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## Board takes 2nd look at PHS field

by Willie Elliott  
Staff Writer

After being accused of not exhibiting good stewardship over money allocated for high school football complexes and hearing some specifics from Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin about what help the city might provide, the Floyd County Board of Education decided Monday night to take one more look at the construction of the

Prestonsburg High School athletic complex.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, David Layne told board members they were keeping secrets on such things as land appraisals. He also charged that the board has not visited some of the land owners who would be affected if the football field were turned around.

Layne told the board to either turn the field around or take it on the hill.

"Build it right or don't build it at all,"

Layne said.

Layne told the board, "One day I'll be on the board and I will do what is right for kids."

Board members Johnnie Ross and Terry Dotson defended the board's action on the complex, stating that changes were made because of budget constraints.

Dotson said one problem was lack of communication. He said the committee which worked on planning the site did not

call him or the board for information.

Architect Joe Jones said \$1.8 million was planned for the South Floyd site and \$2.4 million for the Prestonsburg site. He also said time was becoming critical for work on the Prestonsburg site if football were to be played there next year.

After a query by Carol Stumbo, Fannin said the city would offer the land at its

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## Briefs

### Laffertys plead not guilty

A couple accused of multiple counts of insurance fraud pleaded not guilty during their arraignment Monday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Property bonds for \$20,000 were set in the cases of Regina Lafferty, 46, and Thomas Lafferty, 47.

The Laffertys are accused of 21 fraudulent insurance acts.

A pretrial hearing has been set for February 2 in the case.

In another matter, bail for Timothy Wayne Hall, 37, was set for \$50,000 cash.

Hall faces multiple counts of drug possession and possession of a gun by a convicted felon.

Hall filed his bond on Tuesday.

### Police probe Pike, Johnson deaths

Kentucky State Police is investigating two unexplained deaths discovered since Saturday.

The most recent case involves the sudden death of a Shelbyana infant.

Five-month-old Damin Scott Adkins was discovered not breathing in his bed early yesterday. The father called an ambulance around 2:30 a.m., which transported the baby to a nearby hospital, where he was declared dead by Pike County Coroner Charles Morris.

The death remains under investigation by KSP Det. Stewart Howard while results of an autopsy are pending.

On Saturday, the body of an elderly Thealka man was discovered in a wooded area along Boyd Branch in Johnson County.

Paul Buel Castle, 75, had been reported missing five days before his body was found.

Castle's death is being investigated by KSP Det. Paul Estep.

### Public meetings

■ Floyd County Fiscal Court, special meeting, 2 p.m. today.

## Two injured when cigarette break ignites explosion

by Randell Reno  
Staff Writer

A broken gas line in the Price area was accidentally ignited Saturday afternoon, causing injuries to two men.

Members of the Left Beaver Fire Department rushed to the scene of a blazing fire which was being fed by an open gas pipeline about 1 p.m.

Workers Tony Reed and a unidentified man from a Lancer

logging company were driving a bulldozer in a logging operation when they cut into the 22-inch Columbia Gas pipeline. The resulting leak caused the bulldozer they were operating to run out of control and the blow its engine.

"Both men exited the dozer and one decided he wanted a cigarette," said Will Parker, Left Beaver assistant fire chief.

The lit cigarette caused an

(See Fireball, page two)

### Sparkling in the night...



Richard Bowens of Drift has his house all decked out for the holiday. Each year, Bowens adds something extra to his decorations. Motorists drive by his house and Phillip Miller's to catch a glimpse of the dazzling display. (photo by Willie Elliott)

## Judges bow out of Martin sex case

by Randell Reno  
Staff Writer

As expected, a special judge has been requested in the sex abuse case against Prestonsburg attorney Sheridan Martin.

In an order filed Monday by Floyd County division I and II district judges James R. Allen and Eric D. Hall both took themselves out of the case because Martin is a regular practicing attorney before them.

The judges have asked the Attorney General's office to

appoint a special judge in the case. County Attorney Keith Bartley has requested a special prosecutor in the case, also.

A single charge of sex abuse was brought against Martin last week in response to complaint from a former worker in his office.

In her complaint, the woman claimed Martin subjected her to sexual contact through "forcible compulsion."

A person answering the phone at Martin's law practice said the Prestonsburg attorney would have no comment about the case.

## Man shot while shopping at Bull Creek flea market

by Randell Reno  
Staff Writer

A Prestonsburg man was accidentally shot while he shopped at a local flea market.

Charles Ratliff was browsing the Bull Creek Trade Center on US 23 when he heard what he believed to be an exploding firecracker.

Ratliff told James Burchett, a man standing beside him, he thought something had hit him. Burchett pulled up Ratliff's sleeve and informed him he had been shot, said Ratliff's wife, Brenda.

The good Samaritan immediately drove Ratliff to Highlands Regional Medical Center, where

(See Shooting, page three)

## Relentless pursuit nets drug arrests

by Randell Reno  
Staff Writer

The pursuit of a four-wheeler on a public highway led to a drug bust in the Hueysville area.

Deputy Bobby Hackworth was eluded by a man driving an ATV about 7:30 p.m. Sunday night on Salyers Branch, but later that evening the deputy and the same man were reunited.

"The same guy came out of a driveway on a four-wheeler," said Hackworth, who once again engaged in a pursuit.

The ATV went around a trailer in attempt to elude the officer once more. Hackworth left his vehicle and checked the scene.

"As I went around a trailer near an air conditioner, I observed a guy snorting something from a plate," he said.

At the same time, a woman came out of the trailer. While Hackworth attempted to hide his presence, the woman allegedly carried a set of scales out to a car



Deputy Bobby Hackworth, Sheriff John K. Blackburn, and Lt. Rick Thornsberry display the stash found at the residence of Gary Prater in Hueysville. (photo by Randell Reno)

parked nearby. The woman saw the officer and allegedly fled into the house after being asked about the scales.

Hackworth followed the woman into the home, secured the

(See Drugs, page two)

## Local hospitals receive national, regional recognition

### Our Lady of the way Hospital named one of the nation's top 100 hospitals

Times Staff Report

Our Lady of the Way Hospital has been recognized by HCIA and the Health Network as a recipient of the 1999 100 Top Hospitals™ National Benchmarks for Success award.

Our Lady of the Way, Martin, and Meadowview Regional Medical Center, Maysville, were the only hospitals in Kentucky to receive the award. The hospital's recognition for clinical excellence and efficient delivery of care was published in Modern Health magazine, a leading health-care publication.

"The announcement of the Top 100 Hospitals™ is a timely response to President Clinton's concern about hospital outcomes," said Jean Chenoweth, senior vice president of HCIA. "The Top 100 Hospitals™ are shining examples of hospitals that have built a culture around continuous performance improvement."

The study is based solely on objective, quantitative performance data that are consistent and complete across nine geographic regions in the United States. The study identifies top performing hospitals based

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Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin was named one of the 100 best hospitals in the United States. (photo by Willie Elliott)

### McDowell hospital receives regional award

Times Staff Report

McDowell Appalachian Regional Health Care has been selected as one of the top 100 hospitals in its region.

This award honors those hospitals not designated national Top 100 Hospitals™. The recognition identifies hospitals outside the national list which are top performers in their local markets.

Each hospital is assigned to one of four comparison groups according to its size (number of beds in service) and teaching status. The comparison groups are small, medium-sized, large community and teach-

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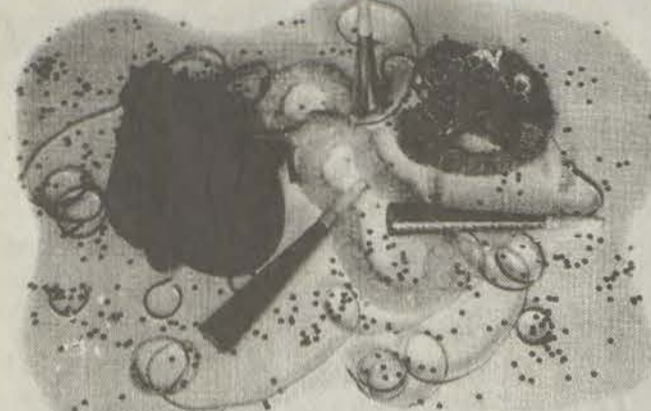
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**They say:** Forced deposit laws solve litter problems.

**The facts:** Only 8.4% of roadside litter in Kentucky comes from bottles and cans. In Vermont, which has had a deposit law for 25 years, beverage containers make up 7.0% of litter. Not a big difference.

**They say:** Deposits are refundable so the law won't cost consumers anything. It's not a tax.


**The facts:** Some versions of the proposed law would impose a tax of \$100 million annually on Kentucky consumers and taxpayers. Other elements would add millions more. Imagine the frail and elderly having to take recyclables to a county recycling center miles from their home. If you can't take the goods to a center, it's a tax. Remember: This is your money!

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**Board**

mountaintop recreation project and even help the board raise additional money.

There was some talk that state Rep. Greg Stumbo might be able to secure more funding for the complex. Stumbo had told Dotson that this was not definite and would require approval from the legislature which convenes for its biennial session January 4.

Carol Stumbo made a motion that the board "take one more look" at the site with possible help from the city.

"This time put up or shut up," Stumbo said.

Jones had better news about the South Floyd site, telling the board the project got a good number of the things that were in the original plans. However, he added that a big problem at the site was land cost.

Jones told the board it could realize substantial savings by reducing the price of the project to under \$250,000. Doing so would erase the restriction that the project be done at prevailing wage, which Jones said ran \$20 to 25 an hour.

In other action Monday night, four schools, South Floyd High, South Floyd Middle, Osborne

Elementary and McDowell Elementary, briefed the board on last fall's CATS scores.

Each school was asked to tell the board what it could do to help improve scores. All schools mentioned increased staffing to lower the student-teacher ratio and give additional support to the arts and vocational parts of the test. Most schools in the district do not score well on these sections of the test.

Dotson told McDowell Principal Jerri Turner that money was being set aside to deal with flooding problems at her school. Turner said she appreciated that "because I really dread that first flood."

Scott Tackett, Prestonsburg Elementary building and grounds chairperson, presented the board with a list of repairs needed at the school, including a leakage problem. Dotson told Tackett that this portion of the repairs was approved at the last board meeting.

In a move that left Stumbo shaking her head in disbelief, the board agreed to start payment to EUA Cogenex Corporation. The board lost a federal arbitration hearing and owes over \$648,000, to which

will be added interest and could amount to as much as \$800,000.

Stumbo said it pained her to see so much money leave the district, especially when the district got nothing for the money.

In other action, the board approved the following:

- Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats trip to United States Drill Team Championship on February 11 and 14, 2000, in Orlando, Florida.
- The Dance Cats have participated in the event since 1998.
- Change orders for the addition and renovation to Prestonsburg High School. Items include cabinets and choral risers for the music department at a cost \$22,813.
- The use of May Valley gym for Allen Central High School varsity cheerleaders.
- \$150,000 Title IV (KDE) grant funds for Opportunity Unlimited Alternate Program, creating one teacher position, two instructional aides and two part-time reading instructors. The funds also call for library materials, 25 computers with software and warranties, and textbooks.
- BG 1 to construct a softball

field at Betsy Layne High School. The board said the construction of the field will resolve the problems that are occurring with the scheduling of the sports activities at Stumbo Park and will satisfy Title IX gender equity requirements. The field will be used primarily by Betsy Layne's girls' softball team.

- A motion to accept bids for a service truck for the transportation department from low bidder, Music-Carter-Hughes. The current vehicle is 12 years old with over 200,000 miles.
- Assurance certification with state to apply for funding for the Family Resource/Youth Services Program with the State Cabinet for Families and Children.
- The creation of a full-time social studies position and a half-day art teacher position at South Floyd High School.
- The Betsy Layne High School crisis plan.
- The May Valley Elementary emergency preparedness plan.

The scheduled work session with the local planning committee for tonight has been postponed until after the holidays.

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**OLW**

on quality of care, efficiency of operations, and sustainability of overall performance. This year's ranking is based on multiple measures of clinical quality practices, operations and financial management.

Our Lady of the Way hospital is part of the Catholic Health Initiatives, one of the largest, not-for-profit organizations in the United States. It is managed by Marymount Medical Center, also part of the Catholic Health Initiatives and based in London.

Lowell Jones, president and CEO of both hospitals, noted that this honor follows an "accredita-

tion with commendation" designation given to Our Lady of the Way in a 1998 survey by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

"Our Lady of the Way has a well-established reputation for providing the people of Floyd County with excellence in clinical care and wellness services. Being named one of the top hospitals in the nation reaffirms what many have known all long about this organization. We're very proud of the employees and medical staff at Our Lady of the Way and the outstanding work they do," Jones said.

"Our Lady of the Way is a model of quality and efficiency, and it proves that a healthcare provider doesn't have to be large in size or based in an urban area to earn national recognition for the care it delivers," he added.

Kathy Stumbo, chief operating officer of Our Lady of the Way, said the recognition would encourage the hospital to work even harder to improve quality and performance. "We're very honored to be

named one of the top hospitals in the United States. Our employees and medical staff are truly committed to the people we serve, and we will continue our efforts to expand services, increase access to care and build healthier communities."

HCIA, based in Baltimore, Maryland, collects, manages and distributes comparative healthcare information. HCIA creates information assets that help customers manage healthcare.

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**Fireball**

explosion that resulted in both men being burned.

The two were transported to the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Reed was

later transferred to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center to be treated for second- and third-degree burns.

Before the fire department could get to the scene, crews from Columbia Gas were busy trying to contain the fire. The broken line was fed by six separate wells spread across Floyd and Knott counties.

**Drugs**

area with six people who were allegedly intoxicated and called for back-up.

Deputy Brian Kidd and Lt. Ricky Thornsberry assisted Hackworth in a search of the home, which allegedly revealed a storehouse of drugs and weapons.

"We searched the house and found pills throughout the house," said Hackworth, who also found marijuana and several weapons.

Arrested were Gary Prater, 44, of Hueysville, Sharon K Calhoun, 43, of Hindman, and Ralph L. Crager, 64, of Hueysville.

Prater was charged with trafficking in marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, as well as six counts of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, when officers took from his residence a Ruger .9 mm, a Colt .45, a Ruger .22, a Marlin .30-.30, and a .12 gauge shotgun.

Bail for Prater was set at a partially-secured \$50,000 property bond.

Calhoun was charged with trafficking in marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her bail was a partially-secured \$25,000 property bond.

Crager was charged with alcohol intoxication and disorderly conduct after he allegedly tried to prevent the arrest.

Additional charges are pending in the case.

Bail was posted on all three Monday. A preliminary hearing has been set for December 28 for the three defendants.

Sheriff Blackburn would like the residents of Floyd County to assist in the removal of the county's drug dealers and users alike. If you have any information concerning drugs, he encourages you to call the sheriff's office at 886-6171. Your name will remain confidential.

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ing hospitals.

Unlike the national competition, a major teaching group is not used because these hospitals tend to compete on a national (not local) level.

Within the comparison groups, the hospitals were scored on the basis of their performance relative to other hospitals in the national study. Each hospital's performance-measure scores were summed to arrive at total for the hospital.

Administrative assistant Leigh Ann Maynard said she thought it was quite something that two rural hospitals so close together should be selected for honors.

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Maynard also noted that both hospitals had women as administrators.

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# Shooting

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he was given a painkiller and then transferred by helicopter to the Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Apparently, an unknown man was trying to trade the gun to one of the vendors when the gun accidentally discharged. "When the man reached the gun to (the vendor), it went off," said Brenda Ratliff. Witnesses in the shooting would not respond to questioning by the Kentucky State Police.

"No one would talk to the police about it," said Brenda Ratliff. Even the vendor is not known at this time, said Brenda Ratliff. The bullet nicked an artery on Charles Ratliff's right arm in front of his elbow, said his wife. Doctors worked about three-and-a-half hours to remove the bullet from Ratliff and to repair his arm as much as possible. He was released from the hospital early Monday morning, but will

have to return to the hospital next Monday in order to correct some nerve and tissue damage caused by the bullet. The Ratliffs have no idea how they will pay for the operations needed to repair the damage done to his arm. At this point, there is no one to blame for the incident. The incident is under investigation by Lt. Paul Maynard, and troopers Byron Hansford and Mickey Watson.

# Construction halts for holidays

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet says Santa has no excuses for tardiness this year, and neither do you.

The KTC will temporarily halt most of the major construction projects to accommodate the expected traffic increase from Thursday, December 23, to January 3.

While no active construction will be ongoing during the week-end, some current projects may cause lane restriction due to the type of work being performed.

**I-64 in Montgomery/Bath County**

One lane traffic east and west-bound between milepoints 113 and 117.

**I-64 in Boyd County**  
Eastbound traffic at US 23/I-64 interchange will be restricted to one lane.

**I-75 in Carroll County (Covington-Louisville Road)**  
One lane traffic maintained north and southbound between milepost 50 and 52.

**I-75 in Laurel County**  
North and south bound shoulder closed and reduced driving width between milepost 38 and

**I-75 in Rockcastle County**  
North and southbound shoulders closed and reduced driving width between milepost 50 and 55.

**I-275 in Boone and Kenton County (Circle Freeway)**  
One lane closed east and west-bound between milepost 35 and 39.

**The Jackson Purchase Parkway in Fulton County**  
Lane width reduction on south-bound bridge over KY 116.

# Mayo Moments...

by Linda Lyon

The week before Christmas is a busy time for everyone at Mayo. We end the school year this week with the last graduation of the century and also the first official Mayo Technical College graduation.

1999 has been a great year. It has been a year of change and growth. Along with the pains of that growth we have experienced the rewards. Our students have more opportunities, broader paths before them and a challenge of tasks and expectations that will make them strong and better prepared for the work world.

In 1999 we have worked together to shape the new entity Mayo has evolved into. Teams and committees have been busy with curriculum revisions, class restructuring, facility renovations and construction of new structures. The new branch campus being constructed in Pikeville has occupied much of our efforts this past year.

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in 1938 and that is the reason the doors will open in January 2000. We believe in education and we believe in eastern Kentucky. There it is - plain and simple.

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for their support, advice and help this year. Thank you to the KCTCS Board of Regents and Dr. McCall for the leadership and vision that led us through 1999.

Thank you to the Mayo and Pikeville Advisory Committees for guiding us and encouraging us this past year. Thank you to the Mayo faculty and staff for tireless work on committees and projects that sometimes took over their lives and dominated their time.

Thank you to the Friends of Mayo community committee for their concern and support and to Eck Chandler for being the driving force behind it. Thank you to the consolidation teams from Mayo and PCC who are working to find areas of collaboration as we together refine and realign programs and tasks inside the new KCTCS network.

Thank you to the newspapers, radio and television for helping us get information to the public.

Thank you to the communities of Johnson, Pike, Magoffin, Martin and Floyd counties for 61 years of support which we can be sure of into the next millenium.

While I am sure we cannot exist without students, I also know we cannot grow without community support. It means a great deal to us to know that almost every family in eastern Kentucky has been touched by Mayo in some way. We appreciate all you have done and anticipate your continued support. I know we will have a wonderful year 2000.

# Expect increased patrols from KSP this Christmas holiday

As more motorists take to Kentucky's highways during this Christmas holiday season, Kentucky State Police is urging drivers to use common sense when traveling.

During this time of holiday parties and get-togethers, KSP reminds motorists of the importance of utilizing designated drivers. If you are planning to host a holiday party, KSP would like to encourage you to serve non-alcoholic beverages. However, if you do attend a party where alcohol may be served, be sure to designate a sober driver.

Kentucky State Police will be utilizing roadblocks, as well as moving patrols, to target intoxicated drivers, speed limit violators and safety belt and child safety seat violations. Troopers will have a no-tolerance policy for impaired drivers and travelers not properly buckled up. The importance of safety restraints cannot be over-empha-

sized. During last year's Christmas holiday, four killed on the state's roadways were either partially or totally ejected from their vehicles. Statistics show that if a motorist is ejected from a vehicle, there is only a 25 percent chance of survival. The best way to avoid being ejected is simply by wearing safety belts.

State police troopers want everyone to arrive home safely for the holidays. If you've had too much to drink, don't even consider getting behind the wheel. During this busy holiday season, and throughout the year, it is important for all drivers to be safe and sober.

During the 1998 Christmas holiday period, five people were killed in four fatal crashes on Kentucky's roadways. One of those crashes and one fatality involved alcohol and none of the victims were wearing safety belts. Four of the five victims were either partially or totally

ejected from their vehicles. Post commanders at all 16 posts have been asked to maximize manpower resources for the forthcoming holiday period. Federal overtime funds will be available for officers opting to work during the holiday period and KSP will be using all available officers to help with holiday patrols.

State police will work in conjunction with local police departments and sheriff's offices across the state throughout the official Christmas holiday, which begins at 6 p.m., Thursday, December 23, and ends at 11:59 p.m., Sunday, December 26.

Motorists can help law enforcement officers by reporting erratic drivers to the KSP hotline at 1-800-222-5555. Callers may remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number, if possible.

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# Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

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Maya Angelou—

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## Editorial

### Shootings' news good, can be better

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recent report of sharp drops in U.S. gun deaths and injuries gives cause for encouragement.

It should not serve as a foundation for complacency.

For one thing, some of the factors that are believed to have brought the decreases lie outside the never ending wrangle over gun laws. Let some of those variables turn around, and there's a strong prospect of seeing the gun-violence statistics move with them.

Chief among these is the nation's healthy economy. It has long been known by professionals in health, sociology and law enforcement that graphs of crime and suicide move inversely with society's financial fortunes. In good times, violence goes down; in hard times, up. Right now, we're in relatively good times. There also has been an aging of the population, which correlates to less violence.

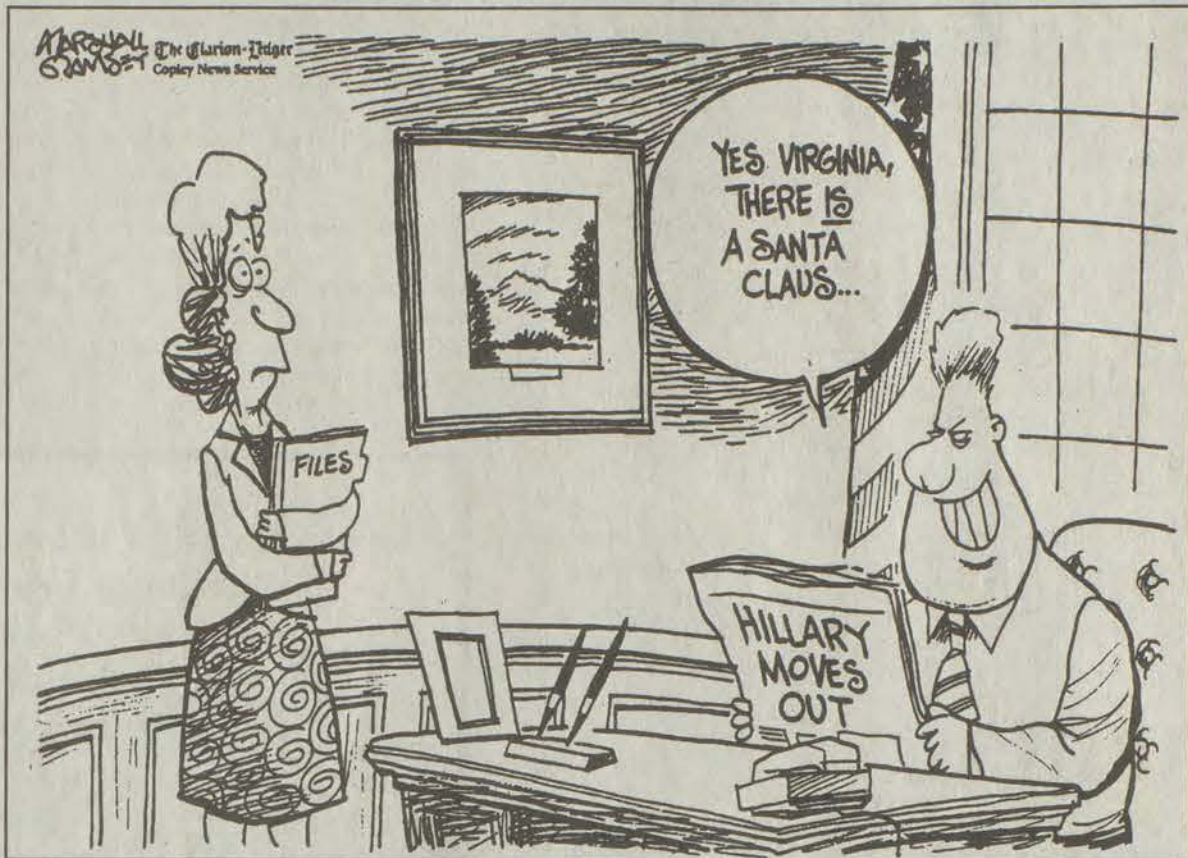
Such facts shouldn't invite cynicism. Real changes occurred between 1993 and 1997, when two measurements were taken, that won't go away.

They include tougher gun-control laws — and, of great importance, more vigorous enforcement of them — along with gun safety courses and better police work in general. All sides of the great debate get to be a little bit "right" on this one. Like most complex phenomena, it seems to be best addressed with multiple solutions.

Still, as one handgun-control advocate pointed out, even with these improvements, 265 people took a bullet on an average day in America in 1995. Our rate of accidental and intentional shootings still far outpaces that of any other advanced nation.

Thus, this good news — a 21 percent decline in gun deaths and a 41 percent drop in firearm-related injuries — offers the nation an occasion to pause and pat itself on the back, deservedly. After that, it's time to redouble the effort.

— Reprinted from the Omaha World-Herald.



## Guest Column

### Silence from Mars: Failure is no cause for retreat

Failure of the Mars Polar Lander is a deep disappointment, not only for the engineers but also for the armchair explorers who joined them in a long weekend of watching and waiting. It is an embarrassment for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which is taking the right steps to learn what it can from the experience.

But it is no cause for NASA, or its public, to turn away from an ambitious program of probing our nearest planetary neighbor.

It must be remembered that unmanned exploration has been a spectacular success for the United States and NASA. Cameras and sensors have now reached every planet of the solar system except outermost Pluto; the Hubble telescope, after a faltering debut, routinely extends our vision beyond our dreams. And, yet, NASA struggles with perpetual budget-cutting pressures and considerable public indifference.

Partly, this is because today's basic-science missions lack the drama of rocketing an astronaut or three into history, or even the fascination of a shuttle flight, with its implication that humans will soon reside in the nearer reaches of space. Exploration by remote control is bottom-of-the-news, back-of-the-mind stuff until a mission fails — or until it achieves a stunning success, like the stream of photos from Mars Pathfinder and its little roving Sojourner.

A triumph like Pathfinder also makes it easy to forget just how hard it is to plant a camera on Mars: The planet is 100 million miles away, the launch window arrives only every 26 months, not so much is known of the terrain, and even a perfectly performing spacecraft can land in a bad place, as the Polar Lander seems to have done.

In truth, these missions carry all the guarantees of putting a message in a bottle and flinging it onto the

retreating tide.

NASA's critics will make much of the \$165 million cost of the lost lander and the \$125 million spent on its companion Mars Climate Orbiter, which went missing in September after earthling error fouled up its navigation instructions.

There will be calls for NASA to do the job more cheaply, or even to stop trying to do it at all.

Such arguments lack perspective. NASA leadership has already adopted the cheaper and faster strategy, over the strong internal objections of some old hands.

This year's probes cost about half what the agency used to spend on a Mars orbiter, a fraction of what it devotes to each of seven or eight shuttle missions now flown each year.

Until now, NASA's agenda called for a series of probes that could return samples of Martian soil and rock to Earth within a decade — an achievement that could settle the question of whether Mars has ever been hospitable to waterdependent life forms. That timetable is now under review, and perhaps some modifications will make sense.

But should "everything (be) on the table," as NASA's administrator has said, in a possibly preemptive answer to his critics? Should the Mars program be scrapped or scaled back because another hapless lander bounced off a boulder or buried itself in dust?

Hardly. If anything, the loss of Mars Polar Lander suggests that NASA should consider lofting a larger number of its smaller, cheaper probes in each launch window. Given the inevitable uncertainties, why not cast more bottles on the tide?

— Reprinted from the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

## The choices are obvious

by Beverley Bartlett  
The Courier Journal

Two catalogs sit on my desk.

Well, at this time of year, there are more than two, but these are favorites. They encompass the spectrum of the holidays, from wild extravagance to meaningful simplicity.

One is from Williams-Sonoma, a company that manages somehow to be an upscale kitchen supply outlet while appealing to people who, strictly speaking, don't do much in the kitchen.

The other is from Heifer Project International and proclaims itself "The Most Important Gift Catalog in the World."

It "sells" goats and sheep and oxen and rabbits and such, but the person placing the order doesn't receive any farm animals. Instead, the animals are presented to a struggling family, usually in a distant nation. The family, in exchange, promises to pass along the first female offspring to another family.

How much difference can a \$120 goat make?

Well, the catalog includes a story written by Beatrice Biira of Uganda, a child whose family received a goat. They sold two of the goat's kids and got \$200, with which they built a better house. Imagine! The goat also enabled them to send Beatrice to school.

In the catalog, she tells of her first day, the new uniform she wore, the tea with goat's milk she had for

breakfast and the trip to school. "It was the best day of my life," she wrote. Every word was underlined. It gives you chills.

The Williams-Sonoma catalog, on the other hand, features a \$174 bottle of vinegar! It has been aged for 25 years! Anyone who has discovered how much better \$3 vinegar is than \$1 vinegar can well understand the appeal of a \$174 bottle. (And for those of us who must content ourselves with imagining, there also are bottles in the \$16-to-\$25 range.)

Is there someone on your list who likes chickens?

Heifer Project suggests making, in her name, a \$20 donation, enough to buy a flock of chickens. Just one hen could each year turn little more than table scraps into 200 protein-filled eggs, which the family can eat, share or sell.

For \$105 you could buy four wild, red-legged partridges that Williams-Sonoma boasts will be hunted one weekend and on your loved ones' table in a matter of days. Even the catalog's warnings sound, somehow, exotic: "The meat may contain bird shot, so please warn guests!"

Back in the Heifer International catalog, you can read about how a \$10 donation could provide seedlings to a Tanzanian family, helping them protect their crops from erosion.

Or at Williams-Sonoma you could spend almost four times as much for a three-foot bayleaf garland,

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## Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott  
Staff Writer



### Random ramblings

This is the second chapter of my book, gleaned from attending board meetings. This meeting was the last week in November and the agenda was sparse — four items.

Wouldn't you know that it would be the coldest day of the season (more like winter than fall)? We just hoped that the action would heat up. No, I didn't mean to say that.

Chairman Terry Dotson called the roll and asked if the board wanted to go into executive session. That was kind of like asking Sylvester if he would like to eat Twenty Bird. Of course, they wanted to go into executive session.

They had just settled down in the session when Gwen Hammonds decided she would work on the minutes from the last regular meeting. You know the one where the old Bank Josephine did not get purchased.

She went to the back of the room in the Adams Middle School library where there is a comfortable couch.

If there had been such couches when I was teaching, I would have been tempted to take a nap every day right after lunch. Word is that some of the teachers do that even if there are no couches. But, I get away from my story.

Gwen began to play the tape from the last board meeting, and those in attendance (all seven of them) thought they were hearing the executive session that was going on.

Jody Sword went to tell them that they were being listened to. Dotson said, "Good. That's the first time they have listened." (He didn't actually say that. I just did that to embellish my story. I'm big on embellishing. Linda and Ryan call it plain old lying.)

Actually, the members wondered how their voices could be coming into the library when they were several rooms away in a classroom. I bet they thought "Big Brother" was listening. I've heard about this Big Brother. Is he related to Bubba?

That was the high point of the evening and it happened early, and it happened quickly, so I was forced to read a book from the shelves of the library.

Oh, I did tell the story about a young lady who drove into the parking lot at the Floyd County Times and began talking on her cell phone. Let me tell you right now that your conversation will be picked up on the scanner if you do that. Such was the case of this young lady.

When she came into the office, I told her I was a psychic and began to tell what she had planned for the day based on the conversation that I had just overheard.

She was stunned, but finally said, "You've been listening to me on the scanner, haven't you?"

"Yes, but I had you going there for a moment," I responded.

The seven people in attendance at the board meeting were either slightly amused or just humored me in hopes I would leave and work on my book.

Those events and the time to write about them took us to 7 p. m. Then it

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# Forest fires impact areas future

The Kentucky Division of Forestry has reported that more than 120,000 acres of timber have burned in Kentucky this calendar year (nearly the same acreage as Estill or Muhlenberg County)—more than 73,000 acres since November 10, and the worst fire year in more than a decade.

Fire crews from as far away as Arizona joined firefighters from Kentucky. The expenses to fight the forest fires in Kentucky this fall are being estimated to be in the millions of dollars.

Newspaper and television coverage discussed the direct costs, the extended work days of the workers, and the counties acres that were burnt from fires suspected of being intentionally set by arsonists.

The issue that was not conveyed well was why foresters were so intent on putting out the forest fires. In the spring, we will see new foliage appearing on many of the



Ray Tackett

burned areas.

Forest fires in Kentucky are not like those "all consuming" fires in pine stands reported from western and southern states. Due to the volatility of pines, the complete tree is burnt and lost. The loss is immediate and easily measured.

In northern hardwoods, like

those of oak and yellow-poplar found in Kentucky, only the base of the tree is damaged, but not killed. These losses are not easily measured in dollars to the landowner.

Again, the question, "So what? The tree is still alive!" Yes, the tree is still alive, and will be for many decades, but the monetary value of the tree continues to decrease if the landowner allows damaged trees to remain after a forest fire.

As responsible stewards of the land, we would not intently overgraze a pasture that would place a stress on the live stock's health. Nor would we grow row crops without first bringing the soil chemistry to its proper levels. The same should be implied for timber crops.

The crop of trees in the forest that have been fire damaged are decreasing in monetary value and should be evaluated by a professional forester.

Countless acres of timber in Kentucky have been burned not

only once, but several times, and are still allowed to be maintained while at the same time losing monetary value.

In contrast, unburned acres of timber, when mature, in all probability, will be returning thousands of dollars more to the land owner than those acres that have been burned.

Loggers, when they are attempting intentionally stands to initiate forest operations, most likely will turn away from stands that have evidence of fire history and go to stands that have not been burned.

Foresters know the potential monetary damage that is influenced by forest fires in Kentucky's timber. The hope of the foresters who fought these fires is that timber owners will initiate the necessary forest operations in stands affected by fires. Forest management operations after a fire will improve both the future health and potential dollar value.

# USDA provides \$250 million for rural housing

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman recently announced that USDA will provide \$194.5 million in housing assistance for rural Americans, and an additional \$60 million to leverage private funding through partnerships with local institutions to provide the dream of the homeownership to American families.

"USDA's 50-year effort to promote homeownership has had a profound impact on rural living conditions for millions of Americans," Glickman said. "Rural homeownership is at an all-time high. And these new funds will help ensure that even more rural Americans will have modern, efficient housing to call home."

In Rutledge, Georgia, site of the first home built under USDA's homeownership program, Sara Herndon, the widow of the original borrower, handed keys to a new

home to Nancy Bailey, of Monroe, Georgia, who closed on a USDA home loan this year.

At the ceremony, USDA Under Secretary Jill Long Thompson, with other state, federal, nonprofit and private sector officials, were on hand to recognize rural homeownership success over the past 50 years and to applaud the expansion of the Rural Home Loan Partnership.

Glickman's announcement coincides with the release of a report by the USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS), which indicates that USDA's Single Family Housing program reaches more rural people

in need than almost any other housing program.

Long Thompson said the ERS report showed that more than 90 percent of borrowers said they would have been unable to afford a comparable home for at least two years, if ever, without assistance from the program.

"The survey found that the program serves mostly young and minority borrowers, whose income averaged \$18,200 and that more than two-thirds of all recent borrowers were highly satisfied with the process of buying and financing their homes through USDA's Rural

Housing Service," Long Thompson said.

"That's an outstanding record of achievement and a benchmark as we embark to serve rural American's housing needs for the next 50 years."

USDA Rural Development offers a number of direct housing loan programs and loan guarantee programs, which it delivers with nonprofit and private sector partners. A complete list of Rural Home Loan Partners nationwide his available on the web at <http://www.rur.dev.usda.gov/rd/newsroom/news.htm> or call the RHS at 202-690-1533.

# School personnel changes told

Superintendent Paul W. Fanning has given notice of personnel actions that have taken place recently.

Certified retirements/resignations: Michael Blanton, teacher at Betsy Layne Elementary, resigned December 3.

Substitute teachers hired: Tina Webb, certified substitute, December 6; emergency substitutes N Don Riley, November 15; Cindy Artrip, November 22; Phillip Lamar Meeks, November 22; Teresa Damron, December 1; Stacey Johnson, December 1.

Kenneth Bradley, December 1; Nancy Keathley, December 2; Alisa Howell, December 6; Elizabeth Cook, December 6. Joan Cornett, December 8.

Classified hirings: Bobby

Caudill and Chris Harper, substitute custodian, November 15; Greg Carroll, substitute custodian, November 23; Sharon Scott, handicapped aide at Stumbo Elementary, November 18; Hershell Stone Sr., bus driver, Betsy Layne area, November 22; substitute teacher aides, Sandra Yeisley, Prestonsburg and Clark Elementary FRC, November 23, Rachel Stone, December 6, and Jody Conn, November 15; Cheryl Riley, substitute cook, November 23; Carter Ritchie, cook at Opportunities Unlimited, November 30; school bus aides, Angela Martin, Betsy Layne area, and Teresa Bentley, South Floyd area, December 16.

Classified transfers: Calvin Miller, from bus driver on bus #199 to bus # 2292 in the Prestonsburg

area, November 5; Stephen Frasure, bus driver in Prestonsburg area to bus driver in the Allen Central area, November 12.

Classified leaves of absence: Dennie Carroll, family medical leave, October 29 to February 4; Debra K. Johnson, family medical leave, October 27 to December 8; Myredia Howell, family medical leave, October 28 to November 29.

Classified resignations: Stacey Cornette, instructional assistant, November 22; Janet Johnson, Head Start bookkeeper, November 22; Sylvia Evans, custodian, December 31.

## Home Owners CORNER



by Stan Stumbo & Vancel Thacker

### GET WITH THE PROGRAMMABLE

Homeowners can save about 5% to 15% on their heating bills by turning the thermostat back 10 to 15 degrees F. during the night. Still, there are those who might think that these savings are offset by the furnace's need to work harder to raise the air temperature to a comfortable level in the morning. Studies show, however, that the fuel required to heat a home back to its regular daytime temperature is roughly equivalent to the savings incurred by allowing the house temperature to drop during the night. In the meantime, homeowners save on fuel between the time the temperature stabilizes at the lower temperature and the next time heat is called for.

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HINT: The payback period on a programmable thermostat is about four years.

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which can decorate your mantelpiece in a "symbol of celebration."

Am I making Williams-Sonoma sound ridiculous? I do not mean to. The truth is that a \$174 bottle of vinegar isn't any more of a waste of money than a \$174 VCR or 10 \$17 Princess Diana books or two overpriced concert tickets. And, as I said, I love this catalog.

A set of plates that my husband and I love was a gift from there. And someday I may splurge on those neat monogrammed gift boxes. And there would be no sin, surely, in giving 12 nicely wrapped, beautifully packaged, bite-sized mincemeat pies, even at \$1 a bite, to a friend who likes them.

Is it too much to hope that there is a time in life to give geese to families in Ghana and a time to give a pressed-glass turkey cranberry sauce bowl? I hope not.

But these catalogs remind me that, while to the right person a pressed-glass turkey cranberry sauce bowl is a delight, to the wrong person it is the inspiration

for a garage sale.

The Heifer catalog makes just that point, urging you to think of the relative whose pig collection grows each year by leaps and bounds. Is it hard to imagine that she'd prefer knowing that someone's life was changed by the real pig given in her name?

It's humbling. We have so much that often we don't "want" any more. Our basement is bursting. Our cabinets are full. And there are people who dream of a \$200 house.

To reach Heifer Project International, call 800/422-0755. Or write to PO Box 808, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-8106. Or visit the group's Web site at <http://www.heifer.org>.

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was each man, woman and child (two were in attendance) to fend for himself/herself to find suitable entertainment for the duration of the executive session which I feared would go into Y2K, but it was over in a short period of time.

Normally, the discussion after an executive session is brief and to the point. Not the case here. If you want to "read all about it," you will have to buy my book.

I tried to get a joke on my good friend Hugo Miller last week. I called and told him that my editor had asked me to call people at random and ask what special plans they had for the New Year's Eve.

Of course, I was going to ask him if he knew where Random was?

When I made my speech, he immediately said, "But I don't live at Random; I live at Drift."

Oh, well, we got a good laugh out of it anyway.

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Saturday, December 25  
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(It's the little brown church beside Prestonsburg Community College...)

### Charlie Johnson

Charlie Johnson, 73, of Lenoir City, Tennessee, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, December 17, 1999, at Park West Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee.

He was a member and deacon of Friendship Baptist Church in Lenoir City and a veteran of World War II, serving with the Navy.

He was the son of Cindy Sloan Johnson of Loudon, Tennessee, and the late Frank Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Haywood Johnson.

Other survivors include two daughters, Diane Myers, and Lovella McKinnon, both of Statham Georgia; four sisters, Alice Johnson Hicks, Pokie Johnson Vineyard, Della Johnson Ousley, and a twin sister, Goldie Johnson Flanery; two brothers, Alec Johnson of Ohio, Ruben Johnson of Lenoir, City; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 19, at the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Howard Hannah officiating.

Interment was in the Lake View Cemetery, with military honors conferred by the U.S. Navy.

(Information, courtesy of J.W. Call Funeral Home.)

### Gracie Slone

Gracie Slone, 59, of Mallie, died Tuesday, December 14, 1999, at her home.

She was born in Knott County, on November 10, 1940, the daughter of the late James Huff and Lillie Slone Huff.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Diamond Slone.

Survivors include five sons, Randall Slone of Hindman, Wendell Slone of Dana, Ricky and Diamond Jr. Slone, both of Mallie, and Micky Slone of Celina, Ohio; seven brothers, Estill Huff of Pinetop, Menefee, Marion, Edwin and Stanley Huff, all of Pippa Passes, Curtis Huff of Garner, and Marcus Huff of Somerset; four sisters, Allie Slone and Cova Hale, both of Pinetop, Florida Combs of Pippa Passes, and Pam Hall of Cumberland; five grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 17, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel, with Burton Ratliff and Tad Huff officiating.

Burial was in the Mt. Olive Cemetery at Pippa Passes, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

### Mary Elizabeth Fraley Stephens

Mary Elizabeth Fraley Stephens, 53, of Wayland, died Wednesday, December 15, 1999, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, following a short illness.

She was born April 19, 1946, in Fleming-Neon, the daughter of Fred Fraley, of Wayland, and the late Merle Miller Fraley. She was an auditor and coal salesperson for Elkhorn Coal Company, a member of Wayland United Methodist Church, a member of Wayland Historical Society, a Kentucky Colonel, and served as commissioner of the City of Wayland town council.

In addition to her father, she is survived by one daughter, Kathleen Renae Kinman of Morehead; one brother, Marvin Fraley of Lexington; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 19, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with the clergymen, Larry Adams and Randy Osborne, officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Serving as pallbearers were Roonie Johnson, Paul Gene Mullins, Randy Wever, John Wever, Frankie Francis, Curt Slone, Gary Branham, and Jerry Fultz.

Honorary pallbearers were Carl Ray Fraley, Herman Harmon, Roger Reynolds, Elmer Morrison and Clabe Mosley.

### James Mitchell Fraley

James Mitchell Fraley, 35, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, December 17, 1999, at UK Medical Center, Lexington, following an extended illness.

Born on January 8, 1964, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late James and Elizabeth Hicks Fraley. He was a disabled laborer.

Survivors include one daughter, Judith Renee Fraley of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; one brother, Joe Fraley of Tazewell, Tennessee; and one sister, Bonnie Hall of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 21, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Charls Crider officiating.

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

### Cherity Bernice Newsome

Cherity Bernice Newsome, infant child of Matt Newsome and Nicole Lieurance of Martin, died Thursday, December 16, 1999, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by one brother, Jonathan Matthew Newsome of Martin; one sister, Brandy Nicole Newsome of Martin; her maternal grandparents, Mike Lieurance of Willard, Ohio, Barb Stone of Shelby, Ohio, and her paternal grandfather, Edward Newsome of Martin.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, December 18, at noon at the Greenbury Hall Cemetery, McDowell, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

### Barbara A. Hyden

Barbara A. Hyden, 55, of Pierceton, Indiana, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Monday, December 20, 1999, at her residence.

September 20, 1944, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Carroll Maynard and Elesta Fraley.

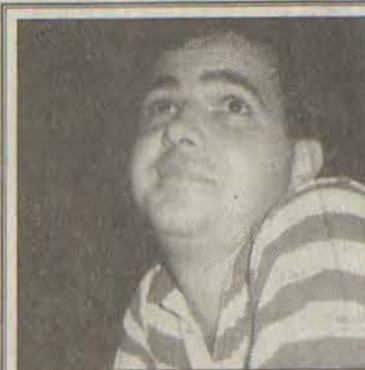
She was a cook at Richard's Restaurant for the last 15 years.

Survivors include two sons, Floyd Hyden Jr. and Chris Hyden, both of Pierceton, Indiana; four daughters, Donna Schaefer of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Mary Sherwin of Silver Lake, Indiana, Michelle Wilson of Elkhart, Indiana, Mae Sandra Hyden of Pierceton, Indiana; two brothers, Gene and Langley Maynard, both of Tucson, Arizona; one sister, Sandra Hayes of Columbus, Ohio; and eight grandchildren.

Private graveside services were Tuesday, December 28, in the Maynard Fraley Family Cemetery, Franklin County, under direction of Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, Indiana.

### Foster pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Nellie Marie Ward Foster were Raymond Kidd, Brad Kidd, Randy Burke, Warren Halbert, Randy Ward and Bob Patrick.



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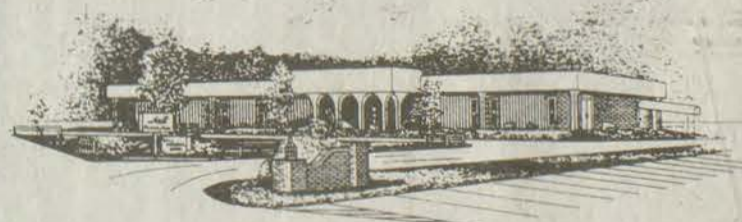
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Betty Kaye Ferrell Christian, 61, of Middlestone, Ohio, formerly of Pikeville, died Wednesday, December 15, 1999. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 19, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Mary Magoline Damron, 65, of Caney Creek, died Saturday, December 18, 1999. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of

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# Catholic Extension rebuilds lives

(NU) - Though Catholic Extension hopes to become synonymous with missionary work in America, lately, the Chicago-based mission organization has been busy distributing grants to help millions of Americans rebuild their lives after natural disasters.

Last year, more than \$400,000 was distributed to aid hurricane victims in Puerto Rico and the Gulf States, and now unexpected recipients such as Salt Lake are grateful for allocations approved by Catholic Extension President Monsignor Kenneth Velo. Velo is known to millions as the homilist at Joseph Cardinal Bernardin's funeral Mass.

"Salt Lake City, in particular, has a scattered yet bonded community of Catholics depending on the ability to remain connected during a

time of crisis," says Velo. "Catholic Extension has, for many decades, helped to build churches and fund missionaries throughout America. We also want to be responsive to the people who fall victim to natural disaster."

"The good news is that our own cathedral, an artful masterpiece, was narrowly spared by the tornado," said Monsignor Terrence Fitzgerald of the Diocese of Salt Lake.

"Other areas were hard hit, however, and Catholic Extension's grant of \$50,000 is essential to an area where the retention of a Catholic presence is important. We have been assessing both the needs of the community and the church in this area. Our Home for Battered Women and Children was damaged, as was the roof at St. Patrick's on

the west side, a parish primarily serving Catholic immigrants."

Catholic Extension also helped many North Carolina flood victims this year. The organization recently allocated \$50,000 to the Diocese of Raleigh to help them feed the victims of Hurricane Floyd and resulting floods which devastated much of North Carolina.

"The damage is so extensive, it is difficult to describe," says Raleigh chancellor Russ Elmayer. "Interestingly, our churches in direct line of the hurricane had minimal damage. Parishes further inland saw the worst damage due to extreme flooding."

"The real story here is how the lives of parishioners and people everywhere have been impacted," Elmayer added. "In Tarboro, we have a small church of 50 families and a growing Hispanic community. The pastor there reports that 10 families were living in mobile homes which have been completely swept away. Most people there work in agriculture or in factories that can no longer operate."

"This is not an area accustomed to seeing floods and, therefore, most people did not have flood insurance. Within a matter of hours, thousands of people lost their homes, their jobs and have no recovery possibilities in sight."

In the last year alone, Catholic Extension distributed more than \$15 million to support missionary work in America. For more information on how you can help, call 1-888-4R-FAITH or visit [www.catholic-extension.org](http://www.catholic-extension.org).



A group of carolers from the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center were on hand to sing Christmas carols for the residents of Prestonsburg Healthcare Center (formerly Mountain Manor Nursing Home) Monday. Singers, from left, include Leah Bell Rice (sitting), Evelyn Hamilton, Gracie Wilburn, Loretta Hunter (center director), Nanette Yates, Jody Patterson, Norma Thomas, and Lorraine Smiley (piano player). Singing, but out of the photo, were Irene Gibson and Nancy Watkins. (photo by Willie Elliott)

## Card of Thanks

The family of Dorothy "Dotty" Gay Martin Yabroff would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Clergyman Arnold Turner for his 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  
DOROTHY "DOTTY" GAY MARTIN YABROFF

## Card of Thanks

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

THE FAMILY OF PHILLIP DALE NIECE

## Card of Thanks

The family of Rosa Lee Mullins Newsome would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food, flowers, or just spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Clergyman Donnie Hackworth 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  
ROSA LEE MULLINS NEWSOME

## Card of Thanks

A special thank-you to Hall Funeral Home and staff; Doctor Bayne and nursing staff at the Veterans Hospital in Hunting, W.V; Louie Ferrari; Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church for their generosity and comfort during the time of the loss of our loved one, **DUKE PACK**. Thanks to all the friends and family for their prayers and thoughts, and food that was brought to the church and home. A special thanks to "Goose" for your loyalty to Duke.

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## Card of Thanks

The family of Howard Chaffins would like to take this opportunity to express their gratitude and thanks to all those who helped in any way during their time of loss and sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers and food. Thanks to those who spoke comforting words and prayers. They would also like to thank Dr. John Fureolow and staff; the ER, CCU and support departments of Highlands Regional Medical Center; Trans-Star Ambulance Service; Dr. Dennis Havens and the CVTU staff at St. Joseph Hospital; Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home; the clergymen, Jim Smith, Nathan Lafferty, and B.J. Crider; the congregation and choir of the Endicott Freewill Baptist Church; Roger Webb; and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. All acts of kindness and support were greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF HAROLD CHAFFINS

## Card of Thanks

I personally want to thank all the friends and neighbors who came to show their respect for our beloved wife and mother, Nora Jane McCoy.

We deeply appreciated the flowers, food and comforting words and prayers.

A special thanks to Arnold Turner, Jr. and Don Fraley, Jr. for the encouraging and comforting words. I also want to thank all the singers, Clinton Moore, Maudie, Prescilla, Joan, Libby, and Trish.

The special songs helped us to realize that Nora Jane is in Heaven now.

We deeply appreciate all the hard work that was put into this service by our friends at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Thank You,  
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## \$90 million scripture distribution project

(NAPSA)-"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." (Matthew 7:7)

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Yet, as the growing Church prepares to celebrate the 2000-year anniversary of Christ's birth, there aren't enough copies of God's Word to respond to all the requests.

The increasing numbers of Christians in Asia, Africa and Latin America are outpacing the world supply of Bibles. Last year, 67 million requests for Scriptures went unmet in nearly 80 countries.

To help, the American Bible Society (ABS), the MacLellan Foundation, and the United Bible Societies (UBS) have announced the creation of Opportunity 21, the largest Scripture distribution project in history—a \$90 million initiative involving more than 60 countries.

The project was launched with a \$15 million MacLellan Foundation challenge grant to the world's largest not-for-profit Bible distributor—the American Bible Society—and its UBS partners.

"We at the American Bible Society believe so strongly in the critical need for Opportunity 21 to fulfill its mission that we have invested significant time, staffing and financial resources to see that it succeeds," said Dr. Eugene B. Habecker, president of ABS.

In addition to its initial matching grant, ABS will match all gifts of more than \$100,000 from donors who want to help overcome the worldwide Scripture shortage.

The project does more than distribute printed Scriptures. It encompasses Scripture translation and the development of Scriptures on audio and videocassettes.

Because illiteracy is such a significant obstacle for many trying to read the Scriptures, another goal is to provide videos and audiocassettes to those who are unable to read.

"Opportunity 21 will bind together our global family in a renewed unity of purpose," said Rev. Fergus Macdonald, General Secretary of the United Bible Societies.

For more information, you can call (212) 408-1387 or visit [www.americanbible.org](http://www.americanbible.org).



## Obituaries

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Justice Funeral Services.

Rev. George Edward Elswick Sr., 78, of Thackerville, Okla., died Wednesday, December 15. He was a retired ordained Methodist Conference minister. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Elswick. A memorial service was held Saturday, December 18, at the Thackerville First United Methodist Church.

Imogene Gibson, 65, of Harold, died Friday, December 17. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 20, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Michael B. Hanners, 42, of the Right Fork of Island Creek, died Friday, December 17. He was a truck driver employed by Wayne Supply. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 19, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Lon C. Tackett, 60, of Morgantown, West Virginia, formerly of Dickenson County, Virginia, died Tuesday, December 14. He is survived by his wife, Frances A. Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 18, under the direction of Clintwood Funeral Home.

Louise A. Taylor, 78, Pikeville, died Friday, December 17. She was a retired nurse. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 19, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.



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# Family Resource Center still active on holidays

School may be out for the holidays, but this is the busiest time of year for Kentucky's 649 school-based Family Resource

and Youth Service Centers.

From the Mississippi to the mountains, FRYSCs (pronounced "friskys") are organizing students, businesses, organizations and individuals to reach out to children and families who need help.

"We're more aware this time of year of the importance of giving back what we've been given as citizens," says Viola P. Miller, Secretary of the Cabinet for Families and Children, which administers FRYSC funding. "FRYSCs coordinate that in their communities. They are such a valuable resource to make sure all of Kentucky's families have access to joy and cheer during the holidays."

In Boyd County, center coordinator Catherine Newton ensures that the FRYSC holiday projects involve students and teach social responsibility beyond mere charity. She makes sure that all students—even, or especially those who are poor or disabled themselves—give as well as receive.

"Our biggest job is empowering kids and young people," she says, "that they are vital to the

community, that everyone can contribute and has a right to be a part of the larger community and serve others."

In addition to collecting cans for food baskets and making crafts to sell to pay for field trips for students who can't afford them, middle and high school students operate a Christmas toy workshop with local organizations. The project serves as a lesson in "learn and serve" and "school to work," Newton says.

Students and other volunteers collect more than 6,000 used toys. In one intense day, they clean, mend and repair the toys, then stock a "store" where needy families can shop. "That way, parents get to select the toys," she says.

FRYSCs offer support to children and families throughout the year, but Christmas offers a once-a-year chance to help the hardest-to-reach families.

"A lot of people in rural areas have a lot of pride," says Donna Herndon, FRYSC center coordinator in Calloway County. "The only change we get with a lot of these families is at Christmas. No one wants their child to go

without a Christmas. It's a window of opportunity for us to identify the family's other needs and draw in other community resources to help with (non-Christmas) needs like food, beds, heat."

Many organizations around the state organize food and toy drives during the holidays, but FRYSCs are in a unique position to lead those efforts. Operating in every county through more than 1,000 schools, FRYSCs work throughout the year to coordinate financial and support resources available in the community and connect them to children and families in need of help. When Christmas rolls around, FRYSCs already have a community-wide system in place.

"One thing that is so significant that FRYSCs do during the entire year is establish partnerships with the private sector," Miller says.

In Murray, Herndon organizes a "community effort to take care of all the needy children in Calloway County." Her effort involves 18 churches, 13 agencies and organizations, 21 offices and businesses and 57 individu-

als and families. Last year they took care of 986 needy children and 448 families.

Weeks before Christmas this year, four children without beds received them. "We don't wait for Christmas to get children beds," Herndon says. "Heating needs we take care of immediately."

Those in need, volunteers and donors are all coordinated through FRYSCs and the schools. Large local businesses make major donations—\$5,000 from Mattel, \$2,000 from Walmart, phone bills for Santa's Workshop paid personally by a local phone company executive.

"Half of our children asked for shoes, and a local shoe store donated 100 vouchers for shoes," Herndon says. "All kinds of businesses contribute. We really do mobilize the whole community."

"It's incredible the support we get."

"FRYSCs do such a wonderful job of making sure that this is not about charity, but about families sharing resources with each other," Miller says.

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## Families assisted by homeownership loan program

The Morehead Area Office of the USDA Rural Development has provided affordable housing to 177 families this past fiscal year through the Guaranteed Rural Housing (GRH) loan program.

Joseph C. Frazier, rural development manager of the Morehead Area Office, said, "Our office has utilized about \$10,720,162 for GRH loans, in our 27-county area. The number of guaranteed housing loans is up from the previous fiscal year and we hope to see it increase in fiscal year 2000."

Through the guaranteed housing program more rural families may be eligible to become homeowners. The GRH program, works with moderate-income people to assist them in qualifying for mortgages, without a downpayment.

"These endeavors coincide with President Clinton's vision and goal for increasing homeownership to 67.5 percent of the households throughout America by the end of the year 2000. This goal is in the process of being met by the administration," said state director Thomas G. Fern.

Some of the highlights of the program are: loans may be for up to 100 percent of market value or for the acquisition cost, whichever is

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Additional information on the GRH program, including a list of "Approved Lenders," may be obtained from the RHS Area Office located at 220 West 1st Street, Morehead, KY 40351, or by calling the office at 606/784-6447, extension 4.

## Local charity honored

The West Virginia Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society was honored with an Excellence in Promoting Quality Health Care Award for its leadership in starting the first MS Clinic of its kind in the state. The presentation took place at the organization's National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California in November.

According to General Mike Dugan, President and CEO of the Society, "The real story is about the volunteers and staff of the West Virginia Chapter of the National MS Society, who made this happen. Their dedication and skill has made a difference in the lives of the 30,000 Americans who have this devastating, unpredictable, chronic disease."

According to Jack Burke, chair of the West Virginia chapter's board, "We had a vision to start a clinic in which people with multiple sclerosis could get the care they needed. Through the hard work of

the chapter we have achieved what we had hoped and more."

Many people gave of their time and treasury to support the chapter in this worthwhile endeavor. The major donors were as follows: James H. Walker, M.D.; Brittain McJunkin, M.D.; Brett Bradford Jr., M.D.; W. Alva Deardorff, M.D.; Michael P. Varley, M.D.; Jerill Cavender, M.D.; Jean Cavender, M.D.; Douglas McKinney, M.D.; Warren Point, M.D.; Ronald L. Wilkinson, M.D.; Mary Lou Lewis, M.D.; James T. Spencer Jr., M.D.; Berlex Laboratories; and Teva Marion Partners.

The clinic is only a small part of the programs offered by the chapter. Other programs offered by the West Virginia Chapter include an equipment loan closet; a lending library; daily information and

referral; advocacy for persons with MS; education programs for people with MS, their families, and professionals; independent living assistance; and peer support. The chapter has also worked on programs to help the 11 newly diagnosed young adults that live in the chapter area.

For more information about multiple sclerosis, the West Virginia Chapter, or its fund raising events, call 1-800-628-5645, or 304/343-5152. The chapter may also be reached through email at info@nmsswv.org.

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Prestonsburg falls to Graves

Lady Blackcats drop fifth straight game

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

Coach Bobby Hamilton and his Prestonsburg Blackcats have not had much luck over the last five games and fell hard to Graves County Monday night in the Queen of the Bluegrass Tournament in Lexington. It was the fifth straight

loss for the Lady Blackcats, who had won their first four games.

Graves County outscored the Lady Blackcats 20-6 in the first quarter and never looked back in coasting to a 69-50 victory.

Ramanda Music led Prestonsburg with 13 points and Amelia Conley netted 12 as the only double figure

scorers. Brook Coleman finished with eight points for Prestonsburg. Megan Hyden netted five and Stephanie Adams scored four. Brandy Wells tossed in three and Angie Howell finished with three.

Saturday night, Prestonsburg dropped a 65-56 decision to Mason County in a second round

game. Hyden led the Lady Blackcats with 17 points. Music netted 13 and Wells scored 10. Coleman finished with six points and Conley could only score four. Howell finished with four and Adams scored two.

It was a 13-8 game at the first stop and Mason County held a 28-20 lead at the half. Mason County built a 50-33

lead after three periods, but a fourth quarter rally by Prestonsburg fell short.

The Lady Blackcats fell to Boyd County in the opening game of the Queens of the Bluegrass Tournament. The Lady Blackcats are 4-5 on the season and will play in the Johnson Central Holiday Tournament Monday night.

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BETSY LAYNE'S JENNY PARSONS (23) battled a Magoffin County player for a loose ball Monday night. Parsons scored 13 points in the Ladycats' 54-45 win over the Lady Hornets (photo by Ed Taylor)

Betsy Layne hangs on to upend Magoffin County

Reynolds scores 12 in 54-45 Betsy Layne win

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

It wasn't pretty, but it was a win. "That is what I told my girls," said Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers, after her team posted a 54-45 win over a much-improved Magoffin County team.

The two teams squared off at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse at Betsy Layne Monday night as both teams head to the holidays.

Jenny Parsons tossed in 13 points to lead the Ladycats, but it took the second half play of Amber Roberts and Devon Reynolds to put this one in the win column.

The Ladycats looked tired and at times confused on defense, as the Lady Hornets refused to go away.

"We just haven't gotten that killer instinct yet," said Coach Akers. "We get teams down and end up letting up. It is something we definitely need to work on. Hopefully, it will

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WHITNEY LYKENS (5) pulled down one of her nine rebounds against Magoffin County Monday night. Betsy Layne evened its overall record to 4-4 on the season. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Duo of Slone and C. J. Newsome too much for Bobcats

by: Karen Joseph Sports Writer

John M. Stumbo honored it eighth-graders on Monday night between games. The Mustangs hosted the Bobcats of Betsy Layne.

The boys teams split two games previously in the season, so this game was to be the tie-breaker.

Stumbo beat the Bobcats in the Shag Campbell Invitational Tournament, then Betsy Layne defeated the Mustangs on their home floor.

The two previous games had been very close games, but on Monday night, John M. Stumbo easily defeated the Bobcats 47-22.

In their last game on their home floor, Jack Slone thought that Brandon Hall had to stay out of foul trouble.

"For us to beat Betsy Layne, we have to keep Brandon Hall out of foul trouble," said Slone.

Slone also said that Stumbo must play as a team to win.

"For us to beat Betsy Layne or any other team, we must play together as a team," Slone said. "We have played together much better this year than we did last year."

The Mustangs kept Brandon Hall out of foul trouble and played together as a team. Jack Slone scored 25 points in his last game on the home court. C.J. Newsome was fabulous from the three-point range, hitting a total of four.

Betsy Layne had a rough time getting its shots to fall. The team struggled the entire game.

Jack Slone drove up the middle to put the Mustangs on the board first. Betsy Layne answered on the next



Jack Slone (32) gets off a pass to a fellow player in the game against Betsy Layne on Monday Night. It was eighth grade night for the Stumbo Mustangs, and a good night it was. Stumbo defeated the Betsy Layne Bobcats for the second time this season. (photo by Karen Joseph)

(See Duo, page four)

A Look At Sports We want Leach! We want Leach! We want Leach!

Could that be the cry of Kentucky basketball fans who faithfully glue their ears to the radio to listen to their beloved Wildcats after last Saturday's win over the Louisville Cardinals.

Regular play-by-play announcer, Ralph Hacker, was nursing a problem with his voice when he turned the mike over to Tom Leach, the voice of the football Wildcats.

What a job Tom did in place of Hacker. Every rebound, every missed shot, every steal, turnover and foul was one of an adventure as Leach described the play-by-play. What a difference between him and Hacker.

I join the chorus of fans in, "We want Leach!"

In a conversation with Betsy Layne girls coach Cassandra Akers, she said is not too fond of playing on Monday night and coming back to play a conference game on Tuesday night.

"We had contracts that were already set," said Coach Akers. "I think we have one more game where we have to play away and then play a conference game."

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# Betsy Layne

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come with game experience. Eight games into the season, these girls should be maturing a little bit."

Desire Prater and Kelly Montgomery scored 11 points each to lead Magoffin County. Cassie Howard finished with eight points.

"Tonight we just missed layups, layups and layups," said Magoffin County Coach Neil West. "We got the shots we wanted to. Our shooting guard shoots 3-for-19. The other night she shoots 7-for-10 from the three-point line. The biggest thing with this team right now is getting them to learn how to win."

Betsy Layne took its biggest lead early in the fourth quarter, going up by 12 points, 42-30, with under seven minutes to play. But the Lady Hornets would not go away and fought back to within six points before the Ladycats would pull out again.

Roberts, who went scoreless in the first two quarters found the range in the second two. She scored four third-quarter points and seven in the fourth period when the Lady Hornets were refusing to go away. Roberts' two free throws with 7:09 to play gave Betsy Layne a 12-point lead.

The Lady Hornets failed to

take care of the basketball against the Betsy Layne defense, but several of the turnovers were mental mistakes. Magoffin County had 20 turnovers for the game.

Betsy Layne found it hard to connect from the charity stripe in the first half, but shot better the last half.

"We talked about our free throw shooting at halftime," said Coach Akers "When you get fouled, you have to make the other team pay for fouling you."

Magoffin County trailed 10-9 after the first quarter Betsy Layne jumped in front 4-0 on baskets by Parsons and Kim Tackett. The game was tied at 4 before Betsy Layne took a 10-4 lead on a basket by Heather Hamilton with 2:05 to play.

Magoffin scored the last five points of the first quarter to trail by one at the first stop.

Betsy Layne turned the ball over five times in the opening period and Magoffin County had four miscues.

Whitney Lykens, an eighth-grader, hit a long jumper to start the second period for a 12-9 score, but the Ladycats could not take advantage of four Lady Hornets turnovers, missing four consecutive free throws.

The Lady Hornets pulled to within one point, 12-11, on a basket by Montgomery. But Betsy Layne put together a run that netted them a 20-14 lead when Nathasa Stratton rolled underneath for a layup off a nice assist

by Parsons. Two free throws by Jessica Powers and Montgomery's rebound basket cut the lead to 21-18 at the half.

Betsy Layne was one of six from the free throw line in the first half.

Reynolds and Roberts led a third-quarter charge that netted Betsy Layne a 38-30 lead. Reynolds buried a three-point basket that gave the Ladycats a 31-24 advantage. Nikki Love answered with a trey of her own to cut the lead back to four. A 7-3 Betsy Layne run gave the Ladycats the eight-point lead at the end of the third period.

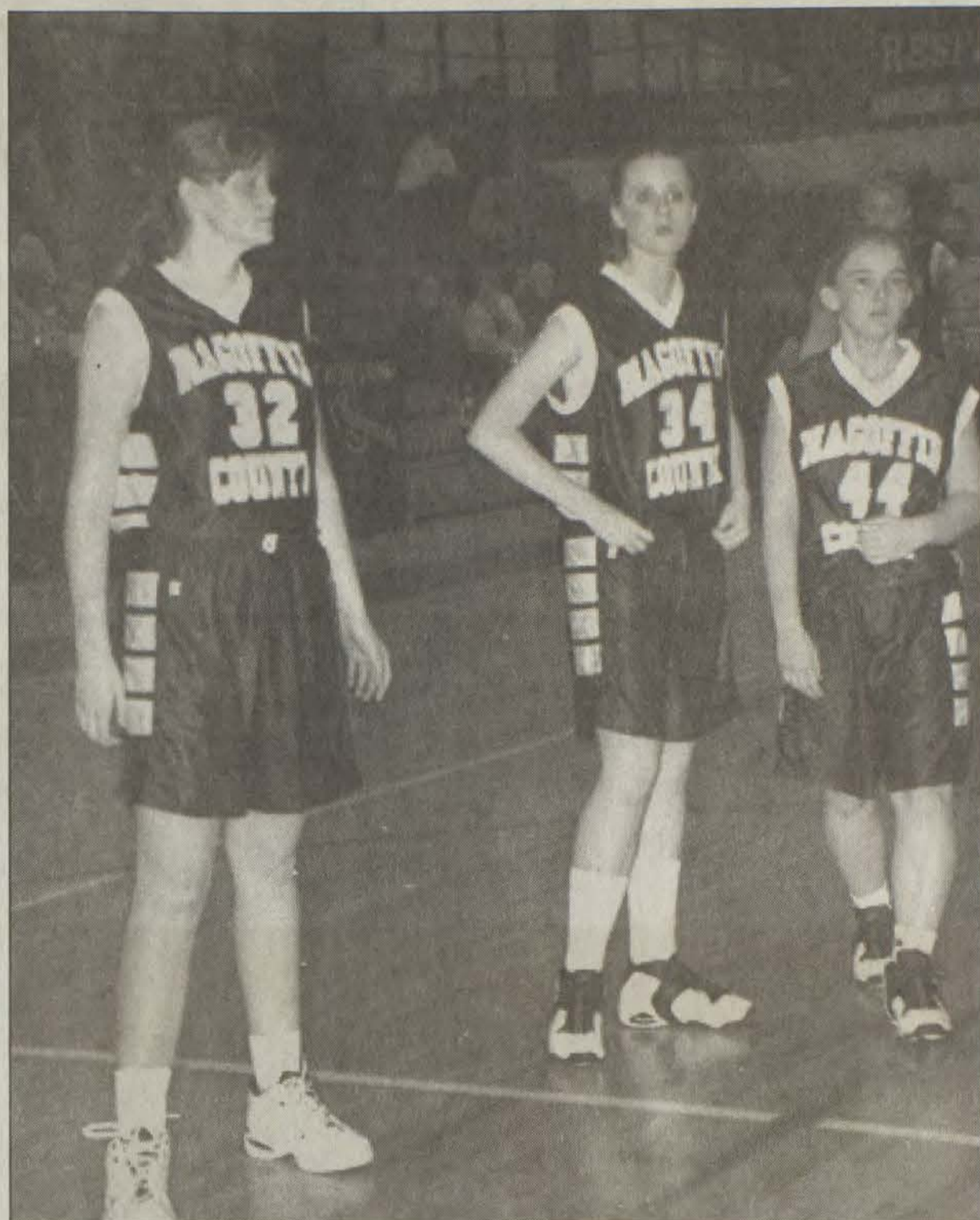
Reynolds' two free throws to start the fourth period and Roberts' two charity tosses gave Betsy Layne its biggest lead of the game, 42-30.

Reynolds' high arching free throws gave Betsy Layne its second 12-point advantage with only seven seconds left. Reynolds was a perfect four of four down the stretch. Love hit a three-point basket with two seconds left in the game to make the final margin nine points.

Kim Tackett had seven points for Betsy Layne. Lykens netted four. Shenna Akers, Heather Hamilton and Stratton all finished with two points each.

Jenny Parsons hauled in 15 rebounds in the game. Lykens had nine caroms for the Ladycats.

Cassie Howard added eight points for Magoffin County. Powers finished with six while



THE MAGOFFIN COUNTY LADY HORNETS are a much-improved basketball team and have come a long ways since the program was revived six years ago. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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**THE ROAD TO THE FUTURE**

## Sports

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Two weeks ago, the Ladycats lost to Paintsville at home but returned the next night to upset Prestonsburg. Betsy Layne faced Magoffin County this past Monday night and played Allen Central Tuesday night.

I guess I stirred up some feathers with the article in Sunday's paper concerning the football facility at Prestonsburg. I have the board of education upset (with me) because they were challenged to put in a complete facility instead of a partial one.

I am sorry for ruffling any feathers, but I still contend that our kids are worth a first-class facility. Now, everyone is saying, "Sure, we agree with you, but..."

Everyone has an excuse. Finger pointing and accusations are everywhere, and now I have been told the program for the field has been put on hold. I learned today (Tuesday) that next season was already a wash out if work did not get started soon. Now, that is not official, but it certainly is crunch time if the field is to be ready for the 2000 season.

Well, I hope everyone involved will get together and get the project underway. Whatever they do, I support it as long as it is for the kids and not those who are trying to benefit from it.

Sheldon Clark High School will host its annual Holiday Classic beginning Monday, December 27, with four games. Allen Central, Betsy Layne and South Floyd will represent the 58th District. An Australian National team will be part of the tournament, as well as teams from Tennessee and West Virginia.

The Australian National team will open against Laverge, Tenn., in a 3 p.m. start on Monday. Betsy Layne faces Cawood in game two at 4:30 p.m. and Allen Central will meet Magoffin County in the third game of the evening. The final game will pit host Sheldon Clark against Ashland Fairview at 7:30 p.m.

Tolsia, W.Va., awaits the winner of the Australian National/Laverge, Tennessee winner on Tuesday, December 28 at 1:30 p.m. South Floyd will meet the winner of

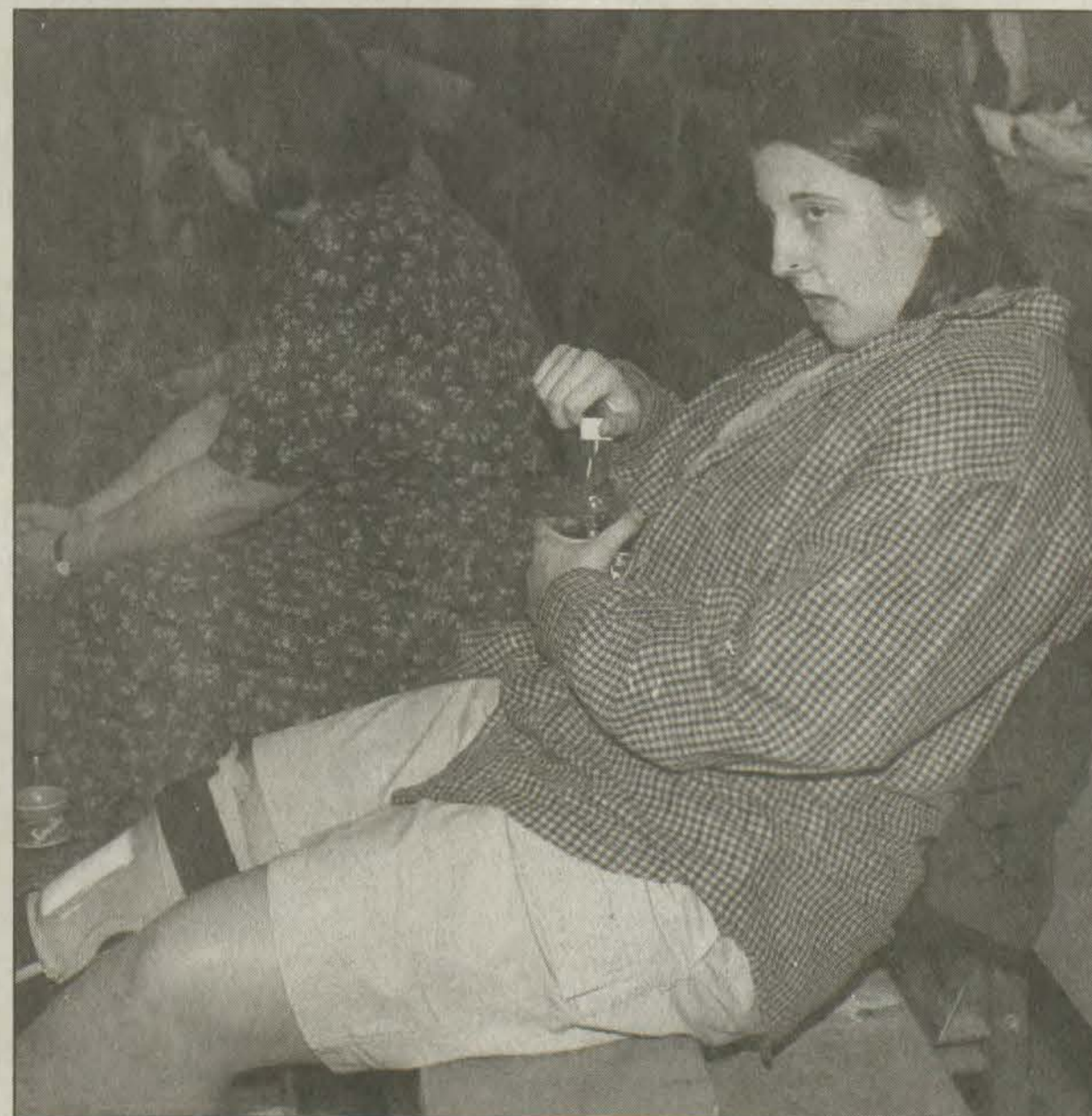
Sheldon Clark and Fairview. Semifinals are set for Wednesday, December 29. The first game will be played at 10 a.m. and the second game at 11:30. The two winner will return for the championship game at 7:30 p.m.

Some good basketball can be seen at the Lady Cardinal Classic.

Over at Johnson Central, the Lady Eagles Invitational takes place with Prestonsburg representing the 58th District. Pairings were not known at press time.

Ted George, head football coach at Betsy Layne, says he has 36 kids working out in the weight room getting ready for the football season. The Bobcats are in their new training facility.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports! Let me take this space to wish each of you a Merry Christmas. The players who take to the court, on the gridiron, the diamond, the track or wherever, Merry Christmas to each and everyone of you.



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS but in pain is former Betsy Layne basketball player Rachel Thompson. Thompson currently attends Morehead State University. (photo by Ed Taylor)

# Big third quarter gives Lady Bobcats win over Lady Mustangs

by Karen Joseph  
Sports Writer

The Lady Bobcats of Betsy Layne traveled to John M. Stumbo on Monday night to take on the Lady Mustangs of John M. Stumbo. The Lady Bobcats had previously beaten the Lady Mustangs therefore, the Mustangs were hoping for revenge. But again it was the Lady Bobcats coming away with victory, 43-27.

It was a very low scoring first half, with both teams having trouble getting started. The Lady Bobcats had a six point lead at the end of the first half. Betsy Layne had a 12-4 lead with 4:13 remaining in the half when Stumbo went on a seven to five

run to finish the first half. Betsy Layne did not hit a field goal in the last five minutes of the second quarter. Their only five points came from the charity line. They hit five of seven shots from the free throw line. Kesha Newsome led the Mustang attack. Newsome hit a three point basket for the Lady Mustangs. The half ended with the score being 17-11.

The Lady Mustangs came out in the second half fired up. Kesha Newsome and Natalie Newsome both hit three point baskets for the Lady Mustangs to get them fired up. But Betsy Layne got a little fired up themselves. Whitney Lykens and Kim Clark each had a three-point basket for the Lady Bobcats. Betsy Layne went on a 10-0 run to end the third quarter with a sixteen point cushion, 34-18.

In the fourth quarter each team scored nine points. But the Mustangs needed to gain ground on

the Bobcats, which they failed to do. The Bobcats came away with the victory.

Again, as in the second quarter, all of the Bobcats points came from the charity line. They failed to get a field goal in the fourth quarter. The Lady Cats were 9 of seventeen in the last quarter from the charity stripe. Shelly Hammonds hit a three-point basket for the Lady Mustangs as well as a two point basket, while Heather Hamilton and Kristin Smith each had two for the Lady Mustangs.

Both the Lady Bobcats and the Lady Mustangs will participate in the Allen Central Middle School Christmas Tournament, which begins tonight (December 22).

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Brent Newsome (30) of Betsy Layne goes up for a shot in the game against J.M. Stumbo. Newsome was injured in the second half and had to leave the game. (photo by Karen Joseph)

## Betsy Layne Junior Basketball

### JUNIOR VARSITY

#### RED VS BLACK

Buddy Conn scored a game high 14 points, Derek Case added 13 and Mason Rivers scored 12 to lead the Red team to a 53-17 win over the Black squad.

Tyler Hamilton and Bethany Tackett scored four points apiece, Adam Roberts and Derek Osborne finished with three points each.

Charlie Daniels scored six points to lead the Black team. Austin Eplin and Krystal Daniels had five points each. Mike Stone tossed in one.

The Red team built a 6-3 first quarter lead behind the scoring of Case who had 11 points in the opening quarter including a three-point basket.

Conn picked up the scoring for the Red team in the second period scoring 10 points as the Red team took a 27-9 half time lead. Daniels

had four points in the second period for the Black team.

The Red team outscored the Black 26-9 in the second half en route to the easy win.

### JUNIOR TRAINING LEAGUE

#### GREEN VS BLACK-GOLD

In overtime, the Green team posted a 14-10 win over the Black-Gold team in the Junior Training League.

Dylan Maldonado scored six points to lead the Green team. Derick Tackett and Andrew Vance had four points each.

Megan Hamilton scored six points to lead the Black-Gold squad. Ricky Newsome had four points.

The Green team hit four free throws in the extra period in pulling out the win, the Black-Gold team did not score in the OT.

#### RED VS BLUE

Adam Howell was a one man gang as he scored all 14 points for the Blue team en route to a 14-10 win over the Red team.

Nathan Martin and Matthew Stevens had four points each for the Red team. Landon Hale had two points.

Howell scored 10 of his 14 points in the first quarter to stake his team to a 10-2 lead. The Blue team could not score in the second period and led 10-4 at the half.

### TRAINING LEAGUE

#### BLUE VS RED

The Red team edged the Blue team 26-24 behind the 19 point performance by Cody Rogers. Rogers scored 12 of his points in the third period. He had seven in the first quarter.

Wesley Akers, Douglas Hall and Justin Barton had two points each.

Richie Tackett netted one.

Trey Whitt had nine points to lead the Blue team. Corey Henry and Jason McKinney had six points each for the Blue team. Brandon Martin scored two and Alex Noble had one.

The Red team led 9-5 after the first quarter behind Rogers seven points. Barton hit two free throws for the other two. Whitt had three points in the opening quarter.

#### BLACK VS MAROON

Tyler Hamilton scored eight points and Brennan Case scored six as the Maroon team won over the Black 16-13. Dalton Meade had two points for the Maroon squad.

Kayla Case's seven points led the Black team. Waylon Nelson scored four and Amanda Holyfield totaled two.

Hamilton had four of his points in the first quarter. Case scored all six of his in the second period.



Big rebound

Betsy Layne's Kim Tackett (42) pulled down a rebound against Magoffin County last Monday night. Betsy Layne defeated the Lady Hornets 54-45. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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# Duo

trip down the floor when Brent Newsome hit a two-point jumper for the Bobcats.

Newsome hit another two-point basket to give the Bobcats their only lead of the game. And that lead was short lived.

Jack Slone hit a three-point basket to give the lead back to the Mustangs. The Mustangs would maintain the lead the rest of the game.

The game was fairly even for the

rest of the quarter. Betsy Layne only trailed three points at the end of the first quarter.

Brent Newsome scored all eight points the Bobcats had in the first quarter.

Jack Slone had seven of the Mustangs' 11 points in the opening quarter.

In the second quarter, Betsy Layne really struggled. The Bobcats only scored two points the entire quarter.

C.J. Newsome went on a shooting spree, hitting two three-point baskets quickly in the second quarter, to give the Mustangs a 16-point lead.

The half ended with Stumbo maintaining a comfortable margin, 28-10.

In the second quarter, C.J. Newsome had the two three-pointers for six points and Jack Slone helped the Mustang cause by scoring four points. Ryan C. Mitchell also hit a three-point basket for the Mustangs, while Brandon Hall and Jimmy Akers each had two points for Stumbo in the second quarter.

Things didn't get any better in the second half for the Bobcats. In fact things got a lot worse. About a minute

into the second half, Brent Newsome got hit in the mouth and got a tooth knocked out. The game was delayed for about 20 minutes while personnel attended to Newsome. It took time for the school personnel to clean the floor, which had blood on it.

After the game resumed, C.J. Newsome, resumed for the Mustangs. Newsome hit another three-point basket to add to Stumbo's lead. Betsy Layne did score more points in the

third quarter, but could not gain much ground on the Mustangs.

Brent Newsome lost his tooth and will require oral surgery to repair the bone that was shattered. He will require a bone graft from another part of his body to replace the bone in his face. According to Brian Akers, assistant coach at Betsy Layne. We here at the Times hope the best for Brent, he is a very talented basketball player and a fine young man as well.

With a little more than two weeks left in the regular season, both teams have four games left. Both Betsy Layne and John M. Stumbo will participate in the Allen Central Middle School Christmas Tournament, which begins on Wednesday night.

John M. Stumbo has to be one of the favorites in the county tournament, while Betsy Layne always plays good ball come tournament time.

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# The Racing Reporter

## CHRISTMAS BELLS AND WEDDING BELLS FOR JERRY NADEAU

By: Gerald Hodges

MOORESVILLE, N.C.—While many Winston Cup and Busch Series drivers are trying to line up new relationships between teams and sponsors for the 2000 racing season, Jerry Nadeau said "I Do" to a new bride.

The drivers of the No. 25 Michael Holigan Chevrolet added a special memory, exchanging wedding vows with long-time girlfriend Jade Blanchard Dec. 11 in the Bahamas.

"Jada has been an important part of my life for a long time," said the 29-year-old Danbury, Conn., native. "I can't imagine any better way to celebrate this special time of year than with family, friends, and my new bride."

Blanchard, a Spartanburg, S. C., native, is studying to be a dental hygienist. When not in class or traveling with her new husband, Blanchard enjoys decorating the couple's home on Lake Norman and spending time with their Shih Tzu, Willie.

Nadeau's parents and new sister and brother-in-law were on hand for the island wedding, but returned stateside after the ceremony so the couple could enjoy a short honeymoon.

After the honeymoon and the holidays, Nadeau will be busy with numerous sponsor appearances, test sessions and media interviews leading up to his debut with Hendrick Motorsports in the Feb. 20 Daytona 500.



"I'm pretty excited about the program and I think it's going to be a real good deal for everybody," A.P. Performance Racing's Dan McLean said. "It's expensive to get this program up and running, but once that side of it is completed, but once you get through that, it will be a cost savings, especially if it's as dependable as they are saying it is, and I expect it will be."

McLean, who is the crew chief for Alec Pinsonneault, said he is excited about being part of the new engine program introducing a new era in oval track stock car racing.

"Anyone who has been around for the program of going from the V8 to the V6 and now into this has to be excited about it," McLean said. "I view this move only a positive step and I'm looking forward to bring a part of it."

As the engines are completed at Lingenfelter, LPE officials forward the engine serial numbers to LTI, which in turn assigns the number to waiting orders in the office.

"It's been a long process getting to where we are, but you can really see the final pieces of it coming together now," ASA director of Corporate Planning and Development Lex Dudas said. Racing Trivia Question: How many races did 1999 Winston Cup Champion, Dale Jarrett win?

Answer to Last Week's Questions: Jeff Gordon led 1,320 laps during the 1999 Winston Cup season, the most of any driver. Tony Stewart was second with 1,223. Teammate, Bobby Labonte was third with 1,199.

### EARNHARDT TO SPEND CHRISTMAS AT HOME

After a two-hour surgical procedure at Wake Forest Medical Center to repair a ruptured disc in his back, seven-time Winston Cup Champion, Dale Earnhardt will spend the holidays at home.

According to Dr. Charles Branch who headed the medical team, the operation was a complete success, and Earnhardt should be ready for the Daytona 500 Feb. 20, 2000.

"The injury actually happened back in March," said Dr. Branch. "I saw Dale in June and diagnosed the problem then. We did a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan on Thursday and it showed that the ruptured disc had not dissolved and that Dale still had a pinched nerve from his ruptured disc."

Dr. Branch made a small incision in his neck and removed the ruptured disc.

Earnhardt will not be able to practice for six weeks. During that time he will go through rehabilitation exercises both at home and at the hospital.

### SOUND OFF ABOUT NASCAR

NASCAR racing has come a long way since Bill France Sr., promoted the first race on the sands of Daytona Beach over 50 years ago. Most of it has been for the good, but NASCAR moves into the next century, it faces challenges.

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### ALCOHOL AND AWARENESS CHECKED AT SEARS POINT

SONATA< Calif.—The Alcohol flowed Thursday afternoon at Sears Point Raceway, and so was awareness about driving sobriety over the holidays.

Twenty people, including Le Mans Series driver Johannes Van Overbeek and Women's Global GT Series driver Allison Duncan, participated in a "Y2K Sobriety Challenge", a controlled wine and beer tasting designed to graphically illustrate how alcohol consumption affects driving performance. Sears Point Raceway, the California Highway Patrol and the Jim Russell Driving School hosted the event.

Participants were given anywhere from two-to-three glasses of wine or beer before submitting to a field of sobriety tests. Once it was determined participants were at least one-half the legal limit (.04 percent), they were asked to get behind the wheel of an automobile and drive through a pre-determined course on the raceway.

As anticipated, most participants had trouble navigating the course without knocking over several cones. Some even veered way off course, demonstrating how even small amounts of alcohol can affect performance on the roadways. Out of the 20 testers, 15 failed.

### FIRST VORTEC ASA V8'S PICKED UP BY TEAMS

DECATUR, IN- The first four Vortec Red ASA V8 engines were shipped from Lingenfelter Performance Engineering on Wednesday, December 8, 1999. Representatives from Herzog Motor Sports LTD and from A.P. Performance Racing picked up the completed engines.

Lasar Technologies Inc. is the exclusive distribution source for the engines and has assigned several of the powerplants to ASA teams who have orders on the books.

The Vortec Red V8 is a high-performance, factory-production engine with only minor modifications from the stock version currently available in the Chevrolet Corvette and Camaro and the Pontiac Firebird.

From the General Motors assembly line in suburban Detroit, the engines are shipped to Lingenfelter, where a dry-sump oiling system, an oil pan and engine dressing are added in the interest of safety for the competitive application. Each engine is tested on a dynamometer prior to preparation for delivery.

The fuel-injected, electronically-controlled engines will mark a new era, not only in ASA, but in stock car racing.

### 2000 ARCA BONDO/MAR-HYDE SERIES SCHEDULE

Cincinnati, Ohio.- In a news conference just prior to the 1999 ARCA awards banquet at the Westin Hotel in Cincinnati on Saturday, the ARCA Bando/Mar-Hyde Series officially released its 2000 schedule to include 21 events in ten states.

In its 48th season of competition, ARCA will again help kick off Daytona Speedweeks at Daytona International Speedway in February with the running of the 37th annual Daytona ARCA 200 on February 13th to be televised live flag-to-flag on ESPN.

Dubbed by many as the most versatile stock car sanctioning body on earth, the stars and cars of where it all began in 1953 as well as the quarter mile Flat Rock Speedway bullring where it all began in 1953 as well as the quarter mile Anderson Speedway for the second consecutive season. Additional short-track stops include two events at the legendary Salem Speedway in conjunction with the ARCA Lincoln Welders Truck Series, Toledo Speedway, Shady Bowl Speedway, Kil-Kare Speedway, Berlin Raceway as well as Winchester Speedway. In addition to the paved short-tracks, the ARCA Bando/Mar-Hyde Series will again live up to its versatile nature with two dirt track events on the 2000 schedule, one on the mile dirt Illinois State Fairgrounds oval in Springfield and the other on the DuQuoin dirt mile.

All 21 events in 2000 will be television via ESPN, ESPN 2, TNN, TBS, Fox Sports Net and/or SPEEDVISION as well as other possible entities.

DATE	TRACK	LOCATION	TYPE	TRACK
2-13	Daytona Int'l Speedway	Daytona Beach, FL	2.5	paved
4-30	Salem Speedway	Salem, Indiana	.555	paved
5-14	Anderson Speedway	Anderson, Indiana	.250	paved
5-20	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Concord, NC	1.5	paved
5-26	Kil Kare Speedway	Xenia, Ohio	.375	paved
5-27	Flat Rock Speedway	Flat Rock, MI	.250	paved
6-10	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, MI	2.0	paved
6-17	Pocono Int'l Raceway	Long Pond, PA	2.5	paved
6-23	Toledo Speedway	Toledo, OH	.5	paved
6-24	Shady Bowl Speedway	DeGraff, OH	.333	paved
7-2	Kentucky Speedway	Sparta, KY	1.5	paved
7-8	Berlin Raceway	Marne, MI	.5	paved
7-22	Pocono Int'l Raceway	Long Pond, PA	2.5	paved
8-12	Winchester Speedway	Winchester, IN	.5	paved
8-20	Illinois State Fairground	Springfield, IL	1.0	clay
8-26	Kentucky Speedway	Sparta, KY	1.5	paved
9-3	DuQuoin State Fairground	DuQuoin, IL	1.0	clay
9-10	Salem Speedway	Salem, IN	.555	paved
10-4	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Concord, NC	1.5	paved
10-14	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, AL	2.66	paved
11-18	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, GA	1.54	paved

### 1999 NASCAR BUSCH SERIES SCHEDULE

DATE	TRACK
Feb. 19	Daytona Int'l Speedway
Feb. 26	North Carolina Motor Speedway
Mar. 4	Las Vegas Speedway
Mar. 11	Atlanta Motor Speedway
Mar. 18	Darlington Raceway
Mar. 25	Bristol Motor Speedway
Apr. 1	Texas Motor Speedway
Apr. 8	Nashville Speedway
Apr. 15	Talladega Superspeedway
Apr. 29	California Speedway
May 5	Richmond Raceway
May 13	New Hampshire Speedway
May 27	Lowe's Motor Speedway
June 3	Dover Downs
June 10	South Boston Speedway
June 17	Myrtle Beach Speedway
June 25	Watkins Glen International
July 2	Milwaukee Mile
July 16	Nazareth Speedway
July 22	Pikes Peak Speedway
July 29	Gateway Int'l Raceway
Aug. 4	Indianapolis Raceway Park
Aug. 19	Michigan Speedway
Aug. 25	Bristol Motor Speedway
Sept. 2	Darlington Raceway
Sept. 8	Richmond Raceway
Sept. 23	Dover Downs
Oct. 7	Lowe's Motor Speedway
Oct. 21	North Carolina Motor Speedway
Oct. 29	Memphis Motorsports Park
Nov. 4	Phoenix Int'l Raceway
Nov. 11	Homestead

# Kentucky Sportsline

By Tom Leach



Legendary Clay County Coach Bobby Keith had a great line in a new documentary on Kentucky high school basketball that aired on KET earlier this month. He said his teams always learned more from a loss than a win — as long as they didn't lose too often.

That seems to sum up the status of the Kentucky Wildcats heading into the Louisville game. A tough schedule gave a young team some valuable experience, but another setback might have been too much for this group to overcome.

Instead, Tubby Smith and com-

pany got a booster shot of confidence at just the right time and perhaps the Kentucky coach found the right combination of players to make

this team click.

The key ingredient was Keith Bogans, who gives UK penetration ability, but, more importantly, a certain swagger that this leader-less team was needing. It says here that he won't leave the starting five until he leaves for the NBA. And what a nice chain reaction the insertion of Bogans into the starting lineup began.

At small forward, Tayshaun Prince was slower than many of his foes. At the '4' spot, he'll be quicker than many of them. Ditto for Desmond Allison at the '3'. Just look at how many times Kentucky took a supposedly quicker Louisville team off the dribble for easy baskets last Saturday.

I've said it before and I'll say it again — teams with good coaches and good players will almost always get better. And that's what is happening at Kentucky.

## BRING ON THE ORANGE

"This year, we're going down there to win this game. That's pretty much our only thought."

So says UK sophomore free safety Anthony Wajda, in discussing the Wildcats' mindset for their Music City Bowl matchup with Syracuse next week in Nashville.

"They know that they've got to get ready to play in a big game. And they're used to it," added defensive coordinator Mike Major. "We were all kinda walking around looking at the decorations, where this year, I think we'll have a mindset (focused) on winning the ballgame."

Both Syracuse and Kentucky enter this game with 6-5 records. Both lost a first-round draft pick at quarterback and a big-play wide receiver, and yet the Wildcats are thrilled to be going to Nashville while a collective yawn seems to be the most excitement one hears from upstate New York.

That kind of mindset might well be one of the important factors in considering the pros and cons for Kentucky. One day, Hal Mumme may get the UK program to the point where a bowl such as this one is considered a disappointment, but the Wildcats are not there yet. While the Music City Bowl may be a drop in stature for Syracuse players used to the Fiesta or Orange of the past two years, Kentucky players consistently talk about the motivation to match the record of last year's team.

"For this program to keep going

up, you need that constant level of improvement. If we go down from last year's record, then that's not improvement," said consensus All-America tight end James Whalen, Jr. "It's not a quick process. Look at Virginia Tech. They were always a good team, but just of late, they've become a great team. It takes time to be that good team before you can become the great team."

"The seniors on last year's team were such fighters. They left everything on the field and they really set the tone for this year. And it was our job to kinda follow up on them. It wasn't always a smooth ride, but we persevered," he continued. "It's important for us to come out with a winning record, especially the seniors, to feel some sort of accomplishment, like we provided a good service to this program."

In reality, they have already provided a very valuable service to the effort to elevate the UK program in the SEC.

"I think a lot of us set the standard for the younger guys. A lot of them came in and probably thought since we weren't in the top of the SEC, they thought they could come in and play and not really work that hard. But they saw the work ethic the older guys put in," noted senior running back Anthony White. "I don't think anyone is going to accept six-win seasons anymore. I think it'll be a disappointment after this year."

Whalen walked on after Mumme arrived, but White and most of the other seniors can trace their UK roots back to the frustrating final years of the Bill Curry era, when spirits in Kentucky football country were at low ebb.

The newer members of the UK program don't know those kinds of

feelings — and hopefully they never will.

"You gotta have that mentality of nothing less than going to a bowl game is going to satisfy people. With my class and the class that came in this year, all they know is going to a bowl game. That's huge," said Wajda. "In high school, if we didn't go to the state championship, and win the state championship, it was considered a disappointment. Four bowls in four years wouldn't be bad."

"A program has to start somewhere," added sophomore wideout Kendrick Shanklin. "The guys get into this rhythm of 'We're gonna be in this rhythm'. Next year, we win one more and go to a better game. Year after that, let's go somewhere better than that. I think that's what we're trying to do here — to build on what we did last year."

## PREDICTION

Kentucky's chances at ending the season with a win for the first time in 15 years hinge on which Syracuse team shows up — the one that lost by five to Orange Bowl-bound Michigan or the one that stunk in blowout losses to Virginia Tech and Miami.

The Orangemen have several NFL draft prospects, so there is talent there. And SU's strength is its defense, particularly the physical play of its cornerbacks.

UK struggled against the tight man-to-man coverage in the second half of the season, but I think the return of Quentin McCord and the emergence of Bobby Blizzard will enable the Wildcats to show marked improvement in that area.

Really good teams still scored points in bunches against Kentucky this year, but the average ones didn't. And when at its best in October, the UK offense cranked out three successive games of 30 or more points.

With a challenge possibly looming from Jarred Lorenzon and with his supporting cast in its best condition since mid-season, I anticipate Dusty Bonner's best game since LSU. And that should be enough for a Kentucky win in the Music City Bowl — to the tune of 33-21.

## PARTING SHOT

From Whalen: "I just want to put my uniform on one last time for the Big Blue and go out there and live it up and come back 7-5."

## Prestonsburg Junior Basketball

### JUNIOR VARSITY LEAGUE

#### LAKERS VS HAWKS

Zack Stanley scored all but seven of his team's 30 points as the Hawks slipped past the Lakers in training league play this past Saturday at the Adams Middle School.

Stanley finished the game with 23 points and Matthew Crisp added the other seven.

James Lafferty netted 13 to lead the Lakers. Josiah Reno and Carman Maines netted five points each. Jordan Ochala and Elliott Baldrige scored two points.

It was a 2-0 first-quarter lead for the Lakers at the first stop. Maines hit two free throws to give the lead to the Lakers.

The two teams played to a 8-8 tie in the second quarter, with Stanley scoring eight points in the period for the winners. Lafferty hit for six second-quarter points.

A 17-9 run for the Hawks in the third period gave them a 25-19 lead after three quarters. Stanley scored 12 points in the quarter and Crisp had five. Lafferty led the third quarter for the Lakers with five points.

Reno scored all five of his points in the fourth period for the Lakers. He had the lone field goal for the Lakers.

#### PACERS VS BULLS

Andrew Shepherd hit a three-point basket in the third period and scored 15 points in leading the Bulls past the Pacers, 40-35. Mikey Crum netted eight in the win with Brooks Herrick and Tommy Johnson added six apiece. Westley Hall scored five points.

Nick McGuire led all scorers with 16 points. Zach Ousley had eight and Bobby Hughes finished with seven. Chris Oliver had four points.

The Pacers ran out to a 10-5 lead in the opening quarter. Ousley scored six points in the period and McGuire added four. Herrick and Crum had field goals for the Bulls with Sheppard hitting one of two free throws.

The Bulls led 15-14 at the half with Herrick scoring five points in the period, completing a three-point play the old-fashioned way. Johnson and Crum had two points in the second with Sheppard hitting two free throws.

After three quarters, the Bulls led 27-24 with Sheppard hitting the trey and adding eight points in the stanza. McGuire had eight points for the Pacers in period.

In the fourth, Hughes scored a seven

of his points, hitting a three-point basket. But the rally fell short. Oliver had four fourth-quarter points. Crum and Hall added four points for the winners in the period.

### TRAINING LEAGUE

#### LAKERS VS HAWKS

Josh Rodebaugh scored a game-high 17 points and Jody Tackett added eight as the Lakers rolled past the Hawks 29-15. Rodebaugh went scoreless in the first period but scored six in the second, seven in the third and six in the fourth. Brittany Collins tossed in four points for the Lakers.

Jared May led the Hawks with seven points and Austin McKinney netted six. Joshua Head finished with two.

It was a 2-2 game after the first quarter, with Collins hitting two of four free throws to account for the Lakers points. May had the two points for the Hawks.

The Lakers went on a 10-1 run in the second quarter to assume a 12-3 lead. May had the only free throw for the Hawks. Rodebaugh and Tackett scored six points each in the second quarter for the Lakers.

#### SIXERS VS BULLETS

The Sixers posted a 23-12 win over the Bullets on Saturday afternoon in the training league. Nathaniel Stephens scored 16 points in the win. Seth Seiser added four and Cameron Tincher netted two. Josh Holbrook scored one point.

Taylor Clark led the Bullets with eight points. Jesse Brock scored four.

Stephens scored six of his points in the first quarter that gave the Sixers a 10-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. It was a 13-7 halftime lead for the Sixers.

#### HORNETS VS SONICS

Micheal Burchett scored 18 points by halftime and finished with 22 for the game in leading the Sonics past the Hornets, 38-7. Vincent Hayes netted six points and Christopher Mullins scored four for the winners. Brandon Radliff, Bradley Stanley and Rikki Hughes had two points each.

Timothy Marsillett led the Hornets with five points. Trent Frasure added two.

Burchett scored eight first-quarter points and 10 in the second period in leading the Sonics. He had four in the final stanza.

The Hornets went scoreless in the

first half and scored five of their seven points in the third quarter. Marsillett had all five points.

### PEE WEE LEAGUE

#### BULLS VS KNICKS

The Bulls and Knicks played to a 6-6 standoff in Pee Wee play. Evan Bays, Frankie Conn and Myles Minix scored two points each for the Knicks. Wil Allen scored all six points for the Bulls.

The Knicks took a 2-0 lead in the first period on a basket by Minix. Allen scored four points in the second period to give the Bulls a 4-2 halftime lead.

The Bulls went scoreless in the third quarter, with the Knicks taking a 6-4 lead after three quarters on baskets by Bays, and Conn. In the fourth period, Allen tied the game.

#### BULLS VS PACERS

Evan Hayes scored seven points and Evan Spradlin added two and that was all the Pacers needed in a 9-7 win over the Bulls.

Brian Branham had three points for the Bulls. Wil Allen and Tyler Good scored two apiece.

All the Bulls' points came in the second half, trailing 6-0 at the half. Hayes had four points in the second quarter for the Bulls. He tossed in three in the fourth quarter.

### PRESTONSBURG JR. BASKETBALL STANDINGS

#### JUNIOR VARSITY

Team	Won	Lost
Hawks	4	1
Bulls	4	1
Pacers	1	4
Lakers	1	4

#### TRAINING LEAGUE

Lakers	5	0
Sixers	4	1
Bullets	3	2
Hawks	2	3
Sonics	1	4
Hornets	0	5

#### PEE WEE LEAGUE

Magic	3	1
Bulls	2	2
Pacers	2	2

## JBSports

### Reds should still trade for Junior

by Jason Blanton  
Sports Columnist

Okay, I was wrong last week when I said that the Cincinnati Reds would have Ken Griffey Jr. by the time the paper hit the street. One sentence will sum up my view of the could-be trade.

Go ahead and trade Pokey Reese. If adding Reese to the trade is the only thing that is holding up the trade for the best player in the game, then goodbye Pokey.

Reese had a great season, but when all is said and done, Griffey will be in the Hall of Fame and Reese will not.

If the Reds will not give up Reese, then Seattle might have to consider some other player. Since Griffey will leave Seattle after this year no matter what, the Mariners will try to get something for him.

I can see Griffey staying in Seattle this year and then signing with the Reds. That may be the only way Reese and Griffey will be teammates.

#### Probation for Notre Dame

The loss of one scholarship for each of the next two years was the punishment for the high and mighty Notre Dame.

The storied program was hit by the NCAA with a slap on the wrist for hav-

ing a booster, Kim Dunbar, embezzle \$1.2 million from her employer and then give extravagant gifts to Irish players.

Dunbar gave players gifts, trips and money that resulted in the two-year probation.

But the NCAA did not hurt the Irish's chances for post-season play and did not touch the NBC TV deal, worth between \$8-\$9 million a year.

The announcement ended an almost two-year investigation into the relationship of Dunbar and players that has caused a great deal of embarrassment for the university.

I think that Notre Dame got off easy, but then the NCAA wouldn't want to make the Irish mad and hurt NBC's football coverage.

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## Meade scores 14 in victory

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Brian Meade scored a game-high 14 points in leading the South Floyd Raiders to a 56-31 win over the Adams Middle School Blackcats Saturday afternoon at Adams.

Meade scored his points in the first three quarters and sat out the fourth period as the bench played the final period. He had six in each of the second and third periods.

Clinton Meade, Wesley Hall and Burnett Little added six points each for South Floyd. Ryan Johnson, a sixth-grader, netted five. Adam

Tackett, Landon Hall and Steven Stanley finished with four points each. Ervin Vance and Isaac scored two points. Dana McCowan had one point.

Jason Mullins led Adams with 11 points. Jason Huges and Josh McCarty finished with five points. Shane Hatfield scored 3, while Jeremy Jarrell, James Knox and Chris Spears netted two points each.

Johnson scored five of his points in the first quarter to give the Raiders a 10-3 lead after the first period. Meade scored three in the opening quarter and Stanley had

two. Mullins accounted for all three of Adams first-quarter points, completing an old-fashioned three-point play.

An 18-10 run by the Raiders in the second period netted South Floyd a 28-13 halftime lead. Clinton Meade scored four points in the second stanza as did Wesley Hall. Mullins had four points for Adams in the second period. Hatfield, Jarrell and McCarty added two each.

South Floyd outscored Adams 20-5 in the third period to open the game up.



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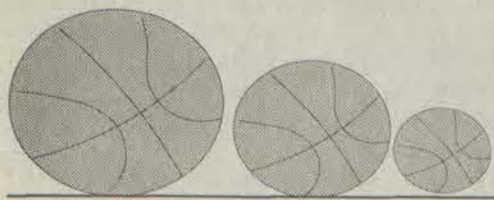
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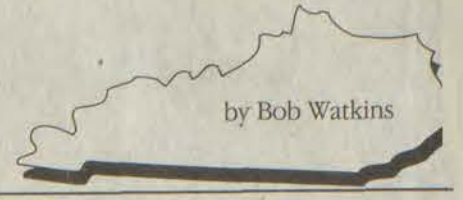
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# SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



## UK win over Louisville may signal breakout Wildcat loyalists have waited to see

It wasn't so much:  
... a 30-point blowout of an intrastate rival.

... a victory after losing four of five.

... cooling a tempest in a teapot characterized as a storm.

... or even regaining a measure of stature on national television.

More, Kentucky's stirring play against Louisville last Saturday had elements of breakout. There were the usuals ... better patience, shooting and rebounding and defensive hustle. But more important, seems to me, were sparkles of exuberance, gusto, flare, confidence and best of all, team-ness.

Ingredients we often roll into a collective and call a Kentucky Run.

• Sync. An element not detectable this season. On Saturday it was there, epitomized by Saul Smith doing what he can do and no more and Jamaal Magloire playing

basketball instead of being a thug.  
• Team-ness. "We made the extra pass today," Tubby Smith said. Bingo.

• Challenge every enemy shot, block a few into possession instead of macho and chest thump. And, UofL's best shooter, Tony Williams had just three attempts in the second half.

From whence did this new age energy come? Good preparation to be sure. But more, Rupp Arena patrons plugged into this team finally. Their Wildcats played their first non-cream-puff home game in six weeks.

In the understatement of the season so far, director of athletics C.M. Newton said Saturday, "We've overscheduled this young team. We really did."

Meanwhile, on the media front, a number of intriguing things happened last week.

First, from headlines "Coach works to right ship amid storm of critics," and prose spinning off the word Armageddon (almost as popular as Y2K these days), and newsprint suggesting UK basketball, post-Rick Pitino, has become boring, the state's media herd lead dogs were warbling new tunes by Sunday. Which means, of course, folks at coffee shops and barber-shops will sing the chorus.

Tunes had to change because no ship sank, no nukes fell, there was no effigy for the coach, the sky did not fall but stayed where its always been, and Rick Pitino "ain't comin' back."

In the middle of the alleged national trashing of Saul Smith and screaming masses wanting Tubby fired, UK's coach apparently had had enough by Friday.

Dogged by doomsayers, Smith said something to reporters that spoke volumes for those paying close attention and at a decible level above the media-fed buzz.

Asked his reaction to the "storm" of criticism, Smith replied, "I really haven't heard about that. I don't really understand what you're asking. I don't know what you're talking about."

Indeed. Out in the Commonwealth's hinterlands, most silent majority Wildcat fans are on board. The wise among fans, those recalling well naysayings of seasons passed, get it.

A year ago the lament was about Wayne Turner's lack of an outside shot and the team's lack of quickness. In the end UK won 28 of 37 games and the state's major newspapers celebrated with special pull-out sections, heavy on advertising and skimp on news copy.

The year before, alligator tears flowed because of Pitino's defection. But it was Tubby's honeymoon year after all. And eureka, UK won a national championship.

Further back, Joe B. Hall emphasized big men and half-court

offense which, according to some media produced "storms" of criticism because it had no perimeter offense. And January Slump was born of a reporter's pen, taken up by the herd and soon had life nourished by newsprint more than reality.

Since UK still plays a winter schedule, whatever happened to January slumps?

After Hall, criticism was Eddie Sutton's teams passed too much and was half-court boring. And Rick Pitino's relied to heavily on wild-eyed offense and threes, which cost UK recruiting big men, and didn't play Richie Farmer enough.

Now comes Tubby Smith and, barely months after a Final Eight finish on the heels of an NCAA title, fans and some media concluded it's his kid's fault that UK has sputtered.

If anyone deserves criticism, and nobody at UK really does, it should be leveled at C.M. Newton instead of Saul Smith.

Yes, the young Wildcats have been over-scheduled, but Kentucky fans want an attractive card and more ticket opportunities to see it.

Newton's faux pas was scheduling too few home games in the early going. A time in which a team new to the rigors of college hoops grows confidence from performance cheered by home folks.

The long and short of all this is:

• First, Tubby Smith has done and is doing a commendable job. Saturday's game is a reminder with an exclamation point.

Footnote: It is worth mentioning Jamaal Magloire kept his mouth shut and elbows in Saturday and turned in an outstanding performance. Good coaching. UofL's best shooter, Tony Williams had just three attempts in the second half. Good coaching.

• UK's early sputter is no reason for blame game. It isn't the first time a Kentucky team has struggled early and reaction has been

inflamed by some in the media.

• Third, Kentucky's basketball fans, the genuine ones, have kept quiet and remain patient. Maybe it is a constituency made up of those who've raised children. Fans who know patience and tolerance and laugh to themselves when sports-writers forget they're in the toy shop and try to impress each other with "storm of critics," Armageddon, and big brother-little brother.

### BILLY PACKER

A line that has outlived its time is: "CBS's Billy Packer is a UK hater."

It is more fair to say, Packer did not buy into Rick Pitino.

Truth is, if a basketball purist in Kentucky would step back, take leave of his allegiance for an afternoon, and listen to Packer work a college game alongside Jim Nantz or Tim Brando, a fan would receive an insightful view of a game's flow, and its intricacies made understandable and entertaining.

Packer does it without yelling "Freeze it!" or shilling for college coaching and screech over "...a diaper dandy I had in my magazine!"

### ALL CHEERS, NO JEERS CHRISTMAS WEEK

CHEERS. J.R. VanHoose. Essence of NCAA student-athletics. What a treat for Marshall U. fans.

CHEERS. Justin Fuentes, Murray State quarterback, will play in the Blue-Gray all-star game Christmas Day.

CHEERS. Tim Couch made it to Christmas alive.

CHEERS. Ballard High basketball coach Chris Renner already has a merry Christmas. Unbeaten team defending a state title.

CHEERS. Marv Albert's second chance. But no second chance yet for Pete Rose because he's trying too hard without saying loud enough, "I'm sorry."

CHEERS. Saul Smith. Terrific

kid who deserves a Christmas break.

CHEERS. J.P. Blevins, UK's 'go-to guy' for reviving "Kentucky pride" rally cry.

CHEERS. Tony Williams, UofL basketball star on his way to a big old party, the NBA draft. But smile now and then.

CHEERS. Georgetown College's football team. Terrific run to Christmas.

CHEERS. Dan Langhi. Vandy's junior forward from Marshall County leads SEC in scoring.

CHEERS. Chris Redman knows what blessings really are.

CHEERS. James Whalen Jr. and Ibn Green, All-America. Two TEs from Kentucky.

CHEERS. Ben Bowling, junior basketball star at Perry Central High with another year to enjoy the best time of his life.

CHEERS. Ty Rogers, eighth-grader at Lyon Co. High, playing varsity hoops and making straight A's. A full Presidential term more to enjoy the best time of his life.

CHEERS. To Hal Mumme. UK's football coach owns one of the coolest of cool nicknames on the planet. Parthead.

CHEERS. To Mrs. Robert A. Ball of Worthville. Georgetown College athletics is lucky to have her.

CHEERS. Betty Bryant, Villa Hills. UK and Tubby Smith are lucky to have her.

CHEERS. John McGill Jr. and Dave Baker. Nice book for Tim Couch admirers and little kids from tiny towns with big dreams.

CHEERS. Author Marianne Walker. Wonderful book for lovers of underdogs. Cuba Cubs.

CHEERS. Harold Borders, of Pinson Fork, just for being here.

CHEERS. To a special sports fan I'm acquainted with, living in northern Kentucky, Roy Jones.

Finally, Cheers to all of you. Merry Christmas, everyone. And so it goes.

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## NASCAR Connection

### Dear Racin' Santa

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In the past I have asked for such things as a Daytona 500 win for Dale Earnhardt, Robert Yates a Winston Cup championship, and Richard Petty a win as a car owner. Santa came through in each case so I figure I have either been a very good boy through the years or ol' St. Nick is one heck of a race fan!

I am probably pushing my luck a little by offering up another letter for Santa's approval, but I feel like it's my duty to try to appeal to Santa's sentimental side. After all, these are just a bunch of good ol' boys, who week after week put their life on the line to create some excitement for us race fans. So, Santa, why not put in the VCR a tape of your favorite race as you read this letter (it should get you in

the right mood).

Santa, few guys in the series are as nice as Kentucky native Michael Waltrip, but he has yet to find his way to victory lane. After 430 races, he sure does deserve to get to stand in victory lane and let his crew members pour Gatorade on him. So why don't you just wrap him up a big victory early in the season so he won't have to answer any more questions about when he will win his first race.

Santa, you sure have been real good to Mark Martin over the years, but there is still one present I know he would love to get. After a tough year with injuries, why not reward him with what he would like most, his first Winston Cup championship?

Santa, Ricky Rudd just suffered through one of the toughest years of his career. His winning streak came to a halt and he even had to sell his race team. I'm sure the one gift that would permit him to put all of this behind him would be a return to the top-five in the point standings at year's end. If you would do this for Ricky, you would also give his owner Robert Yates what he wants most this year.

Santa, you sure have been good to Bill Elliott and Darrell Waltrip over the years and both of them are winding down stellar careers. I would just like for you to bring both of them a graceful exit from the sport. Next year will be D.W.'s last year and Bill isn't too far behind, so

some respectable finishes sure would allow both of them to retire with their heads held high.

Looking back at last year's letter, I asked you to give Bill France Jr. another logo like the 50th, and sure enough you did as France just unveiled the new NASCAR 200 logo that would be used next year. Now this year I want you to find another track for Bill Jr. to buy as he continues to show his rival track owner, Bruton Smith, just who is in control.

Speaking of Smith, I know that what he would want more than anything would be a second race date for either of his Texas or Las Vegas tracks. I know, Santa, you have the ability to answer every wish on a person's list, but even you won't be able to wrestle a race date away from France for Bruton.

Now Santa, I want you to be sure to be good to all those race fans who read my column each and every week. From talking to them, it seems that what they want most would be race tickets to Bristol's two races, races that don't end

under the caution flag, and more new faces in the top-10 in the point standings.

Santa, you have already given me my present of another year of getting to write this column for all of those great race fans in the Commonwealth. This column has turned into a labor of love that has opened many doors for me in the racing community and one for which I will forever be grateful.

With that in mind, I do have one wish for all of my readers. I hope that each fan slows down enough during this hectic time of year and reflects on the true meaning of this holiday season. After all, the race for life actually began with a newborn baby in a manger some 2000 years ago.

Make Him the Crew Chief of your life and you will guarantee yourself of finishing first in the only race that really matters.

Thanks for all of the kind comments and support that you have given me over the last year, and here is wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

### 58th District Basketball Standings

WOMEN	Team	Conf	Overall
	Allen Central	1-0	4-2
	Betsy Layne	1-0	4-4
	South Floyd	0-1	6-4
	Prestonsburg	0-1	4-5

MEN	Team	Conf	Overall
	South Floyd	3-0	7-1
	Betsy Layne	2-0	4-2
	Allen Central	2-1	4-3
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## Deck the halls ... the house, the yard, etc.

by Karen Joseph  
Staff Writer

Any time around the more colorful holidays - Christmas, Easter and Halloween - when you drive up around Harold, you will see an increased volume of traffic, people driving slowly around what used to be called the Harold Hill.

All of this traffic is going by to see one particular house. Not a big house or a really fancy house, just an ordinary house that turns extraordinary on special occasions.

Pat Robinson and family live in the house right in the curve, the house that turns into a showcase on Christmas, Easter and Halloween. You can see the lights from KY 1426, the road going up Big Mud, just a little way off US 23. But to get the full effects, you need to drive around what is known as Harold Hill to witness this unbelievable display of lights and decorations.

Robinson says she does it for the kids. "We like to sit on the porch and watch all the people come by. That's why I do it. I do it for the kids."

"My dad and I always loved to decorate at the holidays, but I had lived in a trailer for years. I didn't have the room to decorate, but now that I have the house, I just love doing it," she said.

In the Robinson yard, you can



Pat Robinson

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## POISON OAK Good Samaritans remembered

by Clyde Pack

As we indicated in last week's column, the Christmas card thing, both sending and receiving, is sort of special at our house. While it's not unusual to hear from friends and relatives via the "seasons greetings" route, seldom do we ever get a warm, heart-felt Christmas wish from someone we don't know. But, last week we did.

It's a long story, really dating back to the early 1980s. It was in the summertime and Wilma and her mom were headed for Huntington when a hose broke on our '81 Thunderbird on U.S. 23 near Catlettsburg. When the car began to heat up, Wilma pulled over beside the road and they were stranded, literally at the mercy of passing motorists.

But, to their good fortune, few had passed before a couple from Fairborn, Ohio, came to their aid. After helping them get water, seeing that they got the car to a service station, and then waiting around to make sure the car had been properly repaired, the two strangers went on their way. All totaled, they had given Wilma and her mom nearly two hours of their time.

They steadfastly refused to be paid, but that Christmas, Wilma, having gotten their names and address during the time they had spent together, thanked them again with a note inside a Christmas card.

End of story? Not quite.

Last Saturday's mail carried a pleasant surprise: a personal Christmas message to the Packs from the couple of good Samaritans who, nearly 20 years ago, came to the rescue of two ladies standing beside a busy highway next to an over-heated vehicle.

Now, that's what Christmas is all about.

And Merry Christmas to you, too, Bob and Geri Evans.

Okay, enough already.

I mean, it's okay for me to gripe about my age, about getting old and all that, but it's a horse of a different color when someone else does.

Like the nurse who told Wilma the other day that she and I were "just the sweetest little old couple," or the 13-year-old who spoke of the "old couple" who sit in front of her mother at church.

Guess who the "old couple" is.

Just kidding, of course, because we still think the world of both of them and can't really condemn them for telling the truth.

The jury is still out, however, on the lady who asked Harold Ratliff, our photographer at The Paintsville Herald, if that "Clyde guy who works there" is senile.

That sort of smarts, but what really hurts is that Harold didn't really know how to answer her questions.

Ouch!

Anyway, Merry Christmas from our house to yours.

## Small World

### Christmas Memories

In the same spirit that we respond to all other celebrations of Christmas, we also enjoy making this holiday season special for the children about us. Just as our parents did delightful things for us, we also want to pass the custom on and create special memories for our young ones.



by Aileen Hall

When we had our first grandchild, we offered to baby sit for him at the age of 2 so the parents could be free to shop and attend some grownup functions.

And since we wanted it to be a happy time for him, we let him open a couple of gifts and have his own little party. It became a tradition and, as others came along, the custom continued. The parents were not invited which made the children enjoy their celebration even more.

We have five grandchildren now, and we are Nanny and Pop to them. But there were only three in 1978 and I had learned how much the anticipation of our annual party meant, so I chose to build on the excitement they got from planning.

I wrote a letter of invitation and sent to each of them, separately and special delivery, about ten days in advance. It read: "Dear David (Jonathan and Leigh Ann), You are cordially invited to attend Nanny and Pop's Christmas party. It will begin after 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 15, and end Sunday afternoon."

"The party will begin with a spaghetti supper, served by candlelight, and dessert will be your favorite chocolate cake. Jeans will be acceptable for dress so long as they are your best jeans. You should

bring your nicest pajamas as we will be taking pictures to keep in our book forever."

"We will need to know if you can attend as we plan to have gifts for each one to open. It would be nice if you can plan something for your parents to do while you are away as they might be lonesome without you. Love, Nanny and Pop."

Each one responded with a handwritten letter. The first read: "Dear Nanny and Pop, I am happy to accept your gracious invitation. I look forward to arriving shortly after 5 p.m. and staying throughout the festivities. Yours in great anticipation (and with help from Mommie), XX (Leigh Ann, age 2)."

The next read: "Dear Nanny and Pop, I would be thrilled to come to the party, and I can. If you're having spaghetti, I'll be sure to come for supper. I'll plan to wear blue jeans, and I hope your Christmas tree is up. Your grandson, David (age 9)."

To appreciate the last one, you would need to see the hand printed message of a kindergarten student. It read: "nanny and pop, I'll be there! Love, Jon (age 5)!"

### A Shopping Hint

My husband was putting around in his bedroom recently and I wondered what he was doing. I passed the door once and saw his closet door was open and two of the dresser drawers pulled out. It seemed too good to be true that he might be organizing the way his clothing was stored, but I decided the Christmas spirit must have brought about some change in him.

After a while, he came into the kitchen where I was working and asked, "Do you know where I could find a fairly long table?"

"Can't you use the dining room or kitchen table?" I asked. But he wanted neither of them.

"Why are you needing a table?"

"Because," he said, "I'm wanting to row up all my sweat shirts, jackets and watches for you and the girls to see. That way, maybe you won't be carrying any more in and calling them Christmas presents."



### Real-life Santa

Amy Jo Hinkle, 3, and Irene Bradley, 10, both of Warfield, are among hundreds of children who received gifts at Marlow Tackett's Christmas Party Sunday in Pike County, just across the Floyd County line. The event, held at Marlow's Country Palace, has been going on every Christmas season for almost two decades. (photo by H. Allen Bolling)

## Deck

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find everything from Snoopy to Winnie the Pooh. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, angels, snowmen, reindeer, carolers, sleighs, crosses, candy canes, Christmas trees, wreaths, and lights, lights and more lights.

Robinson said she has more than 100 decorations in the yard at Christmas.

"We have one Christmas tree that has 900 lights and one star that has 700 lights. I really don't

know how many lights I have in my yard. I just enjoy putting them up," she said.

There are lights in the front of the house, on top of the house, behind the house, beside the house, across the road from the house, on the fence around the house, everywhere you look — obviously the work of someone who loves Christmas.

All of these decorations take time to display. "It usually takes about two weeks to get everything up, but I don't stop until it is time to take them down. I work during the day, so I only get to work on them during the evening and mostly at night," says the smiling decorator.


Robinson has been collecting

decorations for only four years. "I try to add to my collection a little every year. I buy a lot of things from Wal-mart and K-Mart and I get some wood cutouts from a man who lives down toward Salyersville. I made my own reindeer and sleigh this year and I enjoyed that," she said.

For most people, storage of season decorations is a problem, but Robinson has taken care of that. "I have a storage building that has nothing in it except decorations. I also have storage under the house that I use."

Wherever you live in the county, it's worth the trip to Harold to see the spectacular Robinson house.

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## BIRTHDAYS



**Feted on 86th birthday**

Forty members of Mae Gray's family came together to help her celebrate her 86th birthday on Thanksgiving Day. Born at Endicott, she has spent her life in Floyd and Knott counties and now lives with a son, Tim Gray, at Kite. She and her late husband, Richard Gray, were married in the middle of the old Prestonsburg bridge, according to their daughter, Janice Johnson. They had nine children, 25 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. Her children who attended the birthday celebration were Johnson of Fruitland Park, Florida; Margaret Howell of Wayland; Jeanette Mosley of Shelby, Ohio; Juanita Lafferty of Prestonsburg; Elizabeth Caudill of Anco, and Tim Gray of Kite. Unable to attend were Dick Gray of Oklahoma, Loretta Tennant of Wisconsin and Virginia Salyer of Ohio. Besides grandchildren and great-grandchildren, two nieces, Helen Wallace and Betty Ann Hunt of Prestonsburg, and their families attended. According to her daughter, Mrs. Gray is a direct descendant of one of the founders of the community of Auxier.

## SOCIETY NEWS

## Lodge elects officers

At the East Point Masonic Lodge meeting, December 11, officers for the year 2000 were elected.

Tilden R. Ellis is master; Clyde E. DeRossett, senior warden; Don Hughes, junior warden; Robert Peters, treasurer; W.L. Baldrige, secretary; James E. Goble, senior deacon; David C. Robinson, junior deacon; Herman Wells and Jim Ramey, stewards; Ben Smith, tiler.

Sheldon Sammons, D.G.G.M., visited the lodge. Dinner was served at 7 p.m. The Master Mason degree was conferred on David C. Robinson. Open installation of officers will be January 8.

## Rebels meet

The Eastern Kentucky Brigade, Sons of Confederate Veterans, were host to the Annual Secession Day Dinner at the Big Sandy RECC building in Paintsville, on Saturday, December 11.

The ladies of the Order of Confederate Rose served dinner. The guest speaker was Tom Goodrich, author of several books on events leading up to The War Between the States.

John B. Wells III, commander of the East Kentucky Brigade, was master of Ceremonies.

Sam Flora of Lexington, commander of the Kentucky Division, presented the charter of the new Camp, Colonel Andrew Jackson May, in Prestonsburg, to camp officers.

The new camp is the 16th camp in the Eastern Kentucky Brigade and was named for May who was a leading confederate in eastern Kentucky, western Virginia and east Tennessee.

## Attend Christmas program

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Adams, of the Middlecreek Road, Prestonsburg, attended the 1999 Christmas program, "The Cave Sing," on Sunday, December 12, at Mammoth Cave National Park in Cave City.



The first Christmas tree was probably of German origin, created by Boniface, an English missionary to Germany. He created the Christ tree to replace the pagan custom of a sacred tree dedicated to the Norse god Odin.

## OUR YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago  
(December 20 & 22, 1989)

For country singer Dwight Yoakam, watching last Thursday's "48 Hours" on CBS, was a frustrating, painful experience. "I believe the treatment of the county to be very unfair," said Yoakam, who was interviewed for the piece on Floyd County... Friday afternoon during the winter storm that hit Floyd County around 2 p.m., a local businessman was seriously injured and remains in a coma at Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Homer Wells III and coworker Nathan Frisby were near the CableVision tower on a mountain at Sugarloaf, working on a fallen tree when Wells was injured... A public hearing for the proposed countywide 911 emergency telephone service was held last Friday with the majority of participants being members of the county's volunteer fire departments. Their concern was that once the service was installed, they would be responsible for footing the bill for any required equipment to make it operational... Winter blew in yesterday with subzero winds and temperatures expected to remain in the single digit range at least until Christmas eve... The convention center currently under construction at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park received an added boost Monday when the legislative Capital Construction Oversight Commission in Frankfort OK'd the use of about \$500,000 to renovate the 25-year-old outdoor amphitheater, adjacent to the construction site... Icy roads took the life of an Eastern man, Tuesday, as he was delivering supplies to a mine in a remote area above McDowell. James E. Bailey, 24, was killed some time between 4 and 4:30 p.m. while driving supplies for United Mines on Bill Hall Branch... More than 200 children will be enjoying Christmas a little more this year, through the efforts of Prestonsburg Community College's students, staff and faculty. There died: Nelis Bradley, 63, of Floyd County, December 18, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital at Martin; Earl Bryant, 55, of Albion, Indiana, formerly of Melvin, December 13, at Albion Community Hospital; George Conn, 75, of Hunter, December 16 at his residence; Lucinda Hicks, 65, of Hueysville, December 17, at her residence; William Lee Hicks, 52, of Minnie, December 16, at

McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Martin Johnson, 84, of Halo, December 17, at his residence; George W. Newman, 81, of Bevinsville, December 18, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Delmon A. Sturgill, 65, of Huber Heights, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, December 17, at his home; Ruthie Gunnels Williams, 21, of Frankfort, formerly of Floyd County, December 11, at King's Daughters Memorial Hospital in Frankfort, of injuries suffered in a traffic accident; Edith Josephine George, 100, of East Point, December 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Winifred Maria Hill, 82, of Frankfort, formerly of Prestonsburg, December 19, at King's Daughters Memorial Hospital.

No edition this week 20 years ago

Thirty Years Ago  
(December 18, 1969)

The low base bid of \$3,744,300 asked by James N. Gray, Glasgow, Ky. contractor, for construction of the Highlands Regional Hospital near here was accepted by the Economic Development Administration last Thursday afternoon... State Representative Everett Akers, of Martin, last week called on the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate Floyd County's schools, and his request brought an immediate response from Superintendent of Schools Charles Clark... Plans and specifications for the big water program proposed and forwarded to the Economic Development Administration, and advertising bids on the project is expected almost immediately... Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shepherd, of Hueysville, a daughter, Dec. 11; to Mr. and Mrs. Roe Donald Moore, of Price, a daughter, Dec. 11; to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shannon, of Garrett, a son, Dec. 13... There died: Mrs. Minnie Burchett Merritt, 71, of Prestonsburg, Sunday at Pikeville; James Clifton, 87, of Dwale, last Tuesday at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Walter Boggs, 71, of Water Gap, Tuesday morning at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Martha Waddles Conley, 74, Dec. 10 at her home at Lackey; Rev. Bill Sparks, 70, of Wayland, last Tuesday at Lackey; Herman Lee Cox, 62, Monday at his home at Betsy Layne; James Edgar

Moore, 44, of Drift, Friday at the U.K. Med Center.

Forty Years Ago  
(December 17, 1959)

Four long-term contracts made by the Division of Parks late in the Chandler administration with boat dock operators, including two on Dewey Lake, were cancelled Tuesday by Governor Combs... Resignation Monday of Bill Napier as Mayor of Prestonsburg was followed by the election by the Council of Dr. Edward B. Leslie to fill the vacancy thus created... A new request for aid on an airport to serve the Prestonsburg-Paintsville area was filed this week with the Civil Aeronautics Administration... Appointment by Gov. Combs of A. B. Meade, of Prestonsburg, as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board was announced last week... The Prestonsburg post office which usually closes at noon Saturdays, will remain open all day this Saturday for the convenience of the public. Mrs. Bess S. May, postmaster, announces... A poor sanitation system here was blamed for the spread of hepatitis by state and local health officials who met here Wednesday. There are six new cases of hepatitis locally and a total of 28 in the county... Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Don Sullivan, of Prestonsburg, twin daughters, December 10; to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Holbrook, of Brainard, a daughter, December 7... There died: Pvt. Curtis T. Webb, 18, in an auto mishap, December 6 in Meuse, France; General W. Branham, 86, Wednesday at Amba; Mrs. Clara L. Prater, 34, formerly of Hippo, Sunday in Willard, O.; Fred Newsome, 74, of Melvin, Sunday at home; Mrs. Anna Clark Stephens, 87, of Prestonsburg, Saturday; Dave Burchett, 68, Floyd native, in Cleveland, O., Sunday; Ernest L. Refitt, 55, of Langley, last Thursday.

Fifty Years Ago  
(December 22, 1949)

Zona Baldrige Fuller, formerly of Bonanza, now living in Louisville, was held up and robbed the night of December 14, of \$324... Fingerprints have been obtained from the Martin business places

which have been burglarized recently... A sudden shift of wind saved 37 houses of the Stephens Elkhorn coal mining camp at Manton from mid-day destruction last week by flames which reduced four other houses to a total loss... Prestonsburg Blackcats defeated the Pikeville Panthers, 47-45, in an overtime game here Friday... Betsy Layne Bobcats defeated the Prestonsburg Blackcats here Saturday, 64-26... The Martin Purple Flash with five wins, no losses, is expected to be county champs again this year and a top power in the 15th region and Eastern Kentucky... There died: James P. Coburn, Jr., 29, of Prestonsburg, was killed in an auto accident near Winchester today (Thursday); Corbett Bentley, 50, of Lackey, Saturday; Miss Della Maynard, 39, Friday at her home at Lancer; Monroe Moore, 65, of McDowell of a heart attack, Saturday.

Sixty Years Ago  
(December 14, 1939)

Though a threatened suspension of federal surplus commodity shipments to Kentucky counties was in sight after Friday, this week, it was indicated Monday that supplies on hand are sufficient to supply relief clients through December. Four hundred and twenty-five carloads of commodities, with a retail value of \$1,051,366 were distributed in Kentucky from January to September of this year... Violation of the Corrupt Practices Act, voting of persons who were not at the election, connivance of candidates and election commissioners and election officers—these and other infractions of the state's election laws are alleged by seven defeated candidates of this county who are contesting the elections of their seven victorious opponents... If satisfactory arrangements for it and operation can be made, the Prestonsburg Woman's Club will sponsor the drive for funds with which to purchase an iron lung for the use of Floyd County sufferers from infantile paralysis. This action follows the infantile paralysis epidemic in this county... There died: Jeff Hunter, 78, native of Left Beaver; Mrs. Sadie Sturgill Stephens, 41, of Alphoretta, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Leonard Thompson Newsome, 39, of Garrett, at the Lackey Hospital.



# “Collecting ‘Em all” may have long-term social benefits

(NAPSA)-With the holidays upon us, kids will be asking for-and parents inevitably will be purchasing-the hottest toys and collectibles of the season. Already, trend spotters predict that one of the biggest hits of this holiday season will be Pokémon™, the latest craze to hit the elementary school set, with toys, trading cards, a television series, videotapes, and a new animated feature film.



While there has been some controversy as to the possible ramifications of the recent Pokémon trading phenomenon, some child development experts have suggested the potential benefits of collecting and trading. Richard Eyre, parenting expert, author, and family advocate, suggests that, with the right kind of guidance and encouragement from parents, collecting and trading items such as Pokémon toys and trading cards can actually enhance children's sociability, communication skills, and development of values.

Further, Eyre argues, Pokémon trading mirrors our real life economic system where goods have relative values. Eyre admits that, as in the real world, there is inherent satisfaction that can result from making a good trade, just as there is always the possibility of risk. Disappointment can ensue as children suffer the consequences of some of their not-so-good trades. However, Eyre believes that it's better for children to learn economic lessons through trading Pokémon cards, than when they become adults and have been given pre-approved credit cards.

According to Eyre, one of the concerns in today's technologically driven society is that children do not have enough time to socialize with one another and communicate on a one-on-one basis.

“So many children today are better at e-mailing each other and communicating via computer than they are at getting together and talking with one another,” says Eyre.

Pokémon trading sessions offer an opportunity for children to socialize, and to have conversations

about something that is mutually engaging and fun-the “stuff” that builds real friendships.

Even such major corporate giants as Burger King Corporation, who are in the business of catering to kids, are now offering opportunities for Pokémon collecting and trading. For the first time, Burger King® restaurants will be hosting regularly scheduled Trading Night Dinners, where kids can get together

in a supervised environment to trade their specially created Burger King/Pokémon toys and trading cards.

Burger King Corporation has partnered with Nintendo, the creators of Pokémon, to offer 57 toys and 151 trading cards, for a limited time. These toys and trading cards will be included with every Kids Meal and Burger King Big Kids Meal™ until January 2, 2000, at participating restaurants, or while supplies last. Burger King is also offering six collectible 23K gold-plated trading cards for \$1.99 with the purchase of any Value Meal during the Pokémon promotion.

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## Picture this: Giving the gift of photographs

(NAPSA)-Many people consider photographs to be picture-perfect gifts.

One-of-a-kind pictures can be a click away on the Internet. Online art merchants offer thousands of photographs and images at a variety of prices.

Whether your taste runs from classic to modern prints, you may be able to find the photograph you're looking for in a flash. One online company to consider is Corbis. It offers more than 1,000 images in dozens of themes and categories.

Shoppers can dress up a poster or print with a custom mat or frame.

When buying a gift for a parent or grandparent, consider transporting them back to their childhood with a historic photograph or print from an earlier era.

The Corbis 20th Century in Pictures Collection lets you browse photos by decade and subject matter. The collection spans historic events and eras from the digging of the Panama Canal to the British Invasion of the 1960s to the personal computer revolution of the 1990s. One mouse click at any stop along the way calls up “more images like this,” letting you wander intuitively through the world's largest photo collection until you find the right photo or print for that special person.

The company also offers an extensive library of photography and art books. Here are other highlights of the site:

- By clicking on “fine art,” visitors can view nearly 14,000 pictures ranging from photographs of woodcarvings to paintings of ships to portraits to classic works.
- Browse the celebrities and



One gift site, Corbis.com, features posters of such famous photographers as Ansel Adams, as well as other historic works.

entertainment section and you can view photographs of models, actors, musicians, politicians and movie stars. This includes everyone from Elizabeth Taylor to Michael Jackson to President Bill Clinton.

• Visit the black and white photography section which includes thousands of images from the Bettmann Collection. The Bettmann Collection is a treasure trove of historical images that span from the American Civil War to the present.

The company also features virtual postcards that can be sent with the click of a mouse.

More information about these photographs is available at the online store at [www.corbis.com](http://www.corbis.com).

## NEW ARRIVALS

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December 5: A daughter, Asha Shicole, to Barbara and Shawn Collinsworth of Salyersville.

December 9: A daughter, Madison Jayde Caudill, to Molly Fay Smith of Eastern; a daughter, Haley LaShae Jarvis to Stephanie Collins of Garrett; a son, Jonathan Kyle, to Rhonda and Kevin

Blackburn of Banner; a son, Cody Ray, to Mable and Raymond Bailey of Oil Springs; a son, Dustin Malcom, to Tonya and Jeffery Slone of Eastern; a son, Colton Hunter, to Brandie and Anthony Howard of Royalton.

December 10: A son, Andrew Jordan, to Kellie and Stephen LeMaster of Stambaugh.

December 13: A son, Devin Floyd, to Susan and Kevin Davis of Hippo; a daughter, Audrey Elizabeth, to Elizabeth and Bryan Griffith of Prestonsburg.

December 14: A daughter, Destiny Brianna Slone, to Crystal Poston of Wayland.

December 16: A daughter, Stacia Paige, to Stacy Dale and Denise Collins of Betsy Layne.

December 17: A son, Dalton Ray, to Billy Ray and Sherry Lynn Slone of Wayland.

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# Add personality and charm to holiday gifts with simple tips from the experts

(NAPSA)-Tired of the same boring gift-wrapped boxes every holiday? Make this holiday season different and special. Even fumble-fingered gift givers can create unique and creative gift-wrap that

personalizes gifts and adds a special touch to any present. Try these simple and easy tips to make your gifts stand out even before they're opened:  
 • Wrap a package in a solid-

colored paper. Use a special paper punch such as a star-shaped or square-shaped punch to make shapes from a contrasting colored paper. Glue the shapes onto the paper and make a matching gift tag. Or, try rubber stamping fun holiday prints. These gifts will be personalized with your own creativity.

• For a rustic look, wrap a package in brown craft paper or a solid brown paper bag. Use binder twine as a ribbon. Tuck a few pine, spruce or holly sprigs on the ribbon. This package will smell as pretty as it looks.

• Wrap a rectangular package in plain white paper and address it as if it were a letter. Don't forget the return address and

## Holiday Hints

a creative home made postage stamp. For a cute touch, write "Don't open 'till..." in red.

• Hard to wrap gifts can be wrapped in a blanket or throw with a holiday print. Wrap the blanket or throw around the gift and tie a ribbon around the gathered material on top. The wrap becomes an additional gift.

• Add charm to plain wrapped gifts by sprucing up their bows. Tuck candy canes or other special treats into an already tied

bow. Tie crayons, ornaments or other knick-knacks to ribbon tails to add an extra little gift that will become a holiday keepsake.

• If your package already comes in a festive box, simply gather a piece of nylon tulle or net around the box and secure it with a bright ribbon. The nylon tulle adds a unique creative touch.

• To make your foil-wrapped package extra special, use wire edged organza ribbon to create beautiful bows. Tuck floral stems



and berry sprigs under the bow. The added touches are sure to be noticed.

For other simple but unique gift-wrap ideas, visit your local Jo-Ann etc or Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts store. To locate a store near you, visit [www.joann.com](http://www.joann.com).

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## Most appreciated presents are often the most practical

(NAPSA)-Having trouble trying to decide on a gift for a relative, boss or neighbor? The most pleasing presents, say the experts, are those that are both practical and attractive.

Here are a few time-honored ideas that range in price from \$10 to \$40.

• The leather or suede glove is a perfect gift. The best gloves are butter-soft and offer a custom-made fit without having to be custom made. No need to worry about getting the right size with the IsoFlex Smooth Leather and IsoFlex Suede Gloves for women by Isotoner. The one-size leather glove features a fleece lining, gathered palm and spandex to enhance comfort and range of movement. The one-size suede glove also features a fleece lining with a full suede back and a spandex palm with suede "driving" strips.

• Gloves are not a gender-specific gift. Men also appreciate this practical accessory, especially if they are stylish and cool. Perfect examples are the fleece-lined IsoFlex Suede Glove and Smooth Leather Gloves for men by Isotoner, which are available in Medium, Large and Extra-Large.

• The gift of comfortable slippers is sure



A number of holiday gifts are now available that are practical, affordable and fit like a glove.

to bring a smile to the face of someone on your list. One of this year's most stylish shoe-ins for top slipper is the practical, comfortable Suede Penny Loafer for men by totes. Featuring a skid resistant, durable sole, the Suede Penny Loafer is

great for wearing in or around the house.

• This year, women's slipper silhouettes are following the runway trend with an innovation in contemporary ballerina styling. Perfect for lounging around the house or running to the store, the Impressions Matte Satin Ballerina by Isotoner forms completely around the foot to create a comfortable and flattering custom fit that is sure to be a welcome treat for those tired, aching feet.

• An umbrella is always an appreciated gift that shows that you care. A great fit for any glove box, pocketbook or day planner, the Pocket Wonder umbrella by totes opens to full size and folds down to less than 7" and weighs only 6.8 ounces. The Pocket Wonder comes with a unique and stylish carrying case that is available in microfiber for women and leatherette for men. The carrying case also features a water-proof PVC lining.

• And we can't forget the kids. With glow-in-the-dark highlights and a cool, removable flashlight handle that projects beams of light, the new SplashFlash umbrella by totes is not only designed for protection from the elements, but for FUN!

## The holiday spirit: Earliest Christmas ornaments

(NAPSA)-Did you know that some of the earliest Christmas trees in medieval times were decorated with red apples?

By the early 1600s, decorators

went nuts and trimmed trees with nuts, fruits and paper roses. Sweet ideas came later with cookies, candies and painted eggshells adorning trees.

Today, decorations include everything from candy canes to popcorn to a dazzling array of bright ornaments made from various materials. Glass-blown ornaments are particularly popular. These decorations come in a variety of shapes, including Santa Clauses, flowers, icicles, toys, trees and cones.

The Merck Family's Old World Christmas is the country's largest source of authentic, mouth-blown, quality glass ornaments.

The family-owned company also makes traditional nutcrackers and music boxes.

Here are highlights of this season's ornaments and collectibles:

• The festive new ornament "A Toast to 2000!" makes a great Christmas gift as well as a millennium memento. This is a delicate glass ornament in the shape of a

miniature bottle of champagne with the French phrase inscribed in the mold, "Fin de siècle champagne," or end of the century champagne.

• The Black Forest Santa ornament shows Santa carrying a large golden basket full of local delicacies to nourish him during his trip. Included in his basket is Black Forest ham.

• Traditional nutcrackers carved from wood include the Merry Wanderer, Napoleon Bonaparte and King Henry VIII.

• Limited edition nutcrackers, such as Santa with Snowman, feature Santa and some of his favorite friends. They are all signed and numbered by the artist, award-winning designer E.M. Merck.

The line is carried by retailers across the country, including many Christmas, gift and garden shops, as well as florists and furniture stores, and through such major catalogs as L.L. Bean, Touchstone and Signals.

More information about the ornaments and other holiday products is available on the website at



Glass holiday ornaments can be a delight for yourself or as a gift. You may want to collect new millennium ornaments.

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## Gifts styled to get stamp of approval

(NAPSA)-Finding a convenient place to buy last minute holiday gifts may be something to write home about-especially when that place is your post office.

An increasing number of people have found that their post office is well equipped with uniquely interesting, gift-giving opportunities.

"We have gifts that will suit practically any taste or style," says Patricia M. Gibert, Vice President of Retail at the Postal Service.

Gibert offers the following list of gift suggestions:

• Stamps make practical gifts because everyone needs and uses them. Because stamp subjects are so varied, customers are sure to find subject gift recipients would be pleased to place their mail or save.

• Commemorative stamps, such as the Celebrate the Century Collection and the 1999 Commemorative Stamp Yearbook are ideal for anyone since the stamp subjects reflect American



Here's a gift suggestion you may want to mail to friends. The Post Office offers a variety of gifts.

life.

• Money orders are said to be better than a gift certificate. Postal Money Orders are safe and may be cashed. Purchase any amount up to \$700 or just 85¢. Free gift envelopes are available while supplies last.

• Prepaid first class phone cards adorned with beautiful stamp art, can be purchased in 30-, 60-, 180- and 400-minute increments.

The phone cards make a much-appreciated gift for college students, grandparents and small busi-

ness owners.

• Unique stationary and gifts featuring popular stamp themes.

Most post offices will sell computer paper, stationery, notecards and greeting cards, featuring the new Contemporary Deer stamp or some of the century's best-loved Santa stamps. Merchandise featuring the popular Kwanzaa and Hanukkah stamps are available at select locations.

Gibert suggests that if customers want fast delivery, they should send their packages by Priority Mail. Delivery takes an average of 2-3 days. She adds that last-minute mailers can send their packages overnight using Express Mail.

"Because the post office also sells boxes, padded envelopes and bubble wrap, you can literally complete your shopping and shipping in one trip," says Gibert.

You can also do some shopping at home. To get stamps online, visit [www.stampsonline.com](http://www.stampsonline.com) or call 1-800-Stamp-24.

## Finding the perfect present for your teen

(NAPSA)-How can parents find out what's hot and what's not? Hang out with some teens.

One online store that does that reaches over three million teens in the U.S. and abroad. The site, Bolt.com, carries hundreds of items selected and reviewed by teens who visit the site.

For an easy guide of the top sellers, parents can check out the "Bolt Pulse," a list of the top ten items in the store at any given time, as well as the last ten items sold. Each product page carries member reviews, with a 4-star rating system and user comments on each item—all from teens.

Some must have's for teens this holiday season? On the clothing front military and urban gear is making a huge splash. All things "Cargo" are the rage. Cargo clothing is typified by having extra pockets.

The online store also offers sporting gear, electronics and music accessories. More information is available by visiting <http://gifts.bolt.com>.



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## Toys to make this holiday season merry and bright

(NAPSA)-As you reflect on holiday memories from years gone by, you may recall the overwhelming joy you felt as you ripped open your presents to find that-bad as you may have been-Santa Claus pulled through!

To help make sure your loved ones experience those same feelings of jubilation, Target Stores' toy experts have consulted with Santa Claus to put together a list of the season's hottest toys for children from 'one to 92.'

### Exceptional electronics

This holiday brings an electrifying selection of electronic toys. Computer technology lets young children interact with their favorite

stuffed animals and plush dolls, and allows the young-at-heart to interact with the world around them. Electronic items sure to be a hit include:

- Amazing Ally, \$69.99
- Barney Banjo, \$24.99
- Furby and Furby Babies, \$29.99
- Pooh and Friends Chat Pals, \$39.99
- Rock 'n Roll Ernie, \$29.99
- Walk 'n Wag Pluto, \$29.99
- Sony Playstation and N64, \$99.99
- V-Tech Hip Hues Cordless Phones (available only at Target Stores), \$44.99

- Cool Tones Personal CD Player (available only at Target Stores), \$79.99
- Canon Elph APS Camera, \$99.99

### Cool collectibles

Today, there's more to collect than marbles, pop tops and baseball cards. Your collector will have a happy holiday with these collectibles:

- Pokemon Cards, \$3.29 per pack
  - Hot Wheels Mechanic Deluxe, \$14.99
  - Hasbro's Monopoly@ Game Millennium Edition, \$39.99
- All dolled up**  
Some things never change-little

girls want little doll girls of their own, and they still love to play dress-up. Holiday ideas just for your little princess include:

- Barbie and Baby Sister Krissy, \$18.99
- Collector's Lane Porcelain Dolls (available only at Target Stores), \$19.99
- Starring Me! (available only at Target Stores), \$3.99-\$12.99

To find these toys, or specialty toys such as Discovery Channel@ Exploration Toys, Sanrio@ Activity Toys, Alex Activity Toys or Playmobil, visit your local Target Store. You can also find many of these items at [www.target.com](http://www.target.com).

## A homemade gift creates holiday magic

(NAPSA)-For children, giving a gift they've made themselves is a highlight of the holidays. Delicious Holiday Granola is a kid-friendly recipe your little elves will have as much fun making as they will giving.

This easy recipe uses mostly on-hand ingredients. While cranberries are especially festive, any dried fruit can be used. For a crunchier granola, use the old-fashioned oats.

Older kids can do the measuring and let their younger siblings mix everything together. While the granola bakes, everyone can decorate a gift bag.

### HOLIDAY GRANOLA

6 1/2 cups

- 4 cups Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup honey

- 1/4 cup raw, unsalted sunflower seeds
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted
- 2 teaspoons grated orange peel
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 package (6 oz.) dried cranberries

Heat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, combine all ingredients except cranberries; mix well. Spread evenly in 15 x 10-inch jelly roll pan. Bake 40 minutes or until golden brown, stirring every 10 minutes. Remove granola from oven; stir in cranberries. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Store tightly covered up to 3 weeks.

Nutrition Information: 1 cup  
Calories 230, Fat 6g, Cholesterol 0mg, Sodium 70mg, Fiber 5g.



## Give the gift of knowledge with a refurbished PC

(NAPSA)-Whether your child is in first grade or college, a computer can be a powerful learning tool-and a delightful holiday gift. And with the help of refurbished computers, parents can put technology on their holiday shopping list at a more affordable price.

Because of the advancing level of technology in the classroom, having a computer at home is practically a necessity for students of all ages. And finding one under the tree is a delightful way to "wrap up" the holiday season and set out on a learning adventure.

At only a fraction of the cost of a new PC, refurbished computers can offer enough power for students to use for work or play, and to surf the Internet, do research, and send e-mail, as well as create term papers, resumes and other documents.

For families that already have a computer, an affordable second machine can make sense for children to use in the playroom, for

teenagers to complete their homework and chat or even for busy parents to manage their holiday list, shop online and stay in touch with friends. A refurbished computer is also an ideal holiday gift for long distance grandparents to stay connected across the miles.

Each week, more than 5,000 computers that have been returned at the end of corporate lease agreements are shipped to IBM's reman-

ufacturing facility in Raleigh, NC. They are refurbished and made ready for resale, an activity that contributed to IBM's receipt of the 1998 "Recycler of the Year" award from the Society of Plastics Engineers.

All of IBM's refurbished computers come with Microsoft Windows and a 90-day limited warranty from IBM Global Financing. Pentium desktop PCs are available

for as low as \$350 with monitor, and ThinkPad notebooks for as low as \$550.

Refurbished systems are available by calling 1-800-IBM-5440 or visiting [www.ibm.com/financing](http://www.ibm.com/financing) or the Egghead Surplus Direct Website at [www.egghead.com](http://www.egghead.com).

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Commissioner Carl Campbell, center, presents award for reclamation excellence to Coal Mac Inc. staff, from left, Gary Bennett, Willard Thornsby, Terry Potter and Steve Case. (photo by Pam Shingler)



## Local reclamation site wins award for coal company

Carl Campbell, commissioner of the state Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, came to Prestonsburg December 14 to present an award for reclamation at a Floyd County site.

Campbell presented a 1999 Commissioner's Award of Excellence in Reclamation to Coal Mac Inc. for its work at a mining facility at Printer.

The company, as part of its mining and reclamation activities at the 245-acre surface mining operation, was faced with a "number of significant obstacles from the very start," Campbell said.

The obstacles included the need to construct more than a mile of road to access the site, relocation of a 20" gas pipeline, relocation of a 16" high pressure hydrocarbon transmission line, and moving of several dwellings.

Mining activity began in December of 1990, and coal removal was completed in February of 1993.

In accordance with landowner wishes, Campbell said the "permit has been reclaimed to a post-mining land use of fish and wildlife habitat."

"As a result of (Coal Mac's) efforts, the area has been greatly

enhanced through the establishment of a more diverse habitat and should provide benefits to both the community and the property owner," the commissioner said.

"This site was nominated because of the company's outstanding reclamation work and their extraordinary commitment to the environment," he said.

"Due to the company's exemplary efforts, this site is an outstanding example of both the reclamation and the environmental stewardship that can be achieved by today's mining industry."

## Memo

Notes about area businesses and professions compiled by Pam Shingler

### Area man invents lift

Daniel R. Martin of Isom, in Letcher County, has invented a device to help with hanging drywall. It's called the manual drywall lift and is designed to make it easier for one person to hang the wall covering alone.

The idea is being made available for licensing to manufacturers interested in new product development, especially in the drywall supplies industry. It is being promoted by Invention Technologies Inc. of Coral Gables, Florida; products@invent-tech.com.

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### Firstar increases stock dividend

The board of directors of Milwaukee-based Firststar Corporation, which owns banks in Prestonsburg and Martin, have voted to increase the common stock dividend by 62.5 percent to \$0.1625 per share on a quarterly basis or \$0.65 on an annualized basis.

The common stock quarterly dividend is payable January 15, 2000, to shareholders of record on December 31, 1999. Firststar's current quarterly common stock dividend is \$0.10 per share or \$0.40 on an annualized basis.

The corporation, by the way, was recently ranked as the number one bank based on projected 2001 measures by the US Equity Research Division of Warburg Dillon Read LLC, which included 35 of the top US banks in the ranking.

The rankings were published in the company's Bank Profit Quarterly report, which touted Firststar as "our new fundamental star, based on our 2001 estimates."

## Peebles confident in Y2K readiness

Much has been written about the Year 2000 computer problem and its possible impact on business operations.

The primary concern is whether all

computers, machines, instruments software programs, and anything else that may utilize a clock, calendar, or date will continue to function properly after December 31, 1999.

Ken Blackburn, chief information officer at Peebles Inc., which operates 122 department stores in 15 states, confidently states, "We're ready to go."

Under Blackburn's direction, Peebles has spent the past two and one-half years analyzing, testing, and correcting "as necessary" their internal systems to be Year 2000 compliant.

"We knew the year 2000 was coming long before the term 'Y2K' became popular. Programs that we have been writing since the early '80s were set-up to work into the new millennium and beyond," Blackburn said.

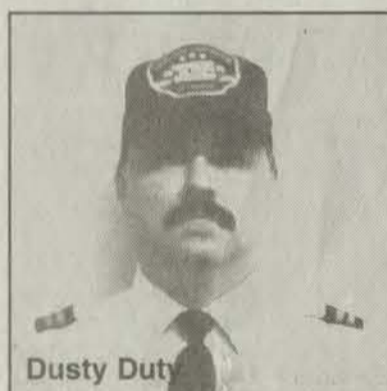
"However, to assure our business runs smoothly into the 21st century, we have very carefully reviewed and tested all of our systems and have

addressed this issue with our suppliers, vendors and service providers to ensure that we are positioned to provide uninterrupted service to our customers.

"The systems that were of most concern to our customers, such as accuracy of charge accounts; the processing of Peebles and bank card purchases through our register systems; and the continuous flow of merchandise to our stores were made a top priority and addressed early in the process.

"As an added precaution, we are also implementing a comprehensive business continuity plan to ensure that we can continue to provide services to our customers if there are any interruptions in normal operations," Blackburn said.

## Duty is Otter Creek employee of the year



Dusty Duty

William M. Wolford, Otter Creek warden.

Duty was hired in 1998 and serves as assistant shift supervisor. He is responsible for the direct supervision of security staff and inmates in the performance of their duties.

"Mr. Duty always gives more than 100 percent on any occasion," Wolford said. "He sets an example for his co-workers with his positive attitude, moral character and strong work ethic. Employees like Rusty Duty are the force behind CCA's motto, 'Excellence in Corrections.'"

The Employee of the Year program recognizes outstanding performance and dedication among corrections industry professionals across the country. Each facility winner receives a cash prize.

CCA has managed Otter Creek Correctional Center since April of 1998. Otter Creek is currently a minimum security prison with 128 staff members working around the clock.

CCA manages prisons and other correctional institutions for government agencies. The company is the industry leader in private-sector corrections with 73,235 beds in 82 facilities under contract in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Australia and Great Britain.

CCA provides a full range of services that includes finance, design, construction, renovation and management of new or existing facilities.

St. James Episcopal Church hosted the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours on December 14. The church took the opportunity to introduce chamber members to its Fishes and Loaves food pantry and other outreach programs. (photo by Pam Shingler)



## Local man makes colonel

During a pinning ceremony in the Office of the Adjutant General's Office of the State of North Carolina, Mabry E. (Bud) Martin was promoted to colonel in the North Carolina Army National Guard.

Colonel Martin, a native of Floyd County, is the son of Mabry and Maxine Martin of Wayland.

He graduated from Wayland High School and attended Clemson University in South Carolina on a full basketball scholarship, graduating in 1973 with a BS degree in ceramic engineering.

He was also a distinguished military graduate of the Clemson ROTC program where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the field artillery of the US Army.

Colonel Martin served on active duty for three years from 1973 to 1976. He joined the North Carolina Army National Guard in 1982 where

he has served continuously. He has commanded at both battery and battalion level and is presently the Chief Intelligence Officer for the North Carolina National Guard in Raleigh.

Martin's civilian employment is with PPG Industries Inc., where he is manager of manufacturing engineering for PPG's Fiber Glass Products Group in Lexington, North Carolina. He has been employed with PPG for 21 years.

He will be completing his MBA degree at Wake Forest University in August 2000 at which time he will begin his studies at the War College.

Martin has been married to Margaret Dawn Irmiter for more than 27 years. They have two daughters, Kara, 23, a graduate of North Carolina State University, and Kristin, 20, a junior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for a Phase II & III bond release on permit number 436-0044 which was last issued on January 30, 1996. The application covers an area of approximately 319.9 acres located 1 mile southwest of level in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 0.5 miles southeast from KY 1426's junction with Cecil Branch County Road, and located 0.4 miles south of Cecil Branch. The latitude is 37°34'58". The longitude is 82°40'48".

The bond now in effect for permit number 436-0044 is a surety bond in the amount of four hundred fifty thousand eight hundred dollars (\$450,800.00). Approximately forty percent (40%) of the original bond amount of one million one hundred twenty-seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,127,200.00) is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching completed in the spring of 1991. The establishment of the approved post-mine land use has been achieved.

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 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 a hearing or informal conference is received by February 4, 2000.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**  
In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, (606-886-2330), intends to apply for Phase III bond releases on Increments No. 3, and 6, of permit No. 836-0205 which was last issued on Oct. 13, 1995. The increments cover approximate surface and underground areas as follows:

Increment No. 3 - Surface area 17.27; Underground area 215.32;

Increment No. 6 - Surface area 6.30; Underground area 0.0.

The operation is located at Grethel in Floyd County, and is 0.15 miles northwest from KY 979's junction with KY 1426. The operation is located on the McDowell quadrangle map.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching, completed in the spring of 1990. The establishment of the approved post-mine land use has been achieved.

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 Surface Mining Reclamation and

The original performance bonds and bonds (surety) now in affect for the two increments are as follows:

Increment No. 3 - Original bond \$36,100.00; Current bond \$17,500.00; Increment No. 6 - Original bond \$22,800.00; Current bond \$3,300.00. 100% of the original bond amounts are included in this request for release of Increments No. 3 and 6.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in spring of 1993. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation, and the post mining land use in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

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 Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by February 11, 2000.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 14, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no requests for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 11, 2000.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 has applied for a Phase II and III 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 from 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 forty percent (40%) 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. The establishment of the approved post-mine land use has been achieved.

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 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 a hearing or informal conference is received by February 4, 2000.

**NOTICE OF SALE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT**

**DIVISION NO: II CIVIL ACTION NO: 95-CI-00956 WILLIAM FOLEY, PAUL FOLEY and JENNIFER FOLEY, his wife - PLAINTIFF'S VS: FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK, PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY - DEFENDANTS**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the November 18, 1996 Term, in the above styled action in the sum of SEVENTYFOUR THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-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 the amount of \$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 Justice Center), Central Avenue, 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 following described property, on a tract-by tract basis or as a whole, whichever method shall realize the highest price, to wit:

**TRACT NO. 1**  
BEING THE SAME property conveyed to Paul Dean Foley, by Deed dated the 14th day of December, 1983, from Billie Joe Wireman, which is duly recorded in Deed Book 281, Page 498, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk and is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at Russell Blackburn's line and corner of Ed Hunt's line; thence running west down Cow Creek; thence approximately 200 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.

**TRACT NO. II**  
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 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake on east side of Woods Branch and is more particularly described as follows: thence running west down Cow Creek approximately 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 beginning at Woods Branch.

**TRACT III**  
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 its Counterclaim, interest, costs and attorney fees by the Plaintiffs Paul Foley and Jennifer Foley, jointly and severally.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall include costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for conducting this sale. The lien of the Defendant, First Commonwealth Bank shall attach to the proceeds of the sale of the real property in the amount of SEVENTYFOUR THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$74,733.75) as of September 26, 1996, together with interest at the contract rate until the date of Judgment and at the rate of 12% per annum thereafter, until paid, together with attorney fees in the amount of \$4,522.36 as of September 26, 1996, the Defendants court cost and all other sums required to preserve and recover the property.

The property shall be sold free and clear of any liens or encumbrances subject 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 or assessments remain unpaid, and subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's office and any right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners there-

of, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes for the fiscal year 1999, and for any prior years for which 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 CENTRAL AVENUE  
P.O. BOX 763  
PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY 41653  
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This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid to the following:

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P.O. Box 351  
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Hon. E. Martin McGuire  
P.O. Box 1257  
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

This 1st day of December, 1999

CLYDE F. JOHNSON

**NOTICE OF CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S EXAM**

The test required by Section 100 of the Kentucky Constitution and Supreme Court Rule 1.060 will be administered Saturday, January 15, 2000, in Davidson Hall at the University of Louisville. Sign-in is at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. No late arrivals will be admitted after 8:20 a.m. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To request a pre-registration form (and/or study materials), you must call 502-852-3305. No one will be admitted to the test who has not pre-registered; all pre-registration forms must be postmarked no later than January 5, 2000.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application #898-0284, Renewal (1) In accordance with KRS 350.55, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation. This operation consists of 707.68 surface acres and 554.46 underground acres for a total of 2010.94 acres and is located 5.70 miles southwest of Pikeville in Pike and Floyd Counties.

(2) The proposed operation is approximately 4.2 miles southwest from Pike 1289 junction with KY Route 1426 and located 1.1 miles south of Island Creek. The latitude is 37°25'04". The longitude is 82°36'17".

(3) The proposed operation is located on the Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour strip and auger method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Sam Fields; Gene and Garnett Hall; Harrison and Juanita Rogers; G.B. Spears, Goldie Clark Heirs and Pearl Martin Heirs; Jackqueline Hall, Bruce Hall Heirs; Hubert Hall; Industrial Fuels Mineral Corp.; Chapperal Coal Corp.; Hayes Johnson; Crit and Lydia Johnson Heirs; Frank Johnson; Prater Creek Processing Co., Inc.; Willard and Kate Akers; Thomas B. Plattiff, and Lodestar Energy. The operation will underlie land owned by Jackqueline Hall; Bruce Hall Heirs; Hubert Hall; Industrial Fuels Mineral Corp.; Chapperal Coal Corp.; Hayes Johnson; Crit and Lydia Johnson Heirs; Frank Johnson; Prater Creek Processing Co., Inc. and Lodestar Energy. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road 3416 Island Creek County Road and 3379 Branham Creek County Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public roads.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of the application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

**INVITATION FOR BID**

The Big Sandy Health Care will receive sealed bids for the construction of addition to existing Hope Family Medical Clinic, Salyersville, Kentucky. The bids will be publicly 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 that time.

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 Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, 606 886-3929. Plans will be distributed from the office of the architect. Deposit must be received by Architect before Contract 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, otherwise no refund will be due. The deposit check will be returned only to the bidder who submits a 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 complete Contract Documents which include Project Manual, Technical Specifications and Drawings. All bids shall be submitted only on the Form prepared by the Architect. The proposal 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:

1. F.W. Dodge Corp. 303 N. Hurstborn Lane, Suite 265, Louisville, Ky.
2. F.W. Dodge Corp. 2525 Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington, Ky.
3. Dodge 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 PERCENT (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 properly 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 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 satisfactory Contract 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 failure.

any bid which is not received on a timely bases or in the proper form shall be returned unopened.

The owner reserves the right to accept any or reject any and all Bids and to waive any informalities therein.

**"EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY"**

**NOTICE TO BID**  
The City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids until Monday, December 27, 1999, at 4 p.m., on a Vertical Cardboard Baler, with 1,000 lbs. capacity, 240 volts, single phase. Specifications may be obtained at City Hall, in the Clerk's office.

Please send bids to City of Prestonsburg, 200 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. If you have any questions, please call 606 886-2335.

The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Total bid quantity of two.

**CITY OF PRESTONSBURG**

**ORDINANCE NO. 6-99**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG ESTABLISHING A GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE GOLF COURSE**

Whereas, the City of Prestonsburg is in the process of constructing an 18 hole championship golf course and recreational facility; and

Whereas, the Council of the City of Prestonsburg has determined that the daily operation and maintenance of the course should be vested in a board; and

Whereas, the board should be vested, by ordinance, with certain powers, duties, and responsibilities;

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG AS FOLLOWS:**

**A. ESTABLISHMENT; MEMBERS**

1. There is created a Golf Course Advisory Board of the city which shall consist of eight residents of the city who have resided therein for not less than one year next preceding the date of their appointment. The membership shall consist of the Mayor and two councilpersons whose terms shall be coterminous with their terms as elected officials. The other five members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of Council, and shall serve a period of two years, with their terms expiring December 1. Two of the initial members shall serve for a one-year term and the other three initial members shall serve for a two-year term, so that the terms of all members shall be staggered thereafter. Nothing shall prohibit the reappointment of any member.

2. No person shall be appointed a member of the Board who has, within the last six months before his appointment, held any elected office.

3. If at any time during his term of office, a member of the board, other than the Mayor and Council

members, becomes a candidate for or is elected or appointed to any public office, he shall automatically vacate his membership on the board and another person shall be appointed.

4. Any and all vacancies that may occur shall be filled by the Mayor, with the approval of Council, to fill the unexpired term of the member.

5. Any member of the Golf Course Advisory Board may be removed from office upon a two-thirds vote of the City Council for inefficiency, neglect of duty, misfeasance, or malfeasance in office.

**B. COMPENSATION**

1. Members of the board shall receive no salary, fees, or reimbursement for expenses.

2. All employees of the Golf Course and related activities shall be city employees under the provisions of the existing personnel manual or its revisions. The method of hiring said employees should come as a recommendation from the board to the Personnel Committee of the City Council and then to the Mayor.

3. All employee related expenses, including, but not limited to, salaries, benefits and travel expenses, shall come solely from the revenues of the project, unless specifically budgeted by the Council in the annual budget. The city treasurer shall maintain a separate bank account for the revenues of the project and pay the expenses therefrom, with the checks being signed by the Mayor and City Treasurer. Any excess revenues above the cost of operation and a sufficient maintenance reserve may be deposited in the general fund for the overall operation of the city.

4. The board shall prepare a budget for the fiscal year of July 1 to June 30 and submit it to the Finance and Revenue Committee of the city for approval and to be included in City's budget ordinance. Said annual budget shall be submitted by May 1 of each year. The board shall make quarterly financial reports to City Council in open meetings.

**C. QUORUM; OFFICERS and MEETINGS**

1. A majority of the Golf Course Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum and the Board shall act vote of a majority present at any meeting attended by the quorum. Vacancies in the Board shall not affect its power or authority so long as a quorum remains.

2. Within ten days after appointment and qualification of members, the Golf Course Advisory Board shall hold a meeting and elect a Chairperson, who shall preside at the meetings and have no authority outside of a convened meeting. Secretary, and such other officers as it may choose to elect. The Board shall hold public meetings at least once each month at such regular time and place as the Board may determine. Changes in the time and place of meeting shall be made known to the public as far in advance as practicable. Any special meeting may be called by the Chairperson, Mayor, or by any two

members of the Board, but, if such special meeting is called, the Chairperson or Secretary shall send written notice to all members of the Board.

3. All meetings of the Golf Course Advisory Board shall be open to the public and comply with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Kentucky. The Board shall keep accurate record and minutes of the meetings, which shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection.

**D. DUTIES**

1. After the board has been appointed and qualified, the Golf Course Advisory Board shall thereafter have charge of the general supervision and control of the operation and maintenance of the golf course. The board shall employ such personnel as the board deems fit, provided the provisions of Section B 2 are followed. It shall be the responsibility of the board to develop job descriptions for all employees and assign duties as it sees fit. The Board shall not employ any person who is the spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild of any member of the board, the Mayor or any Councilperson.

2. Within the limits of the funds available therefore, the Golf Course Advisory Board shall determine programs, improvements, rates and may establish such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or appropriate to govern

operation of the golf course.

3. A copy of the schedule of the correct rates and charges in effect from time to time and a copy of all rules and regulations of the Board shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk. The Golf Course Advisory Board shall keep a complete and accurate record of all meetings and actions taken, and shall make reports of the same to the City Council at stated intervals, not to exceed quarterly. The reports shall be in writing, shall be filed in open meeting of the City Council, and a copy shall be filed with the City Clerk.

4. The purpose of the Board shall be to handle the daily operation of the Golf Course and the Mayor or City Council shall retain the right to overrule any action taken by the Board if they deem necessary.

5. The organization chart for the operation of the Golf Course shall be:

City of Prestonsburg  
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Mayor  
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City Council  
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Golf Course Advisory Board  
|  
Golf Course Employees

D. All Ordinances or any parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent of such conflict.

E. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Adopted this 9th day of December, 1999.

**REPORT OF UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL TICKETS**

Report of Unclaimed Pari-Mutuel Tickets, in compliance with KRS 230.361, Section 3.1, Anne Reeder, Appalachian Racing of 164 Thunder Road located in Floyd County, Kentucky, do report as of July 1, 1999, that we are holding \$46,493.30 in unclaimed winning pari-mutuel tickets one (1) year old or older.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, County of Floyd**

The affiant being duly sworn or affirmed according to law, deposes and says that the foregoing report is correct and true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn or affirmed to and subscribed before me this 25th day of August, 1999, David Martin, NP. My commission expires January 30, 2001.

Anyone holding such unclaimed winning tickets may redeem same prior to December 31, 1999, at the office of Appalachian Racing, Inc., at which time, the remaining balance will be forwarded to the Kentucky Racing Commission, 4063 Iron Works Pkwy., Lexington, Kentucky 40511.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Prestonsburg Housing Authority would like to remind anyone who may be making excavations near or on the Housing Authority property, that it is necessary to report to the Housing Authority before doing any work and to report any incidence of gas odor in

the Housing Authority community.

Phone numbers of persons to contact: Prestonsburg Housing Authority - 606 886-2717, daytime 8:30 - 4:30 After hours: Donald Nelson, Maintenance Supervisor - 606 889-0569 Charles Shell, Maintenance Person - 606 886-1543 Brenda Harris, Executive Director - 606 886-2519

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment of, or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. Telephone 606 886-2717 or 800-648-6056 (For Hearing Impaired)

The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg has decent, affordable rental housing located in the Prestonsburg area for all qualified applicants. Rent is based on income. For more information, please call 606 886-2717 or 606 886-6423 or stop by the offices located in the complexes at Green Acres, North Lake Drive, and Dixie in the Goble-Roberts Addition, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. We do business in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Prestonsburg Health Care Center, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, is licensed in the state of Kentucky as a Nursing Facility. All persons qualifying for nursing care shall be admitted to this facility regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, handicapping condition, age, or religious preference. Shirley Thacker, Adm. Prestonsburg Health Care Center Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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1994 Trailer INUDT38RMAS0398 1995 Kenworth W900B Tractor 1XKWDBOX9SJ6585 71

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**


The following property will be offered at public sale at Worldwide Equipment, Inc., Highway 1428 East, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, on 12/28/99, commencing at 02:30 p.m.:

1994 Trailer INUDT38RMAS0398 1995 Kenworth W900B Tractor 1XKWDBOX9SJ6585 71

**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed bids are now being accepted for up to 16 used gas cooking stoves being disposed of by the housing authority. The sizes range from 20 inches to 30 inches wide. For more information, please contact Bruce Coleman, Housing Authority of Martin, P.O. Box 806, Martin, KY 41649, 606 285-3681. All bids are due by 2 p.m., December 29, 1999. The HA reserves the right to refuse all bids.

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- Autos
- Appliances
- Electronics
- Books
- Apparel
- Computers
- Sporting Goods
- Furniture
- Tools
- Kitchenware
- Collectibles
- Musical Instruments
- ...and more

# SELL



# TOMORROW

**OUR RATES ARE:**

\$1.00 per line, 4 lines minimum for Wednesday and Friday Paper. 25¢ per line, 4 lines minimum for Shopper if purchased with Wednesday and Friday.

50¢ per line, 4 lines minimum for Sunday if purchased with Wed. and Fri. (Shopper FREE)

Shopper only: \$1.00 per line, 4 lines minimum. Sunday only: \$1.00 per line, 4 lines minimum.

Border Ads: \$2.00 extra per Wednesday and Friday, \$1.00 per Shopper or/and Sunday.

Reverse Ads: \$3.00 extra per Wednesday and Friday, \$2.00 per Shopper or/and Sunday

Shaded Ads with a border \$3.00 extra per Wed. and Fri., \$2.00 per Shopper or/and Sunday

Attention Lines, Centered/Bold Ads, 12 pt. Type, 14 pt. Type: \$0 extra per week.

Visa and MasterCard accepted over telephone or walk-in. Fax 606-886-3603

For a price quote, call **886-8506**

Sandra at Ext. #15 or Jenny at Ext. #14

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