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## No judge, no prosecutor yet for Martin case

By Randell Reno  
Staff Writer

With a Wednesday arraignment date set for Sheridan Martin the case is still in need of a prosecutor and a presiding judge.

Because Martin is a local attorney District Judges Eric Hall and James R. Allen recused themselves from the case. County Attorney Keith Bartley requested a special prosecutor to be assigned

by Attorney General's Office in the case also.

As of today's printing, the district clerk's office has not confirmed that a special judge has been assigned to the case, and the state Attorney General's Office has not yet appointed a prosecutor in the case, said Corey Bellamy.

Martin is accused of one count of first-degree sex abuse for allegedly making unwanted sexual contact with a female employee.

## Man pleads not guilty to sex abuse

by Randell Reno  
Staff Writer

A Prestonsburg man has been arrested and charged with two counts of sexual abuse.

James A. Cooley, 48, was arrested Wednesday and charged with subjecting a woman to sexual contact without her consent. He is also accused of harassing the same woman in a public place.

The offenses allegedly occurred at Cardinal Mart in Lancer on December 28.

Cooley pleaded not guilty to the charges in Floyd District Court, receiving a bond of \$6,000 property or 10 percent cash. Each of the counts of third-degree sexual abuse and harassment are misdemeanors.

In other court-related matters:  
■ An Allen man who was arrested for assaulting a minor will be arraigned in Floyd District Court tomorrow.

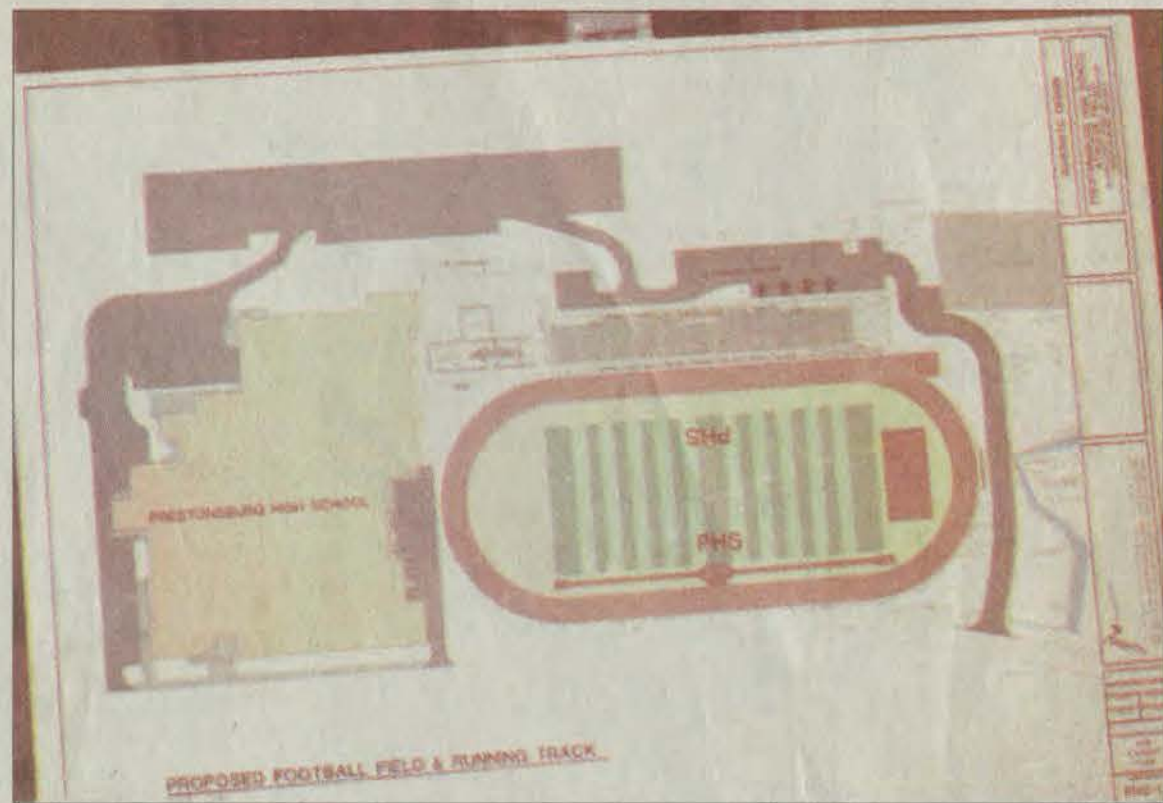
Randy Wright, of Gas Fork Road in Allen, was arrested and charged with fourth-degree assault for allegedly hitting the 17-year-old son of Betty Woods in the head with a wooden bat on December 30.

He was also charged with menacing for allegedly threatening to shoot the boy and use a knife on him the same day.

■ Shelly Gregory, of Big Branch in Prestonsburg, was issued a summons to appear in Floyd District Court for alleged

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## A vision of things to come...



Plans for a new athletic complex at Prestonsburg High School call for the football field to be rotated 90 degrees to make room for a running track. The expansion will require the board to purchase houses, commercial buildings and a trailer park adjacent to the current facility. (photo by Willie Elliott)

## Board moves forward with football fields

### PHS facility expanded

by Willie Elliott  
Staff Writer

The Floyd County Board of Education came one step closer to getting the athletic complexes at Prestonsburg and South Floyd high schools off the ground as they met in special session Thursday night to deal with several items dealing with construction of athletic facilities.

The board, realizing that the fields could not include every-

thing that was asked for, reached a decision that matched the amount of money available to the items that could be included in the fields.

Architect Joe Jones said he could modify one of the construction plans, known as a BG-1, for the Prestonsburg site to match the board's recommendations. A BG-1 details a school system's construction plans and must be submitted to the state Department of Education for

approval. Terry Dotson recommended that the fieldhouse in the plans be taken out at this time and completed later in order that the board could submit a BG-1 with costs within the funds available for the project.

The plan calls for spending \$1.6 million, plus the assistance from the city and fiscal court.

Jones also presented a plan for the South Floyd site that would cost more than \$2.4 million and would include the foot-

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## Martin begins a third century

by Willie Elliott  
Staff Writer

Many people spend all of their lives within one century. Nearly everyone alive today was born at the right time to experience life in two centuries and two millenniums.

But very few people can equal the feat of Ellis Martin, a resident at the Riverview Nursing Home in Prestonsburg — living in three different centuries.

Martin was born in 1898, lived through all the 1900s and has continued his life into the third century, 2000, becoming one of the few people who can claim to be a centenarian.

Martin's life encompasses an expanse of time that covers a great deal of United States history.

Martin was born during the administration of President William McKinley who served from 1897-1901. That means that he has lived through a total of 18

presidents, more than a third of all presidents that have served this country.

Most young men today are on needles and pins waiting for their driving license at age 16. But Martin had to wait for the car to be produced before he could even ride one.

Martin may have been familiar with the 1915 Ford Model T, but it is more likely that the first car he

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Ellis Martin as he appeared in the 1950s, left, and today.

## Tobacco settlement plans begin to take center stage

By Lisa Carnahan  
and Karla Dooley  
KPA News Bureau

It became apparent in the second week of the 2000 General Assembly that the appropriation of money from the national tobacco settlement could well take the spotlight — and keep it.

Gov. Paul Patton released his proposal on how to spend the money to a packed rotunda full of legislators, tobacco and farm group representatives, health care officials and university presidents.

The broad-range package includes money for tobacco farmers and farm communities, lung cancer research, smoking cessation and substance abuse prevention programs and establishment of a funding

pool for the sickest people in the state. The goal of that pool would be to reduce premiums for healthy Kentuckians in the individual health care market who pay high premiums so individuals with high-cost conditions can be covered.

Patton wants 50 percent of this year's Phase I Tobacco Settlement to go to his farm economy initiative, "CommonWealth Grows" which would allocate investment capital for farm development, farm marketing infrastructure and environmental stewardship assistance. It calls for a \$180 million investment in Kentucky's rural economy over the next two years.

The governor emphasized in his press conference that his spending proposal was just a "baseline for discussion," with the General Assembly crafting the final pack-

age. That "crafting" will make for lively debate with some representatives already blasting the governor's proposal.

Rep. Pete Worthington, D-Fleming, called it "appalling" and urged his fellow legislators to move slowly and carefully in dealing with the governor's proposal which he claims "spreads the money too thin."

"Now is the opportunity for each one of us to deal with this problem responsibly," said Worthington. "Let's do the right thing for Kentucky. It's time to pull together and help the tobacco farmer and farm community."

Patton's plan calls for 25 percent of the Phase I monies to go for creation of the Health Care Improvement Fund. Twenty percent of that fund, or about \$11 million

over two years, would go to the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville for lung cancer research. Kentucky leads the nation in the number of lung cancer cases per capita.

Ten percent of the Health Care Improvement Fund, about \$5.5 million over two years, would go to develop smoking cessation and substance abuse prevention programs. That program would implement a piece of legislation proposed by Rep. Steven Nunn, R-Glasgow, that would make it a crime for teens to possess or use tobacco products. It's already a crime for anyone younger than 18 to purchase tobacco products.

The governor said he was upset by the fact he's been criticized for this aspect of the proposal, with critics saying it would turn kids into criminals for smoking.

"I don't consider myself a hypocrite..." said Patton. "Let's make it the same penalty that it is right now for them to purchase tobacco products, the same for them to possess or use it."

Without the new proposed law, "we're saying that if an underage person can somehow break the law and purchase the tobacco product and get out of the store, then it's OK for them to

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# Legislature

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use it. That doesn't make any sense," said the governor.

Nunn's bill, which is expected to be heard by the House Health and Welfare Committee, says "no person under the age of 18 shall possess or use tobacco products," and any products found in their possession shall be confiscated and destroyed by the police officer making the charge.

The first offense would have the police officer notify the parents and for subsequent offenses, the youth would be required to attend and complete a smoking cessation program, if one exists in his or her county, and report completion of the program to a court designated worker.

The bulk of the Health Care Improvement Fund, 70 percent or nearly \$40 million over two years, would go to "Kentucky Access," a health insurance plan for high cost individuals.

"When we help the individual insurance market, we help the family business on Main Street, farm families, workers whose employers don't provide family health coverage and the self-employed," said Patton.

Insurance Commissioner George Nichols said the plan would enable the sickest Kentuckians to still have access to insurance, "but healthy individuals will no longer pay more than their share because of the new funding."

Nichols said the new funding proposal could help stabilize Kentucky's health insurance market that's been in a tailspin since the reform efforts of 1994 resulted in over 40 companies leaving the state.

In keeping with the pledge made during his State of the Commonwealth address, Patton has made early childhood development a priority in his legislative initiatives for the 2000 General Assembly.

The governor said his proposal's goal is to ensure "all young children in Kentucky are healthy and safe, possess the foundation that will enable school and personal success, and live in strong families that are supported and strengthened within their communities." His proposal is based on the recommendations of the Early Childhood Task Force that gave its report to the governor in November.

Rep. Tom Burch, D-Louisville, is the sponsor of the legislation which is expected to get its first hearing in the House Health and Welfare committee in two to three weeks.

Burch said he would be working with Republican legislators in an effort to make the bill a bipartisan effort.

"This is a start, and only a start. It's not the final product, but it's something that we can be proud of," said Burch. "It's time we start

taking care of kids when they're little and that way, we won't be building prisons for them when they grow up."

The governor has proposed the implementation of programs that would provide universal immunizations by age two, newborn hearing screenings and eye exams for children before they enter school. Other highlights of his proposal include:

■ A voluntary home visitation program for parents identified as being at-risk.

■ An Early Childhood Board to advise and coordinate the existing efforts in early childhood development that would replace the existing four councils for a more coordinated effort.

■ A Business Council to involve the corporate community in supporting issues of importance to working families.

Patton's proposal would cost \$56 million over the biennium, and he wants to fund it with 25 percent of the Phase I Tobacco Settlement monies.

Legislation that would help the undereducated and disabled populations of Kentucky also took center stage during the second week of the 2000 session of the General Assembly.

Patton said he would devote \$15 million more to adult education over the next two years, and a few hours later, Senate President David

Williams, R-Burkesville, presented a proposal to fight the problems of illiteracy, poor job training and lack of a high school education among adults.

Senate Bill 1, which is co-sponsored by 26 other senators, would require that communities develop strategies for lifelong learning. They would be expected to have a network of adult educational services in place by 2020, and programs that were not adequately living up to the plans would have their funds re-directed to other programs.

The bill would also offer \$250 per semester to GED recipients for up to four semesters of study at one of the state's post-secondary institutions.

During the Senate Education Committee meeting, where the legislation was considered, Rep. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville, offered an amendment to the bill that would have revoked the driver's licenses of all students who drop out of school without subsequently enrolling in a GED program.

Williams said that he felt the amendment would be more appropriate in a bill that is being drafted to specifically address the high dropout rate. After some heated discussion, Shaughnessy withdrew the amendment.

"It's the difference between force-feeding someone and setting a nice meal on the table," Williams had said earlier of the bill.

The bill, which has received strong bipartisan support, now proceeds to the full Senate, while a similar piece of legislation, filed by Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, has been sent to the House Education Committee.

Currently, about one-third of Kentuckians do not have a high school diploma and 40 percent function at the lowest levels of literacy.

In the House Health and Welfare Committee, a bill was approved that would almost double the funds allotted to programs for the mentally retarded.

"We've got thousands of Kentuckians who need and deserve services, and we have previously not had the funds available to provide those services," said Rep. Nunn, who co-sponsored the bill.

If passed by the General Assembly, House Bill 144, which has been given emergency status, would create the Kentucky Commission on Services and Supports for Individuals with Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. It would also appropriate over \$12 million over the next two years in state money to the program. An additional \$28 million in federal matching funds is part of the package as well.

The Health and Welfare Committee also approved House Bill 213, a bill to expand the personal care assistance program to cover 1,200 disabled adults. The program currently provides assistance for about 200 adults who have lost the function of two or more limbs.

"I think it's wonderful," said Jan Day, executive director of the Center for Accessible Living in Louisville, who noted that the program will provide jobs for a number of Kentuckians, as well services desperately needed by this group. "It's not just a welfare program."

The legislation would cost the state about \$10 million more than it does now.

A number of other noteworthy bills are also under consideration by the legislature.

■ After some debate, the House passed a bill that would allow grandparents and other family members who care for a child that has been taken away from his or her parents to receive reimbursement for costs associated with caring for that child. Previously, relatives were excluded from any type of reimbursement. There was some debate that the wording of House Bill 165 was too broad but supporters noted the existing list of services that foster parents use for reimbursement would apply for family members as well.

■ The House Judiciary Committee approved a bill that its backers hope will give religious groups an exemption from the state civil rights code. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Tom Kerr, D-Taylor Mill, would allow nonprofit religious groups to deny those with differing religious views access to their recreational facilities.

However, Jeff Vessels, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, testified before the committee that House Bill 70 is "a dangerously broadly worded bill" that would do much more than its proponents have said that they intend for it to. The bill now proceeds to the House floor.

■ The Senate and House passed bills that would exempt from the state income tax any money paid to farmers from the tobacco settlement. Rep. Eleanor Jordan, D-Louisville, was successful in adding an amendment to House Bill 65 that would include in the exemption severance pay to workers who have been laid off by cigarette manufacturing plants.

■ House Bill 2, filed by Rep. John Vincent, R-Ashland, would make it illegal to offer people money or other items of value in exchange for signing a petition to get a question on the ballot. The bill passed the House unanimously and has now gone to the Senate for consideration.

■ Burch has filed a bill that would make Kentucky the only state that prohibits drivers from using cell phones. House Bill 172 would exempt emergency vehicle drivers and require all others to pay a \$30 fine for each violation. The bill has been assigned to the House Transportation Committee.

■ House Bill 255, filed by Rep. Mary Lou Marzian, D-Louisville, and co-sponsored by 20 others, would require that an organ donated in Kentucky be transplanted in a patient also living within the state if there is one. The bill is up for consideration in the Health and Welfare Committee.

■ It's unclear when legislation that would allow school councils to decide whether and where to post the Ten Commandments could come up for committee discussion. "It's not been decided yet," said Rep. Charles Geveden, D-Wickliffe. "If it comes out of committee we want something that will pass Constitutional muster." Geveden is chairman of the House State Government Committee. The bill, House Bill 45, has been filed by Rep. Woody Allen, R-Morgantown, and co-sponsored by 11 others.

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## Board

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ball field, fieldhouse, track, bleachers and 234 parking spaces.

At this time, the board is looking at the Meade/Newman/Halbert properties (located just above the school on the opposite side of KY 122) for the South Floyd site.

The two sites would cost over \$5 million to complete if the money the board has available is added to the assistance from the city and county.

After the city agreed to provide \$300,000 toward the completion of the Prestonsburg field, the board had to approve a BG-1 for the site.

The board packet included a letter from Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin in which he offered to sell a piece of property needed for the planned project.

"To show my support for the project, I offer to sell this property to the board for exactly what I have invested," Fannin wrote. "If you accept this offer within the next 90 days, my investment would total \$56,515."

Tom Willis, associate commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Education, wrote a letter to Superintendent Paul Fanning and board chairman Terry Dotson in which he said he commended the cooperation between the city, board and fiscal court and said the board should consider the assistance offered by the city.

At the same time, he said the board should take steps to protect itself and integrity of the project.

Willis' recommendations included the following:

■ The BG-1 for the Prestonsburg athletic facility must be approved by the board as soon as possible. Willis said there is no way the project could be completed by the beginning of football season if the delay in approving the BG-1 continues.

■ Any and all offers of assistance from the city council and the fiscal court must be in writing or the state board will not approve the project. Commitments of financial resources, labor, etc. must be detailed — to include timelines. If cash is made available for the project, the board must have the cash in hand prior to July 1 of this year.

■ The city should not attempt to purchase property and give it to the board unless there is some assurance that this will occur in

the next one or two months and that the city will not be involved in any condemnation. The board must have a clear title to all property and, if condemnation is necessary, it should proceed under the direction of board attorney Mike Schmitt.

■ The city council and the fiscal court must clearly understand that the project is under the direction of the board and it is the board or its representative who are the decision makers.

The board also approved a BG-1 to construct a softball field at Betsy Layne. According to Supt. Fanning, the construction of the field will resolve the problems that are occurring with the scheduling of sports activities at Stumbo Park and satisfy federal gender-equity requirements.

The field will be used primarily by the girls' softball team at Betsy Layne High School. The estimated cost for the field is \$285,869 and funds are available to complete the project.

When some board members objected to the cost of the construction of the softball field at Betsy Layne, Don Roberts said the board had just approved over \$5 million for football fields and was now hesitant to approve this project.

Carol Stumbo said she could see the incongruity of the situation but still felt Betsy Layne had more pressing needs than a softball field. She was the only dissenting vote on the motion.

In other matters before the board:

■ The board approved the BG-1 for work done on the Betsy Layne Elementary gym.

The work was done by S & L Company of McDowell for a total price of \$105,244.00. In a letter to Joe Jones of Johnson Romanowitz Architects, Smith, the project director for the work, said the warranty for the work on the gym was placed on January 21 and would be valid through January 21, 2008.

■ Jody Mullins said the amount requested for renovation work was considerably higher than the board had been led to believe. After asking the question, "Is this it?" (all the money needed to complete the project), Mullins and all other board members approved the request which includes \$125,000 in goods and services plus over

\$45,000 for maintenance labor cost done by school personnel.

■ The board approved a request from Prestonsburg High School for a day of mourning and dismissal on January 12 upon the death of teacher Elizabeth Frazier.

Johnnie Ross said he wanted the public to know that the board never considered not complying with the request. He said, "Approving the request at a board meeting is something we have to do to meet state laws."

Stumbo asked if a general policy could be made so each incident would not require board approval. Schmitt said he would look into the matter but said it was his opinion that each incident must be approved separately.

## Charges

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offenses occurring on December 3.

Gregory, 24, is charged with two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment and harassing communications. Gregory is accused of forcing Regina Crider off the road with her car while Crider's son was riding along with her.

She is also accused of making numerous calls to Crider, threatening to fight with her.

Gregory has another charge of wanton endangerment pending against her in a separate case. Gregory allegedly also forced the vehicle of Angeline Boyd off the road on the same day.

She is scheduled for arraignment February 16.

■ Scott Allen, also known as Tommy Rowe, 21 of Salyersville, was arraigned Thursday in Floyd District Court. Rowe was arrested December 22 and charged with theft by unlawful taking over \$300.

Rowe, with the aid of David Arnett and Ollie Casebolt, is accused of acting as fronts while Allen took the merchandise.

Allen's bail was set at a \$10,000 partially-secured bond. A preliminary hearing is set for February 14.



# KCTCS technical colleges offer scholarships

LEXINGTON — Kentucky high school seniors and GED recipients are eligible to apply for the Governor's Kentucky Technical College Scholarship.

The scholarships, which carry an estimated value of \$2,600 each, are awarded based on academic achievement, character excellence

and career potential. The full scholarships apply to diploma or degree programs. They cover tuition and fees, equipment such as tools, books, supplies, personal safety equipment, and uniforms.

"The Governor's Kentucky Technical College Scholarship provides a great opportunity for

deserving students to continue their education," said Dr. Keith W. Bird, chancellor of technical colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

"A student who receives a two-year degree will earn, on average, a half-million dollars more in his or her lifetime than a high school

dropout. As Governor Patton says, 'Education Pays.' " Bird said. "And while some students will go to work immediately after receiving an associate degree or diploma, we encourage our students to continue their education even further."

In the Governor's Kentucky Technical College Scholarship pro-

gram, each technical college in Kentucky and each branch campus may offer as many as two scholarships to current high school seniors who will enter college in the 2000-2001 academic year. Each main and branch campus also may offer one scholarship to a GED recipient. The scholarships run for the duration of the academic program.

Applications for the scholarships are available from high school guidance counselors or from Kentucky's technical colleges. Here are the main campuses of the technical colleges: Ashland Technical College; Bowling Green Technical College; Central Kentucky Technical College (Lexington); Cumberland Valley Technical College; Elizabethtown Technical College; Hazard Technical College; Jefferson Technical College; Laurel Technical College; Madisonville Technical College; Mayo Technical College; Northern Kentucky Technical College (Covington); Owensboro Technical College;

Rowan Technical College; Somerset Technical College; West Kentucky Technical College (Paducah).

The application deadline is March 1.

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System, which comprises 15 technical colleges and 13 community colleges, was created by the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997. KCTCS provides accessible and affordable education and training through academic and technical associate degrees; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; pre-baccalaureate education; adult, continuing and developmental education; customized training for business and industry; and distance learning.

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Johnny Caudill, field services office supervisor for Legal Guardianship, was a recent guest speaker for the latest graduating class of the TOSPS program. Front, from left, are Pamela Nesselrotte, Career Counselor Candy Young, Career Counselor Aide Libby Lawson; middle row, from left, Johnny Caudill, Amber Ashley, Lisa Blackburn,

Shelly Newhouse, Lisa Hagans, Rebecca Hill, and Lora Bentley; back row, from left, Tabitha Bentley, Work Force Investment Act Case Manager Brian Kidd, and Jeffery Bays. Sondra Spurlock, career counselor aide, is not pictured. Kidd had each graduate placed on work experience. For information on the program, call 606/886-2929.

## USDA to invest \$180 million in economy

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has unveiled plans for \$180 million in new USDA investments in projects aimed at boosting the rural economy, promoting agricultural research, and developing new agricultural products and practices for the future.

"In the best economy in generations, we must make sure not to leave rural America or our nation's family farmers and ranchers behind," said Glickman. "And the future of family farming in the United States depends on nurturing new practices, new products, and new markets."

Glickman awarded \$60 million in Fund for Rural America research and economic development grants. The remaining \$120 million will be distributed through a competitive grant process under the Secretary's new Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems.

Later this year, USDA will issue a request for proposals to solicit specific project proposals for the initiative. The needs of small- and medium-sized producers will be a priority.

About \$20 million in Fund for Rural America grants will be shared over four years among the following projects.

■ The Center for Minority Land and Community Security, led by Tuskegee University, will help increase land retention, acquisition,

and land-based economic development among African Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans.

■ The Northeast Center for Food Entrepreneurship, led by Cornell University, will assist entrepreneurs starting food manufacturing businesses and farmers trying to diversify.

■ The National Center for Manure and Animal Waste Management, led by North Carolina State University, will provide technical assistance and information about animal waste, while helping to lessen its environmental impact.

■ A Consortium for Site-Specific Resource Management, led by the University of Minnesota, will identify and expand the use of information systems that will help farmers more effectively manage natural resources.

■ The National Resource Center for Rural People in Forest Communities, led by the Forest Trust of Santa Fe, New Mexico, will help forest-dependent communities participate in natural resources decision-making.

Glickman allocated the remaining \$40 million in financing for about 200 projects in low-income rural communities.

■ \$2.5 million for farm labor housing projects at three or four high priority locations;

■ \$2 million for community facilities grants that may include health, child care, and emergency equipment facilities;

■ \$1.3 million for business and industry loan guarantees, which will support about \$40 million in loans, creating or saving about 1,600 jobs in rural America; and

■ \$1 million in Rural Business or Rural Business Opportunity Grants, which can help small, emerging business in rural area with technical aid and planning.

The Secretary's new \$120 million Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems promises to help address some of the most critical issues facing American agriculture.

The Initiative, authorized by Congress in 1998, will fund competitive research, education and extension grants that focus on production agriculture, natural resource management, and consumer issues.

The Initiative's priorities include agricultural genomics and biotechnology risk assessment; food safety and the role of nutrition in health; new uses for agricultural products, including biomass fuel sources; natural resources management, pest management and precision agriculture; and farm efficiency and profitability, with an emphasis on small- and mid-sized family farms.



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## 3 centuries

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rode or drove was the either the 1929 Cord L-29 or the 1930 Ford Model A Coupe. Henry Ford began cranking out Model Ts in 1906 by using the assembly-line concept.

According to his grandson, Larry Stewart, Martin drove one of first cars on Left Beaver and the brand was Star.

Even if Martin or his friends had such a car, the going would have been rather rough, as there were few, if any, blacktop roads on Left Beaver at that time. His son Wendell said farmers with mule teams would stand by the road ready to pull cars out of deep trenches in the road, for a fee, naturally.

Think how we take airlines, jets and even space travel for granted today. Martin was only a lad when the Wright Brothers had their plane "The Flyer" take off from a field in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and stay airborne for 12 seconds.

When Martin was about 10 years old the Chicago Cubs won the World Series. Guess what? They have not won one since. A few years later Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslett fell madly in love aboard a sinking Titanic, killing over a thousand passengers.

In 1913 came an event that probably was not popular with Martin's parents and hasn't been a big hit since it happened, the passage of the constitutional amendment creating the federal income tax.

While Martin was in his teens (16-19), the United States became involved in World War I. Because of the way the Army inducted people, starting with the youngest, Martin missed this war and again missed World War II because he was not in the age bracket for being accepted into service.

In 1920, Martin's wife, Verda, who was also a Martin before she got married, received some good news as women were granted the right to vote. Behind the women's vote, Warren G. Harding was elected president.

To discuss the events that has happened during Martin's lifetime would make for a study for a great period of history in the United States.

The Martins had five children — Christina Martin Stewart, Minnie; Johnie Martin, deceased; Anna Rose Martin, deceased; Ellis Martin (died in infancy); and Wendell L. Martin, of Prestonsburg. The couple had 11

grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Martin held various jobs, including a short stint in the teaching profession in Knott County, miner with the Edgemont Coal Co., store manager of Old Beaver Coal Co., deputy sheriff and postmaster at Gibson (now Minnie).

Martin served as district three magistrate from 1949 to 1956, was a state mine inspector, state heavy weight truck limit inspector.

Even though he retired many years earlier, Martin worked up to 1983, the last job being trial commissioner for the Floyd County District Court.



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# Viewpoint

## QUOTE OF THE DAY...

There are no illegitimate children, only illegitimate parents.

—Leon Yankowich—

Sunday, January 16, 2000 A4

## Editorial

### Pop quiz time

What do you call a foreign zealot who makes victims of innocent people for ethnic, nationalist or religious reasons? Correct, you call that person a terrorist.

Next question. What do you call someone who does the exact same thing in this country, recently right here in Floyd County?

Bzzt ... time's up. The answer is also "terrorist."

Well, that's what they should be called, anyway. Most of the time we label them vandals or pranksters, sometimes racists, but their motive is more or less the same as their overseas counterparts — to inflict fear in the hearts of people based on their color of skin or their country of origin.

Vivian Ong and Andy Que know all about that type of terror. A terrorist, perhaps more than one, is loose in the community of McDowell.

Over the past six months, Ong and Que have been the targets of racist attacks. It began with graffiti but has escalated to acts of near-violence.

Some might feel that a painted swastika or "white power" slogan is pretty easy to ignore. Just a dab or two of paint should erase the damage, right?

Wrong. The physical damage of someone's crude hand can be painted over, but the fear caused by knowing that an unknown person with an insane and irrational hatred has chosen you as a target can never be erased.

And the attacks Ong and Que have suffered go well beyond the scrawl of a can of spray paint. Over time, these acts of terrorism have escalated, from late-night showers of rocks, to bullets fired at a nearby streetlight, to a car window smashed to pieces.

As the severity of the attacks has grown, it has become obvious that we are not dealing with someone who is merely joking around. What we have here is a truly sick and dangerous mind lurking in our midst.

As a community, we must stand firm in universal condemnation of these types of actions, but we must also pay the issue more than lip-service. We urge anyone who knows any bit of information about these attacks to immediately report it to the police.

As we stand on the eve of a holiday to honor Martin Luther King Jr., a man who tried to teach all of us to be tolerant and to treat each other as brothers and sisters, we face a choice, a true test of our commitment to the notion of equality.

We can stand united to combat these attacks borne of ignorance and hatred, this brand of domestic terrorism. Or we can just write it all off to someone's idea of a sick practical joke and pretend it never happened, even though doing so means two of our neighbors will continue to suffer in fear that the attacks will continue to escalate.

And that leaves us just enough time to ask one last question in our pop quiz — which is it going to be?

—Ralph B. Davis



## Letters to the Editor

### School thanks American Standard for donation

Editor:

On behalf of the school, staff, students and community of Dr. W.D. Osborne Elementary, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carl Cole and the American Standard Corporation for their generosity shown through a recent donation. The 40 faucets that

were donated will be very beneficial to the school and most of all to the students. We really appreciate the interest shown to our community.

Paul D. Tackett, principal  
Osborne Elementary

### War in heaven

Editor:

I know that most people who are familiar with the Old Regular Baptist Church have heard or read about all the turmoil that is going on in the New Salem Association because the Little Rosa Church installed a baptistery in its cafeteria and in doing this we now are in jeopardy of being excommunicated from the association.

First, I would like to state a few facts. There is no order in our association's plan of government that forbids this practice; therefore, we did not violate any order of our association. They now say if only we would have brought it to the association, it probably would have been okay. If it was wrong for us to do this, the association could not make it right by giving us permission.

The association has no power to lord anything over God's heritage, nor shall have clerical power over the church. Nor shall they infringe on any clerical internal right of any church in the union. (Item 3 of constitution.) Therefore, in our opinion, the association didn't have the authority to deny or permit.

What our church has done, some said, was arrogance on our part, as one brother commented, "Trying to shove it down our throat." We never intended to offend anyone. We just wanted a decent and sanitary place to baptize converts.

Now a once-thriving, prosperous church, one of the liveliest churches in the association, is torn apart. How did it happen? They say I, "Deaner" Moore, caused it. To them I reply, our little church of 110 members (about 85 or 90 active; the rest live in other areas of the country or are too old to attend or are in nursing homes) voted by a majority present to install this baptistery. Eleven members disagreed. Those 11 members did not want to be governed by a majority, which is the way a democracy functions.

One of the churches in our association was offended by our actions and sent a committee to our church with a request, asking us to take it out. We asked the committee if they failed to prove by The Bible or our articles of faith or our constitution a violation, would they take their request back. Their answer was no. Of course, to that reply, we rejected the request and sent it back to their church, having failed to show any violation on our part.

That should have been the end of the matter, but oh, no. This same committee was so determined to impose or dictate to us the way our church is to be governed, they went about sowing discord among the churches of the New Salem Association and our sister associations, saying, "Look what the Little Rosa Church has done." These same brethren, preachers, commoners and foot washers of our sister associations either have or have allowed baptisteries, but they say they are offended with us for the same prac-

tice. I think there is a word for this — hypocrisy.

I know to the general public this is so bizarre, it is almost unbelievable. Hard to believe, isn't it? If it wasn't so serious and if it hadn't destroyed so many lives, it would probably make a good soap opera. Maybe we should call it, "Unguiding Light."

As a result of the persistence of the brethren, this matter of the baptistery reached the association in the form of a query, asking, "Is it proper for the Little Rosa Church to change the orthodox practice of the New Salem Association concerning the way a candidate is to be baptized in any way other than in our creeks and rivers, to build a baptistery without first obtaining consent from the New Salem Association?" That is what was presented to the association. Here is what was voted on: "Do you want the baptistery taken out or done away with?" Now what the query asked, but what the assistant moderator changed it to. The vote was 92 to 45 to grant the request.

I, as moderator or pastor of the Little Rosa Church, advised them not to receive this work of the association until a violation is shown. This, in turn, brought a committee from the association to the Little Rosa Church on November 6. I explained to them they would not be allowed to speak, since they were not invited to a seat with us. They were very persistent, insisting to speak, disrupting our church and refusing to leave our church until we had a vote. It was not a very pretty scene, very unchristian.

We were forced to show them a vote. I asked the church, "You that wish to stay with me and Brother Jim just like we are, stand up." Forty-nine members shot to their feet. Someone from the committee hollered out, "We're outnumbered." I turned to the church once again and asked the members that wanted the baptistery removed to stand up. Before they could do this, a member of the committee jumped up and said, "Everyone that wants to remain in the New Salem Association, follow me to the Old Beaver Church right now." Twenty-nine members stormed out. At first, there were only 11 members opposed to the baptistery. Now there are 29, thanks to the association telling them, "We will support you even though you are in the minority." Once again, we have the minority trying to dictate to the majority.

Now we have two Little Rosa churches, according to them. It grieves my heart to see my good brothers and sisters who we love so much being deceived, being promised things which cannot be done. It is a wonder that the New Salem Association has declined from a one-time pinnacle of 3,400 members to just over 2,000 now? If we continue to fight and devour and backbite one another, instead of doing what the Word of God says, "See that you love one another

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## Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis  
Managing Editor



We don't always know how good we have it

I'll be the first to admit that we news types who are quick to judge the actions of our local officials sometimes take for granted how, for the most part, we do have some fairly decent but fallible folks running the show.

Of course, what we're trying to accomplish is perfect government from our leaders and, in so doing, we sometimes forget that, no matter what we call them on, things could almost always be worse.

I was reminded of that while reading a story about the most recent meeting of the city council over in Kermit, W. Va.

Now, many of you know that they've had an ugly little dispute over who should be mayor recently in Kermit, with a fellow by the name of Johnny Linville ultimately winning out.

But I won't get into all the details of that controversy, because all the agony that town went through in order to put Linville in office served only as prelude to the fur which went flying when he finally sat down with council members for the first time last week.

At the outset, Linville foreshadowed the firestorm to come by telling the council he wasn't out "to win any popularity contest." But the story really starts two weeks ago, during Linville's first few hours on the job.

Now, I won't pretend to understand all the political complexities of city government in Kermit. It's in a different state, where they have different officers and different rules from what we're accustomed to here in Kentucky.

Then again, you don't have to have a doctorate in municipal government to know what happening in Kermit is truly extraordinary.

So, over in the Mountain State, they have something called a municipal judge. Again, I won't pretend to have a clue about what that is, other than the fact that the story said the one in Kermit administered the oath of office to Linville. Sixteen hours later, he fired her.

Of course, some things are constant, regardless of political boundaries, so it is easy to understand that that would not be the new mayor's only firing upon taking office. He also gave the city's police chief and a police officer their walking papers. And, in addition to firing the municipal judge, he assumed her office.

So, right away, you know there's going to be something to talk about during the city council meeting.

But if the council members had planned to show some righteous indignation in response to the mayor's actions, he beat them to the punch and stole the show.

When they finally met, Linville unilaterally revoked the council's right to hire or fire employees, or even to ratify his personnel appointments.

When the council attempted to assert its power by voting to rehire the employees anyway, they asked the mayor if he planned to put them back to work the next day.

His reply — and I love this quote —

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# KCTCS campuses offer ACT training, testing services

LEXINGTON — As part of a major initiative to improve the quality of the Commonwealth's workforce, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System has announced it will launch the nation's first statewide network of ACT Centers, delivering state-of-the-art

computerized testing and training services to individuals, businesses and organizations. The ACT Centers will be located initially at four locations established by technical and community colleges in Louisville, Lexington, Bowling Green and Northern Kentucky. Eventually, the ACT testing and training services will be expanded to all 28 colleges in KCTCS.

Services offered at the ACT Centers will include:

- Workplace skills assess-

ments

- Continuing education courses covering a broad array of disciplines
- Skill-specific training in selected fields
- Distance learning with state-of-the-art technology
- Computerized education and career-guidance counseling
- Computer-delivered certification and licensure tests for the trades and professions

"Training services provided at the ACT Centers will boost Kentucky's economy by raising the skill levels of our workers," said KCTCS President Michael B. McCall. "That is the mission of our system — to provide education and training to support economic development."

KCTCS, which comprises 15 technical colleges and 13 communi-

ty colleges, provides accessible and affordable education and training through academic and technical associate degrees; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; pre-baccalaureate education; adult, continuing and developmental education; customized training for business and industry; and distance learning.

The centers are being developed in partnership with ACT Inc., the not-for-profit organization best known for its educational assessment, planning and research services, including the ACT Assessment, a leading college admissions and placement exam.

ACT also provides extensive services for workforce development, and is developing a nationwide system of ACT Centers.

"The state of Kentucky should be commended for its leadership

role in delivering high-quality educational tools to its workforce," said ACT Senior Vice President Tom Sateriel. "We believe more states will adopt Kentucky's vision as they see the impact this initiative will have on the ability of companies to do business and the ability of people to qualify for better jobs."

"The ACT Centers will bring a wide library of state-of-the-art training programs to Kentucky communities," said Dr. Keith W. Bird, chancellor of technical colleges in KCTCS. "The centers will utilize the Internet and other emerging technologies. This will enhance our colleges' abilities to serve as resources for local businesses and for citizens seeking to improve their careers and achieve their goals."

The first of Kentucky's ACT Centers will be operational later this year.

Answer to Super Crossword

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ORGAN	MEG	ERWIN	ROMMEL
AGILE	ALI	NIECES	ENDS
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ENDING IN "IST"

## Orthopedic clinic in Salyersville

An orthopedic clinic for children and young adults under the age of 21, is scheduled for Monday, January 31, at the

Salyersville Regional Office of the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs.

Dr. Henry J. Iwinski, orthope-

die specialist from Lexington, will conduct physical exams at the office on 741 Parkway Dr.

Orthopedics is the branch of medical science that deals with prevention and correction of disorders involving locomotor structures of the body, especially the skeleton, joints, muscles, fascia and other supporting structures, such as ligaments and cartilage.

The commission's program provides diagnostic evaluation, clinical follow up, x-rays, hospitalization, surgery, medical equipment, supplies and therapy services for certain disabling conditions whether they are congenital or acquired.

For information on how to apply for services, call Monday through Friday at 349-7411 or toll-free at 1-800-594-7058. Clinic fees are based on a sliding fee scale, according to income and family size. Medicaid and most insurance cards are accepted.

## Students participate in East Timor Aid

by Nicholas Lafferty  
Adams Middle School Student

While studying a unit on political systems, Miss Roth's sixth grade social studies class at Adams Middle School were reading an issue of the Junior Scholastic magazine on the kids who live in the island nation of East Timor. In honor of the Christmas spirit as the season of giving, the students decided to donate money to the East Timor Aid.

We have already raised \$68.65 in only 3 days. This money will go to help purchase life sustaining supplies for the refugees.

East Timor is a tiny impoverished nation in the middle of the Indian Ocean. Some 3,000 refugees have now returned and gathered at

a church, which is now the only building left standing by rampaging pro-Jakarta Militias. The refugees reported being sent to camps where they were raped and killed.

This town has no homes, no cars or trucks, no livestock, and almost no people. Property damage in the enclave appears even worse than that of the East Timor capital of Dili, where whole districts were burned and looted. In the principle town of Oecussi, the only building that has a roof is the church, and there is no evidence of the people's property or livestock.

This started war because of the election in East Timor. So please donate to the East Timor aid and I would also like for everyone to have a very happy new year.

## Letters —

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with a pure heart fervently," before long you won't hear the songs of Zion we all love so much, sung in the spirit. Our shouting will cease. No more will the voice of truth be heard in our land.

They say, "We love you, Deaneer, but..." God does not tell us He loves us and end it with the conjunction "but."

Wake up, Old Regular Baptists.  
Clinton Dean Moore, moderator  
Little Rosa Church

## Pen —

"No." That prompted one of the members of the audience at the meeting to ask if the residents of Kermit were now living under a dictatorship, which considering the actions at this particular meeting was a very appropriate question.

The mayor, however, had the person taken outside and shot.

Okay, I made up that last little bit. Still, can you imagine living in a town where the mayor and council are, quite literally, at war with one another? I mean, we're used to conflict and controversy, but not necessarily constitutional crisis.

Far as I know, that issue still isn't settled. And you would think that would be enough for one meeting, wouldn't you?

Not so. The mayor also presented each of the council members with bills for the legal fees he racked up in his ultimately successful bid to win the mayor's seat — or

throne, from the looks of things in this particular case.

As you can imagine, that one went over like a lead balloon. One council member advised the mayor "not to look for my check" anytime soon.

Looking over the situation at Kermit, I am thankful I get to view it from a distance, rather than have to report on it. Oh sure, it would provide several dozen stories, editorials and columns, but it wouldn't be in the best interest of the community.

Hopefully, the mayor and council over in Kermit will ultimately realize their feud isn't doing the people they represent any good.

In the meantime, I'll just sit back here, safely on the other side of the Big Sandy, and thank my lucky stars that, for all our shortcomings, local government in Floyd County has at least evolved beyond that stage.



Tracy Patton, Prestonsburg Branch Manager for Firstar Bank, recently presented \$1,500 to the Mountain Arts Center to help fund children's programming for the 2000-2001 season. Accepting the donation is Billie Jean Osborne, director of the Kentucky Opry and Kentucky Opry Junior Pros. Among upcoming children's programs is an extensive exhibit on loan from the Louisville Science Center in February. The MAC, a non-profit, community organization, accepts contributions from individuals and organizations.

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# OBITUARIES

## Richard Isiah Shepherd

Richard Isiah Shepherd, infant son of James W. Shepherd and Lana Hale Shepherd of David, died January 13, 2000, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

His maternal grandparents are Richard and Sally Jewell Hale of Blue River.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, the late Bryce and Lula Shepherd.

Survivors include one brother, Joshua Wilburn Shepherd of David; two half-brothers, James W. Shepherd II of Paintsville, James Michael Shepherd of Floyd County; three sisters, Jamie Lynn Shepherd, Heather LeAnn Shepherd, and Sarah Elizabeth Shepherd, all of David; half-sisters, Brenda Lee Gatewood of Florida, Rita Cheryl Miller of Paintsville, Nancy Lynn Bertrand of Prestonsburg, and Lisa Dawn Shepherd of Floyd County.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 15, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with Glenn Hughes officiating.

Burial was in the Hale Cemetery, at Blue River, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

## Bobby Gene Newsome

Bobby Gene Newsome, 37, of Melvin, died Friday, January 14, 2000, at the residence of his daughter, at Topmost, following an extended illness.

Born on January 2, 1963, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Foster and Dorothy Mae Hall Newsome. He was a disabled laborer.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Jean Collins Newsome; one son, Joe Newsome of Melvin; five daughters, Dorothy Hunter of Topmost, Amanda Newsome, Christina Newsome, Christian Newsome, Martha Nicole Newsome all of Melvin; five brothers, David Newsome of Kite, Jackie Newsome, Darrell Newsome, and Dazzie "Bo" Newsome, all of Detroit, Michigan, and Michael Newsome, of Topmost; four sisters, Carol Sue Slope of Letcher County, Linda Sue Fields, and Denise Lynn Swiney, both of Pike County, and Bernice Collins, of Topmost.

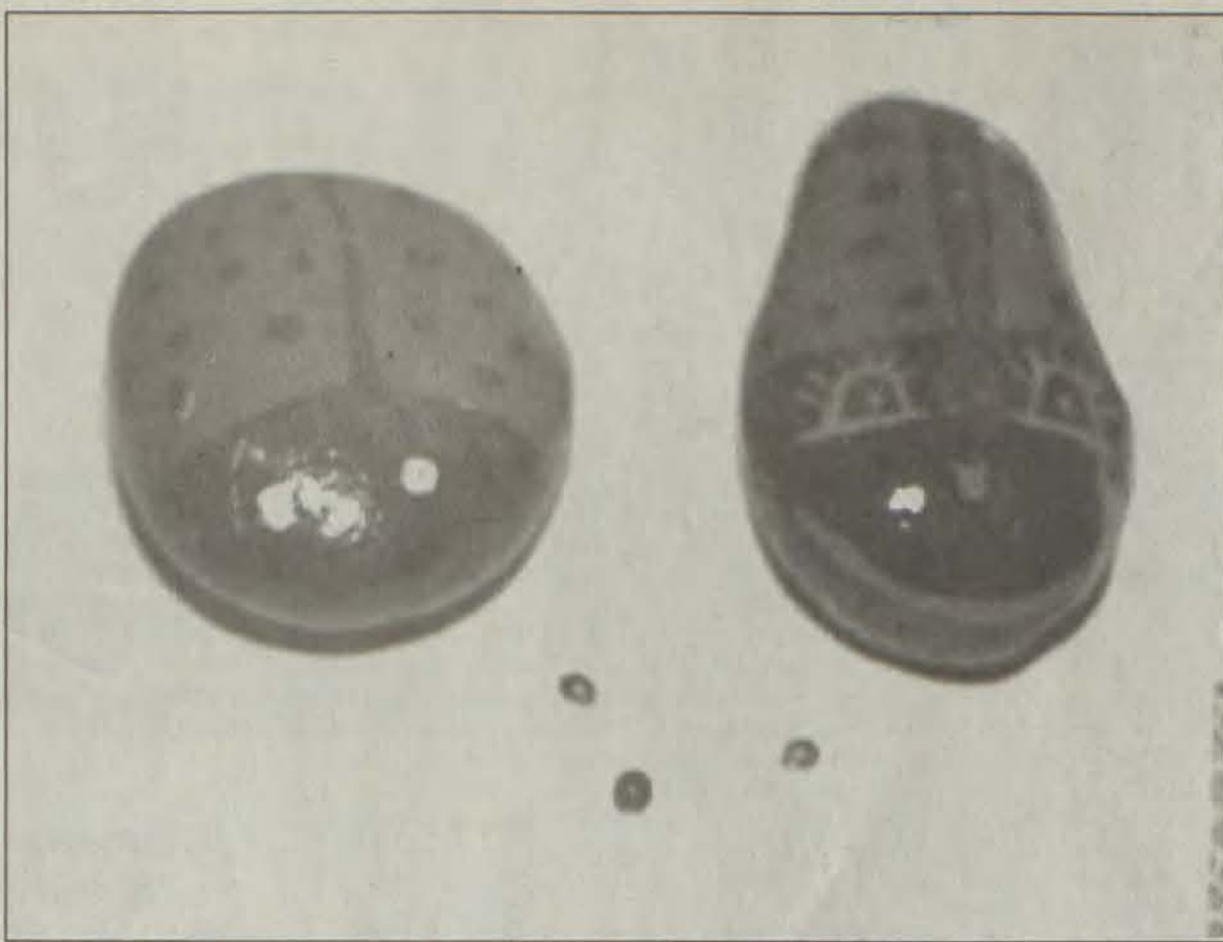
Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, January 16, at noon, at the Providence Old Regular Baptist Church, at Topmost, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Reen Hall Cemetery, at Topmost, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

## Mitchell pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Cline Mitchell were Carter Hall, Keith Henry, Gary Rice, Mike Hall, Larry Hall, Phillip Hall, Ishmael Bailey, John Sizemore and Mitchell Hall.

Honorary pallbearers were Barkley Sturgill, Frank DeRossett, Roger Webb, Carl Mitchell, Tom Hall, Ben Hale and Bobby Joe Roberts.



Are these the Y2K bugs we have been hearing about? Well, at least these are real bugs (or at least the smaller ones are). The larger ones are the products of a first grade art class at McDowell Elementary. They are lady bugs. The name 'lady' was given to them in medieval days when people dedicated them to the Virgin Mary because they killed harmful insects. (photo by Willie Elliott)

# The "Word" for the Week

## Millennium challenge number three

by Dr. Dennis J. Prutow  
Sterling, Kansas

Once upon a time, folks assumed they followed the Ten Commandments. When you talked to them about sin, they said, "I'm not so bad. I keep the Ten Commandments." Now there is aversion to the Ten Commandments. Churches stand against God's law. They often misapply the Bible with Romans 6:14, "You are not under law but under grace." Others declare they don't want to push the Ten Commandments on impressionable youngsters. Posting these moral precepts on the walls of school-rooms is anathema.

The Bible says, "the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteousness and good" (Romans 7:12). The Ten Commandments are

precepts to follow. They are also a life to live. First, the Ten Commandments outline the holiness of God. Second, the Ten Commandments therefore define deviations from His holiness and righteousness. The Ten Commandments show our need to return to God through faith in Christ. "The Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ" (Galatians 3:24). Third, because the Ten Commandments show us the character of God and deviations from His holiness, they also set the parameters for godly living. God says, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy" (Leviticus 19:2).

The millennium challenge is to return to God through faith in Christ and live out the Ten Commandments with His power and grace.

# Middlesboro Ministerial Association honored with CAP's 2000 peace award

The Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) has honored the Middlesboro Ministerial Association with the 2000 Peace Award for the courage displayed in organizing community events in the face of a rally organized by the Ku Klux Klan. The Klan action followed a racial incident.

"To remain silent," said Rev. Derek Penwell, minister of the First Christian Church, "would be a tacit endorsement of the Klan's presence."

Penwell and the Middlesboro Ministerial Association wanted no part of what they agreed would be an endorsement, but felt to stage an alternative rally would "play into their hand. We have lots of weapons, not the least of which is prayer," Rev. Penwell said. "We decided to hold an alternative service to proclaim who we are."

The Service for Peace, Unity and Justice, held at the Central Arts Auditorium, hosted 200 to 300 people who prayed and talked about prayer and the importance of prayer in

a situation "when there's hatred all around," Rev. Penwell said. The association received greetings of prayer and support from governing bodies of several denominations, including Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Methodist and Jewish.

The service was preceded by a vigil organized by the ministerial association at the Covenant United Methodist Church. People came to prayer continuously for 24 hours before the service and the rally, which occurred simultaneously.

On the request of the association, Saturday, December 18, was proclaimed a day of peace, unity and justice and the Middlesboro City Council appropriated funds for a visual symbol of unity—black and white ribbons which were displayed prominently throughout the small, southeastern Kentucky town.

"Had we not said or done anything," Rev. Penwell said, "the only image people in Kentucky and Tennessee would have of the

people of Middlesboro would have been of white-hooded people walking through our downtown."

The association recognized the need for racial healing and reconciliation after the burning of African-American churches in 1996, Rev. Penwell said. "There have been racial problems here, not unlike other places," but the group sees the need to confront the issues and devise solutions.

They held a service for healing and reconciliation on Sunday, January 16, to coincide with the national recognition of the birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Middlesboro Ministerial Association is the ninth recipient of the CAP Peace Award, which is given annually in January in honor of Rev. King.

"They're trying to make a difference," said Mike McLaughlin, director of CAP's Operation Sharing and a member of the Peace Committee. "They made a statement that a lot of us think about making. They

had an opportunity to speak out against an injustice, they stepped up to the plate and hit a home run."

The 1999 recipient, John Ed Pennington of Manchester, was recognized for his life-long efforts to eliminate racism in Clay County. Other recipients include Jerry Gore, director of minority affairs at Morehead State University, and the Racism and Diversity Committee of the Berea Community School. The award will be made at a public ceremony in Middlesboro in April.

The Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) is an interdenominational, nonprofit Christian service organization committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through education, crisis intervention and community development. With more than 70 programs and services, CAP's efforts reach people through the 13 Appalachian states.

# Opening a new window to an old text

(NAPSA)—For centuries the stories of the Bible have been passed from one generation to another as part of an oral tradition.

You may remember hearing a parent, grandparent or a teacher read aloud the stories of Noah with his boat full of animals, Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt, Jonah swallowed by a great fish or the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

While the oral tradition of storytelling has given way to story reading, many recently have discovered a new place to do that reading—the personal computer, via the World Wide Web.

Gallup polls tell us that about 90 percent of American homes have a Bible. So why would people go online to read?

Because the World Wide Web has become the primary source of

information for many people. From stock quotes to weather information, world news to schedules, homework research to recipe searches, they head straight for the closest computer. It is only natural for them to look for the Bible on that same computer screen.

Often people who own a Bible but who are not Bible readers, have no idea where to begin. Online they can find pre-selected daily readings.

Those who already read the Bible may want to compare translations. There are more than 15 popular translations in both classic and modern English. Many can be found on the Web.

Still there are 10 percent of Americans who do not own a Bible. Millions more throughout the world live in countries where Bibles are forbidden or difficult to obtain, but where there is access to the World Wide Web.

The National Bible Association, whose mission is "encouraging everyone to read the

Bible," has a new Bible reading web site—[www.dailybible.com](http://www.dailybible.com).

This site offers daily choices ranging from a single verse to a selection of readings from several portions of the Bible. When this latter option is chosen, the reader devotes about fifteen minutes a day but can read the entire Bible in the course of a year. All daily readings are available in a variety of English and Spanish translations.

Another option provided by the National Bible Association is to have a Bible selection emailed directly to you (or a friend or relative) each day. This is an easy way to access and read a passage of Scripture simply by "opening the daily mail."

If you are among those who have wondered what the Bible says, but just have not known where to start reading, you may want to join the thousands who are exploring the Bible every day on the Web. It truly can open a new window to an old text!



Bible stories that were originally passed on through the oral tradition can now be found on the World Wide Web. (photo by Betty Jane Kranz-Sinclair)

# REGIONAL OBITUARIES

## Magoffin County

Ronald Banks, 57, died Tuesday, January 4, in South Bend, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Jordan Banks. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 7, under the direction of O'Donnel Funeral Home.

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

Bobby Earl Arnett, 61, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, January 4. He is survived by his wife, Winston Arnett. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 7, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Ethel Hensley, 83, of

Salyersville, died Saturday, January 8. She is survived by her husband, Sam Hensley. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 11, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Mary Minix Elam, 81, Salyersville native, died December 23. She is survived by one son, Edgar Elam Jr.

Howard F. Prater, 68, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Salyersville, died Thursday, December 23, 1999. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Newcomer-Barclay Funeral Home.

Chester Carty, 84, of Means, died Sunday, January 2. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, under the direction of Randy Halsey and Son/Menifee Home for Funerals.

# Coping with carpal tunnel syndrome

(NAPSA)—Once known as writer's cramp, carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS) has been called the occupational disease of the 1990s.

A painful disorder of the wrist and hand that affects some eight million Americans, CTS is caused by repetitive motions that cumulatively damage the wrist, trapping and compressing the median nerve within the carpal tunnel.

The fluid retention often experienced during pregnancy may also trigger the symptoms of CTS. Symptoms may include pain, weakness, numbness or tingling in the hands and middle fingers.

According to Dr. Jeffrey Gross, "While the disorder can occur at any age, work-related CTS is likely to affect people ages 20 to 40, and women are likelier than men to suffer from its effects."

With conservative treatment (splinting or corticosteroid injections), up to 25 percent of people with CTS will experience total regression. In some cases, surgery may be necessary. However, as with many medical conditions, an ounce of prevention is worth a



## spotlight on health

pound of cure. The following tips may help minimize or even prevent the effects of CTS:

- When using a computer, adjust the keyboard and chair so that your wrists are level with or slightly above your fingers. A wrist-supporting pad can help.
- You may find an ergonomic split keyboard or alternatives to the conventional mouse—a trackball, trackpad, or footswitch, for example—more comfortable to use than the traditional models.
- Take frequent breaks to give your hands a rest from the keyboard and keep them warm—it helps ensure that muscles and tendons are relaxed.
- When symptoms are mild, a wrist splint, such as the



Using a wrist stabilizer may help prevent carpal tunnel syndrome, a painful disorder of the wrist and hand.

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people may be advised to wear a more rigid splint like the Futuro Deluxe Wrist Stabilizer both day and night.

Available at pharmacies, this device will hold your wrist in a near-straight position, keeping your carpal tunnel open and helping relieve the pain, numbness and swelling associated with the symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome and other wrist injuries.

The more you weigh, the more likely you are to suffer from carpal tunnel syndrome. If you are overweight, you may want to slim down.

For a free brochure on preventing and treating common wrist injuries, write to Futuro Brochure + Coupon, P.O. Box 5579, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-5579.



# 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.

## Retired teachers to meet

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association has scheduled a called business meeting for February 3, at 10 a.m., at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

## Pikeville Methodist Hospital Community Calendar

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.

January 26: CPR Community Class will be offered from 9-12 a.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3965.

January 28: An AIDS class will be offered at 6 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. The class will be taught by Dr. Mary Fox. Call to register at 437-3965.

February 14: ABC (After Breast Cancer) Support Group meets at 6:00 p.m., at the First Christian Church located on C.L.oe Road. This support group meets during the second Monday of every month.

February 15: Prepared Childbirth Classes will be offered from 7-9 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3938.

February 17: CPR Community Class will be offered from 9-12 a.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3965.

PANDA Program, a one-hour smoking cessation class, will be offered at 6 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Call to register at 437-3563.

February 18 & 19: ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support). This two-day seminar will be offered from 8-12 a.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3965.

February 25: An AIDS class will be offered at 6 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. The class will be taught by Dr. Mary Fox. Call to register at 437-3965.

February 29: So your 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.

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

## 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.

## Adams Middle School PTA to meet

The Adams Middle School PTA will meet January 24 at 7 p.m., in the Media Center.

## Conservation district to hold monthly meeting

The Floyd County Conservation District will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 18,

at 1 p.m., in the District office. The office is located at 214 S. Central Avenue, Suite 102, in Prestonsburg. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend.

## 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 19th. Registration for upcoming classes at ALC will begin Tuesday, January 18, at 8:30 a.m. in the June Buchanan Alumni Center and last through January 25. For more information, call 1-888-280-4ALC or come by for a tour.

## 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."

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 undesigna-

ted 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.

## 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.

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

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

AI 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.

## McDowell Family Resource Center Activities

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

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

Call to schedule an appointment, 377-2678.

A Mountain Comprehensive Care

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

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

## Veterans rep.

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.

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!

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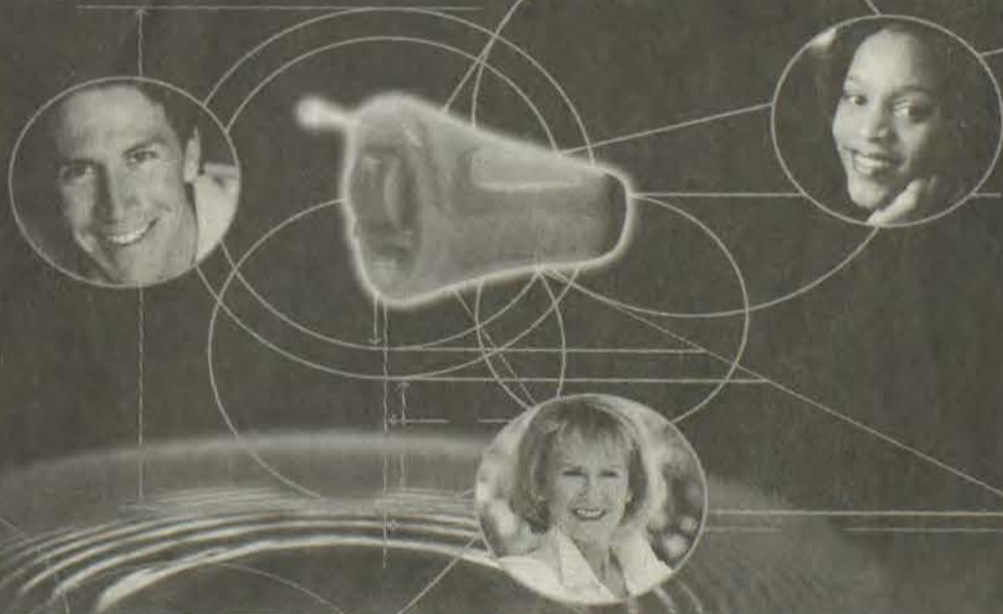
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# Weather events of the decade (No. 1)

by Tony Cavalier  
WSAZ-TV weatherman

*It has always seemed to me extreme presumptuousness on the part of those who want to make human ability the measure of what nature can and knows how to do, since, when one comes down to it, there is not one effect in nature, no matter how small, that even the most speculative minds can fully understand. -Galileo Galilei*

## Superstorm 1993:

### Storm of the Decade

Let me state up front that I have a special place in my heart for snowstorms. I loved them as a kid growing up in Philly and even today as a "grizzled veteran" of a weatherman with one of the top TV stations in the country. Frankly, I live and breathe for winter weather.

Great snowstorms that I have enjoyed in the past include the Ash Wednesday Blizzard of 1967 and the President's Day Whiteout of 1979 (both in Philly). But the Blizzard of 1993 takes the cake. Here's the scope.

From the time of my arrival in WSAZ land, I became known as a weatherman who talked about snow. Never mind that it rarely seemed to come, I still talked about it. In fact the joke with friend and former WSAZ news anchor Bob Smith was, "Bob, I am convinced that it never snows on this side of the mountains."

"But Tony," Bob would exhort, "Give it time, it will snow."

Well, by the winter of 1992-93, I had gone through four virtually snowfree winters here in Appalachia. Oh sure, it snowed every winter, a few inches here and maybe a wet three or four inches in March, but there had been nothing to satisfy my cravings.

As I watched Willy Merrick kick the Herd to a National Title just before Christmas in 1992, I was psyched about the upcoming winter. After all, I surmised, now that Marshall has knocked the title monkey off its back, surely this would be the winter when the snows finally buried us.

That January proved to be yet another pussycat, but something

happened in February. A late month tornado outbreak across southern Ohio (touchdowns in Meigs, Jackson and Scioto counties) was followed by the first decent dump of snow (6") in almost six years. Finally I had something to crow about as spring approached.

Then on the afternoon of Monday, March 8, I arrived at WSAZ to begin preparation for my shows that night. Our long range supercomputers were suggesting an outbreak of arctic air might reach us in time to spawn a late season snowstorm by the weekend. "Hmmm," I thought. "Could the March lion be about to roar?"

That night and for each successive night through Wednesday I promoted the fact that a snowstorm was possible by the weekend, "if everything goes just right." Deep down I was impressed with the combination of tropical moisture and truly arctic air (the coldest of the winter).

And, after all, we had come to learn at Penn State that March storms can be among the fiercest in our hemisphere (the Blizzard of 1888 and the Great storm of April 1987 attested to this.) By Thursday, it was becoming apparent that something out of the ordinary was brewing.

What was so exceptional was the inability of even our most trustworthy supercomputer to diagnose how strong the cyclone in the gulf of Mexico was becoming. In effect, a hybrid hurricane was forming over the Gulf of Mexico.

Not a true hurricane, mind you, but a storm whose circulation was best thought of as a swirling vortex, a whirlpool of air spinning around an intense center (a snow-cane eye, if you will allow me to exaggerate). Think of how a top spins on a flat table and that's the way this storm looked from a Martian floating around in outer space and looking down on us earthlings.

Feeding on the special volatile marriage of tropical air from the Caribbean and the last arctic outbreak of the winter, the cyclone (low pressure seems far too benign a nomenclature) swirled toward a landfill in Florida on Friday night. A real storm surge (wall of water

generated by the storm's winds) moved ashore on the gulf coast near towns like Clearwater, Naples and Tampa. Boats in harbor were tossed around like toys.

Coincidentally, a vicious squall line of thunderstorms ripped ashore generating damaging and, in a few cases, killer tornadoes.

Meanwhile, a crippling snowstorm was beginning in Dixie. Towns like Montgomery and Birmingham in Alabama served warning to areas farther north that a freak of nature was heading their way. Snow piled up 6" to 12" deep in the heart of the old Confederacy.

Back at home, we at WSAZ were prepping for a potential "epic" snowstorm. With each successive run, our supercomputers were insisting a massive snowstorm would cripple our region. By Friday night, it was just a matter of how bad the storm would get. The first flakes began around showtime at 11 p.m.

Sheila Gray, my fondest friend and colleague at WSAZ, would later tell me, "I looked in your eyes that night and realized that this time you were dead serious. I rushed out after the show to get some groceries. But all that was left on the shelves were a few cans of tuna fish. I was the only one in the area who hadn't believed in you."

That Thursday we decided to have special coverage of the storm on Saturday morning. Kathy Brown would anchor and I would do the weather. I would then set up shop at the Radisson for the duration. Super-psyched by the impending "superstorm," I spent the night here at the station, partly sleeping (a few hours) but mostly watching the weather charts and hourly observations.

Overnight, snow was falling at a blinding clip from Atlanta to Asheville to Wytheville, and from London south to Knoxville and Chattanooga. Interstate 77 and 75 were closed south of our region, so, when the new day dawned, we had the idea that our roads would, too, be drifting shut.

As we came on the air that morning, four inches of snow had fallen overnight. Snow was just now starting to get heavy. Visibility was down to 1/2 mile in

snow, which meant snow was falling at the rate of an inch an hour. The depth of the snow by midday was impressive.

Then as if by magic, as the Kentucky Wildcats were coming on the tube in their SEC semifinal game at Rupp Arena, the first crackle of thunder was reported. "Uh-oh," I thought, "now things are going to get interesting."

Think of it this way, during the summer when it thunders, the rain normally falls in torrents. Well, in winter, the same principle can be used to deduce that when thunder-snow occurs, the rate of snowfall will increase dramatically. Reports of two and three inches of snowfall per hour came in from towns like Ashland, Ironton, Williamson and Paintsville.

Meanwhile, as the Great Blizzard was approaching, the winds were howling at gale force.

Deep drifts made the task of clearing roads impossible for the plowmen. An eerie whistle was heard that night as the wind swirled into town. Could it have been Old Man Winter thumbing his nose at all of us who joked about his seeming impotence?

Huntington, which had become a ghost town by mid-afternoon, was now best described as an arctic wasteland. Downtown stores and shopping malls closed by mid-afternoon and even the famed Kennedy booth at Jim's Spaghetti House in Huntington was empty, as Jim Twell closed his restaurant early. ("The first time I had ever done that," Jim told me recently.)

The great blizzard reached its peak that evening as winds gusted to 50 miles per hour whipping the powdery, dry, arctic snow into mammoth drifts. By dawn Sunday, Huntington had smashed its all-

time record for snowfall with 22.6" on the ground. Down river, Ashland and Ironton measured 20." Charleston would measure only 17," though I suspect that number was inhibited by the excessive drifting that occurred.

In the high country, the snowfalls were even more staggering. Oak Hill (24"), Beckley (30"), Snowshoe (32.5") and Pickets (34"). Drifts exceeded 10" in many mountainous communities, as life came to a standstill that weekend.

While the superstorm was the greatest in my lifetime, it was surpassed in raw snowfall (in Charleston and Logan) just three years later. Likewise, the great Thanksgiving Blizzard of 1950 is still in my books the "granddaddy" of them all. Still, seven years ago this March, an unusual sequence of events led to the storm which earns my title as the weather event of the



Laverne Williams, right, successfully passed her GED test through classes sponsored by the Housing Authority of Martin, in partnership with Connie Hoyle, volunteer teacher with Christian Appalachian Project. Classes are free and open to the public. The schedule includes Monday, 2-4 p.m., Grigsby Heights; Wednesday, 1-3 p.m., Pageant Hill; and Thursday, 1-3 p.m., Town Center. For information, call 606/285-3260.

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## Prestonsbrug Community College offers opportunities

Since its opening in 1964, Prestonsburg Community College has provided numerous opportunities for residents of the five-county service area and beyond.

Registration has begun at both the Prestonsburg and Pikeville campuses with many taking advantage of low tuition, closeness to home, small class sizes with individualized attention and broad choices of degrees offered through an education at PCC. Enrollees may choose to pursue any of the following degree choices: Associate in Arts, An Associate in Science or an Associate in Applied Science Degree.

Kentucky law requires that four-year public colleges and universities accept general education courses transferred from its community college by graduates of an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science program. Students not graduating, but who complete the 33-hour core transfer component under the General Education Block Transfer Policy, may transfer these hours as a block to any public Kentucky institution.

Those transferring from other

universities and wishing to obtain a degree from PCC may do so if they complete at least twenty-five percent of their course work at this institution.

PCC offers the following majors to students seeking an

Associate in Applied Science degree: Dental Assessing and Dental Hygiene Integrated Program, Human Services, Law Enforcement Technology, Nursing, Respiratory Care (share with Mayo Technical College) and Business Technology with the Accounting Option, Management Option, Management Information Systems Option, Real Estate Option and Office Systems Option.

Cindy Justice was a high school graduate in 1978 without any concrete plans for her future. A job opening was advertised for the Prestonsburg campus. She applied and was selected to fill the position as Financial Aid Secretary. Beginning in the spring of 1979, Cindy decided to enroll in a course to enhance her job skills. In the fall of 1981, Cindy became a single parent and her need to pursue a degree became critical.

Despite the challenges of a limited income to cover tuition and textbooks, baby-sitting and transportation difficulties, Cindy's determination and the continuing support of her colleagues encouraged her to continue in the pursuit of her dream. At times, she was simultaneously enrolled at both PCC and Morehead State University. Cindy's efforts paid off when she received an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Accounting Technology in May 1988 and a second degree, Associate in Arts in the spring of 1991, both from PCC. In the spring of 1999, she received a Bachelor of University Studies from Morehead State University.

When asked about her success, Justice said, "After becoming a single parent, I could have chosen not to seek an education as it would have been the less difficult of my choices. But the quality of instruction, the caring shown and the encouragement I received from everyone at PCC made me realize a two-year and four-year degree was possible. These qualities in PCC continue today!"

## Stumbo to speak at transportation conference

Kentucky House Majority Leader Greg Stumbo has been invited to speak at the Annual Kentucky Transportation Conference, scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, to Friday, January 28, at the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza/Farnham-Dudgeon Civic Center in Frankfort.

Rep. Stumbo will discuss transportation legislation being considered by the General Assembly. Jack Fish, president of Kentuckians for Better Transportation, lauded Rep. Stumbo's interest and work to improve the state's transportation system.

The conference — Investment Today for a Safer Tomorrow — will bring local, regional, state and national leaders together to focus on problems and opportunities facing Kentucky in the new millennium, in terms of transportation, economic opportunity, and quality of

life.

Other invited speakers include Gov. Paul Patton; State Historian James C. Klotter; Senate president David Williams; Speaker of the House Jody Richards; Senate majority leader Dan Kelly; Doug Kuelpmann, vice president, United Parcel Service; Fred Mudge, chairman, R.J. Corman Railroad Company; Hal Mauney, vice president public affairs, Norfolk Southern; Jerry Carroll, president, Kentucky Speedway; Don Waldon, executive director, Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Council; Margaret Plattner, executive director, Office of Transportation Delivery; J. M. Yowell, state highway engineer; John Carr, deputy state highway engineer for intermodal planning; Mike Hancock, deputy state highway engineer for program planning and management; Sylvia Lovely, executive director, Kentucky

League of Cities; and Jay Westbrook, vice president, CSX.

At a Friday morning session — Moving Information in the Global Economy — Glasgow city officials will discuss the city's successful development of high-speed broadband internet access for every home and business. The system has received international acclaim and is hailed as an important new tool in attracting business and industry.

Other important topics include a discussion of regional transportation improvements and their role in economic development, the economic impact of general aviation airports, proposed improvements in public transit delivery, more effective utilization of Kentucky's rivers, methods to increase efficiency in local road and street programs, solving urban congestion problems, and new rail service for Kentucky products.



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## Powers' 22 powers P'burg past Pike Central, 78-74

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Basketball fans throughout the Pike County Central gymnasium kept waiting, waiting and waiting. It wasn't the start of the game they were waiting for, but they were waiting to see just when the Prestonsburg Blackcats would fold against the Pike Central Hawks. The two teams met in a semifinal game of the Coca-Cola Classic this past Friday night and it was Coach Jackie Day Crisp's Blackcats coming home with a 78-74 upset of the Hawks in their own tourna-

ment and on their own floor. Prestonsburg improved to 2-13 on the year while Pike Central fell to 8-4. It had to come, the destruction period. It just wasn't supposed to be this way. A team, losers of their first 13 games, just wasn't supposed to be here anyway. But the "confident 'Cats" proved everyone wrong and did not fold in winning their second straight game of the basketball season. It was an early birthday present for the Prestonsburg coach, who saw his team place four players in double figures. "We don't even have one player averaging in double figures for the season," said the Prestonsburg coach. "But that is starting to come. Last game

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## ■ Coca-Cola Classic...

# Confident 'Cats do it again



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# Betsy Layne ambush's Allen Central Rebels

## ■ Coca-Cola Classic...



## Cats post first win over Rebels since early '90s

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

It has been a long, long, long time since the Betsy Layne Bobcats have known the thrill of victory. Well, not overall — just over Allen Central.

All that came to an end Friday night when Coach Brent Rose's ballclub held off the Rebels in a 70-65 win in the semifinals of the Coca-Cola Classic at

Pike Central. Betsy Layne improved to 7-4 on the season while Allen Central dropped to 7-4. The win allowed the Bobcats to advance to the finals of the tournament where they played yet another county rival, Prestonsburg. "I wonder how many people picked that match up," said Coach Rose. Coach Rose pointed out this team has never won a trophy as a group. "I told them they would have trouble winning a sportsmanship award," said Rose laughingly. The two county teams, making the trip to Pike Central to meet for the second time this season, hooked up in a good old-fashioned game, just as



■ ALLEN CENTRAL'S RODNEY SCOTT (40) tripped over Betsy Layne's Adam Collins (33) while guard Justin Bartley looked on. Top photo shows Jeremy Hayes (35) going to the basket against the Bobcats. The two teams met Friday night at Pike Central in the Coca-Cola Classic. Betsy Layne won over the Rebels 70-65. (photo by Ed Taylor)

fans expected it to be. The two teams met in a conference game just before the holiday breaks and it was Allen Central coming out on top with a 66-64 win on two Larry Mullins free throws. However, it was the free throw shooting of the Rebels that proved to be the downfall this time around. The partisan Betsy Layne fans had plenty to cheer about, as they have had all season, with the Bobcats using their quickness to match the quickness of the pressing Rebels.

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# Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats win over Lady Raiders

## Amelia Conley tosses in 30 points for Lady Blackcats

by Karen Joseph  
Sports Writer

Bobby Hamilton and his Lady Blackcats were host to the South Floyd Lady Raiders on Tuesday night in a district match-up. South Floyd came into the game after a loss to Lawrence County. The Lady Blackcats were also coming off a loss to Johnson Central. Both teams were hoping to turn the tide around. This South Floyd team plays with a lot of heart. The Lady Raiders were playing without the supervision of their head coach, Paul Cline. Coach Cline got a little excited in the Lawrence County game and had to sit out a game. But he will be back for the All "A" ready to go.

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Angela Howell (3) puts up a shot in the game against Johnson Central on Thursday night. The Johnson Central Lady Eagles defeated the Blackcats two weeks ago, but the Blackcats got their revenge when they defeated the Lady Eagles 63-54. (photo by Karen Joseph)

## ■ A Look At Sports

# Coach Crisp on Cloud 9

### ■ HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH...

Candice Hall (belated) who turned 13-years-old on January 11. Candice plays for the South Floyd Middle School Lady Raiders. Happy belated birthday, Candice.

### ■ AND...

Happy birthday to Nathan Newsome who turns 14 on Thursday, January 20. Happy birthday Nathan.

### ■ HAPPY BIRTHDAY COACH...

Prestonsburg Blackcat coach, Jackie Day Crisp, will celebrate his birthday

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## THE SCOREBOARD

### ■ Girls

Girls All "A"-15th Region  
Elkhorn City 58 Phelps 40  
Pikeville 54 ACHS 47

Girls All "A" - 14th Region  
Lee Co. 75 Jenkins 66  
Prestonsburg 63 JCHS 64

### ■ Boys

Coca Cola Classic Semi-Finals  
Betsy Layne 70 Allen Central 65  
Prestonsburg 78 Pike Central 74

Friday night scores (Boys)  
South Floyd 110 Letcher 46  
JCHS 87 Belfry 57  
Paintsville 60 Pikeville 50

## Games on tap

### ■ Girls

Mon., January 17, 2000  
Allen Central @ Letcher County  
Millard @ Betsy Layne  
Prestonsburg @ Phelps  
Tuesday Jan. 18

Fri., January 21, 2000  
Allen Central at Betsy Layne  
Pikeville at Prestonsburg

### ■ Boys

Tues., January 18, 2000  
Lawrence County @ Betsy Layne  
Prestonsburg @ Lee City

Tuesday All "A" Tournament at Pikeville  
Pikeville vs South Floyd, 7 p.m.

Wednesday All "A" Tournament at Pikeville  
Piarist vs Millard, 6:30 p.m.  
Allen Central vs Paintsville, 8:15 p.m.

Fri., January 21, 2000  
Belfry at Betsy Layne  
Prestonsburg at Piarist Knights



# Bentley's COMMENTS

BY RICK BENTLEY

## Tuesday was a big day for the Big Red Machine

Cincinnati was fun again last summer. Things seemed to just be better all around in the Queen City, the way things can only be better when your flagship sports team is a success.

In 1999, the Cincinnati Reds were successful. And, they were embraced by the city.

It would have been understandable if the city had been lukewarm to them. Sure, it's been 20-plus years now, but this is the town where one of baseball's foremost dynasties ruled.

Cincinnati is that kind of town. It's a baseball place if ever there was one. And Tuesday afternoon, the baseball town smiled.

Tony Perez, the outstanding first baseman of Sparky Anderson's Big Red Machine, finally got the call.

After nine years, the one they call "Doggie" is going to the Hall of Fame.

Perez was a special player. Anyone who was a fan of the Reds in the mid-70s, even a kid who was only eight and nine when the Reds won consecutive World Series crowns in 1975-76, could tell that.

Joe Morgan, Perez's Hall of Fame second baseman, said it seemed every time the Reds needed a big hit, it was Doggie who got it. He had several big shots in his time, enough to drive in more runs than all but 17 of the players who ever played this game.

In my estimation, the RBI is like the rebound in basketball. It is the underrated statistic. It's the one hardly anyone notices, standing beside the gawdy home run just as the rebound follows points. But if you're a winner, if you really plan to be successful, you'd better have someone to drive the runs in, just as any basketball team worth its salt has a stud on the glass.

Tony Perez hasn't always been treated fairly in this game. It was he who the Reds traded to bust up the Big Red Machine. He was the one fired only a quarter of the way through his first season as a manager.

And he waited too long for Tuesday to come.

The voters got this one right. And come the summer of 2000, the Hall of Fame will be a better place.

That will really be some weekend in Cooperstown if the veteran's committee fulfills the speculation that it will select George Anderson himself to enter the hall with his slugger.

That would really give the ceremony a Spark.

It seems the cool thing to do in sports right now is to bash. And the key people getting kicked around are John Rocker, the Green Bay Packers and Millard High School.

What?

Yep, my alma mater itself is, on the local level anyway, Public Enemy No. 1 this week for having the gall to say, "Sure, we'll host the girl's All 'A' Classic."

It was early on in this process that my phone would ring and someone would ask in that all-too-familiar tone, "Can they run this tournament?"

Ok, so it's not Pikeville, it's not Shelby Valley, or Pike Central or Johnson Central or Allen Central or Prestonsburg, but Millard plays in the thing, so it deserves a shot as much as the next place.

In short, Millard isn't one of the "chosen" schools. It isn't showered with money like many of the others. And it may not be best place for the tournament.

But maybe, if people can overlook the paint job the poor gym floor has, and even one of the "pow-

ers that be" make the trip — it's only 10 miles from Pikeville, you know — maybe they'll enjoy it.

And maybe one of those people with the money will throw a few bucks at one of our old schools.

God knows, no school has been as overlooked as Mustang Central. Good luck guys.

Meanwhile, John Rocker continues to attract attention.

The closer for the Atlanta Braves has gotten more attention for his words than he got last summer for his 98 mph fastball. His quotes in Sports Illustrated have now gotten him a one-on-one with the Great One (that's Peter Gammmons, not the Rock) and a 15-minute segment on both SportsCenter and 20/20.

Millions of people think what John Rocker said. He said them in the presence of a reporter, and hasn't once said he was misquoted or that his words were taken out of

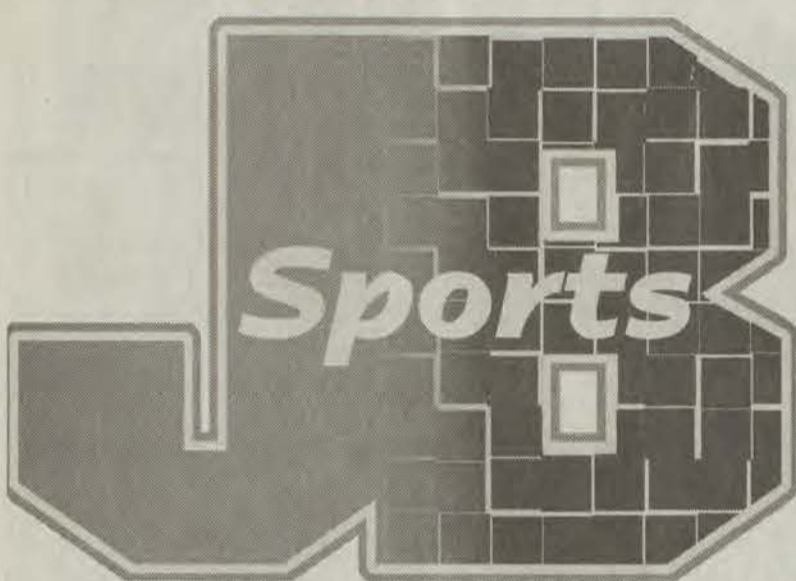
context. He said he was probably wrong for saying them, but this whole time he hasn't blamed anyone but himself for his problems.

And this line of bull coming from people like Brian Jordan is as laughable as Rocker's quotes themselves. You think if Rocker has 20 saves at the all-star break his teammates are going to be shunning him? Yeah, right.

Probably the best thing I've heard about all of this came from Mike Lupica of New York Daily News, who said SI knew what it was doing when it dispatched a reporter to Atlanta.

To paraphrase him, he said SI didn't send him there to talk with Rocker about the pennant race. It sent him for a reason, and got what it wanted.

There's a lot of people to blame here. Rocker's just leading the parade.



by Jason Blanton

Finally. On Tuesday, Tony Perez got the news that he probably should have gotten several years earlier that he was elected to baseball's Hall of Fame.

Perez was the anchor of the Big Red Machine, but after the 1976 season was traded to Montreal. That trade proved to be the start of the downfall of the Reds.

Perez will be joined by former

## Anderson would like to join Perez; Collins inducted in KHSBCA Hall

Boston and Chicago White Sox catcher Carlton Fisk, who announced Friday that he will enter the Hall with a Red Sox cap, in the July 23 ceremonies in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Reds second baseman Joe Morgan and catcher Johnny Bench already are enshrined and Perez makes three players off the Big Red Machine to make the hall.

A fourth could come next month when the veterans' committee meets in Tampa, Fla.

Former Cincinnati and Detroit manager Sparky Anderson is the leading candidate for selection.

He managed the Reds to World Series titles in 1975-76 and led the Tigers to one in 1984.

Anderson won a total of 2,194

games, which is the third highest total in major league history.

If Anderson gets the nod, then only one more former Red needs to be added.

Of course, his name Pete Rose. Rose is ineligible for the Hall of Fame because of his lifetime ban.

### Collins enters Hall

Sticking with Hall of Fame material...

Congratulations to Johnson Central Coach Mike Collins.

This weekend, Collins was inducted into the Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

He has been the coach of the Golden Eagles since the 1981 season and has won the school's only four 15th Regional titles.

Collins captured his 400th win last spring in a win over Betsy Layne.

Collins is the second Johnson County to be inducted into the KHSBC Hall. Paintsville's Charlie Adkins was inducted a few years back.

Also inducted in this year's class

are former Knott County Coach Garry Hammonds and East Carter Coach J.P. Kouns.

Hammonds brought Knott County baseball to respectability before being unfairly let go, while Kouns' biggest moment came at Johnson Central.

In 1984, Kevin Bair hit a one-out, two-run homer in the bottom of the seven inning to give East Carter a 10-9 win over Harrison County to win the state championship.

### Goodbye Louisville

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association board of control this week decided to not honor its final year of a contract with Cardinal Stadium for the high school football championships.

The KHSAA cited concerns about the playing field and other concerns about the facility.

Cardinal Stadium had hosted the football championships for the past 21 years.

During its March meeting, the board will review proposals for a new site.

### Another big win

Teams are learning again that the Pikeville College gym might be a tough place to play.

Pikeville College recorded another big home win this week when the Bears knocked off No. 5 College of West Virginia, 67-65, Monday.

It marked the second Top 10 team to fall to the Bears at home this year. In the final of the Rax Invitational in November, Campbellsville (then No. 8) lost 65-64.

Entering Saturday afternoon's game against Brescia University, Pikeville College had a record of 10-8. The Bears had only 24 wins in the last three seasons and the most for one season was last year's 11-22 mark.

After Saturday's game, Pikeville and first-year Coach Randy McCoy have 13 games left and several against Top 10 teams. It would be hard for the Bears to win 20 games, but not out of reach.

The last 20-win season for Pikeville was in 1994-95, when it finished with a 23-11 record.

ALLEN'S NATHAN LAFFERTY (15) PUT UP A shot over Allen Central Middle School's Austin Francis (35) during a semifinal round game of the Floyd County Grade School Tournament. Allen Central moved on with a win over the Eagles (photo by Ed Taylor)



## Kentucky Sportsline

By Tom Leach



Call-in shows are a wonderful source of entertainment for diehard sports fans. Almost anyone who follows sports often gets into debates about teams, players, announcers, uniform colors and most any other topic one might imagine. But as someone who has hosted one of these programs for more than a decade, I can tell you that they are a very unreliable source of gauging public opinion.

And now there's some evidence to back that up.

After Syracuse finished the football season with a 6-5 record that included only one win over the final five games, angry fans blasted the coach on call-in shows, internet chat rooms and in letters to media outlets. One group of supposed fans even organized a website labeled "coachpmustgo.com" that was obviously the product of people with way too much free time.

We know we live in an "instant" society — we want results and the heck with patience. But what's the mix of perception and reality in that thinking? Paul Pasqualoni had, after all, led SU to consecutive BCS bowl bids before this season and produced exciting players like Donovan McNabb and Kevin Johnson.

Well, an independent polling organization surveyed the people in and around the Syracuse community and found that only nine percent of them wanted Pasqualoni fired. And 70 percent were supportive of the job he was doing.

Nine percent of the people making 90 percent of the noise — that's the essence of talk radio. Sportswriters give it way too much credence because they're sports fans and they listen to it and they think the majority of people must feel the way the callers do. Call-in shows are great fun, but no one should ever be hired or fired, promoted or demoted, based on what is said on such programs.

After Kentucky slipped to 4-4, sports talk radio became a hot topic in the media here, but I suspect that if a polling organization had done a survey similar to the one taken in Syracuse, Tubby Smith's level of support would have been even higher.

Were some of those critics motivated by his race? Sure, but I truly believe that's a small percentage. Kentucky fans aren't used to their basketball team playing at a .500 level, so that was the source of most of the complaining, along with a few whose anger is more tied to things like point spreads.

When you hear callers with an agenda continually berate a particular team or individual, remember that research shows that, at best, one in 10 people listening to a call-in show will ever actually pick up the phone and participate. And every call-in show relies heavily on the "regulars," listeners who call frequently, no matter what the subject matter. And you're always going to hear more often from the people who are unhappy than those who are content.

Think about yourself — you might ask to see the manager of a restaurant where the food was not prepared the way you wanted it, but how many times have you requested such an audience to pass along your compliments for a job well done?

### HOOPS REPORT

Road wins are usually uncommon in leagues like the SEC, but last Wednesday, three of the four visiting teams earned victories. Already we've seen two teams one would not expect to be very imposing on the road (Vanderbilt and South Carolina) score wins at Tennessee and Arkansas, respectively.

To me, this indicates the parity in the league this year. And don't be surprised if both division winners have at least four losses.

In an environment like that, I believe Kentucky's rugged November and

December schedule will serve it very well, now that the Wildcats have weathered that storm with their confidence in tact and their roles more clearly defined.

"After we lost our third game in a row, we were a little confused. We really didn't know how was what and what role was whose but guys are now seeing what we're capable of," said sophomore guard J.P. Blevins. "We can beat anybody in the country on a given night, but at the same time, by losing those early games, we can be beaten by anybody."

That tough schedule has Kentucky listed in the top five of the RPI ratings, a computer poll supposedly quite similar to the one the NCAA selection committee uses in March. But the Wildcats must surely also know that five losses is getting close to the level at which hopes of a seeding as high as two, three or four greatly diminish. And road trips to places like Florida and Tennessee are still to come.

"We don't talk about that, but I think we all know in the back of our heads that we need to play well in the SEC to have a good seeding. We probably won't be a one, but we still think we can be a two or a three," Blevins said. "I think that's in the back of everybody's heads, but it's not really expressed."

### A TOUGH CALL

It had to be tough being in Derek Smith's shoes last week. His heart was surely telling him to play basketball for Tubby Smith, but his head was probably saying that Hal Mumme's talk about the need for strength and agility development was true.

Only the player can tell you if he made the right call, but here's something to consider by those who think Mumme treated Derek Smith unfairly in this case.

The UK coach already permits wideout Vincent Harrison to play baseball and miss much of spring practice. And if Mumme were inclined to only tell potential recruits what they wanted to hear, the talented linebacker by the name of Reynolds at Bowling Green High might be coming to Kentucky instead of planning to sign with Michigan. Reynolds wanted to play linebacker, but the Kentucky coaches saw him as a defensive end. They didn't lie to him to get him to sign — instead, they were upfront about their opinion.



# Raiders hit century mark in win over Blackcats

## Jimmy Stumbo has triple-double

by Karen Joseph  
Sports Writer

The South Floyd Raiders are on a roll lately. A scoring roll that is. For the third straight game, they have scored more than 100 points in one night.

The Raiders successfully scored over a hundred points in their win over Prestonsburg on Tuesday night in a district game.

Jimmy Stumbo played a fabulous game for the Raiders. Stumbo had 11 points, 10 blocks, and 13 rebounds for the Raiders.

South Floyd had six players in double figures. Ryan Shannon and Rusty Tackett led the Raiders in scoring with 16 each. Michael Hall followed with 13 points, while Jimmy Stumbo, Kyle Tackett and Byron Hall each had 11.

The Prestonsburg Blackcats had two players in double figures. Dustin Music had a good game for the Blackcats. Music finished the game with 18 and Seth Crisp had 14 for the Blackcats.

The Raiders improved their record to 11-2 for the season, while Prestonsburg fell to 0-13.

South Floyd jumped out to an early lead and never

did let up. Ryan Shannon drew first blood when he hit a 10-foot jumper to get the game started. South Floyd proceeded to score two more quick baskets plus a free throw to give the Raiders a 7-0 lead.

Prestonsburg senior Seth Crisp scored a two-point basket to give the Blackcats their first points with 6:05 remaining in the first quarter.

But the Raiders struck again. Byron Hall scored three straight baskets for the Raiders to help them successfully go on a 10-3 run.

Ryan Shannon had a three-point basket for the Raiders in the opening quarter.

The first quarter ended with the Raiders leading 24-7.

Prestonsburg came out in the second quarter and scored the first seven points. But the Blackcat run was short lived.

Not only was Jimmy Stumbo a nightmare for the Blackcats under the basket, but he could also hit from the outside. Stumbo hit a three-point basket with a little less than five minutes remaining in the first half.

After that, the Raiders went on a tremendous shooting spree. In the last five minutes of the first half, the Raiders outscored the Blackcats 25-6 and

went into the locker room with a 30-point lead, 53-23.

You have to give it to these Prestonsburg Blackcats. Even though they were down by 30 points at the beginning of the second half, they played with everything they had. They are not quitters. They never gave up.

South Floyd came out in the second half and extended their lead to as much as 73-30 with about four minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The Blackcats continued to play hard basketball, but Henry Webb can go 10 deep on the bench and really wear a team down. The Raiders went on to defeat the Blackcats 105-57.

Both coaches played every person on the bench, and the majority on both teams scored.

The Blackcats will participate in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic at Pike Central on Wednesday, where they will take on Jenkins. The Blackcats are still looking for their first win.

The Raiders will host Letcher County on Friday night and will take on Johnson Central on Saturday Night. It will be homecoming at South Floyd on Saturday night.

### Scoring Summary

South Floyd				
Player	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Shannon	5	2	1-0	16
Stumbo	2	1	6-4	11
K. Tackett	4	1	0-0	11
B. Hall	3	0	6-5	11
M. Hall	5	0	3-3	13
Meade	1	0	7-2	4
R. Tackett	4	1	7-5	16
D. Tackett	2	0	6-4	8
Newman	1	0	0-0	2
Skeens	2	0	0-0	4
Hall	0	0	2-1	1
Platkus	1	0	0-0	2
Hyden	3	0	0-0	6
<b>South Floyd</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22—105</b>

Prestonsburg				
Player	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Crisp	2	2	5-4	14
Powers	1	0	1-0	2
Music	6	0	7-6	18
Shepherd	0	0	1-0	0
Dixon	0	0	4-3	3
Slone	0	0	2-2	2
Justice	0	1	0-0	3
Slone	2	0	3-0	4
Turner	1	0	0-0	2
Martin	0	1	2-1	4
Elliott	0	0	4-1	1
Hatfield	0	0	1-1	1
Murdock	1	0	0-0	2
Younce	1	0	2-0	2
<b>Prestonsburg</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12—57</b>

# Betsy Layne survives ACMS scare

## Lykens scores 25 as Ladycats advance

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The championship game of the Floyd County girls grade school tournament should be a good one if it is like the previous three times the two teams met.

Wednesday night, the Betsy Layne Ladycats will face South Floyd Middle School in the finals at Allen Central High School.

Betsy Layne earned the final spot in the championship round by virtue of a 41-23 win over a good Allen Central Middle School team. The Lady Rebels were the defending champions of last year's tournament.

Whitney Lykens scored a game-high 25 points to lead the Ladycats. Kim Clark finished with nine and Tabatha Witt netted four points. Candice Meade had two and Lyndsey Frazier scored one.

Terri Mullins led Allen Central with nine points. Becky Thomas scored six. Miranda Collins, Tana Conn and Jessica Isacc had two each.

Allen Central led 9-7 after the first quarter behind Mullins and Thomas. Lykens gave the Ladycats the early lead with a three-point basket. Baskets by Thomas and Mullins sent the Lady Rebels in front 4-3.

The game was tied at 5 and 7 before Thomas gave the lead to Allen Central.

The Lady Rebels gave Betsy Layne Coach Jim Roberts a scare as he worked the sidelines in the first half. The two teams played to a 15-15 tie through the first two quarters.

Allen Central had run out to a 13-9 lead but Lykens took charge in the second quarter, scoring all eight of the Ladycats' points. Her rebound basket with 1:58 to

play gave Betsy Layne the lead at 15-13 but with 47 seconds on the clock, Conn tied the game with a layup.

Betsy Layne dominated the third quarter, holding Allen Central to only four points in the quarter. Mullins scored all four. Betsy Layne led 30-19 after three quarters.

The Lady Rebels continued to struggle in the final stanza, with Isacc finally getting in the scoring column with a rebound basket and Conn's jumper.

# Floyd County Grade School tourney rescheduled

The Floyd County Elementary basketball tournament championship games, slated for last Friday, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 19 at Allen Central High School.

The final round was canceled because of inclement weather.

Allen Central Middle School is scheduled to meet John M. Stumbo in the boys championship game. The Ladycats of Betsy Layne will go against South Floyd in the girls championship game.

# Lady Blackcats get revenge against Lady Eagles

by Karen Joseph  
Sports Writer

Two weeks earlier, the Johnson Central Golden Lady Eagles defeated the Lady Blackcats in the championship game of the Lady Eagles Invitational. Therefore, the Lady Blackcats were in hopes of revenge against the Lady Eagles when they traveled to Johnson Central on Thursday night.

This was a different Lady Blackcat team than the Lady Eagles had faced two weeks earlier. The Lady Blackcats committed fewer turnovers and played a lot better defense. The Lady Blackcats were the ones that came out on top this time, defeating the Lady Eagles 63-54.

Ramanda Music led in the scoring department for both teams. Music finished the game with 16. Lady Blackcat Brooke Coleman finished the game with 15 points. Coleman also had 11 rebounds in the game. Prestonsburg's Megan Hyden also had a good scoring night for the Lady Blackcats. Hyden finished the game with 14 points.

The Lady Eagles were led in scoring by Wells. Wells finished with 11 for the Lady Eagles. Burke and Griffith each had 10 for the Lady Eagles.

The Lady Blackcats led pretty much all the first quarter. Ramanda Music had half of her

16 points in the first quarter. Brooke Coleman had six points in the first period.

The Lady Blackcats attempted the fast break several times and the Lady Eagles were able to steal the ball and score. Prestonsburg committed five turnovers in the first quarter. But despite the turnovers, the Lady Blackcats managed to outscore the Lady Eagles 18-10 and the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Lady Eagles came back and cut the margin to five at the end of the first half. The Lady Blackcats missed several free throws in the second quarter and this allowed the Lady Eagles to gain some ground on the Lady Blackcats, but Prestonsburg continued to lead at the half, 28-23.

Prestonsburg came out in the second half and in the third quarter, they outscored the Lady Eagles by five points to widen the margin to nine.

Nine of the 19 points scored by the Lady Blackcats came from the charity line. Megan Hyden hit two of those free throws after the Johnson Central head coach, Phillip Wireman, was assessed with a technical foul. The technical foul was called with 58 seconds remaining in the third period of play.

The third quarter ended with Prestonsburg having a 10-point advantage over the Lady Eagles.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Eagles came out strong. Johnson Central went on a 10-0 run to begin the fourth quarter. The 10-point run for the Lady Eagles tied the score at 48 with 6:13 remaining in the game.

Prestonsburg Coach Bobby Hamilton called a time out to try to slow the Lady Eagles down a little.

After the time out, Ramanda Music hit two free throws to finally break the ice for the Lady Blackcats in the fourth quarter. It also gave the lead back to the Lady Blackcats.

The Lady Blackcats would retain the led for the remaining minutes of the game. But the Lady Eagles of Johnson Central would not go away.

With a little less than a minute to go the Lady Eagles were only down by five points. The Lady Eagles committed a few mistakes and the Lady Blackcats were able to capitalize on them to increase the margin to nine at the end of the game. The Lady Blackcats held on to defeat the Lady Eagles 63-54.

The Lady Blackcats have won two in a row and have won five of their last six games. Their next test will come Monday night, when they travel to Phelps.

Prestonsburg				
fg	3pt	fta-m	tp	pts
18	10	19	16	63

Johnson Central				
fg	3pt	fta-m	tp	pts
10	13	14	17	54

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# FROM THE TACKLE BOX

by Jim Lyon

## New technical innovations for the sophisticated angler

As we look back in history, we don't have to go back too many years to remember that a very classy angler only required a boat, motor, rod, reel and some live bait or perhaps a few selected lures. We have slowly through the years graduated to more sophisticated methods of taking advantage of the fish that we seek to catch.

I call it an advantage, because the fish are still living in the same

habitats, practicing the same habits as they did when anglers sought them out in centuries past. Anglers, on the other hand, have developed new and better methods and equipment to find and catch the fish.

When we go down to the fishing hole today, we see the huge fishing boats with shining paint jobs, which are absolutely beautiful. The boat is outfitted with a 150-horsepower motor, trolling motor, depth finder/fish finder, live wells, and many other gadgets to help the angler find the big ones in a hurry. All these have made fishing a little easier and more pleasant.

However, it is not necessary to have all this in order to enjoy fishing. I know anglers who do not own a boat with all the equipment that is available, and they thoroughly

enjoy every minute they spend bank fishing. In fact, some anglers would have to be tied hand and foot in order to get them in a boat.

In reference to the new equipment that has come on the market in the last few years, I find that some are not yet being used by professional fishermen. That is, they are not being used by professional fishermen who are participating in bass tournaments. We do see these anglers touting new items on TV fishing shows, that are pure and simple advertisements. We also see the articles in the paper that may be introducing you to a new product.

If you really want to take advantage of equipment that assists you in catching fish, watch the bass tournaments and observe the equipment used during these competitions. You

may find them not using the lure they so highly recommended in an advertisement, or that you saw them use on a fishing program. When the money is on the line, they always use the equipment that catch fish consistently.

At times, I enjoy perusing through sports catalogs. To my amazement, I find new equipment that is designed to give the angler the advantage. Most of this new equipment is very expensive and, at first glance, you are almost persuaded that, without this new stuff, it would be impossible to catch fish. The long technical explanations of how to use the equipment is always done with brilliant expertise. It is enough to persuade the most learned angler that he can't do without it.

I recently put myself through torture, as I thumbed through the latest Cabela's Tackle Shop Fishing Specialty Catalog 2000. For those of you who are not acquainted with this catalog, it proclaims itself to be, "The World's Foremost Outfitter of Fishing, Hunting and Outdoor

Gear." This catalog contains the new innovations I refer to. While I looked covetously through its pages, I noticed a rod with no line guides. The line runs through the center of the rod and comes out the tip.

This rod would be a very expensive addition to my tackle, but I must weigh the pros and cons of such an investment. First, I would rather go fishing with someone who uses this type rod and watch it in action through the day. I may break a line a couple of times during the day. I would like to see how much extra time it takes to thread the line through this rod. I understand it is also not interchangeable between reel types.

The advantages of these rods are advertised to eliminate line guides, improve line rod contacts, improve sensitivity, reduce line slap and tip tangles. It may also improve casting distance and comes complete with line threader. Knowing me, I would probably lose the threader. I am sure it may work wonderfully for some, but I think I will wait a while.

As I looked further, I saw a digital counter that is built into the reel that will read out the depth or length of the line that is out. I saw an angler fishing on Lake Erie using a digital gauge on his reel. He was catching walleye and was calling out to his partner the depth of the fish as he reeled it in. Maybe this would be an advantage to some, but probably not for this angler.

Other equipment includes navigational equipment. The GPS II and III. This equipment is designed to map the area you are fishing and will indicate where you are at any particular time, and tell you how to get back to your starting point. It calculates elapsed time, total trip time and maximum speed. This would seem to be a gadget that you could not do without. However, if on our lakes, you don't know where you are, or how to get back you probably would not know how to operate the equipment no how!

Whatever you use for catching the big ones, load up and go get 'em. Have a great time. I'll see you at the fishing hole.



Betsy Layne's Whitney Lykens lead the break for the Ladycats against Allen Central Middle School Thursday night in the grade school tournament (photo by Ed Taylor)



Terri Mullins was pointing the way as she goes on attack for the Allen Central Middle School Lady Rebels. Mullins scored nine points in a loss to Betsy Layne (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Prestonsburg

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(Jenkins), we had three players in double figures. I told the players if they played hard, things are going to turn around for you."

Coach Crisp said the double wins in the last two games have definitely been a confidence booster.

"All this team needs is a little confidence," he said. "We got a little confidence the other night and we stayed in this game till halftime and the confidence kept building and we came out and played right with them in the third quarter."

It was the third quarter that proved to be the downfall for the Hawks. Big man Chris Clevenger was saddled with foul trouble, as was sophomore guard sensation Shawn Scott. The defense of the Blackcats took the Hawks out of their offensive patterns in the third period and when the eight minutes had expired, it was Prestonsburg on top, 62-58. The confidence was growing.

In the fourth quarter, still waiting for the Cats to fold, Powers and Kyle Shepherd were the two for Prestonsburg. But down the stretch, Dustin Music was the man who wanted the ball, according to Coach Crisp.

"Dustin wanted that ball tonight," said Coach Crisp. "We wanted to get the ball to him. It was just a great team effort."

Again, the Prestonsburg coach went with a changed line up from the previous 12 games and started two sophomores.

"Ryan Martin did an excellent job for us," said Coach Crisp. "He played the entire game, as did Seth (Crisp). These sophomores are getting some experience."

Martin is a late arrival on the Prestonsburg varsity. "We had a couple of guys quit the team and that allowed me to bring Ryan up from the JV team," said Coach Crisp.

On his arrival, Martin was inserted into the starting lineup and has given the Blackcats some steady ball handling on the floor as well as adding to the outside arsenal.

"The more he plays the more confidence he gets," Coach Crisp said. "Seth is starting to take control of the team on the floor. He played a smart game for us and he is just now getting his basketball legs after football. But we need someone to take the leadership role."

Pike Central led 27-19 after the first quarter. The game was tied three times in the period, the last at 8. Music scored five of the first eight points for Prestonsburg and Martin drained a three-point basket. But Scott and Clevenger kept the Hawks in front with their outside-inside play. The only lead for Prestonsburg in the opening quarter was a 5-4 lead on a three-point basket by Martin.

Prestonsburg caught the Hawks with 5:56 to play in the second quarter. Crisp scored on a layup and was fouled to make it a 28-28 game. The game was tied again at 38 on a basket by Crisp and Powers buried a three-point basket with 1:18 to play to give Prestonsburg its first lead since early in the first quarter, 44-42.

After Pike Central tied the game and went in front

on baskets by Scott, Crisp hit a three-pointer just ahead of the horn and the Blackcats took a 47-46 halftime lead.

In third quarter play, Music dumped in a short jumper and Crisp drilled his second three-pointer as Prestonsburg rushed out to a 52-46 lead. Scott hit a trey and it was tied at 53 with 5:11 to play. Crisp again hit a trey, giving the Blackcats the lead at 56-53. Scott would tie the game again at 57 before Prestonsburg scored the final five points of the quarter to take a 62-58 lead after three periods. Powers completed an old-fashioned three-point play and Shepherd had a rebound basket.

In the fourth quarter, the Cats started getting some baskets out of their transition game.

"In the 12 or 13 games we hadn't been getting any transition baskets," said Coach Crisp. "To come up the floor and set up against somebody's defense every time, I decided we needed to get some transition baskets."

Coach Crisp stated that he and his coaching staff had tried everything to shake the jinx that seemed to loom over his ballclub.

"We changed our practice schedule, we worked on shooting, we worked on different offenses," he said. "Then we coaches got together and decided that we were going to let these kids play some basketball and run the floor and that is what we have been doing of late. It has worked pretty good for us."

Pike Central struggled in the early going of the fourth quarter as Prestonsburg built a seven-point lead, their largest of the game. But the Cats started rushing things and two quick turnovers matched by two baskets by the Hawks cut the lead to one point, 67-66, as fans felt the fold coming on.

However, Powers had something to say and he made the statement with consecutive baskets that gave Prestonsburg a 71-66 lead with 3:18 to play.

Again, no execution and rushing their offense, turnovers allowed the Hawks to tie the game at 72 with 1:16 left. Clevenger would pick up his fifth personal foul with 43 seconds left. Music hit one of two for a 73-72 score. Off a Hawk turnover, Martin was fouled and he sank two charity tosses for a 75-72 game.

Music stood at the free throw line with 19 seconds to play but missed both tosses. Scott scored with four seconds, and it was 75-74. Were the Cats ready to fold? On a great offensive series of plays, Music was wide open at the other end as Martin zipped the pass for a layup and a free throw. Music hit the charity toss and sealed the win for Prestonsburg, 78-74.

"It was a good ball game and both teams played hard," said the Prestonsburg coach. "Pike Central has a very good ballclub and this was a big win for us."

No, the Confidence Cats never did fold! Powers led the Prestonsburg with 22 points. Music finished with 15 and Crisp, 17, with three treys. Ryan Martin netted 11, while Matt Slone scored seven. Shepherd totaled six.

Scott led Pike Central with 25 points. Clevenger finished with 10 before fouling out. Tristan Davis and Williamson both scored nine points. Weddington and Looney finished with eight points.

## Lady Raiders

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Coach Bobby Hamilton and his Lady Blackcats came out strong and ready to play ball. The Lady Blackcats defeated the Lady Raiders 74-42.

Prestonsburg placed three in double figures. Amelia Conley led all players in scoring with 30. Brandy Wells and Ramanda Music each had 12 for the Lady Blackcats.

South Floyd had two players to score in double figures. Lindsey Hall and Kandice Mitchell each had 12 for the Lady Raiders.

Amelia Conley scored the first two points of the game, but Kandice Mitchell would soon answer for the Lady Raiders. Mitchell scored four straight points to give South Floyd its first lead of the game.

Prestonsburg, or you could say Amelia Conley, went on a run. Conley scored the next seven points for the Lady Blackcats to give the Blackcats a 9-4 lead with four minutes remaining in the first quarter.

The Lady Raiders played hard and fought back to go on a run of their own. This time you could say Lynsday Hall went on a run. Hall scored seven points for the Raiders to give them back the lead 11-9.

But within the last two minutes of the first quarter, the Lady Blackcats outscored the Lady Raiders 9-2.

The first quarter ended with the Lady Blackcats having a 18-13 lead over the Lady Raiders.

In the second quarter, the Lady Blackcats outscored the Lady Raiders by six points.

Brandy Wells hit a three-point basket for the Lady Blackcats. The Raiders held Conley to only five points in the second quarter.

The first half ended with the Lady Blackcats having a comfortable 12-point lead.

In the third quarter, Amelia Conley went on another shooting spree. Conley hit six baskets in the third quarter to give her 12 of her 30 points. South Floyd continued to play hard, but the Lady Raiders had a hard time defending

against the much taller Lady Blackcats. The Lady Blackcats were able to increase their lead to 56-37 at the end of the third quarter.

Even though the Lady Raiders never did give up, they were unable to gain any ground on the Lady Blackcats and the final score of the game was 74-42.

The Lady Blackcats will take on the Lady Eagles of Johnson Central on Thursday night at Johnson Central.

The Lady Raiders will take part in the All "A" Tournament on Wednesday night as they will face the Pikeville Panthers.

### Scoring Summary

Prestonsburg				
Player	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Hyden	2	1	3-2	9
Wells	4	1	3-1	12
Coleman	2	0	2-2	6
Conley	13	0	6-4	30
Music	0	2-2	12	
Adams	0	0	2-1	1
Howell	0	1	3-1	4
South Floyd				
Player	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Hall	5	0	7-2	12
Newsome	1	0	2-1	3
Mitchell	6	0	3-0	12
S. Tackett	2	0	0-0	4
King	1	0	2-2	4
M. Tackett	1	0	0-0	2
Johnson	2	0	0-0	4
Prestonsburg	18	18	28	10-74
South Floyd	13	12	12	5-42



# Sports

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next Wednesday, January 19 and he got an early present from his team when they defeated the Pike Central Hawks for their second win of the season.

This is a team you cheer for. They have been through so much in the first 13 games and I am happy for them. But they earned it. This team has improved. Think about it. They beat a team that neither Allen Central nor Betsy Layne has beaten. Both

teams lost to Pike Central.

Our Floyd County teams represented us well in the Coca-Cola Classic. They will finish 1-2 and may 3 in the event.

Coach Crisp has told his team to go out, play basketball and have fun. Coach Crisp was not afraid to make some changes and it has worked out for the team.

I have known Jackie Day for several years and he is always a gentle-

man. He is the same, never changes (of course Rita may disagree with that) and a pleasure to be around. He is positive in his thinking and believes in his players.

I remember when he donned the stripe shirt and was one of our best officials many moons ago. I had the pleasure to call a couple games with Jackie and I learned a lot from him.

Speaking of officials, I have a picture that was handed to me dated way

back in the early 80s and it shows none other than Lowell Parker refereeing. Lowell goes way back, doesn't he? Lowell is a good friend.

The three-man crew that called the Allen Central-Betsy Layne game was all three good old Floyd County boys. Todd Duff, Phillip Tucker and Wendell Wallen had their hands full in that game and a fourth official wouldn't have hurt.

The folks at Pike Central has put

on a great tournament. I really like going there to the "finest facility in Eastern Kentucky." Well, that could be discussed but it is a super place to play basketball.

Coach David Rowe and the staff are great people.

## ■ OTHER STUFF

• Ever wonder how it would be if they had given Chanel Music uniform number five. They could intro-

duce her as Chanel, Number 5.

• Names! I never knew we had so many Jeremy's in the area until I started covering sports.

• Roy Martin, father of Allen Central coach Johnny Martin, is doing fine after a spill down the stairway. Roy never misses a game the Rebels play. He is a good friend and I enjoy talking with him.

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

## ■ Floyd County tournament...

# Allen Central upsets Allen Eagles

## Hall scores 14 in 45-29 victory

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Coach Kevin Stumbo and the Allen Central Middle School Rebels are the defending Floyd County Grade School Champions, and they took another step toward winning their second straight tournament by posting a 45-29 win over heavily favored Allen.

The two teams met in the semifinals of the tournament Thursday night at Allen Central.

Justin Hall scored 14 points and Austin Francis added nine in leading Allen Central. Dustin Addis buried two three-point baskets and finished with eight points. Josh Huff added four points.

High scoring guard, Josh Bingham was held to but two points in the game. Nathan

Lafferty led the Eagles with 12 points and Nicholas Jamerson netted six. Nathan Newsome, the big man in the middle, finished with four points. Hall had three, with Chris Crider and scoring two points.

The game was tied four times in the opening quarter at 2, 4, 8 and 10. Hall's basket tied the game at 10 and he hit a 10-foot jumper to give the Rebels the lead at 12-10. Paul David Francis scored on a layup as Allen Central led 14-10 at the first stop. Lafferty had four of the Eagles first quarter points. Allen turned the ball over six times in the period and had turnovers on their last three possessions of the quarter.

Allen Central went up 16-10 on two Hall free throws, but four consecutive turnovers by the Rebels allowed the Eagles to soar right back into the game. A basket by Jamerson at the 2:07 mark made it a 18-16 game. Addis added three-point basket number two and

Austin Francis hit the back end of a two-shot foul to put the Rebels up 22-16 at the half.

Both teams were sluggish in the third period. Allen opened with baskets by Newsome and Bingham to trail 22-20. Two charity tosses by Huff and Paul Francis' basket extended the lead back to six, 26-20. Lafferty hit a short jumper but both he and Bingham picked up their third personal foul. Austin Francis took a rebound and went coast-to-coast to give Allen Central a 28-22 lead after the third quarter.

In the fourth, Addis hit his second trey and Francis scored to give Allen Central a 35-22 lead. The Rebels' biggest lead was 19 points, 45-26 on a rebound basket by Paul David Francis.

Allen Central will face the John M. Stumbo boys in the championship game that was moved to Wednesday night because of inclement weather last Friday night.



Allen's Chris Crider took it hard when his Allen Eagles were eliminated from the Floyd County Grade School tournament Thursday at Allen Central. (photo by Ed Taylor)

# Bobcats

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Brock Keathley came up strong for the Bobcats with 19 points that led a balanced scoring attack. Keathley hit 11 of 14 free throws and some key ones inside the final minute when he canned five of six.

"We hit seven of nine in the fourth quarter," said Coach Rose. "That is something we have really been working on this year."

Coach Rose said he challenged his team to make more free throws than the other team shoots.

Justin Bartley and Adam Collins finished in double figures with 10 points apiece. Bradley Brooks, who scored eight points, was a terror around the basket and on the boards.

Betsy Layne played smart basketball in the final 1:50 of the game when they came out of their zone, something they played all night, and mixed it up in the final two minutes.

"We wanted to switch out of our zone and put more pressure on the ball," said the Betsy Layne coach.

Absent in the Bobcats offense was the three-point shot, something that came by design. While everyone is shooting the treys, Betsy Layne is looking inside.

"We did not take but two three-point shots in the game, I don't believe," said Coach Rose. "We are looking to go inside more."

The game plan worked, as Adam Collins, Scott Collins and Brooks roamed the paint area and had 25 points from there.

"We will go inside as much as we can," said the Bobcat mentor. "We feel that is where our game is."

Keathley used his quickness and speed to neutralize the Rebels' pressure defense. Allen Central was whistled for several fouls, many which appeared to be just touch fouls.

Betsy Layne attempted 37 free throws and hit 23. Allen Central was eight of 15 tosses.

Jeremy Sexton, who led the Rebels scoring with 16 points, had the fans on their feet with two thunderous dunks. On a steal, he raced the length of the court to slam the ball through the net and give the Rebels a 56-55 lead.

The lead exchanged hands on the next four possessions. A three-point basket by Larry Mullins tied the game at 63 with 2:50 to play, and the Rebels took a 65-63 lead on a basket in close by Rodney Scott at the 1:50 mark.

That would be the final basket for the Rebels, as

Betsy Layne got five of six free shooting from Keathley and a rebound basket by Adam Collins to put the game in the win column.

Betsy Layne executed well on offense and Coach Rose said viewing a previous tape helped his ballclub understand the value of making an extra pass.

"We watched the tape of the Pike Central game and we had 10 assists in the first half and none in the second," he said. "We showed them what can happen when we make the extra pass. It clicked in and they stated making the extra pass. We had 19 assists against Shelby Valley in the first game."

Coach Rose said his ballclub was starting to believe in itself.

"We played a good game and when Sexton made those two dunks, we could have quit, but we never," said Coach Rose.

Leslie Slone scored 13 points for Allen Central, while Scott finished with 12. Jeremy Hayes tossed in 11. Mullins finished with only three points and Travis Francis added two.

"I think against Sheldon Clark they hit eight three-point baskets and tonight they hit one," said Coach Rose. "We wanted to contain them there and we did."

Brad Daugherty netted eight points for Betsy Layne, with Robbie Johnson coming off the bench and scoring five points. It was the play of Johnson in the second quarter that gave Betsy Layne the lead at the half. Allen Central held a 41-37 lead, but Johnson scored underneath and, the next time down the floor, drained a trey to give the Bobcats a one-point lead at the half.

Allen Central found itself trailing after the first quarter, 24-15, as they could not contain the inside presence of Adam Collins and the overall play of Keathley.

But in the second period, the Rebels, who trailed 32-23 with 6:17 to play, put together a 17-2 run that netted them a 40-35 advantage with just over a minute to play. A 7-1 run by Betsy Layne put them up one as the two teams went to the locker room.

Allen Central led most of the third quarter until Betsy Layne tied the game at 50 on a basket and two free throws by Brooks. The Bobcats led 55-54 after three quarters.

Allen Central will face Paintsville in the first round of the boys All "A" at Pikeville Wednesday night. Betsy Layne will entertain Lawrence County on Tuesday night.

DUSTIN MUSIC (34) LEADS THE PRESTONSBURG celebration after the Blackcats posted a 78-74 win over Pike Central Friday night. It was the second win of the season for Prestonsburg (photo by Ed Taylor)





INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

# Pro Spotlight Is on Florida

The state of Florida will own the professional bass fishing spotlight throughout the month of January as the Sunshine State hosts two BASSMASTER events and an FLW Tour tournament.

The \$409,450 Big Kmart BASSMASTER Top 150 is set for Jan. 12-15 on Lake Tohopekaliga. The \$208,000 BASSMASTER Florida Eastern Invitational will be held the following week on Lake Okeechobee. And the Big O will be the site of a Wal-Mart FLW Tour stop the last week in January.

A top prize of \$100,000 is at stake this week on Lake Toho. "Toho has been a little slow this year," said Florida pro Terry Seagraves, who was the co-runner-up in this event last January. "An abundance of hydrilla has made these fish real hard to get to."

"If a guy is used to fishing a grass lake, he will probably do well. You just have to read these grass-lines and know how to fish the contour. If we continue to have warm weather it will probably take 50 pounds to win, but if we experience a cold front like last year, 35 to 40 pounds will probably take it."

"We will definitely be seeing a whole different lake than we saw last year," added Shaw Grigsby, a fellow Florida pro who shared runner-up honors with Seagraves last year. "We have had a very mild winter and the grass has really grown up."

"I think the fish will be easier to catch than last year, as long as we don't experience a lot of cold weather. Florida bass seem much more susceptible to cold weather than other fish in the country. A drastic drop in temperature really shuts down the bite."

The BASSMASTER Tournament Trail is celebrating its 32nd year of competition.

Everstart Opener Robert Beatty of Orlando, Fla., took top honors Saturday in the season-opening event of the EverStart Batteries Series on Lake Okeechobee. Beatty, a 52-year-old engineer, used a spinnerbait and a paddletail worm to catch the only limit (12 pounds, 4 ounces) of the finals and earn the \$35,000 top prize.

Bass Hall of Fame The membership of the fledgling Arkansas-based Professional Bass Fishing Hall of Fame recently voted in its first board of directors: Mark Davis, Rob Kilby, Larry Nixon and Mike Wurm, all of Arkansas; Gary Klein, Tommy Martin and Jay Yelas, all of Texas; and Guido Hibdon of Missouri.

How I Got My Start Denny Brauer, the 1998 BASS Masters Classic champion and all-time money-winner (\$2 million) from Missouri: "If I remember right, I started fishing when I was about 8 years old, and we caught a lot of catfish on a cane pole in a little old creek using grasshoppers for bait. That was a lot of fun."

"Later, I got a baitcasting outfit, a primitive Hiawatha reel. A spincast outfit was an upgrade for me. Regardless of what I was using, I always had a good time fishing back in those days. That's important even today."

Tim Tucker's Pro Power Ratings

Star indicates a pro who is coming on strong.

This Week	Last Week	Weeks on List	Angler, Hometown
1	1	30	Denny Brauer, Camden, Mo. Runner-up in 1999 Classic; still the man to beat
2	2	30	Davy Hite, Prosperity, S.C. Won '99 BASS Masters Classic
3	3	30	Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Ark. Won BASS Top 150 opener; made Md. finals
4	4	30	Kevin VanDam, Kalamazoo, Mich. Won N.Y. BASS event; third in Md. Top 150
5	5	30	Rick Clunn, Ava, Mo. Runner-up in Vt. BASS Top 150
6	6	13	David Fritts, Lexington, N.C. Two top-10 finals; Millennium runner-up
7	7	30	Stephen Browning, Hot Springs, Ark. BASS Mich. Top 150 finals
8	8	13	Tim Horton, Spruce Pine, Ala. Won Md. Top 150; leads Angler of Year race
9	9	26	David Walker, Cannon, Ky. FLW Tour Angler of Year; 15th in Md. Top 150
10	10	27	Zell Rowland, Montgomery, Texas Finals of Vt. BASS Top 150
11	11	27	Clark Wendland, Cedar Park, Texas Won FLW Open; MegaBucks runner-up
12	12	10	Darrell Robertson, Jay, Okla. M-1 champ; won \$850,000 in two months
13	13	30	Mark Davis, Mount Ida, Ark. Narrowly missed Md. Top 150 finals
14	14	20	Roland Martin, Clewiston, Fla. Runner-up in Top 150 season-opener; 21st in Md.
15	15	8	Aaron Martens, Castaic, Calif. Calif. BASS winner; WON Bass Angler of Year

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

## Tips From the Pros



DAVID HALE, co-founder of Knight & Hale Game Calls, is regarded as one of the country's top hunting and game-calling authorities. He lives in Cadiz, Ky.

### Practice Makes Better Turkey Talk

"If a person wants to be a better turkey caller, here are some tips that I feel will help. "First, learn to master more than one type of call. I recommend something that is easy for you to use. Secondly, I always carry various types of mouth calls — something that I can use to call both loudly and softly. I also take a box call and a glass or slate call. Most days, I will use almost all of them before the day is through. "What might work today won't necessarily work tomorrow, depending on the weather conditions. A good rule of thumb in calling to a wild turkey is, the farther away he is, the louder you can call. The closer he gets, the softer you should call. "Remember, there is no substitute for practicing your calls and listening to live turkeys or live turkey sounds on tape. Instructional audio cassettes are a good way to refine your calling skills."

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# Outdoors

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## YOUR SPORTS



A stoplight parrotfish swims among coral off the shore of Belize.

## Tiny Nation Packs In a Lot of Outdoor Fun

By LINDA GETTMANN

From exploring the jungle to diving a coral reef, opportunities for outdoor adventure abound in Belize, a chunk of paradise where the rainforest meets the Caribbean.

Belize may feel like a world apart, but it is actually quite close to the United States and is easily reached by air from several gateway cities, including Miami and Houston.

Visitors are attracted to Belize primarily because of its natural assets — it is a place like nowhere else on Earth, a biological and cultural shelter, a meeting place between two great continents and an ocean wilderness. Offshore, there is diving, surfing, boating, fishing and birding. On land, you can hike in the cool mountain air or bask in the warmth of a sunny beach.

The sheer variety of wildlife is staggering. There are more than 300 species of birds, 150 varieties of orchids, and more species of butterflies than in the U.S. and Canada combined. Belize offers a refuge for the jaguar and the tapir, among many other exotic creatures. Adventurous travelers will find rivers, mountains, estuaries, jungles, waterfalls and deep limestone caves waiting to be explored.

Off the 170 miles of Belize coastline, from 12 to 30 miles away, is a massive and continuous section of barrier reef. The second-longest reef system in the world, it offers a lifetime of dive discoveries. Beyond the barrier reef are three magnificent coral atolls, Turneffe Islands, Lighthouse Reef and Glover's Reef. Each is another dive universe. Some are equipped with comfortable accommodations, restaurants and dive shops dedicated to discovering the fascinating underwater world at their doorstep.

Belize's underwater landscape is rich and varied, providing a range of diving that exceeds every other Caribbean dive destination in diversity and scope. The dive areas along the reef include shallow sea gardens, mid-reef pinnacles and deep, precipitous walls. Along the reef crest are mountains of corals segregated by sinuous sand channels, huge protrusions of ancient reefs capped with a colorful, living fringe of hard



Fishing shacks share the beach with an abandoned lighthouse.

corals, soft corals, sponges and bryozoans. In many locations the barrier reef forms a continuous wall, sloping, vertical or undercut in its descent to the abyss.

If you can tear yourself away from diving adventure, there is another Belize waiting for you inland. It begins with the wonderful people, who will delight you with their humor and charm. A thousand years ago, their Mayan ancestors created impressive cities and temples in the jungle. Modern-day Belize encompasses a sizable portion of the ancient Maya heartland. Fifteen archeological sites are open to visitors, but hundreds more are still engulfed by the jungle, some perhaps still waiting to be discovered.

Central Belize and the Maya Mountain region provide hiking, birding and jungle exploration opportunities for all ages and skill levels. Take a tube trip down a river, or just sit on the veranda and sip your favorite beverage while watching a spectacular red sunset and listening to the chatter of jungle birds and the mournful cry of howler monkeys in the distance. Or visit the world's first and only jaguar reserve at the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary.

Belize welcomes all visitors — you will feel right at home the minute you arrive. To start planning a trip there, see the Web sites: [www.belizenet.com](http://www.belizenet.com) and [www.turq.com/belizefirst](http://www.turq.com/belizefirst).

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## HUNTING

# Crowded Lands Require Change In Strategy

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

Lee Sisson painfully recalls his introduction to hunting Florida's popular and pressured public wildlife management area system five years ago.

"I had hunted private land all my life in Louisiana and Georgia and other Southern states, so I really didn't know what to expect," he said. "The first time I tried to hunt a management area was at Green Swamp, and I found what I considered to be an ideal spot to put my stand."

"Well, everybody else must have thought this spot looked pretty nice, too. I must have had 60 people walk under my stand that day. That was aggravating. It kind of turned me off to hunting management areas. It was almost enough to make me hang it up."

Not being one of the privileged few with tickets to game-rich private tracts, Sisson became determined to develop a system for succeeding on pressured public hunting grounds despite the aggravation. He knew it would be a challenge.

But with the proper planning, an extraordinary amount of legwork and detailed scouting trips, Sisson managed to develop such a system, one that has paid off handsomely on a consistent basis.

His is a system that could benefit hunters of big game throughout the country. Yet it avoids the more orthodox techniques and tactics.

Sisson's strategy could be summed up in one sentence: When hunting on public land, put yourself in position to benefit from the pressure of other weekend warriors.

"That's the key," he said. "The vast majority of the hunters in this country are faced with the reality of having to share the hunting land with other hunters, so you have two choices: Do what everybody else is doing and maybe you'll luck into something at some point in the season. Or adjust your tactics to take advantage of the pressure from the hunters you're sharing the woods with and how the game reacts to that pressure."

The first issue is where to place your tree stand. Positioning your stand on public hunting tracts is more than mere guesswork. It begins before the season opens. Sisson utilizes Florida's archery season to find sign, locate game trails, and figure his strategy for positioning his stand for the black-powder and modern weapons seasons.

"You need to have two or three spots in mind where you feel confident that the game is working nearby," he said. "That way, you'll have some quick alternatives if you arrive at your best spot with your stand on your back and find somebody has beat you there. That's crucial for hunting on public lands."

The second part of his strategy involves predicting how hunting pressure will cause the deer to move during the day.

"I use archery season to scout, because you can get some good idea of how the game will react to a lot of pressure when modern gun season begins," Sisson said. "I sit in a tree early and late and I start to walk around in the middle of the day."

"By the combination of sitting in the stand and then doing some walking, you're able to see what the hunting pressure from the bowhunters does to the game. There's not nearly as much pressure during archery season as there is during modern gun season, but there is enough pressure to make the game react to it. This is more beneficial than simply scouting an area before any hunting seasons begin. What happens in that case is the deer patterns are probably going to change (from the those established before any season opens) once you start getting some human influence into the area."



Deer are easy to spot in Florida's wildlife management areas — and so are hunters.

## GEAR AND GOODIES

### Riverside Puts a New Spin on Its Lures

One of the neatest spinnerbaits to come along in years is Riverside's unique Counter Attack Spinnerbait.

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Besides counter-rotating blades, the Counter Attack Spinnerbaits feature ultra-thin wires made of tempered stainless steel — said to be a great conductor of vibration.

—Tim Tucker

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Riverside's new Counter Attack Spinnerbait.





**More letters to Lugnut**

**W**HO will win the Daytona 500, you ask? Who will be the champ, and chump, of 2000? The answers are coming very soon. But for now, I'll let you read some mortal meanderings:

Your latest column was despicable. Calling Mark Martin a whiner is wrong. Until you walk in another man's shoes, you can't comment on what he's been through. What is nice about NASCAR is that it's family-oriented and the drivers don't talk smack like you do. Why don't you cover the NBA, where trash talking is a way of life?

— Ward

Mark's shoes are too tight on my feet, so it wouldn't work anyway.

I agree with you about Jeremy Mayfield winning a race. Except I think that he will win three or four races, and finish in the top five in points. Last year was a disaster for him and the Mobil 1 team. I look for them to come on strong this season.

— Brent

My sources say there's not a whole lot of love on the Penske team. Even though they say there's no "I" in team, you can still use the letters to spell "me."

As a Rusty Wallace fan, I am at a loss as to why you say he will not win a race this year. Granted, he had a very slow year in 1999, but that alone is not enough reason to make that statement. Please advise as to where you are coming from ... or have been!

— Carol

Please advise me of one thing first: Why didn't you stop this letter after the first 10 words?

I can't believe it: I actually agreed with you on two — count 'em, two — points. DW should have retired — something like Michael Jordan — when he was at the height of his game. And the new decade, century, millennium doesn't begin until 2001. I checked at our local school and found out that we still teach kids when learning how to count that we always begin with a 1.

— Gerald

It's a good thing we start counting with the number one first. That's the only way Steve Park will ever see that number out in front.

At last, another voice in the wilderness! Welcome to the last year of the 20th century and the millennium. It is unbelievable that the same people who would not allow you to give them 99 one-dollar bills in exchange for a one-hundred-dollar bill accept 99 years as a century? Just start counting. Zero is an abstract number, which in fact needed to be "invented" and only serves to denote each decade (10s) and our system is a base-10 system. Simply put, there is no zero day, or year. There is, however, a first day (day one), and this day plus 364 more completes a first cycle or year; only upon the completion of 99 more such cycles does there exist a full 100 years, also known as a century.

Care to disagree with The Lugnut? Write to him at: Track & Speed, 730 N. Franklin St., Suite 706, Chicago, IL 60610. Or e-mail him at: lugnut@ttmedia.com

**On the air**

**Jan. 10 - 16**

• **Inside NASCAR**  
Ned Jarrett, Stephanie Boyd Durner and Steve Waid host this series dedicated to NASCAR with field reporters Phil Werz, Randy Pemberton and Mike Massaro.  
Saturday, Jan. 15, 4 p.m. ET; TNN

• **NASCAR Garage**  
NASCAR spotlights Crew Chief's Friday, a performance report on coolant/antifreeze, a visit with Craftsman Truck Series driver Rick Carelli, a pre-race cooling system inspection and a lesson in component machining at the Morgan McClure shop are featured on this weekend motorsports series with hosts Chris McClure and Leslie Gudel.  
Sunday, Jan. 16, Noon ET; TNN

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## GREEN WITH ENVY

One of NASCAR's up-and-coming drivers would like a little respect, please

By HENRY MILLER

**D**AVID Green remembers Joe Nemechek's surprising win late during the 1999 Winston Cup season.

Nemechek's first Winston Cup victory came in the 26th race of the season and made believers out of a lot of people. The phrase of the day was, "If Joe can do it, we can do it."

While Green can understand that sentiment — after all, the same sentiment was echoed when he won the penultimate race of 1999 at Homestead — he argues that while such a statement may be accurate, it's not necessarily fair.

"People say you have to pay your dues. I can accept paying my dues," Green said. "Just like in 1992, when I didn't drive at all and I worked for Bobby and Terry [Labonte]. That was paying my dues to win a Busch championship."

"I'll pay my dues all day long and all year long if this is what it's all about, because I think we can do it. I would just like to have a little respect."

Green was one of three first-time pole winners in 1999. One week later Kevin LePage captured the pole at the season-ender in Miami. Earlier in the year, rookie sensation Tony Stewart — who ended up winning three races and two poles, captured his first pole in Martinsville.

But capturing poles and winning races are two different things. Despite their front-row starting spots, Green and LePage finished 22nd and 17th in their respective pole-winning races. Even Stewart couldn't cash in on his pole, finishing 20th in his pole-winning race.

For drivers who aren't among the elite or, for that matter, aren't even considered mediocre, even doing well for one week is a no-win situation.

"That's what aggravates me, because I feel like I'm as good a driver as three-quarters of the guys out here," Green said. "There is a group of drivers who have tons and tons of experience, and I've got a long way to go before I catch up to them."

"I haven't won, but that doesn't mean people should sit there and say 'He can't do it.'"

Green said he's even heard at least one car owner say he was tired of recycling drivers and was planning on bringing in some new ones. There definitely isn't a shortage of drivers who are praying for the opportunity to get behind the wheel of a Winston Cup ride. That, however, doesn't always mean instant success. In most cases, it means immediate criticism.

"I'm sure there are some guys out there who said, 'Hey, if David Green can sit on the pole, then that Pontiac has to be good or they're cheating,'" Green said. "I've got

news for them. If we get a sponsor, I'll wave to that guy when I pass him."

Many times, the problem is actually finding a sponsor that will dedicate money to a driver who is not among the front-runners. Failing that, the question becomes: "Can we market this driver even though he doesn't drive with the leaders?" The answer, usually, is a resounding "no."

In some cases, however, a driver can have what seems to be a sponsor for life, even if he isn't at the front. A perfect example is Kyle Petty. Despite several consecutive subpar years, including a 26th place in the final point standings in 1999, he is still a hot commodity for Hot Wheels. If he's not winning, he's still accomplishing something — taking advantage of the Petty name by either raising

money for charity (his motorcycle ride across the country seems to grow exponentially), helping out in the broadcast booth or doing something with music. His face can be seen in magazines and commercials almost as prominently as Jeff Gordon's and Dale Earnhardt's.

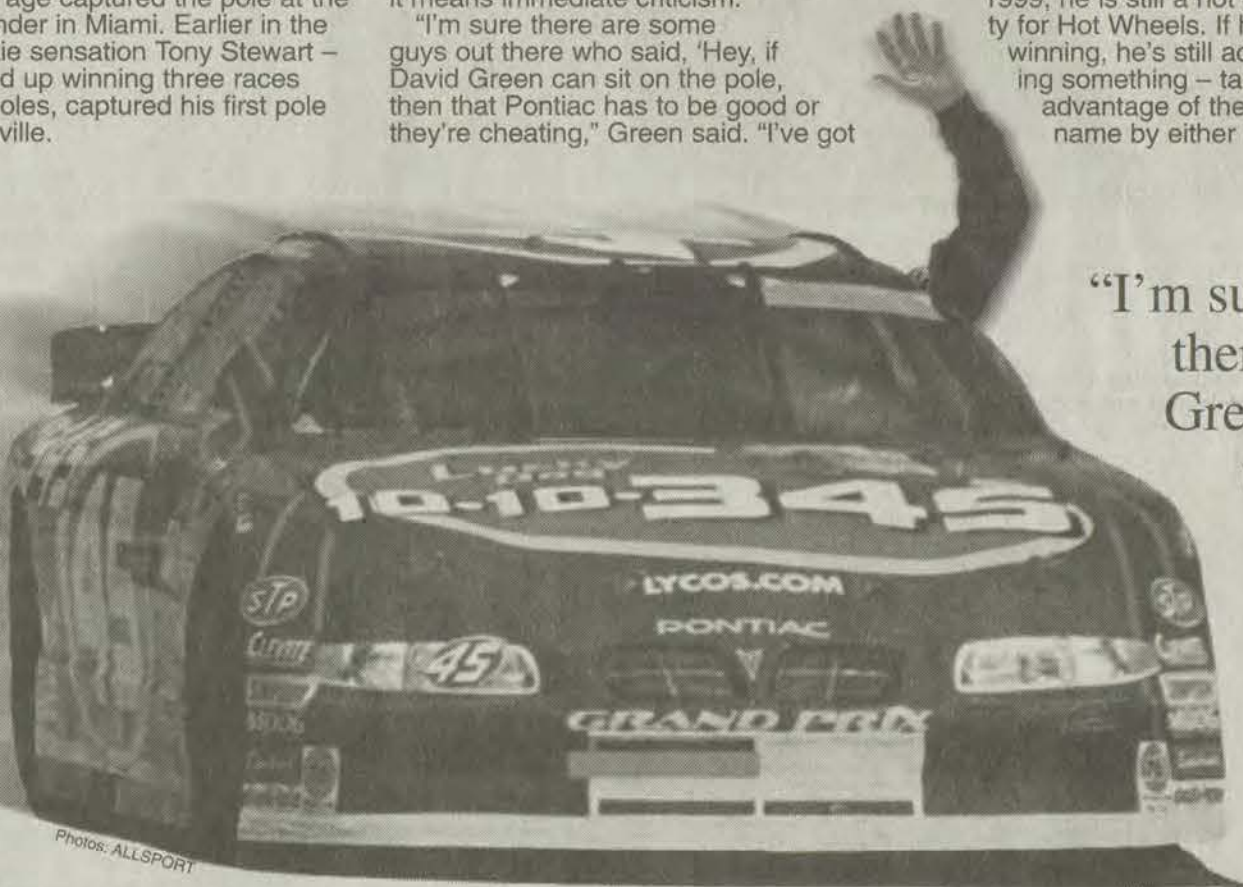
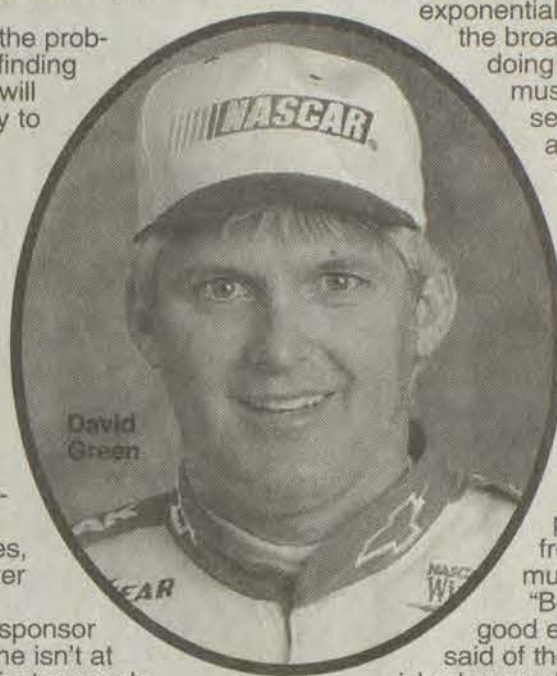
But Green has seen others struggle, paying their dues until the right combination of car, owner and team comes along.

When that happens, driving to the front becomes a must. "Bobby Labonte is a good example," Green said of the driver who finished second in the 1999 point standings. "He paid his dues at Bill Davis Racing for a while, but nobody kicked him in the hole and threw the dirt over him. Now he's the hottest guy out there."

"They said it's a fluke thing I won the pole, and if I don't qualify for a race, I suck anyway. It's very aggravating, but it does motivate the heck

**Fast Fact**

Dale Earnhardt is the only driver to win a Winston Cup points championship without winning a short-track race in the same year, doing so in 1993 for his sixth title.



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## Gentlemen, start your engines: SpeedWeeks are almost here

By HENRY MILLER

**T**HE Daytona 500 is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 20 at Daytona International Speedway, and some interesting story lines are beginning to take shape. Heading the list of things to look for, besides a plethora of new faces behind the wheels of new cars, is how Dale Earnhardt, Mark Martin and Rusty Wallace will recover from injuries and surgeries.

Earnhardt, the 1998 Daytona 500 winner and seven-time Winston Cup champion, is recovering from surgery on a ruptured disc in

his back. Martin had surgery the day after the season-ending race in Atlanta to help heal back injuries suffered in a crash last year, and Wallace is recovering from a broken shoulder he suffered in a December skiing accident. Of the three injured veterans, Wallace seems to be the most prepared for the 500. Following is a tentative schedule for SpeedWeeks 2000 at Daytona International Speedway:

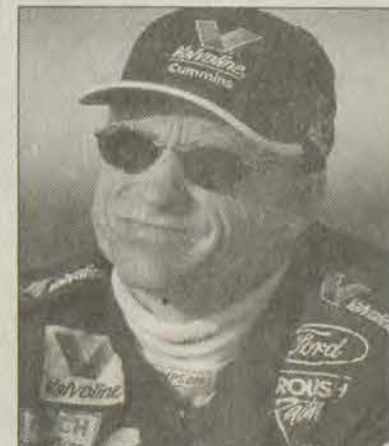
**Week One**  
**Thursday, Feb. 3:** Practice/qualifying for Rolex 24 at Daytona

**Friday, Feb. 4:** Practice/qualifying for Rolex 24 at Daytona  
**Saturday, Feb. 5:** Start of Rolex 24 at Daytona  
**Sunday, Feb. 6:** Finish of Rolex 24 at Daytona

**Week Two**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 9:** Practice for ARCA 200 and IROC XXIV  
**Thursday, Feb. 10:** Practice/qualifying for ARCA 200 and practice for Bud Shootout and IROC XXIV  
**Friday, Feb. 11:** Practice for NASCAR Winston Cup Series, ARCA 200 and IROC XXIV  
**Saturday, Feb. 12:** Bud

Pole qualifying for the Daytona 500 (positions 1-2); Practice/qualifying for ARCA 200 and IROC XXIV; Discount Auto Parts 200 Goody's Dash Series Race  
**Sunday, Feb. 13:** Bud Shootout and ARCA 200 Bondo/Mar-Hyde Series Race

**Week Three**  
**Monday, Feb. 14:** Practice/qualifying for NASCAR Winston Cup Series; Practice for NASCAR Busch Series, Craftsman Truck Series and IROC XXIV  
**Tuesday, Feb. 15:** Practice for NASCAR Busch Series, Craftsman Truck Series and IROC XXIV  
**Wednesday, Feb. 16:** Practice/qualifying for NASCAR Busch Series and Craftsman Truck Series; Practice for NASCAR Winston Cup Series and IROC XXIV



Mark Martin is recovering from off-season surgery on

**Thursday, Feb. 17:** Gatorade 125-mile qualifying races for the Daytona 500  
**Friday, Feb. 18:** Craftsman Truck Series Race and IROC/True Value XXIV race  
**Saturday, Feb. 19:** NAPA

**In Brief**

**Gearing up**

The 11th annual T. Wayne Robertson NASCAR Winston Cup Preview, the first official NASCAR Winston Cup event of the year, will take place Saturday, Jan. 15. All NASCAR Winston Cup Series drivers are scheduled to attend the event, named in memory of its creator, T. Wayne Robertson, who was killed in a boating accident two years ago. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. The event ends at 6 p.m. Tickets for the 2000 T. Wayne Robertson NASCAR Preview are available through the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum at (336) 725-5635 or through Ticketmaster at (336) 722-6300. Tickets are \$15 for adults. Children under 12 will be admitted free with a paying adult.

**By the Numbers**

Following is a glance at short-track laps led, miles led and points earned during the 1999 Winston Cup season:

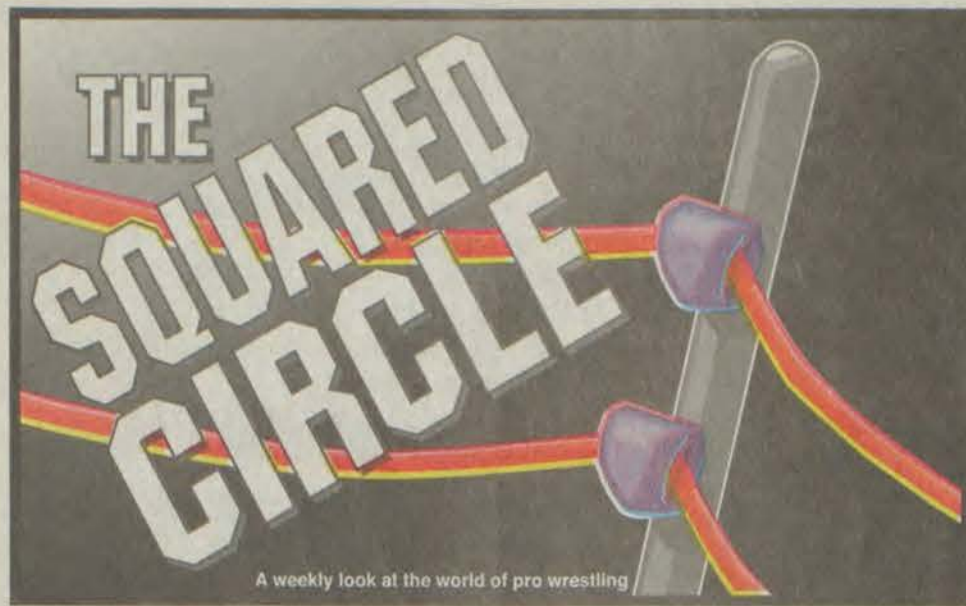
Driver	Laps Led	Miles Led	Points
Rusty Wallace	628	333.485	891
Dale Earnhardt	91	48.188	887
Mark Martin	99	68.923	838
Dale Jarrett	32	24.000	835
Sterling Marlin	22	11.572	795
Jeff Gordon	314	182.076	788
Kyle Petty	9	4.734	772
Jeff Burton	234	146.380	766
Tony Stewart	613	398.990	734

**Listen up**

Before the rumor mill gets things turned out of hand and they have me down for the count off in some remote hospital somewhere, I thought I'd better address the situation. I have ... and there you have it.

— Rusty Wallace, letting everyone know he is OK despite breaking his shoulder during a December skiing accident on the Sugar Mountain slopes in North Carolina





**TOP 10**

1. The Big Show, WWF
2. Bret Hart, WCW
3. The Rock, WWF
4. Mike Awesome, ECW
5. Triple H, WWF
6. Chris Benoit, WCW
7. Jeff Jarrett, WCW
8. Masato Tanaka, ECW
9. Chris Jericho, WWF
10. Justin Credible, ECW



■ MASATO TANAKA ■ BENOIT

Look for: Hulk Hogan to return to WCW "Monday Nitro" in early February.

**PAY-PER-VIEW**

- WWF, Royal Rumble, New York City, Jan. 23
- WCW, San Francisco, Feb. 20
- WWF, No Way Out, Hartford, Conn., Feb. 27
- ECW, Living Dangerously, March 12

**MAILBAG**

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

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

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

Dear Squared Circle,  
I was wondering what Rikishi Phatu's real name is and if it used to be Yokozuna?  
— Kristi Efav  
Ashland, Ohio

A. No, he isn't Yokozuna. His real name is Solofa Fatu and he wrestled previously as a member of the Samoan Swat Team.

Dear Squared Circle,  
I am very happy to see pro wrestling finally receive some positive mainstream coverage. I enjoyed your list of the top tag teams, but your facts are all wrong. Why do you and many other disturbed individuals insist on ignoring the only true governing body in wrestling, the National Wrestling Alliance?

Steamboat and Youngblood were never WCW tag champions; neither were Blanchard and Anderson. WCW is not and has no connection to the NWA, no more than the WWF or ECW does.

The Road Warriors wrestled primarily for Giant Baba's promotion, All-Japan, during their heyday and not New Japan (IWGP).

Jay Youngblood was dead long before the Mid-Atlantic territory ceased to exist. When exactly did it cease to exist? Jim Crockett continued to promote until roughly 1989.

—David Pierce  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

A. Take it easy there, David. You're correct about a number of these points, and we thank you for making them.

However, when Jim Crockett sold the NWA to Ted Turner in the late 1980s, the promotion became WCW. The NWA ceased to exist at that time and World Championship Wrestling was born. Most of the NWA stars remained with WCW.

**FEUD OF THE WEEK**



Tajiri vs. Super Crazy, ECW

**CATCH PHRASES**

"It's me, it's me. It's that D, O, double G."  
—Road Dogg

**REAL NAMES**

John Kronus  
George Caraza

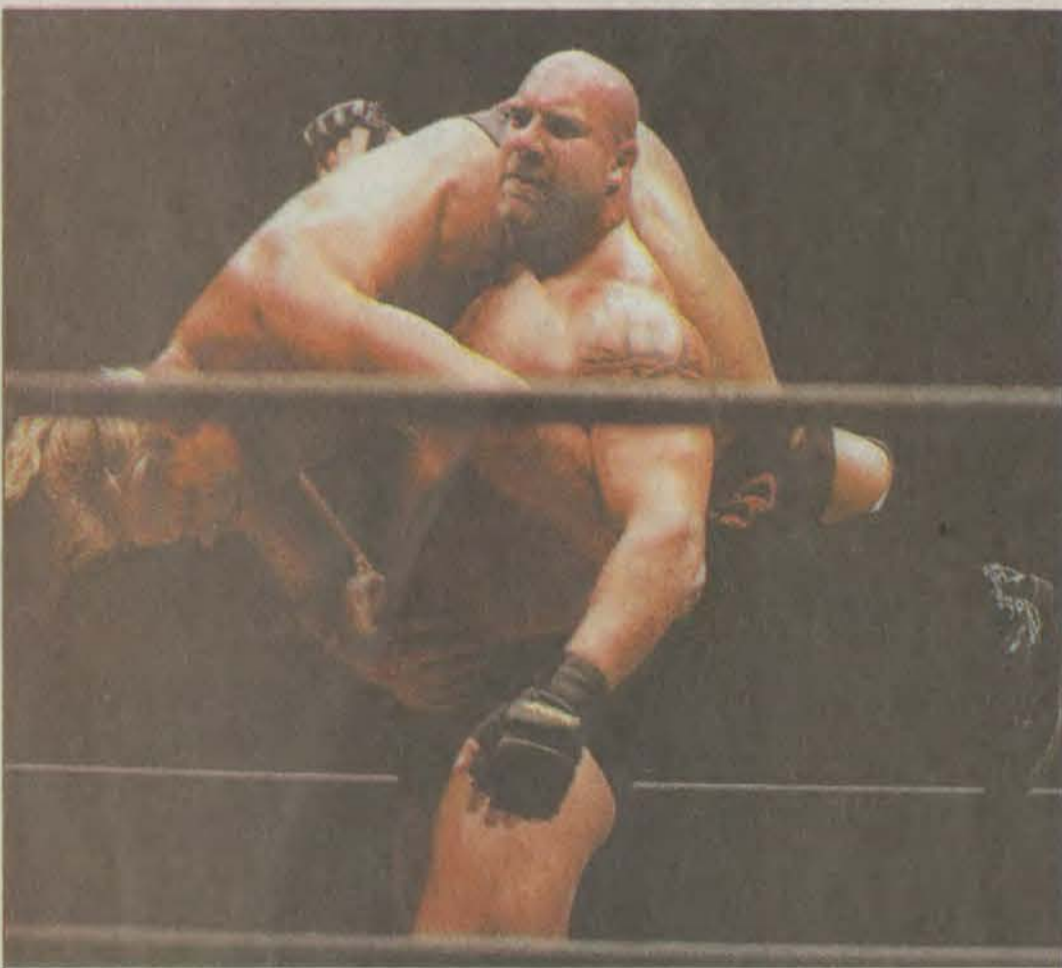
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Hometown:  
Cleveland, Ohio

Birthday: Unknown

Pro debut: 1989

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



■ Bill Goldberg, shown preparing to body slam Lex Luger during a match last year in Cleveland, is the linchpin for WCW in 2000. (Jason J. Molyet/Squared Circle)

**WCW DIRECTION PLEASES FANS**

By Anthony Conchel  
Squared Circle Editor

World Championship Wrestling is changing — and for the better, according to younger fans of the promotion.

Under the direction of Bill Busch and the creative writing of Vince Russo and Ed Ferrara, WCW has more bite than it did in the waning days and weeks of the Eric Bischoff regime.

"I like what they're doing with storylines and the wrestlers," said Jennifer Skinner, 18.

Like many fans, she calls wrestling "a male soap opera."

"I like the storylines more than the actual wrestling, although I like that too," she said as she carried a Kevin Nash banner into Cleveland State University.

Her friend, Kari Hanlin, likes the 7-foot, 320-pound Nash, known as Big Sexy.

"That's my boy. I love the Outsiders. I also like Sting, but he got crapped on his whole career. He was set up by (Lex) Luger and betrayed over and over," she said.

Both say that following WCW's storylines requires commitment.

"If you miss a week, you are completely lost as to what's going on," said Skinner.

They started watching "Monday Nitro" on a regular basis more than a year ago.

"The middle of last year, we started really getting into it. We have parties at different friends' houses on Monday nights now," she added.

WCW has stepped up the level of intensity in order to compete with a surging World Wrestling Federation. After almost two years of leading the Monday night ratings war, WCW slumped and the

WWF jumped on it quickly.

Now it's WCW trying to play catch-up with the WWF's slick marketing and strong character development.

"The stuff they (WCW) do is not as bad as what the WWF does. But I see them getting a lot more creative, especially using women in the angles. That always causes problems, like with Torrie (Wilson) and the Filthy Animals," said Skinner with a laugh.

Fans get caught up in the theme music and catch phrases as well, they said.

"Everybody gets riled up. You see younger people watching it on TV more and more. I watch WWF too, but WCW has gotten much better the past few months," said Hanlin.

She likes The Rock and Triple H, but has a serious crush on Rey Mysterio Jr.

"I love Rey. It was a good thing he lost his mask so we could see how cute he really is. He's a great wrestler too," Skinner said.

Fans such as these and others in Section FF of The CSU Convocation Center holding up Goldberg, Nash and Diamond Dallas Page signs obviously love WCW.

"It's getting bigger and better. More people are into WCW every week and I think the ratings will continue to improve.

"The more intense storylines are definitely working," Skinner said.

**MAT MEMORIES**

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history:

■ Jan. 8, 1925: In a major upset, Wayne Munn beats Ed "Strangler" Lewis in Kansas City to win the world title.

■ April 15, 1959: A small riot breaks out at Milwaukee Arena during a wrestling card. The arena board bans wrestling for nearly a year in its aftermath.

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



**Mike Awesome:** At 6-6 and 292 pounds, this strongman is a force in ECW. The Awesome Bomb through a table usually spells defeat for his opponents.

**Torrie Wilson:** Her absence from WCW television is a loss for fans of the lovely fitness model. She is returning with a new storyline, we're told.

**AFTER THE BELL**

News and gossip from the wrestling world:

■ ECWwrestling.com completed its Wrestler of the Year poll, and Rob Van Dam garnered 24,654 votes (39 percent). Taz and Sabu were tied for second place with 9,131 votes (15 percent) each. Tommy Dreamer and Jerry Lynn tied for third place. This testament to RVD's popularity means he will get a title shot soon.

■ Steve Austin's head and neck will be immobilized in a halo for about six weeks after his surgery Jan. 17. His return to the WWF is still uncertain. He is planning to marry Debra (McMichael) Marshall in the near future.

■ Mick Foley has made three new commercials for Chef-Boy-Ardee.

■ Taz will feud with Kurt Angle, trying to stop the youngster's winning streak.

■ The WWF's contract with USA Network is up for renewal in August. Rumors indicate that with wrestling so popular today, WWF brass might be in contact with FOX about a possible contract. This is just speculation, however.

■ Matt Hardy injured the pinkie and ring fingers on his right hand during the cage match against Al Snow on "Raw Is War" last week. The fingers weren't broken. Mark Henry tore a ligament in his elbow, but won't miss more than a couple of weeks.

■ Terry Funk, the hardcore legend, has signed a two-month contract with WCW to serve as its tough-guy commissioner and feud with the nWo.

■ Most wrestlers get hurt in the ring. But the British Bulldog injured his back while changing a tire on the side of the road. The jack slipped and Bulldog suffered some bruises and a lower back strain.

■ Crowbar, who wrestled under the name Devon Storm in independent promotions, was paired with David Flair so he could teach Flair some wrestling techniques.

■ There are mixed reports on the whereabouts of Ken Shamrock. One Internet report says he'll be back to feud with Chris Jericho in time for the Royal Rumble.

■ Edge will star in the next "Highlander" movie. No date on its release, but it stars Christopher Lambert.

■ Recently acquired fitness model Midaja O'Hearn might take Aysa's place in The Revolution.

■ ECW is planning to film a two-hour special that TNN is considering using on Monday night, Feb. 14, opposite "Monday Nitro." "Raw Is War" is airing two hours later that night because of the annual Westminster Dog Show on USA.

**COMING TO YOUR TOWN**

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:



**WWF...**  
Jan. 16, East Rutherford, N.J.  
Jan. 17, "Raw Is War," New Haven, Conn.  
Jan. 18, "Smackdown!" Providence, R.I.

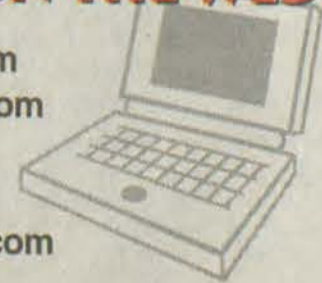
Jan. 18, "Thunder" taping, Evansville, Ind.

**WCW...**  
Jan. 17, "Monday Nitro," Columbus, Ohio

**ECW...**  
Jan. 14, Danbury, Conn.  
Jan. 15, Philadelphia  
Jan. 21, Baton Rouge, La.

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## This Town That World

*Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1960.*

In the summer it's flies; wintertime, it's flu. And it's not all a case of tense, either.

Why be messy about it and blow up an airplane and everybody in it, just to collect insurance? Why not an automobile ride with one of these drivers who respect neither your neck nor his own?

This belongs in the Wish-I'd-Said-That Department:

"The Russians will send their rockets to the moon, and we'll drive ours to school." (By W. W. Burchett, in The Weekly Bulletin of the Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club.)

### LOOK, ONCE!

Folks over the country have been amazed by the high rate of rejections for military service for all reasons, physical and mental, etc. At the same time some have had an idea that illiteracy and other reasons have chalked up a black eye for the mountain areas in this department.

Just to set the record straight, Dr. R. L. Hall, of Wheelwright, several weeks ago gave us the following figures on rejections per 100 men examined, as accumulated by the Rural Life Council of Tuskegee Institute:

	For State	For Mountain Area of State	As a Whole
Alabama	32		28
Georgia	33		27
Kentucky	36		29
Maryland	27		25
N. C.	37		28
S.C.	34		31
Tenn.	32		28
Virginia	31		26
W. Va.	33		31
Region	33 (average)		28

Doesn't look too bad for us ignorant hillbillies, does it?

### NECROLOGY

It doesn't seem that long, but Russell (Buck) Layne says it has been 25 years now since he began compiling for The Times a year's-end list of Prestonsburg citizens who died during the past 12 months.

His list for 1959, giving name, age and date of death of each follows:

Butler Slone, 75, Jan. 5; Elizabeth Perry, 58, Feb. 17; Lee Garrett, 51, Feb. 26; James Robert Worland, 72, March 22; Eliza Skeans Blackburn, 56, April 7; Alice Ratliff, 63, April 19; Catherine Howard, 68, April 22; Virgie S. Branham, 67, April 27; Teen O. Samons, 90, May 3; Denver Slone, 30, May 4; Lidy Setser, 66, May 13; Malcom T. Harris, 88, June 6; Cora Hall, 72, July 11; Ronnie Stanley, 23, Aug. 1; Susan A. Pelfrey, 56, Sept. 3; Andrew Jackson, May, 84, Sept. 6; Elmer Fraley, 36, Sept. 20; Bill Blackburn, 70, Sept. 21; Bill Buck Baker, 50, Nov. 4; Claude P. Stephens, 69, Nov. 13; Johnny Powers, May, 87, Nov. 21; Alice Hurd, 34, Nov. 21; Goldie B. May, 55, Nov. 24; Dave Burchett, 68, Nov. 25; Maude Bartley, 69, Dec. 1; Estill Shepherd, 49, Dec. 8; Anna Clark Stephens, 87, Dec. 12.

### WAS THE LADY HIPPO-ED?\*

Somehow, I have a feeling that that Frenchman who cured his wife of total paralysis by trying to put her out of her misery with the sharp edge of a knife didn't do much after all. If the news reports are correct, he shook around so badly that he missed the spot and inflicted only a painful wound which sent her leaping and yelping from bed.

I am suspicious of the seriousness of the lady's ailment because of an incident I have heard of for many years. It seems that a certain oldtimer of the region was confined to bed for seven years or longer unable to turn from side to side, utterly helpless all the while. Then came the time when it was decided perhaps a change of scenery would be good for him, so his folks prepared to take him to another relative's home.

But they never got there with him. They loaded him onto a sled and hitched thereto a span of young and spirited

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In their Sunday best are John "Bull" Turner (1845-1922) and Jemima "Swit" Turner (1854-1923), probably sometime in the early 1900s. They were married in June of 1875. He was the son of Adam Turner Sr. and Margaret Patton, and she was the daughter of John Burke Turner and Mary Ann Martin.



Obviously posing for the camera that likely belonged to an itinerant photographer, Freeman Hamilton (1864-1933) and his wife Margaret Yates Hamilton (1861-1933) are on the left. With them are Margaret's mother Matilda Mullins Yates and brother Robert Yates, probably a hundred years ago. Note the log house behind them.



You have to wonder what is behind the expression on the face of Jane Medlin Osborne in this early photo. She lived from 1848 to 1936 and is buried at the mouth of Garth Branch. She was the wife of Repts Osborne and the mother of Elender, Mousie, Parthena and Hiram.

## PostScript

by Pam Shingler  
Editor



## Living in the past

Tuesday evening I curled up in my comfy chair with a copy of the new Floyd County Pictorial History, which just arrived last week from the printer.

I figured I'd skim through, take a quick look at the pictures, and then do some work. That was about 8 p.m.

Around 12:45 Wednesday morning, I forced myself to shut the book and go to bed. I was only about two-thirds of the way through.

I spent several more hours Wednesday evening and was sad to reach the end. Of course, I'm a history and photography buff and a passionate mountaineer, so this is my kind of publication.

I particularly enjoyed looking at the old

houses that were gone before most of us were born. Some are log structures in poor condition when the pictures were made 75 to 100 years ago, but, oh, we can imagine how much life they once contained.

Many of the houses are farm houses from a time when people made a living on the broad hollows of the Beaver creeks or Betsy Layne or East Point - two story-structures, some modest and plain, others with porches on the second floor, as well as the first, fancy wood trim, and rosebushes near the steps.

In many of the house pictures, members of the traditional, extended families pose in the yard in straight-back chairs brought out from the dining room. Sometimes, the overflow of family members poses at open windows or on top porches.

I was compelled to take out a magnifying glass in an attempt to read the expressions on the tiny faces and to see the resemblance among them.

On page 20, I think that's my house on the far left of the bottom picture. The scene

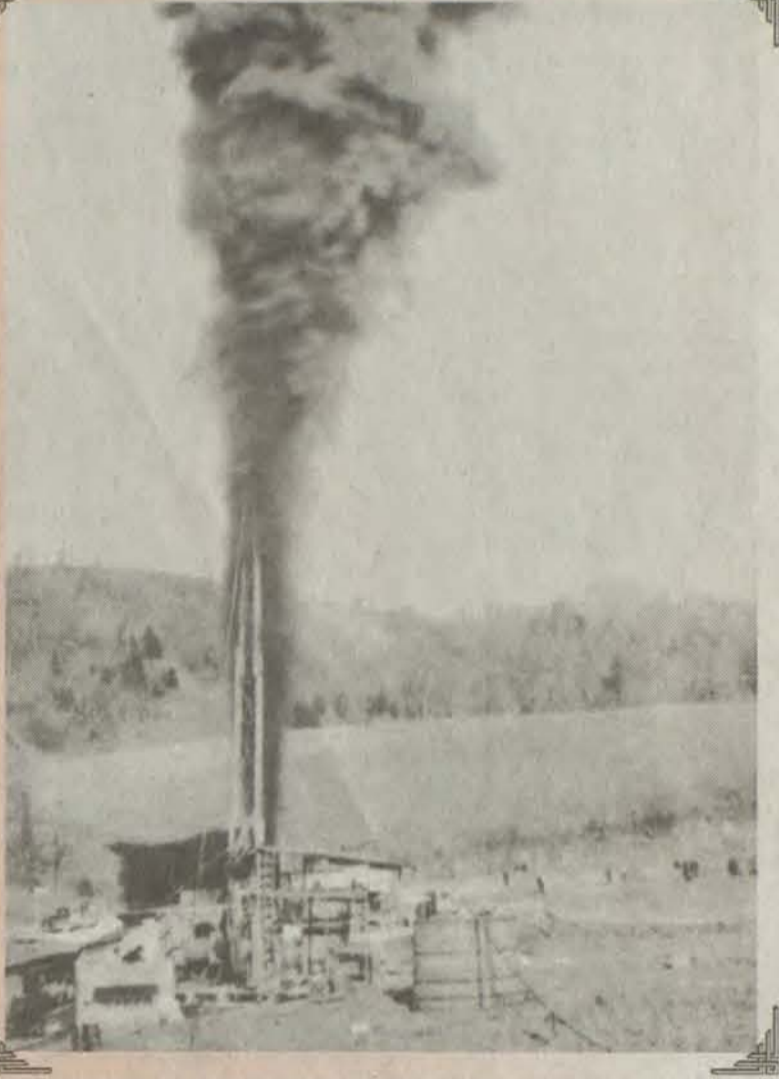
is Auxier in 1912 or 1913, the cutline says. Nearby are the large, box-shaped houses of my neighbors, Jim and Donna Ousley and Jack and Judy Music. Across the railroad track, somewhere, unknown to me, is the house where my grandparents, Daniel and Betsy Ann "Nanny" Castle Ward, lived at that time.

I was tickled to see on page 82 a picture of Edna Saunders' first grade class at David in the early 1950s. There on the front row, second child from the left, is my cousin Chuck Ward, his arms stiff at his sides, wearing a little checkered shirt - probably flannel - and jeans.

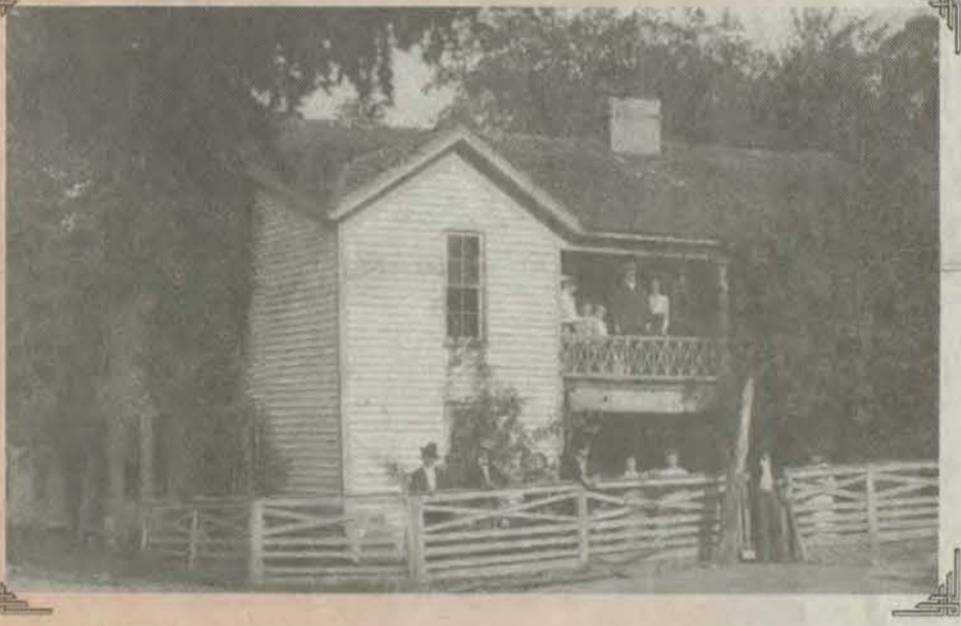
He's squinting with the already-narrow Ward eyes. Though his hair is cut quite short, you can tell it's dark, thick and prone to the unruly if left to grow, like most of the men in the family, at least into middle age.

It was the second day of my perusal when I was truly surprised. On page 215 is a picture of my great-grandfather, James William Ward.

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This gusher is the Wesley N. Martin Gas Well #2, off US 23. Opened on March 12, 1929, the well reportedly produced 554,000 cubic feet of gas per day.



Among intriguing homes in the Floyd County Pictorial History Book is this one belonging to William Greenwade, once located at the mouth of Abbott Creek at what is now Cliff. "Uncle Billy" was a merchant who operated a store to the right of his house. The picture apparently dates to the early 1900s.



This view of Skull Hollow in Weeksbury was taken in 1957. A coal tippie is at the right. The community is among dozens of Floyd County communities captured in the pictorial history.



# Girl Scouts begin annual cookie sale

Girl Scouts from Wilderness Road Council are now taking orders for those long-awaited Girl Scout Cookies. This year there's a new variety to tempt your taste buds—Animal Treasures, the latest addition to the Girl Scout Cookie line and the first introduced in celebration of the new millennium.

A delicious combination of mouth-watering shortbread and rich fudge, each Animal Treasures cookie is embossed with an endangered animal.

"We're very excited to be offering a new variety this season," says Wendy Henry, communications manager, Wilderness Road Council. "Every few years we feature a new product to create excitement and to make sure we have something to please most everyone."

For just \$3 per box you can enjoy your fill of Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Shortbread, Upside-Downs Frosted Oatmeal, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Creams and the delicious new Animal Treasure Cookie. Cookies will be delivered the week of February 28.

Good taste is just the beginning of what \$3 buys. The cookie sale helps girls learn all kinds of important skills related to handling money, goal setting, teamwork, meeting the public and more.

More than two-thirds of the selling price goes directly to support Girl Scouting locally. One of



the things that makes the Girl Scout Cookie Sale different from most youth fund raisers is that a portion of the revenue goes to troops, so that girls can make decisions about how it is spent.

The volunteer Board of Directors of Wilderness Road Council budgets the remaining proceeds for expenses related to providing Girl Scout services to 25,000 girls and 5,500 volunteers in 57 central and eastern Kentucky counties.

If you need an excuse to satisfy the Thin Mint craving, just remind yourself that you are doing a good deed by supporting the Girl Scouts and all of the good things they do for the community. When you buy Girl Scout Cookies, you really are helping fund the future. Cookies can be purchased by calling the Wilderness Road Council at 800-475-2621.

# WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS



## Nuptials set for Pleasant Home

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Ray Whitt of Prestonsburg announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Patricia Marie Whitt, and Steven Hatfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Castle of Prestonsburg and Charles Hatfield of Blue River. The wedding is planned for Saturday, January 22, 2000, at 4 p.m. at Pleasant Home Baptist Church on Water Gap Road in Prestonsburg. The gracious custom of open wedding will be observed.

# Louisville Ballet to perform in Pikeville

On February 4, Pikeville High School will host a performance of the Louisville Ballet.

The performance is set for 10 a.m. at the high school auditorium and is open to students from other schools.

Teachers or administrators from area schools who are interested in bringing their students should call Jeanne W. Clark, director of arts at PHS, at 606/432-0185 or 0420, or contact her via e-mail at jclark@pikeville.k12.ky.us.

Considered the State Ballet of Kentucky, the Louisville Ballet was founded in March 1952 as a civic ballet company. The company achieved professional status in 1975 by employing eight dancers to form the ensemble company.

Today, the company employs 30 professional dancers who come

to Louisville from all parts of the country, and it maintains a civic company chosen from the Louisville School of Ballet for large productions. The Louisville Ballet holds the distinction of being the only regional company with which Mikhail Baryshnikov has performed in its repertoire productions.

The program on February 4 will open with a new contemporary ballet piece about two different communities that don't get along with each other at the beginning, but eventually come together and exist in harmony.

In addition, the company will perform "The Grand Pas de Deux" from "The Nutcracker;" "Windborne," a contemporary ballet pas de deux; and "Bachiana," a modern piece by David Parsons.



# Family Medicine

John C. Wolf, D.O.  
Associate Professor  
of Family Medicine



# Myths: Antiperspirants cause cancer, stress produces ulcers

For this week's column, I'm doing something a bit different. I often get letters with questions or comments that are interesting but the answers to which are too short to fill a column. This week I will address several of these short-answer questions that involve medical misconceptions or myths.

I think the most important characteristic that has allowed "modern medicine" to become significantly more effective than that practiced just a century or two ago is the use of very careful observation — in other words, the scientific method.

We no longer bleed people to remove unbalanced humors or burn incense to chase away the bad smells that cause disease because these practices have been proven to be ineffective.

Question: Does using an antiperspirant really increase my risk of breast cancer?

Answer: There is no link between the use of antiperspirant or deodorant products and the subsequent development of breast cancer. It would be wonderful if the cause of this dreaded disease was that simple. If it were, there would be an increase in breast cancer in both men and women, and this hasn't happened. Use your deodorant or antiperspirant. Your friends will thank you for it.

Question: I used to hear that stress was the cause of ulcers. Is this still true?

Answer: Ulcers are open sores on the skin or on the lining of the digestive tract. Those in the first section of the small intestines (duodenum) — often referred to by patients as "stomach ulcers" — are NOT caused by stress. Most ulcers of this type are caused by a bacterial infection. Individuals who are under a great deal of emotional stress and who have ulcers are more likely to seek medical care for their malady than those who are experiencing less stress. This "self selection" by patients led many doctors to believe that there was a cause-effect relationship between ulcers and stress. As is human nature, we doctors were not particularly quick to abandon

this pet theory and did so only when overwhelming scientific research revealed the real bacterial cause of most ulcers.

Question: Is it true that herbal medicines don't have side effects because they are all natural?

Answer: ANY medicine can have side effects. The term "natural," as it is used by advertisers today, gives a feeling of safety and purity. These statements are carefully crafted to create the impression that "natural is always better," thus encouraging the purchase of their products. I'd suggest that you remember that any advertiser has the objective of separating you and me from our hard-earned money. Consider yourself forewarned — the use of herbal products may have undesirable side effects and cross-reactions with other drugs, and in rare circumstances, these can be serious and even lethal. If you want to use an herbal product, it would be a good idea to talk to your family doctor first.

Question: Is eating high cholesterol foods like meat and eggs the cause of high cholesterol?

Answer: Most cholesterol found in the blood is manufactured in the liver rather than originated from the cholesterol content of the food we eat. This overproduction by the body is a result of a genetic trait that turns fat into cholesterol at levels above ideal. This is why foods that are high in fat, particularly saturated fats, can increase blood cholesterol levels in those who have this genetic predisposition. Red meats and dairy products are common dietary sources of these fats. I suggest that you be an informed health-care consumer. Listen to what your doctor, your neighbor, and the snake oil vendor have to say, but don't "buy" the story unless there is compelling scientific information to support it. Your health and your money are at stake.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701.

# Past

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in colonial costume for the county's sesquicentennial celebration.

The river is a prominent factor in the book — and rightly so. There is an excellent collection of photos of steamboats and flatboats, going back a hundred years and more, when the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy was the primary transportation and freight artery in the county.

Communities are highlighted not only by the people who lived in them, but also by pictures of businesses, schools and other elements. Prestonsburg, John's Creek, Middle Creek, Martin and sites along Left and Right Beaver creeks are featured.

Photos of members of the Floyd County Hall of Fame are lined up, as are many of the masters of Zebulon Lodge of the Masons. Floyd County's Governor, Bert T. Combs, is among leaders paid tribute.

Pictures of people, arranged in alphabetical order, from Allen to May to Wilson, make up the bulk of the book. They form a gallery of those individuals and families who are the fabric of the eastern Kentucky hills, ordinary and elite, rogues and saints.

Dr. Robert Perry, professor of English at Prestonsburg Community College, has been the prime mover behind the book, which was published by Turner Publishing of Paducah.

Perry admits, on the book's acknowledgments page, "When I agreed to undertake this project, I drastically underestimated the amount of work involved."

He adds, however, "Thank God there were people around me who saw what I was up against and came to my rescue."

Perry gives top credit to Delmas Saunders for "saving the book" when "prospects looked pretty dismal." He also lavishes praise on the other members of the Publications Committee, James Spencer, Betsy Spurlock Lambert and Brenda McKenzie, as well as others who helped.

Perry says the two sponsoring organizations envision the book as a beginning of a permanent Floyd County Photo Archive, "a place where Floyd Countians and people with Floyd County roots can come to find photographs of their ancestors, as well as share their own historic photographs with others."

Members of the organizations will be at the May House today (Sunday) from 1 to 4 p.m. to distribute the book. For those who have not prepaid, the book costs \$45. Copies were mailed last week to persons who have prepaid and requested delivery.

To order a book by mail, write to the Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society, PO Box 982, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

# Postscript

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Actually, there are two pictures of him. One is a portrait, no doubt from his older years, his 70s, I suspect. The resemblance between him and my late Aunt Era is amazing. Put them both in a line-up and you could pick out the grandfather-granddaughter relation in a second.

Plus, you could interchange the eyes of nearly all of his descendants and they'd be the same. Look at Chuck on page 82 and you see a young Jim. The flow is beautiful.

The second picture is from Jim's younger years, perhaps his 40s or 50s. He's posed with his second wife, Sarah Jane, an

attractive young woman whom he married after my great-grandmother, Cynthia Ratliff Ward, died.

The picture belongs to Nava Jo Austin, a descendant of the second union. I thank her for sharing these pictures.

It's fascinating to discover these interconnections and those of other Floyd County families. Look at the pictures and read the captions and you'll see the rich intertwining, like fine lace, delicate-looking and deceptively strong.

Buy a book or borrow a copy from a friend. Commit to a few hours of backward looks.

# Town-World

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mules which, en route, pinned their ears back and took off for undesignated points.

Upshot of the matter was, the invalid jumped from the sled and for a distance outran the mules.

Ever since, when folks in our neck of the woods suspected somebody of "enjoying" ill health, they've suggested that a sleddin' might be helpful.

\*One suffering from an imaginary ailment is said in this area to be "hippo-ed." That, incidentally, is a corruption of the colloquialism, "hypo," which comes from the word, "hypochondriac."

## A MATTER OF CONCERN

Youngster saw this morning's headline announcing that the Russians have already launched a missile 8,000 miles into and across space to land, kerdab, in the Pacific ocean. What do you think was his concern?

"They ought to be made quit. They'll keep on till they kill all the fish!"

I feel sure that if another exclamation point looms up before me I'll sneeze.

# Anniversaries



## Golden anniversary marked

Delmon and Ruth Tackett of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of McDowell, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a dinner with family and friends in their home. They have two children, Randy of Franklin, Ohio, and Sharon of Phoenix. They also have four grandchildren, Jason, Jessica, Corry and Casey, all of Ohio. They were back in the area recently to visit their home church, Clear Creek United Baptist, which was also the setting of the New Hope Association meeting. "We miss everyone," Ruth Tackett writes.

# January is Oatmeal Month! Flip for flapjacks

(NAPSA)—Just one taste will be enough to convince you that homemade pancakes "hot off the griddle" are worth the extra effort it takes to make them.

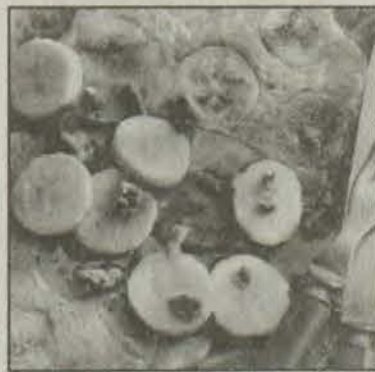
Hearty Banana Oat Flapjacks, created in honor of Oatmeal Month, use ingredients you're likely to have on hand—flour, oats, baking powder, salt, egg, a little oil and milk. Wholegrain oats contribute both fiber and a hearty texture to these cinnamon-flavored cakes speckled with caramelized banana slices. Warm maple syrup, extra bananas and crunchy pecans complete this family-pleasing weekend breakfast.

From start to finish, the pancakes take just 15 minutes to make. If you're lucky to have any left, pop them in the freezer and reheat in the microwave oven for a quick weekday breakfast your kids will eat right up!

## HEARTY BANANA OAT FLAPJACKS

12 (4-inch) Pancakes

- 2 large ripe bananas, peeled and sliced
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)



- 1 cup fat-free milk
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- Maple-flavored syrup
- Banana slices (optional)
- Coarsely chopped pecans (optional)

Combine banana slices and sugar in bowl; stir to coat slices with sugar. Set aside. In large bowl, combine flour, oats, baking powder, cinnamon and salt; mix well. Add combined milk, egg and oil to dry ingredients all at once; mix just until evenly moistened. (Do not overmix.) Heat griddle over medium-high heat; lightly grease. For each pancake, pour scant 1/4 cup batter onto hot griddle. Top with 4 or 5 banana slices. Turn pancakes when tops are covered with bubbles and edges look cooked. Serve with syrup and, if desired, additional bananas and nuts.

**NUTRITION INFORMATION**  
(3 pancakes): Cal. 320, Fat 10g (Sat. Fat. 1.5g), Chol. 55mg, Sodium 310mg, Carbo. 51g, Fiber 3g, Pro. 9g.

# FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPSA)—For a free copy of The Borrowers Guide to Financing Solar Energy Systems, call the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory at (800) 553-6847.

To learn about phone and mail fraud, or to report a possible fraud, write to the U.S. Postal Service, Know Fraud, P.O. Box 45600, Washington, DC 20026-5600, call 1-877-987-3728 or see the Web at www.consumer.gov/knowfraud.

An Internet-based service of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which insures deposits at the nations' banks and

thrifts, can tell you if your accounts at any one institution exceed federal deposit insurance limits. See www.fdic.gov or call the FDIC toll-free Consumer Call Center at 1-800-934-3342.

To join the American Cancer Society Action Network, call toll free 1-877-2FIGHT-IT.

For information about the science of light, visit the Optical Society of America's website at www.osa.org.

If you need information on issues affecting older Americans, call the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare at (800) 966-1935.

## Things to Ponder

Dr. Mable Rowe Lineberger is pondering the flu bug this week. Her column, Things to Ponder, should return next week.



# Youth News

## Morehead State University announces call for posters

Morehead State University organizers of an upcoming "Using Technology in the Classroom" conference have announced a call for posters.

Public school personnel, university faculty, staff and students are encouraged to submit a poster session proposal and attend the no-fee event. Proposals submitted for review should offer practical solutions that lead to student

success through technology.

The conference is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, from 6 to 9 p.m., in the Adron Doran University Center on campus. Concurrent poster sessions will be presented in the Crager Room of ADUC.

Poster session proposals must be received by February 1. All presenters will be notified by March 1.

Proposals must include a presentation title of no more than 15 words, a 50-75 word description, any equipment needed and a statement that describes which of the exemplars of New Teacher Standard IX that the presentation demonstrates.

Submissions may be mailed to: Dr. Phyllis Oakes, 301 Ginger Hall, Morehead State University, Morehead, Ky. 40351, or faxed

to 606/783-5044; or to Julie Lewis, Multimedia Technology, 407 Camden-Carroll Library, Morehead State University, Morehead, Ky. 40351.

For additional information, contact Dr. Oakes by email at p.oakes@morehead-st.edu or by phone at 606/783-2834, or Lewis by email at j.lewis@morehead-st.edu or by phone at 606/783-5106.



Lance Sparkman



Michael Bailey

## BOE recognizes students

Students from South Floyd High School and Allen Central High School were honored at a recent Board of Education meeting at Prestonsburg High School.

Lance Sparkman, field commander, represented members of the South Floyd band.

The South Floyd band attained the following results in competitions:

- Hazard Black Gold – first place band; first place field commander;

Board chairman Terry Dotson presented Sparkman the award for his school.

The other selected participants were the JROTC members of Allen Central High School. The mission of the JROTC is to motivate young people to be better citizens. This program was established at the school in 1993.

The curriculum for each grade level consists of 180 hours, of which 108 are for required subjects, and the remaining are

Army approved subjects that best meet the educational, vocational and other developmental needs of the students.

Some subjects offered through this program are American citizenship, techniques of communications, leadership, drug abuse prevention, map reading, developing a career exploration strategy, first aid and hygiene, and command and staff procedures.

The program also has numerous extra-curricular leadership labs such as drill team, color guard and rifle team.

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Michael Bailey accepted the award for the JROTC and represents 80 cadet students, 45 of whom attended the Governor's Inauguration Parade. The battalion represents the entire student body, in that freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors participate in the Allen Central School JROTC program.



To celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas, the library of Our Lady of the Mountains School in Paintsville was hung with socks of all sizes, each one with a student's name on it. Good old Saint Nick, the benefactor of children, was duly remembered and his story told. When the students came into the library after lunch, they discovered that their socks were filled with chocolate and other treats. The edible stocking stuffers did not last long. Lorna Rice's four-year-old pre-schoolers loved their St. Nicholas surprise. Posing in the library are, front, from left, Jojo DeGuzman, Allison Sanders, Allie Webb, Mary Sanders and Leslie Meade; back, from left, Kathryn Sanders, Benjamin Dennison, James Sanders, Lydia Livas, Matthew McDonald, Harsha Iyer, Kane West and Bradley Saul.

## Scholarship deadline for high school and college students

High school students with a grade point average of "B" or better and college students with GPA of "B+" or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship (U.S. citizens only).

All requests for applications must include the following: stu-

dent's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1999-2000 academic year.

To receive an application, e-mail scholar@ecs.org, paper

mail Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012, or fax 847/295-3972. Requests must be received by March 16.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about April

7. Two hundred and fifty winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities, and some consideration for financial need. A total of \$250,000 will be awarded.



Andrew Stone wore his Mickey Mouse ears on November 18 to celebrate Mickey Mouse's birthday. He is a student in Lisa Thornsberry's class at May Valley Elementary School.



First grade students in Donna Collins' class at Allen Elementary School recently went on a field trip to the Mountain Arts Center to watch "Alice in Wonderland." The trip was sponsored by Layne Brothers Ford and Honda dealership of Ivel.

## Shepherd participates in Berea's mid-year commencement

David School graduate Owen Dwayne Shepherd was one of 76 seniors who participated in Berea College's mid-year commencement ceremony on December 12, at 3 p.m., in Union Church. Candidates recognized will receive degrees in February 2000.

Dr. John Wallhauser, distinguished professor of general studies and Henry Mixter Penniman professor of philosophy and the Bible, was the commencement speaker.

Shepherd received a B.A. degree in Appalachian housing. He is the son of Jack and Juanita Shepherd of David.

## Floyd residents recognized as outstanding students

Several Floyd Countians have earned a high level of academic distinction at Alice Lloyd College for the 1999 Fall Semester.

Named to the President's List for achieving a grade point average of 4.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) were Joseph Matthew Baker and Gena Camille Robinson.

Named to the Dean's Distinguished List for achieving a grade point average of 3.75-4.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) were Shawna Lea Coburn, Ronnie Clinton Duff, Byron Van Patton, and Amy Lee Tufts.

Named to the Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.25-3.75 (based on a 4.0 grading scale) were Shawna Gail Hall, Kenneth Roy Johnson, and Brandy Lynn Watson.



Victoria Wright enjoyed becoming an Indian and eating Thanksgiving dinner with the Pilgrims. She is a student in Lisa Thornsberry's class at May Valley Elementary School.



# YOUTH NEWS

## Protecting your youngsters

by Kenneth Wooden



**Kenneth Wooden is an expert in child and family safety.**

(NAPSA)-Just as good car maintenance helps to ensure a safe journey, sharing the following tips with children can help to ensure their personal safety while on the road.

1. Never leave your child alone in a car.
2. Chaperone your children at public rest stops and accompany them into rest rooms.
3. Instruct youngsters never to get into someone else's car, no matter what, without your specific permission.
4. Encourage children to recognize, trust and follow their instincts. If a situation or person makes you or your child feel uneasy, act on those instincts.

5. Don't rely on the "buddy system." It may make kids and parents feel safer, but its effectiveness is questionable. Two kids together are no safer than one.

6. Don't talk to strangers is poor advice. Kids will not perceive a friendly and engaging person as a stranger.

7. Teach children that should they become lost or separated

from you, it's a good idea to seek out a woman for assistance—preferably a mom or someone working behind a counter at a place of business, remind Jiffy Lube child and family safety experts.

8. Tell children that adults should ask other adults for help. If someone in a car asks for directions, youngsters should take three giant steps away from the car and walk quickly in the opposite direction.

9. Carry a cell phone. Children should know how to dial 9-1-1 and how to pinpoint their general location.

10. Kids should know their full name, address and phone number, as well as the color, make, model and license plate of

the vehicle in which they are travelling.

11. Youngsters should never get in a car or go with someone who promises to show them or give them an animal. If asked to help look for a lost puppy or pet, children should refuse, get to safety and report the incident.

12. If name-tags are necessary on children's belongings, place them where they are not visible to the passing observer.

Keep things in perspective. Most people are kind and caring—just like you. Enjoy your safe and fun travels. Jiffy Lube, which began in 1979, now has more than 2,100 centers in 49 states. For other helpful information, you can visit the Web site at [www.jiffylube.com](http://www.jiffylube.com).



Alex Hieronymus enjoyed P.J. Friday during this year's children's book week at Our Lady of the Mountains School in Paintsville.

## Local student participates in pilot program for service scholarships

Lesley Stout is one of 11 Centre College students chosen to participate in a pilot project that provides scholarships based on community service. Stout was designated as a Bonner Scholar and participates in six to 10 hours of community service each week. She is assigned to Danville-Boyle County alternative school.

The Bonner Scholars pilot project at Centre was funded by grants from the Fund for Post-Secondary Education in Washington, D.C., and administered by the Bertram and Corella Bonner Foundation in New Jersey. At the conclusion of the two-year pilot project, Centre and the Bonner Foundation will evaluate the program and decide on future implementation.

The Bonner Foundation sponsors projects throughout the nation to encourage a sense of service and civic leadership among young adults. Stout is the daughter of James and Carolyn Stout of Prestonsburg and is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

## OLM wins reading trophy

Just like last year, Children's Book Week was a very special week for the students of Our Lady of the Mountains School in Paintsville.

Their goal was to read a quarter of a million minutes during that one week in a competition with St. Francis School in Pikeville. Last year OLM won the BEAR trophy for reading the most minutes, and students and faculty worked very hard to defeat St. Francis again this year.

A BEAR cave with thick pillows and soft blankets invited the students to sink down and read, alone or in pairs. Classrooms came equipped with reading corners, with pillows and easy chairs, for the same purpose.

Ten-minute book alerts two or three times each school day had everyone drop whatever they were doing, to read a book. Book jacket and book mark contests focused

everyone's attention on books, as did school librarian Maggie Oney with her BEAR stories, BEAR books and BEAR readings.

The younger grades had a BEAR parade through the older classes, showing off their teddy bears, and on Wednesday, all students dressed as their favorite book character. Students brought books from home to swap and the upper grades video taped their own book commercials.

Each day of the week had a specific BEAR as a theme and throughout the week parents came into the classrooms to read to the students. It was a fun week, culminating in P.J. Friday, when all students came to school dressed in cozy pajamas. Wrapped in sleeping bags and blankets they spent most of the day reading. Needless to say they all had a great time, and yes, they also won the BEAR trophy this year.

## Make reading fun for kids

(NAPSA)-Reading is fun, but you wouldn't know it by today's kids. They spend more than 10 hours per week watching TV and only 5 hours per week reading, according to a recent study by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

Bernice Cullinan, Ph.D. and award-winning author of Read to Me: Raising Kids Who Love to Read (Scholastic), and Toymax Inc., makers of the new Thinkworks™ Smart Reader™ system, offer these tips on getting kids excited about reading.

Tip #1 Keep books handy. Put books where your children will be-in the car, by the bedside and in the family room. Carry them wherever you may have to wait, such as the dentist's or doctor's office.

Tip #2 Buy books that your children's peers are reading. This will encourage them to talk about books with their friends.

Tip #3 Busy parents need help: they don't have endless hours to spend with children.



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For a free copy of Dr. Cullinan's "10 Tips to Make Reading Fun for Kids" brochure, or for information on where to purchase the Thinkworks Smart Reader system, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Toymax Inc., 125 E. Bethpage Road, Plainview, N.Y. 11803.

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Dear Teresa and Steven,  
Nucleation (noo-klee-AY-shun) is what gives!  
Down at the soda pop bottling company, carbon dioxide gas is forced into the sweetened liquid. The gas is actually dissolved in the liquid. It undissolves at little rough spots on the inside of your glass and all along the soda straw.

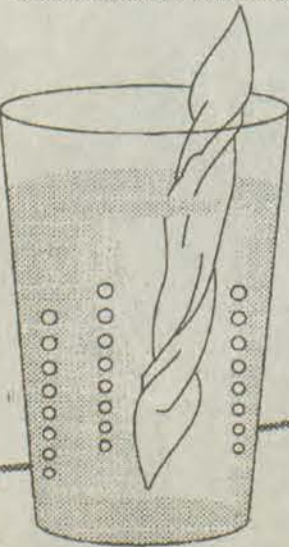
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### experiment #1

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Glass of clear soda pop - clean paper towel

**WHAT TO DO:** Pour the pop and wait until it stops fizzing. This may take a few minutes. If you like, explain what you're doing to the people watching the halftime show during one of today's many, many football games.

Twist up the paper towel as in the drawing and plunge it into the glass. What happens?



**WHAT IS GOING ON:** Explain to your audience that the rough paper towel has thousands of nucleation sites—you know, little rough spots. The more places the carbon dioxide gas has to undissolve, the more intense the fizzing.

Invite everyone outside for the second, much more dramatic and messy portion of your halftime show!

### experiment #2

**WHAT YOU NEED:** 2-liter plastic bottle full of cola or root beer - spare bottle cap - wintergreen flavor Lifecaver™ candies - string - tape - help from a grown-up

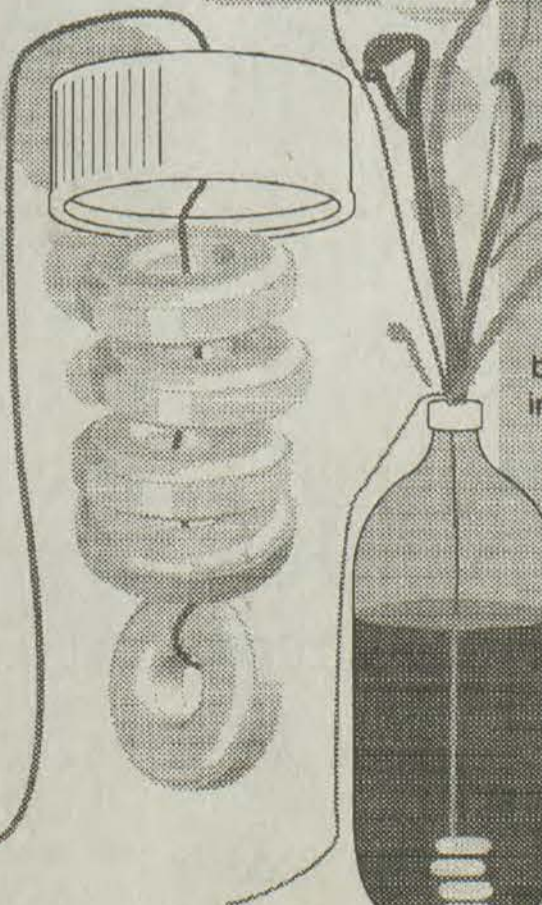
**WHAT TO DO:** Ask your grown-up helper to drill or cut a hole in the middle of the spare cap.

Thread the string through it and then through 4 of the candies. Tie the string to the fifth candy. Pull the string back up to tighten the stack of candies up against the inside of the cap. Tape the string to the outside of the cap so it won't fall back down.

Put the full bottle of soda pop down on the ground and take off its cap. Carefully screw on the customized cap you made. Be sure the candies do not drop into the soda pop.

Lift off the tape and let the candies fall. Jiggle the string a few quick pulls and then stand back!

**WHAT IS GOING ON:** You created a geyser 10 to 12 feet tall! The rough places on the wintergreen candies formed thousands of nucleation sites, and the soda foamed. This probably is a better halftime show than anything on TV.





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# Boys All "A"

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# PRESSBOX

by Ed Taylor

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Sports Editor

The boys All "A" Classic tips off Sunday night at the T.W. Oliver Gymnasium Tuesday night at Pikeville High School and the field is rather strong, but there are some teams who are looking for an identity.

The top four teams in the tournament, South Floyd, Allen Central, Pikeville and Paintsville have their work cut out for themselves as they have to face each other in the first round.

But for Feds Creek, Piarist, Millard, Phelps and Elkhorn City, they just hope they can be around when

the championship game is played on Saturday, January 22.

Piarist will face Millard in the first game on Wednesday night in a 6:30 tip off time. The Knights are still looking for their first win of the season, while Millard will hope just to make the second round.

Both programs have struggled over the years but Millard, under coach Joe Marson, has improved this year.

The Knights will be led by senior George Hall and his brother Robert, as they try to be the surprise team of the first round. The Knights play in the Three Rivers Conference as well as the 58th District and are not familiar with teams like Millard or some of the others.

Coach Darnella Bradley has some scorers on this year's team, but the Knights have had to play short-handed all year with only eight players.

Coach Marson will be looking toward a pair of Colemans and a Ward to lead the Mustangs against the Knights. Where the pair makes a winning hand or not, Adam Coleman and Chris Coleman will have to carry the bulk of the load for the Mustangs. Brandon Ward is a double-figure threat. Mark Tackett gives the Mustangs some good help off the bench. Jason Sykes is the big man in the

## Piarist, Feds Creek, Millard, Phelps, Elkhorn hope to surprise fans at All "A"

middle for Millard.

Matt Goeing, Evan Mulliken and Shawn Rose will contribute for the Knights.

Feds Creek will meet Elkhorn City in a 6:30 start on Thursday night. Josh Varney leads the Vikings this year and averages around 15 points a game. Paul Hess, Timmy Morales, Josh Damron and Justin Chaffins start for the Vikings.

Coach Gary Walton lost a lot from last year but has a talented team that could very well surprise someone this year.

Elkhorn City is looking to right themselves after a very slow start at 2-11. The last victory for the Cougars was Thursday over Jenkins in the Coca-Cola Classic. Elkhorn's other victory came over Prestonsburg.

Phelps got a first round bye and will face the winner of the Pikeville/South Floyd game on Thursday night. The Hornets have not had a banner season, being a winner of two games. They won over Matewan, W. Va., back in December and

defeated Elkhorn City last week.

Something new for the tournament this year, announced by Pikeville Athletic Director Ken Trivette, will be a presentation of the All "A" Teams of the Decade and past regional championship coaches. The teams will be recognized on Saturday night at the tournament finals.

### TOURNAMENT NOTES:

■ South Floyd is the most prolific scoring team of the 10 teams in the tournament. They are 7-2 against regional teams.

■ Pikeville has yet to lose to another regional team after playing five teams within the region.

■ Phelps and Piarist have not won over a 15th Region team this season.

■ The Knights have the worst overall record. Phelps has the second worst.

■ Feds Creek is 3-5 on the season but 2-0 in their conference.

From the Pressbox, we will see you around the hardwood!

**SOUTH FLOYD'S RUSTY TACKETT (20)** is only a sophomore but he is one of the leading scorers for the Raiders this season. Tackett and the Raider attack Pikeville Tuesday night at 7 p.m. (photo by Ed Taylor)



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THE SOUTH FLOYD RAIDERS are one of the favored teams in this year's All "A" Classic when the Raiders face Pikeville in the opening game Tuesday night. South Floyd will take a 11-2 record into the tournament (photo by Ed Taylor)



# Sports In PERSPECTIVE

Denis Harrington

Dan Fouts, Joe Montana, Dan Marino, Norm Van Brocklin, John Unitas, etc., etc., etc. Great passers all. Standout quarterbacks all. Premier clutch players all.

Who's the greatest?

Times change and along with it the very fabric of the game itself, making any comparisons difficult at best.

Still, there is a yardstick which can withstand the ages and that is the mastery of performance. Call it mechanical genius. The mechanism by which the human anatomy conducts a function — to perfection.

It's flat and severe out on the west Texas plains. The wind howls across the vast expanse like a roaring lion, kicking up eddies of dust and shaking manmade structures with a defiant rattle.

The man that sits on the ranch porch is lean and weathered as the fence posts that dot the land 'round about. His face is worn and furrowed with the harrow of age. When pressed to it, he'll admit to 85 years, or thereabouts. Thin, cracked lips savor each question

with a thoughtful pout while eyes, the hue of day-old coffee, move languidly from inquisitor to the horizon and back again.

Sammy Baugh talks about a former marriage, a passionate mating he enjoyed with football ever so long ago. They don't live together anymore but the memories, the feelings are still there.

"The only way to become a fine player is through constant practice," he drawled slowly. "If you're a passer, like I was, you throw off balance in practice. Throw the ball sidearm and off our shoe-tops. Practice everything the hard way. Then things will become easier in the game."

Nobody — not now, not ever — threw the football as well as 'Slingin' Sammy. It left the grasp of fingers as thick as bunched bananas with an almost audible snap and flew its course given the alacrity of a bullet blasted from a rifle barrel. Yet, if occasion demanded, he could feather a throw on target with the deftness of a pigeon landing atop a hot tin roof.

Old foe Sid Luckman, the Chicago Bears' great quarterback, has said, "There's never been a better pure passer than Sammy Baugh. Never."

Baugh joined the Redskins in 1937, their first year as the Washington, D.C., National Football League franchise, and so began a golden era for the pro game.

Wrote sports historian Richard Whittingham, "Baugh's on-field brilliance helped the Redskins to establish a solid fan base. The team's success through the years can be traced directly to the arrival of Slingin' Sam, cowboy hat and all, that first season in Washington, D.C."

With the hint of a smile, Baugh said, "A lot of folks didn't know what to make of me with my 10-gallon hat and boots. But they liked what I could do with a football."

In those early days, Baugh did his passing out of the single-wing attack and the old Notre Dame

box.

"I had to do a lot of running around, spinning and faking from the single wing," he said. "And back then I also played safety on defense and did the punting."

During his 16-season career, Baugh averaged 44.9 yards per punt and from 1940 to 1943 he led the league with a 51.0-yard average. His feats via his foot are still inscribed in the NFL record book.

But passing was Baugh's forte. In 1945, he completed 70.3 percent of his throws (a longstanding NFL mark) and topped the league's aerialists six times.

"Once I got the hang of the T-formation," he said, "I could play it in top hat and tails."

So awed was New York Daily News sports editor Paul Gallico

with Baugh's pitching prowess that he donned a helmet and tried to catch one of the great man's offerings. The ball hit him behind the ear hole and he was rendered senseless.

"Fool," Baugh recalled grinning. "Thought I killed him."

How would he do today? "Just fine," he replied. "I had a lot of games where I passed for 300 yards or more. I'd do just fine. Yes, sir."

Does he ever think about the money he could have made now?

"Nope," he replied. "What is, is. And that's that."

Sammy Baugh will always be the standard by which members of the quarterbacking genre are measured.

And that's that!

## Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats win over Lady Raiders

*Amelia Conley tosses in 30 points for Lady Blackcats*

by Karen Joseph  
Sports Writer

Bobby Hamilton and his Lady Blackcats were host to the South Floyd Lady Raiders on Tuesday night in a district match-up.

South Floyd came into the game after a loss to Lawrence County. The Lady Blackcats were also coming off a loss to Johnson Central. Both teams were hoping to turn the tide around.

This South Floyd team plays with a lot of heart. The Lady Raiders were playing without the supervision of their head coach, Paul Cline. Coach Cline got a little excited in the Lawrence County game and had to sit out a game. But he will be back for the All "A" ready to go.

Coach Bobby Hamilton and his Lady Blackcats came out strong and ready to play ball. The Lady Blackcats defeated the Lady Raiders 74-42.

Prestonsburg placed three in double figures. Amelia Conley led all players in scoring with 30. Brandy Wells and Ramanda Music each had 12 for the Lady Blackcats.

South Floyd had two players to score in double figures. Lindsey Hall and Kandice Mitchell

each had 12 for the Lady Raiders.

Amelia Conley scored the first two points of the game, but Kandice Mitchell would soon answer for the Lady Raiders. Mitchell scored four straight points to give South Floyd its first lead of the game.

Prestonsburg, or you could say Amelia Conley, went on a run. Conley scored the next seven points for the Lady Blackcats to give the Blackcats a 9-4 lead with four minutes remaining in the first quarter.

The Lady Raiders played hard and fought back to go on a run of their own. This time you could say Lynsday Hall went on a run. Hall scored seven points for the Raiders to give them back the lead 11-9.

But within the last two minutes of the first quarter, the Lady Blackcats outscored the Lady Raiders 9-2.

The first quarter ended with the Lady Blackcats having a 18-13 lead over the Lady Raiders.

In the second quarter, the Lady Blackcats outscored the Lady Raiders by six points.

Brandy Wells hit a three-point basket for the Lady Blackcats. The Raiders held Conley to only five points in the second quarter.

(See Prestonsburg, page eight)

## Alice Lloyd College Eagles 1999-00 Men's Basketball Schedule

### JANUARY

15	Montreat Anderson	Away	7:30
18	King College	Home	7:30
21	Covenant College	Away	7:30
22	Bryan College	Away	4:00
27	Milligan College	Away	7:30
29	Tennessee Wesleyan	Home	6:00

### FEBRUARY

3	King College	Away	7:30
5	Temple Baptist	Home	4:00
8	Clinch Valley	Away	7:30
10	Pikeville College	Home	7:30
12	Covenant College	Home	7:30
15	Virginia Intermont	Away	7:30
17	Milligan College	Home	7:30

February 23-26 T.V.A.C. Tournament  
Conference games in bold print.

## PIKEVILLE COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

### JANUARY

Sat. 15	Indiana-Southeast	Pikeville	1:00
Mon. 17	Michigan-Dearborn	Pikeville	5:00
Sat. 22	Lindsey Wilson	Columbia	4:00
Mon. 24	Bluefield	Pikeville	6:00
Wed. 26	Transylvania	Lexington	5:30
Sat. 29	Spalding	Pikeville	2:00

### FEBRUARY

Thur. 3	U.Va.-Wise	Pikeville	5:30
Sun. 6	Indiana-Southeast	New Albany, Ind	1:00
Tues. 8	Cumberland	Williamsburg	7:00
Sat. 12	Lindsey Wilson	Pikeville	3:00
Tues. 15	Union	Barbourville	7:00
Sat. 19	Brescia	Pikeville	3:00
Tues. 22	Georgetown	Pikeville	7:00
Sat. 26	Spalding	Louisville	1:00

\* All times Eastern

\*\* (PC, Alice Lloyd, Cumberland, Mt. Aloysius)

\*\*\* (PC, Rio Grande, Union, Spalding)



# Kentucky All "A"

## Who will carry banner to Richmond

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Kentucky All "A" Regional Basketball Classic tips off at Pikeville High School and the T.W. Oliver Gymnasium Tuesday night, and it promises to be an interesting field of teams.

Interesting, not that the field has changed from last year, but the drawing resulted in some very interesting first round games.

In the 15th Region, four of the top five teams are Class A schools (according to enrollment of 425 or less), while the Johnson Central Eagles are currently the top-ranked team in the region, Pikeville, South Floyd, Paintsville and Allen Central are all part of the Class A tournament with the winner going to Richmond for the All "A" State Tournament (January 26-30).

When the pairings were announced, all four of the top teams were to meet in first round games. South Floyd will tangle with Pikeville, winner of last year's 15th Region tournament and Sweet 16 participant. Allen Central meets rival Paintsville on Wednesday night.

After Wednesday night, two of the top teams in the region will be eliminated and staying home. The rest of the participating field is not that strong this year, making the first round games to best to attend.

Elkhorn City, winner of one game this season, meets Feds Creek on Thursday night. Feds Creek returns a veteran team from last year. Phelps, in a rebuilding year, meets the winner of the South Floyd/Pikeville game.

The Piarist School, still looking for a win this season, meets the Millard Mustangs, winners of only three games this season. This should be a good contest.

The winner of the Piarist School/Millard game meets the winner of the Allen Central/Paintsville game in a semifinal game.

The ideal scenario would have been the top four teams facing the other four, making the semis and finals a storybook finish.

The only real interesting final would be to see either South Floyd/Pikeville meeting either Paintsville/Allen Central. But two of the four will go to the wayside after the first two nights.

The tournament has grown in popularity over the years and has been a big fan attraction. It allows the smaller schools an opportunity to compete with other



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# Regional Classic

## Carry the Richmond?

schools of comparable size. The winner gets to make the trip to Richmond for a chance to play in a State Tournament.

The All "A" is not sanctioned by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, which has nothing to do with the tournament. But the fans love it and it has been good for the town of Richmond as far as the economics of it all goes.

If you look at the pairings and are searching for a Cinderella team, that would probably have to be the Piarist School. Now a Cinderella team is one who everyone (who's team has been eliminated) yells for. Now if it is the dark horse you look for, that would have to be Feds Creek. Coach Gary Watkins has his team playing good basketball and they are not to be overlooked in the tournament.

Phelps lost a ton of talent from last year and Elkhorn City lost their coach as well as some top players. Joe Marson got his Millard Mustangs off to a quick start but has slowed of late.

Coach Damella Bradley and the Piarist Knights have a legitimate shot at picking up their first win of the season when they meet Millard.

There has become a lot of fan interest in the South Floyd and Pikeville game. Pikeville Coach Dave Thomas and the Panthers lost out in last year's finals to Coach Johnny Martin and the Allen Central Rebels. The Rebels went to Richmond and won their first two games, moving to the final four.

Coach Martin would like a repeat of last year and he has the caliber of team that could pull the upset.

But the Paintsville Tigers have struggled this season and have not been to the glory years when they dominated everything in the 15th Region — the All "A" and regular regional tournament. Coach Bill Mike Cunyon has a very talented team despite a 7-5 record.

Pikeville has always been the site for the tournament and is an ideal place to host an event of this magnitude. The W. Oliver Gymnasium is one of the better facilities in the region. It is located just off the four-lane and is easily accessible.

The folks at Pikeville High School go out of their way and are great hosts. Phelps, Elkhorn City, Millard, Feds Creek and the Piarist School hope to rain on the "big dogs'" parade. Who knows? There could be some surprises.

This year's tournament should be a good one — well, the first round games anyway.





# Lady Raiders advance to championship game

by Karen Joseph  
Sports writer

The number one Lady Raiders took on the Adams Lady Blackcats in the first game of the Grade School Tournament on Wednesday night. The Lady Raiders had a big first quarter and a big fourth quarter to hold on to defeat the Lady Blackcats, 39-28. The score doesn't indicate how close the ballgame really was. This was a very close

ballgame in the second and third quarters. The Lady Raiders were able to outscore the Lady Blackcats 9-3 in the last four minutes of the game to capture the win. South Floyd jumped out to an early lead. The Lady Raiders scored the first 10 points of the game. Ashley Johnson scored the first basket of the game. Brandy Anderson followed with two for the Lady Raiders. The Lady Blackcats did not score until

1:09 remaining in the first period of play. Heather White scored two consecutive baskets for Adams to make the score 10-4. Ashley Johnson started and finished the quarter for the Lady Raiders. Johnson hit a two-point basket at the buzzer to give the Lady Raiders a 12-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. Whatever Adams Coach Jennifer West said to her team at the break really worked. The Lady Blackcats came out in the second

quarter and took control. South Floyd scored the first point of the quarter on a free throw by Tabatha Tackett. Adams Middle School then scored the next eight points. Leigh Ann Tuttle hit the only field goal for the Lady Raiders in the second quarter. Their other two points came from the charity line.

(See Raiders, page seven)

## Preview - Allen Central vs Paintsville

# Inside defense a must for Allen Central in All "A"

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Last year the Allen Central Rebels were crowned the 1999 All "A" Regional Champions. Coach Johnny Martin's ballclub journeyed to Richmond and Eastern Kentucky University where they competed in the All "A" State Tournament. At Richmond, the Rebels were quick, accurate from the outside and won the hearts of other fans as they pulled out the first two victories and advanced to the final four of the tournament. The Rebels took a 16-4 record into the state meet and faced Frankfort in a first round game. The Rebels had little trouble as they picked up the win and faced a good

Covington Holy Cross team in a quarterfinal game. The Rebels fell behind early, but in a thrilling comeback, got past Holy Cross and onto the final four. Unbeaten Gallatin County, out of the eighth region, was just a little too much for the tired looking Allen Central team. The Runnin' Rebs played well but could not pull off the upset. Wednesday night, Allen Central will begin defense of its title when they meet archrival Paintsville in the first round in a 8:15 p.m. tip off time. The Tigers are big and talented, but have been struggling this season. But the inside presence of the Tigers could be a problem for the Rebels, according to

Coach Martin. "Our biggest weakness is our inside defense," said the Allen Central coach. "We played good defense on the press and out on the floor, but inside, we haven't played that well." The inside defense rests in the hands of Rodney Scott and Jeremy Sexton. "Rodney is a good shot blocker, but there is more to it than blocking shots," said Martin. The Allen Central coach said he was pleased with the play of Travis Francis in the paint area. "Really, he is our best inside presence," said Coach Martin. "He has been playing well for us and he is going to play more." Allen Central lost to Paintsville in a panorama game by 10 points, but things change after the season begins. Paintsville lost its point guard in Ratliff. "That is going to hurt them," said Coach Martin. "I really thought Paintsville was the best team last year." Coach Martin said it will be a physical game for his team, which is smaller than last year. "They destroyed us inside in the panorama game earlier this year," said Coach Martin. It is always a battle on the hardwood when the two teams meet. Paintsville has

dominated the Rebels over the years. Allen Central likes the up-and-down game and look for a high scoring affair. Allen Central is eighth in the state in scoring, averaging just over 80 points per game. Allen Central enters the tournament with a 7-3 record (at press time was participating in the Coca-Cola classic at Pike Central). Paintsville will carry a 7-6 record but the Tigers dropped one of those in Pennsylvania in tournament play. They experienced a four game losing streak before edging Shelby Valley 63-62. Paintsville lost to conference foe Magoffin County on the road and Johnson Central, also on the road.



TRAVIS FRANCIS (15) has been providing the Allen Central Rebels some quality minutes off the bench. The Rebels will face nemesis Paintsville Wednesday night at Pikeville. (photo by Ed Taylor)



ALLEN CENTRAL'S LARRY MULLINS (14) will have to handle the ball when the Rebels meet Paintsville in an opening round game of the boys All "A" Classic Wednesday night (photo by Ed Taylor)

Paintsville Tigers  
Coach: Bill Mike Runyon

Allen Central Rebels  
Coach: Johnny Martin

Game date:  
**Wed., Jan 19**

Game time:  
**8:15**

Game location:  
**Pikeville**

# KENTUCKY Wildcats

## 1999-2000 Basketball Schedule

Month	Date	Opponent	Broadcast	Time	Location
January	15	South Carolina	Fox Sports South	6:00	A
	19	Ole Miss	UKTV Delay	7:30	H
	22	Vanderbilt	Jefferson-Pilot	TBA	A
	26	Georgia	Jefferson-Pilot	8:00	A
	29	Miami, Fla.	CBS	1:00	A
February	1	Tennessee	ESPN	9:00	H
	5	South Carolina	Jefferson-Pilot	TBA	H
	8	Florida	ESPN2	9:00	A
	13	LSU	Jefferson-Pilot	TBA	A
	16	Alabama	Jefferson-Pilot	8:00	H
	19	Georgia	Jefferson-Pilot	8:00	H
	23	Tennessee	Jefferson-Pilot	8:00	A
	26	Arkansas	CBS	Noon	H
	29	Mississippi State	ESPN	9:00	A
March	4	Florida	CBS	Noon	H

SEC Tournament March 9-12 at Georgia Dome in Atlanta



# South Floyd enters All "A" as a tournament favorite

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Ever since the boys All "A" Regional tournament began, the South Floyd Raiders have been one of the teams the "higher powers" desired to play in the first round.

The Raiders have been "easy pickin's," so to speak, for a team who was considered the favorite. That was

then. This is now. No longer a team that most want to play, South Floyd is now a team that has gained respect around the region and a team no one really wants to face on the hardwood.

Coach Henry Webb has only been at the helm of the Raiders the past year-plus. Webb has molded South Floyd in the top scoring team in the state, averaging just over 91 points a game.

The Raiders are a team that fans enjoy

watching as they have a complete game and the opposition cannot concentrate on just one phase of their game.

Outside firepower? The Raiders have plenty of that from the three-point arc. Rusty Tackett, Kyle Tackett, Michael Hall, Jimmy Stumbo, John Meade, Dusty Tackett, Ryan Shannon and the list goes on and on and on.

One opposing coach commented the Raiders could shoot well from the stands.

How about inside game? Well, take a look at Stumbo, Byron Hall, Meade, Kyle Tackett. They can play the paint area just as well as outside.

Defense? The Raiders are forcing 23 turnovers a game while they are averaging 11. The quickness and intensity of the Raider defensive game is reflective

(See South Floyd, page eight)

## ■ Kentucky Afield

# GEAR UP FOR YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAY

A great opportunity for youth hunters is just around the corner. Kentucky's Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day is Saturday, January 29.

Take this day to introduce your son or daughter, niece or nephew, or other youngster to waterfowl hunting. For the past two years, this special one-day season was held in October with mixed participation rates. Some areas were used extensively while others were underused.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission decided to try holding the season later in an effort to

increase youth participation. The one-day season was scheduled to follow the close of duck season and near the close of goose seasons to encourage experienced hunters to invite youths to hunt.

Also, commercial and private hunting clubs may get more involved with the special season following the regular waterfowl seasons. Clubs could provide blinds, decoys and maybe even guide services because these amenities will already be in place from the regular hunting season.

On the youth waterfowl day,

hunters ages 15 and under can hunt ducks, coots, mergansers and geese. Adults may also hunt geese on this day across the state, except within the Ballard Reporting

Area and the draw blinds at Ballard and Barlow Bottoms wildlife management areas.

Hunters must comply with hunter education requirements and hunting license requirements. All hunters born on or after January 1, 1975, must carry a valid hunter education course completion card while waterfowl hunting, in addition to the appropriate Kentucky hunting license, federal duck

stamp and Kentucky waterfowl permit. Hunters not required to have a hunting license are not

required to possess a hunter education card. Hunters under the age of 10 may hunt without a

course completion card, but must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age who will be in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm.

The youth waterfowl day offers adults a good opportunity to spend quality time with their children and pass down a Kentucky tradition. Take this occasion to show your youth hunter the exciting time that can be had waterfowling. A youth hunter could use your experience and guidance.

## ■ KENTUCKY ANGLER GRACES WHEATIES BOX

Kentucky angler David Walker joins the ranks of baseball great Babe Ruth, gold medal gymnast Mary Lou Retton and football hero John Elway as a champion featured on the Wheaties box.

Walker, of Cannon, was selected for his lead in the 1999 Wal-Mart Forrest L. Wood Tour, a professional fishing tournament series with a payout of nearly \$4 million. Walker's selection for

this honor puts him in the company of premier sports figures featured on the cereal box over the past 75 years.

Walker is the second angler to be featured on the "Breakfast of Champions" box. Denny Brauer,

Bass Masters Classic Champ, became the first angler to grace the Wheaties box in 1998.

Wheaties and champions—the story goes back to 1921 when a Minneapolis man, interested in health, accidentally spilled a wheat bran mixture on a hot stove. The crispy flake tasted great. He contacted Washburn Crosby Company, forerunner of General Mills. In 1924, Gold Medal Wheat

Flakes was introduced. Soon after, the name became Wheaties.

Wheaties became associated with sports in 1933 when the cereal began sponsoring play-by-play baseball and Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy. Wheaties then became "The Breakfast of Champions", and since then numerous athletes have endorsed the cereal.

## Raiders — (continued from page three)

Due to a big first quarter, the Lady Raiders managed to hold on to a four-point lead, 16-12, at the half.

In the first four minutes of the second half, both teams traded baskets. But with 3:16 remaining in the third quarter, Heather White completed an old-fashioned three point play to tie the game at 19.

South Floyd missed the shot on the next trip down the floor and Adams was able to take the lead for the first time in the game when Heather White hit a two-point basket for the Lady Blackcats.

But Megan Ousley would soon answer for the Lady Raiders. Ousley hit a two-point basket to tie the game again. The lead would change two more times before the quarter ended. The third quarter ended the way the game started, even at 25-25.

In the fourth quarter, both teams were slow scoring. South Floyd's Megan Ousley took control. Ousley hit a two-point basket and then a three-point basket to give the Lady Raiders the first five points of the quarter. Ousley's first basket came with 4:27 remaining in the game. Heather White stole the ball and

scored to bring the Lady Blackcats back within three. But after that it was all Lady Raiders.

The Lady Raiders scored nine more points, while the Lady Blackcats were only able to score one point. Ashley Johnson and Megan Ousley each had two-point baskets for the Lady Raiders in the remaining minute of the game. The game ended with the Lady Raiders having the nine-point advantage, 39-28.

Adams Middle School played a very good ball game. They just ran out of steam in the last quarter. The South Floyd Lady Raiders have had a very good season and will advance to the championship game today.

Megan Ousley led the scoring for the Lady Raiders. Ousley finished with 16 for the game. Tabatha Tackett had eight, while Ashley Johnson and Brandy Anderson each finished with six and Leigh Ann Tuttle finished with three.

The Lady Blackcats were led in scoring by Heather White. White finished the game with 16 points. Megan Harris had five, while Molly Burchett had 10 and Tabatha Caudill had three.



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**Good Luck to all Teams!**

## Louisville Cardinals 1999-2000 Schedule

Month	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
January	Sat. 15	Marquette (WDRB/WFTE)	Milwaukee, Wisc.	2:00
	Thur. 20	DEPAUL (ESPN)	FREEDOM HALL	9:00
	Sat. 22	UNC CHARLOTTE (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	5:00
	Thur. 27	CINCINNATI (ESPN)	FREEDOM HALL	9:00
	Sat. 29	Saint Louis (ESPN)	St. Louis, Mo.	1:00
February	Tues. 1	Georgetown (ESPN2)	Washington, D.C.	7:30
	Sat. 5	Memphis (ESPN2)	Memphis, Tenn.	7:00
	Thur. 10	SYRACUSE (ESPN)	FREEDOM HALL	9:00
	Sun. 13	MARQUETTE (ESPN2)	FREEDOM HALL	6:00
	Wed. 16	UNC Charlotte (WDRB/WFTE)	Charlotte, N.C.	7:35
	Sat. 19	DePaul (ABC)	Chicago, Ill	1:30
	Wed. 23	SAINT LOUIS (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	8:00
March	Sun. 27	Cincinnati (ESPN2)	Cincinnati, Ohio	7:30
	Tues. 29	SOUTH FLORIDA (WDRB/WFTE)	FREEDOM HALL	7:30
	Sat. 4	Houston (ESPN Regional/WFTE)	Houston, Texas	1:00
Wed.-8	Conference USA Tournament	Memphis, Tenn.	TBA	