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The Times

FLOYD COUNTY

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Crime rate, fatalities fell in 1999

Public appears to embrace 911

by **Randell Reno**
Staff Writer

Captain Mike Luttrell and Trooper Mike Goble of the Kentucky State Police reported that 1999 was a year of less crime and fewer traffic fatalities in the area served by Post 9 in Pikeville.

Troopers opened 3,885 new criminal

cases in 1999, compared to 4,654 opened for 1998, 769 fewer cases. DUI arrests for the year totaled 1,177.

The post also recorded a total of 35 fatal traffic accidents for the year, with 42 people dying in those accidents. That is 27 fewer from the previous year's total of 50 fatal accidents resulting in 69 deaths.

Those doubting the effectiveness of

Floyd County's 911 system can erase their doubts after viewing the state police statistics for the year of 1999.

State police received 11,079 calls from Floyd County residents using 911 last year, which is 28.3 percent of all calls made to the post. Most of those calls, 1,520, were requesting police services.

There were 288 calls for area fire departments, and calls for emergency medical service (EMS) totaled 895.

A grand total of 39,114 calls were made

to the post for the five-county area of Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Magoffin and Martin. Pike County residents made the most calls with 21,624, which is 55.3 percent of the calls.

Floyd County and Pike County have their 911 dispatch services through the Kentucky State Police post, accounting for the high numbers for both counties.

Other calls to the post included 2,259 from Johnson County, 2,651 from Magoffin County, and 1,501 from Martin County.

District court

Critten pleads not guilty to sexually abusing 8-year-old

by **Randell Reno**
Staff Writer

A Melvin man has pleaded not guilty to molesting a child.

Charles Jason Critten, 21, was arraigned Tuesday in Floyd District Court on a charge of first-degree sexual abuse.

Accused of subjecting an 8-year-old to sexual contact by forcible compulsion, Critten pleaded not guilty and was placed under a \$200,000 cash bond.

A call from the child's grandmother to the state police post on December 27 told the dispatchers of the alleged abuse. A January 12 preliminary hear-

ing will be held for Critten.

A Langley man has pleaded guilty to charges he assaulted his live-in girlfriend.

John Paul Miller, 29, entered a guilty plea during his preliminary hearing in Floyd District Court on Wednesday to two counts of second-degree assault.

According to the arrest warrant, Miller allegedly assaulted Maria Campbell on or about March 19 of last year by hitting her in the back of the head with a telephone. In a second incident, he allegedly hit her in the back of the head with a mason cup on or about

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Couple sues Bellsouth Mobility over slide

by **Randell Reno**
Staff Writer

A Eastern couple has filed a complaint in Floyd Circuit Court against Bellsouth Mobility.

In the lawsuit, Laymond and Florine Bragg say they leased land to the Prentice-Hall Corporation in 1996, and later to Bellsouth Mobility, for the construction of a cellular phone tower, an electronics building, and an access road.

After the cell tower was built on that land, the suit alleges "a portion of the property began to erode and slide."

The Braggs say they notified Bellsouth of the slide, but allege the

company refused to take measures to secure the property. Instead, they say, Bellsouth Mobility terminated the ground lease contract and removed the tower without attempting to fix the problem.

As a result of the company's alleged negligence, the Braggs say the slide has continued to grow, knocking down trees and leaving the property below at risk. They say the slide has greatly diminished the value of their property.

The couple is seeking compensatory damages, as well as an order for Bellsouth to secure the area from future slides.

The complaint only represents one side of a dispute.

Deputy receives DUI arrest award for sixth year in a row

by **Randell Reno**
Staff Writer

If you are driving in the district two area of Floyd County, you may just be under the watchful eye of one of the county's finest.

Deputy Bobby Hackworth has served Floyd County as a deputy for 10 years. In those years he has produced a solid record of busting drunk drivers.

In 1999, Hackworth arrested 39 offenders for DUI, a small number only in comparison to his tally of 59 in 1997.

Hackworth has been the county's poster officer for stopping drunk driving by leading the sheriff's department's efforts for six years in a row. He recently received his sixth Governor's Award for Impaired Driving Enforcement.

From 1993 to 1999 it has not been a good idea to drink and drive in the eastern and southeastern parts of Floyd County.

The award is given to an officer in each county sheriff's office and to a trooper from each post, said Hackworth.

Sheriff Blackburn said Hackworth is "an outstanding officer. He does his job, minds his own business, and never complains."

Hackworth completed training at the state's police academy in Richmond and is required by Blackburn to take 40 hours in recertification training every year.

"He is qualified to work any case," said Blackburn. "He's one of the best."

And just in case you decide to test him, remember he has the enforcement of drinking and driving laws down pat.



He's official

Retired Circuit Judge Holland Conley administered the oath of office for newly-elected Judge David Barber. Barber will serve on the state Court of Appeals.

(photo by
Randell Reno)

Briefs

Conn injured seriously in wreck

A single vehicle accident on Saturday morning has left an Arkansas man with severe injuries.

Randy Conn, 26, was on his way to work on Rt. 1428 when he apparently lost control of his car and slammed into a tree less than a mile from his home.

Suffering from multiple fractures, Conn was transported to the Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin and then transferred to the Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. He is currently listed as under intensive care.

The cause of the accident is not known at his time. It is being investigated by Kentucky State Police.

Clarification

Wednesday's story concerning a man who was arrested for allegedly renting a room at Super 8 motel for two minors, who subsequently were alleged to have been drinking in the room, did not report that Super 8 was the party which called police to report possible drinking by minors.

"When we think we have a problem, we call the police," Super 8 manager Dana Spurlock said.

Public meeting

■ Floyd County Fiscal Court, special meeting, 11 a.m. today. The court will discuss a resolution amending the county employee holiday schedule.

Complex Lego models a snap for local teen



Graden Allen looks over some of the Lego projects he has constructed over the years. (photo by Willie Elliott)

by **Willie Elliott**
Staff Writer

James "Demp" Allen, a Hunter resident and former safety specialist for District 5 of the Kentucky Highway Department, took his son Graden to work with him one day and Graden has been intrigued by the work done by highway crews ever since.

When Graden was 3 or 4, he got a package of Legos and built his first construction, a typical project for boys his age.

About age 7, he began to think in terms of the highway garage and the trucks that worked out of it.

"Graden would watch closely at the construction and working of the vehicles and then come home and start building a similar structure or vehicle with Legos," his mother Donna said. As most little boys are, Graden was enthralled by dump trucks, so that was his first Lego project with a highway maintenance motif.

As his experience improved, he moved to bigger projects. He built a road scraper with a movable blade, complete with flashing lights. Keep in mind he did this using Legos, no easy feat.

Graden said his work with Legos helped him visualize what made the equipment work. He came up with the idea of building a calcium chloride spray attachment for one of the vehicles with his Legos and soon after the state introduced a prototype much like the one he had visualized.

In the garage, Graden has a model of the highway garage at Allen and the one at Minnie, both complete with salt domes, trucks, scrapers and outbuildings in the complexes.

He said he still keeps up with the highway operations on his

scanners. He says he knows most of the trucks and what routes they are taking. He has also retained his sense of safety. He once saw a

grader go by his house without blinking lights and he immediately told his father of the safety infraction when he got home.

Combining traditional Christmas decorations with Lego construction, Graden constructed a city with a Christmas theme, complete with working traffic lights.

A senior at South Floyd High School, Graden says three of his possible interests include paint customizing, diesel mechanics or graphic design. He has visited

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District

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December 25. District Judge James R. Allen sentenced Miller to eight months in the Floyd County Detention Center and four months of supervised probation. Randy Hamilton, 42, of McDowell, was also arrested on a

second-degree assault charge. Hamilton was arrested on December 29 for allegedly assaulting Shelia Hamilton, also of McDowell. Hamilton's arrest warrant states that he allegedly knocked the victim out of a chair, kicked her

repeatedly and broke her nose. A surety bond for Hamilton was set at \$25,000. He is scheduled to be arraigned February 2.

Legos

(Continued from page one)

Mayo Technical College but had a problem that we wish all kids faced — he saw so many things that he was interested in that he could not choose, but added the had the rest of his senior year to decide.

He said there were classes at South Floyd that will help him in his future vocation, but mentioned the lack of up-to-date equipment.

Graden said he works on his hobby whenever he has free time. Somewhat like working crossword puzzles, but he does it with Lego blocks.

County pictorial history available this weekend

The Floyd County Pictorial History Book is scheduled to arrive today and to be distributed this weekend at the May House. The book, sponsored by the Floyd County Historical Society and the Friends of the Samuel May House, can be picked up on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Those who have already paid for a book may pick it up then. While they last, books will also be available to others, for a total price of \$45, including tax, according to Dr. Robert Perry of the May House organization. The May House is located on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, across from Wendy's.

PSA



Deputy Bobby Hackworth was presented the Governor's Award for Enforcement of Impaired Driving by Sheriff John K. Blackburn. Hackworth has won the award for six straight years. (photo by Randell Reno)

Funny Faces

Your Clue "PartSmart"
Guess Who Call 886-8506

Last Week's Winner: Dr. Phillip R. Simpson guessed correctly

Denny Whitten Can you guess who is pictured? Each caller who guesses correctly will have their name entered in a drawing for a weekly prize.

The Fiesta Place Mexican Restaurant Paintsville 1 Free Entree	Hock Shop Prestonsburg Ladies Sterling Silver Millennium Ring	Hoberts Pizza Prestonsburg 15" Pepperoni Pizza
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Beg your pardon

In a story about local fires printed in Monday's edition, the Wheelwright Fire Department was given credit for operations performed by the Wayland Fire Department.

In part two of the 1999 year in review, May through August, printed December 31, an error was made in reporting the accident which took the lives of Letisha M. Yates and James E. O' Bryan. The story should have said the out-of-control vehicle driven by O'Bryan crossed into the westbound lane, striking Yates.

In a recent arrest of a Teaberry man, the Times reported that Rocky Newsome was arrested by Deputy Robert Caudill. The arresting officer was actually Kentucky State Police Trooper Ronald Peppi.

In the December 22 Times, Floyd County Board Chairman Terry Dotson was quoted as saying there was a lack of communication between the Prestonsburg football complex committee and the board. What Dotson said was there was a lack of communication between the reporter at the Times and the board. Dotson objected to material written about the committee's vote on the complex before that information was checked out with members of the board.



Eimo Allen presented new Appeals Court Judge David Barber with a gavel. Allen has made it a tradition to make each of the incoming judges a new hammer and base. (photo by Randell Reno)

County officer makes first arrest of year

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

The county's first arrest of the new millennium came just two minutes into the new year.

Sheriff's department Lt. Ricky Thornsberry arrested Brent Kidd, 20, of Honaker, on KY 979 after

the deputy had followed him for some time.

Thornsberry said Kidd was driving erratically and recklessly down the winding roadway and didn't seem to notice the deputy until the officer turned on his lights.

Kidd pulled to the side of the road as soon as he saw the lights

of Thornsberry's cruiser. But to Thornsberry's astonishment Kidd had an 18-month-old child in the front seat with him.

The deputy charged Kidd with reckless driving, disregarding a stop sign and second-degree wanton endangerment. He will be arraigned on February 2.

Announcing

The Floyd County Times

To publish a pictorial history of our area entitled
A Pictorial History of Floyd County - Millennium Edition

Featuring Your Family Photographs

Work on this history book is commencing at this time and will be available by fall of 2000. We are seeking from the public photographs that would be good for the pictorial history. The book will contain more than 350 photographs in 128 pages.

This book will be bound with an attractive, hard cover, making it heirloom quality. You will want a copy, not only for yourself, but for your loved ones as well. What a great gift idea for those who call Floyd County and the surrounding area home.

If you have photos of bygone days, would you share them with us? We're looking for photographs of people, places and events from its earliest days right through the 1990s.

Please fill out the photo information for each picture to be submitted. If you have any questions concerning submitting photos, just ask us.

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Car Care Corner

Cold weather car care and driving tips

(NAPSA)-Cars don't like it cold. According to Bill Maxwell, manager of technical products support at Mobil's Paulsboro (NJ) Technology Center "It's the time of year when all sorts of ailments crop up. Keeping your car properly maintained, tuned and modifying your driving habits can save you money, reduce fuel consumption and help the environment."

Here are some more tips from Maxwell that will take the bite out of cold-weather driving and help to keep you safe while saving money and energy during the winter driving season.

• Make sure your battery and charging system are in good operating condition. A battery's cranking power is reduced significantly in freezing weather. Be especially alert if your battery is four years old or more. A good practice would be

to carry a set of quality jumper cables in the car.

• Make sure all filters-oil, gas and air-are in good condition. Check coolant and thermostat to ensure proper engine warm up.

• Check tires for excessive wear and proper inflation.

Lubrication

To ease engine start-up load during cold weather use a multiviscosity oil such as Mobil 10W-30 or 5W-30, which helps provide car starts at temperatures down to 35 degrees F below zero or lower. The use of these low viscosity oils not only speeds start up, but helps reduce wear of critical engine parts. Motor oil should be changed routinely to help prevent excessive moisture and fuel build-up in winter conditions. Consumers can have their motor oil-related questions answered by calling Mobil's toll-

free information line at 1-800-ASK Mobil.

Vehicle Warm Up

When starting a vehicle in cold weather allow the engine to idle for a few seconds before driving off to insure proper oil flow and lubrication. Do not allow engine to idle for a prolonged period. This wastes gas.

Safe Driving

• Do not exceed speed limits and keep safe driving distances.

• Avoid gasoline wasting jackrabbit starts and pace your driving to help avoid sudden stops.

• Make sure you have ice scrapers and de-icers available. Also, make sure your windshield wipers and front and rear defrosters are working properly.

Remember, a properly cared for car will be more dependable and help put you on the road to safety.

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Martin Luther King Jr. academic project announced

Kentucky's Martin Luther King Jr. Academic Project 2000, "Realizing the Dream in Kentucky," will honor the legacy and contributions of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The goal of the project is to encourage educators, students and community stakeholders to develop long-term systemic initiatives and programs that reflect the tenets and teachings of Dr. King, most remembered as a civil rights leader who perpetuated change and social justice for all people.

This year's theme is "Social Change Through Leadership and

Achievement." Schools, districts and community organizations throughout the state are encouraged to apply for participation. Outstanding programs will receive awards and acknowledgments at the state level.

Participants may enter in one of two divisions:

- Division I—Students in elementary (Level I), middle (Level II) or high schools (Level III)
- Division II—Educators and Community

Students and educators will prepare projects and lessons that reflect the program's focus and

theme. Community members will demonstrate how they have incorporated the theme and program title into community activities and life. Community participants may be either individual or organizational.

The program consists of five entry areas:

- All forms of writing
 - All forms of fine arts—visual and performing
 - Technology
 - Community involvement/service learning
 - Integrated curriculum plans
- Participants will submit appli-

cations to their local school district superintendent's office. Each district will select 20 semifinalists—five from both divisions at each level in each category. District semifinalists are eligible to compete at the regional level.

The department's Martin Luther King Academic Project Committee will select 20 regional finalists, who will compete at the state level. Twenty state winners from both divisions at each level in all five categories will be honored with a reception and awards ceremony.

Applications are due at the dis-

trict superintendent's office by February 25. Districts will determine district semifinalists by March 10. Regional finalists will be determined by March 24. The announcement of state winners

will be made on April 4. More details and an application form are available on the department's website at <http://www.kde.state.ky.us/ohre/equity/projects/king.asp>.

Prestonsburg CC welcomes Alice Felts Gay

Prestonsburg Community College welcomes Alice Felts Gay to its campuses as the assistant dean for distance learning. She comes to eastern Kentucky from the University of Georgia, where she held the distance education coordinator's position. In the role of assistant dean, Gay will oversee all PCC distance learning programs, including courses provided through internet, interactive television, KET, and satellite, as well as developing extended campus offerings.

Dr. Nancy Johnson, executive dean of academic affairs, stated: "PCC is excited and pleased to have Alice Gay join our family.

Alice's expertise provides an asset to the college and the community in the development of our Distance Learning Program but to also provide students and faculty with the support necessary to be successful."

Gay has an extensive educational background, having received two Bachelor of Arts degrees in psychology and journalism and a Masters of Education in special education from the University of Georgia. Gay is currently seeking a Ph.D. in educational psychology.

Gay has participated in numerous training seminars and workshops in a wide variety of topics including media relations, crisis

communications, marketing surveys, media-buying graphics, photography, distance education, on-line instruction, leadership, time management, budget planning and grant proposal writing.

Gay's previous teaching experience includes both secondary and post-secondary education. She has made numerous state and national conference presentations, authored and co-authored several books, journals/periodicals and newsletters and has been project manager for many state, national and international teleconferences. She has also written and received numerous state and federal grants that assisted in the funding for the tele-

conferences.

Her past work experience in the private sector includes being co-owner of an advertising and public relations firm, an advertising account executive, a communications consultant and a director of public relations.

Gay said, "I am excited to be a part of the community college's commitment to become a driving and innovative influence in the field of distance education in eastern Kentucky. The foresight and vision of Prestonsburg College to further develop its educational technology efforts just reinforces its strength of purpose to its constituents."

Traveling exhibit makes science fun

"The World We Create" Traveling Exhibit, coming soon from the Louisville Science Center to Mountain Arts Center, allows visitors of all ages to explore applied science, technology and engineering in hands-on activities that are as fun as they are educational.

The exhibit opens February 8.

Based on the popular permanent exhibit at the Louisville Science Center, the traveling exhibit features 10 exciting, interactive stations where visitors experience how human creativity solves problems and advances technology.

Designed for families and students in kindergarten through grade 12, the traveling exhibit is organized around three "real world" themes: Construction Zone, Transit Hub and Tech Works.

In the Construction Zone, visitors operate a mechanical crane at the Build-It-Up station to learn about the teamwork and precision involved in the construction of buildings. At Toppling Towers, they'll see if their structure can withstand a simulated earthquake.

Visitors work together to build a seven-foot foam arch at Building Bridges. Or, they challenge themselves to build a dome structure at the Engineering Tabletops.

In the Transit Hub, the Get-It-In-

Gear station is comprised of a series of interlocking gears where visitors learn more about the heart of the machines that move them every day.

At Getting From Here To There, teams of visitors work together to take a ball on the quickest route through a tilt-to-maze of a town. A Wind Tunnel encourages users to test the aerodynamic properties of differently-shaped vehicles.

In Tech Works, visitors use an innovative computer software program called Design-A-Bike to assemble the bike of their dreams—then evaluate their success in practical terms, such as cost, durability and strength.

For ideas worth trying, they can turn to Test Your Ideas, where motorized parts and power stations put building projects into motion. Just In Time lets visitors experience a manufacturing simulation, using planning, coordination and

timing.

"The World We Create" brings home the message that "Everyone is a creative problem-solver."

"The World We Create," which opened at the Louisville Science Center in 1997, was designed by Ralph Appelbaum Associates of New York City. Ralph Appelbaum Associates has designed many award-winning exhibitions, including the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Both the permanent and traveling exhibits were engineered and fabricated by Design Craftsmen Inc.

The traveling version of "The World We Create," is a 2,500-square-foot exhibit that's available to Kentucky communities more than 100 miles from the Louisville Science Center. Exhibit construction was funded by a grant from Gov. Paul Patton and the 1998 General Assembly of the Kentucky

legislature. This project was also supported, in part, by the National Science Foundation.

The Louisville Science Center, 727 West Main Street, is a not-for-profit educational institution dedicated to improving public understanding of science, math and technology through interactive exhibits and programs. The Science Center houses the only IMAX Theatre in Kentucky, is the state's largest field trip destination, and welcomed over 463,000 people last year.

The exhibit will be open February 8-29. Admission is \$2. For more information or to schedule a school field trip, contact the Mountain Arts Center Business Office toll-free 1 (888) MAC-ARTS or 889-9125.

Web Watch

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mation, visit www.collegeboard.org.

For information about activewear, casualwear and athletic uniforms, visit the Russell Athletic website at www.russellathletic.com.

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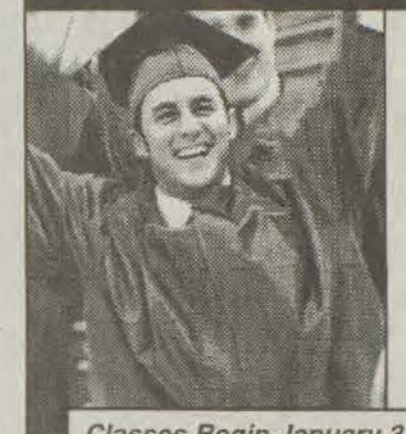
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CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 10

Careful and thorough training in ballet will instill grace and strength that will be a valuable asset, even in adulthood. Timing and correct execution of all work is stressed. Whether a student has professional aspirations, or merely wishes to acquire the strength and postural beauty of a dancer, the ballet class is the basis of all dance education.

Pre-Ballet 4&5	Thursday	4:30-5:15 p.m.	Dawahare
Creative Movement 5&6	Thursday	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Dawahare
Creative Movement 5&6	Thursday	6:00-6:45 p.m.	Dawahare
Ballet 6-8 Level I	Wednesday	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Davis
Ballet 6-8 Level II	Tuesday	5:15-6:15 p.m.	Burgess
Ballet 9-11 Level II	Tuesday	6:15-7:15 p.m.	Burgess
Ballet 12-Adult	Monday	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Burgess
Advanced Pointe	Tuesday/Thursday	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Olson
Ballet for Boys/Men	Friday	4:30-6:00 p.m.	Davis

The greatest rhythm-builder known, tap will develop a quickness of step and precision in movement.

Beginning Tap 5-8	Thursday	6:00-6:45 p.m.	Burgess
Intermediate Tap 6-8 Level I	Tuesday	6:00-6:45 p.m.	Lockhart
Intermediate Tap 6-8 Level II	Tuesday	6:45-7:30 p.m.	Lockhart
Intermediate Tap 8-11	Tuesday	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Lockhart
Advanced Tap 9-11	Tuesday	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Olson
Beginning Adult Tap	Monday	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Olson
Advanced Adult Tap	Thursday	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Olson

Properly correlated with today's most exciting techniques, jazz has become a major dance form. These classes are a lot of fun as well. Jazz instruction includes technique, stretching, isolations, contractions, turns, jumps and floor work. All combinations are set to familiar, up-to-date music. This high energy art form develops flexibility, strength, and endurance.

Beginning Jazz 6-8	Monday	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Burgess
Intermediate Jazz 9-11	Tuesday	4:30-5:15 p.m.	Olson
Advanced Teen Jazz	Monday	5:15-6:00 p.m.	Olson
Advanced Adult Jazz/Modern	Thursday	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Olson

Tuition for the Community Education Dance Classes is based on the amount of time spent in the classroom per week. A class that meets 45 minutes per week is \$110, classes that meet one hour per week cost \$135, and classes that meet one and a half hours cost \$160. Classes that meet twice a week cost \$175. A \$25 nonrefundable deposit toward your tuition is required for registration. Tuition includes any applicable recital costumes. Classes run until the recital in May.

For more information, contact Carole Ward at (606) 432-9319 or Claire Olson at (606) 437-4846.

The Community Education Program reserves the right to cancel or change the times of classes.

REGISTER

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

—First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution—

Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

If you bungle raising your children I don't think whatever else you do matters.

—Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis—

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Editorial

Tax reform only way to pay for all Patton proposed

What a buffet Gov. Paul Patton set for the 2000 General Assembly in Tuesday night's State of the Commonwealth address.

Lawmakers can nosh on initiatives or expanded commitments to elementary and secondary education, higher education, adult education, early childhood development, inner cities, downtown revitalization, trash collection, family farms, mental health, better roads, clean drinking water and raising state employees' pay.

Add to that a number of pet proposals legislators will bring to the table, and you have quite a feast.

One question: Where's the money to pay for this legislative repast?

It's not to be found in the state's revenue estimates. The forecasters tell us revenue is running about \$70 million behind projections for the current fiscal year. They also tell us revenue for the first fiscal year of the new biennium will fall about \$130 short of paying for existing programs.

So, how are we going to pay for all the new stuff?

There's the tobacco settlement windfall, but it's not fiscally prudent to pay for recurring programs with non-recurring money. A wiser plan would be to put settlement money in trust funds to support smoking-prevention programs and to help farmers and rural communities adjust to the decline of the tobacco economy.

A better approach to solving the state's budget woes would be tax reform, and Patton hinted in his speech that this still might be a possibility for the 2000 session.

We encourage Patton to pursue this idea — if not now, at least in a special session sometime soon. Tax reform is one of Kentucky's most urgent needs. The current budget crisis illustrates that.

Kentucky's ill-conceived tax policy is a major reason the state goes through this bust-boom-bust revenue cycle. For instance, we collect a tax on the sale of "things," but do not apply a similar levy on services. Meanwhile, the economy rapidly is becoming dominated by the provision of services.

If Patton and the legislature want to reform Kentucky's inadequate, inequitable tax structure, expanding the sales tax to include services is the place to start.

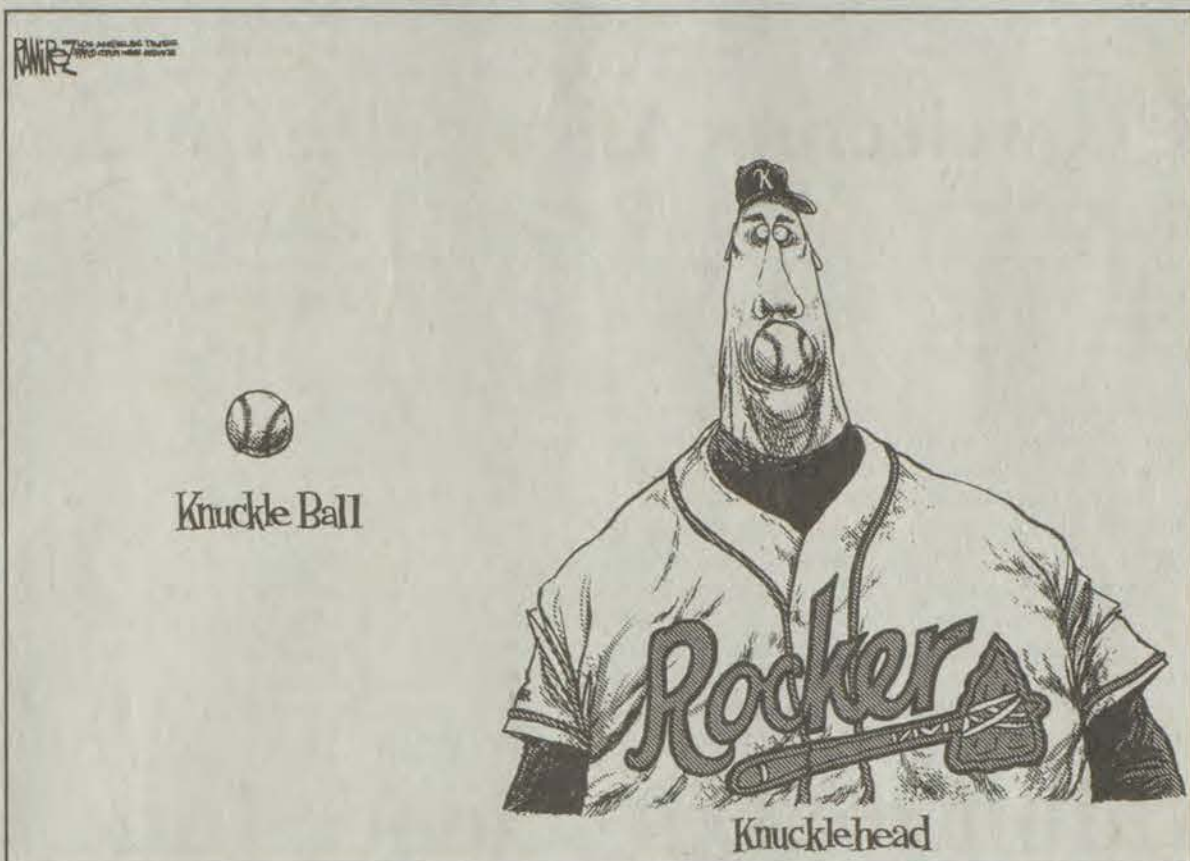
To do it right, though, you can't just tax everyday services — such as the barbers and beauticians, the dry cleaners and the auto mechanics. Like the current tax structure, that would hit low-income Kentuckians the hardest.

No, a sales tax on services must include the big-ticket services used by businesses and wealthy individuals — lawyers, accountants, architects, engineers, advertising agencies.

If you tax services and eliminate some of the unjustified sales and property tax exemptions enjoyed by special interest groups, it's conceivable that you can lower the sales tax from its six percent rate, reduce the excessive tax burden on poor Kentuckians, make the state more competitive from the standpoint of business taxes and pay for the full mean of programs Patton wants to serve up to the 2000 General Assembly.

Now, that would be a great way for Kentucky to start a new millennium.

—Lexington Herald-Leader



Letters to the Editor

Troublemakers are just sad

Editor:

I have lived in Allen almost my entire life. I have lived at my present address for 10 years. Everybody in my area has always had problems with not having enough parking spaces. There are some rental properties across from my house that have plenty of room to park. Also, there is room on the state highway property across the road that we have used the past 10 years to park either our vehicles or those of our company.

Well, about a month ago, while I was gone, our city police had my daughter's boyfriend's car towed while she was outside asking him not to. She was told the state police ordered it. I called them when I returned to find out that a complaint was called in that the car was blocking a garbage dumpster and that it was abandoned. None of this was true. The car was insured and licensed and wasn't blocking anything.

They said it was up to our city police to decide what to do. The car did have two flats, which had to wait until my daughter's boyfriend came in from his job to repair, which is just every two weeks.

The point is, if just my family or friends used the state property for parking, I could see, but almost everyone in town uses either the state, city or railroad property to park on, including the ones who complained and one who had it towed.

It's sad that some people just drive by and look for reasons to try to cause others trouble because they don't have anything better to do. At first, we were really upset about it, but really it's sad that people want to cause trouble all the time, so all of you are in our prayers.

Phyllis Hall
Amber Hall
Allen, KY

Blood center thankful for "lifesurers"

Editor:

2000 marks a special year for CKBC, as we celebrate our 31st year of saving lives in eastern and central Kentucky.

First established by the Fayette County Medical Society in 1968 to meet the blood needs of Lexington hospitals, CKBC has grown to a full-service community blood center serving 68 hospitals and clinics in 54 Kentucky counties, including: Pikeville Methodist Hospital, South Williamson ARH, Our Lady of the Way, McDowell ARH, Highlands Regional and Paul B. Hall Medical Centers.

Many special people and events have shaped our organization. Thanks to the guidance of the board of directors and Citizen Advisory committees, the support of 1,000 blood donor groups, and the dedication of the individual blood donor, CKBC looks to the future with optimism and confidence.

The network of volunteer donor group chairper-

sons, recruitment committees, student and church organizations, and corporate volunteers who give of their time and talents make CKBC's life-saving mission possible.

Monetary donations, less well-known but nonetheless vital, are yet another show of support. Foundations, civic organizations, corporations, local merchants, as well as individuals, give money to support CKBC's critical mission of meeting the blood transfusion needs of our communities.

It takes everyone working together with hands, hearts, and dollars to serve our families, friends and neighbors. It takes a community of volunteers.

On behalf of CKBC and the hospitals and patients we serve, I extend a heartfelt thank-you to every person who has contributed to the success of your community blood program. Our community is grateful for lifesavers like you!

Dawn E. Wheeler
Central Kentucky Blood Center

Guest Column

Ambulance chasing on the information superhighway

by Thomas A. Schatz
Citizens Against Government Waste

When Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson released his findings of fact in the Microsoft antitrust suit in November, he opened the door to civil litigation against the software manufacturer. Yet, despite Jackson's findings against the house that Gates built, few everyday consumers have been rushing to the courthouse demanding redress. Instead, class action lawyers are engineering these baseless lawsuits—suits that have little to do with justice and everything to do with greed.

Of course, it's no secret that most Americans consider class action attorneys the bottom feeders of society. After all, when class action lawyers want

to become millionaires, they don't make guest appearances on a Regis Philbin game show. Instead, they squeeze big name companies into multimillion dollar settlements that leave the plaintiffs with table scraps while the lawyers run off with millions in attorney's fees. And, adding expense to injury, those huge cash settlements often wind up being passed on to consumers as higher prices.

So it came as no surprise that, even before the ink was dry on Judge Jackson's 207-page findings of fact, trial lawyers smelled the money. Proclaiming themselves the protectors of computer users everywhere, attorneys were lining up at courthouse doors throughout the country, waiting to file class action lawsuits and gouge Microsoft. To date,

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Soap Box

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer



Older and... older

When I was about 11 or 12 years old, I remember thinking how old my parents and aunts and uncles seemed to be. I recall at 30 they seem to be very close to 100.

What surprised me most was, while I was a young sprout being introduced to music and developing that taste, my very old uncle was still listening to rock music.

He was old, about 35, and still listened to rock music. After achieving that plateau last year and still listening to rock music, it struck me funny that I must be old to a lot of kids.

Nonetheless, I have not changed my taste in music in my antiquity, but have recently come to the realization that all genres of music require talent.

I used to attend church with my grandma and I can still remember the sound of the congregation singing its praises a cappella. The little old ladies' voices screeching and the old men singing out of tune would grate against my nerves like fingernails on a blackboard.

My dad has listened to bluegrass music since he was in his youth and did his best to keep his children in the love of that music. But then and now, he and I think it all sounds the same, my rock to him, his bluegrass to me.

Opera music has forever seemed pompous and incomprehensible to me. While I have never been to an opera, I dabbled in listening to opera music in my teens in an attempt to gain the cultural experience. It seemed like someone in pain to me.

Jazz music seems to be dominated by saxophones, my favorite instrument to hate. The blues are just that. Country music seems to invite self pity or suicide. And soul music didn't touch mine.

But that was before I became old. And I must seem really old to the younger generation because now I find myself saying all of the genres have some good in them, while maintaining rock music is the best form of entertainment.

For instance thanks to the movie "Point of No Return", I gave Nina Simone a try. It was my true introduction to jazz. I came to the conclusion it has potential but needs a rock sound.

I tried a little jazz after watching "Good Morning Vietnam." I liked it as long as the sax didn't take control.

Thanks to Allison Kraus, New Grass Revival, the older Osborne Brothers' albums and a few things by Keith Whitley, I like some bluegrass. But I refuse to listen to more than one hour's worth in a one-week period.

I have a taste for classical instrumentals, as long as they don't involve the heavier versions of Bach, Beethoven, Brahms or anyone else from the Middle Ages. In truth, as long as they have taken a modern rock song and softened it, I can listen all day long.

Opera may always elude me. Unless I am persuaded to go see one, the music may always seem painful.

Country music is the most confused and the most confusing of all the musi-

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Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, Doug Gilkerson from Enviro-Pro of Pikeville and Deputy Judge Brett Davis looked over the progress that has been accomplished on the Auxler dump site. The work is completed on the project except the removal of tires. Ten thousand tires have already been removed from the site. The road to it is slated to be closed and the area used as a recreational site. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Big Sandy watershed watch seeks volunteers

Prestonsburg Community College is involved in the development of the Big Sandy Watershed Watch. The program is an effort to provide current data on general water quality conditions of streams that flow into the Big Sandy River Basin. The Watch has collected data from 20 sites through the summer and fall of 1999, and hopes to extend monitoring to 40 sites in the year 2000.

Members of the Big Sandy Watershed Watch collect data on benthic macroinvertebrates (insects, crayfish, worms and other "critters") living in the streams. They collect field chem-

istry data such as pH, dissolved oxygen and nitrate levels.

Water samples are collected for laboratory analysis to determine levels of fecal coliform (mostly from untreated or poorly treated sewage) and sulfate levels associated with mine drainage. This data assists in determining potential water quality problems in our streams and provides standards of comparison with other watersheds.

The project is made possible by a PRIDE grant and technical assistance from the Kentucky Division of Water.

Along with community volunteers, additional organizations

assisting with the Big Sandy Watershed Watch include: PCC students, faculty and staff; Johnson County Cooperative Extension Service; Floyd County Conservation District; Pike County Conservation District; Boyd County Conservation District; Big Sandy Resource Conservation and Development District; Big Sandy Area Development District; Floyd County Fiscal Court; The Piarist School; Blaine Elementary School; Boyd County High School; and the East Kentucky Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology.

For more information on how

you can become involved, contact Dr. Thomas Vierheller at PCC by telephone at 606/886-3863, ext. 316, or by e-mail at Thomas.Vierheller@kctcs.net. Also, information on the project is updated on the Internet at <http://kywater.org/watch/bsr.htm>.

Kentucky's water supply has been receiving attention from the news media. The Lexington Herald-Leader identified "A safe and reliable water supply" as the New Year's resolution and went on to say, "But you don't want to dip even a toe in most of the headwaters...Southeastern Kentucky's lack of decent water is a legacy of coal and poverty."

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Soap Box

cal genres. While I have albums by Garth Brooks, Lorrie Morgan, Shania Twain, Faith Hill, The Dixie Chicks and a few more, it is because these so-called country artists sound rock-a-billy or downright like rock 'n roll.

True country music depresses me and makes me want to change the channel. "New country," as they call it, makes you want to dance, happily.

I can take some soul music, but only if it is spiritual or romantically involved and without vulgarity. And speaking of vulgarity, I

won't even touch some rock genres, such as R&B, rap or gangsta' rap.

I have always liked heavy metal bands, especially if they did an occasional ballad. I like some alternative artists, most pop artists and about a third of the history of disco.

The most rewarding thing about hanging on to these tastes is religion has embraced rock music to get its message across. And for the most part, I like all of the new age bands.

Wow, I am old. But time has

done little to mellow those tastes. I can still listen to groups like Journey, Quiet Riot, KISS, Fleetwood Mac, The Little River Band, Bryan Adams, the Eagles, Aerosmith, REO Speedwagon, Chicago and any soloist from those bands, but this proves my taste in the 1980s.

But in all the genres, including a cappella religion, I have found there is talent in every form of music and if I don't like it, it does not matter. I think my biggest step in maturing musically was when I realized those squeaky and out-of-

tune voices at church were the most beautiful to God. It is in those voices He hears the people making a joyful noise.

How does your taste in music date you? I guess from listening to 20-plus years of rock 'n roll, I have set a track record for myself. I have become like my mother and uncle where so many years ago I said old people can rock. I didn't mean in a chair.

Guest

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cases have been filed in Alabama, California, Florida, Louisiana, Ohio and New York, tying up the courts at taxpayer's expense.

Despite the lawyers' claims to the contrary, plaintiffs rarely garner much benefit from class action suits. A preferred example is the 1997 settlement in the case of People v. Acer Peripherals Inc. et al. In that suit, which involved the size of computer screens, the class action lawyers received \$5.8 million in attorney's fees and up to \$250,000 for their expenses. In stark contrast, plaintiffs in the suit were offered a measly \$13 rebate for a new monitor or \$6 cash—if they waited three years.

Another illustration of the greed inherent in many class action lawsuits is the trial bar's opposition to a bill in Congress that would establish a process to resolve more than 200,000 pending lawsuits on behalf of plaintiffs who have been exposed to asbestos. The size and complexity of the various cases have resulted

in enormous attorneys' fees and overhead costs—so large, in fact, that they consume 61 cents of every settlement dollar, leaving a mere 39 cents for the victims. Thus, people who are suffering from asbestos-related diseases are victimized twice—once by their illness and again by the current dysfunctional system.

In some instances, class action lawyers don't even have a genuine plaintiff. Instead, they use straw men (or women) to get their suits into the courtroom, and then solicit the public to join in on the fun. For example, the attorney who filed the class action suit against Microsoft in federal court in New Orleans, Louisiana used another attorney in his state, as well as a paralegal from another state, to legitimize his filing. Another firm, this one in Coral Gables, Florida, had the audacity to file a suit that named a secretary at the firm as its plaintiff. These baseless suits beg the question: Where is the outcry from the public for redress?

In the suits against Microsoft, the lack of real consumers claiming harm isn't the only hurdle facing rapacious trial attorneys. The suits themselves run counter to prevailing public opinion. In a Gallup poll taken after the findings were released, 68 percent of Americans indicated that they

have a favorable view of Microsoft. Among computer users, that figure was even higher, with 78 viewing the company favorably. No wonder the class action attorneys can't find any real plaintiffs!

In addition, the trial lawyers are jumping the gun. Any filings based on the findings of fact are ridiculously premature. Civil suits are usually based on conclusions of law in antitrust cases. If Microsoft settles the case before that stage of the lawsuit, the findings have no legal relevance.

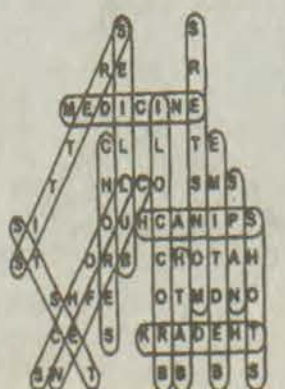
In a news release issued as part of its suit against a class action firm, DaimlerChrysler recently remarked, "For too long, trial lawyers have been exploiting class actions, turning these lawsuits into a form of legalized blackmail." The automobile manufacturer hit the nail right on the head. Class action attorneys know that companies, eager to avoid negative publicity, will often agree to settle even the most frivolous lawsuits. And whether these suits are against the Microsoft Corporation, DaimlerChrysler or any number of asbestos manufacturers, the result will always be the same: Higher prices for consumers, minimal return for the plaintiffs, and riches galore for trial attorneys run amok.

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EAST POINT
Free Pentecostal Church of God, East Point, Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30; Thursday Night, 6:30; Pastor, Buster Hayton.

Little Paint First Church of God, East Point, 671 Little Paint Road; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning worship, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 6:00; Youth Fellowship, Sunday 6:00; Wednesday Night, 7:00; Kings Class (Children Ministry) Wednesday 7:00; Pastor, A Wayne Burch.

EMMA
Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.; Paul Aiken, Pastor.

ESTILL
Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Wayne Stevens.

GARRETT
Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church, Garrett, 4th Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Moderator, Elder Earl Slone; Assistant Moderator, Elder Jerry Manf's.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist Church, Garrett, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Brodey Amberguey.

First Baptist Church, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday; Pastor, Randy Osborne.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald Bragg.

Garrett Community Christian Church, Route 550, Garrett, Ky.; Service Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting 2nd Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Come and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Donnie Hackworth.

GOBLE ROBERTS ADDITION
Landmarks Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth E. Prater, Jr.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 4th Saturday Night, Regular Service & Business, 6:00 p.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Paul D. Coleman.

GRETHEL
Grethel Baptist Church, State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone 587-2043; Morning worship at 11:00;

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth meeting Wednesday night 6:30 p.m.; Prayer meeting and bible study at 6:30. Pastor David Tucker.

HAGER HILL
Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill, telephone 789-6433; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

HAROLD
Harold Church of Christ, at Harold. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Minister, James H. Harmon

Lower Toler Church of Christ at Harold. Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Minister, Lonie Meade.

Upper Toler Church of Christ 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right. Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Nightly Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Minister, Tommy Dale Bush.

HI HAT
The Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat, invites you to worship with us each week. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday night is family night! Everyone welcome! Pastor, Don Fraley, Jr.

United Christian Church, Meade Bottom, Hi Hat, Ky.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Brother, Bill Slone, Pastor

HUEYSVILLE
Hueysville Church of Christ, located in Bosco, Hueysville, Ky. NOW ON THE AIR...Channel 5, Sundays at 3:30 p.m., Minister: Chester Ray Varney. "Be sure to tune in" Then come worship with us 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sundays, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

United Community Baptist Church, Hwy. 7, Hueysville, Ky. Service each Friday night, 7:00 p.m. and each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Come worship with us and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Carlos Beverly.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville, Ky. Service each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and the 4th Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Jacob Jarvis.

IVEL
Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23, first exit (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Chuck Ferguson.

LACKEY
Lackey Freewill Baptist Church, Lackey. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Everyone Welcome. Pastor Johnny J. Collins, of Wayland. "If we meet and you forget me you have lost nothing, but if you meet Jesus and forget him you have lost everything."

LANCER
Lancer Baptist Church, Lancer, welcomes you to the services. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tom Biddle.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Lancer-Water gap Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 6 p.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday programs available for children; Pastor, Mark Tackett.

LANGLEY
Maytown United Methodist Church, Langley; Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Youth Sunday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

MARTIN
Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Stephens Branch; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Martin House of Worship, in Martin on Old Post Office St. Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Sunday; Relief Society/Priesthood/Primary 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Meeting 11:40 a.m.; Wednesday: Seminary 6:00 p.m.; Young Women/Young Men/Scouting 7:00 p.m.; Family History, Tuesday 12-8:00 p.m. and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Missionettes & Royal Rangers, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Lorie Vannucci.

Trinity Chapel, Pentecostal Holiness Church, North Main Street, Martin; ser-

VICES: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday worship, 7:00 p.m.; Second Saturday Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Activity nights, 1st and 3rd Saturday, 6:00 p.m.; Womens Ministries, 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Ministries, 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Bible study Monday evenings, 6:00 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Independent Fundamental Baptist.

Martin Freewill Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Youth League, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Pastor, John L. Blair.

First Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School 10:00; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00; Wednesday service, 6:00; Pastor: George Greydon Howard.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Friday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Deacon, Bud Crum.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group, 7 p.m.; Evangelist, Gary Mitchell.

Martin Methodist Church; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

Old Time Holiness Church; 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Brother John W. Patton. Friday Evening, 7:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Sunday School, 11:00; Everyone Welcome.

Full Gospel Community; Main Street, Martin, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study; Pastor, Lavonne Lafferty.

MAYTOWN
Maytown First Baptist Church, Main Street; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Ed Taylor.

Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Benny Blankenship.

St. James Episcopal Church, school starts 9:45. Enquire classes to begin in January. For more information, contact the Rev. Johnnie E. Ross, 886-8046.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment on Rt. 1428. Buddy Jones, Pastor; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Prayer meeting, 7:00; Sunday Night Service at 6:00 p.m.

Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union; meets every Wednesday, 11:30-12:30 in J102. Lunch, discussion, travel available to all students, faculty and staff. French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, president. For more information, call: 874-9468 or 478-2978.

First Church of God, Prestonsburg; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Kids Bible Club, 7 p.m. Pastor: Steve Williams

Town Branch Baptist, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m. Pastor: Tom Nelson.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10; Morning Worship, 11; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor Clifford Austin.

Benedict Baptist Church, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Gordon Fitch.

PAINTSVILLE
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sipp Bays Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; WKLW (600 a.m.) "Chapel Window", 12:05 p.m. every Sunday; Pastor Rev. Roland Bentrup.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Sunday morning service 11:00 a.m.; Thursday service 6:00 p.m. Pastor, Buddy and Maude Frye.

PRINTER
Old Time Baptist Church, Printer; Sunday morning Sunday School, adults 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Church ser-

vice: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday worship, 7:00 p.m.; Second Saturday Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Activity nights, 1st and 3rd Saturday, 6:00 p.m.; Womens Ministries, 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Ministries, 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Bible study Monday evenings, 6:00 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Pastor.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, David Garrett.

First Baptist Church, (Irene Cole Memorial), 54 S. Front St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; S.M.A.S.H. 6:45 (on Wednesday); Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Dr. S. Thomas Valentine, Pastor.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile South of Prestonsburg, intersection of route 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; nursery provided. Pastor, J.M. Sloce.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, located two miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Jim Price.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. George C. Love.

First United Methodist Church, 256 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning Worship, 10:55; Evening Worship, 7:00; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00. Pastor, Wayne Sayre.

Victory Christian Ministries Church, 1428 E., Prestonsburg; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Sherm Williams.

Parkway Baptist, Rt. 1428, Sugar Loaf, Prestonsburg; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Ed Taylor.

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vice at 11:00 a.m.; Children's Church also at 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night Church Service at 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Youth Meeting at 7:00 p.m.; Church services 2nd and 4th Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. Every 5th Saturday, special singing at 7:00 p.m. Pastor, Denver Meade. Everyone Welcome.

Salisbury United Methodist Church, Printer; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby G. Lawson.

SALYERSVILLE
New Bethel Assembly of God, Located on Burning Fork Rd.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday night service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday night Bible Study and Youth Jam, 7:00 p.m. Nursery provided. 1st Monday of each month ladies meeting, 7:00 p.m. 3rd Saturday of each month men's breakfast fellowship 9:00 a.m.; Pastor, Arthur (Sam) Smith

STANVILLE
Mare Creek Church of Christ, at Stanville. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible School, 6:30 p.m.

WATER GAP
Trimble Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Intersection of U.S. 23 and Ky. 80, Water Gap. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00; Wednesday night and youth service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Freddie Lewis and Pastor Butch Williamson. Everyone Welcome!

WEEKSBURY
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, John "Jay" Patton.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hall.

WHEELWRIGHT
Wheelwright United Methodist Church, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 services; Pastor, Bobby Isaacs.

Youth Fellowship Center; Youth Meeting, Mon.-Tues., 6:00; Thursday Night Bible study, 7:00 p.m.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Louis Ferrari.

Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Friday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louis Sanlan; Rev. David Pike, assistant pastor.

Lighthouse Temple, Middle of Main Street, Hall Street; Sunday Services, 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday Services, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Cosby.

WEST PRESTONSBURG
Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Don Shepherd.

First Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday night, Bible Study 7 p.m.; Pastor, James T. Benton.

The Church of God of Prophecy, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Pastor

REGIONAL OBITUARIES OBITUARIES

Martin County

Alice Faye Dickerson, 60, of Tomahawk, died Sunday, January 2, 2000. She is survived by her mother, Shirley Penix of Tomahawk. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Jacob Dennis Lee Sexton, infant son of Dennis Sexton and Amanda Hale, died Sunday, January 2, 2000. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home, Inez.

Boyd Howell, 58, of Columbus, Ohio, died Saturday, January 1, 2000. He is survived by his wife, Deleana Parsley Howell. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Inez.

Ethel Jude, 85, of Pilgrim, died Friday, December 31, 1999 in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 2, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Inez.

Lundy Brewer, 73, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Thursday, December 30, 1999 at his home. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Brewer. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, 2000 at Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home, Warfield Chapel.

Peggy Ann Brewer Reamer, 55, of Oxford, Michigan, formerly of Kermit, West Virginia, died Tuesday, December 28, 1999 in Michigan. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Reamer. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 1, at Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home, Warfield Chapel.

Lawrence County

Charles Calvin Lewis, 75, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, died Tuesday, December 28, 1999. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Ranson Paul Moore, 76, of Argillite, formerly of Louisa, died Thursday, December 30, 1999 at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Linda Chaffin Moore. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 2, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home, Louisa.

Wanda Lee Queen Wilson, 77, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Friday, December 24, 1999. She is survived by her husband, Herbert G. Wilson. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 27, under the direction of Frederick Funeral Home, Pippin.

Eric Eddy Marcum, 46, of Crum

West Virginia, died Thursday, December 30, 1999. He is survived by his wife, Patsy Marcum of Crum. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 2, 2000, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Alice Thompson, 84, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, died Sunday, January 2, 2000. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Anna V. Dawson Fowler, 87, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, died Sunday, January 2, 2000. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 6, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Virgie Maier Rach, 78, of Louisa, died Tuesday, January 4, 2000. She is survived by her husband, Irwin Rach. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home, Louisa.

Jeremiah Ray Butcher died Sunday, January 2, 2000. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Knott County

Zola Bradenburg, 76, of Emmalena, died Saturday, December 25, 1999. Funeral services were conducted December 28, 1999, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services Chapel.

Pearlie Hicks, 73, of Mousie, died Saturday, December 25, 1999. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 27, 1999, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Pauline Honeycutt Jackson, 71, of Ocala, Florida, formerly of Knott County, died Monday, December 20, 1999, at the Marion Regional Medical Center in Florida. She is survived by her husband, Robert Jackson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Joalene Everage Sizemore, 60, of Stroh, Indiana, formerly of Emmalena, died Sunday, January 2, 2000. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 7, under the direction of the Hindman Funeral Services.

Kenneth Smith, 67, of Sassafras, died Tuesday, December 28, 1999. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Omer Edwin Slone, 74, of La Grange, died Wednesday, December 15, 1999. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie.

Larry Douglas Meadows, 49, of Breaks, Virginia, died Sunday, January 2, 2000, at Humana Hospital Clinch Valley, Richlands, Va. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Gay Slone Meadows. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Shortridge-Ramey Funeral Home of Grundy.

Frank Phillips, 76, of Pikeville, died Monday, January 3, 2000, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 7, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

George A. Hicks, 73, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, January 4, 2000. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Lew Willard Lowe, 78, of Pikeville, died Sunday, January 2, 2000. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 6, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

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

Several airlines grounded aircraft and canceled hundreds of flights due to low demand.

Pike County

Phyllis Sue Cantrell Cure, 66, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, January 3, 2000. She is survived by her husband, Spurlock Cure. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Lummie Swiney, 87, of Trace Fork of Elkhorn City, died Friday, December 31, 1999. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Amy Coleman Madden, 90, of Pikeville, died Sunday, January 2, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Sarah Belene Stevens, 60, of Elmhurst, Illinois, formerly of Virgie, died Saturday, January 1, 2000, at the Loyola Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Langley Miller, 89, of Pikeville, died Friday, December 31, 1999, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Virgie Adams Compton, 90, of Pikeville, died Saturday, January 1, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Curtis Fields, 70, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Island Creek, died Thursday, December 30, 1999, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Rudolph Lee, 94, of Pikeville, died Saturday, January 1, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Bertha Allene Gee Perry, 88, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Saturday, January 1, 2000 at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Peggy Jo Martinez, 43, of Phelps, died Sunday, January 2, 2000. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 7, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Sons Funeral Home.

Helen L. Cantrell, 63, died December 20, 1999, at a Columbus, Ohio hospital. She is survived by her husband, Loman Cantrell Jr. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 22, under the direction of O.R. Woodyard Funeral Home.

Peggy Wheeler Wilson, 78, died Saturday, January 1. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, under the direction of Williamson Memorial Funeral Home.

Aredith Wiley Sparks, 85, died Saturday, December 25. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Emma Hall, 84, died Sunday, December 26. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 29, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Minnie Rigsby, 91, died Sunday, January 2. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Margaret Louise Ratliff Perkins, 55, died Monday, December 27. She is survived by her husband, George E. Perkins. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ruby Jewell Daniels Ward, 78, died Saturday, January 1. She is survived by her husband, John V. Ward. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Perry County

Reba Sue King Byars, 66, of Norwood, Missouri, died Friday, December 31. She is survived by her husband, Louis D. Byars. Funeral services were conducted January 3, under the direction of Engle's Perry County Chapel.

James D. Coots, 76, of Letcher, died Friday, December 31. He is survived by his wife, Jewell G. Coots. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Maggard Brothers Funeral Home.

Beatrice Madden Combs, 78, of Hazard, died Tuesday, December

28. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, under the direction of Maggard Funeral Home.

Sophia Lee Holliday, 79, of Hazard, died Thursday, December 30. Funeral services were conducted January 2, under the direction of Maggard Brothers Funeral Home.

Grace Gordon Calhoun Hurt, 96, of Bulan, died Thursday, December 28. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 30, under the direction of Maggard Brothers Funeral Home.

Marshall Jarnigan, 84, of Hazard, died Tuesday, December 28. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, under the direction of Maggard Brothers Funeral Home.

Martha Sabastian, 78, of Combs, died Sunday, January 2. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Engle Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Edward Hensley, 83, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, December 29. He is survived by his wife, Madgie Howard Hensley. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 1, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Jessie Gipson Cole, 82, of Salyersville, died Thursday, December 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Lucas Cole. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 26, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel.

Mitchell Branham, 80, of Urbana, Ohio, died Wednesday, December 29. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Dunham Branham. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, under the direction of Littleton & Rue Funeral Home.

Ronald Dean Gillum, 56, of Salyersville, died Saturday, January 1. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Corbett Bailey, 83, of Salyersville, died Sunday, January 2. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Minix Bailey. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Henry Grady Blair, 82, died Wednesday, December 29. He is survived by his wife, Malta Fairchild Blair. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Helen L. Cantrell, 63, died December 20, 1999, at a Columbus, Ohio hospital. She is survived by her husband, Loman Cantrell Jr. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 22, under the direction of O.R. Woodyard Funeral Home.

Peggy Wheeler Wilson, 78, died Saturday, January 1. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, under the direction of Williamson Memorial Funeral Home.

Aredith Wiley Sparks, 85, died Saturday, December 25. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Emma Hall, 84, died Sunday, December 26. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 29, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Minnie Rigsby, 91, died Sunday, January 2. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Margaret Louise Ratliff Perkins, 55, died Monday, December 27. She is survived by her husband, George E. Perkins. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ruby Jewell Daniels Ward, 78, died Saturday, January 1. She is survived by her husband, John V. Ward. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Rosemary Gray Ousley

Rosemary Gray Ousley, 59, of Water Gap, died Monday, January 3, 2000, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

She was born September 15, 1940, in Water Gap, the daughter of the late George Gray and Stacy Hammonds Gray.

She is survived by her husband, James E. Ousley.

Other survivors include one brother, George Gray Jr. of Langley.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 6, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergymen, Ersel Huff and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Hagans Cemetery, Langley, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ival Whitaker

Ival Whitaker, 80, of Piercetown, Indiana, formerly of Prestonsburg, died January 4, 2000, in the Vencor Hospital, Lagrange, Indiana.

Born January 4, 1920, in Offutt, the daughter of the late Logan and Bessie Peery Akers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Whitaker.

Survivors include four daughters, Linda Adams of Silver Lake, Indiana, Claudia Shepherd of Piercetown, Indiana, Garnett Rivera of Warsaw, Indiana, Arlene Barton of Dowagone, Michigan; two sons, Burt M. Whitaker of Seattle, Washington, Mike E. Whitaker of Warsaw, Indiana; two sisters, Laura Griffith and Evelyn Stephens, both of Prestonsburg; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 7, at 2 p.m., at the McHatten Sadler Funeral Chapel, Piercetown, Indiana, with Pastor Chad Burkhardt officiating.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Piercetown, Indiana, under the direction of McHatten-Sadler Funeral Chapel.

Kenas (Keen) Mulkey

Kenas (Keen) Mulkey, 84, of Banner, died Wednesday, January 5, 2000, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, following an extended illness.

Born on February 15, 1915, in Dana, he was the son of the late Ernest and Victoria Smith Mulkey. He was a laborer.

Survivors include four sisters, Linnie Mulkey and Atchie Spears, both of Banner, Augusta Hurd Kidd of Allen, Lizzie Bentley of Garrett.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 8, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with ministers of Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Loranie Watson Hall

Loranie Watson Hall, 92, of Dema, died Wednesday, January 5, 2000, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on July 15, 1907, in Pippa Passes, she was the daughter of the late Leck and Julia Ann Owens Watson. She was a member of the Caney Fork Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Talt Hall.

Survivors include one niece, Mary Lois Jacobs of Pippa Passes; and one brother, Lovell D. Watson of Mt. Sterling.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 7, at noon, at the Reynolds Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, Mallie, with Paul Watson, Bordis Slone and Willie Vernon Slone officiating.

Burial will be in the Joe Hall Cemetery, Dry Creek, Topmost, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Watkins pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Alma Dorothy Allen Watkins were Harry Rice, Jeremy Watkins, Alan Sublett, John W. Allen, C. R. Rice, Tim Cox and John Dieter Allen.

Honorary pallbearers were Henry Standafer, Russell Rice, Mart V. Allen, Ronnie Mosley, Cecil Watkins, Keith Coleman, Bill Slone and Babe Watkins.

Dailey Stamper Meisenheimer

Dailey Stamper Meisenheimer, 86, of Ashland, formerly of Floyd County, died January 2, 2000 in King's Daughters Medical Center.

She was born May 15, 1913, in Lee County, a daughter of the late Burl and Ellen Stamper.

Her husband John Meisenheimer preceded her in death.

She was a retired secretary and a member of Centenary United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

She is survived by two brothers, Steven H. "Harlow" Stamper of Ashland, Walter C. Stamper of Flatwoods, and a sister, Adis Akers of Vevey, Indiana.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, January 4, at 1 p.m., at Golden Oaks Memorial Gardens by the Rev. Neil Salvaterra.

Honorary pallbearers were Steve Stamper, Mike Stamper, Donald Akers, Don Marshall, and Gene Irwin.

Ronnie Dale Rice

Ronnie Dale Rice, 33, of Wildwood, Florida, formerly of West Prestonsburg, died Sunday, January 2, 2000, at Monroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Florida, following a brief illness.

He was born January 22, 1966, the son of Cordella Faye Roberts Rice of Wildwood, Florida, and the late Willie D. Rice.

He was a 1984 graduate of Wildwood High School. He had been a security officer and a former Wildwood Florida police officer.

In addition, to his mother, he is survived by his daughter, Kelsey Alyssa Rice of Labelle, Florida; one brother, Michael Curtis Rice of Wildwood, Florida; and his maternal grandmother, Nettie M. Roberts, also of Wildwood.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 8, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

Burial will be in the Hicks Cemetery, Hippo, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Randall Ray "Boo" Isaac

Randall Ray "Boo" Isaac, 49, of Versailles, formerly of Spurlock Creek and Jack's Creek of Floyd County, died Tuesday, January 4, 2000, at the Woodford Memorial Hospital, Versailles.

He was born May 25, 1950, in Bevinville, the son of the late Virgil Isaac and Opal Marie Cook Isaac Clemons. He was an electrician, a U.S. Army, Vietnam War veteran, and a member of Wheelwright Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Smith Isaac.

Other survivors include one son, Evan Isaac of Versailles; two daughters, Rae Lauren Isaac and Leah Isaac, both of Versailles; four brothers, Gary Wayne Isaac of Bevinville, Jerry Randall Clemons of Somerset, Joe Clemons of Morrystown, Tennessee; three sisters, Carol Boudle of Bevinville, Karen Elaine Shumate of Sesser, Illinois, and Sandra Clemons of Somerset.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 7, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

Burial will be in the Buckingham Cemetery, Bevinville, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Irene Hall Osborne

Irene Hall Osborne, 71, of Oak Hill, Ohio, died Monday, January 3, 2000, at the home of her daughter, Diana.

Born April 4, 1928, in Ivel, she was the daughter of the late Jack and Belle Endicott Hall.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Euel Osborne.

Survivors include three sons, Teddie Osborne and Jay Osborne, both of Oak Hill, and Timmy Osborne of Jackson; one daughter, Diana Sharp of Oak Hill; three sisters, Alma Tackett of Ivel, Bonnie Williams of Oak Hill and Totsie Howard of Columbus; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, 11 a.m., at Kuhner-Lewis Funeral Home, Oak Hill, with Rev. Rondall Walker officiating. Burial was in Hill Cemetery, Thurman, under the direction of Kuhner-Lewis Funeral Home.

Airfares fall in Dec., Y2K cited, AAA says

The national average cost of round-trip leisure airfares fell 9.4 percent to \$213.85 in December, according to AAA. The average airfare rate was \$22.07 less than it was in November when the average cost for a ticket was \$235.92.

The drop in airfares led to an overall decrease of 6 percent in the AAA Leisure Travel Index, which reflects the sum of a monthly national average for airfares, lodging and car rental rates. The monthly index for those three categories fell \$24.18 to \$381.84.

"Leisure travel rates for December slipped due to the Y2K situation," according to Dan Dickson, spokesman for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky.

Many would-be travelers are working or are on call for the New Year's holiday weekend. Others might have been scared off by talk of Y2K problems, real or imagined. "What ever the reason, there were some great discounts to be had," said Dickson.

Several airlines grounded aircraft and canceled hundreds of flights due to low demand.

Although higher fuel costs are worrying airlines, some have announced sales through January to stimulate the traffic.

Other highlights of the monthly AAA Leisure Travel Index: car rental rates declined \$2.92 in December to an average of \$38.17 nationally. Car rental companies had been raising rates since September, but then cut them in December when they saw that demand was light.

Lodging rates, however, increased 81 cents during the month to an average of \$129.82. High occupancy and an increase in the number of available hotel rooms in urban areas are keeping these rates fairly stable.

The December report is based on data from 12,000 AAA two and three diamond lodging room rates, 4,300 intermediate-sized car rental rates and 1,100 domestic airfares for 20 major U.S. markets.

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

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CHURCH OF CHRIST
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 Worship—10:45 a.m.
 6 p.m. Std. Time
 7 p.m. D.L.S. Time
 Wed. Bible Study—7 p.m.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Domestic violence?

Is your intimate partner jealous? Do they try to control you? Do they have an explosive temper, even over little things? Do they have difficulty expressing their feelings? Do they often blame you for everything wrong in their lives? Do they call your names or use put downs to damage your self-esteem? You may be a victim of domestic violence, even though no one hits you. Emotional abuse can be just as hurtful as a fist. Don't wait around to see if it's going to get worse, call the crisis line at 886-6025 or out-of-area, 1-800-649-6605, we are here 24-hours a day, every day, because "Love doesn't have to hurt."

P'burg SBDM

Prestonsburg Grade School Elementary will have a regularly scheduled SBDM council meeting on Monday, January 10, at 6 p.m., in the auditorium.

Sullivan College holds information night

Sullivan College will be holding an off-campus information night at Bell County High School on Monday, January 10, from 4-7 p.m. Information concerning academic programs, housing, accreditation, faculty, and financial aid will be available to all interested students. This information session is open to the public. For additional information or directions, call Sullivan College at 1-800-467-6281.

Power Wheelchairs available

January, 2000, The Senior Wheels Program USA makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs, to non-ambulatory Senior Citizens (65 years old and up) and others at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. The Power Wheelchairs are provided to those who are in a wheelchair, and are not able to self-propel in their living area, and meet the additional qualifications of the program. No deposit required. Call for more information on the details of the program. No nursing homes, or HMO's please. Call 1-800-360-8765.

Fibromyalgia group meeting

The Fibromyalgia Family Support Group meeting for individuals with FMS and the people who care about them are encouraged to attend our meetings.

The meeting will be held the first Tuesday in each month at 7 p.m. in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building.

For more information, call: Phyllis at (606) 874-2769 or Sharon at (606) 478-5224.

Christmas trees wanted

The KY Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources is accepting live cut Christmas trees to use as fish attractors in Dewey Lake. The drop off point is at the Fish & Wildlife office located on Ky. 302 at Dewey Lake near Stratton Branch. These will be accepted immediately and can be dropped off at any time.

Clark family resource center

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

- Advisory council meeting—January 11, at 5 p.m.
- Parental support group meeting—January 12, at noon.
- PTA meeting—January 11, at 7 p.m.

SSI representative to visit Mud Creek Clinic

A Social Security representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of January.

The representative will be in the clinic to assist people in filing Social Security claims and appeals.

People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung and Social Security numbers. You can also pick up booklets on Social Security and get questions answered.

South Floyd High PTA meeting

South Floyd High School will have a PTA meeting on Monday, January 10, at 7 p.m.

Energy Assistance Program

Are you in a crisis with your home heating costs? If so, Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Inc. may be able to help you through its Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Applications for home heating assistance will be taken beginning January 10 through March 15, or until all of the agency's crisis funds have been expended, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at your local Community Action Program Office.

To be eligible for Crisis assistance, a household must:

- meet the 110% poverty income guidelines, and
- the household is within four (4) days of running out of fuel if bulk fuel (coal, fuel oil, propane, kerosene, or wood) is the heat source; or
- has received a past due/disconnected notice if natural gas or electric is primary heat source; or
- the household's home heating costs are included as an undesignated portion of the rent, and the household has received an eviction notice for non-payment of rent.

To make application, clients should bring social security numbers, birth dates, and proof of income for the previous month for all household members, certification that the household is out of heat or going to be out of heat or has a past due/disconnect notice from their heating source as stated above. The program is funded through the Cabinet for Families & Children Community Based Services and the Kentucky Association for Community Action.

For more information, contact Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Inc., in Floyd County at 886-2929.

McDowell SBDM/PTA

McDowell Elementary holds its monthly SBDM meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. PTA monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. The January meetings are rescheduled as follows: SBDM will meet January 18 at 6 p.m. in the school library, PTA will meet January 17 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Join Alice Lloyd College in the new millennium

It's not too late. Classes for the 2000 Spring Semester at Alice Lloyd College will begin on Wednesday, January 19. Registration for upcoming classes at ALC will begin Tuesday, January 18 at 8:30 a.m. in the June Buchanan Alumni Center. Call 1-888-280-4ALC or come by for a tour.

County Pictorial History 2000 calendar available

The Floyd County Pictorial History 2000 Calendar containing 18 pictures of various county locations and scenes is available from any member of the Floyd County Historical Society. The cost is \$8.

Pikeville Methodist Hospital January 2000

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

January 19: A Sibling Class will be offered from 6-7 p.m., at PMH. Participants meet in the lobby. Pre-register at 437-3938.

For a complete listing of hospital-sponsored events, call the Events Line at 437-2003.

You or someone you know can't stop drinking

Alcoholics Anonymous is willing to help. For more information, call 1-800-467-8019.

Al Anon: For support and understanding of the disease—meets, 8 p.m., Saturdays, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. (Alanon is for family members of alcoholics).

Depressed Anonymous

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

G.E.D. classes

Linda Bailey of The David School will teach G.E.D. classes at the Mud Creek Community Family Resource/Youth Service Center each Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes are free.

SF Youth Service Center

Walking track is open to the general public, 7 a.m. till 5 p.m. (walking track is closed during special events). The Center is sponsoring several guest presentations. Contact the center for time and subjects. The center has a One-stop Career Station satellite, available to the community as well as to the students. Stop in Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Anyone interested in Adult Education should contact the center.

The South Floyd Youth Services Center is located on South Floyd's campus in room 232. For more information, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable Hall 606/452-9600, ext. 243.

Martin High alumni

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

McDowell Family Resource Center Activities

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

The Floyd County Health Departments Nurse is at the Center each Monday to see patients needing immunizations, T.B. Skin tests, pre-natal W.I.C., W.I.C., and school

physicals (head start, kindergarten, 6th grade).

Call to schedule an appointment, 377-2678.

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

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

Veterans rep.

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

Apples for the students

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

Veterans affairs

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

Big Sandy Abuse Center

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

4-H has Wildcat calendars — but wait

The 4-H has University of Kentucky Wildcat calendars on sale for \$7, while they last. But the Floyd County Extension Office, where they are available, will be closed until Monday, January 3. On that date or after, you can pick up a calendar at the office, 921 S. Lake Dr. in Prestonsburg.

Mayo Moments

by Linda Lyon

It's a miracle! Amazing! Wonderful! Stupendous! The world as we know it did not fall down on our heads on January 1, 2000. Here we are and here we go off into this bright new world of Y2K. I guess we will have to find something new to write about and talk about and wear on our hats and T-shirts. Meanwhile back at Mayo...

The dawn of the new milenium is a new day with new activities but a lot of old ideals and commitment for Mayo Technical College.

I was at the campus in Pikeville last week, installing some computers when Bobby McCool, our director came by. He had stopped off at our Paintsville campus and was surprised to find a humming little group working away even though we were technically "shut down".

That is not unusual. The level of commitment of the employees at Mayo is high. The students come first and the employees focus on the job to be done.

Mayo will register students in

How to adopt a compatible pet

(NAPSA)—Just because that cute little doggie in the window is staring at you with "take-me-home" eyes doesn't mean it's the right pet for you or your family.

Many pet owners make the mistake of choosing what they consider to be the most adorable pet without taking the time to consider compatibility.

Selecting the right pet is very important

When choosing a pet, it is important to select one that is right for your environment; one that will fit in with your lifestyle. A poor match may bring frustration later.

Nearly 60 percent of households in the country own pets. Did you know one in four of those pets will end up in a shelter? It's true! This percentage can easily be decreased with a few pertinent pet pointers:

- Before your new pet is even brought home, you and your family should discuss "the rules" to ensure that your pet receives a consistent message.
- Spay or neuter your cat or dog—this avoids millions of pets being put to sleep because there are not enough homes for them.
- Proper training is very important. New puppies or dogs not accustomed to staying alone can bark or howl. Praise your pet and offer rewards for staying alone at different increments in time.
- Get pet references—if you leave your current address. Ask professionals who know your pet, such as the veterinarian or current landlord, to write short letters of reference. This may help to persuade a

perspective landlord that your well-mannered pets will be good tenants.

The ABC's of Responsible Pet Ownership is a free, 12-page pet-care guide that will be available at SPCA's, local shelters and Humane Societies across the country. For a free copy, visit a nearby shelter, call 1-877-466-6367 or visit www.febreze.com/usa.

75th Birthday Celebration of Ola Wells



The family is holding a reception in honor of the 75th birthday of Ola Wells, at the Auxier Fire Department, Auxier, KY.

Saturday, January 8, 2000, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m..

Punch, cake, coffee and soft drinks will be served. The custom of open invitation is being observed.

Reward



Black/White male Siberian Husky. Wearing red nylon collar w/reflective strip. Green tags from Country Hills Vet.

Answers to "Blackie"
Last seen on Arkansas Creek — 12-28.
Please call 285-5072
Reward offered/no questions asked.

THE CITY OF MARTIN WASTE WATER DEPARTMENT

would like to inform their customers that they will be conducting a smoke test on their collection lines.

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Big Sandy Briefs

The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results	January 5, 2000
LOTTO KENTUCKY 22-26-33-34-39-42 Next Estimated Jackpot \$3.4 million	POWERBALL 05-15-16-28-32 (39) Next Estimated Jackpot \$32 million

Local artist honored

A young man who grew up in the head of Licking River in Magoffin County is now an acclaimed artist. Shannon Shepherd, an art teacher at Betsy Layne High School in Floyd County, has had several shows in the area including the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, the Appalshop in Whitesburg, and Morehead State University where he recently completed his Master of Arts in Studio Art. One of his works, which he contributed to the Magoffin County Historical Society, was displayed in a local bank in Salyersville during the recent Founder's Day celebration. —*The Salyersville Independent*



1999 farmer tax guides now available here at county extension office

The Magoffin County Cooperative Extension Service has several copies of the 1999 Farmer's Tax Guide to help farmers prepare their taxes. The Farmer's Tax Guides have been offered to Magoffin County farmers free through the local

Extension office for several years. A Farmer's Tax Guide contains all kinds of information just on doing taxes for a farm. You don't have to wade through all the information to find the part for the farm. It is all included in one well-organized publication. Free sample forms that are needed to complete the taxes for a farm are also included. This publication will help you collect the information needed even if you plan on paying someone else to do your taxes.—*The Salyersville Independent*

Y2K just another day here for utility services, banks

Final answers to Y2K questions and its effects on the turn of the century are only a couple of days away, but for now officials say Magoffin County and surrounding areas should be safe from major difficulties. With concerns regarding the Y2K situation prompting area residents to stockpile necessary food and drink supplies, utility companies, medical services outlets and local banks are sending out all-clear messages to their customers.—*The Salyersville Independent*

Magistrate threatens judge over water issue

The office of Pike County Judge-Executive Karen Gibson as of late Tuesday afternoon had yet to deliver a \$200,000 check to Mountain Water District for water-line extension work, despite a threat from one magistrate to seek malfeasance proceedings if that exchange did not occur within 24 hours of Monday's fiscal court meeting. District Six Magistrate Stirl Eddie Harris said during that meeting should Gibson not comply with a previous vote of the court to turn over \$200,000 to the water district for waterline work in the Mill Branch, Biggs Branch and Beech Creek areas, he would take the issue to state Attorney General Ben Chandler. —*Appalachian New-Express*



The closure of the two mines, located at Hawkins and Daniels Branch, resulted in the combined layoff of 65 employees.

"We deeply regret the need for this action," said Gary Bennett, general contractor of Coal-Mac. "It has become increasingly difficult for small-scale operations like the Hawkins and Daniels Branch mines to remain profitable when coal prices are so depressed. "We have some of the best employees in the industry, and they are to be commended for the safe and productive way they have performed their duties. —*Appalachian New-Express*

W. Ky tornado knocks out local long-distance service

A tornado spun off by a powerful storm in western Kentucky, Monday evening crippled local long-distance service for some telephone users yesterday. Darrell Maynard, president of SouthEast Telephone in Pikeville, said about 500 of the company's eastern Kentucky customers lost long-distance service after the tornado damaged the company's fiber optic cables located in Owensboro. —*Appalachian New-Express*

Sheriff fails to pay bills

Unless Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young comes up with \$111,000 owed to the fiscal court, the county may be forced to cut him off.

The county has been doing the sheriff's payroll for the last year and the bill was due December 31. A new quarter began January 1. According to county treasurer Franklin Fletcher, Young's failure to pay the bill means the county will not have the money to pay Young and four members of his staff Thursday, when payroll checks are issued.

The fiscal court is in violation of an order handed down in 1996 stating the county could stop doing the sheriff's payroll, budget-cutting measure ordered by then County Judge-Executive Kelly Callahan. But when Judge-Executive Dr. Lon E. Laferty took the office last year, the county picked up the sheriff's payroll.—*Mountain Citizen*



Kermit Coal sold

Although there is no official word from either Addington Enterprises Inc. (a coal company which purchased Kermit Coal and Wolf Collieries from Zeigler

Holdings, August 4, 1998) or Massey Coal Services (one of the nation's leading coal companies), rumors abound that Massey has purchased Kermit Coal and Wolf Creek, effective the first of the year.

Donnie Stansky, a 45-year-old disabled miner who worked at Kermit Coal when it shut down in 1993, said Thursday that he had talked with a supervisor who has been overseeing routine maintenance at the idled operation, who confirmed Massey had bought the operation and was in the process of taking over.—*Mountain Citizen*

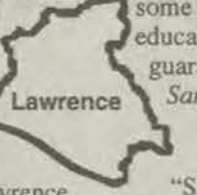
Fitzpatrick still on hold as city cop

The wheels of the federal government move slowly at times. Two people who can attest to this are Inez Mayor Rick Penix and Martin County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Pete Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick was hired as a full-time Inez police officer in November, thanks to a COPS grant from the Department of Justice. Despite giving his notice to Sheriff Darriel Young, Fitzpatrick remains a deputy until Penix receives funding from the federal government.—*Mountain Citizen*

State Treasurer-elect Jonathan Miller to propose legislation, which will be considered during the current session of the General Assembly, which began Monday, in Frankfort.

Adkins, during a recent press conference at Second Street Elementary School in Frankfort, said Kentucky currently has a savings program designed to alleviate some of the other costs associated with a college education. But he said the program does not offer a guaranteed way to pay for college tuition.—*The Big Sandy News*



New area barber school opens

"Shave and a haircut, two bits." Well, actually they'll cost you a bit more than that these days, but thanks to a brand-new business underway in Paintsville, there'll be more trained barbers to perform those much-needed services.

The Eastern Kentucky Barber School officially opened on Tuesday at 949 Broadway (Rock City) in Paintsville with five students and registered and licensed head instructor H. David Pree as director.

The school has immediate openings for 10 more students, and the facility can train a total of 30 students, with the addition of a second instructor. —*The Big Sandy News*

Prosecutor: Grim admitted killing man

A Johnson County resident charged with killing a man in Lawrence County in 1997 allegedly told an acquaintance that he committed the murder and that he would confess to the crime if "anything comes up about it."

Those allegations are contained in court papers filed in the murder case against James W. Grim of Tutor Key. Grim is charged with the May 18, 1997, death of Phillip Michael Wagner, another Johnson County man whose skeletal remains were found in Lawrence County in December 1998.

In a document filed December 23 in Lawrence Circuit Court, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Ron Burchett indicated that Grim admitted to a friend that he killed Wagner.—*The Big Sandy News*

Legislature will consider Adkins' college tuition bill

State Rep. Rocky Adkins is the primary sponsor of a bill that would create a pre-paid college program in Kentucky.

The Sandy Hook Democrat, whose district includes Lawrence County, has teamed with Senators Lindy Casebier of Louisville and Bob Jackson of Murray, and

or street the residence is located are then issued to the responding emergency units.—*The Licking Valley Courier*

Referendum to decide on cross-county quota leasing

A referendum is being held in which burley tobacco producers may vote on allowing cross-county leasing.

Ballots will be mailed to all known eligible tobacco producers on January 7.

If returned in person, the certification envelope must be received at the USDA Service Center, Farm Service Agency, West Liberty, by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 14.

If mailed, the certification envelope must be post-marked not later than midnight on January 14, 2000, and received at the Farm Service Agency before the start of canvassing the ballots on Wednesday, January 19. Ballots will be canvassed beginning at 8:30 p.m.—*The Licking Valley Courier*

a government official, political or local community leader, in fact, the individual is the youngest person given this honor since the naming began in 1983.

The 1999 Person of the Year has made Knott Countians proud and has brought positive attention and publicity to Knott County. —*Troublesome Creek Times*

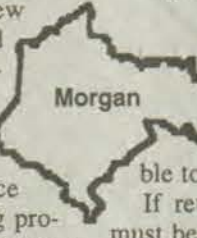
WYMT tourney in Knott this week

The WYMT-TV/Whayne Supply Mountain Basketball Classic, one of eastern Kentucky's most anticipated sports events, begins this week in Hindman.

The tournament, featuring some of the best high school basketball teams in the region, will be held at Knott County Central High School, Morton Combs Athletic Complex, where it has been held every year since it began 12 years ago.

The tournament is not only a showcase for basketball but also provides academic opportunities in the form of scholarships to deserving and needy students.

Two Knott Contians are among this year's scholarship recipients. They are Janie Lynn Watts, daughter of Randall and Debbie Watts of Garner, and Justin Handshoe, son of Freddy and Myra Handshoe of Leburn. —*Troublesome Creek Times*



Mapping for E-911 complete; most Morgan residents soon to be assigned new addresses

About 90 percent of Morgan County's residences and businesses will soon be assigned new addresses, thanks to the county's new enhanced 911 emergency reporting and dispatching system.

Mapping for the county-wide E-911 system is virtually complete. Chief Dispatcher John Conley of the West Liberty Police Department, who has coordinated the mapping project, said road identification signs erected by county government combined with global positioning satellite technology utilized in plotting individual addresses makes it possible for a dispatcher to locate on a computer screen with pinpoint accuracy the address from which an emergency call originates. Mapping coordinates compiled for each address, listing road name, exact distances, and on which side of the road

Gayheart pleads guilty to one count of vote-buying

David Randall Gayheart, 23, of Hindman, entered a plea of guilty in United States District Court in Pikeville on Monday, January 3, to one count of vote buying in the May 1998, primary election.

Joseph L. Famularo, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and Jeffery Lapinski, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation for Kentucky, jointly announced the plea on Tuesday.

Gayheart pleaded guilty to paying a voter \$25 for her vote in the May 25, 1998, primary election in Knott County, in violation of federal criminal laws. Because the election involved candidates for the United States Senate, the buying or selling of votes in such an election violated federal criminal laws. —*Troublesome Creek Times*

Rebecca Gayheart: Person of the Year

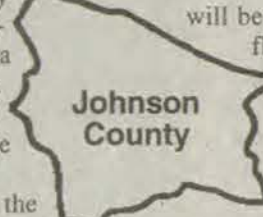
The Times 1999 Person of the Year, Rebecca Gayheart, demonstrates that Knott Countians can compete with anyone in the world and that dreams in Knott County can be realized with dedication, perseverance and hard work. The Person of the Year is not

Fee-pooling plan adopted in split vote

Two Johnson County Fiscal Court members rejected a plea for delay from their counterpart Monday, voting to enact an ordinance establishing a fee-pooling system for the county court clerk and sheriff's offices.

The ordinance, which requires excess fees accumulated by County Clerk Betty Jo Conley and Sheriff Bill Witten to be transferred monthly rather than annually to the county treasury will take effect February 1, but a legal challenge is expected before that date from Conley, who through her attorney Ned Pillersdorf, opposes the plan.

Prior to the court's vote Monday on the final approval of the ordinance, Pillersdorf asked court members to reject the proposal, saying there is "no statutory authority" for imposing the fee-pooling process. He added that he wasn't ever sure the process could be allowed by the consent of the fee officers.—*The Paintsville Herald*



Lake is critical to growth of system

When it was built in the late 1970s, Paintsville Lake's first purpose was to keep water out of Paintsville.

Now, more than 20 years later, the lake is the key,

not just for supplying water to Paintsville and Johnson County, but to much of the Big Sandy region.

As a flood-control project, Paintsville Lake has an unblemished record. Not one city street has been under water since the dam went on line in the early 1980s for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

As a water source for Paintsville Utilities, the lake's value is as clear as the water it contains, but it will be at least three years before any water from it flows through taps in the city and county.—*The Paintsville Herald*

Judge asked to decide if pay, staff cuts legal

Circuit Judge Nick Frazier has been asked to determine if the county's fiscal court can reduce the salary, duties and staff of Johnson County Jailer B. Joe Hill.

The questions revolve around a proposed county ordinance introduced and then tabled at the fiscal court's December 14 meeting.

As explained at that meeting by County Judge-Executive Tucker Daniel, the ordinance is a means of reducing the costs borne by taxpayers for the jailer's office in light of new courtroom technology which will diminish Hill's job duties. —*The Paintsville Herald*

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98 FORD WINDSTAR	17400	10980	6420
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After fire drill, Betsy Layne falls to Pike Central

Keathley scores 20 in Bobcats 77-55 setback



BETSY LAYNE'S ADAM COLLINS (33) scored over Pike Central's Chris Clevenger (33) Tuesday night at Pike Central. The Bobcats dropped a 77-55 decision to the Hawks. (photo by Ed Taylor)

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Pike County Central Hawks placed four players in double figures and the local fire department was on hand, but not to watch, as the Hawks posted a 77-55 win over a sluggish Betsy Layne, which hadn't played basketball since December 21.

The fire department arrived just as the fourth quarter was about to begin because someone pulled an alarm that forced fans, players and the media man outside.

After the all clear signal allowed patrons to return, and the media person, the game resembled anything like a basketball game for the Bobcats, who looked very strong in the first half.

Big man Chris Clevenger had his way in the paint area after the fire drill and the fourth quarter resumed. He scored eight of his game-high 23 points in the final period and most of those came under the basket as the Hawks had excellent ball execution.

Betsy Layne showed it had not been on the hardwood over the holidays and showed signs of reverting to what was a drastic season last year. The Cats showed some selfishness that was absent the first month of the season, that contributed to a good early start for Betsy Layne.

Brock Keathley led the Bobcats in scoring with 20 points, 16 of those in the first half.

Betsy Layne looked confused on both ends of the floor as the Hawks shredded the Bobcat defense with excellent spacing and pinpoint passing.

Betsy Layne went to the locker room nursing a precarious 36-33 lead, but when the second half resumed they could not find ways to handle the three-quarter pressure the Hawks threw at them.

The two teams played to a 15-15 tie after the first eight minutes. The event had the makings of a game that could possibly go down to the final possession. The lead changed hands four times in the opening quarter and the game was tied thrice.

Clevenger gave the Hawks a 2-0 lead but Betsy Layne got three-point baskets from Keathley and Justin

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■ Girls

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OBI at Piarist

■ Boys

Fri., Jan. 7, 2000
Betsy Layne at Feds Creek
Belfry at Prestonsburg

The Floyd County Elementary basketball tournament tips off Monday night at Allen Central Middle School. All county teams, boys and girls, will take part in the week long event. Pairings for tourney had not been announced at press time. See complete listings and brackets in Sunday's Sports Plus.

Raiders strike again in win at Millard

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Sophomore Rusty Tackett came off the South Floyd bench and scored a game-high 22 points to lead the Raiders to a convincing 112-69 win over the Millard Mustangs Tuesday night.

It was the second straight game in which the Raiders have scored over 100 points. Coach Henry Webb's ballclub is averaging just over 90 points a game through the

first 12 games. South Floyd improved to 10-2 on the year.

Five players scored in double figures for South Floyd and they have six averaging in double figures for the season. Freshman Michael Hall added 19 points in the victory. Kyle Tackett buried three three-point baskets and finished with 13 points. Ryan Shannon added 12 and Byron Hall scored 11. Jimmy Stumbo finished with eight points.

Millard made a game of it in the first eight minutes, staying with the quicker Raiders. The Mustangs trailed 26-20 at the first stop. Tackett was unconscious in the first quarter, hitting three treys and scoring nine points. He has hit eight three-point baskets in his last two games. Tackett had five first-quarter points, with Michael Hall and Byron Hall tossing in four.

Rusty Tackett continued with the hot hand in the second stanza with eight points as the Raiders led 48-34 at the half.

The Raiders were awesome in the third period, outscoring Millard 38-16 to take a 86-50 lead. Michael Hall turned up the burners and hit two three-point baskets while scoring 13 of his 19 points in the third period. Rusty Tackett had a trey and seven points in the same quarter.

South Floyd's defense took Millard out of its game and turnovers hurt the Mustangs in trying to solve the pressure defense. John Meade, who went scoreless in the first two quarters, tossed all seven of his points in the third quarter.

Coach Webb went to his bench in the fourth quarter, with Joe Skeans scoring four points, as did Joe Platkus. Stumbo hit his second trey of the game and scored five points in the final stanza.

South Floyd, which has been hot from the free throw line, continued to connect from the charity stripe at Millard, making 19 of 26 attempts.

A. Coleman led Millard's scoring with 15 points. Ward added 14. C. Coleman scored 11. South Floyd will travel to Prestonsburg Tuesday night in a conference game with the Blackcats.

The Raiders lead the Floyd County Conference with a 3-0 mark.



SOUTH FLOYD (112)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Shannon	3	0	6-6	12
Stumbo	1	2	0-0	8
K. Tackett	2	3	0-0	13
B. Hall	3	0	6-5	11
M. Hall	6	2	2-1	19
Meade	3	0	1-1	7
R. Tackett	9	1	3-1	22
D. Tackett	2	1	0-0	7
Newman	0	0	4-2	2
Skeans	2	0	0-0	4
Hall	1	0	0-0	2
Platkus	1	0	2-2	4
Hyden	0	0	2-1	1
totals	33	9	26-19	112

MILLARD (69)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
A. Coleman	6	1	0-0	15
Sykes	3	0	0-0	6
Ward	7	0	2-0	14
C. Coleman	1	3	0-0	11
Kilgore	3	0	2-1	7
M. Tackett	3	0	0-0	6
M. Coleman	1	0	0-0	2
Ratliff	0	2	0-0	6
totals	24	6	4-1	69

South Floyd..... 26 22 38 26 - 112
Millard..... 20 14 16 19 - 69

A Look At Sports Next week will be tournament week

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH...

To Allen Central's Larry Mullins. Larry turns 17 on January 11. Hey, that is just three days before mine. That makes Larry older than me. Happy birthday, Larry, and have a great season.

If you have a birthday wish to someone to pass on, give me a call and we will pass it on.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL AND TOURNAMENTS

If you like high school basketball, and I love it, and if you like tournament play, and I love it, then next week will be a fun-filled week for you — and me because I love it.

Three, count them, three big tournaments will happen next week and it is a problem to figure out how to cover all of it.

The Floyd County Grade School tournament begins Monday night, the Coca-Cola Classic, involving three boys teams, begins Tuesday night, as well as the Girls All "A" Classic.

Now, if you find no basketball games to go to, you are not looking. Of course, it was bad scheduling on the part of the grade schools because of the two high school tournaments, because they certainly will take away from the crowds at the high school events.

One of my favorite tournaments is the Floyd County Grade School tournament. I have covered it the past 12 seasons. I intend to take in some of it and hopefully make most of the games. But I also have to get to the Girls All "A" and want to take in some of the Coca-Cola Classic.

The Coca-Cola Classic opens with a good one Tuesday night with Allen Central meeting the Sheldon Clark Cardinals. Allen Central has had a long lay off and played undermanned Piarist School this past Tuesday night.

"This team needs to play," said Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin of his team. Game time is set to tip off at 6:30 p.m. The Cardinals will bring a 2-6 record to the tournament, while Allen Central is 6-3 on the year.

The Allen Central coach said his team faces another lay off if they do not advance in the Pike Central tourna-



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Slone scores 25 as Allen Central rolls past Piarist

Rebels gearing up for Coca-Cola Classic

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It just isn't the type of game you want to play just before a big tournament, but the Allen Central Rebels basketball team made the trip to undermanned Piarist School for a district match up with the Knights on their home floor. The outcome was anything but

pleasant as the Rebels rolled to a 100-47 win over the Knights. The win improved the Rebels to 6-3 on the season and 3-1 in conference play.

Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin's ballclub hasn't played on the hardwood since December 21 and he felt his team needed some time on the court.

"I hated to play them (starters) but they needed some playing time," said Coach Martin. "We haven't played and the long lay off has hurt us."

Coach Martin and his team will play at Pike Central in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic Tuesday night. The Rebels will meet Sheldon Clark.

Leslie Slone scored 25 points to lead Allen Central's scoring. Jeremy Sexton finished in double figures with 14 points and Jeremy Hayes netted 11. Hayes was the Rebel with the hot hand before the holiday break.

Slone hit five three-point baskets in the win for Allen Central. Larry Mullins, who had eight

points, hit two three-point baskets. Josh Howell netted eight points and Rodney Scott finished with nine. Jeremy Rister came off the Rebel bench and contributed seven points, all in the fourth quarter.

George Hall led the Piarist School with 13 points while Robert Hall finished with 12. Brett Hall tossed in eight points and Evan Mulliken had six.

Slone was a one-man gang in the first quarter with 12 points, hitting two three-point baskets. Howell and Hayes scored six points each in the opening period. Allen Central led 30-14 at the first stop. George Hall and Brett Hall had four first-

quarter points for the Knights. Evan Mulliken also scored four points.

Allen Central went on a 27-13 run in the second period to take a 57-27 lead to the locker room at the half. Slone hit treys three and four in scoring eight points in the second quarter. Mullins had six points, including a three-point basket.

In a 22-5 blitz in the third period, Jeremy Sexton had six points to lead the charge as the Rebels busted out to a 79-32 advantage. George Hall scored all five of the Knights' points, hitting a three-point basket.

Coach Martin played his bench

the entire fourth quarter and got good play from Z.W. Chaffins, who finished the game with six points. Josh Yates tossed in four fourth-quarter points.

Matt Goeing scored all four of his points in the fourth quarter, as did Shawn Rose.

Yates and Travis Francis finished with four points for the Rebels. Nathan Goble added two and Justin Scott scored two points.

Allen Central hit five of seven free throws. The Knights attempted 18 and connected on 10.

Both teams will compete in the boys All "A" Classic in two weeks.

South Floyd Raiders easily defeats Betsy Layne Bobcats

by Karen Joseph
Sports Writer

The Betsy Layne Bobcats have had a rough time of late. They have had a hard time regrouping since Brent Newsome was injured at John M. Stumbo in mid-December. It is not known if Newsome will be back in time for the county tournament.

The South Floyd Raiders, on the other hand, have been on a roll lately. They are playing very good basketball getting ready to go into the county tournament.

The two teams met Tuesday night at the D. W. Howard Fieldhouse. South Floyd jumped out to an early lead and never slowed down. The Raiders led the Bobcats 20-3 in the first quarter and went on to win the game by a score of 55-38.

Brian Meade led all players in scoring with 19. Fifteen of those points were in the first half. Adam Tackett finished with 15 for the Raiders.

Betsy Layne was led in scoring by Jordan Scarberry. Scarberry finished the game with 12.

If the Bobcats could take away the first quarter, the game would have been pretty close. But in basketball, all quarters count. And the first quarter proved to count for the Raiders. They outscored Betsy Layne 20-3 in the first quarter.

Brian Meade scored 11 points in the first quarter, including one three-point basket. Adam Tackett helped his team with five points, while London Hall and Ervin Vance each had two points.

For the Bobcats, Buddy Conn had the only field goal and Adam Roberts connected for one free throw to give the Bobcats three points.

In the second quarter, the Bobcats played much better basketball. Jordan Scarberry, who was scoreless in the first quarter, scored 10 points in second quarter for the Bobcats.

Wesley Hall hit a three pointer for the Raiders. Hall also hit a two point basket, for a total of five points in the quarter.

Brian Meade had four points for South Floyd.

Both teams scored 16 points in the second quarter. This was good for South Floyd, but not so good for Betsy Layne. South Floyd did not lose any ground, but

Betsy Layne didn't gain any ground. The second quarter ended with the Raiders continuing to hold on to a 17-point lead, 36-19.

In the second half, the Bobcats hit a little better from the floor. Jordan Kidd had four points, while Jordan Scarberry, Buddy Conn and Brenton Hamilton had two each.

For the Raiders, Wesley Hall had another three-point basket.

The Bobcats gained a little ground on the Raiders by outscoring them 13-10. But the Raiders continued to enjoy a comfortable 14-point lead at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Raiders outscored the Bobcats by three points to make the final score 55-38.

Both teams will play one more regular season game this week, before going into the county tournament. The tournament begins Monday, January 10, and will be played at Allen Central Middle School.

Scoring Summary

South Floyd				
Player	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Tackett	5	1	6-2	15
Meade	8	1	2-0	19
L. Hall	2	0	0-0	4
Meade	1	0	0-0	2
Vance	2	0	0-0	4
W. Hall	1	2	0-0	8
Isaac	0	1	0-0	3
Betsy Layne				
Player	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Kidd	4	0	0-0	8
Scarberry	6	0	0-0	12
Akers	0	0	2-0	0
Conn	3	0	2-2	8
Roberts	2	0	4-3	7
Case	0	0	3-1	1
Hamilton	1	0	0-0	2
South Floyd	20	16	10	9—55
Betsy Layne	3	16	13	6—38

Betsy Layne Ladycats captures first place in county conference

by Karen Joseph
Sport Writer

The temperature may have been cold outside, but it was hot inside, as the Lady Bobcats of Betsy Layne hosted the Lady Raiders of South Floyd.

This was not just another game. This game would decide who would be number one in the county, going into the county tournament.

The South Floyd Lady Raiders had handed the Lady Bobcats their only loss of the season. That loss came in mid-December on South Floyd's home court.

But the Lady Bobcats had also given South Floyd its only loss, during a tournament game. So in regular season play, the South Floyd Raiders held the one-game advantage.

This was a very exciting ball game. Players, fans and coaches from both teams were very excited. Both teams played very good ball. These two teams play like high school teams.

Even though when the final buzzer sounded Betsy Layne was up by eight, this does not indicate how the game went. This was a two-point game. Whitney Lykens' free throws in the last minute of the game gave the Ladycats the eight-point advantage.

South Floyd played without the services of Ashley Johnson. But Leigh Ann Tuttle and Sharee Hopkins took up the slack.

The Lady Raiders were led in scoring by Megan Ousley. Ousley finished with 13, followed by Tabatha Tackett with 12. Tackett also pulled down nine rebounds for the Lady Raiders.

Whitney Lykens led all players in the scoring department. Lykens finished with 29. Twenty-two of those came in the last half. Tabatha Witt and Lynsedy Frasure did a good job under the goal for the Lady Bobcats. Candice Meade played some very good defense for Betsy Layne. Kim Clark finished the game with seven points.

The first half was pretty much even. South Floyd took the first lead when Megan Ousley hit a two-point basket.

But the Ladycats would soon reply. Tabatha Witt hit the first of two free throws but missed the second one. Whitney Lykens got the rebound and put it back in for the Lady Bobcats to give them a 3-2 lead.

It was a very low scoring first quarter. Betsy Layne held on to a two-point lead at the end of the first quarter, 8-6.

In the second quarter, it was all threes for the Lady Raiders — three three-point baskets, the last one coming at the buzzer.

With 40 seconds remaining in the first half, South Floyd froze the ball. Whitney Lykens stole the ball and was fouled as she went in for a layup. Lykens missed the first, but made the second shot to tie the score at 12.

With 4.2 seconds remaining in the half, South Floyd

got the ball to Megan Ousley and she hit a three-pointer from the center line to give the Lady Raiders a three-point advantage at the half.

Megan Ousley had two three-point baskets in the second period for the Lady Raiders and Brandy Anderson had the other one. Betsy Layne only scored four points in the second period of play. The score at the half was 15-12 in favor of the Lady Raiders.

In the third quarter, both teams scored 11 points. South Floyd had a four-point advantage with 3:00 remaining in the third quarter. Betsy Layne committed several turnovers and South Floyd took advantage of them.

But the Lady Bobcats would not go away. Kim Clark had a three-point basket for Betsy Layne. The Ladycats held on and were trailing at the end of the third period by the same margin as at the half, three points.

In the fourth quarter, the lead changed hands several times. Most of the points for both teams came from the free throw line.

Megan Ousley had the only baskets from the floor for the Lady Raiders. Ousley had a two-point basket and a three-point basket.

Tabatha Tackett hit all four of her free throws in the fourth quarter. She was six for six for the game.

For Betsy Layne, Whitney Lykens came to life in the fourth quarter. Lykens scored 17 of the 21 points for the Lady Bobcats, nine of those points coming at the charity line, during the last minute and half of the game. That was the difference in the game.

The Lady Bobcats outscored the Lady Raiders by 11 points in the fourth quarter to capture the victory, 44-36.

These two teams could very well meet again in the county tournament that starts next week.

Scoring Summary

Betsy Layne				
Player	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Lykens	8	0	16-13	29
Witt	0	0	12-5	5
Frasure	0	0	2-1	1
Akers	1	0	0	2
Clark	1	1	4-2	7
South Floyd				
Player	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Ousley	2	3	2-0	13
Tuttle	0	0	2-1	1
Anderson	2	1	1-1	7
Hopkins	1	0	1-1	3
Tackett	3	0	6-6	12
BETSY LAYNE	8	4	11	21—44
SOUTH FLOYD	6	9	11	10—36



Wesley Hall (21) lets one of his three-point baskets go in the game against Betsy Layne. Hall hit two three-pointers in the game and finished the game with 8 points. South Floyd defeated the Betsy Layne Bobcats 55-38. (photo by Karen Joseph)



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Players Bobcats of the Week



Rusty Tackett
Sophomore
South Floyd



Brandy Wells
Senior
Prestonsburg

Bartley to take a 6-2 lead. The game was tied at 6 and 8 before Pike Central took a 10-9 lead on a basket by Patrick Thompson. The Bobcats led 13-10 on a two free throws by Keathley but the Hawks tied the game at 13. Adam Collins gave Betsy Layne a 15-13 advantage but Shawn Scott connected on two free throws with 14 seconds left to tie the game at 15 at the first stop.

Both teams took care of the basketball in the opening quarter, but Betsy Layne turned it over five

times in the second period and Pike Central converted each mistake into points.

Betsy Layne's biggest lead came in the second period after they moved out to a 22-18 lead. Keathley converted the first of his three old-fashioned three-point plays to give a four-point lead to Betsy Layne.

The two teams were tied at 22, 26 and 29 before Betsy Layne took a 33-29 lead with 55 seconds left in the first half on two Adam Collins free throws.

After the Hawks pulled to within a point of the Bobcats on Kevin Looney's basket, Keathley converted his third three-point play to give Betsy Layne a 36-32 lead. Betsy Layne held a 36-33 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Pike Central threw up its press and Betsy Layne looked confused in solving the dilemma. Looney's tip in basket with 6:46 to play gave the Hawks the lead for good. Two free throws by Bradley Brooks pulled his team to within one point, 41-40, but it

was all Pike Central after that, as the Hawks went on a 12-1 run that netted them a 52-43 lead after three quarters.

Just before the start of the fourth quarter, the gymnasium's fire alarm went off and fans were herded outside the gym into the cool night air as the fire department was summoned to inspect the building. After the all-clear signal, the Hawks continued their hot play and won by 22 over the Bobcats.

For Pike Central, Scott finished

with 15 points, while Looney netted 13. Tristin Davis hit two treys and finished with 12 points.

Keathley was the lone scorer in double figures for Betsy Layne. Adam Collins and Bartley finished with eight points. Scott Collins scored six and Robert Rose came off the bench to net four. Brad Daugherty scored two while Brooks and David Johnson had two points apiece.

Betsy Layne (5-4) travels to Feds Creek tonight.

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Sports

ment. They will have to wait until next week to play in the Boys All "A" Classic at Pikeville.

In the second game Tuesday night, Coach Brent Rose and his Betsy Layne Bobcats will meet tough Shelby Valley in a 8:15 p.m. scheduled start. The Wildcats lost a heartbreaker to top-ranked Pikeville Tuesday night. At one point, Shelby Valley held an 11-point lead in the third period.

The tournament continues Wednesday night with Prestonsburg meeting Jenkins at 6:30 p.m. Prestonsburg is another team which has had to sit for awhile and will be looking for their first win of the year.

The second game Wednesday night will pit host Pike Central against Elkhorn City in what could be a very good game. The Hawks are led by Shawn Scott and Chris Clevenger.

The losers bracket will be played on Thursday with the winners continuing on Friday night. Four games will be played Saturday with two games from the losers bracket to go with the consolation and championship games Saturday night. The afternoon sessions start at 2 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Consolation will be played at 5:30 p.m. and the championship game at 7:30 p.m.

Each team is guaranteed two games in the tournament.

I like the format of the Coca-Cola Classic and it seems more and more teams are using it. It makes for a lot of basketball, but what else have you to do but to watch some good basketball?

NATE'S GONE; ANOTHER SMITH?

Well, I expected it and it happened: Nate Knight left the UK Wildcats and that is no big deal. I did not think he was the caliber of player to wear a UK uniform. Knight left and the real reason was not known. Randy Reno said he left because, "He got tired of playing behind Jamal Magloire." Oh well!

That drops them to 10 players. That is enough to practice with. Word is that football player Derek Smith may join the short-handed Wildcats for the rest of the season. I saw Smith in the state tournament last year and he impressed me.

It is doubtful if football Coach Hal Mummie will give his support to Smith playing basketball. Especially after a loss in the Music City Bowl.

The Cats have a tough SEC schedule coming up and it all starts with a very good Vanderbilt team this Saturday. The War Eagles of Auburn

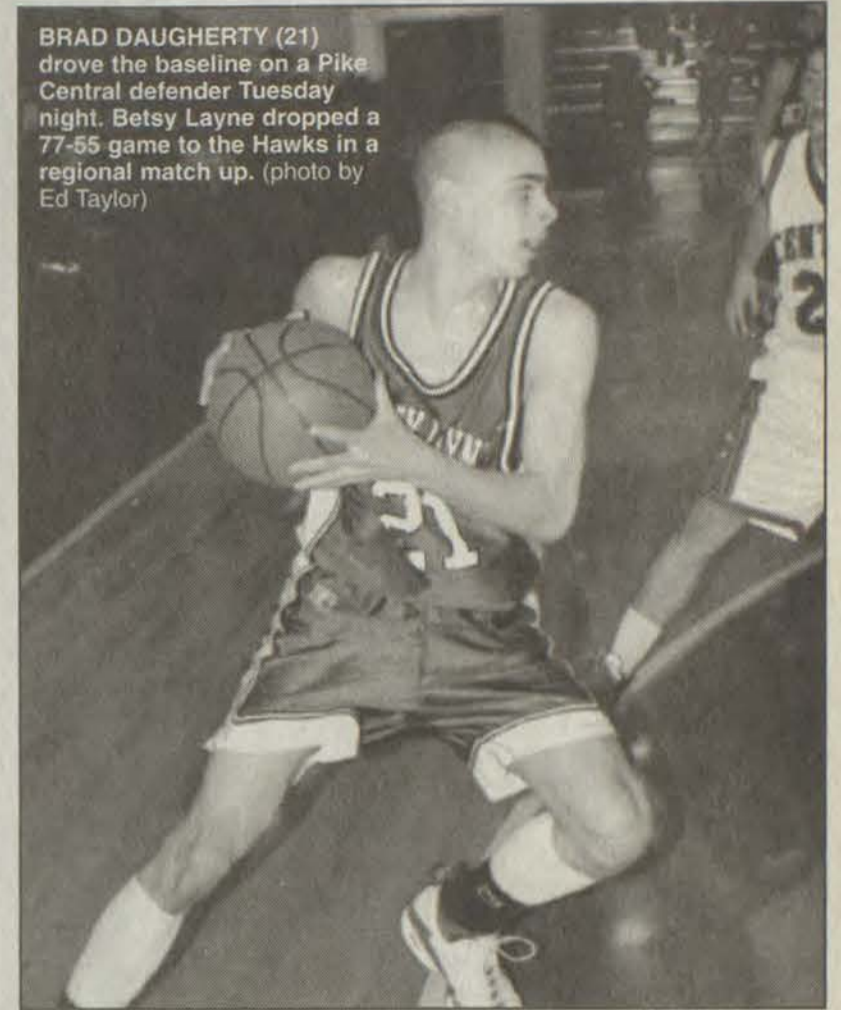
await the Cats on the road January 11.

This past Monday was a big day as Nancy and I celebrated our 41st wedding anniversary. Forty-one years! It has been wonderful.

NOTES

- Bill Belichick to the New York Jets: "Yes" and then "No."
- Have you noticed the low point production of most high school teams this year?
- Well, not at South Floyd!
- Drastically needed in Floyd County sports: A county athletic director. Someone to have a handle on things. If it doesn't come soon, then we are in trouble. I cannot understand why our administrators do not want us to have our own AD. All the other counties have them. It's a shame!
- Heard Tuesday night: Where are our local radio stations? Why aren't they covering county games? Answer: I don't know!

At the South Floyd/Wolfe County game last week, I had a chance to sit and talk with former Prestonsburg Blackcat basketball coach, Gordon Parido. A full story is coming soon. Stay tuned!



BRAD DAUGHERTY (21) drove the baseline on a Pike Central defender Tuesday night. Betsy Layne dropped a 77-55 game to the Hawks in a regional match up. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Bingham, Jamerson lead Allen over Betsy Layne

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Josh Bingham and Nicholas Jamerson combined for 31 points to lead the Allen Eagles past a good Betsy Layne team, 55-37, in grade

school basketball. The two teams met on the hardwood at Allen Wednesday night. Jamerson finished with 16 points to lead all scorers, while Bingham scored 15. Nathan Newsome and Nathan Lafferty scored six points

apiece. Chris Crider and Stratton added four points each. Brandon Huff and John Music scored two points apiece.

Betsy Layne, playing without leading scorer Brent Newsome, was led by Jordan Scarberry with 11 points. Adam Roberts netted nine. Preston Simon tossed in four for the Bobcats, with Jeremy Coleman scoring three points.

Jordan Kidd, Michael Watson, Buddy Conn, Derek Case and Brenton Hamilton scored two points each for Betsy Layne.

Roberts hit two three-point baskets for Betsy Layne.

Jamerson scored six first-quarter points to lead Allen to a 14-7 first-quarter lead. Newsome added four points in the period as Allen opened early with a run that built a 10-point advantage. Betsy Layne narrowed the margin to seven on the play of Scarberry.

Betsy Layne struggled from the floor in the second quarter as Allen, led by Bingham, went on a 19-5 run to lead 33-12 at the half. Bingham scored seven points in the second period completing an old-fashioned three-point play. Roberts and Simon accounted for all the scoring in the third for Betsy Layne.

Betsy Layne's offense picked up in the third period, but Allen had a 12-11 run led by Bingham's five points. Jamerson added four in the period as Allen held a 45-23 advantage after three periods. Roberts drilled his first trey in the third for Betsy Layne.

Jamerson, who played a strong floor game at the point guard slot, scored four points in the fourth period for the Eagles, but Betsy Layne picked up some ground on the Eagles with a 14-10 fourth quarter. Roberts hit trey number two for the Bobcats and Scarberry scored five points.

Betsy Layne wins over Allen

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Whitney Lykens scored 15 points and Tabetta Witt added 11 to lead the Betsy Layne Ladycats to a 37-17 win over the Lady Eagles of Allen Wednesday night at Allen Elementary.

The two teams were fine tuning for next week's Floyd County Grade School Tournament, which will be played at Allen Central Middle School beginning Monday night.

Lyndsey Frasure had six points for the Ladycats and Kim Clark netted five.

Chanel Music led Allen with her eight points. Music hit two three-point baskets. Brittany Kinzer hit a trey to finish with three. Mekala Rice, Tina Wakeland, and

Jami Colght scored two points apiece.

Betsy Layne opened with a 15-3 lead in the first quarter in what was a raggedy game for both teams. Lykens scored six of her 15 points in the opening quarter. Music accounted for the three Allen points with a three-point basket.

Lykens hit a trey and had seven points in the second period, allowing the Ladycats to build a 24-5 halftime lead. Wakeland scored the lone field goal for Allen in the second.

Witt had six points in the third period for Betsy Layne as the Ladycats extended their lead with a 13-8 run. Both Music and Kinzer had three-point baskets for Allen in the third.

Betsy Layne failed to score in the fourth quarter, with Music and Colght scoring for Allen.

Allen Central holds off late charge by Elkhorn

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Shannon Sizemore was the only Allen Central player to score in double figures, but Coach Anthony Moore got a balanced attack from his other players as the Lady Rebels posted a 61-46 win over Elkhorn City on the road Monday night.

Sizemore scored 11 points as Allen Central improved to 6-5 on the season. Shanna Howell and Kari Osborne added eight points apiece for the winners while Barb Prater scored seven points and Jennifer Risner six. Freshman Jackie Martin came off the bench and added five points.

Belcher led all scorers with 17 points for the Lady Cougars. Yates added 14 and Hackney 11.

Allen Central held Elkhorn City to just 19 points through the first three quarters, but the Lady Cougars rallied for 27 in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Lady Rebels 27-11 to make the

score more respectable.

Allen Central did not shoot that well from the floor, hitting only 32 percent from the floor. The Lady Rebels were two of 10 from the three-point arc for a cool 20 percent. They converted 25 of 36 free throws for a respectable 69 percent pulling down 37 rebounds. The Lady Rebels had 17 steals but only five assists in the game. Howell had two of those assists.

On the defensive end, Sizemore came up with four steals and Howell had three.



Lady Raider Megan Ousley (23) went under the basket to get this shot in the game against Betsy Layne on Tuesday night. Ousley had 13 points for the night. South Floyd and Betsy Layne will both compete for the county championship in next week's grade school tournament. (photo by Karen Joseph)

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Lugnut looks ahead to 2000

WOW. It's a new year. Only 11 months and a few weeks before my fourth annual NASCAR Christmas Carols. I might even put them on CD next year. I might even sing them. So get your orders in early.

The kids should be back in school by now, but it's your turn to take a class:

Jan. 1, 2000 was the beginning of a new year and new decade. That's it. Just those two things.

It's not a new century. The new millennium begins Jan. 1, 2001.

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I'm am not making this up. Check the Library of Congress. Ask the people in the know. Today is not part of the first week of the millennium. Get a grip.

By the way, did you know that another word for millennium is chiliad? We've got plenty of time to learn these neat things, because the millennium starts Jan. 1, 2001.

Are you getting the picture? That means Dale Earnhardt cannot win the first race of the new millennium at this year's Daytona 500, because the first race of the new millennium will be the Daytona 500 (or maybe the uselesknowledge.com 500) in 2001 - and he probably won't win either of them anyway.

Phew. I'm glad I got all that off my chest. Now, like everyone, I'm making some New Year's (not new century's or new millennium's) resolutions. Thought I'd let you look at some of the ones I've decided to commit to:

- I will not call Mark Martin a whiner in the year 2000. I have gained respect for the greatest bridesmaid of the millennium. (Even if he does win next year, he'll still deserve this honor.) Nobody could have driven like he did with the pain he was going through. Besides, I've decided that "crybaby" is a much better word than "whiner."

- I will unmask Ronald McDonald. Or put a mask of Ronald McDonald on Bill Elliott's head and determine once and for all if they are truly the same person.

- I will leave Bruton Smith alone. After all, it looks like NASCAR's slowly doing that anyway. Why shouldn't I?

- No longer will I pick Jeff Gordon to win every race. I'll pick him to win, oh, maybe 10 races, and a fourth championship.

- Whenever I type the words "Dale Earnhardt," I will no longer automatically enter the word "old" next to it. "Ancient" and "washed up" will be my new adjectives of choice.

- I will stop keeping track of how many drivers pass Darrell Waltrip every race. After all, on a short track it gets confusing after everyone's passed him 11 times each.

- I will predict that: Rusty Wallace will not win a race. Jeremy Mayfield will win a race. Wallace will quickly announce his allegiance to Dodge. Hendrick Motorsports will look for drivers to replace Terry Labonte and Ricky Craven. Darrell Waltrip will set a record for number of provisionals taken. (Rumor has it he's trying to buy other teams' provisionals.) And finally, no one from SABCO racing will be in contention to finish in the top 10.

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Fast Fact

Ricky Rudd collected the 14th-highest number of points during the last six races of 1999, 17 positions higher than his 31st-place finish in the point standings.



SEASONAL FORECAST

WHO TO WATCH, AND WHY,



IN NASCAR'S NEW CENTURY

By HENRY MILLER

MANY fans could have predicted before the season even began that Dale Jarrett would win the 1999 Winston Cup championship. After all, Jarrett had finished in the top three in each of the previous three seasons and almost won a title, losing out to Jeff Gordon by a mere 14 points.

But who could have dreamed that ...

- ... Ray Evernham and five crew members would leave Gordon and the No. 24 team?
- ... Tony Stewart would put together the greatest rookie season in the history of NASCAR?
- ... Dale Earnhardt would win three races, including a Talladega sweep?
- ... Ricky Rudd would end his streak of 16 straight years with at least one win?

No one can say for certain what will transpire in 2000, but here are some things to keep an eye on:

A new century, an old face

Dale Earnhardt had one of the most successful seasons in recent years. He hasn't lost his determination and has shown he still has the ability to win, doing so on both the high-bank superspeedway at Talladega and the short track at Bristol. If The Intimidator can turn a few of those commonplace top 10s into top fives, an eighth championship is a strong possibility.

A young face surrounded by new faces

Jeff Gordon may have lost Evernham, his crew chief and friend, to Dodge, and he may have lost five other crew members (some of whom, he said, needed to be replaced anyway), but that doesn't mean he's no longer a threat. In fact, look for Gordon to be in the championship hunt right from the start. In the absence of bad luck, he's the odds-on favorite to win a fourth championship.

A repeat performance?

In 1979 Earnhardt won Rookie-of-the-Year honors. One year later, he was crowned Winston Cup champion. Tony Stewart has a chance to do the same thing.

Stewart recorded three wins last year and finished fourth in the point standings. With 12 top fives and 21 top 10s last season, Stewart collected just one DNF. How much better can he get, especially during the sophomore-jinx season?

Two heads are better than one

Multicar teams are here to stay. Darrell Waltrip believes that, and with the way multicar teams performed in 1999, it's no wonder why. Ward Burton fronted the only single-car team to finish in the top 10 last year. Don't be surprised if no one with a single-car operation finishes in the top 10, or even top 15, this year.

High expectations

After Tony Stewart blazed a new rookie trail in 1999, the 2000 rookie race - at least the one between Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Matt Kenseth - will be the most anticipated one in years. But with such high expectations, there's more room for failure than success. While these two rookies may have great seasons, chances are their seasons won't compare to Stewart's 1999 season.

New winners?

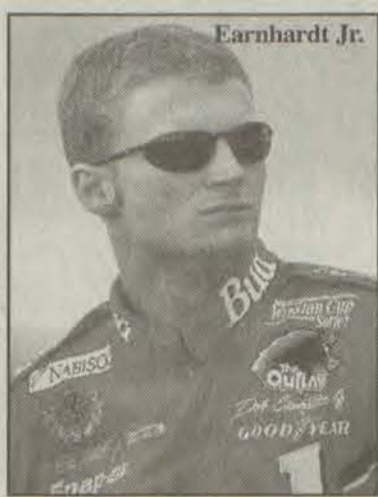
Mike Skinner has yet to win on the Winston Cup circuit. This may be the year. If he does win, however, look for Earnhardt to win even more. Lately, tandem teams have been having spectacular seasons (Terry Labonte-Gordon in 1996, Rusty Wallace-Jeremy Mayfield in 1998 and Bobby Labonte-Stewart in 1999). Why not Skinner-Earnhardt in 2000?

Ken Schrader may return to victory lane in 2000 in his new ride - the M&Ms Pontiac. But other than Schrader and Skinner, don't expect to see any other new faces in victory lane.

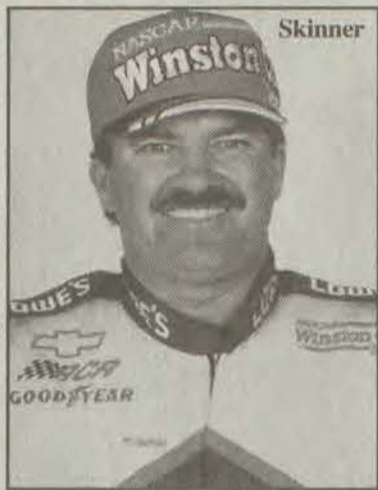
Turning the Tide

Ricky Rudd and Tide have split ways, and Rudd had the worst points finish of his career in 1999, finishing 31st in the standings. From 1979 to 1996, Rudd finished in the top 10 in points every year, with the exception of an 11th-place finish in 1988. For the last three years, Rudd's spot in the point standings has been lower than in the previous year. He finished 17th in 1997 and 22nd in 1998.

Look for that to change. Rudd should make a run at a top-10 finish, start another win streak and make Robert Yates happy while driving the No. 28 Texaco-Havoline Ford.



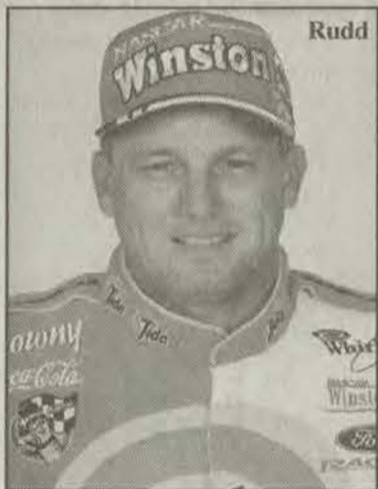
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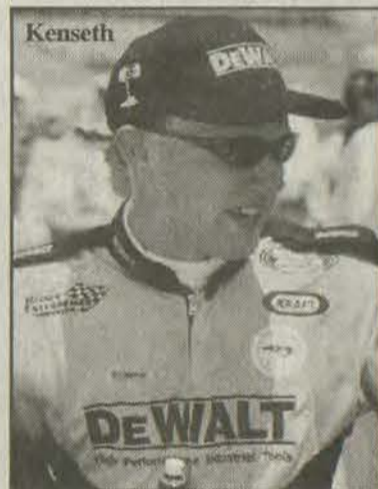
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One of NASCAR's veterans talks about the future of his sport

By HENRY MILLER

DARRELL Waltrip has seen a lot of changes in the sport he dominated during the 1980s.

And he knows there are many more changes facing NASCAR and Winston Cup in the future.

Some things are certain: More tracks will be built, attendance will rise, and the demand on drivers will be greater than ever before.

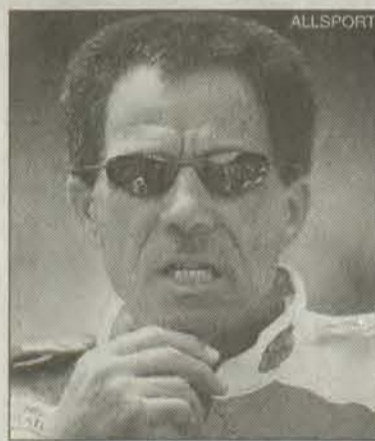
As Waltrip's popularity soared when he won championships in 1981, '82 and '85, the demand for his time increased. But those demands were nothing compared to the demands placed on drivers today, and the demands that will be placed on drivers in

the future as NASCAR's popularity continues to grow.

"All of the drivers I have ever been around have never been able to say 'no,'" Waltrip said. "But with sponsors spending more money, wanting more races and more appearances, they want to capitalize on their investments. They want more than just their name on the side of the car."

"Drivers are racing the clock on and off the track. It's a lifestyle that has great potential for burnout. I don't think people realize the stress race-car drivers live with. We are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When the phone rings, we know we have something to do."

Being around the sport as long as he has, Waltrip real-



Darrell Waltrip

izes the importance of being fan-friendly. After all, no fans means no races, and no races means no sponsors. And all that means no payday for teams.

"When people pay money to see you perform, you owe it to them to be a moral and ethical person," Waltrip said. "There is no choice of whether you want to be a role model or not. It comes with the territory."

Waltrip has twice been voted NASCAR's Most Popular Driver, garnering the honor in 1989 and 1990.

"I remember as a kid what a special moment it was when a driver stopped and paid attention to me, even for a few seconds," Waltrip said.

He also foresees an improvement in competition, something that should thrill fans and sponsors.

"It will be manufacturer against manufacturer," Waltrip said. "I think multicar teams are here to stay. They are no

longer a wave; they are a fact. I think you will find more and more teams finding ways to take advantage of the multicar approach."

With more demands on drivers and teams and the sport itself, and tougher competition with more people wanting to win more than ever before, Waltrip said the key to the entire sport comes down to two words: strong leadership.

"You have to have confidence in whoever is steering the ship," Waltrip said. "It doesn't matter if the captain is sleeping and the ship hits an iceberg. It's still his ship. No matter what pops up, leadership needs to have the ability to keep things going in the right direction."

In Brief

Tickets, anyone?

If you're planning on heading to the Goody's Body Pain 500 at Martinsville on April 9, and you haven't purchased your tickets yet, you can now call the track toll-free to order your seat. Call 1-877-RACE-TIX (1-877-722-3849). Tickets for the NAPA AutoCare 500 will go on sale March 1.

In other ticket news, seats are now on sale for the opening weekend of the 2000 season at Homestead. The season opens with a Craftsman Truck series race the weekend of Feb. 25-26. Unreserved grandstand seats are only \$25. For more information, call (305) 230-7223 or visit the speedway's official Web site at www.homesteadmiamispeedway.com.

By the Numbers

Following is a glance at overall results from superspeedway races during the 1999 season:

Driver	Poles	Wins	Top 5s	Top 10s	Points earned
Bobby Labonte	5	5	21	23	4,163
Dale Jarrett	0	3	20	22	4,117
Mark Martin	1	2	15	20	3,796
Tony Stewart	0	2	10	18	3,772
Jeff Burton	0	6	16	20	3,747
Jeff Gordon	5	4	13	15	3,462
Dale Earnhardt	0	2	5	15	3,364

Listen up

One thing NASCAR has done a good job of is keeping it simple. You still have to jack up the car. You still have to change the tires. You still have to put in the gas. All of that is part of the sport.

- Randy LaJole, talking about the future of cars in NASCAR

Sports In PERSPECTIVE

Denis Harrington

All other things being equal, attitude is highly underrated.

Consider the case of Charles Barkley, late of the Houston Rockets of the National Basketball Association.

The man known as the "round mound of rebound" recently announced that he would be retiring from the NBA at the end of the current season. With his departure in the not too distant offing, perhaps it is time to consider what might have been if...

Few observers of the hardwood's mercenary strain will argue that Barkley isn't tough, both mentally and physically. He's proved to be time and again during his 16-year tenure as a play-for-pay performer.

With regard to talent, he has his fair share. Despite standing just slightly in excess of 6-4, he can rebound with the best of the pro ranks and score right up there with the top power forwards in the league.

But he's not been a winner,

never the spark that ignited his team to an NBA title. He's failed to demonstrate that kind of leadership.

Perhaps this attitude flaw was best demonstrated in an interview with ESPN-TV a few weeks ago.

Barkley was lamenting that Scottie Pippen, who came to Houston from the Chicago Bulls, now sought to move on to the Los Angeles Lakers and his old windy-city Coach Phil Jackson.

"I'm very disappointed in Scottie," Barkley said. "I gave up a lot to get him here. And the club gave up a lot, too. Plus, the Houston fans have treated him very well. Now he wants to leave. I have to say I'm very disappointed in him."

When ESPN-TV spoke with Pippen about his quest to join the Lakers he had little good to share about Barkley.

"Charles ought to forget about me and get his fat (bleep) into shape," Pippen said. "He's the one not playing to win. Michael (Jordan) told me about him. That if he gets his points and rebounds then

everything's all right. Me, I've only got a few more years left in this game. And I want to spend them with a team that plays to win, that has a chance to win."

Pippen was obviously talking about commitment or the lack of it.

From his first day in the league "Sir Charles" has been very vocal about whatever gets his nanny. During his early years with the Philadelphia 76ers, he was accused of spitting on some fans who didn't appreciate his brand of ball. And he was never at a loss for words in evaluating the team's performance.

After Julius Erving called it a career following the 1986-1987 slate, the 76ers ceased to be a serious championship contender.

Opined Barkley, "We've gone from filet mignon to Hamburger Helper."

This despite the fact that he averaged a career-high 28.7 points and 11.9 rebounds a game during the 1987-1988 campaign. Come 1992, he moved his considerable act to Phoenix. It was generally conceded

that this acquisition would automatically qualify the Suns to assume the favorite's role for division honors and make them a strong pick in the NBA sweepstakes. However, none of this came to pass.

Through it all, Barkley continued to post commendable stats and vent his views to the media. Away from the court, he earned further headlines with some after-hours activities. One such incident involved his assaulting a fellow bar patron. Reports stated that he had thrown an undersized adversary

through a plate glass window. League officials strongly suggested that he avoid such circumstances in the future.

When Barkley arrived in Houston, the scenario that followed was familiar. He constituted the ingredient the Rockets needed to reclaim the NBA crown. But to date that hasn't been the happy course of events. Now, this year will be his last go-around.

Magic Johnson said of Barkley, "He makes so many things happen on the floor."

And truly he does. Barkley can shoot, rebound and block shots with the best of them. Or at least he used to do so. Yet he has never been able to acquire that victor's ring, the one denoting an NBA champ.

He once remarked, "I play hard and that's all anybody can ask."

Fair enough. But what then has prevented him from reaching the heights scaled by Jordan, Pippen, et al?

It's a question Barkley may well be asking himself in the years ahead.

Karen's Korner...

A belated birthday wish goes out to Jenny Parsons. Jenny turned 13 on January 3rd. Jenny plays for the Betsy Layne Lady Bobcats. Happy Birthday Jenny.

It was great to here that Jessica Bentley got to come home for the holidays. She had to return to Lexington on Tuesday, but she is improving everyday. Our prayers are still with you Jessica.

It is time for the most exciting week in grade school basketball. The grade school county tournament. This year is working out to be a great one. Betsy Layne girls finished first in the season and Allen Boys finished first.

This year's tournament is being held at Allen Central Middle School and should be a great one. We have some very talented young basketball players in this county.

For the girls, in regular season play, Betsy Layne and South Floyd each have only one loss. These teams defeated each other at their respective courts. Betsy Layne defeated South Floyd in tournament play, but that does not count in determining the county outcome. In the first game between the two, the game went into double overtime. South Floyd came out on top. But Betsy Layne was declared the winner of the season, because they defeated the Lady Raiders by more points.

South Floyd and Betsy Layne will be in different brackets, so they very well could meet in the championship game. And boy, would this be a good one.

Even though Betsy Layne and

South Floyd finished in the top two positions, don't ever count John M. Stumbo, Allen Central and Adams out. There could be an upset or two.

In the boys, Allen Elementary finished in first and John M. Stumbo finished second in the regular season play. Stumbo defeated the Allen Eagles in the Shag Campbell tournament, so if these two teams meet in the finals, this too would be a very exciting game.

Watch out for South Floyd and Allen Central Middle School.

The tournament begins on Monday. If you get a chance, or better yet, make a chance, and get out and support our local grade school youngsters.

High School Basketball

Both girls and boys high school basketball in Floyd County is really blooming. This week at Millard High School the girls All 'A' Class tournament gets under way. While in boys action, Prestonsburg, Allen Central and Betsy Layne will participate in the Coca Cola Classic at Pike County Central, beginning on Wednesday. Plus the grade school tournament. I really don't know how Ed and I plan to cover all of these games, but we will just do the best that we can.

Over the holidays, our local high school girls teams participated in several tournaments. Allen Central, Betsy Layne and South Floyd all participated in the Inez Deposit Invitational Tournament at Sheldon Clark. While Prestonsburg Ladycats participated in the Lady Eagles Invitational at Johnson Central.

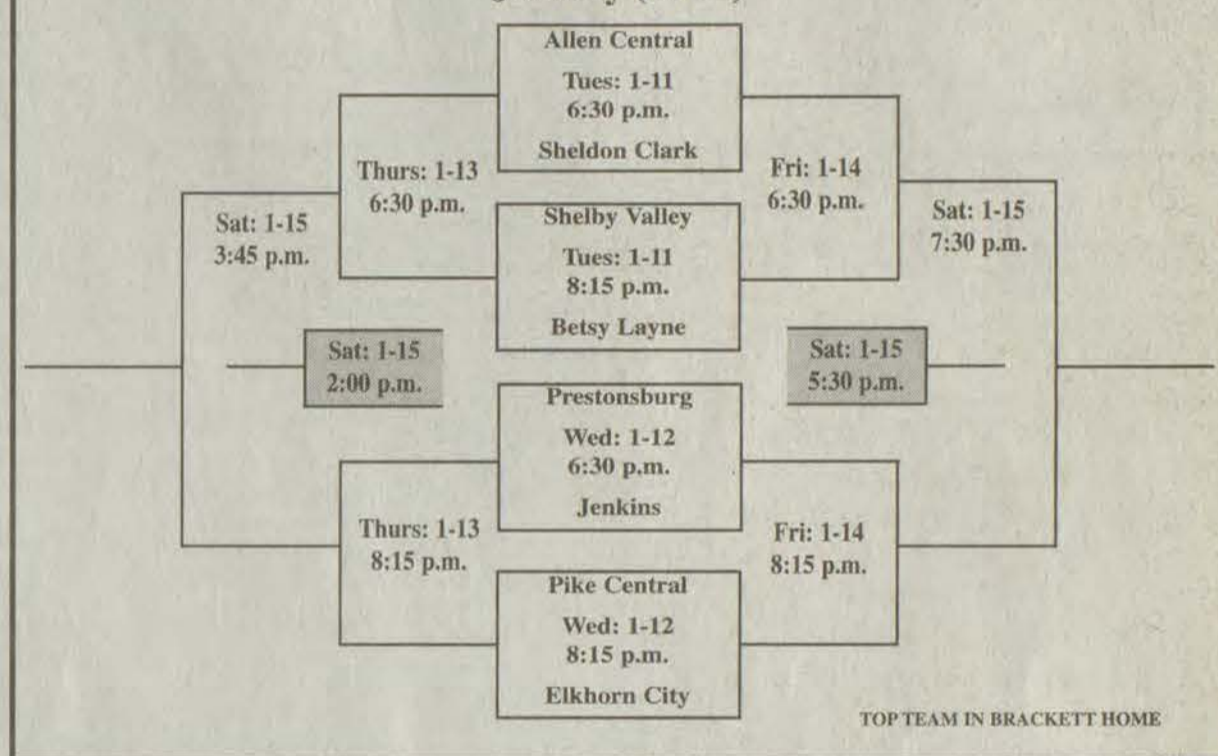
Both Tournaments were a round-

robin type of tournament. Betsy Layne defeated the Allen Central Lady Rebels to place third in the Sheldon Clark tournament. While the Prestonsburg Ladycats lost the championship game to the host, Johnson Central Lady Eagles to finish second in that tournament.

All four of the Floyd County girls teams are playing very good ball lately. Allen Central and South Floyd will participate in the All 'A' Class Tournament.

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TOP TEAM IN BRACKET HOME

BETSY LAYNE'S JUSTIN BARTLEY (12) scored seven points against Pike Central last Tuesday night. The Bobcats dropped a 77-55 game to the Hawks (photo by Ed Taylor)



Bradley Brooks (30) of Betsy Layne put up a shot against Pike Central Tuesday night in high school basketball. Betsy Layne fell to the host Hawks 77-55. (photo by Ed Taylor)



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PATRICK CAUDILL, NADINE STALLARD, Individually and as Administratrix of the Estate of **JOHN DAILEY,** Deceased, **RICHARD STALLARD, ELSIE BUCKLER (DINGUS)** and **JAMES DINGUS,** her husband, and **RONALD DAILEY,** single; **RESPONDENTS**

By virtue of a Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the December 8, 1999 Term, in the above styled action, 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 20th day of January, 2000, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, the following described property, as a whole, to wit:

The entire SURFACE of and all of Grantors' right, title and interest in and to all of the coal, oil, gas, mineral, and mineral rights and privileges in, upon and underlying the following described tracts of land, and being Lots 5 and 6 of Tract II of the division of the lands of Robert Ousley, deceased, and located on Robert Ousley Branch of Beaver Creek, Floyd County Kentucky, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

TRACT ONE Lot No. 5 of Tract No. 2, Beginning at an "X" on a rock in the Ousley branch corner to Lot No. 4 then running up the hillside with the line of Lot No. 4 [sic] N 12-50 E 120. to a beech tree on the point then running up the point N 2 W 237. to a red oak tree, N9 W 182. to a chestnut tree, N 7-50 W 228. to a dead chestnut tree on the point, a corner to the land of Joe Ad Mayo's heirs, then running up the point, N 68 W 120. to a chestnut oak tree by a chimney rock, a corner to the line of Lot No. 6, then running down the hillside with the line of Lot No. 6, S

42-10 W 270. to a stake, S 41-50 W 492. to an "X" on a rock in a cleared field, S 69-20 W 227. to a dogwood tree on a point, then up the point S 66-50 W 215. to a chestnut oak tree, S 65 W 194. to a black oak tree on the ridge, a corner to the land of S. S. Mayo then running down the ridge with his line, S 6 W 148. to a black oak S 4-50 E 194. to a black oak, S 7 E 135. to a chestnut tree, S 6 E 102. to a chestnut oak tree, S 76 E 79. to a stake, N 88- 50 E 175. to a black oak tree, M 86 E 88, to a stake, S 86-10 E 160. to a black oak, S 78-50 E 85. to a locust tree, S 88 E 158. to a black oak tree, N 80-10 E 134. to a small hickory tree, a corner to Lot No. 4, then running down the center of the point with the line of Lot No. 4, N 28-30 E 177. to a stake, N 25-10 E 125. to a stake, N 36-20 E 115. to a locust on the point, N 33-30 298. to the beginning, containing 24.40 acres.

Being the same land conveyed to Nathan Ousley by W.C. Goble, Special Commissioner, Floyd County Court, by deed dated the 25th day of March, 1935, recorded in Deed Book 102, Page 406, Floyd County Clerk's Office; and being the same land conveyed by Nathan Ousley and Gallie Ousley, his wife, to Mickey Holbert (Halbert), by deed dated March 22, 1935, recorded in Deed Book 102, Page 430, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TRACT TWO Lot No. 6 of Tract No. 2. BEGINNING at an "X" on a rock in a cleared field, a corner to the lots No. 5 and with the lines of Lot No 5, running up the hillside N 41-40 E 492, to a stake, N 42-10 E 270 to a chestnut oak by a chimney rock on the ridge a corner to the land of Joe Ad Mayo's heirs and running with his line up the ridge N 51-30 W 100 to a white oak tree N 46 W 173, to a black oak tree, N 58-40 W 160 to an "X" on a rock N 50-30 W 136. to a chestnut oak, N 60-30 W 210 to a stake N 50-10 W 126 to a black oak on a knob a corner to the land of Frank Lafferty, then running with his line up the ridge, S 67-20 W 471 to a hickory bush, S 75-10 W 143 to a locust tree, S 79-50 W 40 to a locust tree on a high knob, a corner to the land of the Mayo heirs, then running along the ridge with their lines, S 41 W 266 to a basket oak tree, S 42 W 82 to a chestnut oak tree on the knob S 1 W 228 to a hickory tree in the gap between the Ousley branch and the Jarrell fork of Bull Creek S 23-10 E 184 to a black oak on a knob and a corner to Lot No 5, then running down the center of the point with the line of Lot No. 5, N 65 E 194 to a chestnut oak tree on a bench, N 66-50 E 215 to a dogwood bush on the bench, N 69-20 E 227 to the beginning, containing 30 acres.

Being the same land conveyed to Mickey Holbert (Halbert) by deed from W.C. Goble, Special Commissioner, dated March 25, 1935, recorded in Deed Book 102, Page 413, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Additionally, the sale shall include the interests of the parties in and to the interest and ownership of Mickey Halbert, deceased, in and to all of the coal, oil, gas, mineral and mineral rights and privileges in, upon and underlying the above tracts of land and the following tracts of land:

The Grantors hereby convey the SURFACE of Tracts One and Two herein, as well as their undivided interest in and to all of the coal, oil, gas, mineral and mineral rights and privileges in, upon and underlying Tracts One and Two as described hereinabove.

For the consideration herein set out hereinabove, the Grantors also hereby sell and convey to the Grantees, their heirs and assigns forever, all of the Grantor's right, title and interest in and to all of the coal, oil, gas, mineral and mineral rights and privileges in, upon and underlying the following tracts of land, and being the owned by Robert Ousley, deceased, at the time of his death, and as divided by the Floyd County Court in the division of the lands of Robert Ousley, deceased, which coal, oil and gas, and mineral and mineral rights, were reserved and excepted for the use and benefit of the heirs of Robert Ousley:

Being the same land described in the deeds by W.C. Goble, Special Commissioner of the Floyd County Court, to the heirs of Robert Ousley, deceased, as set out in the following described deeds and instruments of record, which are referred to and incorporated herein at length, as if fully set out herein, for a description of the lands and property in and to which the Grantor's have right, title and interest in and to all of the coal, oil, gas, mineral and mineral rights is hereby conveyed, with all recording information being referred to in the Office of the Floyd County Court Clerk:

GRANTOR DATE OF INSTRUMENT RECORDATION James Ousley, 2/25/1935, DB 102/P 405; Nathan Ousley, 2/25/1935, DB 102/P 406; Daniel Hughes, et al, 2/25/1935, DB 102/P 407; Alien Ousley, 2/25/1935, DB 102/P 409; Monore Ousley, 2/25/1935, DB 102/P 410; James Lee Ousley, et al (heirs of Tom Ousley), 2/25/1935, DB 102/P 411; Mickey Holbert, 2/25/1935, DB 102/P 413; Nancy Pitts, 2/25/1935, DB 102/P 414; Daniel Hughes, et al, 2/25/1935, DB 102/P 415;

It is the intention of this instrument, and the Grantors do hereby convey all of their right, title and interest in and to all of the coal, oil, gas, mineral, and mineral rights and privileges in, upon and underlying all of the lands of Robert Ousley in which they have and interest, and located on Beaver Creek and Spurlock Creek or Fork of Middle Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky, whether or not particularly described hereinabove.

The herein described property shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to accomplish a division

of commonly owned property pursuant to KRS 389A.030. 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 and any delinquent ad valorem real property taxes. The lien of the Defendants/Cross-Plaintiffs, Nadine Stallard, individually and as Administratrix of the Estate of John Dailey, Deceased, Richard Stallard, husband of Nadine Stallard, Elsie Dingus and James Dingus, her husband, and Ronald Dingus, single, is a first and superior lien against the three-eighths (3/8) interest of the Defendant, Patrick Caudill and shall attach to the 3/8 interest of Patrick Caudill in and to the proceeds of the sale of the real property in the sums of NINETEEN THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED, EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FOUR CENTS (\$19,187.84) with interest upon said sum from and after November 11, 1991, at the rate of 12% per annum thereafter, until paid, for actual damages; as well as the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED, SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTEEN CENTS (\$15,677.15) with interest upon said sum from and after August 4, 1987, at the rate of 12% per annum thereafter, until paid, for punitive damages, subject to the costs of the sale and ad valorem real property taxes.

The property shall be sold free and clear of any liens or encumbrances subject only to any ad valorem real property taxes not delinquent as of the date of the sale. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes for the fiscal year 1999, 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.

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 31st day of December, 1999. **CLYDE F. JOHNSON** SPECIAL MASTER COMMISSIONER FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

209 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE P.O. BOX 763 PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY 41653 (606) 886-0712

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid to the following:

Hon. William S. Kendrick P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Hon. Phillip D. McKenzie P.O. Box 635 Grayson, Kentucky 41143-0635

Mr. Patrick Caudill c/o Sherry Thompson 19118 Bear Creek Road Catlettsburg, Kentucky 41129 This 31st day of December, 1999.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 436-5181 RN In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for renewal of permit for an underground coal mining operation located 2.3 miles south of Eastern in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 46.08 acres, and ill underlie 436.00 acres, and the total area within the

permit boundary will be 482.08 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.6 miles south of the junction of KY 80 and the Goose Creek Road, and is located 0.05 miles northeast of Goose Creek. The latitude is 37°29'30". The longitude is 82°48'40".

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or request for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 860-5237 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.21 miles Southeast of Betty in Floyd and Knott Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 5.22 surface acres and will underlie 427.54 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 432.76 acres.

The proposed operation is located adjacent to Triplett Branch, on Triplett

Branch Road approximately 0.4 miles southeast of its junction with State Route 550.

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland-KY U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Consolidation Coal Company of Kentucky. The operation will underlie land owned by Denzil B. and Beverly Martin; Glen Click; Harold and Paul K. Sparkman; Lackey Investments; Martha Allen Duricka; Charles J. Collins; Ray and Maxine Crawford; Denver and Edna Hunter; First Guaranty National Bank; Consolidation Coal Company of Kentucky; Denver Robertson et. ux.; Astor Clay, Brady M. and Rose Collins; and Kenny Dixon.

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This is the final advertisement for this application. All comments, objection, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOT RESPONSIBLE Due to my check-book being stolen, upon and on this date after publication of this notice, I will no longer be responsible for any debts incurred by checks with my name on it. Stephen T. Harris PO Box 136 Prestonsburg, KY

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ORDINANCE NO. 05-99 An ordinance adopting the Martin Water Works amended Annual Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 1999, through June 30, 2000

Estimating Revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of city government. Whereas, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the city council; Whereas, the city council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications; Now therefore, be it ordained by the City of Martin:

The annual budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000, is hereby adopted as attached: This ordinance shall be of effect on January 1, 2000.

1st Reading 11/22/99
2nd Reading 12/9/99
Advised 1/7/00

Alan R. Whicker, Mayor
City of Martin

Pamela S. Justice
City Clerk

	A	B	C	D
1				Sewer
2				
3				
4	Revenue			150000
5	Other Op. Transfer			4000
6	Additional Oper. Transfer			12330
7	Total Estimated Revenue			166330
8				
9	Contract Service			1000
10	Repairs (plant & auto)			8000
11	Fuel			1200
12	Other			0
13	Insurance			4500
14	Equipment Rental			700
15	Supplies			8000
16	Salaries			40930
17	(Salaries, h. ins. & s.security)			
18	Utilities			20000
19	(garbage, water, electric, phone)			
20	Bonds			82000
21	(principal & interest)			
22				
23	Total Appropriations			166330

	A	B	C	D
1				Water
2				
3				
4	Revenue			160000
5				
6	Total Estimated Revenue			160000
7				
8	Operating Supplies			96000
9	(Water, Supplies, & Samples			
10				
11	Utilities			800
12	Equipment Rental			500
13	Insurance			4500
14	Repairs			1000
15	Fuel & Auto			1200
16	Other			1000
17	(Lease, Cont. Serv. & Misc.)			
18				
19	Salaries			35955
20	(salaries, h. ins. & s.security)			
21				
22	Bonds			18500
23	(Principal & Interest)			
24				
25	Total Appropriations			159455

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MAGIC MAZE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

THINGS KIDS DON'T LIKE

Bath
Bedtime
Broccoli
Bulies

Chores
Curfew
Curlfrew
Medicine
Monsters

Naps
School
Shots
Sitters

Spinach
Tests
The dark

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTONOFF

POLAR BEAR

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A5



Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Enjoys an enchilada
 - 5 Cargo crane
 - 10 Circus employee
 - 15 Hilarious Howard
 - 18 What you used to be
 - 19 Mennonite group
 - 20 Cheer
 - 21 Planted
 - 22 Bovine
 - 24 Famed fabulist
 - 25 Geometric figure
 - 26 Christlike of the Pretenders
 - 27 Warts and all
 - 29 Actress Munson
 - 30 "May I interrupt?"
 - 31 Certain Semite
 - 34 Rocker Cassidy
 - 37 Pay
 - 39 Bovine auto racer?
 - 44 Fit
 - 45 Crony
 - 46 Director Ferrara
 - 47 Rock's Trick
 - 50 Yellowish brown
 - 53 Chasm
 - 56 Adams or Astor
 - 58 Couch
 - 60 Maris of "Nurses"
 - 61 LAX letters
 - 63 Kimono closer
 - 64 Jab
 - 65 Noisy racket
 - 66 Mystical
 - 69 German city
 - 71 Electronic device
 - 72 Say please
 - 73 "Beat it!"
 - 74 Bovine outlaw?
 - 77 Sallate
 - 78 — Aviv
 - 79 Free-for-all
 - 80 Word with sister or story
 - 81 Costume sparkler
 - 83 Actor Kjellin
 - 84 Learn fast?
 - 85 Spare tire
 - 87 Johnny Yuma, for one
 - 88 Mythical bird
 - 89 Periodic table abbr.
 - 90 Gave someone a smack
 - 93 Writer Runyon
 - 97 Rise
 - 99 Go in
 - 101 Beholds
 - 103 Southern constellation
 - 104 Sue of "Lolita"
 - 106 Bovine actress?
 - 110 "Cat —" ('85 film)
 - 112 Exodus edible
 - 113 Prudish one
 - 114 Melville work
 - 115 — Day Now" ('62 hit)
 - 117 To be, to Baudelaire
 - 120 Entangle
 - 124 Puzzle
 - 125 Chutzpah
 - 128 Bovine publisher?
 - 131 Ages
 - 132 Church law
 - 133 Brinks
 - 134 Bananarama, e.g.
 - 135 Actress Susan
 - 136 Endangered animal
 - 137 Adjust a watch
 - 138 Time to evolve?
 - 3 Wilder's "Our —"
 - 4 Dairy treat
 - 5 Smidgen
 - 6 Internists' org.
 - 7 Jet-setter's need
 - 8 Egyptian deity
 - 9 Religious belief
 - 10 Bristol brew
 - 11 Bristol brew
 - 12 Jocular Jackie
 - 13 School founded in 1440
 - 14 Meal
 - 15 Bovine boxer?
 - 18 Proprietor
 - 17 "— Mine" ('85 film)
 - 21 Justices Antonin
 - 23 St.-to-be
 - 28 Astound
 - 32 Chicken — king
 - 33 Iceberg's kin
 - 35 '68 US Open winner
 - 36 Exploit
 - 38 Small mall
 - 39 Hydrotherapy site
 - 40 Actor Hunter
 - 41 TV Tarzan
 - 42 Franco of "Carmelot"
 - 43 Drop
 - 48 Salad type
 - 49 Sponglike
 - 51 Bright inventor?
 - 52 Like Lincoln
 - 54 Splinter group
 - 55 Alphabet sequence
 - 57 Ingratiating
 - 58 Silo stuff
 - 62 Victoria's husband
 - 66 It's spotted at zoos
 - 67 Bovine band-leader?
 - 68 Louisiana university
 - 70 Geographical abbr.
 - 71 "Clair de Lune" composer
 - 73 Celebrities
 - 75 Car bomb?
 - 76 Grabs all the goodies
 - 77 Neighbor of Hispaniola
 - 79 Bob of basketball
 - 82 Proof letters
 - 86 Rock hound?
 - 90 Eager
 - 91 Castle or Cara
 - 92 "How — Is Your Love" ('77 hit)
 - 94 Deface
 - 95 Supper scrap
 - 96 Stangy denial
 - 98 Stockings
 - 100 TV listing abbr.
 - 102 Big —, CA
 - 105 Shade of meaning
 - 107 Ecclesiastical title
 - 108 Sage
 - 109 Put the match to
 - 110 Portended
 - 111 "That's —" ('53 tune)
 - 112 Loy or Blith
 - 116 "A Face in the Crowd" actress
 - 118 Discourteous
 - 119 They're often beaten
 - 121 Curly coil
 - 122 Equine accessory
 - 123 Aphrodite's son
 - 126 "— Ryan's Express" ('85 film)
 - 127 Remnant
 - 129 TV's "— Haw"
 - 130 Presidential monogram

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