the final eight points of the second quarter to climb back into contention.

But the Hawks would get even closer in the third period, as the Raiders opened shaky, turning the ball over on their first two possessions. The Hawks moved to within four points of the visiting Raiders, 48-44, on a three-point basket by Scott. Kyle Tackett answered that trey with one of his own and his move to Pike County.

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sparked the Raiders to an 8-2 run that netted them a 59-48 lead.

South Floyd scored the final nine points of the third period, capped off by Tackett's three-point basket, to lead 70-52 heading into the final period.

The shooting of Hall and Tackett was more than the Hawks could handle in the fourth quarter, which saw the Raiders go up by 27 points, and fell by the final 20 points, 99-

Coach Webb inserted his bench with over three minutes to play, but the extra players were 1-of-4 from the free throw line. Anthony Hall had a basket underneath with three seconds left to give the Raiders 99 points.

The Raiders will have a big, big conference game this Friday night when they travel to Allen Central. The Raiders are 2-0 in the conference.

Game Notes:

· Kevin Looney is the son of Judy and Randy Looney, who now live in Pikeville. Judy was band director at McDowell High School until moving on to Pike Central. Randy has worked for UPS and had a local route in the county before

### Lykens scores 15 in loss

### by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

Eighth-grader Whitney Lykens pumped in 15 points to lead the Betsy Layne Ladycats in scoring, but she was the only player in double figures as Betsy Layne dropped a 68-52 decision at Madison Central in Richmond Saturday night.

Sophomore Natasha Stratton added nine points and pulled down six rebounds. Amber Roberts led with nine rebounds, while Lykens also finished with six boards.

The game was much closer than the final 16-point margin would indicate. In fact, the Ladycats trailed by only two points with three minutes to play. "We played well but missed a lot of free throws," said Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers. "The last three minutes hurt us.'

Madison Central owned a 17-8 first-quarter lead behind the scoring of Jennifer Cornette. Cornette had six points in the opening quarter. Roberts scored five firstquarter points, completing an oldfashioned three-point play.

Betsy Layne had a 13-8 second-quarter run but still trailed by four, 25-21, at the half. Lykens hit five of eight free throws in the period.

The Ladycats trailed by just two points after three quarters, going into the fourth period down 39-37. Stratton and Lykens carried the Ladycats in the final period. Lykens scored six points in the stanza with Stratton netting four.

Betsy Layne made only 19 of 34 free throws in the game

Devon Reynolds had a threepoint basket for Betsy Layne, finishing with six points for the game. Heather Hamilton tossed in four and Kim Tackett scored two. Jenny Parsons had six points for Betsy Layne, who played without the services of Sheena Akers.

Betsy Layne travels to Millard Thursday night.



trey to lead a comeback. Still, South Floyd trailed 42-32 after three quarters

It was the fourth quarter that the Lady Raiders mounted a comeback, outscoring Raceland 15-5 to tie the game. South Floyd held Raceland without a field goal in the final eight minutes and allowed only a threepoint basket by Tackett in the overtime. In the final 20 minutes (two South Floyd that gave them the lead

but heart and soul. It was the best defensive game a coach could ask of any player. She held their leading scorer to only six points."

Against Rosehill, South Floyd edged the host team, 47-43, behind the combined 32 points of Hall and Mitchell. Both players finished with 16 points for the game.

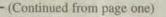
It was a wild second quarter for

The night and victories were dedicated by Stumbo in memory of a student-athlete the school lost this past summer to meningitis, Cliff Daniels.

Gerald Newsome, a teacher at Stumbo Elementary, read a tribute to Cliff from the community, faculty and students. Whitney Tackett

Adkins asked for a moment of silence for everyone to remember times shared with Cliff.

As the dedication of games and tribute was in honor of a studentathlete who is no longer with them, Cliff will always be in the hearts and memories of everyone at Stumbo Elementary and the community of Mud Creek.



on a two-point basket by Stacy Patrick. Kimberly Tackett of Betsy Layne was fouled by Leann Curtiss and tied the scored at two by connecting on both free throws. Paintsville then went on an 8-0 run, or you could say Kim Kretzer went on a run. Kretzer scored six straight points for the Lady Tigers.

**L**igers

two-point basket for Betsy Layne, with a little over two minutes to go in the first quarter. The first quarter ended with the Tigers having a 10point lead.

The Lady Cats struggled back in the second quarter and closed the gap to within one point with 4:32 remaining in the half. But Paintsville would once again go on a run

The Tigers outscored the Bobcats 10-3 in the last three minutes of the half. The Lady Bobcats didn't gain any ground on the Tigers in the second quarter. The half ended as the first quarter, with the Tigers holding a 10-point lead.

Cassandra Akers' Lady Bobcats came out in the second half ready to play ball. Whitney Lykens scored 10 points for the Bobcats in the third quarter. But Lykens got into foul trouble and had to take the bench late in the third quarter. This really hurt the Bobcats, but they didn't give up.

Betsy Layne trailed the Tigers by 15 points with 2:51 remaining in the third quarter. But before Lykens got into foul trouble she helped the Lady Cats come back to within three when she scored a two-point basket to bring the Cats within three at the end of the third quarter.

Betsy Layne had fewer turnovers in the third quarter and it

was a different ballgame going into the final period.

Betsy Layne took the lead for the first time in the game with 5:09 remaining in the fourth quarter. Jenny Parsons hit a jump shot to give the Bobcats a one-point lead, 47-46.

But Betsy Layne's lead was Tabitha Mitchell finally hit a short-lived. Whitney Lykens fouled Kretzer, who hit both free throws to regain the lead for Paintsville.

> Betsy Layne would tie the score again with 1:15 remaining in the game on a free throw by Jenny Parsons. But again, 10 seconds later, Paintsville would quickly regain the lead on a free throw by Kretzer.

> Lykens fouled out of the game with 2:45 minutes remaining. Then Devon Reynolds fouled out with a little over a minute to go. The Lady Cats would never quit.

> Heather Hamilton made four free throws in the last 27 seconds of the game. The last two Hamilton made gave the Bobcats the lead for the second time in the game with 6.9 seconds to go. Paintsville inbounded the ball, and everyone, on Betsy Layne's side that is, thought a walk should have been called, but no call was made and Kretzer scored a layup with one second remaining to give the Tigers the one-point victory. 60-59.

> The Bobcats will have another tough game on Tuesday night when they take on the Blackcats of Prestonsburg.

In the fourth quarter, both teams hit well from the free throw line. Paintsville was 12 of 19 and Betsy Layne was 11 of 15. But Betsy Layne missed a couple of critical ones toward the end.



Amber Roberts (20) goes up for two points in the game against Paintsville. The Bobcats trailed by as many as 15 at one time during the game, but battled back to lose by only one point to the Tigers. (photo by Karen Joseph)

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## **Prestonsburg Junior Basketball**

### JUNIOR VARSITY

### BULLS VS HAWKS

Zack Stanley scored 18 points and Matthew Crisp added 11 to lead the Hawks past the Bulls, 43-31, in junior varsity basketball. Justin Conn added eight and Michael Lackey had four. Benji Fish netted two points.

Andrew Shepherd scored 12 points to lead the Bulls scoring. Tommy Johnson and Mikey Crum had six points each. Jarrod Willis scored five for the Bulls.

The Hawks built a 12-6 lead in the first quarter. Stanley had six of his 18 in the first quarter. Conn netted four first-period points. Crum and Willis had two points for the Bulls in the opening stanza.

The Hawks led 19-18 after the first half, but a 16-6 run in the third period opened the game up for the Hawks.

#### LAKERS VS PACERS

The Lakers won over the Pacers 30-23, with James Lafferty scoring 17 points. Josiah Reno added six points, with Carman Maines netting five. Jordan Ochala had two points.

Bobby Hughes led the Pacers with eight points. Meghan Slone netted seven and Chris Oliver scored six. Zach Ousley had two points and Ricky Crider finished with one.

The Lakers took a 6-3 lead in the first quarter with Lafferty scoring four points. Ousley had two points for the Pacers.

An 8-6 second period gave the Lakers a 14-9 halftime lead. Lafferty scored six second-quarter points. He also hit for six in the fourth period.

#### TRAINING LEAGUE

### SIXERS VS HORNETS

Seth Setser and Nathaniel Stephens combined for 22 points as the Sixers scored a 30-11 win over the Hornets. Setser had 12 points and Stephens, 10 in the victory. Josh Holbrook added four points with Cameron Tincher and Christopher Schoolcraft scoring two points each.

Shawn Wallen scored all 11 points for the Hornets. Two came in the third quarter and nine in the fourth. The Hornets went scoreless in the first two quarters.

### SONICS VS LAKERS

The Lakers got 14 points from Josh Rodebaugh and Jody Tackett scored 12 to lead the Lakers to a 36-8 win over the Sonics. Brittany Collins netted eight points and Matthew Sword scored two.

Michael Burchett led the Sonics with four points. Allen Craynon netted two. Vincent Hayes and Rikki Hughes scored one point apiece.

The two teams were tied at 2-2 after the first quarter, A 16-1 run by the Lakers in the second period got the Lakers in front 18-3 at the half. Tackett scored eight points in the quarter and Rodebaugh had six.

#### HAWKS VS BULLETS

Taylor Clark scored a game-high 18 points to lead the Bullets to a 24-13 win over the Hawks. Jesse Brock had the other six points for the Bullets.

Joshua Head scored seven points to lead the Hawks. Jared May added four and Nicholas Conn had two.

The Hawks got four points from May and two apiece from Head and Conn to lead 8-2 after the first quar-

ter. But Clark went wild in the second quarter, scoring eight points to tie the game at 10 at the half. The Hawks went scoreless in the third period as the Bullets extended their lead.

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### PEE WEE LEAGUE

### MAGIC VS PACERS

In a close one, the Magic scored a 3-2 win over the Pacers. All three of Magic points came on free throws by Frankie Conn.

Evan Hayes scored the only two points for the Pacers.

#### **BULLS VS PACERS**

Wil Allen had five points and Brian Branham added four to lead the Bulls past the Pacers, 13-5. Blake Goble and Casey Conley added two.

Evan Spradlin had two points for the Pacers. (Another player scored three points, but no name was given).

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## **Betsy Layne Junior Basketball**

### JUNIOR TRAINING LEAGUE

#### **RED VS GREEN**

The Green team got eight points from Dylan Maldenado in a 16-14 edging of the Red team this past Sunday. Derek Tackett



and Andrew Vance scored four Blue. points apiece for the Green squad.

Mathew Stevens had six points to lead the Red team. Bradley Hicks netted four and Nathan Martin tossed in three. Andrew Roberts added one.

Maldenado scored all eight of his points in the first quarter, as the Green team took a 10-9 first quarter lead. Stevens scored six points in the first period.

Neither team could score in the second period and each team scored two points in the third. The Green team outscored the Red 4-3 in the final quarter.

#### **BLUE VS BLACK**

Lindsey Martin scored six points and Bryce Adkins added four as the Black team edged the Blue team 12-11 last Saturday. Tyler Johnson finished with two points for the winners.

Adam Howell shared game scoring honors with six points to lead the Blue team. Dustin Burchett netted three and Casey Adkins finished with two.

quarter but the Black team took a

### TRAINING LEAGUE

#### NAVY VS BLACK

Nick Akers scored all six of his team-high points in the fourth quarter in leading the Navy team to a 16-6 win over the Black squad. Eric Rice also added six points. Brandon Bishop and Cooley McKay finished with two points each.

Kayla Case and Colby Newsome had three points each to lead the Black team.

#### GREEN VS BLUE

Samuel Keathley scored 10 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter as the Green team got past the Blue, 35-21. Justin Kurkowski added 14 points in the win. Taylor Boyd and Reece Spurlock scored two points each.

Trey Whitt led the Blue with his 11 points. Korey Henry scored four points and Adam Gearheart added six.

Keathley went scoreless in the It was a 2-2 game after the first first half and scored five in the third period. Kurkowski had eight points in the second period. The Blue team led 8-4 after the first quarter, with Whitt scoring six points in the period. A 10-4 run by the Green netted a 14-12

#### halftime lead.

#### MAROON VS RED

Brennan Case had six firstquarter points and led the Maroon team to a 16-14 win over the Red. Tyler Hamilton added four points in the win. Austin Collins, Casey Castle and Michael McKinney

Cody Rogers led all scorers with eight points. Justin Barton added six.

The Maroon team trailed 9-8 after the first quarter. Barton scored seven first-quarter points. It was a 9-8 game at the half, as neither team could score in the second period.



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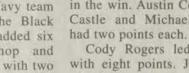
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6-3 halftime lead. Martin scored four points in the second quarter.

Adkins hit two big free throws for the Black team in the final stanza, as the Black edged the



South Floyd's John Meade (23) went uncontested to the basket after intercepting a pass against Pike Central Saturday night. The Raiders improved to 5-1 on the season with a 99-79 win (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Did Five Flags Speedway make a judgmental error in declaring Winston Cup driver Rich Bickle, driver of the No. 45 Ford as the winner of the 32nd annual Snowball Derby?



way Sunday night believing the 1999 Hooter's ProCup Champion, Bobby Gill of Dalton, Ga., was the winner because not only had he taken the checkered flag ahead of Bickle, but all the victory lane and post-race celebrations concluded he won.

The decision by Five Flags Speedway officials to declare Bickle the official winner and place Gill eighth wasn't announced until almost 3 a.m. Monday morning,



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Most racing fans left the speed- long after all the race fans had gone on lap 304. home.

> All the reasons given by the speedway were contained in a simple one-page press release issued at 2:47 a.m. Monday morning.

ahead of Bickle and proceeded to 45 Ford into the left side of Gill's participate in post-race ceremonies. Upon a lengthy review of video and scorecards, Five Flags Speedway Officials awarded the victory to Bickle and Gill was dropped to a respectable eighth-place finish. The official review proved that Gill finished the race as the last car on the lead leap. The victory and results pit wall. were declared shortly after 12 a.m. Monday morning.'

Repeated calls to the speedway or Don Grassman of CIA Sports Promotions were not answered. Neither Gill nor Bickle could be reached for comment, but Scott Carlson of Pensacola, Fla., who finished fourth, gave the following statement.

"Bobby got a lap down, but he made it up, and they told him he was a lead lap car. He thought he was two laps down, but when they put him back on the lead lap, he quit trying to make up any more laps.

"But after the race they told him he was a lap down, even though his scorer had him on the lead lap. Had they told him he was a lap down, he could have easily made it up."

According to unofficial records kept by this reporter, Gill regained his position on the lead lap on lap 231 and was running in 14th position at that time. He worked his way through the field until he passed race leader Bickle for the lead on lap 274.

The field then continued with Gill leading, followed by Bickle, Craftsman Truck Series driver, Scott Hansen, Tracey Goodson and Scott Carlson.

With Gill and Bickle running one-two, there was an accident involving two cars on lap 297. The three front-runners pitted for two right-side tires. Gill was out first, followed by Bickle and Hansen. Gill took the lead from Goodson, who had remained on the track within one lap after racing resumed

attempted to pass Gill's No. 5 Chevrolet, but failed and crossed the finish line less than a car-length back. After taking the checkered "Gill crossed the finish line flag, Bickle put the nose of his No. car as they entered turn two, and knocked him into the outer wall.

> Bickle then came down pit road, where he was met by a chorus of fan boos and obscenities. Hansen followed him into the pits. He ran his car into the side of Bickle's car and appeared to try to push him into the

Bickle took off down pit road with Hansen in pursuit. The two cars circled the track and stopped on the front stretch, which was by that time filled with sheriff's deputies and racetrack personnel who kept things from getting further out of hand.

Gill's car was towed back by a speedway wrecker while he celebrated in victory lane. So far, speedway officials have not levied a fine against Bickle for wrecking Gill after the end of the race.

"They didn't have the professional people and scorers that you need when you're running for \$100,000. When you get into a race like this, you need to have all your bases covered," continued Carlson. The win was Bickle's fifth

Snowball Derby victory.

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO NASCAR ENGINE BUILDERS?

Is the little independent engine builder who used to build engines in a small shop about to go the way of Ricky Rudd and the other independent owner/drivers in big-time racing?

When the NASCAR Winston Cup teams visit in Daytona in February, there will be plenty of five engine suppliers providing

teams, cars and drivers. But one engines to the entire-Winston Cup With only two laps left, Bickle thing changing in modern racing is the number of engine suppliers. The trend now is for the big teams to supply the smaller teams with engine programs that cost abut \$2 million for a season. The Roush, Yates and Hendrick engine programs are expected to power about

20 cars at Daytona. About 15 suppliers will provide engines to nearly all of the field at races in 2000. Richie Gilmore, head engine builder at Dale Earnhardt Inc. and former Hendrick Motorsports engine builder, said the number of engine suppliers will continue to dwindle in the coming years, with both positive and negative effects on the sport. DEI builds its own engines for the No. 1 Pennzoil Monte Carlo driven by Steve Park and the No. 8 Budweiser Earnhardt Jr.

"Yes," says Richie Gilmore of Dale Earnhardt Racing, "The number of engine suppliers is as low as it has ever been. Because some of the big teams are supplying the smaller teams, you have seen a lot of engine shops in the sport close their doors and lay off employees.

"We average about eight to ten calls from people out of work from places that closed or from people on smaller teams. Those smaller teams just write a check at the beginning of the year and they don't have to worry about buying equipment, overhead, personnel, etc. I think most engine deals now are about \$2 million plus the cost of taking an engine tuner to each race whose responsibility it is to look after that particular engine. You have to pay for some equipment during the season but that \$2 million covers a lot. In the long run, we are probably going to end up with just four or

field and just a few people standing on their own. I think you will also see a lot more factory support in the future. Especially when Chrysler comes in. General Motors and Ford will have to work even that much harder and focus even more attention on their engines."

When asked what effects this would have on competition, he replied:

"In a way, it will help the competition because you will see some of the smaller teams with engine programs similar to the bigger teams, so they have a better chance to compete. I know in the Hendrick case those guys are getting pretty close to what the Hendrick teams are getting. So it is a good deal for those folks buying the engines. By the same token, those bigger teams are Monte Carlo driven by Dale also going to make a lot of money selling engines. Selling engines creates revenue for the bigger teams to buy the latest and greatest equipment, better engines, better drivers and better crew. members. Selling engines is a business decision."

Is it tougher on those who continue to build their own engines?

'Those of us supplying only one or two teams are always fighting a battle in purchasing parts. The parts that used to take six to eight weeks for delivery are now backed up to where it takes as much as 14 weeks and it's just because we were bumped further down the list to the big companies. I think we at DEI are eventually going to supply other teams in addition to the Pennzoil and Budweiser teams. It will be something you have to do to compete with the Hendricks, Roushes and Yateses of the sport. You will have to have a type of rental program to create another avenue for money. It's better than raising your sponsorship fee."



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### Union knocks off Pikeville; Pikeville wins Rax tourney

### by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

It was a long but big day of basketball at Pikeville College Saturday, as the Bears hosted Union and the finals of the 10th annual Rax Junior High Basketball Tournament were concluded.

host Bears but Pikeville Elementary took care of Johns Creek to win the junior high tournament, 50-31.

Sixteen players made up the All-Tournament team, with two from Allen and one from Stumbo being named to the team.

Nicholas Jamerson and Josh Bingham represented Allen Elementary, while Jack Slone represented Stumbo Elementary. Allen advanced to the semifinal game on

to Johns Creek. Johns Creek broke open a tight game late in the first half er. and cruised to a 42-24 decision.

Johns Creek was led by Benny Grigsby's 16 points. Jamerson led the Eagles with nine points and Nathan Lafferty finished with eight for the Eagles.

Stumbo fell to the same Bearcats Union College took care of the in a quarterfinal game, 50-46, on Friday night. Jack Slone scored 22 points to lead the Mustangs.

Allen used a deliberate game in staying close to Virgie in Friday night's semifinals. But the Eagles had to go to overtime before putting the Eagles away, 35-32. The game was tied at 28-28 after regulation.

Virgie had the last look at the basket in regulation play and a threepoint shot just about put the win in the Eagles' column, but the ball Saturday afternoon, where they lost dipped into the basket and spun back

out as the Eagles breathed a lot easi-

Josh Bingham led Allen with 16 points and Chris Crider added 12 for the Eagles.

In a nice award, the Allen Eagles, along with Virgie, won computers for their sportsmanship in the tournament.

In the championship game, David Fish hit a three-pointer just before intermission to put the Panthers on top, 20-12 at the half. The Panthers went on a second-half spurt, outscoring Johns Creek 30-19 in the last two quarters and securing the win.

Jan Johnson had 17 points to lead Pikeville. He was also the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Pikeville dominated the tournament and remained unbeaten at 8-0. They won all four games of the tournament by a total of 100 points.

guard prospects like Chris Duhon,

Tubby decided to forego signing a

player at that spot for this season,

knowing that he had a capable floor

guard for this year, it probably

meant giving up any hope of land-

ing Duhon. As it turned out, Smith

finished second to Duke in that

recruiting race, but you know what

about Saul being a future NBA

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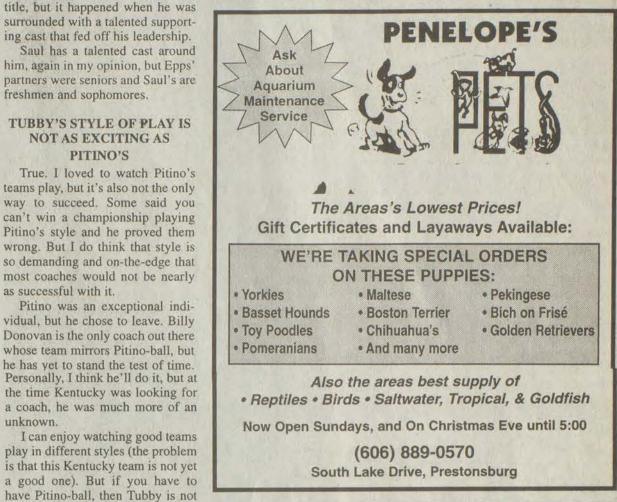
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Kentucky Sportsline By Tom Leach



Ah, the season of peace on earth and goodwill toward men. Yeah, try selling that notion to a Kentucky basketball fan right now. The Cats are 4-4 and it's a full-blown crisis in some households.

Instead of "don't not open until Christmas," the sign for this season should read "do not judge until March 6" (when tournament week begins).

Since it's final exam week on the UK campus, let's take a little truefalse test on the current edition of the basketball Wildcats:

#### **TUBBY WON THAT NATION-**AL TITLE WITH PITINO'S PLAYERS

True - just like Hal Mumme won five games and created infinitely more excitement with Bill Curry's players in 1997. Those looking to knock a coach who fails to repeat his or her first-year success often toss out a variation of this line and it amounts to a knock



on recruiting, which we'll address later.

So, yes, Tubby Smith won with players brought into the program by Rick Pitino. But what a job he did. It's probably safe to say that Duke's Coach K has never been as thoroughly outcoached as he was by Smith in the 1998 South Region final, when the Dukies ran out of timeouts while the Wildcats were en route to a comeback from 17 points down.

Smith was equally shrewd on the bench as the Wildcats won close games against Stanford and Utah to claim the national championship.

Yes, you can say he won the title with Pitino's players, but you certainly cannot knock the job he did in coaching them.

#### KENTUCKY'S PROBLEM IS A LACK OF TALENT

False, in my opinion. And that's all we can deal with is opinions on this issue

I think Keith Bogans and Marvin Stone are surefire NBA-caliber talents. Tayshaun Prince and Jules Camara don't rank quite as high on the talent meter in my mind, but I won't be surprised if either succeeds at the next level. Desmond Allison is a little more iffy, to my way of thinking. And believe it or not, Jamaal Magloire's size will almost certainly punch his ticket for the NBA draft.

I think a lot of Kentucky's current problems could be solved if Prince and/or Camara could adopt an attitude as confident as that of Bogans, to be the "go-to" guy for this team, and if Magloire would remember that it's defense and rebounding that will get him to the NBA and not offense.

You don't agree about the talent on this club? Fine. But only time will tell. We do know that all of those players, save for perhaps Allison, were consensus top 30 prospects coming out of high school, so that sounds like pretty good recruiting to me.

Now, recruiting is a source of Kentucky's struggles this fall, but it is not Smith's doing. Jamaal Magloire is the only player left from Pitino's final two years at UK. Now, Rick didn't fall asleep at the wheel, either. Remember that shortly before he accepted the Celtics job, Pitino lamented the way rumors of his exit were hurting recruiting. The previous spring, Pitino came very close to taking the New Jersey Nets' job, so it's not surprising that top recruits were hesitant to commit to UK at that time.

Kentucky ended up with Myron Anthony, Michael Bradley and Ryan Hogan in Pitino's final season and each of them ended up transferring, the latter two after Smith and company had already committed to what Billy Packer has called the toughest pre-Christmas schedule in the country.

You can't essentially forfeit two seasons worth of recruits and not feel some sort of impact.

### SAUL SMITH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECRUITED TO **KENTUCKY IF HIS DAD** WERE NOT THE

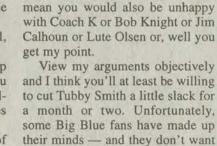
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True. And players like Anthony Epps and John Pelphrey would not have been recruited by the Wildcats if they had not played high school basketball in Kentucky either. They were signed by the Kentucky coach because their proximity made their strengths more clearly seen and because it was believed that they would embrace the idea of not being the straw that stirred the drink.

Both turned out pretty well, huh?

A coach cannot have 15 prep All-Americans on the bench. You can't keep them all happy, especially in this time of early departures for the NBA.

Saul did not play ahead of Wayne Turner and to pursue point



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your man. Of course, that would

## **NASCAR** Connection **Decision time for Petty**

By now, all but a handful of team. Actually both teams had to be crew chief along with that of being and drivers should have somewhat surprised, as it seemed team manager for both Richard'

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everything in place for next season. Most of the big moves have been made and everybody involved is all ready getting fit for the new uniforms to wear when the season unfolds at Daytona in February.

feel that everything at Petty Enterprises was beginning to really come together as the winter's operation for the 2000 season began to roll into high gear. 1999 was the first year that Petty's Level Cross shop actually began preparing two cars for the Winston Cup Series in ries in his first two races as crew quite some time.

The year didn't start off like Richard had wanted, but by the end of the year, both teams were very competitive. This competitiveness had everyone involved at Petty Enterprises optimistic as they prepared for next season.

Some of that optimism may have been lost with the recent announcement that longtime Petty crew chief and team manager, Robbie Loomis had left to become crew chief for Hendrick Motorsports' Dupont

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both teams were set for the 2000 season.

Brian Whitesell had guided the overall operation of Jeff Gordon's No. 24 Dupont team after longtime crew chief Ray Evernham left in Richard Petty, for one, had to early October to head up Chrysler's return to Winston Cup. Whitesell had been the righthand man for Evernham since the team was formed and was the natural choice to become the top man after Evernham's departure. He saw immediate success with two victochief, at Martinsville and at Charlotte.

> Whitesell will just move on up in the organization, as he will now assume the role of team manager for Gordon's team. This move will enable Whitesell to use his strong background in organizational administration and as a graduate engineer.

> Loomis' departure from Petty had to be a tough decision to make as Petty Enterprises was the only Winston Cup team he had ever worked for. He began working at Petty Enterprises in 1988 as a crew member for Kyle Petty's Busch team, and, in 1991, was named crew chief for the No. 43 Pontiac and seven-time Winston Cup champion Richard Petty. He served in that capacity through Petty's final year as a competitor in 1992 during the Richard Petty Fan Appreciation Tour

> Since Petty's retirement after the '92 season, Loomis has worked with five other drivers on the No. 43 team, winning three races. His first two wins came with driver Bobby Hamilton in the 1996 and '97 seasons. His third win came this past spring at Martinsville, when he guided John Andretti from a 21st starting position to victory lane in one of the more popular wins of the season.

> This past season, Loomis took on the dual role of being Andretti's

STP team and Kyle's Hot Wheels team. His nine-year run as Petty's crew chief was the longest in the Winston Cup Series.

Petty Enterprises was at the point that Richard was able to turn

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## Tallest prep player to UNC

#### by Brick Oettinger

The past two weeks we've mentioned that the nation's tallest prep player, 7-6, 303-pound Worcester (Mass.) Holy Name Catholic center Neil Fingleton, actually signed and had notarized national letters of intent for three different schools (North Carolina, Wake Forest and Boston College) on the final day (November 17) of the fall national signing period. Then he meditated another 12 days before reaching a decision and calling the involved coaches on November 29 to inform them

Despite strong rumors (fueled by an unofficial visit to Winston-Salem, N.C., in the middle of the signing period) that Wake Forest would get the nod, the lefthander from Great Britain ultimately picked North Carolina as his collegiate destination. Fingleton is No. 36 in our updated rankings of the nation's prep seniors, which is found in the just-published winter 1999-2000 edition of the Prep Stars Recruiter's Handbook.

His decision raises the Tar Heels' fall recruiting class, which also contains 6-8 Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy power forward Jason Parker (ranked No. 6), 6-2 Kirkland (Wash.) Lake Washington combination guard Brian Morrison (No. 33) and 6-2 Minnetonka (Minn.) High point guard Adam

top five, along with St. John's, Seton Hall, Connecticut and Michigan State.

In our last contribution we noted that even though arguably the three best fall recruiting crops belong to Big East schools, members of Conference USA and the Big 12 overall (the key word) recruited at least as successfully as the Big East, overall. Then we proceeded to rank in order the most promising fall signees with Conference USA schools, and those with Big 12 schools.

This week let's do the same thing with the signees of Big East and Southeastern Conference members. Then next week we'll rank the signees of the Atlantic Coast Conference and Big Ten, the other two leagues whose basketball programs fared quite well in the fall recruiting wars.

After the six conferences mentioned above, there is a big drop-off Hazelton of Lawrence (Mass.) in fall recruiting success down to the Pacific-10, Mountain West, Atlantic 10, Western Athletic Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Mid-American and West Coast Athletic Conference in that order. Starting with week after next, we'll indicate the elite prospects signed in November by members of these seven leagues.

But now let's look closer at the Big East, where the three above-



Boone (No. 69), into the national mentioned schools hogged the pre-Miami-Fla., Syracuse, Notre Dame and Pittsburgh also inked at least two players each who can help their

programs.

FALL 1999 BIG EAST SIGNEES (in order)

1. 6-9 Seton Hall PF/SF Eddie Griffin of Philadelphia (Pa.) Roman Catholic.

Miles of East St. Louis (Ill.) High.

3. 6-1 St. John's PG Omar Cook of Middle Village (N.Y.) Christ the King

4. 6-7 Connecticut SF/PF Caron Butler of Pittsfield (Me.) Maine Central Institute.

5. 6-1 Connecticut PG Taliek Brown of Astoria (N.Y.) St. John's Prep.

6. 5-8 Seton Hall PG Andre Barrett of Manhattan (N.Y.) Rice.

Central Catholic.

8. 6-6 Seton Hall SF/WG Marcu Toney-El of West Orange (N.J.) Seton Hall Prep.

9. 6-8 Georgetown C/PF Mike Sweetney of Oxon Hill (Md.) High. 10. 6-11 St. John's C Mohamed

Diakite of Rockville (Md.) Montrose Christian and Mali. 11. 6-9 St. John's PF/C Kyle

Cuffe of Manhattan (N.Y.) Rice. 12. 6-9 Rutgers PF/SF Herve

Lamizana of Elizabeth (N.J.) St. Patrick

13. 6-6 Georgetown SF Gerald Riley of Milledgeville (Ga.) Baldwin.

14. 6-0 Villanova PG Derrick Snowden of Severn (Md.) Archbishop Spalding.

15. 6-10 Miami-Fla. PF/C Reo Logan of Country Club Hills (Ill.) Hillcrest.

16. 6-3 Miami-Fla. WG Rashid Dunbar of Bayonne (N.J.) Marist.

17. 6-10 Providence C Marcus Douthit of Fitchburg (Mass.) Notre Dame Prep.

18. 6-0 Syracuse PG James Thues of Detroit (Mich.) Martin Luther King.

19. 6-8 Seton Hall PF Damion Fray of Huntington Station (N.Y.) Walt Whitman. 20. 6-7 Pittsburgh PF Chevy

Troutman of Williamsport (Pa.) High.

21. 6-9 Syracuse C Greg Davis of Tulsa (Okla.) Booker T. Washington.

22. 7-0 Notre Dame C Tom Timmermans of Dyke (Va.) Blue Kidge Academy

Shaw of Bronx (N.Y.) John F.

25. 6-6 St. John's SF/PF Eric

26. 6-3 Pittsburgh WG Julius

Page of Buffalo (N.Y.) Turner-

27. 6-9 Pittsburgh C/PF Toree

28. 6-4 Notre Dame WG/PG

29. 6-7 West Virginia SF/WG

30. 6-2 West Virginia walk-on

Chris Markwood of South Portland

Jay Hewitt of Richwood (W.Va.)

Southeastern Conference, whose

members recruited better than any

other conference during the 1998-

Morris of Clinton (Tenn.) High.

King of Brooklyn (N.Y.) Abraham

Jones of Fairless Hills (Pa.)

Netherlands.

Kennedy.

Lincoln

Carroll.

(Me.) High.

Huntley Project.

High.

Pennsbury.

mier talent, although Georgetown, few months. This fall, no SEC school has really had sensational recruiting success, although Alabama would have certainly qualified had big-time 6-9, 260pound in-state power forward/center Mario Austin not elected at the last minute to sign instead with nearby Mississippi State.

The Crimson Tide probably still 2. 6-9 St. John's SF/PF Darius has landed the best fall recruiting class within the league, but its margin isn't great over seven other schools - Mississippi, Auburn, South Carolina, Vanderbilt, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia. The key for Alabama, of course, is when (not whether) 6-7 super SF signee Gerald Wallace enters the NBA draft. Will it be 2000? 2001? Or 2002?

FALL 1999 SOUTHEASTERN 7. 6-8 Connecticut SF/PF Scott CONFERENCE SIGNEES (in order)

> 1. 6-7 Alabama SF Gerald Wallace of Childersburg (Ala.) High.

> 6-9 South Carolina PF/C 2. Rolando Howell of Hopkins (S.C.) Lower Richland.

> 3. 6-9 Mississippi State PF/C Mario Austin of York (Ala.) Sumter County.

> 4. 6-9 Auburn PF/C Abdou Diame of Mouth of Wilson (Va.) Oak Hill Academy and Senegal.

5. 6-7 Mississippi SF/PF Justin Reed of Jackson (Miss.) Provine. 6. 6-5 Florida WG/SF Orien

Greene of Gainesville (Fla.) High. 7. 6-2 Kentucky PG/WG Cliff Hawkins of Mouth of Wilson (Va.)

Oak Hill Academy. 8. 6-5 Vanderbilt WG Billy

Richmond of Memphis (Tenn.) Hamilton. 9. 6-3 Alabama PG/WG

Demetrius Smith of Hogansville (Ga.) Callaway.

10. 6-4 Mississippi WG David Sanders of Northwest Mississippi Junior College. 11. 6-3 Louisiana State WG

JueMichael Young of Hammond (La.) High.

12. 6-8 Tennessee PF/C Andy Ikeakor of Houston (Tex.) Westbury Christian.

13. 6-10 Kentucky C/PF Michael Southall of West Salem (Wisc.)

14. 6-10 Tennessee PF/C Brandon Crump of Klein (Tex.) High

15. 6-6 Georgia SF/PF Chris Daniels of Albany (Ga.) Monroe. 16. 6-9 1/2 Auburn PF/C Kyle

99 academic year but not the past Kendall Dartez (No. 28) is a highly skilled athlete who needs to upgrade his academic credentials in order to sign in the spring with Tulane, Mississippi State or anyone other than a junior college.

• 6-7 Fayetteville (N.C.) Seventy-First SF/PF Michael Joiner (No. 53) looked terrific versus super Eddie Griffin in Las Vegas and signed with Florida State over Notre Dame and Tennessee. Where were all the other ACC schools?

#### MIDWEST

· 6-3 Toledo (Oh.) Bowsher WG/PG Keith Triplett (No. 41) has scintillated against top competition every time we've watched him, but hometown Toledo managed to "steal" him in November, perhaps due to reported academic questions.

· 7-1 Harvey (Ill.) Thornton Township C Chris Alexander (No. 137) is athletic and has an enormous up-side, but (once again) academic issues appear to be a major factor limiting his recruitment at this point to Tennessee, Illinois State and a few others.



over the bulk of the day-to-day operation to Kyle and Robbie, freeing him up to do more in the way of attracting sponsors. Now, all of that may change as it is late in the year to be finding a replacement of Loomis' quality to help in the running of the team.

Finding a replacement isn't the only decision that Richard must now concentrate on. Dodge has offered him the opportunity to become one of the two franchise teams to compete with the Intrepid in the 2001 season. Dodge wants a two-car operation and would totally support Petty's effort with full financial and technical support, but they want a quick decision from Petty.

A couple of seasons ago it wouldn't have been a tough deci-

### SOUTHWEST

· 6-6 Port Arthur (Tex.) Lincoln SF/PF Corey Valsin (No. 76) plays tall, has improved his jumpshot considerably, and got a lot of bigtime nibbles before signing with Texas Christian.

· 6-9 Humble (Tex.) High C Adrian Moss (No. 181) is strong, pretty athletic and a hard worker who played well at the adidas Big Time tournament in Las Vegas but is unsigned.

#### WEST

· 6-3 Seattle (Wash.) Rainier Beach WG/SF Tim Ellis (No. 85) helped pace his high school team to a state title and looked outstanding in Vegas; Washington State, Oregon and others are knocking.

· 6-7 Mission Viejo (Cal.) Trabuco Hills SF Brennan Martin (No. 83) is a superb perimeter jump shooter who signed with Texas A&M after the best West Coast programs took a pass.

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sion for Petty to return to the car make that gave him his most success in the sport. But what a difference a couple of seasons can make, now that the Pontiac that Petty campaigns has become a great race car that no longer takes a back seat to the Chevrolets and Fords.

The next couple of weeks should be very busy around Petty's Level Cross shop, as Richard will be having to make a couple of decisions that could move his operation up to the next level in the series or see his window of opportunity close for what may be the last time.





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and Ine Davis of Blakely (Ga.) Early County. 23. 6-3 Notre Dame WG Torrian

17. 6-5 Vanderbilt WG/SF Scott Hundley of Georgetown (Ky.) Scott 24. 6-5 St. John's WG/SF Willie County.

18. 6-3 South Carolina PG/WG Michael Boynton of Brooklyn (N.Y.) Bishop Loughlin.

19. 6-2 Georgia PG/WG Rashad Wright of Statesboro (Ga.) High.

20. 6-4 South Carolina WG/PG Greg Taylor of Simpsonville (S.C.) Hillcrest.

21. 6-7 Auburn SF Brandon Robinson of New Market (Ala.) Buckhorn.

22. 6-7 Arkansas SF Michael Jones of Little Rock (Ark.) Parkview.

23. 6-9 Vanderbilt PF/C Matt Freije of Shawnee Mission (Kans.) West.

24. 6-8 Georgia PF Steven PG David Carse of Worden (Mont.) Thomas of Carrollton (Ga.) High. 25. 6-1 Louisiana State PG/WG

Charlie Thompson of Lake Charles Now let's turn to the (La.) St. Louis. 26. 6-11 Vanderbilt C Martin

Schnedlitz of Houston (Tex.) Episcopal and Austria.

27. 6-10 Alabama C Dan Banko of Nashville (Tenn.) Montgomery Bell Academy.

#### **REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Our focus is upon the most underrated (at least by others) senior prospects, with two listed per geographic region. One major scouting service has none of the 10 individuals listed below in its current top 100 seniors list. In contrast, eight of them are in our top 100 and the other two in our top 200 now. Our current ranking of each is listed in parentheses after the name.

### EAST

· 6-8 Chatham (Va.) Hargrave Military Academy PF James Thomas (No. 23) signed with Texas and is a tremendously quick leaper, similar to Cincinnati star Kenyon Martin.

· 6-9, 260-pound Oakdale (Conn.) St. Thomas More PF/C Jeff McMillan (No. 50) is a powerful low post operator who is a great recruit for Fordham.

SOUTH · 6-10 Cecelia (La.) High C/PF

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### If you could be a time traveler to the past what would you do?

Holidays, and the Millennium, been and some of what we wish could be.

us into a kind of seasonal peace. a karma in which even the hardest hearts are softened and even road ragers take a break maybe.

A few weeks ago Bill McClellan of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, penned a column that struck me right between the auricle and ventricle. Titled "If I could spend an hour in the past, I think I know what I'd do," McClellan wrote of savoring the present in our lives, consider it precious, but more about what he would do if he could travel back in time "...as the person I once was."

He would go see family members departed, and hug his mother. Visit friends from long time back and mid-times ago too with fresh eyes and different attitude.

McClellan's adventure, juxtaposed with so much millennial babble this month, got me thinking (what all columnists try to achieve). His idea let me soar up as if in a hot air balloon, beyond bowl game conjectures, Tubby Smithis point guard problems and daily laments about Ken Griffey Jr., the BCS and Charlie Barkleyis departure.

What a joy to time travel, and more, be "the person I once was," knowing what I know now, of course. To revisit long ago friends lost in the shuffle of life's busy-ness or gone from here altogether.

Imagine, an hour with someone special from your past, or everyone special. What if you could beam off and find them all and visit? What if I could?

Perhaps for Christmas an angel appears and hands over a plastic card ... to go back in one's life. Who would be on your list? I would go back to a hot day of wading in Nolin River with my three little girls. Get to know them better over peanut butter and crackers instead of waking

are here to remind us of what has Camillus Academy, step on footpaths still there and listen with fresh ears as Sister Margaret Christmas time, its contagious Teresa emphasized the difference mood, spirit and texture, waltzes in making A's and settling for B's.

> For old time's sake, I would stand in St. C. parking lot and bounce a basketball until one of the Sisters came out of the grand chateau-ed school the way one always did to say, "... okay boys, it's time for chapel, no more basketball today. You must leave Yes, Sister, thank you, now." Sister. I'd spend time at Matchbox Stadium, synonym for three neighborhood backyards linked together by Mom's flour as baselines right up to foul poles, when I was 12. The diamond on which we passed time agreeably on July days when boys became Mantle and Maris and Musial and Mays and the Duke, PeeWee and Roberto Clemente. Wonder whatever happened to Johnny Klippstein?

I would go back to the '70s and drink coffee with David Kindred and discuss a sequel to "Basketball, A Dream Game In Kentucky." I'd sit and listen to Frank Deford and wise old Will Grimsley talk about true giants in sports and about kindness, grace and civility among athletes and fans.

Kindred, Deford, Grimsley. I'd recognize anew that each is a master of letters, whose convictions and strong wills and stout hearts helped them blend words about sports men and women into elegant prose and lyrics ignorant of skin color, but certainly hinged to civil behavior.

I would go see college friends and visit the saloon near grand old Memorial Coliseum and discuss Tuesdays With Morrie, urban sprawl and global warming with Doug and Jim and David. Bottoms up, boys.

And I'd spend an hour with Adolph Rupp too, one more time to ask all the questions I never got to pose the first time.

I would go and see my Air

I would spend an hour at St. a reunion with the Chicago 12. Comrades of mine who vanned to Windy City for day games at Wrigley Field. And reminisce too about a trip to Boston's Fenway Park for All-star game '99.

> Glendale and ask Houston Hardy to explain the angst one more time suffered by Kentucky basketball fans. Tell me about folks; and I would listen.

> Special on my list of stopovers, requiring more than an hour, time with Malcolm Pace, a middle-age friend who showed me a hunk of America that leaves grown men speechless, the Colorado Rockies. He would recount days in the saddle and nights around the camp fire and I would listen.

Saving one last most important stop ... I would time travel to a diner on South Main in Corbin across the street from the coal testing laboratory, and sit down for coffee and toast with the best man I ever knew. And listen to Jimmy talk straight, tell stories and laugh and admonish me too. An hour would not be enough.

thread. I would listen more. We earthlings are all time-travelers really. The future becomes present then past in the wink of an eye. Christmases and end-of-cen-I'd go back to Hardy's Store in tury ballyhoo ought remind us that life is indeed a passing show, a vapor. At best a scented candle burning sweetly if possible.

> The present, we call this moment, is our past by end of this sentence. We can neither embrace nor hold onto it, but we can freshen its breeze with goodness and kindness, and love somebody.

> If my time-travel ticket allowed me one thing to leave behind it would be this: For people to know how much I appreciated their touching my life. How important they have been to me.

> Going back to visit people and places would be a joy, a treasure worth having. But I will savor this moment. Too soon it will be gone and I will miss it.

And so it goes.

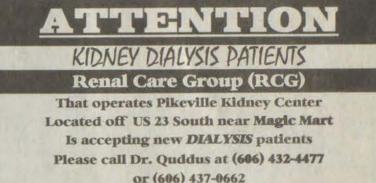
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up one day and making a "be Force buddles. Fresh-faced boys and longer to each of them. And ask questions.

I would spend time with Grandpa Sharp, and listen more. Take a walk with him on a canopied path over Jellico Mountain into a green valley where he discovered the prettiest girl he ever saw. "What was that like, Grandpa?"

Elementary School and talk to brown eyes and flowing curly locks. Maybe we could hold hands.

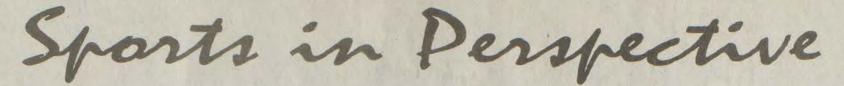
careful out there" speech before from Alabama, and Pittsburgh, prom night. I would listen better Queens, Chicago and Little Rock. Drink 5.2 beer at the Airmen's Club, talk about being short-timers, and play pinochle all night.

I would stop by the newspaper where I spent 16 years beating deadlines. And look up columnwriting chums to share anecdotes and smart-aleck stories and ponder how we never made it to Red I would go back to East Ward Smith and Ring Lardner. Hitting "a homer" some days was good, Patsy Evans. She of chocolate but mostly life is singles and doubles with a triple now and then.

Time traveling would include

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Betsy Layne's Kimberly Tackett (42) shoots for two of her six points in the game against the Paintsville Tigers. The Bobcats fell to the Tigers, making their record 4-1 for the season. (photo by Karen Joseph)



by Denis Harrington

There's never been anybody like him — ever. And the odds are there never will be,

Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain truly deserved the accolade "one Chamberlain held forth as the

of a kind.

was found dead in his Los Angeles home, the victim of a degenerative heart disorder, at the age of 63. From 1959 to 1973.

This past October, Chamberlain National Basketball Association. tallying 100 points against the During this 14-year period he scored 31,419 points with a career average of 30.1 points a game and pulled down 23,924 rebounds.

But on March 2, 1962 he expe-

most dominant scoring force in the rienced his finest offensive hour, fabled proportion, almost like a which bodes never to be broken.

Some years after this phenome-

Paul Bunyan story, and it's nice to New York Knicks. It's a record be a part of a fable to me, averaging 50 points per game a season or being the only center in NBA hisnal performance Chamberlain tory to lead the league in assists noted, "That game has reached are more indicative of the kind of



player I was."

Without a doubt he held forth as the strongest man ever to play in the NBA. However, his physical prowess can not be attributed simply to natural maturation nor his 7'2", 300-pound presence.

"The assumption was that I scored more than anyone else because of my size," Chamberlain said. "But I wasn't that much bigger than a number of other players. The truth is I was stronger than everyone else because I made myself stronger. I built up my body. I developed that program before any other basketball player ever thought about it."

Much like Babe Ruth, Chamberlain had a gargantuan appetite and made no distinction between what foods might hinder or enhance his performance on the

Chick Hearn, long time playfor-play announcer for the Los Angeles Lakers, recalled, "When Wilt was with the Lakers he eat a whole chicken in the dressing room before a game. After management asked him to cease and desist he took to eating a dozen hot dogs before going out to play."

Tom Meschery, a former teammate of Chamberlain, said, "I saw him eat an apple pie and drink two gallon of milk in one sitting. He'd drink half a gallon of milk at halftime and probably a gallon after

Added Matt Guokas, another teammate, "Wilt would send the team ballboy out for a couple of hot dogs and eat them right on the bench. And at halftime, I saw him drink a half-gallon of 7-up."

In the course of his career Chamberlain plied his considerable skills for the Philadelphia Warriors who became the Golden State Warriors, the Philadelphia 76ers and the Lakers. He won NBA championships with the 1966-67 76ers and the 1971-72 Lakers. Of these two aggregations he favored the Philly squad as being the best in NBA history.

"The greatest team ever to grace a basketball court was the 1966-67 Philadelphia 76ers," he said. "We were the consummate pro team. We had reached a stage of harmony were none of the play-

ers resented each other — a unique situation in the NBA. In my mind, we were the greatest team of all

The classic battles between Chamberlain and Boston Celtic center Bill Russell have been well documented. In the final analysis the stats favored Wilt in ever cate-

Overall, the two men squared off 142 times. Chamberlain averaged 28.7 points and 28.7 rebounds in those games compared to 23,7 points and 14.5 rebounds for Russell. Wilt scored 62 points over Russell on January 14, 1962 and totaled at least 50 points against his Boston antagonist in six other outings.

"They didn't keep blocked shots back then," Chamberlain said. "But I'm convinced that I blocked twice as many as Russell. And I know we both blocked more than anyone ever has before or

In his latter days Chamberlain viewed the modern NBA with more than a bit of chagrin.

"The players of my era built the pro game," he said. "We paid the dues for the guys playing now. But they could care less."

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**Jenny Wiley State** Resort Park is decorated to perfection as the holiday season unfolds. The tree in the lobby of May Lodge contributes to the spirit, especially with a fire blazing in the fireplace behind it. Outside the lodge, lights, greenery and ribbons make guests feel at home for the holidays. (photos by Pam Shingler)



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POISON OAK by Clyde Pack **On three-cent** stamps and global aging

As I stood in line at the Paintsville Post Office earlier this week with two heavy Florida-bound Christmas packages and a handful of one dollar bills. I couldn't help but be reminded of those days in the mid-1940s when I was a kid.

I can remember Mom giving me a dime and three letters to mail and telling me to be sure I didn't lose the change. The price of a first-class stamp in those days was only three cents.

Air mail stamps cost twice as much, though, and you put those on letters in special envelopes with red and white stripes around the edges. There were a lot of air mail stamp sold at the Thealka Post Office at that time, because this was during the war and just about every family I knew had somebody who was in the service. I guess it says a lot about how much there was to do back in those days, but it really was a pretty big deal for me to get to go the post office. It was fun just to be there when a man on the C&O passenger train would throw off the mail sack as the train sped by each weekday morning. We got a double-dose of excitement on those days when the train had to stop and a man would hand down certain fragile items, like a crate of noisy biddies or some fruit trees. We also got to peer in at the faces of the passengers who sat peering back at us.





The classic Christmas ballet, "The Nutcracker," is in town tonight and tomorrow. The production by Dance Etc., directed by Jody Shepherd, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. each day at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. This scene from last year's performance gives promise of an even bigger production this year. Young people from Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Magoffin, Martin, Perry and Pike counties will perform. Call the MAC locally at 886-2623 or toll-free 1-888-MAC-ARTS for reservations.



## PHS class celebrates 20-year reunion

#### by John Endicott

Prestonsburg High School's Class of '79 recently had its 20year high school reunion. The event was a two-day procession with day one being held on August 21, at the Paintsville Country Club, and day two being held on August

22, at the Archer Park.

Day one events included an evening of dinner, awards, and dancing with an attendance of 68. After the meal, awards were given out for various accomplishments.

The award for the person traveling the farthest was given to Theodore Spradlin; person having the most children went to Helen Perry and the persons married the longest was Russell and Patty Shepherd. The award for the person who changed the most went to Tim Music; the person who changed the least were John Perry. The first grandparent award went to Tammy White Collins.

Day two events included a day of picnicking at the Archer Park. This was a parent and children event. A few extra faces of the 1979 class attended, including Susan Wells, Karen Bradley Hobbs, Joe Miller, Ruddy Pennington, Shiela Patrick Park, John and Joyce (Click) Bryant and Troy Shepherd from Ohio.

The drive behind the events came from the planning committee, comprised of Dana Colley Compton, Laura Brown Kegley, Jim DeRossett, Sharon Ellis May,

(See Reunion, page four)

### Small world....

#### by Aileen Hall

When you're very young, you think Christmas will never get here. The span between times for this special season seems to be at least five years-that is, when you're very young.

Even as the years catch up with our enthusiasm, Christmas is still the most special time of the year. The feeling of goodwill for all persons, the waves of generosity we experience, and the reverence we feel as we

scenes depicting the birth of Jesus, cause us to stand in awe for a while and to treasure the days, hours and moments of Christmas.

Now and then we hear people say they wish Christmas came more often, but I think we need the time span between the seasons. I know a few people who seem

to keep the Christmas spirit all year as they go about caring for others, giving gifts and pointing others toward that Holy light that is available any time we seek it-but those people are a bit rare. Even the news media por-

witness the church programs and the live nativity tray for us the needs all about us, and people respond with such love and generosity that it is



But the longer I stood in line the other morning, the heavier those packages got and the more I realized just how much things have changed.

As I glanced through my January/February issue of Modern Maturity magazine later that day, I was also reminded that the only thing for sure is that things do indeed change.

Since the man I face in the mirror. every morning is a constant reminder that it's true, it didn't come as a real surprise to me when I read that we're in the midst of a phenomenon called "global aging.

In the article, Horace J. Deets noted that back in 1995, the number of people over age 60 increased by more than 12 million worldwide. The fact that people today are living longer, at least on the surface, sounds like good news. But as Deets pointed out, we're approaching a future when every third person will be a senior citizen

Even an old boy from Muddy Branch can see that social policies will need a complete overhaul in order to cope with all of us. I guess our first problem will be to overcome the sterotypical idea that one's usefulness diminishes in direct proportion to the number of wrinkles on one's face and the number of white hairs on one's head.

Of course, all us "elderly folk" now realize that age is relative, because we can remember when we thought that people as old as we are now had one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel. But don't forget, Colonel Sanders was well over 60 when he sold his first piece of Kentucky Fried Chicken.



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### Small World

heartwarming. But in the portray- hearts. And I would like to add for als and the responses, you might all of us, may the spirit of think that people only get hungry at Christmas time, that they only need clothing and have hurts at this special time of the year. But just as the Christmas star is always there, so are the needs and the opportunities for giving if we but look for them

With this in mind, I would like to wish our readers a joyous and blessed holiday season with friends and family and all those things that are nearest to your

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Christmas remain in our hearts and minds throughout the year.

### The Handicap

Shawn Wallen is a nice young man who lives at Stanville. He's in high school now and, in his spare the sound system at Calvary Baptist Church in Betsy Layne.

That means he's come a long way since he was one of "Miss Donna's" charges before he was even old enough for pre-school.

Donna Sturgill of Betsy Layne would care for about five children who were too young for school and whose parents worked. The children had such good times playing together under her supervision that

many of them wanted to go to her

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house on weekends and holidays. One evening, after Shawn's mother picked him up, he told her, "Miss Donna wants to know if we'd like to draw names for a Christmas party. What does it mean to draw names?"

"It means," his mother time, he serves as a technician for explained, "that each of you write your name on a piece of paper and put it in a container. Then each one draws a name out, and you buy a gift for the person whose name you drew.'

> "Would you like to draw names?" she asked him.

> "Yes, I'd like to," he said, "but I can't."

#### "Why not?"

"Because," he said, "I don't know how to write my name."



### **Communication** key when young adults return home

It might have been caused by divorce. Perhaps a death, drug abuse or financial problems. It might even have been a way to continue in school. Maybe they just weren't ready to leave in the first place. Whatever the reason, many adult children in today's society are returning home or waiting longer to leave than in the past.

"The reason for the rising number of young adults living at home is not because the children have given up on themselves, but because of larger socioeconomic events that are causing many people to look at alternative lifestyles. Today's family is picking up the slack that society is demanding," said Stephan Wilson, professor of family studies at the University of Kentucky.

"Young adults are faced with a series of decisions from education to finances that sometimes require family help. The road to independence has gotten longer and more rocky."

In today's world, a larger percentage of young adults are finding they need advanced education to move into the workforce. More than 70 percent attain some sort of higher education, many advancing past the traditional bachelor's degree.

To do so, many opt to stay in the parents' home a little longer than they or their parents may have expected, or than would probably have been true for their parents' generation.

"Many current young adults' parents were able to go to school and work their way through," Wilson said. "With more educational requirements and work, today's student can't always do that and be successful.'

Sometimes the circumstances placing young adults in parents' homes aren't as light. After a few years out of the nest, some children return home-the result of failing relationships, finances or personal problems. Occasionally, the child simply hasn't grown up enough.

"Marriage, children, jobs. Many of the things that made it easy in the past to recognize a move out of adolescence are more and more murky today," Wilson said. "Young adults are getting more education. They are waiting longer to marry and even longer to have children.'

The return move or extended stay can create tension in the home, one that can be detrimental for all, Wilson said. Communication is a key to getting off on the right foot. Issues such as dating, finances, chores and more, should be decided up front.

"Immediately, you need to decide what set of rules to use and who is in charge of what. Failure to negotiate these things will probably mean the family will fall back on whatever were the rules when the young adult child left," Wilson said.

"This often no longer fits, and will be frustrating for both

generations. Family relationships are often very set, and unlike in past generations, it isn't always clear who is in charge when an adult child returns. You have to develop a new set of ways to get along and know up front what is expected from each person."

Seeing each other on equal footing is often another key to surviving. Parents must give up some control and responsibility, and the young adult must take on that load. Parents must definitely cease treating the young adult as a child.

"For the young adult, you're trying to set your own standards, and here is a very strong person-mom or dadpulling you back. It's a very frustrating place to be," Wilson said. "Sometimes people think they can just slip back into the familiar pattern that was there before. But, with apologies to Thomas Wolfe, 'you can't go home again' in that sense."

When grandchildren are involved, the situation is often more difficult. Grandparents must maintain their role with grandchildren, but let the parents be parents. Without strict guides on who governs the grandchild, the two sets of parents may find themselves at odds. Sometimes it may be useful to differentiate who sets the rules about how we use things in the grandparents' house and how we relate to others in the grandparents house.

In situations caused by young adults' problems, parents must be able to see past any guilt they may feel. Some parents begin to think they somehow caused their children's failures and may feel obligated to do more than they should.

"Parents have to ask, 'Can I contribute to fixing this situation? What do I want to happen and how can I contribute to getting my child there?' Sometimes parents cannot help by sponsoring a return to their house. "There may be other resources that will be more useful to supporting their adult child's independence. They also have to see the circumstances they will have to agree to and the risks they take," said Wilson, adding that parents also have to guard their own financial security.

Seeking a neutral, third-party opinion when a problem, such as drug abuse or crime, has brought the young adult home can be a great help, Wilson advised. The neutral party should be someone each generation is reasonably comfortable with and in some cases should be a professional.

"Sometimes hearing a solution from someone other than your parents or your adult child is easier to handle," Wilson said. "Everyone has to realize this is a transition. True autonomy is accomplished not solely by what one person does, but rather by everyone moving in synch to get to the next level.

"Ultimately, young adults have to stand on their own feet and parents have to accept this."

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

### **Ten Years Ago** (December 13 & 15, 1989)

A team from the special prosecutions branch of the state Attorney General's office Denzil Whitten, 83, of Prestonsburg, December 11, at HRMC: George Washington Burke, 88. of Westwood, formerly of Jack's Creek and Drift, November 7, at King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland; Jerry Stamper, 26, of Garrett, December 13, at Shelca Coal Company in Honaker, from a mining accident; Dave Stephens, 80, formerly of Floyd County, December 6, at the Renaissance Village Nursing Home in Columbia City, Indiana.

Stockdale, 70, of Alamo, Georgia, formerly businessmen who originally purchased the her home at West Prestonsburg; Charlie Hall, of Melvin, December 6, at Glenwood property for industrial development...There 74, Sunday at his home at Ivel; Mrs. Belva Hospital in Georgia; Curt Tackett, 74, of died: Robert Lawson, 67, of Printer, at Patrick Johnson, 55, Floyd County native, Price, December 10, at McDowell Highlands Regional Medical Center; Nov. 27 at her home in Vaughnville, O.; Appalachian Regional Hospital; Herman Douglas Campbell, 29, of Larkslane, was Andy Lee Martin, 77, Friday at his home at Tackett, 62, of Weeksbury, December 7, at fatally injured at Mousie in an automobile McDowell; Ray R. Walk, 54, formerly of McDowell ARH; Cyril Tisdale, 81, of accident; Mrs. Ocie Marie Clark Linville, 62, Martin, Sunday in Indiana; Dee Branham, Auxier, December 12, at Paul B. Hall of Greenville, Tennessee, formerly of Auxier, Regional Medical Center at Paintsville; last Friday at Lake Shore Hospital in Maudie Knoxville, Tennessee; Mrs. Goodman, 89, of Emma, Sunday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville; Archie Burke, 56, of Martin, Saturday, at the VA Hospital in Lexington; Mrs. Merle H. Campbell, 68, of the Water Gap section, Friday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Epp Newsome, 88, of St. Petersburg, Florida, formerly of this county, Saturday in a St. Petersburg Hospital; Ollie Owsley, Jr., 42, of New Buffalo, Michigan, formerly of this county, November 13 at St. Anthony Hospital, Michigan City, Indiana; Darvin Ray Maynard, of Endicott, Sunday at his Columbus Collins, home; 73, of Georgetown, formerly of Van Lear, Tuesday, December 4, at Spring Haven Nursing Home in Georgetown; Mrs. Goldia Slone Cornett, 66, wife of Circuit Judge John Chris Cornett, of Hindman, last Friday at the June Buchanan Clinic, Hindman.

44, formerly of Water Gap, Dec. 2 in Michigan; Mrs. Dakota Hall Hamilton, 57, last Thursday at her home at Grethel; Mrs. Billie Marie Klaiber Lewis, 62, of Betsy Layne, last Thursday at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Lewis Bradley, 64, of Risner, Monday at Lexington; Mrs. Fannie E. Clark, 84, of Allen, Saturday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Mrs. Jemima Ousley, 86, Monday at her home at Risner.

will conduct an investigation into allegations of election fraud and vote buying in Floyd County in the coming months, according to Assistant Attorney General Jeff Mackin... In a move designed to save money for Floyd County school construction projects, the school board at a special meeting Monday canceled the selling of bonds for the Allen Elementary School project and immediately reauthorized the sale of \$8,065,000 in bonds, combining the Allen sale with the Left Beaver High School project's bond sale ... A Saturday morning fire destroyed the Lackey Antique Mall... Prestonsburg Mayor Ann Latta was selected Sunday as treasurer of the organizing committee for the East Kentucky Job Creation Authority, as the committee met for the first time to consider organizational issues... Prestonsburg City Council conducted a first reading Monday of an ordinance designed to prevent flood damages within the city ... "Cosby" and whatever else was on the television tube last night (December 14) didn't have much of a chance of capturing local viewers. Most sets were tuned to CBS-TV's "48 Hours," which was focused on Floyd County... The state's intervention in the Floyd County school system has not been effective in addressing problems of patronage hiring, political favoritism or low teacher pay, but the state should continue to positively change the system within the county. So says a survey of 362 Floyd County parents and teachers, conducted in October by the Floyd County Education Forum... There died: Edgar Bradley Blackburn, 71, of Stanville, December 3, at his residence; William "Bill" Melvin Blackburn, 64, of Prestonsburg, December 9, at his residence; Elder Liney L. Boyd, 72, of Dana, December 8, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Elsie Mae Conn, 65, of Printer, December 11, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Manerva Johnson Dobson, 97, of Wheelwright, December 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Maltie Lee Hall, 76, of Banner, December 7, at his residence; Wid Hall, 49, of Bevinsville, December 7, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Betty Jean Nelson, 55, of Adrian, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, December 4, at Bixby Medical Center in Adrian; Hattie Hall

### **Twenty Years Ago** (December 12, 1979)

Last Friday, on the eighth anniversary of his entrance to the State Capitol as lieutenant Governor, and four days prior to his leaving the office of governor, Julian Carroll returned to Floyd County to dedicate a section of new KY 80, an event which he had promised two years ago. The dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony, held near the Water Gap interchange of the new highway and US 23, drew a wind-chilled crowd estimated at 400 and included some officials and citizens from Knott and Perry counties...Five allocations totaling \$43,239.94 recommended by the Floyd County coal severance economic aid board have been approved, according to Commissioner William S. O'Daniel, Department for Local Government. A \$15,000 allocation to the Floyd County Child Care Project will be used toward the purchase of land as a site for care center construction. All of the remainder goes to volunteer fire departments to upgrade facilities and services...Although clearing and excavation work had been underway for about a week, official groundbreaking for the \$3.8 million apartment complex set for construction at Clift was held Friday afternoon with Congressman Carl D. Perkins, local and state officials taking part. The Cliff project calls for construction of a 94-apartment, walk-up townhouse structure on one of two sites owned by the Prestonsburg Industrial Corporation, a group of Prestonsburg area

### **Thirty Years Ago** (December 11, 1969)

How near the Highlands Hospital Corporation is to actual work on its proposed regional hospital will likely be determined by the size of contractors bids which are due to be opened at 1:30 this afternoon (Thursday), it was said ... The Big Sandy Community Action Program several weeks ago voted almost unanimously to end its association with VISTA, but CAP officials weren't sure this week the action has had any visible effect...Maytown High School, one of the smaller teams (physically) in the area won the Floyd County Pre-Season basketball tournament here last weekend by defeating Betsy Layne, 92-75...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ray Conley, of the Middle Creek road; a son, William, Dec. 4 at Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Tackett, of East McDowell, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rollins, of Martin, a son, Dec. 4...There died: Frank Burkett, 57, of Emma, Friday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Gracie Allen Branham, 71, Saturday at

### **Forty Years Ago** (December 10, 1959)

Floyd County's Bert T. Combs became Governor of Kentucky Tuesday, with his formal inauguration marked by all the color and pageantry traditional to the occasion...A yellow flag at the northern end of the Second avenue fill here marks the point at which a road linking the Mountains with the Blue Grass will enter Prestonsburg, the eastern terminus of a gigantic new highway-building project. The road, the Mountain Parkway, is the product of work and planning by the state's new governor, Bert Combs...Dedication of the Community Methodist Church in the Porter Addition here will be held Sunday, December 13...Santa Claus and his helpers will again visit the children of Left Beaver Creek under the auspices of the Beaver Valley Kiwanis Club, of Wheelwright...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Branham, of Ivel, a son, recently...There died: Curtis Webb, 18, of Dwale, Sunday in a motor vehicle accident in France where he was serving with the U.S. armed forces; Pete McCoy, 67, of Thomas, Monday at his home at Thomas; Estill Shepherd, 49, Tuesday at his home at West Prestonsburg; Mrs. Gracie F. Hall, 49, of Drift, Tuesday at McDowell Memorial Hospital.

### **Fifty Years Ago** (December 15, 1949)

Proponents of Big Sandy canalization returned

### **Extension service offers tips** for bedroom and bath safety

#### BEDROOMS

• Night light-Use a night light or have a lamp by the bed so you won't stumble over objects in the dark.

· Chair-Provide firm chair with arms where you may sit and dress. · Smoking-Never smoke in bed.

· Storage-Modify storage so that it is better organized. Don't leave drawers open or items where you might fall over them in the dark.

. Threshold-Remove high threshold at doorway to avoid tripping.

· Telephone/Clock-Provide telephone and clock with large numbers at bedside

· Bed-Adjust height of bed for easy access on and off.

• Alarm-Install smoke alarm. · Lighting-Add lighting in the closet.

#### BATH

· Rug-Secure rug with non-skid tape or remove all loose rugs.

· Grab bars-Add grab bars, either attached to studs in the wall or portable ones that fit over bathtub edge. · Bath mat-Add bath mat or nonskid strips to bottom of tub. Keep soap bars out of the tub bottom and off the

bathroom floor. • Toilet-Add grab bar by toilet. · Bath Bench-Add bath bench in

tub if necessary. • Shelf-Install shelf near tub for bath supplies.

· Shower-Install a hand-held shower.

· Bath Water-Test water temperature before getting into the bath or shower

 Electric Appliances—Unplug all small appliances when not in use. Never touch a light switch or electric

appliance while you are wet or in the color strip with first and last steps to

· Outlet-Install ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) to electrical outlets to guard against electrical shock.

· Children-Never leave a small child alone in a tub...even for a few seconds!

### LIVING ROOM SAFETY

· Furniture-Select couch and chairs that have arms and are not too deep or too low.

· Tables-Select tables of appropriate height.

 Lighting—Provide adequate lighting for reading and other activities.

· Passageways-To avoid falls, provide clear passageways by eliminating excess or oversized furniture and objects.

 Trailing wires—All wires should be kept out of circulation paths.

· Heating-Wood stoves should be installed according to instructions. Clean your chimney regularly to avoid creosote chimney fires. Use a screen at fireplace openings to catch flying sparks.

#### SAFETY IN HALLS AND STAIRS

 Handrail—Have handrails installed on all stairs, making sure railing extends past last step.

· Remove obstacles-Remove all obstacles or stored items from stairs or landing, perhaps having a nearby table on which to place them.

· Floor material-Repair, replace, or remove worn carpets. Be sure carpet edges are flat.

· Color Strip-Add contrasting

identify change of level. · Light switch-Put three-way switches at each end of a long hallway

and at the head and foot of stairs, A nightlight can be helpful, too. Rugs-Throw rugs should not be

used at the head or foot of stairs unless the rugs are firmly tacked down. Slippers—Avoid loose fitting

open backed slippers; wear supportive shoes

· Carrying items-When carrying boxes or other large objects, be sure they don't block your vision.

(Information for this article was provided by Theresa Morgan-Scott, home extension agent for the University of Kentucky. She can be contacted at 886-2668).





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### Newborn

A daughter, Tamara Rayelynn Nicole, was born to Jonathan Kelly and Kimberly Raye Burchett of Allen on November 18, 1999. She weighed eight pounds, 15 ounces. Her grandparents are Kenny and Imojean Robinson of Martin and Eddie Burchett of Allen and the late Tamara Ann Burchett. She has one uncle, Chris Robinson of Abbot.



### Turns one

Chase Dalton Clark Hastings celebrated his first birthday at his home at Allen on November 29, with family and friends. His parents are Jim and Jessica Hastings. His grandparents are Mary Heater of Prestonsburg, Delano and Carol Jo May of Allen and Ritchie and Loraine Collins of Hazard. Great-grandparents are Doris Clark of Allen and Juanita Collins of Mare Creek



### To wed in new century

Brian Walker and Suzanne Hunsucker, both of Prestonsburg, announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The prospective groom, the son of Jimmy and Carolyn Walker of Prestonsburg, is a correctional officer in Fayette County. The bride-elect is the daughter of Randall and Dianna Hunsucker of Prestonsburg and is enrolled at Lexington Community College, with plans to study in the physician's assistant program at the University of Kentucky. The couple plan to marry in 2000.

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### **Tips To Help Teenage Girls Build Healthy Self-Esteem**

(NAPSA)-There are many practical ways that parents and mentors can raise the self-esteem of teenage girls.

Surveys commissioned by Secret® Anti-perspirant and Seventeen magazine reveal that teenage girls are experiencing high rates of depression, insecurities about their physical appearance, and feelings of intellectual inadequacy. "Low self-esteem plays an important role for teens in the development of eating disorders, substance abuse and mood disorders," according to Dr. Ann Kearney-Cooke, Director of the Cincinnati Psychotherpay Institute and a Scholar with the Partnership for Women's Health at Columbia University. Incidentally, the same girls who are experiencing depression and insecurity often lack strong female role models to consult for guidance or positive reinforcement.

Secret Anti-perspirant and the Partnership for Women's Health recognize that fostering healthy selfesteem is a critical part of helping girls become strong women. Secret and the Partnership chartered a panel of world-class physicians, scientists and adolescence experts to create a new skills-based program. "We have developed ten practical tips to help teenage girls develop self-esteem. They focus on forming healthy relationships, cultivating a positive body image, managing stress, and setting personal goals," says Dr. Kearney-Cooke. Each of the ten tips offered to teenage girls has a complementary suggestion that parents and/or mentors can employ to help their teens build self-esteem.

#### Solutions for Girls:

Confiding in others and listening to what they're going through is a great way to help yourself feel better.

No one said being a teenager is easy. Talk to someone who's been through it all-a parent, teacher or coach.

Set your own standards. Only you can decide what's right for you. Make a list of what's important. Ever start bawling your eyes out for no reason? Understanding what led up to the flash flood can help. Keep a journal. • Is there a problem? List all the possible solutions on a piece of paper; then list the pros and cons. Review your options with someone you trust.

Puberty happens. Seek information about the changes your body is going through. Know that there's no such thing as a dumb question.

The new golden rule. Do unto yourself as you would do unto others. Making yourself feel good is important, but it doesn't include drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Move it. Find activities and sports you like and make them part of your life.

You must be good at something. Make a list and pat yourself on the back. Work on other talents you want to improve.

Lend a hand. Helping others is a surprising way to help yourself.

#### Solutions for Mentors

Circle of friends. Encourage meaningful relationships. Brainstorm with your daughter about interesting things she can do with friends.

Be a good listener. Try initiating conversations in the car or in the dark. Teenagers may find it easier to open up when they don't have to look at you.

Help her define her own personal standards and talk about her dreams and the future.

 Encourage her to list all the possible solutions to any problems she might have and evaluate the pros and cons. Support her decision even if it's not your first choice.

Teach her to develop a plan to solve or manage a problem. Help her learn to solve her own problems and she'll have those skills for life.

Take her on a field trip to the bathroom and show her some of the personal products she might be needing soon.

It's in your nurture. If you have a positive body image and continually develop your mind, chances are she will too. Pamper her on occasion with fun outings and let her know you love her.

Up and running. Ask your daughter what kinds of physical activity she likes and encourage her to take part in it.

Help your daughter identify

her innate skills. Cite past achievements and talk about her goals.

• Make a difference. Volunteering in tandem is a great way to spend time together and a good way to teach values.

Secret and the Partnership have come site together to combat the effects of low antiperspirant.com.

self-esteem in teenage girls.

They recently hosted a symposium that focused on practical skills for esteem building.

To learn more about how to build and maintain healthy self-esteem, For the second consecutive year, visit the Secret Anti-perspirant webwww.secret at



### Allens mark 57 years

L.J. and Sylvia Allen of Harold will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on December 19. A World War II veteran who spent three years overseas, he was a route salesman for the Jewel Tea Company for 23 years. He retired for one day and then went to work for K-Mart for six years and retired again in 1985. She has been a Mary Kay Cosmetics consultant for 27 years, a member of the Floyd County Homemakers Club and president of the Jenny Wiley chapter No. 3528, AARP for three years. She is a former commander of the DAV Auxiliary at Betsy Layne, and her husband was adjutant for 11 years. They have two children, Ronald Allen of Grethel and Linda Chaffins of Harold, as well as three grandsons, Joshua, Marcus and Adam.



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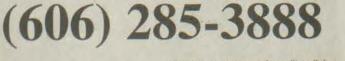
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### Winners

Showing off their trophies as winners of the pool tournament at Highland Terrace in Prestonsburg, on November 8, are Palmer Little and Martha Williamson.

### Reunion

and Tracy Wright Hopson. Jeanne Chaffins' efforts were invaluable.

The decorating committee included Jeanne Chaffins, Dana Colley Compton, Laura Brown Kegley, Jim DeRossett, Sharon Ellis May, Tracy Wright Hopson, Ramona Blair Blackburn, Tanda Ousley Bailey,

### **Yesterdays**

here late Wednesday from the hearing in Louisa before the U.S. Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, confident they and their associates had bested foes of the project in the battle of pros and cons...Sheriff-elect A. B. Meade this week advised Floyd County's law-breakers to start the new year right-in short, to get out of whatever lawless business they may now be pursuing...The Floyd Circuit Court will start the New Year off by wading into a docket of 275 cases ranging from assault and battery to violent murder. Eight of the cases on the docket accuse 12 men and one woman of murder...A wave of burglaries which started two weeks or more ago hit its crest, early this week, at Martin with the theft on successive nights of a company's safe and entry into a service station...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. 'Snake" Fraley, of Drift, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Joe O. Little, of

Sharon Frasure Crisp. Nancy Isbell did an excellent job in facility preparations.

Additional support and assistance came from those who were assigned to the address committee. The committee included Jeanne Chaffins, Dana Colley Compton, Laura Brown

Weeksbury, a daughter; to Mr. and

Mrs. Lee Padgett, of Weeksbury, a

Kegley, Jim DeRossett, Sharon Ellis May, and Tracy Wright Hopson, Nancy Isbell, Margaret Greer Hunt, Judy McDowell Calhoun, Tim Campbell, Russell and Patty Shepherd, Karen Bradley Hobbs, Tim Parker, and Johnny Keith Endicott.

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son; to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Gibson, of Weeksbury, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Peters, of Martin, a daughter, last week at Huntington. West Virginia...There died: Mrs. Thursa Spears, Monday at her home at Hi Hat; Andy J. Tackett, 64, Friday at his home on Mud Creek. Sixty Years Ago (December 7, 1939) Because disturbances occurring at roadhouses have reached an alarming state, the Floyd County Court, at a special meeting Tuesday with County Judge E. P. Hill presiding, ordered that all such establishments be closed at 9 o'clock during week nights, and at 10 on Saturday nights...Deputy Sheriffs Bud Hicks,

38, and Malcolm Reffitt, 31, both of Pyramid, shot each other to death late Sunday afternoon on Beech Branch of Middle Creek, a jury empaneled by Coroner Elliott Prater held Sunday night...Seven election contests suits were filed Wednesday afternoon in the clerk's office of the Floyd Circuit Court...Ten murder cases are docketed for trial at the January term of the Floyd Circuit Court...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Belford Reitz, November 29, at the Martin General Hospital, a daughter, Judith; to Mr. and Mrs. Sid Tackett, of Jump, twin sons ... There died: Mrs. Angie Myers, 74, Ashland, formerly of Laynesville, at the home of a daughter; Ferd Stephens, 68, at the home of Mrs. Susan Allen, Northern; Martha E. Pinson Stratton, 68, Betsy Layne: Mrs. Evan Brown, formerly of Clear Creek, at her home at Point Pleasant, W. Va.



### Credit, corrections topic of meeting

#### by Pam Shingler

John Cantrell came to the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce meeting on December 6 to talk about people businesses fear - those who are so in debt they can't pay their bills.

The new director of Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) explained how the non-profit agency helps businesses by helping people who are deeply in debt to pay back what they owe without filing for bankruptcy,

CCCS, which has an office in Pikeville, counsels debtors on how to manage their finances, get out of debt and improve their credit ratings.

Cantrell, an Elkhorn City native, worked in CCCS's Pikeville office before being named director of the regional office in Lexington, which serves central and eastern Kentucky.

Cantrell said his organization does budget counseling and debt counseling, primarily relating to credit cards, which allow many people to rack up serious debts easily and in a short time span.

CCCS counselors work with both

realistic payment plans, Cantrell said. They discourage clients' filing for bankruptcy, since it often results in a poor credit rating for the debtor and a loss of revenue for the creditor.

He added that an anticipated law will require persons to seek credit

counseling before they can start bankruptcy proceedings. To find out more about CCCS, call the Pikeville office at 606/432-

5337 or the Lexington office at 606/272-8028 or toll-free 800-278-8811.

Also addressing the chamber members was Bill Wolford, warden of Otter Creek Correctional Center at Wheelwright. Wolford was seeking support for his company's plan to house out-of-state prisoners at the site.

Chamber President Dennis Dorton said the chamber board would discuss the matter at its Monday meeting.

Bobby and Brenda Thompson, owners of the new Papa John's Pizza restaurant on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, announced the opening will be December 19.

Representatives from Floyd

### **Hospice elects officers**

A Pike County woman is among officers for 2000-2002 for the Kentucky Association of Hospices.

As past-president of the group, Sharon Branham of Hospice of Pike County is on the roster of officers.

The rest of the slate includes Helen Donaldson, Hospice and Palliative Care of Louisville, president; Kavin Cartmell, Hospice of Hope, Maysville, vice president; Gail McGillis, Hospice Care Plus, Richmond, treasurer; and Gretchen Brown, Hospice and Palliative Care of the Bluegrass, Lexington, secre-

Organized in 1980, Kentucky Association of Hospices is a not-forprofit organization that works to strengthen hospice services by

increasing public awareness, providing educational programs and serving as an information network, linking hospices throughout the state and across the nation.

Members of the association recognize the unique needs of the terminally ill patient and grieving family members.

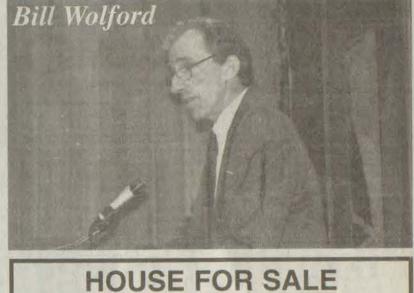
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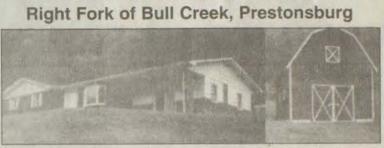
For more information, visit the KAH website at www.kah.org or call 888/322-7317.

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# Iohn Cantrell

Notes about area businesses and professions compiled by Pam Shingler

#### Adkins retires

John "Chet" Adkins has retired after 29 years of service with Columbia Gas of Ohio.

The 1963 graduate of Martin High School joined Columbia in 1970 as a meter reader in Columbus. During his career, he served in the company's plant and service departments.

Adkins is an Army veteran, and he and his wife Nova have one son and two grandchildren.

CGO, an affiliate of the Columbia Energy Group, is the largest natural gas utility in Ohio, serving nearly 1.3 million customers in more than 1,000 communities in 64 of Ohio's 88 counties.

### **Professor** publishes

Dr. John Shiber, associate professor of biology at Prestonsburg Community College, recently had an article published in the Journal of Chemical Education, a monthly publication of the American Chemical Society

Titled "Teaching Nontraditional Students," the article traces Shiber's instructional experience with this student population at PCC and describes some of the methods he uses to help them reach their learning potential.

This is Shiber's second article in a national publication this year. The December issue of JCE, in which the article appears, is in the PCC Magoffin Library.

Carrie Cinnamond, Pikeville businesswoman, has been elected president of the National Friends of Public Broadcasting. She has been active with Friends of Kentucky Educational Television for many years.

#### **VP** appointed

Pennsylvania native Michael J. Devitt has been appointed vice president of sales for Valley National Gas of Wheeling, West Virginia - which has an operation in Prestonsburg.

Devitt is responsible for directing sales strategies and overall sales performance for the corporation, which includes 62 locations in 11 states in the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest regions of the US.

Devitt was most recently regional vice president of Tri-Gas-Doussan Inc. in New Orleans.



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Pikeville College President, Hal Smith, congratulates Glenn and Peggy Brown during Brown's retirement reception held recently in his honor. Also photographed is Dr. Katrina Briggs, daughter of the Browns.

## **Pikeville College biology professor** honored at retirement reception

The Pikeville College community recently congratulated and bid farewell to Glenn Brown, professor of biology. Brown has dedicated thirty-five years to the college.

Brown has been awarded many prestigious awards for his teaching excellence and commitment, including the Distinguished Faculty Award in 1973; a nomination and listing in Outstanding Educators of America; and in 1983, the college's teaching excellence award.

Brown was honored a second time with the first place position of the William Wade and Helen Record Walker Award at this year's Pikeville College commencement ceremony.

A native of Pike County, he graduated from Virgie High School and Eastern Kentucky State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He also graduated from the University of Virginia, where he received his master's

Brown is married to Peggy Blackburn Brown and has one daughter, Dr. Katrina Briggs, who practices at Pikeville Methodist Hospital with her husband, Dr. Leon Briggs. Brown is the grandfather of Caroline Brown Briggs.

Glenn Brown has also been a dedicated community leader. He has served as chairperson on the Pike County Copperative Extension District Board, was a member of the

Pike County 4-H Council and the Shelby Valley Lions Club.

He is a member and elder of the First Christian Church of Pikeville, and has volunteered at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. His retirement reception was

attended by many students, faculty and staff, as well as several professionals throughout the community that have been influenced by his teaching and friendship.

### Valley National Gases announces two new acquisitions

Valley National Gases Inc., Jessup, Accokeek and Frederick, National Gases," Bandi said. "I announces the purchases of Lee's Gas Supply Inc. and Independent Propane Inc., both headquartered in Manassas, Virginia, effective December 1.

Lee's Gas Supply and Propane Independent are providers of welding supplies, propane, and industrial, medical and specialty gases with combined annual sales of more than \$10 million. In addition to strategic locations, both compa- in 11 states in the mid-Atlantic Manassas, they are located in nies have solid traditions of pro- and Midwestern regions of the Alexandria, Virginia; Greencastle, viding excellent customer ser- United Pennsylvania, and Waldorf, vice-the core focus of Valley Prestonsburg.

Maryland.

Valley National Gases' President and Chief Executive Officer Lawrence E. Bandi said these new acquisitions do much to further expand Valley's rapidly growing geographic marketplace.

"These two additions give us deeper penetration in the Virginia, Maryland, D.C., and Pennsylvania markets. In addition to their

am also very pleased to announce that the strong, experienced management team at Lee's and Independent will remain in place, continuing to provide the quality leadership that steered those companies to success."

With the acquisitions of Lee's Gas Supply and Independent Propane, Valley National Gases currently operates in 62 locations

During the past 12 months, Valley National Gases has been very aggressive in its growth through acquisition campaigncompleting seven acquisitions, adding about \$20 million in annual sales.

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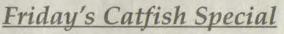
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### **Convention calls for ag funding**

Kentucky Farm Bureau convention delegates have sent a education. strong message to Kentucky's legislature, approving resolutions that call for major funding of agricultural development projects through the state's share of national tobacco settlement funds

The call for new ag investments, following a year of bad weather and low prices for farmers, anchored several hundred policy resolutions for the year 2000. The resolutions were adopted during the December 8 closing session of the Farm Bureau annual meeting in Louisville.

The farm group wants to spend more than 60 percent of the estimated \$138 million first-year share of the settlement to stimulate growth in farm income spanning a broad cross-section of crop and livestock sectors.

Farm Bureau President Sam Moore told the group that competition for the dollar will be fierce in Frankfort, and he urged the leaders of the 120 county Farm Bureaus to become personally involved in lobbying state lawmakers.

"I plead with you to make the contacts and get your neighbors to call their representatives and senators on behalf of our package," Moore told the delegates. "This is a one-time opportunity to set agriculture on a path for future growth. It may not come our way again."

Called the Unified Plan for Agricultural Investment, the blueprint for spending includes new programs boosting cattle production, horticulture, biotechnology, marketing and farmer

The plan was developed and approved by Farm Bureau and most other major Kentucky farm and commodity organizations

In other areas, the Farm Bureau delegates called for changes in laws governing health care pricing, held a neutral stance on proposed changes in tobacco leasing regulations and requested modifications to simplify and streamline federal laws governing use of migrant workers on farms.

Health care providers should be permitted to set rates for their services, the Farm Bureau resolution states, but new legislation is needed to require providers to charge consistent fees for like services to all patients.

Farm Bureau will continue to oppose annual regular sessions of the state legislature, but delegates declared their support for a constitutional amendment allowing lawmakers to meet in off years, but with their agenda limited to regulatory oversight, approval of appointments and budget revisions.

The organization will also continue its opposition to mandatory collective bargaining for public employees, as well as any relaxation of statutory limits on property tax increases.

Farm Bureau will support legislation requiring that statelevel environmental regulations be no more stringent than federal requirements. The group will also continue its support for container deposit legislation to fight roadside litter and reduce the chance of injury to livestock.

### Chamber Notes...

#### by Rebecca Derossett **Executive** Director Floyd County Chamber of Commerce

The young man put the groceries in my car and said, "You're that Chamber Show lady, aren't you?" My friend Trey told me he never misses The Chamber Show. People stop me on the street to say, "I saw you on TV!

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The Chamber Show was born out of a need to communicate the values and potential of Chamber membership, involvement, and interaction with the community, as well as to offer members an opportunity to showcase their businesses and organizations

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A guest who is a retailer may talk about a big promotion or inform TV viewers about the history of the

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Or a local government leader may speak about plans for improvement in the area's quality of life for citizens. Maybe a local craftsperson or merchant will display their wares on cameras.

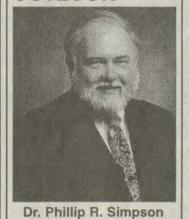
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### OUTLOOK



(HMOs) offer their members access to chiropractic care. Some 67 percent of HMOs offer some alternative care, up from 42 percent a couple of years ago. In most cases, it is market demand-from patients and their employers-that has forced coverage of chiropractic care. In addition, it is state mandated in some areas.

Amidst a nationwide interest in alternative care, it is chiropractic care that gets the most coverage. While some 65 percent of HMOs offer chiropractic care, only 31 percent offer acupuncture. Figures for massage therapy, vitamin therapy and other types of alternative health care are far lower. Of course, one of the nation's oldest and largest "health maintenance organizations," Medicare, has covered chiropractic care for years. Without surgery and without drugs, chiropractic has improved the health of millions of America's seniors.

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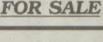
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NOTICE OF PRI-VATE SALE The following property will be sold by written bid after 5:00 p.m. on 12/23/99: 95 Western Star 4964 Tractor 2WKPD-CCH5SK936592 Inquiries: Associates at 423-450-5108 99-06740-0

\$200,000. Cards, Mortgages, Refinancing and Auto Loans Meridian Credit Corp. 1- 800-471-5119 Ext. 1180. Musical Instruments

**J & J MAY MUSIC** Guitars-Banjos. Buy, Sell and Trade

605 N.Lake Drive





hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 4, 2000. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 7, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office located at 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6. Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for

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Frankfort, Kentucky

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January 18, 2000, at

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Prestonsburg

Regional Office, 3140

South Lake Drive,

Prestonsburg,

Kentucky 41653. The

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NOTICE OF

BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance

with KRS 350.093,

notice is hereby given

Czar

Corporation, HC 64,

Box 915, Debord,

Kentucky 41214, has

applied for a Phase II

bond release on per-

mit No. 836-5338

which was last issued

on 01/06/97. The

application covers an

area of approximately

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#### NOTICE OF **BOND RELEASE** In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Tollage Inc., 251 Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 has applied for a Phase II bond release on Increment No. 1 of permit number 836-0208 which was last issued on January 27, 1999. The application covers an area of approximately 95.40 acres located 1 mile west of Tram, Ky. in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 3 miles southeast form State Route 1426's junction with U.S. 23, and located 1/4 mile west of Stratton Branch. The latitude is 37°34'34". The longitude is 82°40'55". The bond now in

effect for Increment No. 1 of permit number 836-0208 is a surety bond in the amount of one hundred ten thousand seven hundred dollars (\$110,700.00). Approximately twenty five percent (25%) of the original bond amount is included in this application for release Reclamation work

thus far performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching, completed in the spring of 1990. Written comments,

objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 4, 2000.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 7, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg **Regional Office locat**ed at 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 4, 2000.

KRS 350.093 notice 35.00 acres of suris hereby given that Locust Grove, Inc., Box 958, Hazard, KY 41702, has applied for Phase I bond release on Permit Number 836-0265, which was last issued on 9/29/99. The application covers an area of approximately 116.38 acres located 4.0 miles southeast of Martin in Floyd (2) The permit area

face area and 416.00 acres of underground area, for a total permit acreage of 451.00 acres located 3.0 miles southeast of Odds, Kentucky in Floyd and Johnson county. (2) The permit area is approximately 3.0

miles south of KY Route 3's junction with Daniel's Branch Road and west of Daniel's Branch. The latitude is 37°43'40". The longitude 82°39'25"

(3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$10,000,00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$43,000 is included in the application for release. (4)Reclamation work performed includes: Backfilling, grading, seeding and mulching, completed in August 1994.

(5) Written comobjections, ments, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hollow, Hudson Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 01/14/00. (6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 01/17/00 at 9:00 the a.m., at for Department Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Pretonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a public hearing or informal conference received is by 01/14/00.

### NOTICE OF **BOND RELEASE**

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky 41214 has DEFENDANTS applied for a Phase III bond release on NOTICE OF SALE permit No. 836-5339 By virtue of a which was last issued Judgment and Order on 01/06/97. The of Sale of the Floyd application covers an Circuit Court renarea of approximately dered 83.25 acres of sur-November 18, face area and 446.21 Term, in the above acres of underground styled action in the area, for a total persum of SEVENTYmit acreage of 529.46 FOUR THOUSAND acres located 2.3 miles southeast of Odds, Kentucky, in Floyd and Johnson

to wit:

from

County. (2) The permit area is approximately 3.0 miles south of KY Route 3's junction with Daniel's Branch Road and west of Daniel's Branch. The latitude is 37°43'38". The longitude is 82°39'48" (3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$13,500.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond more amount of \$90,600 is included in the application for release. (4) Reclamation work performed includes: Backfilling, grading, seeding and mulching, completed in the fall of 1994. (5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hollow, Hudson Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 01/14/00. (6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 01/17/00 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Pretonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a public hearing or informal conference received is by 01/14/00 COMMONWEALTH **OF KENTUCKY** 

**FLOYD CIRCUIT** COURT **DIVISION NO: II CIVIL ACTION NO:** 95-CI-00956

WILLIAM FOLEY, PAUL FOLEY and JENNIFER FOLEY, his wife - PLAN-TIFF'S VS: FIRST COMMON-WEALTE BANK, PRESTONSBURG,

**KENTUCKY** -

at

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1996

Plaintiffs Paul Foley and Jennifer Foley, TRACT NO. I jointly and severally. BEING THE SAME The amount of property conveyed to money to be raised Paul Dean by this sale shall include costs of Foley, by Deed dated the 14th day of advertising of this December, 1983 sale and the fees and commissions for con-Billie Joe Wireman, ducting this sale. The which is duly recordlien of the Defendant. ed in Deed Book First Commonwealth 281, Page 498, in Bank shall attach to the office of the Floyd the proceeds of the County Clerk and is sale of the real propparticularly erty in the amount of SEVENTY-FOUR described as follows: THOUSAND, SEVEN Beginning HUNDRED, at Russell Blackburn's THIRTY-THREE line and corner of Ed DOLLARS AND SEV-Hunt's line; thence ENTY-FIVE CENTS running west down (\$74,733.75) as of September 26, 1996, together with interest 200 at the contract rate until the date of

Judgment and at the

rate of 12% per

until paid, together

with attorney fees in

\$4.522.36 as of

September 26, 1996,

the Defendants court

cost and all other

sums required to pre-

serve and recover the

The property shall

be sold free and clear

of any liens or

encumbrances sub-

ject only to any lien

for unpaid ad valorem

taxes or assessments

upon said property

for the 1996 tax year,

any subsequent year

for which such taxes

remain unpaid, and

subject to any ease-

ments and restric-

tions of record in the

Floyd County Clerk's

office and any right of

redemption as may

exist in favor of the

America and/or the

record owners there-

of, pursuant to 28

U.S.C. 2410 or KRS

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be required to

assume and pay all

real property taxes

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Cow Creek: thence approximately feet; thence thence [sic] across the bottom to a marked poplar tree and an iron stake at the back of the bottom; thence running a straight line to the top of the point 800 feet to a marked oak tree about 12 feet from Russell Blackburn's line: thence running with Russell Blackburn's line to the beginning.

BEING THE SAME property conveyed to Paul Foley, by Deed dated the 6th day of July, 1984, from William T. Foley and Pauline Foley, his wife, who retained a life estate therein. which is duly recorded in Deed Book 329, Page 182, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk and is particularly more described as follows:

TRACT NO. IT

Beginning at an iron stake on east side of Woods Branch and also joining line with Laura Bell Herald approximately 40 feet from culvert of state road following the center of Woods Branch to the mouth where it empties into Cow Creek to an iron stake; thence running for the fiscal year 1999, and for any west down Cow Creek approximately prior years for which 300 feet to a poplar at Jack Mosley's line; thence running with Jack Mosley's line to the top of a high knob; thence joining Russell Blackburn's point to Cow Creek; thence with Ed Hunt's line crossing state road to the top of point to Laura Bell Herald's line: thence down point with old fence to the begin-Woods ning at

P.O. BOX 763 PRESTONSBURG, **KENTUCKY 41653** (606) 886-0712

receive sealed bids

for the construction of

addition to existing

Hope Family Medical

Clinic, Salyersville,

Kentucky. The bids

opened and read

aloud. Bids must be

received on or before

2:00 p.m., January 4,

2000, at the office of

the Owner, Big Sandy

Health Care, Auxier

Road, Prestonsburg,

Ky. Bids shall be

opened and read at

Copies of Plans,

Specifications,

Contract Documents,

and Form of Proposal

must be ordered from

and deposit checks

sent to the office of

the Architect, Randall

Burchett, 416 North

Prestonsburg,

Kentucky 41653, 606

886-3929. Plans will

be distributed from

the office of the archi-

tect. Deposit must be

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Documents can be

obtained. A complete

set of plans and

specifications require

a deposit of \$100.00.

The amount of 50%

of the deposit will be

returned only to the

bidder who submits a

bonafide bid and

return the plans and

specifications in good

condition within ten

days after the bids

are opened, other-

wise no refund will be

check will be returned

only to the bidder

bonafide bid. All

checks shall be made

to the order of the

Architect. Hearing

impaired individuals

may call 1-800-247-

2510 for information.

General

Contractors shall be

required to purchase

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid to the following:

> Hon. Richard Fitzpatrick P.O. Box 351 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Elon. E. Martin McGuire P.O. Box 1257 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

This 1st day of December, 1999

CLYDE F. JOHNSON

#### NOTICE OF **INTENTION TO** MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 436-Operator 5121. Revision In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise permit No. 436-5121 to change the operator. The current operator is Dude Branch Mining, Inc., PO Box 63, Beaver, KY 41604. The new operator will be T & M Coal Company, LLC, PO box 63, Beaver,

KY 41604.

The operation is 1.1 miles north-northeast of Beaver in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.75 miles west of the iunction of the Mitchell Branch Road and KY 979, and is west of Mud Creek. latitude The is 37°24'37"; the longitude is 82°39'55". The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments and objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246 and Title VI. Minority bidders are encouraged to bid. In the event the Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded fails to execute a sat-

Contract isfactory and Bond, he shall be eliminated and shall forfeit his certified check, cash or his Bid Bond and shall be liable for the loss occasioned by the Owner by such fail-

ure. any bid which is not received on a timely bases or in the proper form shall returned unopened. The owner reserves

the right to accept any or reject any and all Bids and to waive informalities any therein.

"EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY"

#### INVITATION TO BID

The Floyd County Board of Education is requesting sealed bids on a mechanic truck. BID SPECIFICA-

TIONS One 2000 model to include:

V8 gasoline engine, four (4) wheel drive, 1 1/2 ton regular cab and chassis, stanwheelbase, dard manual trailer tow mirror, dual rear wheels, power steering, power brakes, air-conditioned, AM-FM radio, color white with gray interior, vinyl bench seat, floor mats, manual transmission, a tool bed with a tommy lift, rear or front five (5) ton hitch winch-reese application, minimum 410 axle ratio with a locking differential, minimum 12,000 GVW, eight (8) foot blade with snow attachment with inside controls. engine block heater. Bids will be accepted at the Floyd County Board of Education, Attention: Finance Dept., 183 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The Floyd County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Any questions, please call Marvin Jervis at 606 285-9443 ext. 14. Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., on December 20, 1999. All sealed bids 🖢 received will be opened at 2:00 p.m., on the above date.

### NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Pursuant to Permit Number 836-0265 (1) In accordance with the provisions of

PUBLIC NOTICE

An ordinance amending the City of Allen budget for Fiscal Year 1999-2000, to include unanticipated receipts form CDBG in the amount of \$511,599 and increasing expenditures in the area of grants was adopted by the Allen City Commission on Sept. 13, 1999. A copy of the adopted Ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the Office of the Mayor of Allen during normal business hours.

> **CITY OF ALLEN** Allen, Kentucky 41601 Detailed Budget for 1999-2000

#### ESTIMATED REVENUES **INSURANCE TAX** \$56,000.00 2,100.00 PROPERTY TAX **BUSINESS LICENSE** 60.00 2,300.00 FRANCHISE TAX 6,790.00 BASE COURT REVENUE 3,600.00 MUNICIPAL ROAD FUNDS 4,800.00 COAL SEVERANCE TAX LGEA MINERAL SEV. FUNDS 3,500.00 CDBG BLOCK GRANT 511,599.00 TRANSFER FROM STREET FUND 0 590,749.00 TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE BALANCE FROM FY 1998-1999 20,650.00 611,399.00 ESTIMATED EXPENSES 511,599.00 CDBG STREET MAINT. 0 9,600.00 MAYOR & COUNCIL CITY CLERK 10,400.00 2,000.00 OFFICE EXPENSE 7,600.00 LIABILITY INS. 5,800.00 PAYROLL TAXES 5,100.00 STREET LIGHTS 4,800.00 LEGAL CITY HALL MAINT. POLICE SALARY & POLICE EXP. 28,900.00 3,900.00 AUDITOR 3,000.00 CONTINGENCIES CITY EMPLOYEES 10,300.00 HEALTH INSPECTIONS 8,400.00 TOTAL EXPENSES 611,399.00

2nd Revision of the 1999-2000 Budget

SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS AND SEV-ENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$74,733.75) as of September 26, 1996, together with interest at the contract rate of \$18.0416 per day until the date of Judgment and at the rate of 12% per annum thereafter, until paid, together with attorney fees in amount of the \$4,522.36 as of September 26, 1996, the Defendant's court cost and all other sums required to preserve and recover the property, I, the undersigned Special Master Commissioner, shall proceed to offer for sale on the steps of the Old Floyd County Courthouse, (behind the Floyd County Center), Justice Avenue, Central Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 30th day of December, 1999, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, the foldescribed lowing оп а property, tract-by tract basis or as a whole, whichever method shall realize the highest price,

TRACT III

Branch.

BEING THE SAME property conveyed to Paul Foley, by Deed dated the 20th day of August, 1979, from W.T. Foley and Pauline Foley, his wife, who retained a life interest therein, which is duly recorded in Deed Book 241, Page 257, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk and is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake at the county road; thence with the private driveway 360' to a stake at Cow Creek; thence southeasterly 250' to Ed Hunt's line; thence with Ed Hunt's line 250' more or less to the county road; thence with the county road 240' to beginning.

The herein described property shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth to satisfy the debt owed the Defendant Bank upon Counterclaim, its interest, costs and attorney fees by the

taxes are due and owing and for subsequent years.

The purchaser shall be required to pay the sum of 10% of the bid price down in cash at the time of the sale with the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 12% per annum. Further, the purchaser shall be required to execute a bond or bonds with sufficient surety or sureties thereon, which shall have the force and effect of a judgment with a lien retained upon said property in order to secure payment of the balance of the purchase price. In the event the successful bidder is a party to this action adjudged to have a lien on any of the real property bid upon, then and in that event, such party shall not be required to make any cash deposit or bond. In the event said party is a junior lien holder, then at the end of the thirty (30) days said party shall pay the purchase price in full.

All bidders must be prepared to comply with these terms. Announcements on the date of the sale shall take precedence over printed material herein.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 1st day of December, 1999.

CLYDE F. JOHNSON SPECIAL MASTER COMMISSIONER FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT 209 SOUTH CEN-TRAL AVENUE

INVITATION TO BID

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids on 1972 John Deere 544B Loader-serial number 236728T and a 1987 John Deere 310 C backhoe-serial number 739810. This equipment can be seen at Guyan Equipment. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Floyd County Judge/Executive's Office until 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 20, 2000. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court on January 21, 2000. For further information, you may contact Mike Jarrell, the Floyd County Road Supervisor, at the county garage at 606 452-1001 or 606 478-1001. The Floyd County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

### INVITATION FOR BID

The Big Sandy Health Care will posal Envelope will have the Project and respective bidder.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the architect and office of the owner! F.W. Dodge Corp. 303 N. Hurstborn Lane, Suite 265, Louisville, Ky. 2. F.W.

Dodge Corp, 2525 Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington, Ky. Dodge 3.

Plan Room 405 Capital St., Suite 509, Charleston WV. 25301

Proposals shall be accompanied by a certified check or cash or bidder bond, executed by the Bidder and Surety Company, IN THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN TEN PER-CENT (10%) OF THE AMOUNT OF THE BASE PROPOSAL. The bid security is required as a guarantee that if the Proposal is accepted, Contract will be immediately entered into and the performance of it property secured. A cashier's check is not considered proper bid security. Proposal Forms

must be filled out and submitted in duplicate. No qualifying letters or statements will be considered. No bidder may withdraw a bid submitted for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City 0 Prestonsburg Will accept sealed bids for the purchase of a new 2000 model, 3/4 ton, 4-wheel-drive, long wheel-base, pick-up truck on December 17, 1999, at 12 noon, at City Hall, 200 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. The vehicle should have the following: white exterior, 350 V-8 or equivalent, 5-speed transmission, rear step bumper, heavy duty springs, 5 mud and snow tires, including spare tire and wheel, below eye-line mirrors or equivalent, power disc brakes. air conditioner and AM/FM radio. Bidders should state delivery

time in their bid.

all bids.

For further informa-

tion, contact Paul

Burchett at 886-2335.

The City reserves the

right to reject any or