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Briefs

Burglary strips Pike business of \$100,000

Pikeville police are investigating an overnight burglary which resulted in a \$100,000 haul for thieves.

The burglary was discovered shortly after 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Mayo Incorporated on the South Mayo Trail. Stolen from the business were a 1988 GMC van, tools and numerous pieces of stereo equipment.

Anyone with information about the burglary is asked to contact the Pikeville Police Department at (606) 437-5111.

Electoral College topic of KET discussion

"Should Americans amend the Constitution to abolish the Electoral College?" is the discussion topic on the next edition of Kentucky Tonight, Monday, November 27, at 8 p.m. on KET.

Host Bill Goodman will lead the discussion, which will feature Sandra Ardrey, Western Kentucky University government professor; Russell Weaver, University of Louisville law professor; Michael Thomson, Northern Kentucky University political science professor, and Paul Salamanca, University of Kentucky law professor.

Kentucky Tonight is a live, hour-long, weekly public affairs discussion show produced by KET. Viewers with questions and comments participate by telephone at 1-800-494-7605.

For more information, visit KET's web site at www.ket.org.

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On the job...



Dr. George Edwards goes over reports with staff member Darlene Honeycutt. The administrator said he is "prepared to make some tough decisions."

New PCC prez a 'perfect fit'

Roots and rationale

by PAM SHINGLER
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He drives a modest, gray Chevrolet. He lives in a cabin (at least for the time being). His father was a coal miner with a sixth grade education. He makes no attempt to hide a distinctly Appalachian accent. And he went to college primarily because his mother thought he was too frail to do hard labor.

Dr. George Edwards has much in common with many of the students and staff at Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College, as well as people throughout the region, making him what one person termed "a perfect fit" to head the area institutions.

"It felt like a good fit," Edwards said, referring to his initial visit to the area a couple of months ago. "This looked like a community that would be a good place to be."

The southwest Virginia native went to work two weeks ago as chief operating officer for the Big Sandy Region of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). From his office at PCC, he is charged with running

not only the community college, but also the technical college, with its two Paintsville campuses, and the Pikeville Center, which houses branches of both PCC and Mayo.

He steps in after PCC has been absent a full-time leader for almost a year and a half, following a particularly unsettling period in the college's 36-year history, and as KCTCS attempts to cluster the administration of technical and community colleges across the state.

Regardless of the scope of his job and the auspicious sound of his title, Edwards is a down-to-earth, reality-based leader.

"I'm not here to save the community," he said in an interview last week, "but I do want to do what I can. I think the college is ready to serve the community."

Edwards, a tall, bearded, seemingly easy-going man, is making the transition to his new post without missing a beat. His last day as academic and student services dean at Lord Fairfax Community College in northern Virginia was November 10, a Friday, and his first day on the job in Prestonsburg was November

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Dr. George Edwards

Hi Hat man killed in ATV accident

Times Staff Report

A Floyd County man is dead following a Friday evening accident involving an all-terrain vehicle.

According to Kentucky State Police, Ronald C. Stewart, 24, of Hi Hat was riding his ATV along a logging road at Spewing Camp around 6:35 p.m. Friday, when he lost control of the vehicle and became airborne. Stewart was thrown from the ATV, which subsequently landed on top of him.

Stewart was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

KSP Trooper Anthony is leading the investigation into the accident. He was assisted at the scene by Trooper Johnny Slone, Left Beaver Ambulance and the Left Beaver Rescue Squad.

Teen charged in rash of auto burglaries

Times Staff Report

Seven Floyd county residents have filed complaints against a Prestonsburg man in connection with a rash of vehicle burglaries last summer.

Chad Jervis, 18, has been charged with seven counts of theft by unlawful taking under \$300 from an automobile. The alleged violations occurred on June 30, off route 1428, in the Goble-Roberts area.

Jervis, who was already being held at the Floyd County Detention Center on previous charges, was served with

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Council critic headed to meeting with questions

Times Staff Report

Michael Moore, a former employee of the Prestonsburg Fire Department, and the man who has openly accused the city council of "cutting the people's throats" in regard to their decision to park the city ambulance, has submitted several formal requests to city hall.

The requests were submitted this past week to Mayor Jerry Fannin, Fire Chief Michael Wells, and Assistant Chief Gary Dotson.

Moore prepared the requests in advance in order to give adequate notice to those involved that he expects answers to specific questions to be given at the upcoming city council meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, November 27, at 6 p.m.

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Applications being taken for heating aid

Times Staff Report

The Home Energy Assistance Program is currently underway in Floyd County. Applications are being accepted now through December 14.

The program is administered by the Department for Community Based Services, Big Sandy Area Community Action Program.

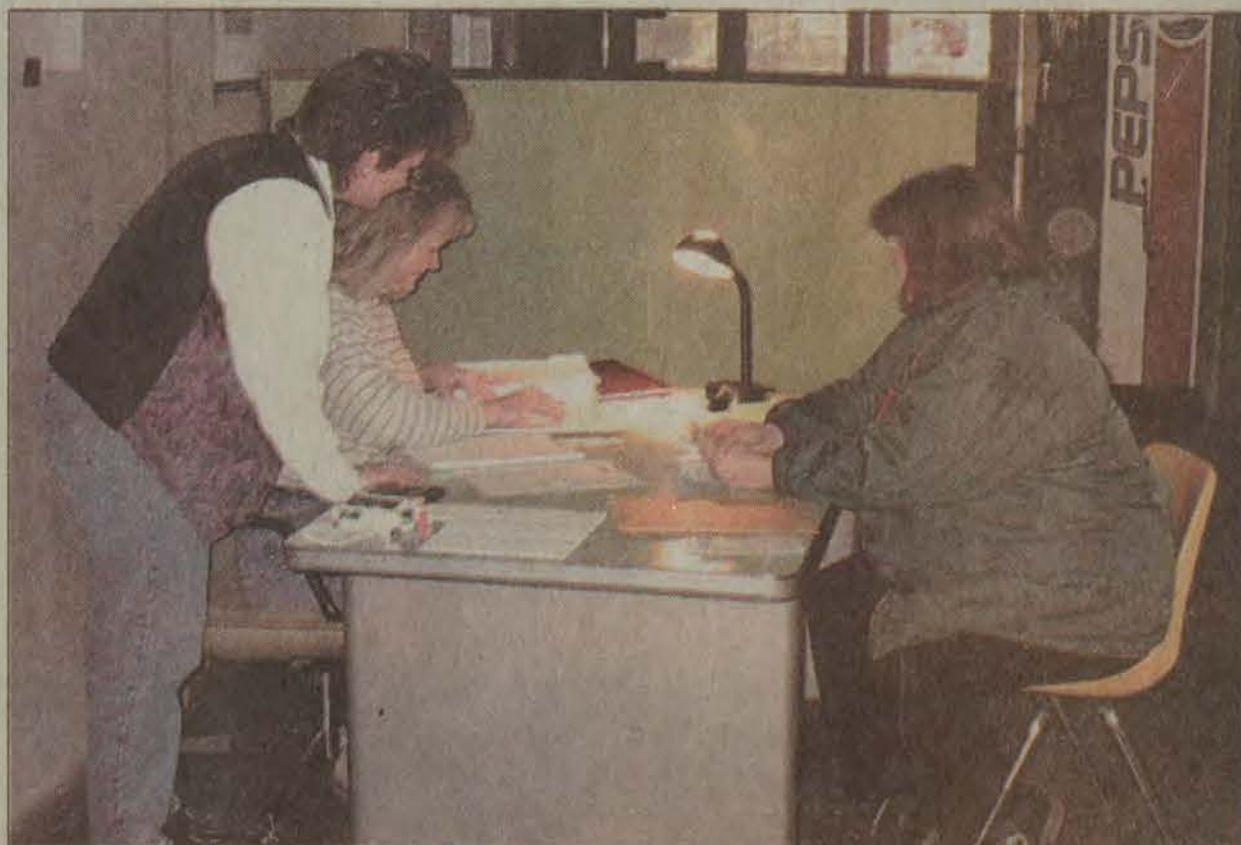
The focus of the program is to assist low-income households with home heating costs.

In order to be eligible, a single person cannot have a gross monthly income of more than \$766; a family of two, not more than \$1,032; a family of three, not more than \$1,297; a family of four, not more than \$1,563; a family of five, not more than \$1,829; a family of six, not more than \$2,090; a family of seven, not more than \$2,361; and a family of eight, not more than \$2,627. Add \$302 for each additional family member.

Also, the family must be responsible for home heating costs, or pay heating costs as an undesignated portion of rent.

Applications will be taken in alphabetical order based on the first letter of the head of household's last name using a designated schedule. The application period for A-H has passed; however, December 14 has been set aside as an open application period for those who were unable to apply according to sched-

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Tammy Jervis, Floyd County Coordinator for the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, overlooks an application for home heating assistance. Regular applications will be accepted through December 14 and crisis applications will be accepted January 8 through March 15.

Program seeks brightest seventh-graders

Times Staff Report

Selected area seventh-grade students are now preparing to take the standardized examination, American College Testing Assessment (ACT), to be administered to them in the early part of December. The ACT includes tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning.

The test was originally designed to be administered to above-average high school students planning to attend college, but studies indicate that the test also has validity in predicting scholastic achievement for gifted seventh-graders. For those students, the test is out-of-level, which, unlike "age appropriate" achievement tests, are difficult enough to differentiate the abilities of the brightest junior high and middle school students.

Unlike global IQ scores, ACT scores provide separate information about a number of academic skills and thus facilitate more effective, individualized educational planning.

Because the test is designed for high school students, it requires knowledge and skills rarely taught in junior high or middle school and

is far too difficult for average seventh-graders. Gifted students, however, have often learned a great deal on their own.

The students who will be participating were selected through the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). For 21 years, Duke University has conducted the 7th Grade Talent Search in an effort to pinpoint gifted students. Once these students are identified, they can begin working with teachers and school administrators on an individualized study program that should prove to be more beneficial to their needs.

Also of primary benefit in participation in the talent search program, is the experience alone of taking the ACT. The seventh-graders who take the test will develop a working knowledge of the test that will benefit them later on in their school career when they again will be required to take the ACT/SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) before gaining entry into their selected college or university. Having already become familiar with the test, the student should be able to avoid some of the anxiety associated with the college entrance testing experience.

Other benefits resulting from

Talent Search participation include the receipt of a copy of the Educational Opportunity Guide, a directory of programs and resources for students seeking enrichment opportunities. The directory can be used as a reference for many years. Participating students should receive their copy of the directory in February.

Later, in May, participating students will receive a Certificate of Merit, acknowledging their participation in the Talent Search; the Results Summary, a document comparing test scores among seventh grade TIP participants; and their first issue of "Insights", a biannual newsletter containing enjoyable articles and information.

In their 10th grade year, participating students will receive a copy of the College Guide, a magazine that highlights a number of colleges and universities across the United States.

Those students receiving the highest scores on the test will be invited to attend a State- or Grand-Level Recognition Ceremony or may become eligible to attend one of TIP's summer programs.

Testing is slated to begin Saturday, December 9, at Prestonsburg Community College.



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Edwards

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13, the following Monday.

With his wife Sharon, a psychiatric nurse, at their home in Strasburg, Virginia, at least until the end of the year, most of Edwards' waking hours are spent on the job, learning the institutions, getting to know the people, and mapping out strategies for running one of the largest operations in the area.

He's got few distractions when he goes "home" each day to a cottage at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, so the work continues even then.

And that work is critical, particularly now. PCC will host a team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in the spring — a team that will put the college under a proverbial microscope to assess its qualifications for remaining accredited.

In addition, the new president is having to look at ways to stretch a shrinking budget and to convince KCTCS officials to loosen purse strings. Because funding is tied to enrollment, the college's budget has been declining as the number of students has dropped off by close to a third over the last several years. The decrease in enrollment has meant less revenue in tuition, as well.

Among his top priorities, he said, is getting the college's development function going, to bring in funds beyond those from the state and student tuition. He is particularly eager to put in for Title III funds, a federal program for schools with a high percentage of needy students.

"We have to get focused on serving students and the community," he said. "Title III can help us improve student services, with new programs and equipment."

The president is also committed to increasing enrollment at PCC. "We need a recruitment effort," he said. "I intend to turn around enrollment."

He also intends to cultivate improved relations with area four-year institutions, with the aim of serving students' needs for transferring. He has already met briefly with Pikeville College President Hal Smith and is scheduled to meet with Margaret Lewis, director of Morehead State University's Big Sandy Center.

Edwards has also observed that the college's physical plant is in need of attention, ranging from heating and air conditioning systems to adequate wiring for computer networks.

Edwards has experience in a variety of areas that are needed in this region, including economic development. In northern Virginia, which is enjoying boom times with under two percent unemployment, he was active with the local economic development commission, the chamber of commerce, and the Workforce Investment Board.

In previous jobs, he has planned and carried out workforce training programs and helped develop economic plans.

He said he hopes to get involved in development activities here, as well, as soon as he becomes more familiar with his primary job.

The administrator has been warmly welcomed at each campus. "The reception has been tremendous," he said. "Folks are ready to have someone make decisions, to share a vision."

"I'm really excited to be here and happy that folks have confidence in me. I'm confident we can be a great institution."

Edwards is not ignorant of the reality. He knows that both PCC and Mayo have been without permanent leaders for too long and that PCC has experienced a good bit of turmoil. "Some problems may seem overwhelming at this time," he said, "but a college that works with the community and which has an active foundation, can grow and thrive."

"I want this to be the finest community college and technical college in the nation, and we can be," he said. "It's going to be a few years down the road, but I'm refusing to be negative."

Edwards said he knew when he was selected to come here, that he would be expected to lead. "I am prepared to make some tough decisions," he said. "I have to make the best decisions for the institutions. I think people are ready for that."

One thing he's observed that needs to change right away, he said with a smile, is the time spent in meetings at PCC. "I'm going to cut down the number of hours we spend in meetings. We need to spend more time doing, than meeting."

Edwards said he cannot do what needs to be done by himself. "The only way I'll be successful is with all of us working together," he said.

Roots

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difficult time, so an older brother took the teen-ager to another doctor, who diagnosed the condition as Crohn's Disease, a rare, rather mysterious illness, with often debilitating symptoms.

Over the course of four or five years, he recalled, he was in and out of the hospital, often weak and often missing school. "Mother said 'You ought to consider going to college,'" he said, indicating she feared he could not do mining, construction or the other options open to a young man at the time.

With help from vocational rehabilitation funds, he was able to go to Berea College. "It's a wonderful institution," he said of the college, whose original purpose was to educate poor young people. "I valued that experience. Everyone was treated as an equal."

He was graduated in 1974 with a degree in business and married a classmate, a Somerset native with a nursing degree. While his wife worked on a master's degree at the University of Kentucky, Edwards worked for the state.

When Sharon Edwards got a teaching job at Murray State University in western Kentucky, their roles reversed. He entered graduate school at Murray and earned two degrees, a Master of Business Administration degree in management and a Master of Science in economics.

His career in community college education began while the couple was at Murray, as Edwards taught at

Hopkinsville Community College. "I didn't even know what a community college was until then," he jokes.

Their family began in western Kentucky, as well. Both of their sons were born in Paducah, while the couple lived in Murray. Dale, now 24, a licensed practical nurse, is studying to be a registered nurse back home in Strasburg, Virginia, with an eye eventually to earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Brian, 22, is a senior at Virginia Tech, majoring in psychology.

From western Kentucky the family moved back to Edwards' home in western Virginia, where he worked in continuing education at Mountain Empire Community College in Big Stone Gap and wife Sharon worked at East Tennessee State University.

Things "fell into place" in an odd sort of way, when Edwards decided that to move up in college administration he needed a doctoral degree and his wife decided she wanted to fulfill a lifelong dream of joining the military.

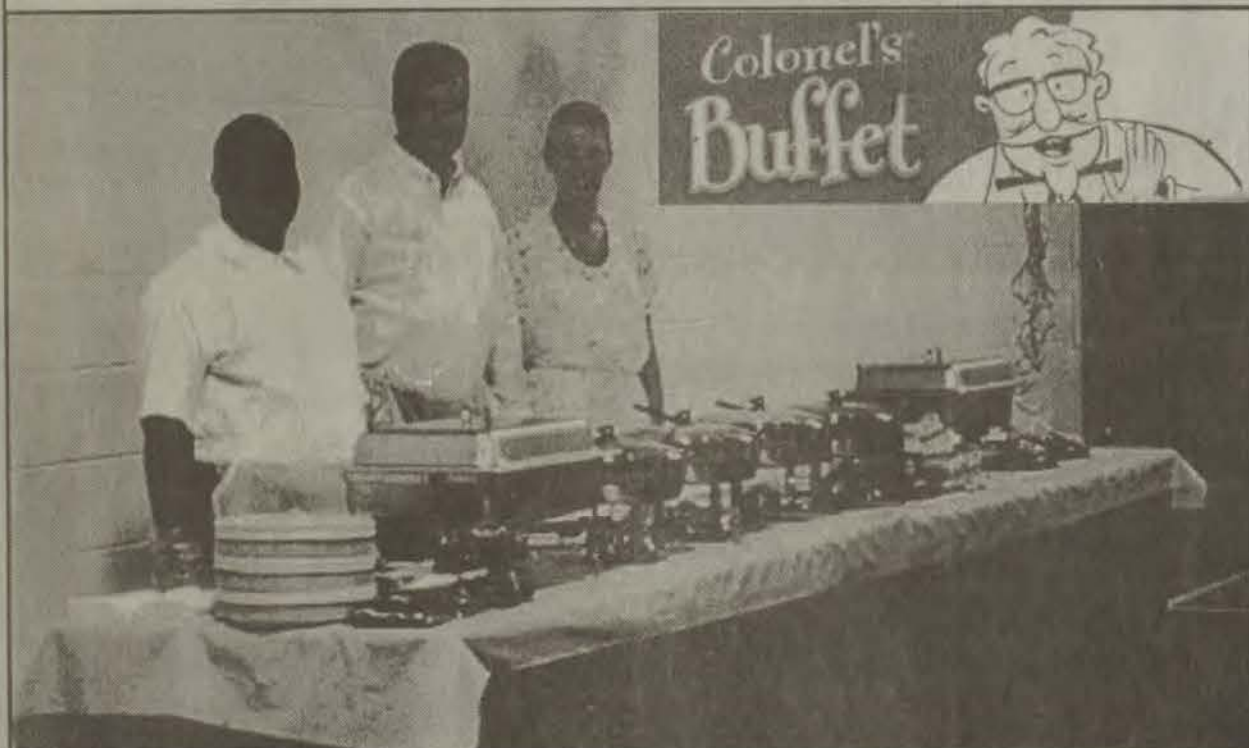
With her nursing credentials, Sharon Edwards was grabbed up by the Air Force, commissioned a First Lieutenant and stationed at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi. The future college president took the opportunity to enroll at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a doctoral degree in 1988.

From there, Edwards moved up the administrative ladder at Lord

Fairfax Community College, starting as chairman of the Division of Applied Science and Technology. He became director of instructional services in 1990, with the added responsibility of student services in 1993.

This fall, he was chosen to be the first president of the Big Sandy Region of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, with oversight of Prestonsburg Community College, Mayo Technical College and the branch campus in Pikeville.

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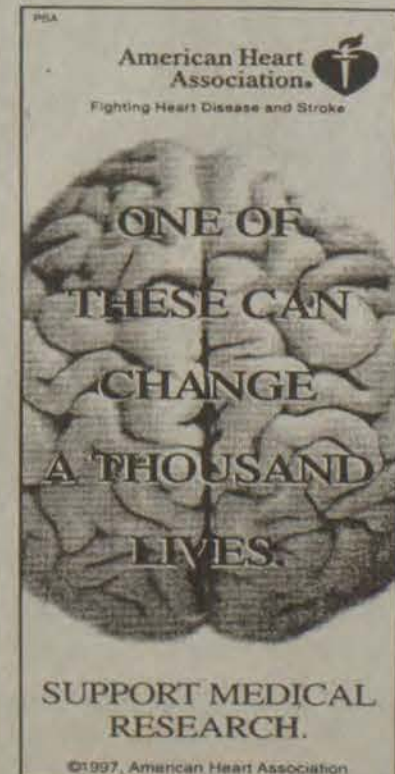


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On November 27, applications will be taken for households beginning with the letters I and J; on November 28, K and L; November 29 and 30, M.
On December 4, applications will be taken for households beginning with the letters N, O and P; on November 5, Q and R; November 6 and 7, S; November 11, T;

November 12, U, V and W; and November 13, X, Y and Z.
Crisis applications can be made from January 8 through March 15, or until available funds have been depleted.
In order for a family to be considered eligible for crisis funds, the following conditions must be met: Applicant requesting assistance for natural gas or electric must bring a

"past-due" notice, and applicants whose rent includes heat must bring an eviction notice. In addition, applicants whose source of heating fuel is wood, coal, propane, fuel oil or kerosene must have within four days of running out of fuel. Crisis relief will be provided within 48 hours or 18 hours in cases of dire emergency.
Applicants who are unable to

apply for themselves may send someone who knows the family situation to apply for them. If the designated representative is not the head of household or spouse, the representative must have a signed statement granting authorization to apply for the household.
Individuals who do not have a designated representative should contact the local community action

agency at 886-2929, and request help in finding them a representative.
When applying for heating assistance, applicants should bring the following requested items with them: Their most recent heating bill or verification that heating expenses are included in the rent, Social Security numbers for each member of the household, and proof of all household income.
For additional information, you may contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program at 886-2929, or visit their office on Westminister Street.
You may also call the Kentucky Association for Community Action (KACA), toll-free at 1-800-456-3452 (TTY available for the hearing impaired), or the ombudsman's office toll-free at 1-800-372-2973 (TTY also available).
Tammy Jervis, Floyd County Coordinator for Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, urges all eligible residents to apply for benefits through the home heating program.
"Community action helps a lot of people," Jervis said.

KCTCS honors Cisco Systems, Ashland for generosity

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) and its foundation have honored Cisco Systems Inc. and Ashland Inc. as "Benefactors of the Year, 2000."
Gov. Paul E. Patton and Dr. Michael B. McCall, president of the KCTCS, presented the awards at the first annual KCTCS President's Gala and Benefactors Awards Dinner.
Cisco and Ashland headlined a list of 61 individuals, corporations and organizations honored at the event. The other honorees were recognized by colleges in KCTCS.
Private-sector support is vital to the success of KCTCS, McCall said. KCTCS institutions and their respective foundations received \$9.8 million in donations in fiscal year 1999-2000.
"The President's Gala and Benefactors Awards Dinner allows KCTCS to express special appreciation for the tremendous private support we receive from individuals, businesses and organizations," McCall said.
KCTCS honored Cisco Systems for donating equipment and other support to help establish academies that teach students to be computer network administrators.
The Cisco Networking Academy

program is a partnership among Cisco Systems, education, business, government, and community organizations around the world. The curriculum centers on teaching students to design, build and maintain computer networks. The program prepares students for the 21st century workplace, while serving as a valuable model for electronic learning.
The KCTCS Foundation Inc. honored Ashland Inc., which pledged \$200,000 to assist in establishing the KCTCS Foundation and to support a major workforce training initiative.
"Ashland Inc. and The Ashland Inc. Foundation are pleased to be able to support the formation of the new KCTCS Foundation at this important time of educational improvement in Kentucky. At Ashland, we are especially interested in workforce training issues. We know that support of our community and technical colleges schools will guarantee the continuation of educational progress in Kentucky that has captured the attention of many groups and individuals who monitor educational achievements nationwide," said Paul W. Chellgren, chairman and CEO, Ashland Inc.

These companies and organizations sponsored the awards dinner: Associated Industries of Kentucky, Louisville; American Electric Power, Frankfort; Community Trust Bancorp, Pikeville; Deters, Benzinger & La Velle, Covington; East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Winchester; Fifth Third Bank, Lexington; Kentucky

American Water Co., Lexington; Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Frankfort; Kentucky Utilities, Lexington; Lexington Herald-Leader, Lexington; The Clements Group, Salt Lake City, Utah; Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Georgetown; Verizon, Lexington

Questions

Among the questions presented are:
■ "How much money was spent on the construction and maintenance of the "Bridge" sign located at the entrance to the Prestonsburg Village shopping center and was this money budgeted?"
■ "How much money was spent on the Big Branch of Abbott Creek water and sewage project and was this money budgeted?"
■ "How much money was spent on the Prestonsburg High School football field and was this money budgeted?"
The following information is requested specifically from Fire Chief Wells:
■ "Total number of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) call-outs prior to the shut-down of the city ambulance service."
■ "Total number of individuals receiving EMS care and transportation to Highlands Regional Medical Center prior to the shut-down of the city ambulance service."
■ "Average response time of city EMS personnel on call-outs."
■ "Total number of calls needing Advance Life Support services."
■ "Total amount billed to Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance companies prior to the shut-down of the city ambulance service."
The following information is requested specifically from

Assistant Chief Dotson:
■ "How many homes are covered in the North Floyd fire district?"
■ "What is the amount of the fire tax proposed in this area?"
■ "How much money has the city already received for fire protection services within this area?"
■ "How many fire hydrants are being prepared for this district?"
■ "How many fire hydrants have currently been installed and where are they located?"
■ "How was the money appropriated to this district budgeted?"
Moore plans to attend Monday night's meeting in order to receive answers to the information requested.

Teen

papers in connection with the charges on November 15.
Among the persons filing complaints against Jervis are:
■ Shana Slone, who alleges that Jervis removed a CD player from her truck.
■ Randy Hatfield, who alleges that Jervis removed various tools from his truck.
■ Walter Hall, who alleges that Jervis removed a stereo cassette player from his vehicle.
■ Dallas Click, who alleges that Jervis removed a cellular telephone from his vehicle.

■ Corey Fraley, who alleges that a CD player, an amplifier, a bass speaker and two pairs of Oakley sunglasses were removed from his auto by Jervis.
■ Henry Young, who alleges that Jervis pried open the back window of his truck and subsequently stole a Garmin GPSII and various aircraft parts.
■ Shena Collins, who alleges that Jervis stole a CD player from her truck.
Jervis will appear in court at a later date to answer the charges.

Department of insurance moves to protect prescription benefits of advantage care

The Department of Insurance and MedImpact reached agreement in Franklin Circuit Court recently to protect all Advantage Care policyholders and require all participating pharmacies to continue honoring Advantage Care and MedImpact prescription drug benefit cards.
Insurance Commissioner George Nichols III announced that the department went back to the court after erroneous information was circulated indicating that pharmacy benefits of Advantage Care policyholders had been terminated. A number of enrollees called the department's Consumer Protection and Education Division to report their prescription cards were not being honored.

The court decision assures payment to MedImpact for some pending claims and provides assurances for future pharmacy claims until Advantage Care ceases operation.
MedImpact is the pharmacy benefit manager for Advantage Care, a Lexington health insurer. Advantage Care and the department went to court earlier this month to ask Franklin Circuit Court Roger Crittenden to allow state regulators to supervise daily operations of the financially troubled company. Advantage Care operations could end as early as December 31.
This emergency action by the Department of Insurance was necessary because interruption of medication for as little as 12 hours could have serious health effects. For example, three percent of all prescriptions issued to Advantage Care policyholders are for seizure and neurological disorders, 20 percent for hypertension and cardiac disease, and eight percent for diabetes and asthma.
Commissioner Nichols stressed that the pharmacy cards are valid and should be honored by pharmacists. Anyone with questions or concerns, including enrollees and pharmacists, can contact the department's Consumer Protection and Education Division at the toll free number: 800-595-6053. In addition, the department will also post any details that become available, on our website, at www.doi.state.ky.us.
Advantage Care provides health insurance to at least 36,000 Kentuckians in 55 counties of central and eastern Kentucky. About 1,500 of those policyholders are covered by a state health insurance plan offered to state, county and public school employees. About 12,000 enrollees use the pharmacy card each month.
Employees and employers relying on Advantage Care coverage have been encouraged by the department to look for other coverage with other insurers as soon as they can. About 80 percent of Advantage Care's policyholders are currently facing renewal of coverage that would have taken effect on January 1, 2001.

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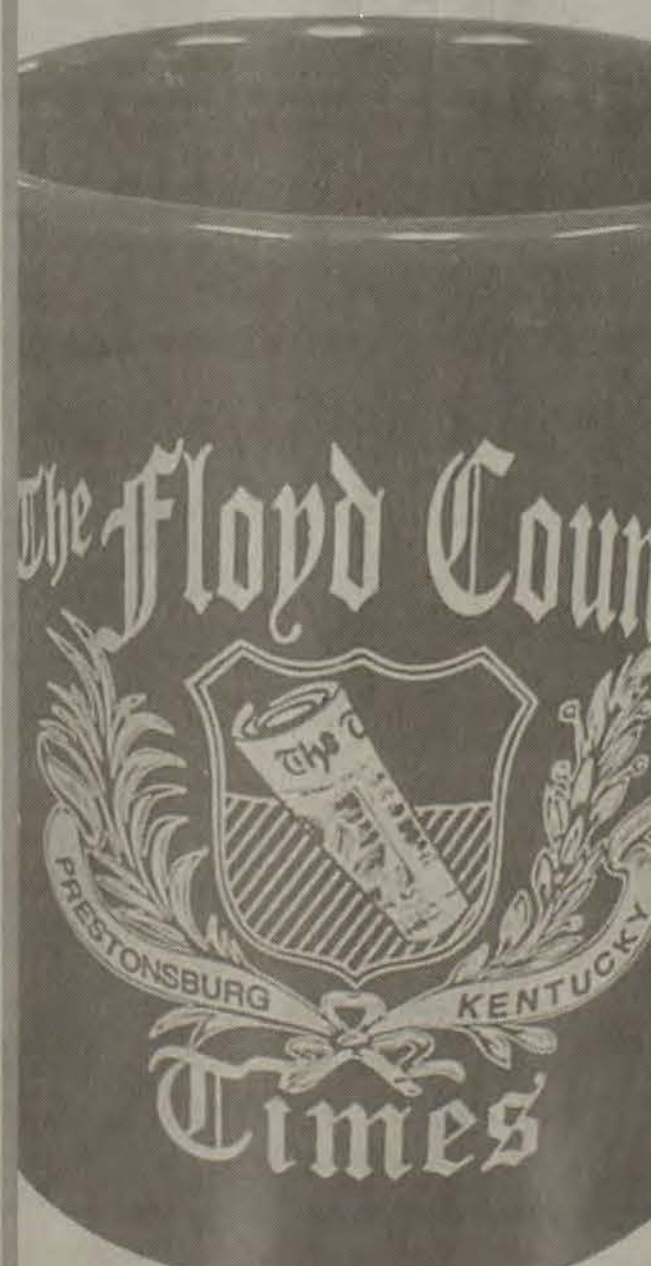
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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

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-Harry S Truman

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

-First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution-

Editorial

Keeping promises

Some legislators are talking about axing Kentucky's hated property tax on cars again. A bill has been prefilled in the Senate and similar legislation is promised in the House by none other than Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg. If the idea of rescinding the car tax sounds familiar, it's because it is. And it's a sore point with many Kentuckians. Most people in the commonwealth feel like relief from that unpopular tax was promised two years ago when voters were asked to approve a constitutional amendment. The amendment was necessary before the General Assembly could eliminate the tax. Specifically, what the amendment did was allow legislators to vote to exempt property from taxation (the constitution prohibited that before) but all along eliminating the car tax was featured prominently in the debate.

So voters overwhelmingly approved the amendment. But legislators failed to get rid of the long-hated tax when they met earlier this year.

And that looked like a broken promise. Of course, even if the General Assembly comes through this time, the car tax won't be completely eliminated — only the state's portion of it.

Kentuckians would still have to pay the local portion of the tax on cars, trucks and boats earmarked for city and county governments, schools, libraries and the like. They would still have to pay roughly two-thirds of what they've paid before each time they renew their license plates.

And someone in Frankfort would have to come up with a way to recoup the \$77 million in revenue that the state's share of the car tax generates every year.

Not exactly the kind of tax relief most voters had in mind two years ago.

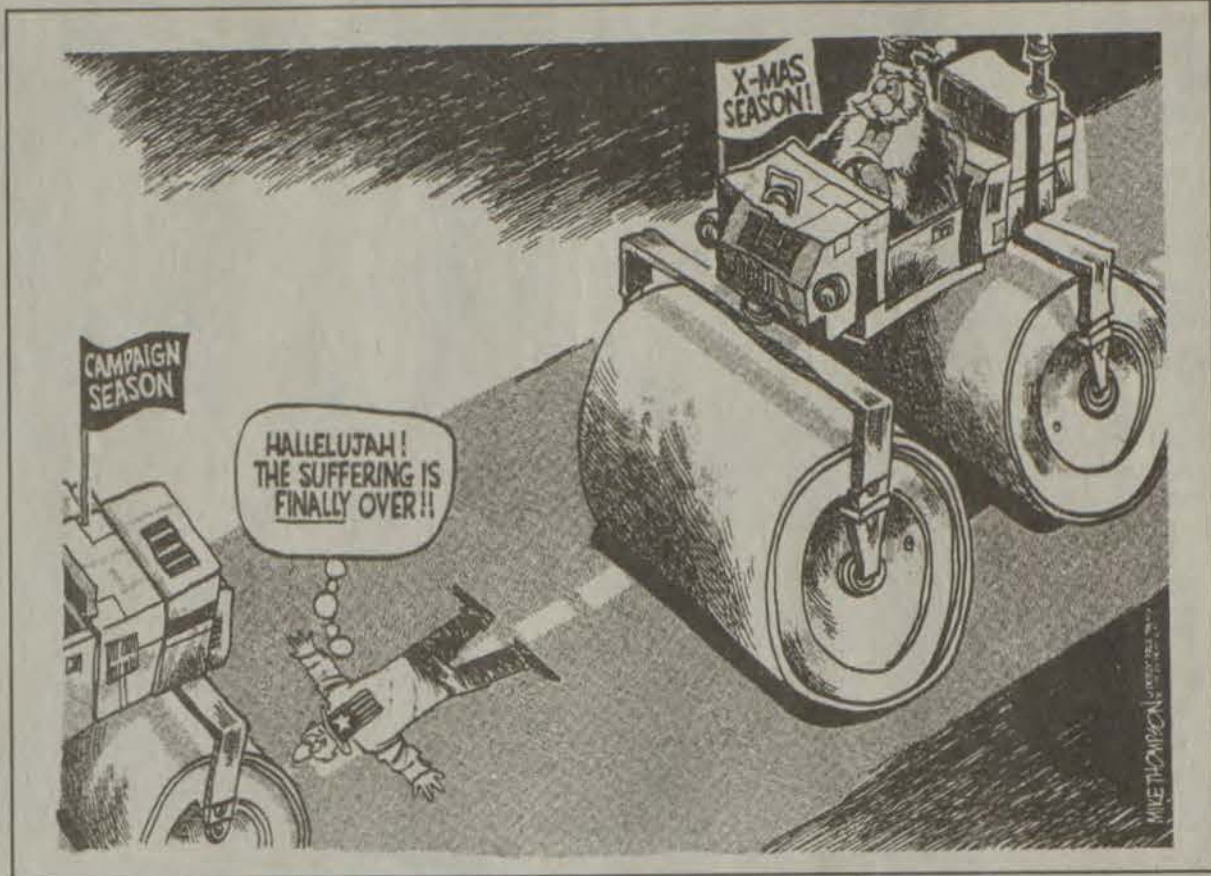
In Kentucky it seems that's always the way it is with taxes. Something that seems like it would be so easy gets complicated.

That's because of Kentucky's piecemeal tax system — and the piecemeal approach legislators take to reforming it on those rare occasions when they consider reforming it.

They chip away at one tax and whittle on another but never get to the real problem: a messy and regressive system of taxation that lets some escape paying, others shoulder too much of the burden and the state too often on unsure footing.

Of course, the hated vehicle tax should be repealed, but the state shouldn't stop there. Kentucky is long overdue for comprehensive tax reform that looks at the whole picture and tries to make some sense of it.

—The Kentucky Post



Letters to the Editor

Ashamed of Kentucky West Virginia Gas

Editor: What is wrong with these two words, "job security?" It seems that to Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company they are like a cross to Dracula.

I've been with Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company for 20-plus years and I've been a member of management nearly all my career at Kentucky West. I'm ashamed of the way the company is doing its union workforce, which has given this company 100 percent-plus of good work for many, many years.

First, the company turned its back on management and took our benefits from us and that was not enough, so they just told us to go home, we don't need you anymore, we will contract your job out to someone else. We could not fight for our jobs or benefits like the union is doing, because we were at the mercy of the company.

Barb Shepherd
Prestonsburg

'This Town, That World'

Editor: Now that I've got your attention, all you faithful readers know that my title originates from the pen of the late Norman Allen, the longtime editor of The Floyd County Times and author of the column, "This Town, That World," which was crammed full of pearls of wisdom year after year as I was growing up in Prestonsburg. Norman Allen was a good friend of my father's, James Wesley Howard, who passed away August 9, 1996.

On to the meat of this letter to the editor. I would like to suggest that we as the citizenry of Prestonsburg and also as citizens of all of Floyd County honor our distinguished mayor, Jerry Fannin, and his Public Works crew, especially Casey Duncan and Jason Patton of Prestonsburg, for all their diligent, imaginative, hard work in making our small town, which once lacked interest, was quite dull and unexciting, into a most charming city with a new park on Highland Avenue with ships and ponds and bridges and paths and trees to climb — in short, a child's paradise, Prestonsburg's very own Disneyland.

What should we name it? I suggest, "The Jerry Fannin and His Public Works Crew Park." The park is already nicely fenced in. It needs a nice large sign with large letters, and a nice plaque should also be present, with all those people who used their imaginations and/or who worked on the park in any way remembered on the plaque as well.

I would like to mention a few of the other projects our mayor has been involved in or has now in progress: The Mountaintop Project, Prestonsburg football field, May House, the MAC, and the golf course and recreational development site.

Best of all, let's not forget the thousands of flowers on every inch of Prestonsburg and the many varieties of trees along the way. Those are my personal favorites. They're all breathtaking. Almost at any hour of the day, one can see David Crisp and his workers out digging and planting, potting and landscaping our city.

There is another very special project that I would like to mention here that a friend of the mayor's, legendary Estill Lee Carter, spearheaded and that is the Archer Park War Memorial. Have you ever seen the lovely flags there waving, the fountain spewing on the Fourth of July or on Veterans Day or on any day of the year?

I am 48 years old. I'm old enough to know the Vietnam veterans. The only one of them on the monument I have known was Victor Calhoun. His body was never recovered. He was a childhood friend of my eldest brother, Glenn T. Howard, who made a career of the Air Force and now lives in California, and also my brother Robert D. Howard, who owns his own business in Winchester. Victor's death was extremely hard on his mother, Mae Calhoun, who has since passed on.

This letter has been meant to be a tribute to our mayor and to Estill Lee Carter and to the Public Works crew. My sister says I always write with emotion. I think that's probably a fair assessment. I'm a lot like my mother, who always puts up with me, my good and bad moods, my spending habits, my housekeeping spurts that sorta-kind of well, work under pressure. But the nicest gift my mother gave me was her big, huge heart that will give the shirt off her back and forgive any transgression. Thanks, mom.

Alice Jane Howard
Prestonsburg

Summer camp counselors needed

I would like to take this opportunity to let your students know of a great summer job opportunity available at the Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys & Girls Ranch for the summer of 2001.

Our camp is located in Gilbertsville, about 20 miles east of Paducah and 30 miles north of Murray, at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park. We are a non-profit summer youth camp for needy children in Kentucky between the ages of 8 and 11.

We are looking for young men and women who have a special interest and talent for nature activities, sports and recreation, arts and crafts, games and skits, musical talent, swimming and water safety, lifeguards and general supervisory skills. We have positions open for general counselors, specialized counselors, head counselor and monitor. Our camper to counselor

radio is about 10 to 1.

The camp program runs for nine weeks during the summer months, which includes one week of pre-camp training. The pay is somewhat higher than most camps pay, with room and board included. Counselors and staff are required to live on the property; however, adequate time off during each session is arranged.

I would like to urge any student interested in working with "at-risk" children and making a difference in their lives to contact us for an application. We may be reached at P.O. Box 57, Gilbertsville, KY 42044; phone 270/362-8660; fax 270/362-7534; web page www.kysheriffsbranch.com; or e-mail us at

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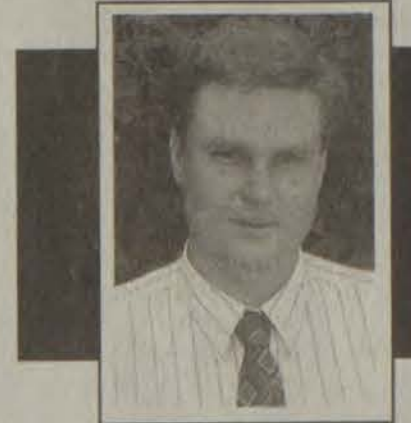
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Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis
Managing Editor



Remembering two friends

It is hard to imagine that one radio station such as WSIP in Paintsville has been forced to deal with so much tragedy over such a brief span of time, yet manages to struggle on.

First, on November 14, Paul Fyffe, the station's former owner and a legendary voice in the mountains, died following a heart attack.

I didn't know Paul, had only seen him around a few times, but I do know his son, Tony, and consider him a friend. When I first learned of Paul's death, it was Tony who came to mind.

Tony and I have a strange history. When I first moved back to the area to become editor of The Paintsville Herald back in 1996, Tony was leaving to assume the same position with a newly-formed, competing publication called The Weekly Progress.

For most of my first year in Paintsville, I would see Tony at all the same functions I covered but we never spoke the first word to each other. I suppose that was mostly my fault. Being a very competitive person by nature, I viewed Tony as "the enemy" and refused to socialize. In my eyes, we were in head-to-head competition and that left no room for pleasantries.

But that all changed the following January, when the two of us attended the Kentucky Press Association's awards dinner. The Progress picked up a bunch of awards, whereas the Herald had received very few.

Not wanting to be a sore loser, I approached Tony to congratulate him for a job well done, and we ended up talking for the next four or five hours.

After that, Tony and I remained friendly, but competitive as well. I came to admire him as a worthy competitor, and we pushed each other to do better and better.

But 18 months later, our respective papers were bought by the same company and merged into a twice-weekly publication. Suddenly, we were on the same side.

There's just something about the news business which strengthens the bonds between colleagues. It's probably inevitable. Since you spend so much time together and weather the same storms together, it's only natural that the people you work with become some of your best friends.

So, when I learned that Tony's father had died and that Tony had been there when his dad had the heart attack which ultimately claimed his life, my deepest sympathy went out to him. It was like hearing of tragedy befalling a family member, and I often wondered how he was coping.

But the news which came this week concerning the death of WYMT weatherman Jason Bussey left me completely stunned and numb.

Jason was a newcomer to television, but he had cut his teeth in radio at WSIP. He was the news director at that station when I first arrived in Paintsville.

I mentioned earlier that it took nearly a year before I talked to Tony, but I felt the same suspicion toward all the journalists, newspaper and radio, when I first went to Paintsville. They were all buddies, comrades in arms who had fought the same fights years before I

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Masonic Christmas party

John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, and Hadassah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at Martin, will conduct their annual Christmas party at the lodge hall on Sunday, December 3, beginning at 4 p.m. Santa Claus will be there, and there will be food and entertainment. All members and their guests are encouraged to attend.

Help for addiction

Are drugs affecting your family or a friend? For more information, log onto www.stopaddiction.com or call 1-800-468-6933. Narconon provides answers

to drug addiction, and free assessment, evaluation and referral services to internationally recognized alternative and traditional treatment facilities. When continuing relapse is occurring, call Narconon 1-800-468-6933. Don't give up, drug addiction can be overcome. Call Narconon at 1-800-468-6933, or visit the Website at www.stopaddiction.com.

Retired teacher to meet

The Floyd County Retired Teachers' Association will meet in regular session, Thursday, December 7, at May Lodge. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. All Floyd County retired teachers are urged to attend.

Fibromyalgia support group

Fibromyalgia support group has monthly meetings in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens building, the first Tuesday of every month. Contact Sharon, 606/478-5224, or Phyllis, 606/874-2769.

Christmas project underway

Praise Assembly and Good News Ministry is sponsoring Operation Christmas Blessing 2000, an outreach

project to help 1000 needy families in the area with a complete Christmas dinner and a gift for every child under the age of 18 in each eligible household. Food and gifts will be distributed on Saturday, December 23, at the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart Parking Lot.

Applications are now being accepted at the church, located at the Junction of U.S. 23 and KY 80 on Water Gap Road, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All applications must be received no later than December 8. Anyone who would like to contribute to this effort by purchasing food, gifts, and/or by monetary contribution may stop by the church during the listed hours or call 606/874-3650 or 606/874-0825.

Christmas charity auction

Caney Creek Rehabilitation Complex will host a Charity Auction on Saturday, December 23, at the Knott County TR Center at 6 p.m. The TR Center is located off KY 80, right onto Driftwood Lane. Items to be auctioned were donated by local businesses in Knott, Perry, Letcher, and Pike counties. Proceeds will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for residents at Caney Creek. For more information, call Robert or Mac at 606/368-2802 or Brenda or Juanita at 785-0961. Signs

will be posted.

Gospel concert to benefit center

The Preacherman Quartet, Victory Voices and Bluegrass Gospel Boys will present a concert on December 1 at 7 p.m. at the Maytown Lifetime Learning Center. The concert is free, but an offering will be taken to support programs of the center, formerly Maytown School. For information, call 606/285-0539.

Martin County history being published

Orders are being taken for the Martin County Pictorial History, sponsored by the Martin County Historical Society. For information, call Evelyn Cassady at 606/298-7278.

Craft program scheduled

"Made with Care—Sold with Pride (Turn your love of crafting into money!)" is the subject of a workshop set for Tuesday, November 28, at 10 a.m. at the Floyd County Extension Office at 921 S. Lake Dr., Prestonsburg. The free workshop is part of the Homemaker's Leader

Training Program. Call to reserve a space, 606/886-2668.

Christmas concert

The Alice Lloyd College Community Chorus will have its annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 3, at 7 p.m., at the Estelle Campbell Center for the Arts. A reception will follow the performance.

Students offer free computer class

Allen Central High School technology students will hold a free Microsoft Word 2000 class on November 28, from 6-8 p.m. at the high school. The

class is for anyone ages 13 and up interested in learning the basics of Microsoft Word 2000. Space is limited. Pre-register by November 27/ Contact Amy Halbert, 606/358-9543.

Free smoke detectors available

All fire departments in the county are installing smoke detectors in the home of anyone who wants one, free, regardless of income. The detectors have a 10-year battery, so they are maintenance-free. To receive a free smoke

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Keep in mind that this is not an easy job; however, it is very rewarding. It requires stamina and determination on the part of each and every person involved. These jobs are well known for being one of the most difficult jobs you will ever have, but also the most rewarding.

If you are willing to devote your time and energy to helping unfortunate children this summer, contact us for an application. We will begin the hiring process early in January, so contact us as soon as possible.

Ray H. Stoess
Ranch Director
Gilbertsville

Poison

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came on the scene. I was the newcomer and they were probably as suspicious of me as I was of them.

But if you knew Jason, you know that nothing could keep him from becoming your friend before long and he was the first of the "established" media types in Paintsville to make me feel welcome.

Jason was an irrepressible people-person, and when you saw him coming your way, you couldn't help but smile because he was just one of those people who made everyone around him feel good. In short, he was the essence of life itself.

Jason was one of those people you can't help but envy, because he seemed to have everything going for him. He had left WSIP and was a rising star in television.

To think of him as gone now, by his own hand even, renders life senseless. Jason can't be gone, but just somehow is. It just isn't right.

And so, with the holidays upon us, while I enjoy the company of my family, I'll also be thinking of two friends, one gone, one hurting. And, in the face of this life which can so quickly turn tragic, I hope I'll remember to hug my wife and sons just a little longer and a little tighter and realize how blessed I am.

The "Word" for the Week Dressed for the wedding

We dress up for weddings. We don't want to be embarrassed. We don't want to embarrass the bride and groom either. God has scheduled the biggest possible wedding at the end of the age. Jesus Christ is the groom. The church is His bride.

We must have proper apparel for this important event. We don't want any questions. "Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?" (Matthew 22:12). We must enter this wedding dressed in holiness and righteousness. "Worship the Lord in holy attire" (Psalm 96:9).

How do we obtain holiness and righteousness? "As through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous" (Romans 5:19). Believe it or not, we inherited Adam's dirty clothes. Our own dirty laundry makes the situation worse.

Where Adam failed, Christ succeeded. He was "holy, innocent, undefiled" (Hebrews 7:26). He therefore became a perfect sacrifice. "Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

Christ's sacrifice scrubs us up. Christ's life of perfect holiness is our new suit. John 3:16 puts it together. "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Regional Obituaries

Pike County

Faye M. Ratliff Gilliam, 85, of Pikeville, died Sunday, November 19, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 22, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Myrtle Virginia Chamness, 79, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, November 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 25, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Eugene Castle, 64, Paintsville native, died Monday, November 13 at his Southgate, Michigan, residence. He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise Meek Castle. Funeral services were conducted November 15, at Woodhaven Frewill Church.

Glenna Florene Deskins, 63, of Nippa, died Thursday, November 16. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Mary Agnes Airey, 78, died Friday, November 17, at North Arundel Hospital, Glen Burnie, Maryland. Funeral services were conducted November 20, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Lowell Thomas (L.T.) Ward, 62, died Saturday, November 18, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical

Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 21, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Joanne Painter Borders, 72, died Saturday, November 18. She is survived by her husband, William R. "Bill" Borders. Funeral services were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Kennis Fairchild, 83, of Milford Center, Ohio, died Friday, November 17, at Heartland of Marysville, Marysville, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted November 21, under the direction of Ingram Funeral Home.

Leonard Harold "Tiny" McKenzie, 54, died November 20, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Pennington McKenzie. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Mary Ruth Mollett, 62, died Sunday, November 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, James Albert Mollett Jr. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 22, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Jason Clark Bussey, 25, died Sunday, November 19, at Van Lear. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 22, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Martin County

Francis Luster, 51, of Inez, died Saturday, November 18. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 21, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral home.

Jessie Hall Chapman, 90, of Marrowbone Creek Road, Kermit West Virginia, died Friday, November 17, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 20, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Malissie Jackson Fannin, 81, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Friday, November 17, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 19, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Stella Rose Brewer, 84, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Thursday, November 15, at home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 19, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral home.

Euldine Jennings, 76, of Tomahawk, died Monday, November 13, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 16, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Mary M. Nelson, 74, of Russell, died Sunday, November 12, at her home. Funeral services were con-

ducted Wednesday, November 15, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Knott County

Trevor (T-Bo) John Combs, 18, of Hindman, died Monday, November 13, at the U.K. Medical Center at Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 16, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Willard Conley, 78, of Fisty, died November 15, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Combs Conley. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 18, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Martha Louise Cornett, 86, of Hindman, died Thursday, November 16, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, George W. Cornett. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 18, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Eldon Davidson, 77, of Monticello, formerly of Carrie, died Sunday, November 12. He is survived by his wife, Betty Davidson. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 16, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Arene Ritchie Johnson, 66, of Clear Creek, died Friday, November 17, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 20, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Vesta Ann Dobson Messer, 38, of Wayland, died Saturday, November 18. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 21, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Clercie "Mamaw" Slone, 79, of Blackey, died Thursday, November 16, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 19, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Corine Adams, died Monday, November 13, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 16, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Brady E. Blair, 87, died Sunday, November 18, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 22, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Arthur "Driftwood" Campbell Sr., 80, of Valley Station, died Thursday, August 3, at Caritas Medical Center. He is survived by his wife the former Lois Francis.

Obituaries

JoAnn Horner Hames

JoAnn Horner Hames, 64, formerly of Hi Hat, died Monday, October 16, 2000.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Hames.

Other survivors include her mother, Marie Jackson; step-father, Woodrow Jackson; two sons, Gregg and Bill; one sister, Mary Sue Horner Hughes of Ashland; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Griffith Funeral Home in Livonia, Michigan, with Paul Dudding of the Church of

Jewell D. Pratt

Jewell D. Pratt, 53, of South Whitley, Indiana, died Wednesday, November 22, 2000, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she was admitted on Tuesday. She had been in failing health for the past seven years.

She was born May 15, 1947, in Allen, the daughter of Tommie and Ola Hamilton Carr. She attended school in Allen and graduated from Betsy Layne High School. She was employed at Seamco Fiber Form and Stumps.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth R. Pratt.

Other survivors include two sons, Richard Chad Pratt and Rodney Pratt; one daughter, Jennifer Renee Krider; and two grandchildren, all of South Whitley.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, November 26, at 2 p.m., at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley, with Rev. Barry Faucett officiating.

Burial will be in the South Whitley Cemetery, under the direction of Smith and Sons Miller Chapel.

(Information, courtesy of Hall Funeral Home)

God of Prophecy officiating.

Norma Ratliff Reed

Norma Ratliff Reed, 77, of Elkhorn City died Friday, November 24, 2000 at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She was born October 23, 1923, in Pike County to Richard "Dick" Ratliff and Mary Bray Ratliff. She was a homemaker and a member of the Elkhorn City United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Reed.

Survivors include one son, Harold Mark Reed of Cincinnati, Ohio; one brother, Dale Ratliff of Elkhorn City; and four grandchildren, Olivia Ann Reed, Samuel Charles Reed, Caleb Mark Reed and William Harold Reed.

Visitation will take place Monday after 2 p.m. at the Elkhorn City United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 28, at the Elkhorn City United Methodist Church under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Johnson Memorial Park in Pikeville.



A stroke can be a mind-blowing thing

Court News

MARRIAGES

Brittney Brienne Biliter, 19, to Brian Lee Crawford, 20, both of Martin.

Jessica Lynn Debord, 18, to Jonathan Richard Spears, 20, both of Wayland.

Marie Carol Jarvis, 45, Benham to Hank Johnson, 42, Weeksbury.

Ellen Lynne Harris, 44, to Jackie Eugene Pack, 49, both of Prestonsburg.

Tonya Rene Farmer, 26, Bypro to Frank DeRossett Jr., 57, Frankfort.

Carol Ann Hall Tackett, 41, to Denver Ray Slone, 44, both of Bevinville.

Wilma Lee Lewis, 30, Harold to Matthew Carty, 34, Salyersville.

Sue Celia Joan Bailey, 52, McDowell to Bufford Lee Hall, 53, Pulaski, Va.

Stacey Rhnea Scott, 16, Weeksbury to Clinton D. Elliott, 19, McDowell.

Pamela Annette Cole, 49, Marshall, Mich., to Richard M. LeMaster, 51, Albion, Mich.

Brandy Nicole Johnson, 18, to Justin Matthew Prater, 18, both of Pikeville.

CHARGES FILED

Joan Ison, 41, Wayland, alcohol intoxication.

Dana W. Thompson, 36, Pikeville, alcohol intoxication.

Chad Jarvis, 18, Prestonsburg, seven counts of theft by unlawful taking under \$300.

Ronald D. Collins Jr., 29, Jeffersonville, alcohol intoxication.

David G. Elliott, 28, Martin, violation of EPO.

Mike Johnson, 35, Melvin, harassing communications.

Lora Paige, age unknown, Dwell, parent send child to school.

Ruby Wallen, age unknown, Martin, parent send child to school.

Edwinna Amburgey, age unknown, Langley, parent send child to school.

Clova Fuller, age unknown, Hueysville, parent send child to school.

Tammy Slone, age unknown, Weeksbury, parent send child to school.

Karen J. Soellner, 42, Cincinnati, Ohio, alcohol intoxication.

Michael W. Baggs, 41, Cincinnati, Ohio, alcohol intoxication.

Robert Mack Soellner, 42, Cincinnati, Ohio, alcohol intoxication.

John David Clark, 23, Prestonsburg, DUI, drive on DUI-suspended license, no registration receipt, first-degree possession of a controlled substance/opiate.

Ricky A. Jude, 32, Jacksonville, Fla., theft by unlawful taking.

Dana A. Jude, 23, Jacksonville, Fla., theft by unlawful taking.

Roy L. Branham, 43, Prestonsburg, wanton endangerment.

Johnny Frasure, 41, Martin, first-degree assault, two counts

of first-degree wanton endangerment, possession marijuana, use/possession drug paraphernalia.

Michael Collins, age unknown, Prestonsburg, first-degree wanton endangerment, second-degree attempt of cruelty to animals.

LAWSUITS

Craft, Audrey vs. Craft, Charlie

Asset Acceptance Corporation vs. Wallen, Shawn D.

Firstmerit Bank, NA vs. Hicks, Tommy, et al.

Wellman, Charles vs. Mullins, Tilmon

Community Credit Union vs. Francis, William G., et al.

Ashland Speciality Co. vs. LeMaster, Tom

Bauer, Sandra vs. Consolidated Stores Corp.

BANKRUPTCIES Pikeville Division

Chapter 7
Gary D. Ratliff, Wittensville.

Andrea L. Brashear and Daniel L. Brashear, Hazard.

Cheryl Lynn Teague, Hazard.

Fronia Sue Barker, Hazard.

Chapter 13
Jimmy Dean Francis and Loretta Lynn Francis, Varney.

Gillie E. Webb and Julia M. Webb, Bonnyman.

Bryan Coleman and Judy Kay Coleman, Regina.

Property Transfers

Kenneth M. Ward to Sherry A. Ward, property located on the Left Fork of Rice Branch.

Danny P. Caudill and Iris K. Caudill to Elmer Caudill and Alma Rene Caudill, property located on Left Beaver Creek.

Ralph Brown and Wilma Brown to Chad Jones, property located on Big Mud Creek.

Steve Allen and Debby Sue Allen to Ronald Wooten and Linda Wooten, property located on Big Branch of Abbott Road.

June H. Hall and Adrian Hall to The June H. Stephens Revocable Trust, c/o June H. Hall, trustee, property located on left fork of Middle Creek.

Hugh W. Akers, Carl Akers, Laura Akers to Theresa Ann Akers Tackett, property located on Branhams Creek.

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Associates Relocation Management Company Inc., to Consolidated Health Systems, Inc., property located on Big Sandy River.

Bert Allen and Clara Allen, his wife to Pacilla Conn, property located in Betsy Layne.

George Franklin Salisbury and Lorene Salisbury, his wife to Marcia Marie Bentley, property location not listed.

Roy D. Salisbury and CathyAnn Salisbury to George Franklin Salisbury and Loraine Salisbury, property location not

listed.
Sam E. King to Jackie Day Crisp and Rita Crisp, property located near Allen.

James Robert Guess and Kathlene Guess to Ben Chapman and Birdie Chapman, property located on Right Fork of Bull Creek.

Helene Spradlin and Hurley Spradlin to Kevin Todd Goodman and Connie Goodman, property located on Daniels Creek.

Helene Spradlin and Hurley Spradlin to Chris Fitzpatrick and Maria Fitzpatrick, property located on Daniels Creek.

Paul David Goble and Sally Ann Goble to Melissa Shell and Hubert James Shell, property located in the Goble-Roberts Subdivision.

Arnold Lowe and Alma R. Lowe to Arnold Burgess Lowe, property located on Turner Branch of Right Beaver Creek.

Arnold Lowe and Alma R. Lowe to Donald Lamar Lowe, property located on Turner Branch of Right Beaver Creek.

Arnold Lowe and Alma R. Lowe to Claudena Hamilton, property located on Turner Branch of Right Beaver Creek.

James Mearl Music and Carolyn Sue Music to Jerry Stanley and Debbie Stanley, property location not listed.

David Hinchman and Norma Hinchman to William D. Hinchman, property located in the Stanley Powell Addition at Tram.

Myles Gene Robinette to Dorla Menette Robinette, property located on Toler Creek.

Inez Deposit Bank to Judy Newman, property located on Ned Ousley Hollow.

Alberta Meade Burns to Samuel G. Meade and Virginia Meade, property located on Clear Creek.

John Clark to John Earl Collins and Benita Collins, property located on Corn Fork of Brandy Keg.

Jeffrey M. Wells and Jeanie T. Wells to Associates Relocation Management Company Inc., property located on Big Sandy River.

Joetta Snipes Flannery and Don Flannery to Timothy A. Stratton and Elizabeth A. Stratton, property located on Left Fork of Abbott Road.

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Jackie Mitchell Meade, Executrix/trustee of Tramble Mitchell Jr. to Sherree Marie Wright to Jeanie Mullins, Lisa Ann Slone, and Jackie Mitchell Meade, property located on Spurlock Fork.

Lowell Samons and Mary Samons to Curtis Webb and Emily Roshelle Webb, property located on Prater Creek.

Glenda Pitts and Larry Pitts, Goldie Handshoe and Kevin Handshoe, to Robert Grigsby and Susan Grigsby, property located

on Little Creek Subdivision.
Sharon Music to Matasha J. Music, property located in Auxier.

Timothy Sturgill and Oma Sturgill to Timothy Sturgill and Oma Sturgill, property located on Friley Branch.

John Estep and Jean Estep to Timothy Sturgill and Oma Sturgill, property located on Friley Branch.

Donald Bays and Jewel Bays to Donna Bays Jewell, property located on Bull Creek.

Hugh W. Akers, and Susan Akers to Brian Hugh Akers, property location not listed.

Graham F. Johns, III and Lisa Johns, Taylor Douglas and Maureen Douglas, Nancy Graham Douglas Williamson and

Terry Williamson, Lindsey Douglas and Debra Douglas, Hiram Ely III to Denzil Ray Hall and Donna Sue Hall, property location not listed.

Charles Graham May and Cheryl Lyne May to May Estates Inc., property location not listed.

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East Kentucky Corporation hosts youth entrepreneurship conferences

The answer, it turns out, should be Appalachia's technology-savvy youth.

That's why East Kentucky Corporation (EKC), an economic development organization for 45 Appalachian counties, is sponsoring a student conference in Prestonsburg to foster technology entrepreneurship. These students have a wealth of technology skills and are eager to start business ventures.

The East Kentucky Entrepreneurial Institute will be held December 13, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Sixth-through 12th-graders will learn about marketing, web site design, software tools and training, and entrepreneurship training. The institute also will allow students to network and share their experiences and successes with other students.

"Eastern Kentucky needs to develop its technology infrastructure—and its entrepreneurs," said Tom Jones, EKC's executive director. "Our young people, who are leaving the region in droves for better opportunities in other parts of the state, are our best hope for technology entrepreneurship."

The conferences, co-sponsored by the Appalachian Regional Commission, will focus on students participating in the Department of Education's Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP). Other youth interested in attending should visit www.kentechy.com.

"The institute will provide students with a toolbox of

resources," said Kevin Norveil, EKC's director of entrepreneurial development. "In addition, www.kentechy.com will serve as a portal for these technology entrepreneurs for free email, web space, on-line chat and a marketplace directory for advertising their services and products."

EKC's board of directors created the program more than a year ago after drawing some important conclusions.

First, the board recognized Appalachia's technology infrastructure gap with the rest of the state and the lack of entrepreneurship in the region. Second, the board concluded that youth were the best hope for improving that underdevelopment—but other areas of the state with more opportunity for success and career development were attracting youth away from the region, creating a "youth flight."

Studies demonstrated that encouraging entrepreneurship would increase the self-esteem and economic literacy of these students while making them better planners for the future.

EKC's board became convinced that the organization should focus on helping young people recognize unmet opportunities that exist in Appalachia, and then equipping those youth with the tools and resources necessary for success.

Jones said, "We're looking forward to the region reaping the benefits of this kind of program."

Holiday CD benefits Ronald McDonald House charities®

Dillard's has announced its seventh annual fundraiser, "Make Christmas Magic and Help a Child," to benefit Ronald McDonald Houses in communities it serves.

Focus of this year's charitable project is an all-new CD and cassette featuring holiday music on sale in all 345 Dillard's stores nationwide. And again this year, the company will donate all profits from sale of the music to Ronald McDonald Houses serving its local communities in Kentucky, including Louisville and Lexington.

Dillard's already has donated more than \$2.2 million to Ronald McDonald Houses during past campaigns, according to Denise Mahaffy, vice president of advertising and product development for

Dillard's. "While we're very pleased with this past support from our employees and customers," said Mahaffy, "we're really enthusiastic about assisting Ronald McDonald House Charities again this year."

Mahaffy said public can assist by stopping by a Dillard's store and purchasing several of the CDs and cassettes to complete their shopping lists. "They make a great addition to the holiday spirit two ways," she said. "While the music includes a great selection of Christmas songs by some of the country's top artists, everyone purchasing the CDs and cassettes also should have a good feeling that they are helping benefit local families in their time of need."

This year, Dillard's "Christmas Collection 2000" features 10 selections by all-time great artists

including Melissa Manchester, Ella Fitzgerald, Johnny Mathis and Mel Torme. The CDs and cassettes will be sold through December 24 at all Dillard's locations in the 29 states the company serves. CDs selling for \$7 and cassettes for \$5.

The Dillard's "Christmas Collection 2000" features the following songs and artists: Lena Horne, "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!"; Nancy Wilson, "Christmas Waltz"; Eartha Kit, "Santa Baby"; Vince Guaraldi Trio, "O Tannenbaum"; Grover Washington Jr., "Blue Christmas"; Johnny Mathis, "Silver Bells"; Ella Fitzgerald, "Sleigh Ride"; Dean Martin, "White Christmas"; Melissa Manchester, "I'll Be Home for Christmas"; Mel Torme, "Christmas Time Is Here."

Calendar

detector, call 886-9193.

MCVFD sets giveaway dates

The Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department will give away clothing and toys to needy families from 7 to 9

p.m. on the following dates: December 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, and 20. The department is located on KY 114, Mountain Parkway extension. Call 606/886-3606 or 886-0017.

Pikeville

Methodist Hospital

November 27—Diabetes Support Group, 218-3513.

November 28—Epidural Class, 7 p.m., Education Center, 606/218-3938.

November 30 US TOO! Prostate Cancer Support Group, Pikeville United Methodist Church, 606/218-4992.

December 5—The Lung Cancer Support Group, Pikeville United Methodist Church, 606/218-4992.

December 11 ABC (After Breast Cancer) Support Group, dinner meeting, 6 p.m.

December 13—Community CPR, Education Center, 9 a.m.-Noon, 606/218-3525.

December 18—CCS (Colorectal Cancer Survivors) Support Group, Pikeville United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. 606/218-4992.

December 28—US TOO! Prostate Cancer Support Group, Pikeville United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. 606/218-4992.

8th graders may be Robinson Scholars

The University of Kentucky Robinson Scholars program is informing 8th grade students in Floyd and surrounding counties that they may be eligible for a fully paid scholarship to UK or an area community college. If the parents of an 8th grade student in these counties do not possess a four-year college degree, the student is eligible to apply for the scholarship.

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Counselors and principals have nomination forms. Students can self-nominate. Call Brian Campbell at Prestonsburg Community College at 606/886-3863.

Social Security rep to visit Mud Creek clinic

A Social Security representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of November. 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. Pick up booklets on Social Security, and get questions answered.

Fibromyalgia support group meetings

The monthly meetings of Fibromyalgia Support Group are being held in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building. These meetings are scheduled on the first Tuesday of every month. Contact Sharon, 478-5224, or Phyllis, 874-2769.

Group sets meeting

The Ups of Down Syndrome support group now has a permanent meeting place and time. The group will meet the first Sunday of every month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside Pikeville Independent School. Call 606/377-6142 or 478-5099 for more information.

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CHRIS SPRIGGS (5) had an unbelievable 80-plus yard touchdown run called back in the third quarter. Spriggs was a double threat for the Blackcats this season as both a back and a receiver.

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A Look at Sports

Wildcats!
 Redlegs!
 More!



The University of Kentucky continues to have their problems — not on the basketball court — but in personnel.

Marquis Estill is the latest to fall from the graces of coach Tubby Smith and this time they are not telling what team infraction Estill is guilty of breaking. I suppose with all the problems this team has had in the past three seasons, they are being more careful to reveal anything.

I wonder, after the statement of Saul Smith to the media about players learning anything after the Desmond Allison and Jules Cammara incident, if the punishment was not for the same violation the former two Wildcats were guilty of.

Estill was suspended by Tubby but the end of the suspension appears to have ended with the sophomore returning to practice this past Friday.

Troubled players continue to be a problem for most programs around America. Programs like North Carolina, Duke, Kansas and others, you never hear of any problems and it used to be that way at UK.

I think today we have a different breed of kids coming from the high school ranks to the next level and their thinking is set by the standards of the NBA.

Dreaming of a career in professional basketball, they quickly develop an image (of their own making) and feel they must be different than that of the normal college player.

They wear their hair different, an earring, tattoos, and etc. Soon they believe all the hype said about them and they begin to head toward the deep end.

Entering college, they have plans for one or two years of college ball and then on to the next level. Getting an education is not the thing with them and they begin to consider themselves "above team rules" and set out to do their own thing.

There definitely needs to be some strict rules enforced regardless of who the gurus think is the country's best player.

I for one am in favor of the freshman eligibility rule where a frosh sets out of varsity play the first year. The rule used to be in effect and was a good one. It would permit the student to be a student first and get his bearings right and keep the NBA agents at a distance.

Who is the blame for all the mess that professional athletics has found itself in? Try the fans, media, coaches, parents and athletes themselves. It is a mess and I don't see it getting any better.

REDS CLEANING ARBITRATION LIST

As the 2000 baseball season ended, the Cincinnati Reds were facing going to arbitration with 12 players who the arbitration court would have ruled in favor of.

With the increase in salaries surely to come, the Reds started unloading

(See SPORTS, page three)

Coleman brings leadership to Lady Blackcats basketball



by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats basketball team will return five seniors from last year's squad that captured their third straight 58th District tournament last season and that makes them a solid favorite to make it four in a row when the 2000 season opens this week.

One of those returning seniors is Brook Coleman who has been a starter since her days as a freshman. She also saw some playing time as an eighth-grader.

Coleman said she was excited about the

upcoming season and it should be a good one for Prestonsburg.

"We have four seniors now but we may have five if we can work things out," she said. "We have a great coach and we are going to work on our defense a lot this time."

Prestonsburg was one of the worst defensive teams to play in the region last year. There is no concern for the Prestonsburg offense, according to Coleman, with the talent that returns this season.

"We have Amelia (Conley), Ramanda (Music) and some good three-point shooters," she said. "Really, there is not going to

be anyone to stop our offense."

There are going to be a lot of positives for this year's ballclub but Coleman said one area that stands out more than the rest is the offense.

"It has to be our offense. Right now, our offense is great, but it always has been," she said. "We need to get our defense to half of what our offense. We had Amelia going to camp and worked on her moves back in the summer with Ramanda. I went to camp. Angela (Howell) has improved tremendously since I have known her."

Talented sophomores and juniors will

help make the Lady Blackcats another threat for a district and maybe a regional title.

"We need to hold our opponents to an average of 50 points," Coleman said. "I think we will be all right both ways once the season begins."

Shelby Valley is the defending regional champions and Coleman said there is not doubt the Lady Wildcats has to be considered the regions best.

"They only lost one player from last year

(See COLEMAN, page three)

■ Rodney McKinney

McKinney captures Mr. Kentucky championship

12 year dream fulfilled

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

For the past 12 years former Martin resident John Rodney McKinney has been working hard. No, he hasn't been at some manual labor job but working hard to fulfill a dream of his that started 12 years ago when he first ventured in the sport of body-building.

In October, that dream became a reality in Florence when he walked on the stage with five other class winners to be named Mr. Kentucky out of 108 contestants.

Winning his heavyweight division of Mr. Kentucky, McKinney was a unanimous choice for the Mr. Kentucky title. He competed against winners in the bantamweight, lightweight, middleweight, light heavy.

"I had been competing for the past eight years," said McKinney.

McKinney said judging was based on how your body was put together and what type of look a contestant had.

"They look at how much muscle mass you have," he said. "Your condition is a big part of the judging also."

In preparation for competition, McKinney would rise around 6 a.m. and grab a gallon of water heading toward the treadmill where he would spend an hour and a half.

"I would drink around two gallons of water a day," he said. "I would do 35 to 40 minutes of cardio on the treadmill before I ate or did anything. I would eat my first meal, shower, pack my food up for the day."

As a registered dietitian, McKinney knew how many calories he was taking in per day. McKinney's wife, Elizabeth, would weigh all his food for the day and label each meal, what it was and how much it was.

"I knew exactly what I was eating at all times," he said. "I am in pharmaceutical sales and every two hours I would eat one of those meals."

Once back home in the evening, McKinney would return to work out again for another hour and half session of weight training followed by another 35 to 40

(See DREAM, page four)



— Boyle County vs. Prestonsburg —



photo by Steve LeMaster

MATT SLONE (22) scored the Blackcats' only touchdown of the game on a 1-yard run. Slone will return next year for his senior season on the gridiron.

Prestonsburg falls to Boyle County

Slone scores Blackcats only touchdown

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

Win, lose or draw the Prestonsburg Blackcats entered Friday night's game with Boyle County having already claimed a district and a regional championship.

Friday night's game with the visiting Boyle County Rebels would not only be the last game on the Prestonsburg field for the senior Blackcats, it was also the last game for the underclassmen, as the field will be dozed and turned around for next season.

The Rebels brought a 28-game win streak into Friday night's game along with a lot of momentum.

The Blackcats received the football to begin the game, but would fumble and turn the ball over. With a third and nine situation facing them, the Blackcats fumbled the football away and Boyle County's Michael Paul Webb recovered the ball at the Prestonsburg 16-yard line.

Two plays later, Boyle County quarterback Jeff Duggins found tailback Boomer Johnson

coming out of the backfield on a 15-yard pass completion. Senior fullback Matt Quinn took it in from the 1-yard line and kicker Taylor Begley added the PAT kick to give Boyle County a 7-0 lead with 7:22 remaining on a first quarter score clock.

Prestonsburg garnered their first first down of the game on their second drive of the game, courtesy of a Boyle County personal foul. The Prestonsburg offense continued to sputter midway through the first quarter and the Blackcats elected to punt the ball away with 6:35 remaining in the quarter.

Johnson took the Rebels deep into Prestonsburg territory at the five minute mark of the first quarter with a reverse run good for an 18-yard gain. With the ball on the one-yard line, Casey McCoy leaped over the Blackcat defense and took it in for six. Begley's kick split the uprights and the Rebels led 14-0 at 4:15.

The Blackcats fumbled the ball away on the third play of their third drive on a misplayed pitch. A Rebel defender recovered the fumble and ran it in for a 24-yard touchdown.

Boyle County held a commanding 21-0 lead after one quarter.

The Rebels put another score on the board at

(See PRESTONSBURG, page three)



Dotson crowned world champion

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

Leslie Dotson is making quite a name for herself. Not many people, let alone teenage high school students can say they're a world champion, but Leslie Dotson can.

Dotson was recently crowned Racking Horse Reserve Youth Style World Champion for 2000. She was the Youth Style World Champion in 1999.

Dotson found substantial success last season by capturing the Racking Horse State Championship and becoming the Kentucky state champion.

The class she competes in is the youth 13-17 year old class. Dotson's season begins in April. Events take place in states like Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South

Carolina, Alabama and Georgia.

Besides winning her home state of Kentucky, the young Dotson also won in the Volunteer State of Tennessee.

The big show of the year is held in Decatur, Alabama.

Dotson competed against the 17 best competitors, both boys and girls, that the United States had to offer, and came away

with reserve honors (second place).

Dotson's trainer is Dana Adkins of Adkins Stables of Logan, West Virginia.

Adkins feels that Dotson has great potential in the sport she partakes in.

"She's a real good rider," said Adkins. "She does real well with horses. We plan on taking her to more of the big shows next season. Leslie has really dominated the smaller shows."

Adkins Stables produced nine world champions last year.

Dotson's competition year is over for now, but will start back up in April of next year, just a little over five months from now.

After Dotson grows out of the youth class, she will then go into the amateur class of competition.

The Scoreboard

H.S. FOOTBALL

CLASS A	Glasgow 35 Corbin 13
Newport Central Catholic 28 Pikeville 14	Friday's game
Danville 35 Mayfield 7	Glasgow vs. Boyle County
Friday's game	CLASS 3A
Danville vs.	Owensboro 56 Waggener 22
Newport Central Catholic	Highlands 41 Rockcastle Co. 9
CLASS 2A	Saturday's game
Boyle County 56 Prestonsburg 8	Owensboro vs. Highlands

Crusaders win three straight in Three Rivers Conference Tournament

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The June Buchanan Crusaders opened play this past week in the Three Rivers Conference tournament. The Crusaders hosted Letcher and played both Cordia and Oneida Baptist on the road, winning all three contests.

The Crusaders posted an impressive win as they hosted Cordia. June Buchanan got off to a slow start but outscored Letcher 36-4 in the second quarter allowing them to cruise to a win. The Crusaders were led by Jase Slone's 16 points and seven rebounds. Point guard Josh Cook finished with 14 points and six assists, while center Josh Thomas finished with six points and six rebounds. Other players who contributed for the Crusaders were Zach Bentley five points, eight rebounds; Todd Johnson four points, two rebounds; Kaleb Anderson seven points, three rebounds; Tyler Cox six points;

Brandon Amburgey four points; Lance Williams four points; and Aaron Jones two points.

The Crusaders traveled to Cordia on Friday November 17 and played quite well. The Crusaders held a 20-19 lead at the half, but pulled out in the second half and posted a 61-47 win. Slone led the team with 21 points and six rebounds. Cook also had a big night, scoring 20 points and grabbing six rebounds. Thomas finished with 11 points and seven rebounds. Adam Jones tallied seven points in the contest for the victorious Crusaders.

The Crusaders scored their third win in a row on Saturday when they traveled to and beat Oneida Baptist. The Crusaders led 37-29 and cruised to a win. All five June Buchanan scorers recorded double figure point totals in Saturday's game.

The Crusader's were back in action last night against Redbrid in the championship game of the conference tournament.

B-Team Lady Cats hold on to beat Blaine

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Adams B-team girls basketball squad opened the recent Blaine girls B-team tournament with a win over the host team.

With a slim 19-17 lead at the intermission, the young Lady Cats clawed their way back and eventually posted a 36-29 win.

Adams fell behind 12-9 after one quarter. Darcy Hicks kept the Lady Cats going in the first quarter with six points on two field goals and two free throws. Meghan Slone was the only other Lady Cat to score in the opening frame. She had three points on a field goal and one-of-two made-attempts from the free throw line.

Adams made their presence known in the second quarter by doubling up and outscoring their opponents 10-5.

Meghan Slone had her best quarter of the game with three successful field goals in the quarter. Pam Slone and Brittany Collins each added a bucket as the Lady Cats went into the half with a 19-17 lead.

Adams continued to play sound both offensively and defensively in the third quarter.

Adams and Blaine both played even in the third quarter. Adams led 28-26 going into the fourth stanza and held Blaine to just three points.

Blaine's only field goal of the fourth quarter came on a three-point basket by Jennifer Blevins.

Hicks tallied five fourth quarter points to go along with a Meghan Slone basket and a Pam Slone free throw to propel the Lady Cats to a 36-29 win.

Hicks led Adams in scoring with 15 points. Meghan Slone was the only other Lady Cat to finish in double-figures with 13.

Pam Slone finished with four points, while Amber Whitaker and Brittany Collins finished with two points each.

Jennifer Blevins led Blaine with a game-high 16 points.

ADAMS (36)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Hicks	6	0	5-3	15
M. Slone	6	0	2-1	13
P. Slone	1	0	5-2	4
Whitaker	1	0	1-0	2
Collins	1	0	0-0	2

BLAINE (17)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Blevins	4	2	2-2	16
Jude	3	0	5-3	9
Courtney	1	0	0-0	2

Adams -	9	10	9	8-36
Blaine -	12	5	9	3-17

Free Kentucky Hunter Education Course

A free Kentucky Hunter Education course will be held on November 27, 28 and 29 at 6 p.m. The course will be held at the Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club at Stratton Branch.

The ten hour course sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and Floyd County Hunters Education Organization will include classroom instruction in hunter ethics, wildlife identification, outdoor survival, first aid, firearms, bow hunting and ammunition. The last session will include actual range firing and an examination.

Upon successful completion of the course, a graduate card will be issued which is valid in any state where such certification is required. Attendance at all sessions

is required for certification.

Effective March 1, 1991, all hunters born on or after January 1, 1975, shall, while hunting, carry a valid hunter education course graduate card in addition to the appropriate Kentucky hunting license requirements. A bow hunter not in possession of a firearm may carry a "National Bowhunter Education Program" course completion card in lieu of the hunter education card. Children under age 10 and persons exempt from the purchasing a hunting license are not required to possess the card while hunting. Children under age 10 shall be accompanied by an adult of at least 18 years of age while hunting.

For additional information, call Tim Goble, 874-2490 or Barry Frasure, 285-9183.

SportsBoard

Border States Shootout set for Saturday

Girls basketball will be the name of the game Saturday when a dozen team take part in the Border States Shootout at Belfry High School.

team from both Kentucky and West Virginia will square off against each other. Even organizers expect the panorama to draw a large crowd.

- Kentucky teams will all be designated as homes teams and should wear white uniforms or numbered reversible. All West Virginia teams will be designated as the visiting team.
- Games will consist of two fifteen minute halves.
- There will be a fifteen minute warm-up period between games.
- Officials will be from the 15th Region.
- Basketball, water and towels will be provided.
- Admission will be \$3.00.
- teams will be provided T-shirts and a post-game meal.
- A hospitality room will be provided separate for coaches.

BORDER STATES SHOOTOUT SCHEDULE

11:00	Johnson Central vs. Huntington
12:30	Belfry vs Princeton
2:00	Pikeville vs. Woodrow Wilson
3:30	Knott Co. Central vs. Logan
5:00	Elkhorn City vs. Tolsia
6:30	Phelps vs. Scott.

All games will be played at Belfry High School.

NFL Standings

AFC EAST		NFC EAST	
Miami	8	N.Y. Giants	7
Indianapolis	7	Philadelphia	7
N.Y. Jets	7	Washington	7
Buffalo	7	Dallas	4
New England	3	Arizona	3
AFC CENTRAL		NFC CENTRAL	
Tennessee	9	Minnesota	10
Baltimore	8	Detroit	8
Pittsburgh	5	Tampa Bay	6
Jacksonville	4	Green Bay	5
Cleveland	3	Chicago	3
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AFC WEST		NFC WEST	
Oakland	9	St. Louis	8
Denver	7	New Orleans	7
Kansas City	5	Carolina	4
Seattle	4	Atlanta	3
San Diego	0	San Francisco	3

NFL SCHEDULE

Sunday games

Chicago at New York Jets	Atlanta at Oakland
New Orleans at St. Louis	Miami at Indianapolis
Cleveland at Baltimore	Kansas City at San Diego
Philadelphia at Washington	Tennessee at Jacksonville
Buffalo at Tampa Bay	N.Y. Giants at Arizona
Pittsburg at Cincinnati	Open: San Francisco

Monday game

Green Bay at Carolina, 9 p.m.

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE	
<i>Atlantic Division</i>		<i>Midwest Division</i>	
Philadelphia	11	Utah	8
New York	8	San Antonio	8
Boston	6	Dallas	8
New Jersey	6	Minnesota	7
Miami	5	Houston	7
Orlando	4	Denver	6
Washington	3	Vancouver	4
<i>Central Division</i>		<i>Pacific Division</i>	
Cleveland	9	Phoenix	8
Toronto	6	Sacramento	8
Charlotte	7	L.A. Lakers	8
Indiana	6	Portland	9
Detroit	4	L.A. Clippers	4
Milwaukee	3	Seattle	5
Chicago	2	Golden State	3
Atlanta	2		

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Hunters can learn contact information for official measurers for the Boone & Crockett Club by calling the KDFWR Information Center at (800) 858-1549, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern.

TRIVIA QUESTION???

Who owns the UK single game record for most points scored?

A. Dan Issel, 53 vs. Ole Miss, Feb. 7, 1970

Sports Briefs...

Football

THORPE FINALISTS NAMED

Jamar Fletcher of Wisconsin, Dwight Smith of Akron and Fred Smoot of Mississippi State are finalists for the Jim Thorpe Award, given to the top defensive back in college football. The award will be presented Dec. 7.

COLLEGE BOWL NOTES

■ The University of Cincinnati Bearcats are to play Dec. 27 in the Motor City Bowl. This marks the school's second bowl appearance in four years after going almost a half century without one.

■ East Carolina has accepted a bid to play a Big 12 team in the first galleryfurniture.com Bowl on Dec. 27 in the Astrodome in Houston.

■ Georgia Tech ranked No. 18, has accepted a bid and will play in the Peach Bowl on Dec. 29.

■ Southern Mississippi will play No. 15 Texas Christian in the Mobile Alabama Bowl on Dec. 20 at Ladd-Peebles Stadium.

■ The University of Kentucky football team will not go bowling this season.

Will the changes in the coaching staff make for a significant difference in next season's end result?

The Cats will have eight opponents on next season's schedule who are bowl-bound this postseason.

CUMBERLAND HIRES COACH

Chuck King was hired as Cumberland College's new coach after spending much of his playing and coaching career at NCAA Division II Carson-Newman.

King succeeds Dan Haley, who retired from coaching after five seasons at Cumberland. The Indians were 2-8 this season.

A three-year all conference player and member of two NAIA national title teams, King returned to his alma mater in 1992 and coached the offensive line, quarterbacks and kicking game and served as recruiting coordinator.

King was an administrative assistant and compliance director at Carson-Newman for the last two years. He was also the men's golf coach.

UNC FIRES TORBUSH

North Carolina Coach Carl Torbush who almost lost his job last year, was fired after a 6-5 season. Torbush, who had three years remaining on his five-year contract had a three-year record of 17-18, including a 3-8 season last year when he was almost fired. He was retained after an outcry from players, students and fans.

Torbush joined the North Carolina staff in 1988 as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach.

MEMPHIS FIRES SCHERER

Memphis Coach Rip Scherer was fired after failing to produce a winning record in any of his six seasons.

Memphis finished 4-7 after a 37-14 loss at Tulane Saturday. The loss was the Tigers fifth straight setback.

Scherer who came to Memphis from James Madison, had a 22-44 record in his six seasons.

WEINKE TAKES GOLDEN ARM AWARD

Florida State's Chris Weinke won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award this past week. The award is given annually to the nation's top senior quarterback. The other finalists were Drew Brees of Purdue, Bart Hendricks of Boise State, Josh Heupel of Oklahoma and Marques Tuiasosopo of Washington.

GRBAC QUESTIONABLE

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Elvis Grbac has an injured right index finger and is questionable for today's game at winless San Diego.

EX-49ER GOES HOME

Former 49ers quarterback John Brodie, 65, who suffered a major stroke last month, was discharged from a rehabilitation center and was able to celebrate Thanksgiving with his family.

Baseball

REDS SIGN MOSELY

Right-hander Dustin Mosely, Cincinnati's second pick in this year's amateur draft has agreed to a minor league contract with the Reds.

HERSHISER CONSIDERS RETURN TO THE MAJORS

Orel Hershiser is talking about coming back to the majors and back to New York as a pitching coach. Hershiser last pitched in the majors for the Mets back in 1999. He rejoined the Los Angeles Dodgers this season, then retired in July, just two months before turning 42.

YANKS SIGN OLIVER

Free-agent catcher Joe Oliver signed a one-year \$1.1 million contract with the New York Yankees. Oliver, 35, batted .265 with 10 home runs and 35 runs batted in for Seattle last season.

Basketball

CHAPMAN RETIRES

Rex Chapman announced his retirement this past week, after a series of injuries forced him to consider the permanent lay-off. Chapman, 33, had surgery on his right wrist before training camp and began the season on the injured reserve list. He is to have foot surgery soon.

ALABAMA'S SMITH SIDELINED

Alabama freshman guard Demetrius Smith has a stress fracture in his foot and is expected to miss four to five weeks. Smith underwent surgery to place a pin in his foot to help it heal.

WOODS SUSPENSION AFFIRMED

The NCAA has affirmed its six-game suspension of Arizona senior center Loren Woods for accepting money from a family friend last month.

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Prestonsburg

8:25, along with another successful kick, giving them a 28-0 lead. Leading 28-0, the Rebel coaching staff called for an on-sides kick, something not normally seen when a team is leading 28-0. The on-sides kick was covered by Prestonsburg's Kevin Woods and the Blackcats proceeded with their first scoring drive of the game. Prestonsburg quarterback Joey Willis found Matt Clay for a 31-yard strike putting the Blackcat offense at the Boyle County 19-yard line. Slone carried the ball down to the one-yard line with an 18-yard gain. Slone carried the pigskin in one play later for the 1-yard touchdown score. Joey Willis rolled out on a quarterback keep to the left and found the end zone for the two-point conversion. The Blackcats trailed 28-8 with 6:35

left to play in the second quarter. Boyle County added another score just before the half and took a 35-8 lead into the intermission period. Prestonsburg came out in the second half and kicked off to the Rebels to begin the third quarter. An on-sides kick to the Rebels was recovered by junior Blackcat Chris Spriggs and the host team took over on offense at midfield. Four plays and the Prestonsburg offense was out, leaving the Boyle County offense to take over on downs. The Blackcat defense made their first big stand of the game on Boyle County's first possession of the second half. The Blackcat defense continued to hold for most of the third quarter until Quinn scored a 5-yard run at 2:28 in the third quarter.

Spriggs broke several tackles on Prestonsburg's last possession of the third quarter and ran for an 83-yard paydirt that was called back on a penalty against the Blackcats. In another untimely call, Prestonsburg coach John DeRossett was thrown out of the ball game at 1:25 in the third quarter. Boyle County led 42-8 after three quarters, and put up two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter, giving them a 56-8 win and a trip to Louisville for Friday's Class 2A state championship game. Boyle County now has the chance to repeat as Class 2A state champions. The host Blackcats weren't victorious on this day, but have nothing, absolutely nothing to be ashamed of.

Matt Slone led Prestonsburg in rushing with 48 yards on 15 carries. Willis carried the ball twice for 14 yards. The Blackcats had a total of 71 yards on the ground, way below both their season and playoff averages. Willis was 6-18 through the air for 58 yards, with

the big strike going to Clay. The Blackcats finished the game with a total of 129 yards of offense. Boyle County rolled up 424 yards of total offense in the game. The Rebels had 274 yards on the ground and 150 through the air. Quinn carried the load for Boyle

County. The senior fullback totaled 158 yards on 24 carries. The Blackcats finish the season with an 8-6 record, while Boyle County remains perfect at 13-0 as they go into Louisville for Friday's Class 2A championship game with Glasgow.

Coleman

and they are going to be great," said Coleman. "They have Summer Jones returning. Sheldon Clark is going to be good. They still have Mandy (Harmon). I look for Betsy Layne and Allen Central to be strong this year. "With all the senior players coming back this year in the district and region, it is going to be hard to play just the regular season games. About every team has several seniors returning." While Coleman has many memories of her days on the basketball court since arriving at Prestonsburg as a freshman, still there is one special one. "Playing with the same girls all the way through high school," she said. "Even when we played on opposite teams in grade school, when we came here we were friends. We get along real well, more than what people would expect a basketball team to do."

Coleman. "We are so close we just stay busy playing sports." Coleman said she probably will attend Marshall University next year while some of the other girls will go their separate ways, breaking up the "old gang!" Coleman likes the group she is finishing her career with. "Amelia is a great player with a great jump shot," said Coleman. "She is one of the top rebounders in the region. "Angela has a big heart when it comes to playing basketball. She may not be a big scorer, or a big rebounder but she has a big heart. She has a lot of pride. She just wants to do the best she can this

year. "Meagan (Hyden) has improved so much from last year. She is one of the better point guards. But if I had to talk about her I would have to talk about her passing. She is one of the better passers in the region. "Ramanda, through her hard times she has come out of it and she gives it all she has. She has one of the best fade away jump shots." Coleman said the team has been working hard to be better than what people think they will be this year. Being tabbed a can't miss team does not bother her or her teammates.

Kentucky Sportsline...

by TOM LEACH

How did it get so bad so fast? There surely won't be any special highlights video on this football season at the University of Kentucky, but if one were produced, that might well be the title. Pundits often place the balance of the season's success on the outcome of the opening game with Louisville. In the past, that logic has proven faulty, but this year, it may well have been true. A UK team that expected to score a convincing and avenging win over the Cardinals instead lost in overtime, blowing a gift chance at victory in the final seconds of regulation play, and I'm just not sure this team ever recovered from that. And with the big shakeup of the coaching staff, perhaps we're gaining some insight into how this year's team ended up with a 2-9 record when so much more was expected. Bad chemistry, among players or even among coaches, is often a contributing factor to such situations and it's usually exposed in times of adversity. Just look at Alabama, where a team ranked number three nationally in the pre-season ended up with a losing record. There were reports of disharmony among the members of the coaching staff there as well. It is obvious that Hal Mumme must turn this ship around in a hurry and to do that, everyone in that football office must be on the same page and must believe in the program. So the decisions he makes on restocking his coaching staff will be perhaps the most important he's made in his coaching career. Recruiting is the lifeblood of any college team and the Wildcats were seemingly poised for a banner campaign, with the likes of Montrell Jones, Joe Dipe and Chad Anderson. Now, the coaches, whoever they are, will find themselves in the position of fighting hard to hold those commitments as well as keeping the young players already

on the team from jumping ship. It's certainly easy to make the case that Kentucky has a long way to go to reclaim the ground it has lost. But one could also make the argument that the difference between pretty good and pretty bad is not that much. The offense moved the ball but couldn't score consistently. Given that most of the players on offense were either in their first or second years, that discrepancy could easily be corrected with a season's worth of maturity. On defense, the Wildcats' performance was simply sorry for most of the year, but perhaps new leadership, in the person of coordinator John Goodner, can address those problems. And suffice to say, special teams play needs some major shoring up as well. Back in September, the outlook for the UK program was bright, with the Wildcats coming off back-to-back bowl trips. Every Big Blue fan will have a theory on why it went sour, from the Dusty Bonner-Jared Lorenzen situation to the eventual breakup of the coaching staff to who knows what else. Successful football teams are built on strong bonds, among players and among coaches, because the game is so demanding. The challenge now is to find a way to rebuild what has been damaged over the past few months. There are certainly strong building blocks in place in terms of personnel. On offense, there are two promising quarterbacks, an exciting runner in Chad Scott and an NFL-caliber tight end in Derek Smith. On defense, Dewayne Robertson and Jeremy Caudill showed tremendous promise and perhaps Dennis Johnson can still fulfill his enormous potential, too. This is surely the defining moment of the Mumme era in Kentucky football. A strong bounce back season may enable UK to overcome this mess and get the program back on track, but that is easier said than done in the Southeastern Conference.

Sports

those they felt they could do without in 2001. Gone are Ron Villone, Steve Parris, and others, the latest being Parris. The Reds say such moves have become necessary because they wanted to keep the nucleus of their younger players like Sean Casey, Dmitri Young, Aaron Boone, Pokey Reese and Jason Brewer. Michael Tucker is on the trading block along with Scott Williamson. The Reds, so they say, are receiving some very promising minor league players who they say will help in the future years. Baseball has become more of a money game than ever before. Not necessarily making money, but keeping it. Even the Atlanta Braves are saying enough is enough and have decided to follow other teams with a salary cap.

pick up he will step down as head coach at the end of the season. The former UK coach said he would not return to the Celtics helm next season if the team did not show any improvement on defense. Maybe the coach will surface next season at Indiana! FROM THE PAST I tuned in the ESPN Classic's channel Thursday night and watched a 1962 playoff game between Boston and Los Angeles. It was a strange sight. Missing was the three-point arc, only one free throw on a foul and five fouls you were out. The Boston lineup included, Bill Russell, Sam Jones, K.C. Jones, John Havlicek, and Frank Ramsey. Remember Jerry West, Elgin Baylor? They played for L.A. Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports! We will see you in church today! Oh yeah, the Women's Professional Football League is holding tryouts in Cincinnati. Come on, get real!

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Allen Central opens on road at Johnson Central; Betsy Layne visits Magoffin

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Allen Central head girls basketball coach, Cindy Halbert, will get her baptism as the Lady Rebels coach when her team travels to Johnson County Monday for the opening of the 2000-01 high school season.

The Lady Rebels will face a good Johnson Central Lady Eagle team, a contender for a regional crown this season.

Coach Halbert, who came from Belfry, will put a young and untested team on the floor led by four

returning seniors.

Jennifer Risner, who will play at the two-guard returns along with Shannon Sizemore, Barb Prater and Kari Osborne. Lauren Majakey also is a senior, a transfer from Prestonsburg where she played for the Lady Blackcats last season.

Johnson Central will look to Elena Williamson and Godly Wells this season. Rumor is that Amanda Griffith will not play her senior season for Johnson Central.

Coach Phillip Wireman dresses a competitive team every season and this year's team is no exception. The Lady Eagles will be an up

tempo team and will come at you full court.

Allen Central could start a freshman, Terri Mullins, at the point guard slot. Risner is to be moved to the two-guard slot. Jackie Martin will fill the paint area with Sizemore and Osborne running at the forward positions.

BETSY LAYNE AT MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Coach Brent Rose and the Betsy Layne Bobcats will visit the hive of the Magoffin County Hornets, who have vaulted as the favorite to win the boys 15th Region this year.

The Hornets will showcase 7'0" Tim Summa in his debut in regional basketball. Coach Danny Adams was returning a veteran team anyway and Summa is icing on the cake.

Coach Rose will return a veteran club also that played havoc in the region last season.

Brock Keathley returns for his senior season along with Adam Collins, Brad Daugherty. Junior Nathan Tackett will run the team from the point. Inside the paint area Jeremy Daniels roam at the post position.

Game time is set to tip off at 7:30 p.m.

PIARIST VISITS SOUTH FLOYD

The Piarist Knights and South Floyd Lady Raiders will get their 2000 season off with a Floyd County Conference game.

The Knights (0-3) will face the defending district champions at Raider Arena.

The Raiders are considered one of the top five teams in the region this year. Returning for Coach Henry Webb will be John Meade, Rusty Tackett and Michael Hall.

The Knights will put Brent Hall, Robert Hall, Matt Goeing, and Shawn Rose on the hardwood against the Raiders.

Only a varsity game will be played beginning at 7 p.m.

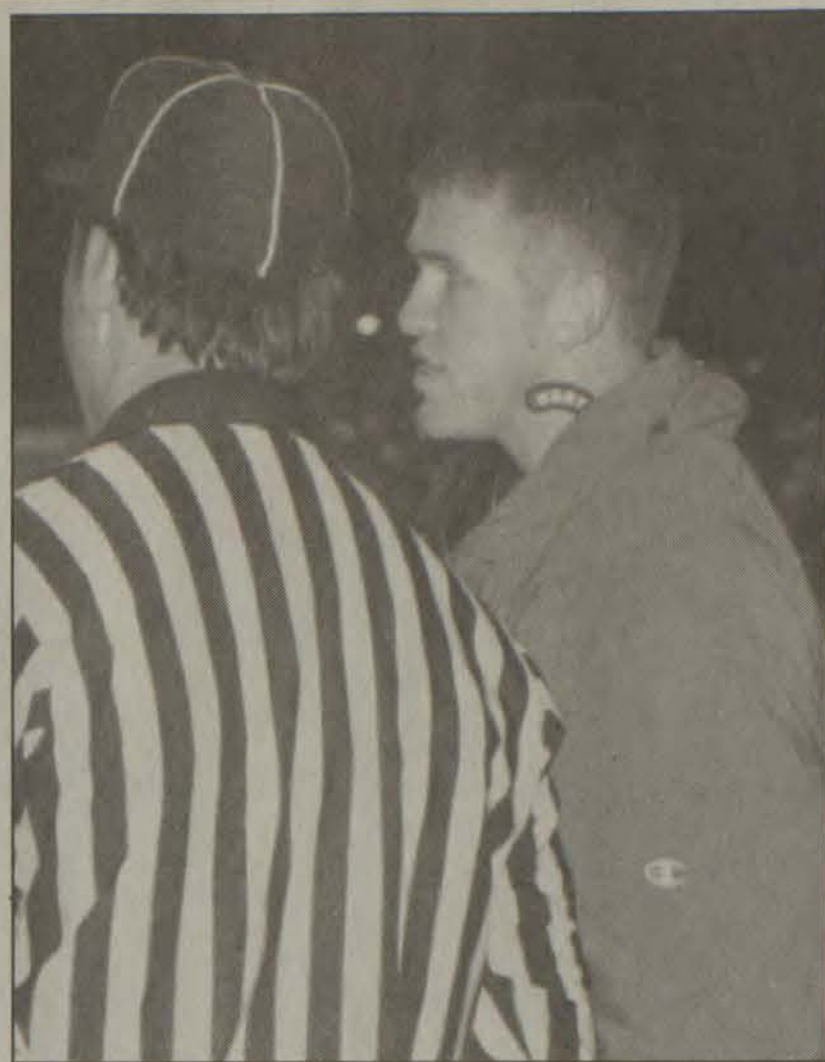


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PRESTONSBURG assistant coach James DeRossett talked with one of the officials during Friday night's game with Boyle County. Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett was ejected from the game late in the third quarter.

Dream

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minutes of cardio on the treadmill. "I would do that for seven days a week," said McKinney. "One day out of the seven I would not do the cardio until I went to bed that night."

On a strict diet, that is the one thing McKinney said he did not enjoy about the training.

"You are really restricted to what you can take," said McKinney. "I can name for you on hand what I ate for those 14 weeks."

The diet consisted of eggs, chicken, fish, sweet potatoes, oatmeal and a green vegetable.

McKinney, on the day of competition, along with all contestants, went through a pre-judging once the competition began.

"During pre-judging, the judges pick who wins each weight class," said McKinney. "They place the top five in each weight class."

Once the winners in each weight class have been determined, the top five return to the show's evening event for judging of Mr. Kentucky.

Once each contestant goes through their posing routine the class winners are named. Once the class winners have been determined, they are brought back out to be judged overall.

Judges are from the National Physique Committee (NPC). They are sanctioned judges. There were seven judges in place to make the decisions.

"I got all first place votes in my class," said McKinney. "I got all first in the overall as well."

McKinney said because you don't see yourself as others see you, he was surprised when the announcement was made he had won.

"I have always been my worst critic," he said. "I really can't say how overwhelmed I was. When I first started competing eight years ago, it was at the Mr. Southeast Kentucky contest at Whitesburg. That was the first competition I did and placed second in that show. I never thought I would take it to this level."

After running the Top Dog Gym in Prestonsburg, McKinney married and off to Eastern Kentucky University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree, he got away from competing. He went on from ECU to the University of Kentucky where he became a registered dietitian.

Having an urge to return to the circuit, he and Elizabeth had a discussion where he expressed his wanting to enter competition again.

"I told her what I wanted to do and how I needed her help and support in it," he said. "She was very encouraging and stood with me all the way."

"I had a lot of things to get in place before I could enjoy my hobby again. I am 32 years old now and not getting any younger. I just wanted to do it to the fullest extent and see what would happen. I thought I had the potential to win the title. But you never know unless you try."

Once school was over and things in place, McKinney decided the time was now.

"Once I became financially stable, I decided it was time to test the waters again," he said.

Coming back into competition meant getting priorities set which

required self-discipline.

"When you are on a treadmill for an hour a day there is not a whole lot to do," said McKinney.

McKinney said when his name was called he was almost brought to tears and all the discipline and hard work had paid off and was not for naught.

"You are on such a strict diet," he said. "You cannot eat anything sweet. You have to stay away from the junk food. You cannot go out to many restaurants and eat. You have to be selective in what you eat with all the training."

"This is something I have been preparing for since day one and I began training. To work for a goal for the past few years and having it finally pay off it is really overwhelming."

The future is unclear right now for the veteran bodybuilder. He may still compete in yet one more championship.

"Basically, I said if I ever won the title I would retire," he said. "What else is there to do than to win the state title?"

But that would not be the last of it as he has been urged to compete nationally.

"The promoter of the state show called me the other day and wants me to compete on the national level," said McKinney. "He wanted me to either to the Junior USA or the Junior Nationals. So if I can get my wife to support me again and put up with all the mental anguish I put her through I may pursue that either this year or next year."

McKinney said once away from competition it is harder to refocus on another show.

"When in the past I was competing every year and it was not as hard then to compete from year to year," said McKinney. "I didn't let myself get too bad out of shape. It wasn't that difficult to get back into shape versus this last time. It would have been four years since I competed."

What advice would McKinney give to a new aspiring bodybuilder?

"First they need to join a gym," he said. "Even though you may have a home gym there is not as much motivation training at home. When you see others at gyms training it just motivates you to work harder. You can have someone to spot you and help you with your routine."

"Secondly, you need to find someone who is into bodybuilding, who has already competed and kind of pick their mind on how they obtained their goals and where they are at currently."

"Last, be patient. The old saying, 'Rome wasn't built in a day!' I trained for 10-12 years and its taken me this long to get here."

McKinney said he, like most bodybuilders, is never satisfied with what he has accomplished.

"You always want to get better," he said. "You have to be self-disciplined. Self-dedicated."

McKinney remembered his old basketball coach at Martin, Jimmy Hopkins and the advice he gave.

"He said that quitters never win and winners never quit," recalled McKinney. "That is one thing I keep telling myself. I still look up to Jimmy to this day because he inspired me and instilled those traits and thoughts in me at a young age."

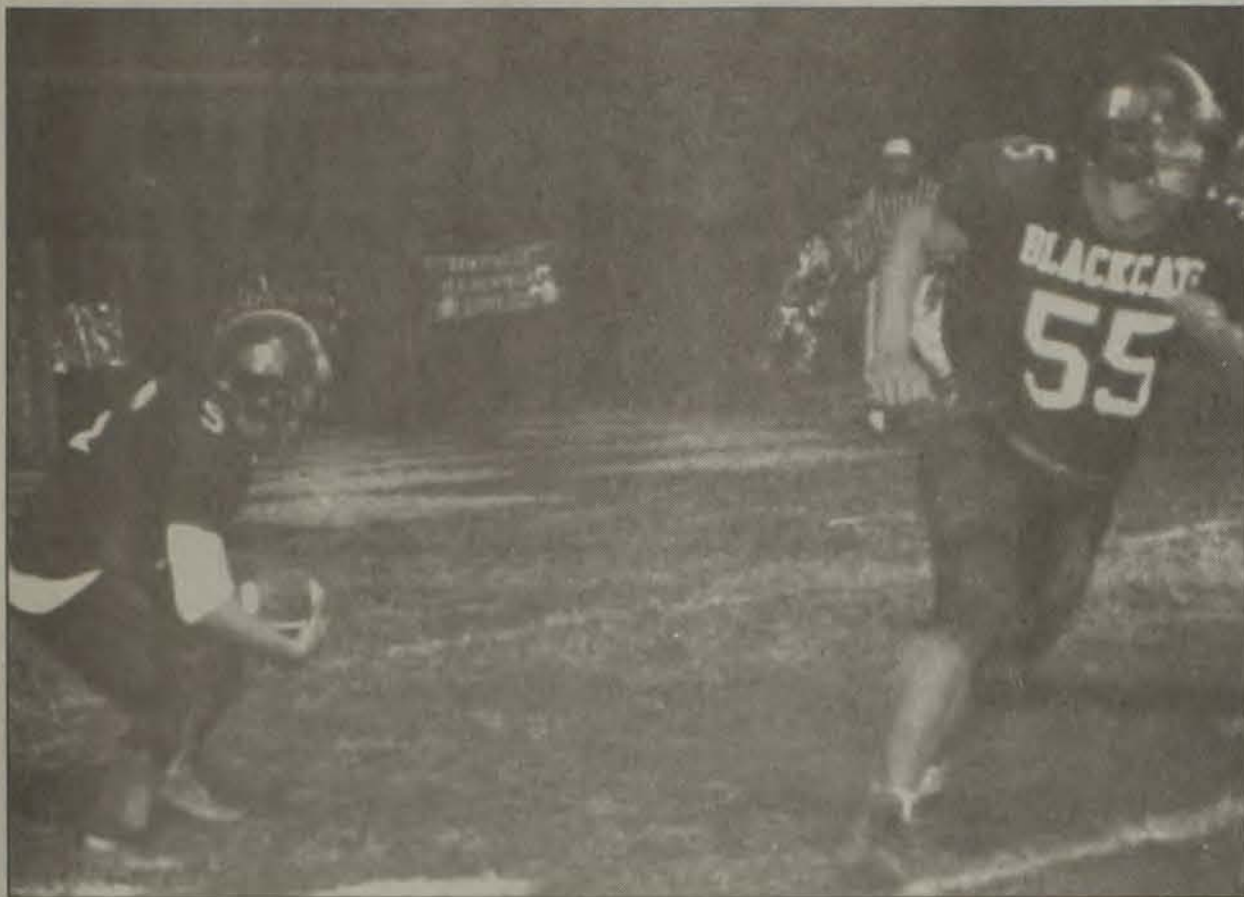


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CHRIS SPRIGGS (55) had an unbelievable 80-plus yard touchdown run called back in the third quarter. Spriggs was a double threat for the Blackcats this season as both a back and a receiver

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Feature:
 Katie Ann Dingus shared a picture as part of Antiques Share-time during Heritage Week activities at May Valley Elementary. The picture is of her great-great-grandfather Lyon.



PostScript

by Pam Shingler
 Editor



Home alone

My good friend and former colleague Willie Elliott knows about my dog family and has heard many tales thereof — more than have reached print, if you can believe that.

He e-mailed me a message last week that very well may hit close to home.

(However, I know for a fact that he and Linda have a few critters that are a tad spoiled, too.)

Anyway, Willie sent this list of 10 things that may "make you think your dog is smarter than you think." It may sound a little farfetched, but, sometimes, I don't know ...

10. Neighbors complain about loud music and howling coming from your house, while you are at work.

9. You find a mysterious sketch of yourself, wearing a leash, on the living room wall. (Drawn with a doggie bone, perhaps?)

8. You find ice cubes floating in the toilet water.

7. Neighborhood cats bring dog treats to your doorstep.

6. Your playing cards have unexplained teeth marks and slobber on them.

5. You can never find the leftovers in the fridge ever since you brought home "Rover."

4. The remote is covered with slobber, and the TV was left on The Nature Channel.

3. You notice unexplained teeth marks and slobber on your credit card.

2. You find a life insurance policy under the sofa, on you, with "Rover" as the beneficiary.

1. You check the mail and find MENSA mailings addressed to "Rover."

Speaking of animals, it is a pleasure to report that the newly formed group, SNOOP — Spay and Neuter Organization Of Prestonsburg, is wasting no time in fulfilling its mission.

In operation for just two months, it has already helped several people who need financial assistance in getting their pets spayed and neutered — with the generous support of local veterinarians.

Let's hope this means we'll be seeing fewer starving and dead animals along the roadways.

If you want to get involved, the next meeting is December 4 at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

More about animals: At the risk of redundancy, please think twice (and more) before you get someone a pet for Christmas. As much as I want every pet to have a home, I want even more for them to have a good home where they will be loved and well cared for.

Pets are long-term commitments. Treated well, they are expensive. Some are even difficult and quirky; all require patience from time to time and a good sense of humor.

The rewards are fantastic, but not everyone should have a pet. Think long and hard before you adopt a pet yourself or before you get one for someone else.

Greetings to subscriber Tipton Wyatt of Alpharetta, Georgia. Thanks for reading the Times.

Deck the halls



Members of Homemakers Clubs throughout Floyd County take a break Monday from their task of decorating the tree and lobby at the lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. They spent the last few months handcrafting the ornaments.

Club members decorate the lodge

The holiday spirit? Floyd County Homemakers have tons of it — and more to spare.

In what has become a seasonal tradition, members from Homemakers clubs across the county gathered at May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park last Monday to decorate the main tree, the lobby and stairwell.



In addition to the tree in the lobby, Homemakers Club members decorate the railings on the stairwell at May Lodge with holiday greenery.

"It's a labor of love," said Theresa Scott, Floyd County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Services, who works with the clubs.

The committee overseeing the decorations meets in the summer, Scott said, and purchases supplies for ornaments during August. Then, club members spend the next few months making carefully crafted, hand-cut, -stitched and -glued decorations.

Each club, she said, commits to making a designated ornament, such as a cone-shaped Santa or a wreath of puzzle pieces. The club is responsible for making about 40 ornaments, so there will be an ample supply to cover the almost ceiling-high tree.

This year's theme is "Country Christmas," with the traditional colors of red and green dominating.

Scott said her co-worker, Nyoka Slone, who is the county's 4-H Club assistant, made this year's bows. Slone is a member of the Martin Evening Homemakers Club.

The club members' handiwork can be viewed by guests who visit the lodge for the dining room, for a meeting or to browse the gift shop. The decorations will be up into the new year. This is the fourth year the clubs have decorated the lodge.

Scott estimates that the 11 clubs in the county put in more than 1,000 volunteer hours on this and other community service projects each year, or the equivalent of more than \$14,000, if they were paid.

Homemakers who participated in the decorating Monday, by club, include:

- Martin Evening: Marena Nelson and Jean Watson;
- South Prestonsburg: Becky Derosssett;
- Allen: Beth Jones (president), Pat Branson, Pearl Watts, and Patty Jones;
- Prestonsburg Day: Velma Shepherd, Mildred Branham, Imogene Branham and Roslyn Burchett;
- Grigsby: Pam Hale Riffe, Janice Little, Thelma Murphy, and Edith George;
- David: Carrie Hicks and Pauline Allen;
- Auxier: Selena Jarrell;
- Grethel: Juanita Akers;
- At-large: Sheila Amburgey and Freda Hicks (secretary of Floyd County Homemakers).

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.

If you're handy with figures you might help me out. I've been trying to figure how much a deer would cost the hunter if it cost as much per pound as every bass caught.

After studying a photograph of the Kennedy family I've finally learned why they kept Old Man Kennedy in the background during the campaign. The rest of 'em have hair.

There ought to be an item in this colder turn of the weather, but my upper plate is chattering too loudly to let me think about it.

WE'VE COOLED OFF SOMEWHAT

Last week this column promised, in an off-hand sort of way, that Vester Fraley and I would report on our last fishing safari at Dewey Lake when we cooled off a bit. Well, we've cooled and have finally toned our comments down to yelling nothing worse than "Jonah" at each other. If I had been Izaak Walton's fishing buddy, "The Compleat Angler" would never have been written. The poor fellow would probably have spent his time muttering in his beard, or he might have beat Ed Zern to that pixilated volume entitled, "To Hell with Fishing."

The other night when I told my daughter about Raymond Copley landing a 9-1/4-pound bass, she exclaimed, "How in the world do you manage to miss all of them?" There was no answer coming to that one. This is the same Mr. Copley with whom I trolled on a certain afternoon not long ago till we were black in the face, and nary a nibble did either of us get...If ever it becomes against the law for a fisherman to gripe, I shall quit and take up snipe hunting.

Perhaps I should get off the subject, but I must admit that Sgt. Craft's big bass is one that lost weight. This very newspaper reported it last week half a pound lighter than it really was, and the Sarge has already seen a lawyer.

IT'S THE LIE THAT HURTS

Fishing and lying are not disparate topics, but this has naught to do with the former. I am think-

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Southeast Community College to host series of events celebrating Mountain women

The Appalachian Program at Southeast Community College will host a series of events in celebration of mountain women on January 20, at the Edsel T. Godbey Appalachian Center on the Cumberland campus.

Scheduled events include a panel discussion on the history of Appalachian women, the opening of two art exhibits, a keynote address by Harlan County activist Joan Robinett, a video screening by Appalshop film maker Mimi Pickering, and an evening concert with musicians Hazel Dickens, Ginny Hawker and Kate Long.

At the center of the day's events will be the opening of an exhibition of 50 black-and-white photographs by photographer Barbara Beime. The exhibit, "Serving Home and Community: Women of Southern Appalachia," was organized by the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, and developed for travel by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES).

It features portraits of African-American, white and Cherokee mountain women from five states serving in a variety of roles including, social activist, scholar, musician, coal miner, mother, and physician.

The portraits, together with 10 landscape photographs and excerpts from Beime's interviews with her subjects, describe life in a variety of mountain settings. Among those pictured are singer Hazel Dickens, storyteller Rosa Hicks, miner Mary Jack Hargis, author Verna Mae Slone and mine safety lobbyist Helen

Powell.

Photographer Beime will be at the opening to introduce and discuss her work. David Haberstick, director of the photography at the National Museum of American History, who worked with Beime on the project, will also be on hand to talk about the exhibit. The opening

of the Smithsonian exhibit is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. The exhibit will be on display at the Goodbye Appalachian Center Gallery January 8 through February 16.

Also opening at the Goodbye Center on

(See **SOUTHEAST**, page two)

Whitaker art on display at PCC

An exhibition of artwork by well-known Appalachian artist, Thomas J. Whitaker, will be on display at the Prestonsburg Community College Art Gallery in the Magoffin Learning Resource Center through November 30.

A reception, with the artist present, will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on November 29.

One of Whitaker's new works, titled "Appalachian American," is on display. "This painting depicts our heritage, our area and our people," says Whitaker, PCC

art professor.

Whitaker has been a major influence on eastern Kentucky's perception of art. In his classes and in the workshops he presents around Kentucky, he stresses the importance of being oneself, rather than relying on public opinion.

"Listen to the inner self," says Whitaker, and he follows his advice by producing highly individual art works.

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■ Tom Whitaker

Things to Ponder

How much will the stocking hold?

by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PH.D.

I suppose I'm really showing my age when I begin talking about the "commercial" Christmas season beginning earlier with each passing year. It seems like the black cats of Halloween, the turkeys of Thanksgiving, and the Santas of Christmas began fighting for space in the stores the first week of October. Besides the holiday decorations arriving with the fall leaves, it is even more surprising when someone is heard saying, "I'm about to get my Christmas shopping done!" before the trees are bare.

I think it is great when everyone can join with the festivities in a reasonable way. However, at other times, it seems ridiculous when folks go overboard, especially with extreme buying. I have heard several people comment over the past month, "It seems strange that you see yards filled with all kinds of big and small toys, but there are never any children playing with them."

The questions become, just why does a parent feel the need to buy so much? Who will be paying for all the purchases and for how long will the payments be? How many children are there to play with everything? Of course, there have always been arguments against "buying" a religious holiday—Christmas, Hanukkah, or whatever it may be. Where have the spirit and the purpose of our valued holidays gone?

As probably discussed many times in the past, it seems that so many individuals try to "buy" positive emotions and good feelings, such as joy and peace, at the holiday season. One might think parents are trying to buy the children's love; perhaps they are trying to outdo the neighbors or place a bargain on traditions. Some folks would perceive the big spenders as attempting to coat with sugar and spice their year's worth of guilty feelings that could be due to their not taking the time they wished they had with the kids. Now, it's true that the show of money can stimulate good feelings, but they sure do not seem to last long, as compared to the display of true, honest caring and concern.

One of my family members was discussing her concerns about a divorced daughter and her two children, 13 and 7 years old. The daughter had a rough time over the past year in all ways, especially emotionally and financially. However, the daughter had been lamenting for a couple of months about the expected increased financial stress of Christmas, since she was the sole provider for the children. After helping her granddaughter straighten up her room and noting all of the unused toys and "things" in the 13-year-old's room, the grandmother decided that she would suggest her daughter and grandchildren go to basics, focusing on enjoying each other and doing for others.

Like other things in life, changes are hard to make sometimes, but all family members will probably enjoy being involved with creating new Christmas traditions for the family. The best part is that everyone can be asked to give suggestions and provide ideas of ways to do different things. The point would be to have plans for things to do that most everyone would enjoy and not dread. It was real sad recently when a young woman in her 30s kept explaining how upset she was that her husband did not hear "her pain" about always having to go to holiday dinners at his mother's, since the older woman was rude to her throughout the year.

Of course, a tried and true activity is the making of cookies to share with the Jolly Man when he comes to do his work. A real fun project we did when the grandchildren of the family were young was to "make" everyday items about the house into Christmas ornaments rather than buying ready-made ones. A truly prized homemade ornament was a small, old-fashioned plastic hair roller with glitter all over it and red thread to hang it. For years, a spot of the glue and glitter remained on one of our dining room chairs to remind us of that fond Christmas memory. Granny Grace still hangs it on our tree every year with pleasant thoughts of its maker standing up in the chair to make the award-winning creation and how she is more than 35 years old now. Time does not seem to wait for us to make changes.

Since many people are likely to think of Christmas as the time for sharing with others, this holiday time is an excellent opportunity for adults to role-model to the young ones how they can benefit from thinking about the welfare of others, i.e., helping fix food baskets for those in need or inviting someone who does not have a family to share in their home at a special time. It would be great for working family members to take extra days off from work, if possible, to spend time with the children, have structured activities, but not have their schedule so full that the stress level is heightened.

In addition, adults need to be aware of not attending so many adults-only parties, but think about events in which the children may share in the festivities. Since our traditions have so often focused on food and eating, a really nice way to consider everyone is to not have people in for big meals with one person doing most of the work, but allow and encourage each guest to bring their specialty, having an assortment of traditional dishes and new ones.

The main emphasis of taking part in the holiday's events is to approach the value of our traditions and learn to accept new things together. Again, the major thing is to enjoy oneself and others. Everyone can probably think of other ideas focusing on a quality time for all.

School happenings...

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
 ■ 11/28: Study Skills for Parents, 6 p.m., Nadine Hicks.
 ■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or later by appointment, 886-9812.

Allen Central Middle School
 ■ 11/28: SBDM Council, special meeting.

Allen Central High School
 ■ 12/11: Deadline for parents to nominate themselves or another parent for the SBDM Council. 3:15 p.m., school office.
 ■ 12/18: Special election of parent member to SBDM Council, 6 p.m., library. Nominees must have a child enrolled at the school during term on council; must not be an

employee at ACHS; and must not be a relative of an ACHS employee, board of education member or spouse of board member. Any parent of an ACHS student may vote in the election.

Clark FRC
 ■ 11/28: OLW presentations for students
 After school child care, 3-5:30 p.m., school days, openings available.

Nurse is in the center on Fridays. Appointments for sixth grade physicals now being scheduled. 886-0815.

May Valley FRC
 ■ 11/28: FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., library.

McDowell Elementary
 ■ November 27: SBDM Council, special meeting, 6 p.m., library. Agenda: policy review, Project 2014, and instructional software.

McDowell FRC
 ■ Floyd County Health Department nurse is at the Center each Monday to see patients. Call to schedule physical appointment for your 5th grader. Call 377-2678.

■ A counselor from Mountain Comprehensive Care is at the center one day a week to see students in need of counseling. Parents are encouraged to stop by the center if they think their child can benefit.

■ GED classes, free, Mondays, 8 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Instructor, Linda Bailey of The David School.
 ■ Child Care, from school dis-

missal 4 p.m., \$20 per week/per child. For possible fee assistance, call East Kentucky Child Care Coalition, 886-1280.

South Floyd Youth Services Center
 ■ 12/4, 5, 6: Presentations on alcohol prevention.
 ■ 12/8: Presentation on smokeless tobacco

Walking track open to public. One stop career station satellite and adult education available. 452-9600 or 9607, ext. 243 or 242.

Alice Lloyd College/June Buchanan School

■ 11/30: Christmas on Caney Creek, 6-10 p.m. Lights, strolling carolers, live Nativity scene, horse and buggy hay rides, North Pole Santa Shop.

Reunions

The Wells family meet for 2000 annual reunion

The descendants of Richard and Susannah Hutchison Wells met on September 2 and 3, at the Johnson Central High School for their annual reunion. The family met on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. to tour the grave of Richard Wells and other family members. Activities at the school began at 4 p.m. There were refreshments provided for the members and about 35 persons attended a Genealogical Workshop led by John B. Wells III.

Sunday's activities began at 10 a.m., and as members arrived, they were greeted by some of the men wearing Scottish attire. Seth Wells entertained the group by playing the bagpipe.

A memorial service was conducted by John B. Wells III, in memory of 54 members who died since September 1999. Seth Wells played a special song on the bag pipe. The following persons died since the 1999 reunion: Opal J. Wells Derossett, Bradford Plummer, Otis Goble, Janice Wells Adkins, Yvonne Wells Reatherford, Hazel Stafford Coady, Eula Spears Ferguson Gross, Geneva Auxier Crider, Malta Reed Miller, Audrey Louise Collins Smith, Ray Dwayne Wells, Delight Wells Hall, Opal Wells Darby, Mildred K. Wells Hankins, Louise Spears Braaten, Hurschell D. Spears, Adrienne Thompson Wells, Billie L. Wells, Chester Wells, Mary M. Rister Wells, William H. Lanning, Robert Edgar Wells, Bertie Lou Morris Wells, Mae McClave Wells, Randall C. Wells, Russell E. Wells Sr., Charlotte Wells, Alka Meek Wells, Virginia Collins Edgel, Patricia "Pat" Robinson Williams, Phillip Edward Wells, Donna Jo Forbes Collins, Myrtle Irene Beacom, Esther M. Ward, Frieda Plummer Davis, Joyce Wells O'Connors, Ferman Wells, Mary Louise Honeycutt Hall, Russell Jackson Ward, Irene "Crum" Farley Petzer, Truman Wells, Carl Collins, Gladys Wells Berryman, Alton Wells, Georgia Maxine Trimble Wells, Jessie Butcher, Kermit Wells, Norma Sturgill, Paul Edward Caudill, Glenn E. Graham, Howard Mayo Ferguson, Mary Ruth Wells Freeman.

After a time of silence a prayer was offered by John B. Wells III.

The family members enjoyed a wonderful dinner together.

A quilt made by Mary Walton and Pat Womack with the family

crest and the family logo and set up in Scottish plaid went for \$450, to Ronnie Wells.

Awards were presented to the youngest in attendance Maitland Abbey Meade, born September 11, 1999. Maitland is the daughter of Todd and Lisa Meade, of Paintsville.

Oldest attending: 98 years old, Golda Wells Stevens, daughter of the Civil War soldier Moses Wells and Minta Bevins Clark Wells.

Traveled the most miles; Virginia Wells McMonegal, of California, the daughter of William E. Wells.

Largest family represented: the late Richard "Dick" and Fanny Richmond Wells with 33 in attendance;

The Wells Family Scholarship awarded Katherine Muncy was awarded the 2000 Wells Family Scholarship of \$500 by Dr. Randy Wells, who is chairperson of the scholarship committee. Kathy is attending Morehead State University and is the daughter of Eugene and Charlene Patton Muncy of Williamsport.

Those who attended the 2000 reunion were Beulah Keel, Anthony Ritchie, Mary F. Keel Moore, Mary W. Walton, Susan Jeanne Marnell Weaver, Shirley Wells Marnell, Clifford Booth, Dolores Booth, Arbie L. Porter, Herbie Wells, Manford Walton, Cynthia Leach, Bobby Wells, Cathy Leach, Willow Leach, Karen L. Wells, Kathy Wells Walker, Ronald Eric Wells, Randy Wells, Clarence Eric Wells, Lloyd Wells, Edith Mollette, Patricia Ann Wells Womack, and Herman Wells.

Ernestine Wells, Gary Thomas Adams, Dee Adams, Jefferson D. Wells, Benjamin Joshua Wells, Goldie Ann Wells, Roger Lee Wells, Lisa Wells, Mabel Wells Adams, Louise McMonegal, Virginia McMonegal, Emma Joyce Music, Rossana Music, Sam Henry Music, Vincent B. Cochran, Cortny Joyce Music, Sam Thomas Music, Charlotte Wells, Ray Wells, Roger Wells, Peggy Mayo Rice, Ken Rice, Cloteen Rice, Tommie Cochran, Anna Lee Wells, Charlene Muncy, Arthur Collins, James Williams, and Britton Wells.

Frank Allen Wells, Kenny Rice, Alex S. Wells, Susie Wells, Garnetta Gay Daniels, Barbara Shields, Bill Shels, Mitchell Todd "Smockey" Daniels, Willard Dean Rice, Kallie Jo Short, Ronald

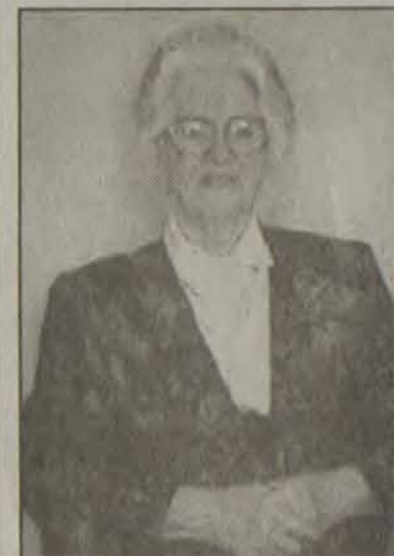
Wells, Judi Wells, Lloyd Wells, Bob Rice, Linda Rice, George Anthony Wells, Irene Marnell, Anna Lois Brown Meade Wilson, Jim Wilson, Lorena Wells, Pauline Hayden Sparks, Joanie Lea Wells, Nancy Wells Rippetoe, Karen Patton Howard, Paul E. Adkins, Marlene Jarvis, Mary Mae Welch Kazee, Frances Wells Brown, Elbert "Chub" Brown, Deborah Lynn Cleavinger, Drema Hunt, and Robert Lee Green.

Mandy Rose Music, Janette Mills, Teresa A. Music, Luther Widders, Darlene Clark Burgess, Eulah Wells, Mills Villines, John B. Wells III, Phyllis Jean Blewins, Roger Lee Wells, Otis Wells, Arlene Wells, Woody Wells, Melissa J. Wells, Danny K. Blewins, Daniel William Wells, R.C. Wells, Elizabeth Wells, Gerald Williamson, Marbel Williamson, Charles C. Wells, Richard A. Wells, Ruby L. Wells, Nancy Hackworth, Golda Wells Stevens, Reatha Lou Williamson Blackburn, Alex Wells, Hope Wells, Lakin Wells, Charles H. Wells, Donna Muncy, Holly Lafferty, Paula Lafferty, and Brian Ann Wells Arnett.

Ryan Joseph Henry Music, Milford Eugene Music, Joni Marie Miller, Bobby M. Moore, Dyllon Lafferty, Kaitlyn Lafferty, David Eugene Music, Jamey Nicole Lynn, Kimberly R. Howard, Terry Wells, Ardena Carol Wells Ward, Greta Wells Branham, Margie Wells, Larry A. Cline, Mary Lyons, Dana Lyons, Katherine Muncy, George C. Wells, Mary Wells, Steve Christopher Wells, Ashley Wells, Dwayne Wilburn, Aloma Wells Wilburn, William Stafford, Yvonna Cantrell, Lilia Nyberg, Freddie Lee Wells, Joyce Wells, Forrest Douglas Wells, Denioe R. Perry and son, Mrs. Doug Wells, Sheldon E. Sturgill, Forest D. Wells, James B. Goble, Virginia Goble, Louise Witten Samuel, Bob Hutchison, Norma Wells, Danny Wells, Zack Wells, Maitland Abbey Meade, Todd Meade, Lisa Meade, Jim Wilson, Madison Meade, Tony Meade, Dee Adams, Ernestine Wells, Ann Porter, Clifford Booth, James E. Adkins, Joy Wells, Herbie Wells, Dale Cline, Malva Cline and Larry Cline.

The Wells Family Board consist of 45 members and meets three times each year to plan for the next reunion.

Birthdays



Margaret Hall Booth of Ypsilanti, Michigan, celebrated her 84th birthday on November 3, 2000. She was born at Craynor and grew up on Big Mud Creek. She and her late husband, Howard Booth, moved to Ypsilanti in 1962, after he had worked for 30 years as a coal miner. He worked another 11 years for General Motors, and she retired after working 22 years in home nursing care. The couple had 10 children, Tyrone Booth, Bill Booth, Barry Booth, Phyllis Linke, Howard J. Booth, Virginia Lee, Ted Booth, and Carl E. Booth, all of Michigan; Patty Makuch of Columbus, Ohio, and Charles S. Booth of Anchorage, Alaska. Mrs. Booth has 36 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and three great-great's on the way. Her sister, Drexie Stone, lives in Floyd County, while two other sisters live out-of-state, Betty Pennington in Illinois and Pauline Taylor in West Virginia. A brother, Edgel Hall, also lives in Ypsilanti.



Turns one

Alexis Ciera Sexton celebrated her first birthday on November 10, 2000, with a Blues Clues party at Pizza Hut in Prestonsburg. Among those attending were her parents, Kristi Samons and McCaye Sexton of Langley, and grandparents, Norma and Curtis Holbrook of Langley, and Doug and Kathy Samons of Auxier. Her great-grandmother, Anna Stone of Garrett, also attended, along with her Uncle Tyler Holbrook of Langley and other relatives and friends.

Southeast

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January 20 will be an exhibit created by community members in collaboration with four artists in residence. The four artists—photographer Peggy Blythe, painter Pamela Oldfield Meade, printmaker Laura Sohn and storyteller Angelyn DeBord—worked with community groups in Letcher, Bell and Harlan counties to create an exhibit in celebration of local women.

The artists' residencies are supported by a grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Women. KFW director Judi Jennings and SECC Appalachian Program Director Robert Gipe will open the exhibit at 2:30 p.m.

Joan Robinett, a community organizer and public health advocate living in Harlan County, will deliver a keynote address at 5:30 p.m. Robinett was a member of the Dayhoit Citizens Group that documented illegal dumping of chemicals and the public health fallout from that dumping. She will discuss women's ways of community organizing and the role of women in making mountain communities healthier.

At 6:15, Appalshop filmmaker Mimi Pickering will present "It's Hard to Tell the Singer from the Song"—a new video documentary about West Virginia singer and songwriter Hazel Dickens. The video explores Dickens' life growing up in the coalfields, working in the factories of Baltimore, playing music with other mountain migrants, and trying to survive as a woman artist.

Pickering, who directed the documentary, will be on hand to discuss the movie, as well as her own experiences as a woman artist and activist in the Appalachian region.

Immediately following the video screening, at about 7:30 p.m., will be a concert featuring Dickens, Kate Long, and Ginny Hawker Like Dickens. Hawker and Long are West Virginia singer/songwriters who have remained deeply rooted in Appalachian traditional music while writing and performing about the experiences of mountain people.

The day will begin at 1 p.m. with three presentations on the historic role of women in mountain communities. Scholars scheduled to appear include Helen Lewis, sociologist, social activist, and former director of the Highlander Center; Anella Bickley, scholar and past president of the West Virginia Humanities Council; and Darlene Wilson, historian and director of Institutional Research at SECC.

Support for "Serving Home and Community: Women of Southern Appalachia" and the scholars' work comes from the Kentucky Humanities Council.

For more information or to register, contact Gipe, at 606/589-2145 x 2047, or robert.gipe@kctcs.net.

World

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ing of a statement made by a friend, the other night, to the effect that if everybody told the truth on every occasion, reputations would be ruined, neighbors would be feuding and husbands would be falling like flies as their wives learned what they had really been up to. The friend had an idea that a "white lie" could be a great peacemaker or preserver of the peace.

After thinking it over, I've decided this isn't correct. If everybody told the truth, nobody would be hurt. You tell the truth not only with the tongue, you know; there's the matter of living a lie or the truth, too. Let all of us stick to the truth and not pretend to be something we're not, and our wives can hear all about us and there will not be a rolling pin thrown.

Locals attend ball

Several local residents associated with Prestonsburg Community College attended the Kentucky Community and Technical College System President's Gala and Benefactors Awards Dinner and Ball on Friday, November 10.

Gov. Paul Patton handed out the Benefactors Awards to 61 individuals and organizations, including Drs. Chandra M. and Mahendra R. Varia of Martin and Paul and Elaine Gearheart of Harold.

Others attending included PCC's former interim President Dr. Charles Stebbins and wife Janis; Academic Dean Nancy Johnson and husband James; Jean Dorton, director of the Rural Community College Initiative Program, and husband Dennis; and Professor Robert McAninch and guest Jamie Bray.

Whitaker

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Not only is Whitaker's work exhibited in numerous shows and galleries, but people from around the world, in all walks of life, also collect it. People appreciate his work because of the sensitivity and realism being reflected.

Gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays. For additional information, call Brenda Miller at 606/886-3863, ext. 280.



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MSU public radio changes programming

WMKY 90.3 FM, public radio from Morehead State University, will make some programming changes in December to provide a greater variety and more appeal to the Appalachian Region.

The changes, effective Monday, December 11, are based on listener feedback, a call-out music survey, input from WMKY's Community Advisory Board and market research.

Among the changes are the return of "A Prairie Home Companion" on Saturday evenings at 6 p.m., extending classical music until 3 p.m. weekdays afternoons, the introduction of "The World" from the British Broadcasting Company at 3 p.m., and the addition of "Americana Crossroads," with bluegrass, folk and other forms of traditional music, each weekday evening, from 8 p.m. until midnight.

The station will continue to air classical music overnight. "Talk of the Nation" will be dropped from the weekday lineup. Classical music will comprise 10.5 hours of the station's 24-hour broadcast day.

"Americana music is a mixture of several styles," explained Paul Hitchcock, WMKY's music director. "The new format will feature music from artists like Emmylou Harris, Rob McNurlin, Taj Mahal, Nanci Griffith, Asleep at the Wheel, and John Prine."

The program will include frequent concert highlights from regional festivals, in-studio guests and listener requests.

"Many listeners have been telling us they like classical music, but their tastes are more eclectic than what we've been offering," said Dan Conti, WMKY's general manager. "We did the music survey in eight counties this past summer to find out what kinds of music people in our listening area enjoy, but have trouble finding on the radio. The results clearly showed a preference for more bluegrass and traditional music."

"It's the mission of public radio to provide an alternative to commercial broadcasting," Conti continued. "It's also appropriate that alternative be more reflective of the arts and culture of Appalachia, since those are the people we serve."

To accomplish their goal, WMKY will broadcast a monthly concert in partnership with the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, which is based at Morehead State University. Arrangements for the series are not complete, but it will be hosted by KCTM Executive Director Sandy Knipp, produced by Hitchcock, and feature regional talent.

"People have been telling us for quite some time they'd like to hear Garrison Keillor's 'A Prairie Home Companion' on WMKY," said Conti. "We haven't been able to accommodate that request because APHC often conflicted with sports broadcasts."

This year, however, WMKY will not be carrying football or basketball games, thus allowing the station to air Prairie Home which will be rebroadcast Sundays at 2 p.m. The station's popular "Mountain Stage" program is moving to Friday at 8 p.m., "E-Town" will follow at 10 p.m., and a new program, "Beale Street Caravan," will be broadcast at 11 p.m. "Nothin' But the Blues" is being expanded on Saturday nights from 8 p.m. to midnight.

"During the past year, WMKY has altered its program schedule to provide more community service, more local and regional news and sportscasts, educational shows and local health care information," Conti said. "These changes are designed to continue our effort to strengthen ties to our region."

Additional information on WMKY's programming is available by calling 606/782-2001.

Pageants

Pageant set for West Liberty

The Snowflake Beauty Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, at West Liberty Elementary School.

Registration is from 1 to 2 p.m. and the pageant

begins promptly at 2:30. There will be a variety of age categories for boys and girls, starting at birth to 15 years. Prizes awarded include beauty, prettiest hair, and photogenic.

Entry fee is \$25, with additional children \$15, photogenic \$10. Santa will present awards.

To preregister, or for more information, call, after 3 p.m., Kim Sparkman, 606/743-2173, or Joyce Jones 743-4502.

ANNIVERSARIES



Clarks wed 50 years

Marie and Carmel Clark of Pikeville, formerly of Floyd County, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by spending a fall weekend in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, with their children and grandchildren.

The MountainLoft condominiums served as their home base as they explored the town and surrounding areas. The family enjoyed sightseeing, golf, shopping and eating.

Joining the Clarks were their children: Randy Clark, wife Kendrick, daughter Mandy and son

Tanner, of Pikeville; Rick Clark, wife Stella, and sons Logan and Weston, of Forest, Mississippi; and daughter Fran Reasor, husband Roy, and daughters Katie and Maggie, of Pikeville.

The final night of the weekend celebration began at the Open Hearth Restaurant. The meal ended with a special anniversary cake with a "50th" candle, which the couple blew out together.

The evening ended with the Clarks receiving a gift basket from the family, which included gift certificates, candy, silver picture frames, books, pampering products, and poems and notes of appreciation.



First anniversary

Greg and Angela Cooley of Hippo, are celebrating their first wedding anniversary. They were married on November 20, 1999, at the Old Time Baptist Church at Printer.

Birth Announcements

Put your little one in the news. Let the Times help you celebrate your child or grandchild's birthday. We'll print the youngster's picture and birthday information — free. Stop by 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; send to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email fetimes@eastky.net.



Connie Parsons' kindergarten class at Prestonsburg Elementary participated in a PRIDE project on November 14. Each student was encouraged to plant tulip bulbs, with the expert help of Clark Allison, a volunteer. The children anticipate seeing the tulips bloom in the spring into beautiful flowers.

Special programs celebrate the holidays on KET

From a 2000 holiday edition of Kentucky Life and an Arthur Christmas special, to celebrations of seasonal music and dance, KET offers a wealth of holiday programming in December, with something to please every age and taste.

Dave Shuffett hosts an old-fashioned Christmas celebration with a special edition of Kentucky Life. In the "Fort Harrod Holiday" special, premiering Saturday, December 23, at 8:30 p.m. on KET, Shuffett visits the annual holiday gala at Fort Harrod and takes viewers on a candlelight tour of the fort.

Leading up to this new Kentucky Life special, KET will encore previous years' Kentucky Life holiday specials on Saturday, December 9 and 16, at 8:30 p.m.

Arthur's Perfect Christmas, airing Sunday, December 24, at 8 p.m. and Monday, December 25, at 9 a.m. on KET, is a new, first-ever prime time special for Arthur and the gang. Plans are underway in Elwood City for a wonderful holiday season as Arthur and friends assemble perfect gifts, parties and family traditions for Christmas, Chanukah and Kwanzaa.

Navy Blue Messiah, premiering Sunday, December 24, at 11 p.m. on KET, spotlights the annual holiday performance of Handel's Messiah in the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel. The program features the choruses of the U.S. Naval Academy, Hood College and the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra with solo artists Gregory Kunde, Jane Bunnell, Faith Esham and Dean Peterson.

Once Upon a Sleigh Ride, premiering Sunday, December 24, at 2 p.m., and repeating Monday, December 25, at 2 p.m. on KET, features a lighthearted tribute to Leroy Anderson, composer of "Sleigh Ride," with guests John Williams, Elaine Strich, Seiji Ozawa and Skitch Henderson. Hosted by Dick Cavett, the program includes vintage clips of Judy Garland, Liza Minelli, Steve Allen and Arthur Fiedler, among others.

Other premiere holiday specials include: A Swingin' Christmas (Monday, at 9 a.m. on KET), showcasing a revue of international performers playing swing styles from the 1930s to the '50s; the 16th Annual Fort Lauderdale Christmas Pageant (Saturday, December 23, at 1 p.m. on KET), featuring a spectacular celebration of familiar carols, inspirational contemporary songs and a musical drama of the nativity and life of Christ; the Purdue University Christmas Show 1999 (Saturday, December 23, at 3 p.m. on KET), offering a dazzling combination of secular and sacred Christmas music performed by Purdue University choirs and bands; Rejoice and Sing (Saturday, December 23, at 4 p.m. on KET), capturing the Christmas Concert of the First Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa, which features nearly 200 performers; and Candles and Carols (Sunday, December 24, at 9 a.m. on KET2), featuring the annual, musical Christmas service of Indiana's Anderson University.

In December, encore presentations of musical specials abound on KET with singers, bands, choirs and instruments heralding carols of the season. KET's own In Performance at the Governor's Mansion: Holiday Special with Jean Ritchie airs Sunday, December 10, at 10 p.m. on KET. Christmas is Coming airs Saturday, December 23, at 8 a.m. on KET2. A Christmas Gloria with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Canadian Brass, airs Sunday, December 24, at 9 p.m., and Monday, December 25 at 11 a.m. on KET.

Cincinnati Pops Holiday Special with Erich Kunzel and Mel Torme airs Sunday, December 24, at 10 p.m., and Monday, December 25 at 10 a.m. on KET. Christmas at St. Olaf, airs Monday, December 25, at 10 a.m. on KET. Jessye Norman—A Holiday Homecoming airs Monday, December 25, at 11:30 a.m. on KET2. Perry Como's Irish Christmas airs Monday, December 25, at 8 p.m. on KET. Atlanta Symphony: Christmas with Robert Shaw airs Monday, December 25, at 9:30 p.m. on KET.

Other encore presentations of holiday favorites include the following:

- The Joffrey Nutcracker (Sunday, December 10, at 9 p.m. on KET)
 - A Taste of Chanukah Sunday, December 24, at 1 p.m. on KET
- Finally, KET rings in the new millennium with Great Performances "From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration (2001)," premiering Monday, January 1, at 8 p.m. on KET. Hosted by Walter Cronkite, the program showcases the traditional concert from Vienna's Musikverein Hall, with guest conductor Nikolaus Harnoncourt leading the renowned Vienna Philharmonic.

Viewers can find out more about programming on KET by visiting the KET Web site at <http://www.ket.org>, a Kentucky.com affiliate.



Family Medicine
John C. Wolf, D.O.
Associate Professor
of Family Medicine



Diabetic father responsible for eating choices, not cook

Question: My father is coming to our house for holiday dinner. He has recently been diagnosed with diabetes, and that is why I'm unsure of what I can serve him. I know he shouldn't have sugar, but are there other things I shouldn't prepare?

Answer: Diabetes, also called diabetes mellitus (DM), is a disease that is present in about 11 percent of the general population and more frequently in some ethnic and racial subgroups. Your father is one of the fortunate two-thirds of the total that is actually aware of his disease.

As you obviously know, diabetes mellitus is a disorder involving the metabolism of glucose (sugar). Type II DM accounts for more than 90 percent of those with diabetes, and it commonly begins between the ages of 40 and 70.

Your father's age probably puts him in this most common group. Also, 80 percent of those with type II DM are obese. Does he fit into this category as well? The answer to this question is a key point, since being significantly overweight has a central role in the onset of the disease as well as in its treatment.

Before I offer any meal suggestions for your Thanksgiving repast, I want you to clearly understand that it is your father's responsibility to follow a diabetic diet. You should not try to badger, belittle or coerce him into eating what you think he should. Type II diabetics rarely have immediate illness as a consequence of their eating choices today, so let his education and conscience be his guide. He may not choose to follow his diet today. That is OK — it is his choice — even though it may not be in his own best interest.

You are quite correct in assuming that a diabetic should not have sugar. That eliminates most of the usual sweet desert and candy treats.

But the condition is a bit more complicated than that. You see, our bodies very quickly convert most carbohydrates into sugar. Therefore, foods that are primarily composed of carbohydrates — such as white bread, white rice, potatoes and pasta — are also on the list of fare to be avoided.

In addition, essentially all those with type II DM also have trouble with their cholesterol and triglyceride levels. Consequently, they should limit the amount of fat they consume, too, to no more than 30 percent of their daily calories.

So what can you serve? A tossed salad or vegetable soup to start the meal would be nice. The turkey is fine. The dressing should be made from whole grain bread, instead of white bread because the whole grains are absorbed less rapidly. Cranberry relish, if sweetened with an artificial sweetener, would be OK if consumed in moderation. Green beans are wonderful, but corn isn't.

Look in any diabetic cookbook. There are lots of tasty diabetic foods that the entire family will enjoy. It is also OK to prepare other dishes in a "non-diabetic" fashion for the rest of your dinner guests.

After you have looked at a diabetic cookbook, talk to him today about the menu, then let him make his own choices at the table. Savor the assemblage of your friends and loved ones instead of worrying over what your father should and should not eat.

WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS



Couple wed in Tennessee

Charles Stephen and Melinda Borders Burke were united in marriage on October 7, 2000, at 6 p.m. The double ring, outdoor ceremony was held at Chalet Mountain Wedding Chapel in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, in the presence of family.

The ceremony was performed by Timothy Coleman, MG.

The groom is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and is employed by the federal government. He is the son of Charles E. and Patricia Burke of Abbott, formerly of Wheelwright. He is the father of Laken Alexis Burke, 4.

The bride, also a graduate of PHS, is a graduate of Prestonsburg Community College and attended Morehead State University. She is a registered nurse and an honorary member of Kentucky National Guard MASH Unit No. 456.

She is the daughter of Lora and Larry D. Hall of Prestonsburg and the late Marcus F. Borders.

The couple resides in Prestonsburg.

Betsy Layne, Johnson County 8 win meets

Betsy Layne and Johnson County were the overall winners at the Eastern Kentucky Academic Conference meets held on October 20 and November 7.

In the high school division, Betsy Layne accumulated 42 points to capture first place. Johnson Central-Black finished second with 39.5 points, Johnson Central-Gold was third with 37 points, and Pikeville-Maroon placed fourth with 34.5 points.

In the middle school division, Johnson County 8 totaled 50.17 points for first place. Pikeville-Maroon finished second with 39 points, Paintsville-Blue was third with 35.17 points, and Johns Creek-Varsity placed fourth with 34.67 points.

In the high school division, the following students finished first through fourth in these written assessment categories:

Mathematics: 1. Justin Shofner of Pikeville-Maroon; 2. Swathi Rao of Johnson Central-Black; 3. Tie between Josh Allen and Marcus Allen, both of Betsy Layne.

Science: 1. Josh Daniel of Johnson Central-Gold; 2. Shawn Reynolds of Pike Central; 3. Pavan Bhatraju of Pikeville-Maroon; 4. Tie among R.J. Blackburn of Millard, David Campbell and James Stambaugh, both of Johnson Central-Black, and Megan Copley of Sheldon Clark.

Social Studies: 1. Daniel; 2. Richie Duncan of Belfry; 3. Tie between Justin Howard of Pike Central and Brandon Newsome of Betsy Layne.

Language Arts: 1. Billy Newsome of Betsy Layne; 2. Laura Wells of Johnson Central-Black; 3. Chris Wells of Johnson Central-Gold; 4. Rao.

General Knowledge: 1. Tie between Billy Newsome and David Simpson of Johnson Central-Black; 3. Tie between Laura Wells and Pradeep Mettu of Pikeville-Maroon.

In quick recall competition, two teams finished with a perfect record: Betsy Layne finished with a 5-0 record, while Pikeville-Maroon had a 4-0 record. Four teams had a 4-1 record; Belfry, Johnson Central-Black, Johnson Central-Gold, and Pike Central. Individual honors went to the following: 1. Duncan; 2. Billy Newsome; 3. Tie among Chris Jude of Sheldon Clark, Mettu, and Simpson.

In the middle school division, the following students finished first through fourth in these written assessment categories:

Mathematics: 1. Keri Borden of Johnson County 7; 2. Tie between Chase Childers of Pikeville-Maroon and Amanda Creech of Paintsville-Blue; 4. Tie among John Compton of Paintsville-Blue, Cory Daniel of Johnson County 8, and Nathan Mills of Johns Creek-Varsity.

Science: 1. Kelly Crisp of Johnson County 8; 2. Brandon Rinebold of Johnson County 8; 3. Brandon Coleman of Johns Creek-Varsity; 4. Tie among Compton, Matt Colvin of Johnson County 8, and Cameron Harding of Johns Creek-Varsity.

Social Studies: 1. Tie between Kris Olson of Pikeville-Maroon and Jonathan Scott of Paintsville-Blue; 3. Tie between Ryan Altman of Pikeville-Maroon and Dustin Woods of Paintsville-Blue.

Language Arts: 1. Jon Hale of Johnson County 8; 2. Carrie Wells of Johnson County 8; 3. Kelli Vanhoose of Johnson County 8; 4. Aaron Nelson of Johnson County 7.

General Knowledge: 1. Tie between Coleman and Hale; 3. Tie between Olson and Renee Thompson of Johns Creek-Varsity.

Two teams finished with perfect 5-0 records in quick recall competition: Johnson County 8 and Pikeville-Maroon. Five others finished with a 4-1 record: John Creek-Varsity, Johnson County 7, Paintsville-Blue, Paintsville-White, and Turkey Creek.

The final high school regular season meet is scheduled for December 2 at Sheldon Clark High School, and the final middle school regular season meet will be held on December 16 at Johns Creek School. The public is invited to attend.

Honor Roll...

Mountain Christian Academy announces the first quarter Honor Roll. To achieve Honor Roll status, a student must have a 3.0 GPA. To obtain High Honor Roll, a student must have all A's with an average of 94 percent or above.

Third Grade

High Honor Roll
Michael Burchett, son of Blake and Becky Burchett; Katy Petry, daughter of Randy and Tina Petry; Warren Vierheller, son of Tom and Chenzhao Vierheller.

Honor Roll

Taylor Allen, daughter of Barron and Michelle Allen; Jessica Burford, daughter of Jeffrey and Terri Burford; Tyler Hall, son of Reggie and Sandy Hall; Steven Hughes, son of Forrest and Cindi Hughes; Zachary Lemaster, son of Pete and Janie Lemaster; Terence Marshall, son of Terry and Peggy Marshall; Ericka Moore, daughter of Chris Moore and Susan Moore; Kimberly Skeens, daughter of Bill and Marie Skeens.

Fourth Grade

High Honor Roll
Julia Burchett, daughter of Ray and Kay Burchett; Elizabeth Davis, daughter of Brett and Virginia Davis; Rebecca Rose, daughter of Doug and Vicki Rose; Lindzey Thacker, daughter of Steven and Renee Thacker.

Honor Roll

Yarkin Arihan, son of Giray and Nurten Arihan; Staci Carriere, daughter of Ken and Angie Carriere; Braden Coleman, son of Ralph and Melissa Coleman; Whitney Hackworth, daughter of David and Jennifer Hackworth; William Hogg, son of Steven and Juanita Hogg; Liz Kilburn, daughter of Solomon and Matilda Kilburn; Maegan Leslie, daughter of Larry and Teresa Leslie; Taylor Moak, daughter of Tom Moak and Joann Harvey; Kandice Scalf, daughter of Dwayne and Lisa Scalf; Matthew Tackett, son of Marty and Chris Tackett.

Fifth Grade

High Honor Roll
Taylor Clark, son of Eddy and Robin Clark; Vincent Ganzon, son of Rodolfo and Jacqueline Ganzon; Shilpa Sachdeva, daughter of Rakesh and Seema Sachdeva.

Honor Roll

Lynsey Caudill, daughter of Ronald and Jeanne Caudill; Courtney Gullett, daughter of Greg and Janeah Gullett; Zachary Hamilton, son of Lanny Hamilton and Sandra Stapleton; Lindsay Maggard, daughter of Richie and Michelle Maggard; Jarred Tackett, son of Devin and Melissa Tackett; Robyn Warrix, daughter of Bobby and Valerie Warrix.

Sixth Grade

High Honor Roll
Myrand Elliott, daughter of Andy and Myra Elliott; Jacob Moak, son of Tom Moak and Joann Harvey; Joshua Ousley, son of Phillip and Debbie Ousley; Lincoln Slone, son of Benita Riley and Ronnie Slone.

Honor Roll

Kayla Anderson, daughter of Terry and Pamela Anderson; Nicholas de Guzman, son of Anthony and Fredilly de Guzman; Kellie Farthing, daughter of Stephen and Emma Farthing; Burke Garner, son of Jennifer and Jerry Patton and Jerry Garner; Katie Lemaster, daughter of Pete and Janie Lemaster; Mikka Riley, daughter of Jeff and Libby Riley; Dustin Rowe, son of Bobby and Beth Rowe.

Seventh Grade

High Honor Roll
Sean Leslie, son of Keith and Teresa Leslie.

Honor Roll

Jennifer Adams, daughter of Tim and Sharon Adams; Matthew Potter, son of Tim and Donna Potter; Ryann Thornsberry, daughter of Gary and Lisa Thornsberry; Stephanie Williams, daughter of Steven Williams and Greta Howard.

Eighth Grade

High Honor Roll
Molly Burchett, daughter of Blake and Becky Burchett; Caitlin Clark, daughter of Eddy and Robin Clark; Samantha Farthing, daughter of Stephen and Emma Farthing.

Honor Roll

Evan Farmer, son of Blake and Tammy Farmer; Jessica Pate, daughter of Mary Bailey and Terry Pate.

Youth News

Grandparents to the Rescue...



Eugene and LouAnn Hutchinson enjoyed visiting their granddaughter, Brittany Jacobs, for Grandparents Day at May Valley Elementary School. She is a student in Lisa Thornsberry's class.



Rebecca Blair and Tonya worked together on a picture frame. Rebecca is a student in Lisa Thornsberry's class.



Virginia Martin helped William Powers and Justin Patrick, students of Lisa Thornsberry, make crafts.



Wright, a student in Lisa Thornsberry's class, had fun with Mama Billie on Grandparents Day.



Lois and Marvin Collins visited with their granddaughters on Grandparents Day. Jordyn Jackson is a student in Kim Reed's room, and Hayley Jackson is in Kim Grubb's Head Start class. Their granddaughter Molly Thornsberry is in Anna Shepherd's room.



A visit to the Times

by DIANNA JONES

On October 19, 2000, the Duff Elementary Newspaper staff got to go to the Floyd County Times in Prestonsburg. I was representing Mrs. Cindy Pack's fifth grade class. Here's what I thought about it.

When the clock struck 12:30 the Duff Elementary newspaper staff was called to the front foyer. Then we got on the bus and went to The Floyd County Times. When we got there the man told us the paper press was built in 1966. He also told us that the paper is tinted because it is 100 percent recycled. The paper rolls are round, big, and weighs about 900 to 1,000 pounds. They use 70 to 90 rolls every two months.

The reporters that work there usually use Apple computers.

They use blue lined paper to put the finished paper on. Then they take a huge camera and take a picture, and the blue lines disappear.

A forklift is a type of machine that lifts newspapers.

The press can print 12,500 to 15,000 papers an hour. The ink barrels weigh 500 pounds. They use a barrel of ink a week. They put three months worth of newspapers in a book. They have been doing this since before 1940.



Katie Ann Dingus shared a picture as part of Antiques Share-time during Heritage Week activities at May Valley Elementary. The picture is of her great-great-grandfather Lyon.



Mason Nelson had a good time with his grandparents, Judy and Bill Barnett, during Grandparents Day. He is a student in Lisa Thornsberry's class.

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Youth News



Gary Thornsberry recently shared the story "I love the way you..." with his daughter, Molly Thornsberry, and her class at May Valley Elementary. Molly is a student in Anna Shepherd's K-1 class.



PHS-honor society

Students from Prestonsburg High School National Honor Society visited the children at Highlands Regional Medical Center to hand out trick-or-treat bags. Among those visited was the young-at-heart Mertle Ray. Art students at PHS decorated the gift bags, and Music-Carter-Hughes and Food City made donations. The students, from left, are Iris Stumbo, Brandon Maynard, Ashleigh Greene, Stacy Goble, Crissy Nelson and Denise Caudill. Sponsors are Georgann Parsons and Tim Blankenship.

Martin student in art show

John Haywood, a Morehead State University senior from Martin, participated in a juried art show at a Mt. Sterling gallery. The Montgomery County Arts Council and MSU co-sponsored the show, which was displayed at the council's gallery. "This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their talents and creativity to the community at large," said Dr. Joy Gritton, MSU assistant professor of art. "The exhibit is a rich mix of styles, media and themes. The exhibit was the result of a conversation with Dr. Gritton and Kay Lane, executive director of the Montgomery County Arts Council, following a one-person show by MSU alumnus Naomi Sheehan of Morehead.

Local students elected to college leadership post

Les Fugate and Lesley Stout, both of Prestonsburg, have been elected to serve as undergraduate fellows at Centre College this year. Fugate and Stout are two of 20 junior and senior fellows who gave leadership on campus through regular monthly meetings with faculty and administrators. Undergraduate fellows are nominated by the faculty and elected by the student body. They participate in College Council, Student Congress, and other aspects of campus governance, providing a voice for student concerns. Fugate is the son of Marshall and Jackie Fugate of Prestonsburg and is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School. Stout is the daughter of James and Carolyn Stout of Prestonsburg and is also a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

ACMS lists winners

Amy Wallen was the school winner in the Christmas through the Eyes of a Child essay contest at Allen Central Middle School. Other winners are Belinda Boyd, Brittany Crisp, Casey Duncan, Brittany Frasure, Ashley Gummel, Kyle Hoover, Justin Jacobs, Shanna Kilgore, Shawna Kilgore, Courtney Martin and Shiyane Moore.



Top fund-raiser Jackson Thomas Reed was the number-one seller in the fund-raiser for the fall of 2000 at Linda's Carousel Day Care Inc. at Martin. He is the son of Trey and Linda Reed of Martin.



Hannah Spurlock enjoyed home-made ice cream — that she made — during the study of objects beginning with the "i" sound. She is in Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary.

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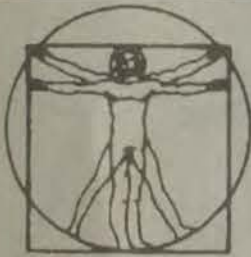
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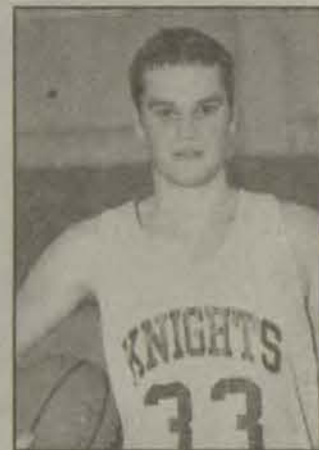
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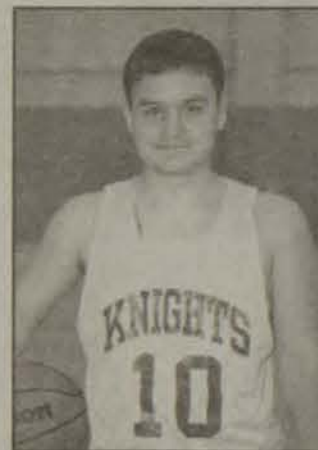
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Shawn Rose



Robert Hall



Matt Goeing



Brett Hall



Justin Ross



New coach at Piarist hopes to turn program around

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

High school basketball is still in its infancy at The Piarist School located on the hill at Martin and the school has their third head basketball coach in the five year history of the school.

Coach Gary Kidd took over the program when Darnella Bradley took an assistants job at Montgomery High School this year.

Kidd is in his first season as a head basketball coach but has been associated with athletics most of his adult life. He officiates high school football games, referee's high school basketball (with the exception of this year) and is a high school baseball umpire.

This year he will wear the different hat

of a high school basketball coach and take over a program that has only known four victories in its history.

The Knights will be a team mix with returning players and youth.

Robert Hall (6'1", senior) is the team's returning leading scorer and a four year starter for the Knights. Hall has good quickness and is a strong rebounder. He is the designated three-point shooter for the team and a good one. If that is not enough, he is a good assist man also.

Back for his senior season is Matt Goeing, a finesse player with good range from outside. Very quick and a strong defensive player. Goeing will give the Knights some good floor leadership and is a good free throw shooter.

In the middle will be junior Brett Hall (6'3", junior), who a lot of high schools

would like to have. He looks awkward at times on the court but it is the finish that counts and Hall can finish a play. A worker under the boards, Hall averaged just over 10 boards a game last year for Piarist and was a double figure scorer.

Shawn Rose will finish his season at the Piarist School this year and what a four-year career he has had. A good defensive player, Rose likes to take the ball to the basket and also can hit the short jumper or bury a three-pointer outside.

Kevin Ross gives the Knights a presence around the basket and he is probably a little too unselfish in looking for his shots. Works well on the boards and goes hard all the time.

Off the bench, Josh Bohr, Eugene Sisco, III, Justin Bohr, and Justin Ross will provide the needed help.

The Piarist Knights play in the Three-Rivers Conference as well as the 58th District. The school does not enroll that many students but when on the basketball court, they never quit and play hard all the time.



Shannon Sizemore



Tabitha Caudill



Terri Mullins



Karri Osborne



Jessica Issac



Barb Prater



Jackie Brown



Jennifer Risner



Jackie Martin



Tonya Howard



Jenni Jo Spurlock



Lauren Majackey



Tiffany Turner

Allen Central hopes to return to winning ways under new coach Cindy Halbert

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

A trivia question could go something like this.

"Who was the first head girls basketball coach at Allen Central? The answer would be Patty Murphy. Another trivia: "Who won the first-ever girls district basketball tournament after it was revived in the mid '70s?"

Again the answer would be, Patty Murphy. Since Coach Murphy, Allen Central has known Larry Fultz, Judy Eversole, Bonita Compton, Anthony Moore and will welcome a new head coach with Cindy Halbert taking the helm in 2000-01.

Coach Halbert brings experience and winning ways from Belfry High School where she her teams dominated the 60th District and she also won three regional championships there.

With Coach Halbert now

in place at the Right Beaver School, Allen Central is expected to rise again, and not like the south. The Lady Rebels have three senior players returning and all three are veterans on the court.

While Coach Halbert would not comment on her returning players, or any players, returning will be Jennifer Risner, Shannon Sizemore and Kari Osborne. All three will be the "hub" of this year's team.

Coach Halbert has put her team through drills over the preseason they did not know existed. But she said the first weeks of the season will be a learning process between new coach and team, which will play a strong schedule.

"I think it will be a learning process for us and for all other teams," she said. "I inherited this schedule and I have added a couple of things to it. I think you play a schedule that will get you

ready for post-season."

The new Lady Rebel coach said she will evaluate the team at Christmas to see where they are in the learning process. "At Christmas we will have that timeoff to look at where we need to work hard and have some good work and hopefully after the Class A, we will come out of there happy," she said.

Sounding like a coach who evaluates at certain parts of the season, Coach Halbert said after the Class A she will look at what needs to be done down the stretch run.

"After the Class A we will work to get ready for the district and hopefully the regional tournament," said the Lady Rebel coach.

While at Belfry, Coach Halbert brought her Belfry team to Allen Central and where the two teams played some classic games. But as the year 2000-01 tips off, she will move into the gym which was once a noisy

place to bring a team.

"I never thought it would be an easy transition," she said. "It is at this stage that I really miss my Belfry kids. But these kids here have worked so hard and have such a great attitude. They have been real receptive and real open. Anything I have tried to teach them have really made me feel like one of their own."

"The administration, especially Mrs. (Patricia) Maynard, Coach (John) Martin and all have really helped me to settle in. The parents, the boosters club, faculty and staff, everyone has been great."

The new head coach says the transition period was a smooth one, more so than she expected.

"I thought it would be such a big adjustment," she said. "I think because I am older and have been at this

(See **LADY REBS**, page 18)

2000-01 Allen Central Lady Rebs Roster

40	Lauren Majackey	5-6	F	12
32	Kari Osborne	5-8	F	12
15	Barb Prater	5-6	G	12
22	Jennifer Risner	5-5	G	12
10	Shannon Sizemore	5-10	F	12
34	Jackie Brown	5-6	G	11
55	Miranda Holthouse	5-11	C	11
00	Tonya Howard	5-8	F	11
23	Erin Majackey	5-3	G	10
52	Jaclyn Martin	5-9	C	10
21	Jenni Jo Spurlock	5-7	F	10
42	Tiffany Turner	5-6	G	10
5	Tabitha Caudill	5-3	G	9
25	Jessica Isaac	5-8	G/F	9
12	Terri Mullins	4-11	G	12

Allen Central Girls Basketball Schedule 2000-2001

Nov. 18	Breathitt Co.	Home	4:00
Nov. 25	TBA	Away	TBA
Nov. 27	Johnson Central	Away	7:30
Nov. 30	Piarist	Away	7:30
Dec. 4	Knott Co. Cent.	Home	7:30
Dec. 7	Sheldon Clark	Away	7:30
Dec. 11	Phelps	Home	7:30
Dec. 15	South Floyd	Away	6:00
Dec. 19	Betsy Layne	Home	6:00
Jan. 2	Elkhorn City	Home	7:30
Jan. 9-13	All A Regional	Away	TBA
Jan. 22	Shelby Valley	Home	7:30
Jan. 23	Prestonsburg	Away	6:00
Jan. 26	Piarist	Home	7:30
Jan. 30	South Floyd	Home	6:00
Feb. 2	Betsy Layne	Away	6:00
Feb. 6	Prestonsburg	Home	6:00
Feb. 8	Magoffin Co.	Home	7:30
Feb. 10	Phelps	Away	7:30
Feb. 12	Knott Co. Cent.	Away	7:30
Feb. 15	Belfry	Home	7:30
Feb. 19	Pike Co. Cent.	Home	7:30
Feb. 21	Magoffin Co.	Away	7:30

Allen Central Rebels

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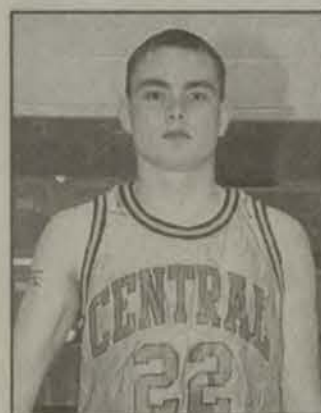
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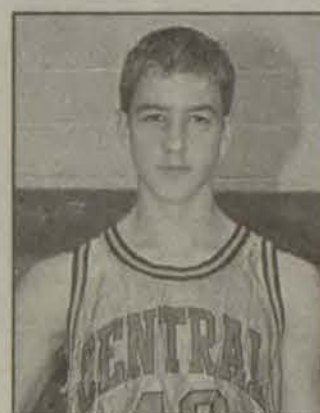
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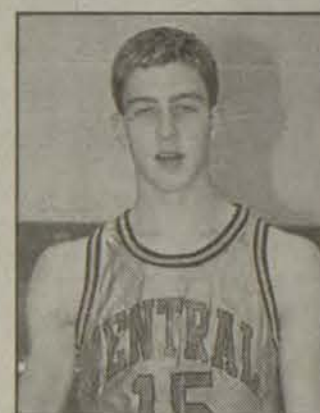
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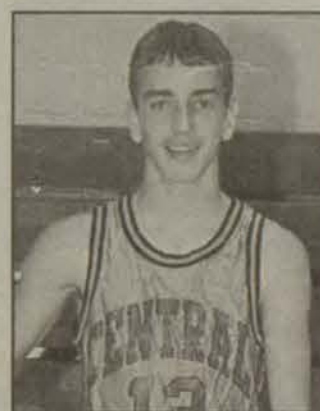
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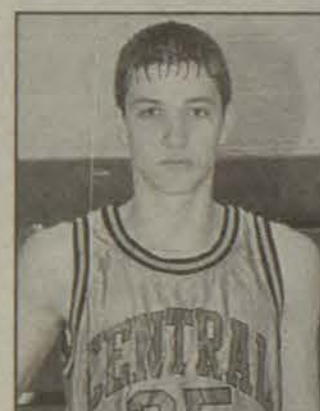
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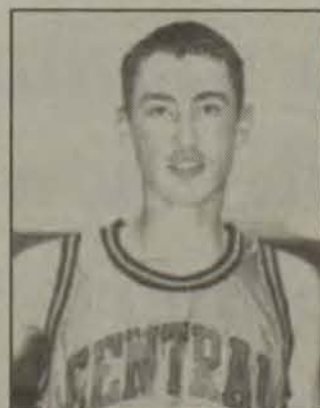
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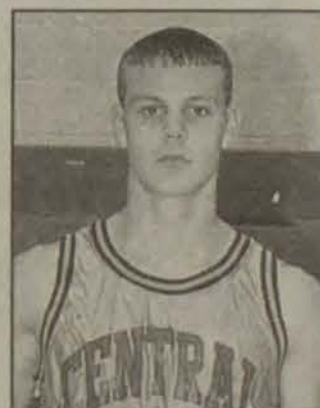
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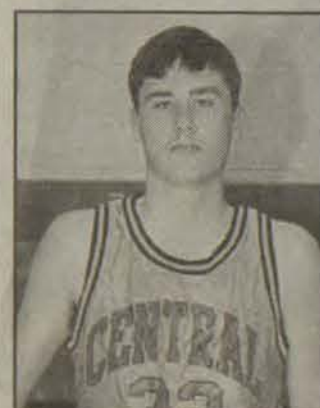
Mike Slone



Jeremy Hayes



Josh Yates



Neil Allen

Allen Central Rebels Schedule 2000-01

Nov. 30	Piarist	Away
Dec. 1	Feds Creek	Home
Dec. 5	Pike C. Central	Away
Dec. 9	Lawrence Co.	Prestonsburg
Dec. 15	South Floyd	Away
Dec. 19	Betsy Layne	Home
Dec. 22	Knott Co. Central	Away
Dec. 27	Shelby Valley	Away
-29	Tournament	
Jan. 5	Johnson Central	Away
Jan. 10	Pike Co. Central	Away
-13	Tournament	
Jan. 17	All 'A' Regional	Home
-20		
Jan. 23	Prestonsburg	Away
Jan. 26	Piarist	Home
Jan. 27	Phelps	Home
Jan. 30	South Floyd	Home
Feb. 2	Betsy Layne	Away
Feb. 6	Prestonsburg	Home
Feb. 10	Millard	Home
Feb. 13	Belfry	Home
Feb. 16	Paintsville	Away
Feb. 17	Phelps	Away
Feb. 20	Pikeville	Away

Mullins lone returning starter for Allen Central

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Last year coach Johnny Martin's Allen Central Rebels posted a 14-11 record that would have been accepted by most teams and probably would have loved to finished three games over five hundred. But for the Runnin' Rebels, the mark was not very pleasing with the coaching staff at the Right Beaver school.

As the 200-01 season tips off Allen Central is rated as one of the top five teams in the 15th Region and there are plenty of reasons why. But after last year's season, the

(See **REBELS**, page 12)

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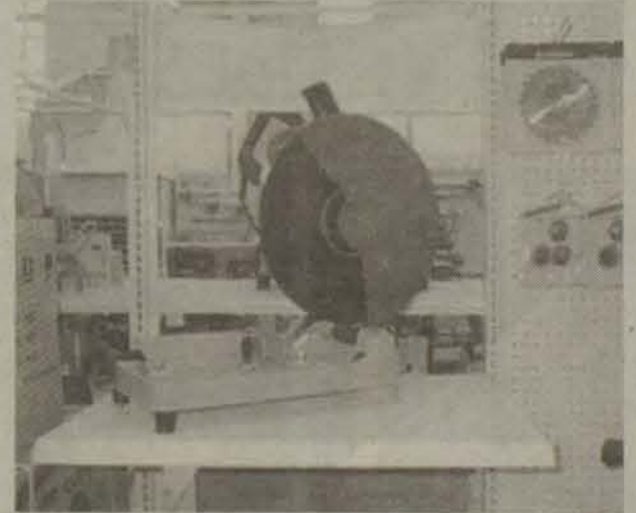
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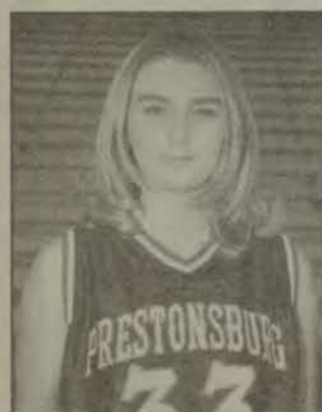
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Megan Hyden



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Amanda Stevens



Stephanie Webb



"The Seniors"

Prestonsburg hopes to make it three straight

Lady Blackcats return veteran team but a new head coach

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

High school girls basketball has grown by the proverbial leaps and bounds over the last five seasons and it appears to have not yet reach its pinnacle as the 2000-01 season is here.

Floyd County girls basketball, as well as in the 15th Region, promises to be very exciting this time around.

The question facing county basketball teams is, can anyone unseat the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats who will be shooting for their third straight 58th District title.

Gone is last year's coach Bobby Hamilton who guided the Lady Blackcats to a 19-10 finish and the semifinals of the 15th Regional tournament. Back for Prestonsburg will be veteran coach Harold Tackett in his second stint at the helm of the girls program.

Prestonsburg will be a senior laden team led by Amelia Conley, Brook Coleman, Angie Howell, Stephanie Adams and Chrissy Nelson. The nice thing about this group, they have been playing together for a long time. Coach Tackett likes the veteran squad and he is no stranger to the seniors as he brought them when they were still in grade school.

"That's right, they have been playing together for quite a while. The last time I was here coaching they were seventh graders," he said. "They came up and practiced with us. It is kind of rewarding for me in that I brought them up to the program and I get to coach them in their last year."

But for the Lady Blackcats, while they return veteran seniors they have a nice array of lower classmen as well led by everyone's all-district, all-regional player, Ramanda Music. Music has been one player colleges have been keeping their eye of since her eighth grade season at Allen Elementary when she led her team to a county championship. Showcased at Blue

Chip camps through the years. Music has had offers from across America.

Prestonsburg will return one of the premier guards in the region in Megan Hyden, a junior. Hyden, who has been at the point for the past two years, may see more playing time at the two-guard. Vickie Bowling, also a junior, will help give Prestonsburg some size on the inside.

Coach Tackett likes the

leadership his seniors has shown early in the season.

"They all have shown great leadership on the floor, and off," said the Prestonsburg mentor, who returns to the Prestonsburg program after a two year absence. "We expect good things from our seniors. We do have a good junior class as well in Ramanda, Megan and Vickie. It is a good junior class. Ramanda and Megan started last year. Vickie has made a lot of improvements."

The sophomore class will consist of Amanda Stephens, Karen Harris, Amanda Webb, Brittany Clark, and Stephanie Webb," said Coach Tackett.

(See **CATS**, page 19)

2000-01 Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats Roster

14 Brooke Coleman	5-9	Sr.
44 Amelia Conley	5-11	Sr.
3 Angela Howell	5-4	Sr.
25 Chrissy Nelson	5-4	Sr.
33 Ramanda Music	6-0	Jr.
15 Megan Hyden	5-7	Jr.
54 Vickie Bowling	6-0	Jr.
12 Tayrn Harris	5-9	So.
23 Brittany Carrey	5-4	So.
24 Stephanie Webb	5-4	So.
4 Amanda Stevens	5-8	So.
32 Amanda Webb	5-8	So.
40 Heather White	5-10	Fr.

Prestonsburg Girls Basketball Schedule 2000-2001

Nov. 18	Johnson Cent. Pan-o-Rama	Away	TBA
Nov. 25	Betsy Layne Pan-O-Rama	Away	TBA
Nov. 27			
Dec. 2	Pike Central Tourney	Away	TBA
Dec. 7	Belfry	Home	6/7:30
Dec. 11	Knott Co. Cent.	Away	6/7:30
Dec. 14	Whitesburg	Home	6/7:30
Dec. 21	Phelps	Home	6/7:30
Dec. 27-31	KSA	Away	TBA
Jan. 2	Betsy Layne	Away	6/7:30
Jan. 5	South Floyd	Away	6/7:30
Jan. 8	Shelby Valley	Away	6/7:30
Jan. 11	Johnson Central	Home	6/7:30
Jan. 15	Piarist	Home	6/7:30
Jan. 19	Betsy Layne	Home	6/7:30
Jan. 22	Magoffin County	Home	6/7:30
Jan. 23	Allen Central	Home	6/7:30
Jan. 29	Sheldon Clark	Away	6/7:30
Feb. 1	Piarist	Away	6/7:30
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Prestonsburg to be an improved basketball team

by **ED TAYLOR**
SPORTS EDITOR

Prestonsburg boys head basketball coach Jackie Day Crisp is hoping that he can wave some of that magic he had when he coached the Prestonsburg girls to the finals

of the girls 15th Region tournament at Pike Central.

Last, his first year as head coach of the boys program, Crisp and the Blackcats struggled in a big way but the team was made of some holdovers from a team of the John Ortega era.

However, the Blackcats never could find the right chemistry to get the team on the right track, although they did finish runner-up in the Pike Central Coca-Cola Classic last season.

Coach Crisp will have basically the same team back from last year but with a year more maturity.

Gone is Seth Crisp and Kyle Shepherd along with three-point artist Ryan Turner. But the Cats will return Dusty Music and Ricky Powers. The rest will be whoever steps into the scheme of things for Coach Crisp.

While the football playoffs hindered some of the returning players from getting on the floor earlier, still Coach Crisp feels once the football players get their basketball legs, the Blackcats will be fine. One of those returning will be Matt Clay (5'6", senior) will provide play at the point guard. Clay has excellent quickness and will see a lot of playing time. Coach Crisp likes the play of Clay.

"I think that Matt is going to be one of the better point guards in the region," said the Prestonsburg coach. "He got some starts last year and he has gotten a lot stronger playing football this year, lifting weights. His outside shot has gotten a lot better. He helped us in camp this past summer and I am expecting a lot out of Matt."

Matt Tackett (6'4"), who returned to the hardwood just last year as a junior after sitting out his freshman and sophomore season, has shown he is ready to play this year, but will be counted on to mix it up underneath the boards.

"We want him to play a lot more on the inside," said Coach Crisp. "In the past he had been playing a forward for us and playing outside. We expect a lot of rebounding from Matt."

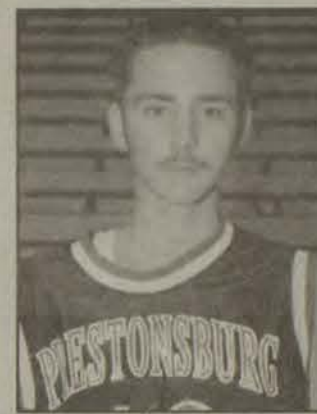
Coach Crisp looks to run the basketball this season and also expects to get some outlet passes from Tackett.

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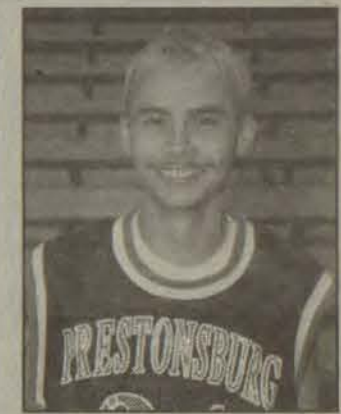
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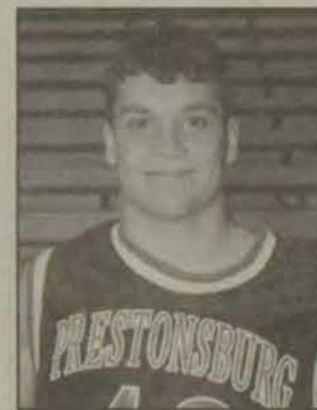
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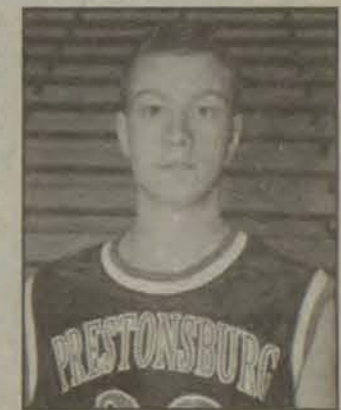
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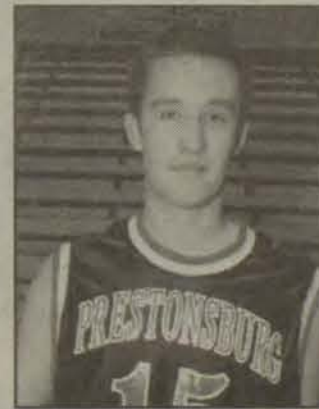
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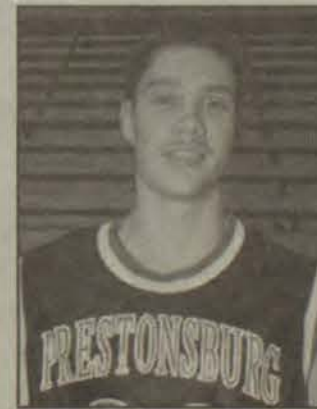
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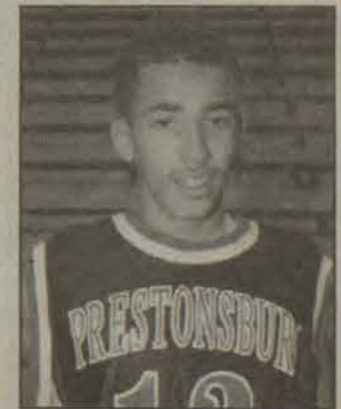
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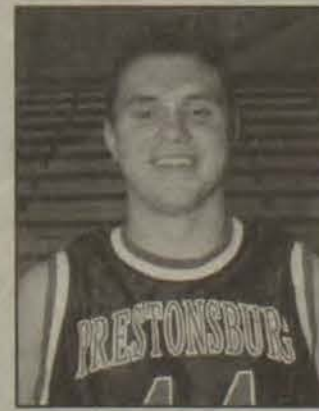
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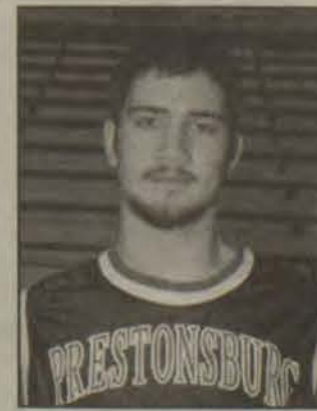
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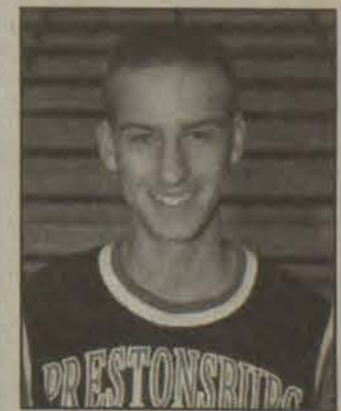
Matt Clay



Brandon Branham



Dustin Music



Ryan Martin



T.C. Hatfield

Blackcats hope to avoid last season's pitfalls

Prestonsburg Blackcats Basketball 2000-01 Roster

Ryan Martin	3	6-1	160	Jr.
Josh Murdock	10	6-0	145	Jr.
Matt Clay	12	5-8	135	Sr.
Justin Allen	14	6-1	155	So.
Matt Tackett	15	6-3	205	Sr.
Joey Willis	20	6-0	170	So.
Josh Slone	22	6-0	165	Sr.
Ricky Powers	23	6-1	165	Sr.
Chris Kidd	25	5-11	190	So.
Bradley Blevins	24	5-9	140	Jr.
Josh Justice	32	6-0	170	Sr.
Dustin Music	34	6-2	195	Sr.
T.C. Hatfield	35	6-2	190	Jr.
Kevin Younce	40	6-3	205	Jr.
Matt Slone	32	5-11	180	Jr.
Brandon Branham	44	6-4	225	Sr.

Prestonsburg Boys Basketball Schedule

Nov. 18	Pan-O-Rama West Carter	Away	TBA
Nov. 22	Pan-O-Rama Allen Central	Away	TBA
Dec. 1	Paintsville	Away	7:30
Dec. 5	Shelby Valley	Home	7:30
Dec. 8	Magoffin County	Away	7:30
Dec. 9	East Carter	Home	TBA
Dec. 15	Elkhorn City	Away	7:30
Dec. 19	Millard	Home	7:30
Dec. 22	Sheldon Clark	Home	7:30
Dec. 27	TBA	Away	TBA
-30	Shelby Valley		
Jan. 2	Betsy Layne	Home	7:30
Jan. 5	South Floyd	Away	7:30
Jan. 10	Coca-Cola Classic	Away	7:30
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Jan. 15	Piarist	Home	7:30
Jan. 19	Betsy Layne	Away	7:30
Jan. 22	Allen Central	Home	7:30
Jan. 23	Pendleton Co.	Home	7:30
Jan. 27	Pike Central	Away	7:30
Jan. 30	Johnson Central	Away	7:30
Feb. 1	Piarist	Away	7:30
Feb. 6	Allen Central	Away	7:30
Feb. 9	South Floyd	Home	7:30
Feb. 13	Sheldon Clark	Away	7:30
Feb. 16	Elkhorn City	Home	7:30
Feb. 20	Magoffin County	Home	7:30

Betsy Layne to challenge rest of district



Amber Roberts



Kim Clark



Keshia Newman



Tabitha Mitchell



Tiffany Meade



Natasha Stratton



Whitney Lykens



Tabitha Witt



Jenny Parsons



Brandy Johnson



Amy Keathley



Devon Reynolds



Kim Tackett

Veteran players and coach should make 2000 a good one

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Go ahead and name your top five girls teams in the 15th Region. It is not an easy thing to do. Because this basketball season there will be so much parity at the top that naming a top five will be very difficult.

For sure, the Shelby Valley Lady Wildcats would have to be considered the favorite to repeat as regional champions, but even Shelby Valley, with all-stater candidate Summer Jones, will hard pressed to repeat this season.

How about Mandy Harmon and the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals. True, if the Lady Cardinals stay intact, Sheldon Clark will be a definite contender. Coach Phillip Wireman will return

a quality team at Johnson Central. Now, that is three. Where do the other two lie. Well many will debate with you over the next two claiming there is not much of a drop off from three to 16.

But one team you would have to include in the top five would have to be Coach Cassandra Keathley's Betsy Layne Ladycats. Nearly the 1999 edition returns for Coach Keathley and the future of girls basketball at the Floyd County school looks bright.

During all the preseason practice time some of the players sustained injuries or experienced sickness of some kind, cutting into their practice time. But Coach Keathley is hoping that will not be part of the real season when the ball tips up for the

first time. "Everyone is healing up right now with the exception of Jenny (Parsons)," said Coach Akers. "But she will play."

Betsy Layne will play in two invitational tournaments this season the first being the Perry Central Tip-Off Classic to open the season. Over the Christmas/New Year's holiday break, the Ladycats will compete in the Queen of the Bluegrass Tournament. Betsy Layne will get a test early from county school when they face both Allen Central and South Floyd in back-to-back games in mid December.

Parsons will have to take the lead this year become the floor leader in guiding the Ladycats through what appears to be a tough sched-

ule. Parsons is one of only two seniors on the Ladycat team. She was one of Betsy Layne's leading scorer's last season with just under 12 points per game and is expected to pick up where she left off last year.

"She also led us in rebounding last year," said the Betsy Layne coach. "She is a big part of our program."

Coach Akers said that practices have been on the up beat side and a lot more speedier.

"There has been a lot more effort put forth and I think it is a direct result of her," said Akers. "She is good about encouraging the team and being a team leader."

Amber Roberts averaged just over six points a game

and is back for her senior season. Roberts gives Betsy Layne long range shooter from the arc.

"She is like Jenny, a team

leader," said Coach Akers. "She had an injury and had to miss the first three or four days of practice."

Roberts averaged five rebounds a game but Coach Akers said that she needed to increase in that number this season.

"She is used to playing guard but we are trying to move her from being down low to being out on the wing more," Akers said. "We hope to use her at the two and three spot this year."

Junior Devon Reynolds led the Ladycats in assists last season with 123 assists

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2000-01 Allen Central Lady RebsRoster

40	Lauren Majackey	5-6	F	12
32	Kari Osborne	5-8	F	12
15	Barb Prater	5-6	G	12
22	Jennifer Risner	5-5	G	12
10	Shannon Sizemore	5-10	F	12
34	Jackie Brown	5-6	G	11
55	Miranda Holthouse	5-11	C	11
00	Tonya Howard	5-8	F	11
23	Erin Majackey	5-3	G	10
52	Jaclyn Martin	5-9	C	10
21	Jeni Jo Spurlock	5-7	F	10
42	Tiffany Turner	5-6	G	10
5	Tabitha Caudill	5-3	G	9
25	Jessica Isaac	5-8	G/F	9
12	Terri Mullins	4-11	G	12
44	Becky Thomas	5-10	C/F	8

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Josh Slone, a senior, played a some junior varsity last year and it may have paid off in that he could get the nod as a starter this season.

"He wasn't getting a whole lot of playing on the varsity last year and so we wanted him to go down and play J.V. ball," said Coach Crisp. "Now, he is probably one of the better outside shooters I have and he can hit the three. He has worked hard on his ball handling skills and he can come in and give us some good minutes."

One of the leading scorers for the Blackcats last year was senior Ricky Powers, a pure shooter from the arc.

"He got a whole year of varsity experience last year and one of our leading scorers," Crisp said. "He and Dusty Music will have to lead this year."

Both Powers and Music had good preseason scoring 23 points apiece against a good West Carter team.

"They are going to be our go-to players," said the Prestonsburg mentor. "I expect a lot of both of them and I feel they can be two of the better players in the 15th Region."

Last year was not a good one for Josh Slone with all the injuries he incurred but hopefully the 2000 season will be a better one.

"He had some ankle problems last year at mid season he just gave it up," explained Coach Crisp. "He didn't play at all the last part of the season. He still has problems with his ankles but he has worked hard this summer and he works hard every day. He will come off the bench and give us some good minutes."

Dustin Music, a senior, will take up room in the paint area for Prestonsburg and he is the returning leading scorer for the Blackcats from last year. A solid player and strong rebounder. Coach Crisp hopes to get Music to play facing the basket more this year.

"I told him he was going have to start playing facing the basket," said Coach Crisp. "We played him a lot with his back to the basket last year. This summer in camp we had him outside. He played the two-guard at times and at times played the three. He is one of these guys who can play either way now."

"He has been real impressive for us in preseason. He brings the ball up at times. He goes to the hole real well and he posts up real well. So we

will use him in a variety of ways. He is going to be one of the leaders for best player in the region."

Senior Brandon Branham (6'5") started out the season last year for the Blackcats but did not finish the season. He is the biggest player on the floor for the Blackcats.

"Brandon is going to give us some depth inside," Crisp said. "Our rebounding is going to better this year. He has worked hard since he came back. In the last week and half of preseason he started getting his basketball legs back. He is going to give us a big boost on this team."

While the Blackcats have a number of returning seniors, the junior class is just as talented. Ryan Martin proves he can do more than shoot a good round of golf.

"Ryan is an excellent outside shooter," said the Prestonsburg coach. "He can hit the three. With him and Ricky at the guard positions they are going to be a real threat with the three-pointers."

"Ryan has been working on penetrating a little bit more. With his penetrating and his jump shot, it is going to make him a bigger threat."

A hard worker for Coach Crisp is junior Josh Murdock, who gives it all on the court.

Josh is one of the better defensive players we have got," said the Prestonsburg coach. "He will come in and guard somebody and he will get after them. He has been working hard on his shot and has developed a nice little 10-12 foot jumper."

T.C. Hatfield (6'2"), a junior, will give added depth to the middle of the floor.

"He will be one of our starters," Coach Crisp said. "He gives you 100 percent when he is out there. He, also, is working hard on his jump shot. His rebounding skills have improved."

Because of a late start last year, Kevin Younce went down with an ankle injury last year as well and did not perform as expected. This year all is expected to be different.

"What little bit of time he did play last year he gave us some good minutes," said Coach Crisp. "I am looking for him to give us some good play. This summer he did real well. He is probably the best jumper we have on the team."

For his size, junior Matt Slone is one of the best rebounder on the Blackcat team.

"He and Josh Murdock are

probably the best defensive players I have on the team," said Coach Crisp. "He played well in the Coca-Cola Classic last year and held the kid from Pike Central from scoring and was one of the reasons we won that ball game."

"Matt is going to be a defensive stopper for us. He worked on his ball handling skills, which he needed to. He could be a starter before the year is over."

Cracking the starting line up for the Blackcats will be sophomore Justin Allen (6'1") who has really come along for Prestonsburg.

"He is an excellent outside shooter," said Coach Crisp. "He needs to put on a little weight. He can fill it up from the outside."

Getting a lot of playing time on the junior varsity last

year, sophomore Joey Willis has been elevated to the varsity because of the impression he made on the Prestonsburg coaching staff.

"He really, really impressed us," said Coach Crisp. "He can be an excellent point guard for us. He is a real good shooter."

Getting a look at the varsity level will be sophomore Chris Kidd.

"Chris has a real good attitude and wants to play the game. He got out here and worked hard and made the varsity," said Coach Crisp. "He needs to develop some more of his skills. He is one of the best 10-15 foot jumper shooters you will see. He has a lot of confidence inside and is a strong kid."

Bradley Bevins, a junior, transferred in from Betsy

Layne this season and will spell at the point guard slot.

"He will give Ricky a breather at the point," Coach Crisp said.

Coach Crisp said his ballclub needs to work harder on solving the pressure defense of the opposition.

"That is things we can correct," he said. "We didn't block out well on the other team and we need to work in that area as well."

"We scored a lot of points the other night and this team can score. These kids have good attitudes. They work hard and they want to do good."

LOOKING AT THE DISTRICT

"If I had to pick a team to win this district, you may think I am crazy, I pick Allen

Central," said Coach Crisp. "They have a lot of experience coming back from last year. Johnny (Martin) does a great job up there so I tab them number one."

"Number two, I would go with South Floyd. They lost some key players last year but Henry (Webb) had a good bench last year and some good young players."

"Betsy Layne will be third in our district. He lost three or four starters last year but he has some good kids coming back. Brent (Rose), a first year coach, did a great job with them last year. I think they will be a pretty good ballclub."

"We ended up fourth last year and that is where I put us this year. We are really going to try and improve on that. By the end of the season we might be playing for the title."

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Lady Cats

and averaged nine points per outing. She shot a little over 30 percent from the three-point arc in '99.

"She is the key to our team," said the Betsy Layne coach. "She runs the show and has really improved a lot coming into this season. She has improved her shooting as well as shooting free throws. She is a better defensive player. This year she is smart and a good leader on the floor."

Whitney Lykens, a freshman, led Betsy Layne in scoring last year with just over 12 points per game. She hit over 32 percent of her shots from the three-point arc.

"She has only been in practice three or four weeks," said Coach Akers. "She has been in and out with sickness. Hopefully by mid-season she will be in game shape."

Amy Keathley, Kim Tackett, and Tabitha Witt will give the Ladycats some inside presence and help on the boards.

"I plan to play all three of those at the four and five spots," said Akers. "They are big strong physical girls. Tabitha is just a freshman but she has really stepped in and made an impact. She has helped Amy and Kim to improve."

Returning for the Ladycats will be Natasha Stratton, a hard worker on the court and a scrappy player.

"Natasha is going to help us a lot," said Coach Akers. "She scored 13 points in a game over at Perry Central. She was the first one down the floor every time. Her points are scrappy points. Her rebound and her hustling is what we expect from her."

Tabitha Mitchell will play at a two-guard for Coach Akers.

"She has so much more confidence this year," Akers said. "She can come off the bench and play at the two spot

or start at the two spot. She is at practice everyday and working hard."

"We have a couple of freshmen who haven't been with us before, Brandi Johnson and Kesha Newman. Kesha has had a little trouble adjusting to high school basketball."

Both are true freshmen. Brandi sat out last year and did not play at all. She has a nose for the ball. She is everywhere.

"Kesha has more raw talent than anyone on the team. She just needs to work on her fundamentals. Hopefully by the end of the year we will have made those adjustments."

Kim Clark is an eighth-grader and one of the top grade school players in the county and region.

"She will be with us as much as possible," Akers said. "She is an excellent ball handler. She can go left handed, shoot from the outside, a little bit of everything."

Coach Akers said the assist to turnover ratio for her team was not that good last year and the Ladycats need to adjust that during the 2000 season.

"We need to get our turnovers down," said Akers. "But Devon has matured some and the whole team has matured some."

Coach Akers said free throw shooting was a problem last season.

"We definitely need to improve there," she said. "Also our field goal percentage is bad. We have really worked hard on improving our shooting."

Last season Betsy Layne was one of the top girls rebounding teams in the state. Coach Akers feels her team can continue to be a top rebounding club.

"Rebounding is our strength," she said. "At times we forget to block out and we let other teams shoot two or three times. Usually that happens

once. It is like you have to remind them. This is a good rebounding team."

Coach Akers said after attending a Pat Summitt (University of Tennessee) camp she learned if you are going to be a running team you have to practice being a running team.

"We definitely are going to run the ball," she said. "I don't know how good it will work but, yes, we are going to run it."

Betsy Layne will pressure the ball this season and with the long bench, the players are there to do so.

Coach Akers looks at Allen Central as a team with a lot of talent but the Lady Rebels are young.

"They have a new coach, and a good one, but I feel they will be a team that will surprise a lot of people this year," she said. "It may take them a while to adjust to her coaching philosophy."

Coach Akers said it would be a mistake to overlook anyone and the 58th District will be one of the regions toughest.

"From top to bottom in the region, our district is going to be the toughest one," she said. "All four teams can win."

Prestonsburg will bring a veteran team to the hardwood in looking for a third district title.

"Right now you have to favor Prestonsburg," said Akers. "I hope we are able to compete with them. But you cannot overlook South Floyd either. They have all kinds of young talent. But again, they have a new coach coming in."

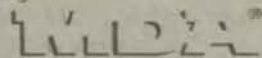
Betsy Layne tips off their 2000-01 season in the Perry Central Invitational on November 29. December 14 the Ladycats will open their home schedule against Millard.

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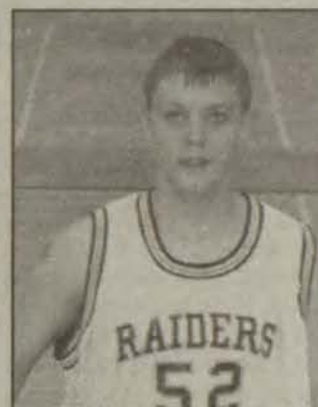
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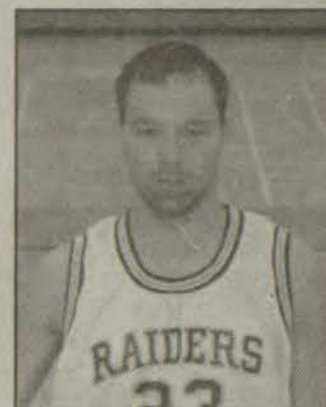
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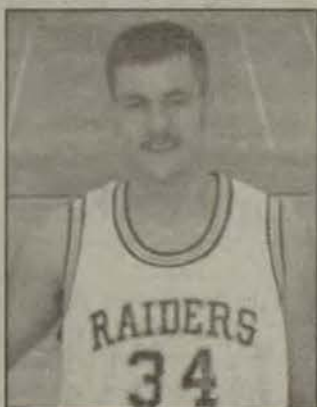
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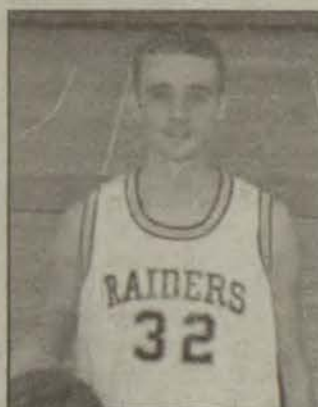
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Raiders will be minus the inside game but watch for their speed

by ED TAYLOR
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Last year was a year of setting records at South Floyd High School. The school won the most game (22) than they had won before. They won their first-ever conference championship, they won the All "A" Classic for the first time ever. They even recorded their first-ever 58th District tournament in 1999.

Now, what can they do for an encore here in 2000-01? Well, how about winning it all again!

"I think picking up where we left off last year," said South Floyd coach Henry Webb. "In order to establish a tradition in basketball, you have to start somewhere. I think last year we went a long way in meeting some of those goals.

"This year's team is a completely different team. I told the team that last year's run was real nice but this is a different year. I think we just need to continue to work hard and the success we had last year would be the ultimate goal this year and maybe achieve some things we were not able to achieve last year."

Can the Raiders repeat this year? Can they duplicate the on-court chemistry that carried them last season? Will there be that player or players who will step up and replace both Byron Hall and Jimmy Stumbo

under the baskets. Also, who will run the floor that Ryan Shannon is at Alice Lloyd College?

Undoubtedly, there are some big shoes to fill at South Floyd this season and there does not seem to be really anyone in camp who can take their place.

"We did lose four starters but we have a lot of young players coming back who played a lot of minutes for us last year," said the South Floyd coach. "I think we have a lot of young players who are going to surprise some people. We have a real good sophomore group. Overall, the team we played seems like we can play a lot of minutes who can step right up. When you are running the floor it is easy to pick up on that kind of system. We have a lot of young players who are going to help us out. They are going to help us out a lot."

However, before you shed any tears for the Raiders club, you need to look at who is returning this season. Gone are Stumbo, Shannon, Hall and Kyle Tackett. But the Raiders will return with a lot of young players such as Rusty Tackett, Michael Hall and John Meade and Tackett were not starters for the Raiders last season but they could have started for the Raiders in the region. Both were quick off the bench and can score.

It is true the middle for the Raiders will be a bit thin when the season tips off but Anthony Hall

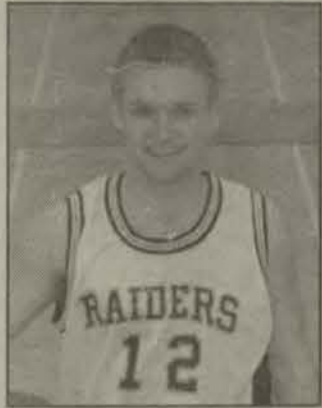
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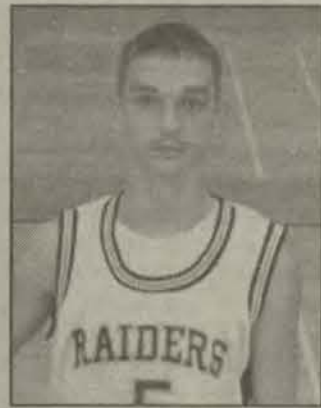
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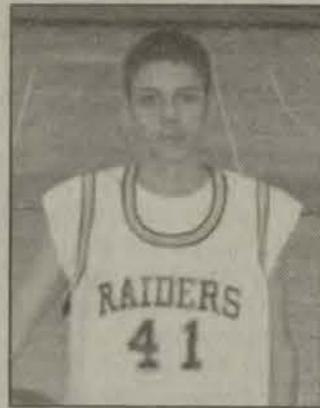
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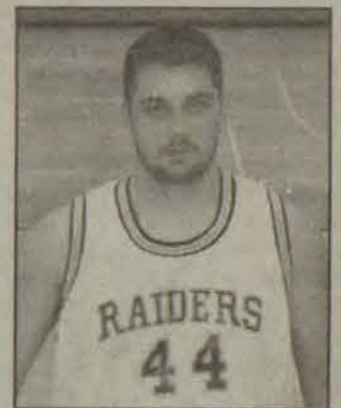
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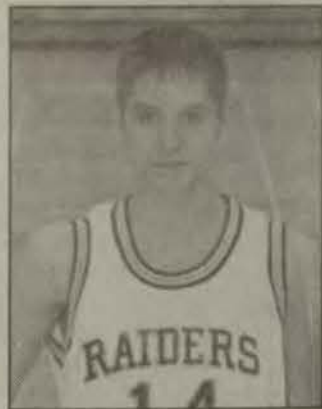
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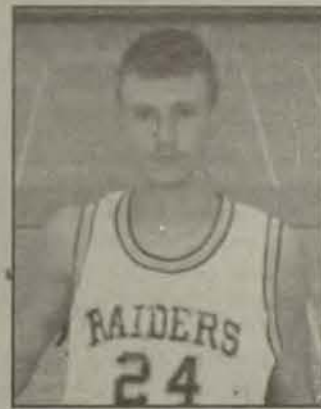
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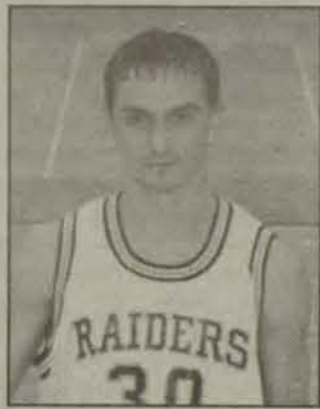
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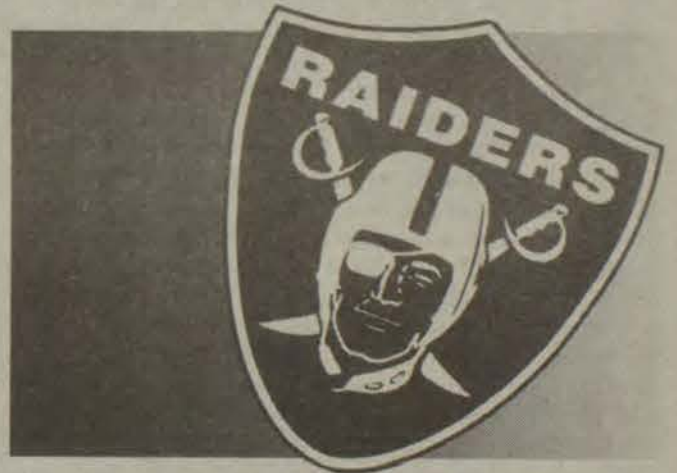
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South Floyd High School Boy's Varsity Basketball Schedule 2000-2001

Date	Opponent	Sit	Time
Nov. 22	Pan-o-Rama	Away	TBA
25	Hazard Pan-o-Rama	Away	TBA
28	Piarist	Home	7:30
Dec. 1	Johnson Central	Home	6/7:30
5	Millard	Away	6/7:30
9			
12	Piarist	Away	6/7:30
15	Allen Central	Home	6/7:30
19	Paintsville	Home	6/7:30
22	Betsy Layne	Away	6/7:30
Jan. 2	Pikeville	Home	6/7:30
5	Prestonsburg	Home	6/7:30
6	Millard	Home	6/7:30
10-13	WYMT Mt. Classic	Away	TBA
16-19	15th Reg. All 'A' Tour.	Away	TBA
23	Fleiming-Neon	Away	6/7:30
26	Sheldon Clark	Away	6/7:30
27	Corbin	Away	6/7:30
30	Allen Central	Away	6/7:30
Feb. 2	Johnson Central	Away	6/7:30
6	Betsy Layne	Home	6/7:30
9	Prestonsburg	Away	6/7:30
10	Perry Central Classic	Away	6/7:30
16	Shelby Valley	Home	6/7:30
20	Pike Central	Home	6/7:30

could be the hidden answer for the paint area.

"He has the potential to help us in the middle," said Coach Webb. "On the boards and inside we lost of our rebounding and scoring inside."

Also back to provide some inside help will be Josh Newman, James Slone and Joe Platkus who can contribute both inside and out.

"They also will help us with our running game and defensive pressure," said Coach Webb. "We have some additional juniors. Joe Skeans is a very solid player. He is fundamentally sound and a coaches dream. He does exactly what the coaches ask. He is going to give us some quality minutes."

Coming out this year will be football quarterback Josh Johnson.

"He is a very athletic kid and rebounds well," said Webb. "He sat out a year then came back out. I think he can help us some. We have a couple of sophomore's who are going to be a big, big help to us."

"Tyler Hall is one of the pure shooters on this team. Not a lot of people know about him but they soon will. He is one of the better shooters that I have seen in a long time in this region. He hit nine three's in one game in a basketball game."

Size in the middle will be furnished by Charles Ray (6'5").

"He is just a big raw-bone kid who rebounds well," said Coach Webb. "We will look to him to get us some rebounds and play the interior defense. He runs the floor well."

Coach Webb said this year's edition of South Floyd basketball will "get" up and down the floor but maybe not as much.

"We are going to run the ball this year but maybe not as much," he said. "But at times we will run even more. But last year we went a lot of times with Jimmy out and Byron in and run a four guard offense. We are going to be a little quicker this year at times. I feel like our guards are going have to step and

rebound better. We have some very athletic guards.

"We are definitely going to miss those people but I really feel like the leadership on this team and the experience coming back and our overall physical strength, we worked really hard in the weight room this year, we won't be hurt that bad."

Coach Webb said he learned from last year and looks at the loss at Richmond in the All "A" state tournament as well as falling in the first round of the 15th Regional tournament as something to build on.

"From both experiences, I learned a lot," he said. "I feel our team as a whole did. Our coaching staff I know did. I'm not happy. When we won the All "A" that was a tough adjustment period. I realize that. I talked with some coaches that had won it before, went down and played and came back, said it was a tough adjustment."

The South Floyd coach said his team would love to repeat last year and win it again. We have challenged them to do so."

What would be the biggest difference between this year's club and last year's district champions?

"Leadership! Last year we had one of those unique situations where you have 18 kids who were very, very close. Loved to play basketball. Leadership was incredible. I couldn't say enough for our seniors last year. They lived in the gym. Someone this year is going have to step up and take over. The biggest key I see right now is leadership."

Michael Hall, Rusty Tackett and John Meade will return to lead the Raiders this season. All three are keys to another successful season.

"A lot of people put a lot of emphasis on starting. I put a lot of emphasis on getting it done," said Coach Webb.

Michael Hall, a junior, is the lone returning starter from last year's championship team.

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Rebels

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Rebels did not really know what to expect in the new millennium.

"Based on last summer, we are pretty excited about our team this year," said veteran coach Johnny Martin. "We didn't know what to think really after last season.

Allen Central will return one starter off last year's ballclub and that will be point guard Larry Mullins. The rest saw playing time last season but some sparingly.

"Larry will run the point for you," said Coach Martin. "For him, he had a subpar year last season. We finished 14-11, not the kind of year we liked to have. We were disappointed we didn't make the regional tournament.

"Larry is going to be a big key, ever more so this year. I am expecting big things out of him. He has the potential to be as good or better than any guard in the region. He will have to show a lot of leadership and keep the team up."

Although Shawn Newsome had to miss his sophomore season on the court for the Rebels last year, still he is expected to be the two guard and at Allen Central the two guard is your scoring guard, according to Martin.

"He is the best player you never heard about," said the Allen Central coach. "I think he opened a lot of eyes this past summer. He gets a lot of easy shots and is a terrific player. He can drive to the basket and he is so strong when he takes it up he draws the contact. He has tremendous hang time for a kid his size. He is an excellent three-point shooter as well as a free throw shooter. He can use either hand driving to the basket."

The Rebels may have to improvise in the middle with the status of Rodney Scott in limbo. It is not known if Scott will be able to play this season, his senior year. Scott gave them some big man presence in the middle but if he does not return this season then much will hang on the broad shoulders of Z.W. Chaffins.

Because of a football

injury, Chaffins missed much of the preseason practice and faced the possibility of surgery. Coach Martin said it is imperative that the Rebels get Chaffins back in December.

"We play South Floyd and Betsy Layne (both district games) in December and it will hurt us if we don't get him back," said the Allen Central mentor. "He had a great summer for us. He is as good of a rebounder we have had since Bruce Mullins days. Z.W. likes to rebound. He gives us that defensive presence on the inside."

Coach Martin related how that has been the missing link over the past years, was a defensive player in the paint area.

"We have had guys who played there," he said, "but they were not big enough or strong enough to play there. This is the first time in a long time we have a presence in there since Philip Patton. Z.W. is so strong that he wears on you in a game."

Playing the five position for Allen Central will be Travis Francis, a big surprise last season. Francis stands at 6'5" but Coach Martin would like to see him get more physical.

"We are expecting good things out of Travis," said Coach Martin. "He is a pretty good shooter. He just needs to get a little more physical underneath the boards. I think he can have a great senior year."

Because of the excellent summer Josh Yates had he has been penciled in as a starter for Coach Martin's Rebels. While he lacks varsity experience, he affords the Rebels another outside threat.

"He played some freshman ball and junior varsity," said Coach Martin. "He is determined he is going to be a starter this year."

The Allen Central coached described Yates as a small player but exceptionally quick who will fit in with the pressure game.

"He fits in well with the way we like to play," he said. "He is good in the press and is probably as good a three man as you can get."

Mullins, Newsome and Yates make for a small starting line up but the Rebels should have plenty of speed.

"We are taking three players who are under 5'10" and that hurts us," the Allen Central coach said. "We just have to try and make up for it with quickness.

"On the other hand that presents problems for the other team for they have to match up with us and try to stop those three."

Jeremy Hayes set out the summer and did not take part in the summer leagues but has returned to the court ready to play, according to Coach Martin.

"He has come back this fall and done everything I asked of him," he said. "He has worked as hard as anyone in practice."

Hayes gives Allen Central another three-point threat and a strong rebounder.

"He is a very good outside shooter," said Coach Martin. "He is not real strong physically but he is a fighter."

Hayes can start or come off the Rebel bench, which he prefers.

"That gives us six strong players right there," the Allen Central mentor

said. "The rest of the team is a cast of who ever we can get. We have some younger players we are going to play a little bit."

Coach Martin said he will go with six or seven rotation this season.

David Watkins will see some playing time off the bench for the Rebels, according to their coach.

"David hasn't played for a while and he is a senior," said Martin. "Daniel Sazabo is just a junior but is a year away."

Could Allen Central be a sleeper this year in the 15th Region?

"I think so. A lot of things would have to happen for us," said Coach Martin. "We are one of those teams that cannot afford a major loss. We can't afford to lose a player like Shawn or Z.W. He has to play for us. He is a big key if not the biggest key in order for us to be able to rebound with people."

Coach Martin said, despite the short Allen Central bench, his team could still compete.

"This is a little different type team than last year," said the Allen Central coach. "All summer long we played the match up zone and we haven't played it for a while. We

are going to play a lot more half court defense."

The short bench last year took away the infamous pressing game of the Rebels. Coach Martin felt like he may have tried to press too much.

"Last year without a long bench it took away from our pressure game," he said. "We wasn't deep last year and we tried to press. We found that it wasn't that effective and I probably made a mistake in not letting up a little bit. But this the way we play, 32 minutes all the time half court. We have done that for three or four years and have been pretty successful with it."

Coach Martin said the match up half court game is just a matter of being more smarter and depending on who we are playing against.

"It is something that takes a lot of work and a lot of practice," he said. "You just don't come in and say we are going to play it tonight. We are working real hard on that and I think that is going to be a big part of our game."

Coach Martin looks at the upcoming season as being a big one for three of the county teams. Can they be atop the region rankings?

"I think so. I thought Betsy Layne would be and I knew South Floyd would be," he said. "They have three players as good as any kid in the region. They lost a lot but they have three good ones coming back."

What about Allen Central?

"I wasn't sure about us but after last summer if everything falls in place for us we can be right up there," he said. "I feel this team can play with anyone."

Coach Martin places Shelby Valley and Pikeville there as the teams to beat but does not overlook a good Magoffin County team.

Any time Chase (Gibson) is playing for Pikeville that makes them a contender," he said. "There is so many things he can do on the floor. Magoffin County is going to be tough. thought they would be pretty good but it was a surprise when the 6-10 boy moved in. I saw him and he is a legitimate 6-10 and they say he can play."

Allen Central compete in the Shelby Valley Invitational, Pike Central Invitational as well as the traditional All "A" Classic in January.

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Raiders

"He is a very strong kid. I would have to say he is one of the premier sophomores in the state of Kentucky. He has improved tremendously. He plays with a lot of confidence. I look for exciting things out of him," Coach Webb said.

Hall was rated as one of the regions top players in preseason but according to Coach Webb has handled the early press nicely.

"He has a good head on his shoulders," he said. "None of that stuff means anything to him. He is pushing himself to be a good player."

Coach Webb is expecting big things for senior John Meade this basketball season.

"He is one of the premier guards in the state," said Webb. "He is physically strong and very quick. I look for him to have a big year for us. He is one of those players who has to be a leader for us."

Tackett is going to be the key in two ways. He will be a key to the success of the team this season as well as being the one player the opposition will key on.

"He is a very explosive basketball

player offensively," said the South Floyd coach. "He has great anticipation on defense but he has to learn to play a little more solid. He is going to be a great player for us this year. Those three are going to be the backbone of our club."

Coach Webb likes the way Ray, a sophomore, has looked in preseason and feels he will contribute early in the season in filling the paint area.

"He dressed last year and has come along ways this year," said Webb. "His hand-eye coordination has improved. His scoring ability is lacking right now but his defense and rebounding presence is there."

Newman will give some physical strength under the backboards as well and should see playing time this year.

"He rebounds well and shoots the ball well," said Webb. "He will come out and contribute some this season."

James Slone is expected to lend a hand off the bench. Slone is an aggressive player who runs the floor well and a good person to have on the floor.

Joe Skeans, Anthony Hall and Tyler Hall will be three others Coach Webb

will use off the bench.

"Both Skeans and Hall are good shooters," said Webb. "Joe is just a good general on the floor. He is very solid and head strong."

Coach Webb looks at the upcoming season and feels that Allen Central will be a threat to a repeat season.

"They lost some key people from last year but they have a couple of players back this year that did not play last year and are good players," he said. "I don't know how deep they are going to be. Coach Johnny Martin knows how to win."

Betsy Layne and coach Brent Rose will pose a problem for the Raiders with their inside game.

"Brent has done a great job up at Betsy Layne. He stepped into a good situation. He works his players hard," said Coach Webb. "He is a good person, good character and knows a lot about basketball."

"They are going to be awful strong. He has good perimeter players. Strong inside players and good depth. They will be tough to handle."



Sarah Johnson



Minnie Tackett



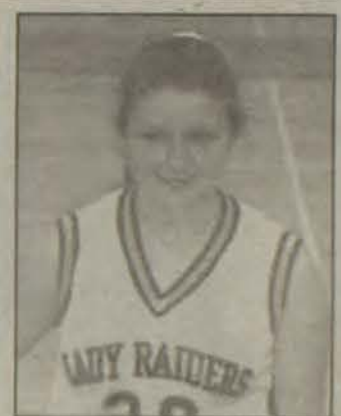
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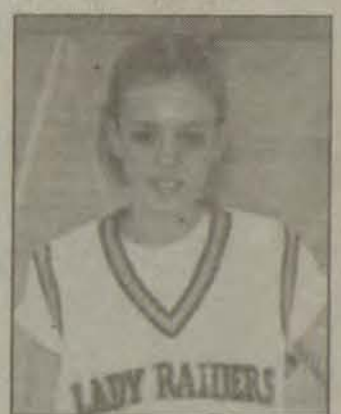
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Stephanie Skeens



Sherri Hopkins

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

When the 2000-01 girls basketball season tips off up at South Floyd High School the Lady Raiders will be under their sixth coach in the school's seven year history.

Melenda Osborne will become the sixth coach to try and turn the program around, a team that has never had a winning season. Worst than that, the Lady Raiders will be looking for their first-ever win against a district team,

South Floyd has changed coaches like most people change clothes and Coach Osborne will be the fourth coach in the last four seasons. She replaced Paul Cline who was not hired back at the school. Cline replaced Ronnie Patton who coached one year. Patton replaced John Martin in a half year of service, who replaced Henry Webb, current boys coach at South Floyd.

While the musical coaches game continues, the Lady Raiders may have found a coach that will stay put and build the program. The talent has been there all the past years but the constant rotation of coaches has not brought any stability to the program — something that is desperately needed.

Coach Osborne does not come into the school without any coaching experience. She coached the South Floyd

Middle School girls last season and the season before coached the boys team. She was an assistant coach under her brother, Jimmy Hopkins at McDowell.

Defense will be the name of the game under Coach Osborne and it will not be token defense either. Teams facing an Osborne coached team will feel pressure from all over the court.

South Floyd will have a nice blend of youth with returning veteran players. One of those returning players will be the inside presence of Kandence Mitchell, who has had a problem of staying around for four quarters often playing in foul trouble.

"Kandence is going to bring some experience to our program this year," said Coach Osborne. "Also, she will be able to shoot outside a little. She gives us an inside threat as well as outside."

As for staying in the game, Coach Osborne said that depends on how a player plays on defense.

"These girls are in good shape and that has a lot to do with the way you play defense," she said. "I feel like that will be a different story with Kandence this year."

Also returning from last season will be senior Minnie Tackett will rotate this season between small forward and two-guard.

"She is definitely going to be a threat from the three-point line," Coach Osborne said. "She will handle the ball a lot for us during a game. She shoots well from either the inside or outside."

Tackett gives South Floyd good quickness and had decent speed. Her leadership on the court cannot be measured.

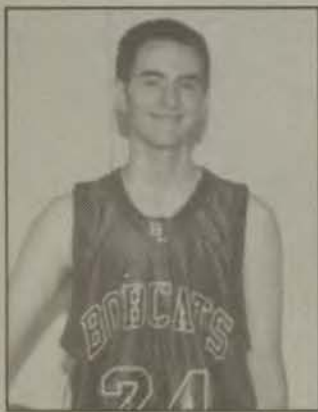
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Still yet another coach for Lady Raiders

Osborne to become sixth coach at Left Beaver school

South Floyd Lady Raiders 2000 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place
Nov. 27	Pike Central Inv	
Nov. 28	Piarist	Home
Nov. 29	Belfry	Pike Central
Dec. 2	Tip Off Classic	Away
Dec. 8	Elkhorn City	Home
Dec. 11	Millard	Home
Dec. 12	Piarist	Away
Dec. 15	Allen Central	Home
Dec. 18	Magoffin Co.	Away
Dec. 21	Paintsville	Home
Dec. 22	Betsy Layne	Away
Jan. 5	Prestonsburg	Home
Jan. 8-13	Class A	Paintsville
Jan. 18	Paintsville	Away
Jan. 22	Elkhorn City	Away
Jan. 25	Magoffin Co.	Home
Jan. 29	Pike Central	Home
Jan. 30	Allen Central	Away
Feb. 5	Betsy Layne	Home
Feb. 8	Millard	Away
Feb. 9	Prestonsburg	Away
Feb. 12	Shelby Valley	Away
Feb. 15	Letcher	Home
Feb. 17	Sheldon Clark	Home



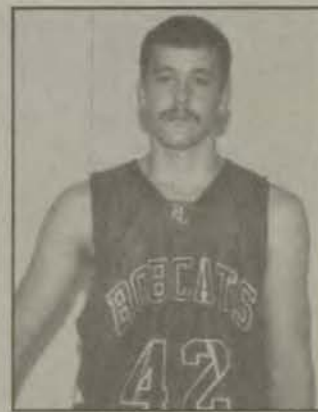
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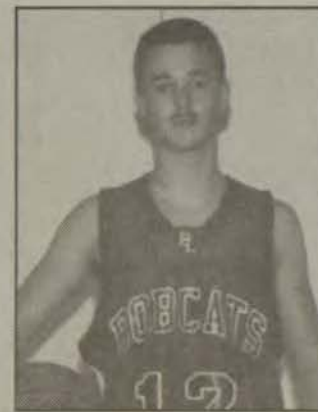
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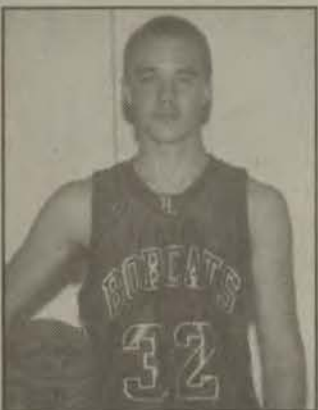
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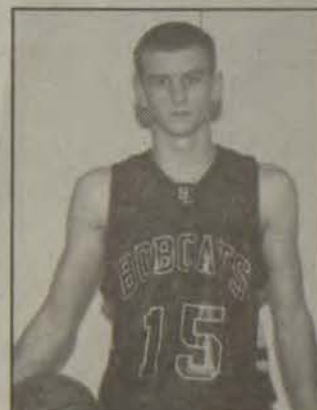
Nathan Tackett



Brandt Brooks

Betsy Layne carries favorites role in district

Bobcats return three starters from last year



Jeremy Daniels

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Last year was the first year at the helm of the Betsy Layne Bobcats basketball program for rookie coach Brent Rose but all he did was guide his team to the 15th Region tournament after finishing second to South Floyd in the 58th District tournament.

But this a new season and a new beginning for the Bobcats and around Floyd County they are the pick of fans to win the 58th District this year.

Why all the optimism at Betsy Layne? Well, the Bobcats will return three starters and they could be the lone team in the county with any inside game.

South Floyd last year depended much on the inside play of Jimmy Stumbo and Byron Hall but both are missing this season after a stellar season last year.

Now, on paper at least, the Bobcats may have that power play from the paint area in Adam Collins (6'2") and Jeremy Daniels (6'5").

However, that is short by most standards but when you survey the rest of the 15th Region, outside of Magoffin County, no one has a big team this season.

Betsy Layne will have some speed to go with their quickness. Brock Keathley could very well be the quickest

"Brock plays in practice as hard as he does in a game," said the Betsy Layne coach.

"He is shooting the ball a lot better than he did last year. He worked out on the weights last season. We are just trying to everything we can out of him.

on the court this year and that includes all county teams. Collins is strong on the boards with Nathan Tackett providing the outside three-point shooting. Brad Daugherty is a solid outside scorer and picks up a lot of loose balls inside.

Last year the Bobcats were hurt by mental breakdowns on offense and that could be credited to the fact they had a new

coach. You can bet the Georgia farm that Coach Rose and his coaching staff will have his team more focused this time around.

A plus for the Bobcats as they tip off the 2000-01 season they will start it with Nathan Tackett in camp. Tackett,

because of a transfer rule, had to miss most of last season but returned to be a major contributor to the Bobcats finishing second in the district tournament last season.

Tackett will hold down the point guard slot this season out of the Bobcats two-guard set. Coach Brent Rose said he wants Tackett to take some of the pressure off Keathley.

"Brock was wore out in the fourth quarter last year," said the Betsy Layne coach, "because he handled the ball so much. He will give us more stability at guard. He worked hard in the preseason to cut down on his turnovers.

"Last year we averaged 20 turnovers a game and we have to cut that down. I told Nathan he had to be under control and if he made more than three turnovers a game it was going to be a bad game. He is a great passer and is shooting the ball pretty good."

Brock Keathley will be a versatile player for Coach Rose and will hold down the two-guard position and maybe play some small forward. Keathley has been working hard for the upcoming season, according to Coach Rose.

"Brock plays in practice as hard as he does in a game," said the Betsy Layne coach. "He is shooting the ball a lot better than he did last year. He worked out on the weights last

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Betsy Layne Boys Basketball Schedule 2000-2001

Nov. 28	Magoffin Co.	Away	6/7:30
Dec. 5	Phelps	Home	6/7:30
Dec. 8	Fleming-Neon	Away	6/7:30
Dec. 9	Q-95 Classic	PHS	6/7:30
Dec. 12	Belfry	Home	6/7:30
Dec. 16	Piarist	Home	5:00
	(Homecoming)		
Dec. 19	Allen Central	Away	7:30
Dec. 22	South Floyd	Home	7:30
Jan. 2	Prestonsburg	Away	7:30
Jan. 5	Feds Creek	Home	6/7:30
Jan. 9-13	Coca-Cola Classic (Pike Central)	Away	TBA
Jan. 16	Lawrence Co.	Away	6/7:30
Jan. 19	Prestonsburg	Home	7:30
Jan. 22	Piarist	Away	6:00
Jan. 27	Pendleton Co.	Home	6/7:30
Jan. 30	Elkhorn City	Home	6/7:30
Feb. 2	Allen Central	Home	7:30
Feb. 6	South Floyd	Away	7:30
Feb. 9	Harrison Co.	Away	6/7:30
Feb. 10	Jackson City	Away	6/7:30



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Bobcats

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season. We are just trying to everything we can out of him.

Adam Collins will roam the paint area for the Bobcats this season and is an underrated defensive player. He averaged 11 rebounds and 12 per game last year.

"Adam is a rugged player. He still hasn't got his shooting touch back yet because of football," said Rose. "I look for him to give us at least the same numbers he did last year. You are always going to get a ball game out of Adam. The thing about Adam is, he has come back from football and gotten much better. He is our vocal leader."

Brad Daugherty adds fire-

power from the outside for the Bobcats. A steady player last year off the bench, Daugherty is expected to start this season.

"He had a real good preseason for us," said the Betsy Layne mentor. "We have moved him around a little bit to use his strength and that is getting up and down the floor. He is our best defensive player. A lot of people are underestimating what he is going to do. If he gets to the spot he is going to he will add a lot of points to our offense."

One of the most underrated players from last year and heading into this season is Jeremy Daniels who stands at 6'5". The reason? A lot of

people don't know about him.

"He has worked so hard in the off season," said Coach Rose. "He has worked on his shooting, his speed and jumping. When you look at him you don't realize he has gained 15 to 20 pounds. Most of it is from his lower body. He needs some in his upper body. He is going to give us the dimension that he can go inside and guard somebody and he can play a little more on the outside. Hopefully, that is going to work to our advantage."

Coach Rose expects his bench to be a long one and he will rotate five off the pines during the season.

"We want to keep our team

fresh so we can run the ball," he said.

One of those off the bench will be David Johnson who will backup the middle play.

"He played real well during the preseason," said Rose. "He played so much stronger than he did last year during the summer. That is going to be a big help to us. We are getting good rebounding and defense from him but he has also given us a lot more offense than we expected."

Brandt Brooks (6'5") will move from quarterback of the football team to give some help from the bench. He comes in with little varsity experience.

"He has grown some since last year," said Coach Rose. "He is going to be an asset on the inside. He plays good defense and is a solid rebounder."

Brian Roberts will be the back up at small forward. He could be a surprise to a lot of teams this year.

"He is the kind of player

that some are going to ask, 'where did this guy come from?'" said Rose. "He is battling with an injury right now but I hope he is better when we open the season. But he is a guy who can put a lot of points on the board. His defense is

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Lady Raiders

Sarah Johnson, perhaps the taller of the two between her and Mitchell, will roam the paint area or play at a power forward position. Her presence gives the Lady Raiders that height needed under the basket.

"She did not get to play that much last year but she is a hustler and a go-getter," said the South Floyd coach. "She is going to help us a great deal under the boards."

Another player who did not see much playing time last year is senior Atasha Samons.

"She is about 5'9" and gives us some height under the basket," said Osborne. "She is going to give a good effort and plays hard. She will get some loose ball baskets for us."

Jessica Paige returns this season after dropping off the team mid way of last season. Paige gives the Lady Raiders a good ball handler against the press.

"She is can take the ball to the basket or she can pull and take the shot from the outside," Osborne said.

Another who did not play last season choosing to sit out the season is Tiffany Williams, who was an excellent player in grade school. A strong floor player and a excellent outside shot.

"She has done real well since coming back out," said Coach Osborne. "She is getting back in shape. She is a lefthander and that will give us a little different strategy at times. She can set up well from the outside."

Stephanie Skeans was a standout last year as a fresh-

man for South Floyd and will play her sophomore year after coming off knee surgery. Coach Osborne said she should be 100 percent at the start of the season.

"Stephanie is a very good rebounder," she said. "She will get some cheap buckets underneath because of her hustle."

Valerie King, a sophomore, showed signs of being a floor leader last year as a freshman. This year, she will have to be a floor leader.

"Valerie is a real good defensive player," the Lady Raider mentor said. "She is another who shoots well from the three-point line."

South Floyd will have a very strong group of freshmen coming in and it has left the South Floyd coach without words to describe them. All will be familiar with the new South Floyd head coach, having played for her last year in Middle School.

"What can I say about our freshmen," said Osborne. "I have a great bunch of kids coming in. They will contribute a lot to this team."

One of those frosh will be mega-player Megan Ousley, who drew the attention of all basketball fans even as a sixth grader. How she is at the high school level and plays higher than her grade level.

"She has wonderful speed. She can drive, shoot from the outside. She can go left or right," said Coach Osborne.

Ashley Johnson is another one of those freshmen who plays well above her grade level. She has teamed with Ousley in grade school and the two have played together

for several seasons. She is a strong rebounder and can bury the three from the arc.

"But she is going to be tough on the inside as well as shooting from the outside," said the South Floyd coach.

Carla Hall was one of those eight-graders last year that did not get the recognition but is a solid basketball player who will be a player to watch in seasons ahead.

"Carla is working on her inside game," said Coach Osborne. "She shoots the ball well from the outside."

Sherri Hopkins will play again for her coach and parent as well. A good heads up player, Hopkins is strong on the boards, especially at the offensive end.

"She is tough on the boards. She hustle and goes after the ball," Osborne said. "Sherri has worked on her outside shooting and shown improvement there."

Mandy Jo Johnson did not see any playing time last year but has been labeled as a player with great improvement.

"She probably is one of the most improved players on this team," said Coach Osborne. "She plays hard and is a go-getter on the floor."

Brandi Anderson is one of those freshmen who plays hard every time out. She will fill in at guard this season.

"She is a tough little guard who can handle the ball," Coach Osborne said. "She has good speed and is going to help us out this year."

Coach Osborne said she really has two teams and can go multiple ways.

"I can go with a small line

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up or a big line up," said Coach Osborne. "I can go with a team with a lot of speed."

Coach Osborne believes that will give her team and advantage this year and it will depend who the Lady Raiders face on the court on a given night.

"These girls have really been working hard every day in practice," said Coach Osborne.

In seasons past, the one problem that has haunted this South Floyd team has been turnovers.

"We have been working very hard on taking care of the ball," said Osborne. "We also are playing a lot better on defense. Those are the two things we have to do this year is take care of the ball and play defense."

Returning only two starters from last season is the only concern for the new South Floyd coach. But she said that will all change with each game they play.

South Floyd will not have a shortage of three-point shooters. And most of them will be more than just shooters, but scorer's as well.

"I have as many that I can not count on one hand," she said. "Some people may look at them and say 'no way' but they will be surprised."

The Lady Raiders are expected to push the rest of the district toward the month of February and has an excellent chance of picking up their first-ever district win.

Coach Osborne is a demanding coach but her teams have been successful ones.

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Lady Rebs

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awhile has made it easier too."

Even though she is at Allen Central when the name of Cindy Halbert is mentioned, it is easily identified with Belfry. This year the Lady Rebels will be playing in the Jenkins Invitational and she is hoping her team will make a

good showing. "I want us to go over and make a good showing," she said. "I would like for us to win our district games before Christmas. We have been so used to dominating the 60th District."

Coach Halbert said the 58th District is going to be the most competitive of the

four district that makes up the 15th Region with the likes of Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg, South Floyd not to mention the Lady Rebels.

"That is going to be a real challenge for me," she said. "I got to where I owned that 60th District then for us to have to come in and have to compete. It is something I am real excited about. It makes me come out and work hard every day."

"Also, the Class A will be a new experience for me. That is something I am really looking forward to. I have never been able to even go watch a Class A tournament because we have been playing." Pikeville will be a challenge for the Lady Rebels in the Class A as well as Elkhorn City, the team Allen Central will play in the first round.

Also part of the Allen Central schedule will be the Lady Pirates of Belfry in a home and away series.

"When I told the girls that I was leaving to take this job that when we played that if they didn't hug my neck before and after the game that I would be disappointed," said Coach Halbert. "I am looking forward to it."

"I think I left a good staff intact over there." She also left a good team and did not empty the cupboard. The Lady Pirates will be one of

the girls region top teams. "When they come over here we will have a good hard fought battle," said the Allen Central mentor. "When it is over we will be friends." While the Lady Rebels return three seniors, the youth corp is very promising.

"I am real excited about our young players," said Coach Halbert. "We have a great future. We have a great sophomore and freshman class."

Coach Halbert is hopeful that a tournament at Allen Central can be worked out for next season. Ruling out the panorama avenue, Coach Halbert said she wants to plan a four team tournament next season.

"The area is so saturated with panorama's and I don't want to infringe on them, but I would like to hold a tournament here, a small one," she said.

Already committed to play in it next season is Belfry, North Laurel, and hopefully teams from the Lexington and Louisville area.

"Hopefully we will put together a real nice Lady Rebel Classic," said Coach Halbert.

The Allen Central coach is already making plans to open up the feeder program at Central.

"I have Ronnie Patton working with me, helping

with the freshman team," said Halbert. "We are going to have a summer camp and a girls midget league."

It was the midget league at Belfry that added to the success of the Belfry program down through the years. Halbert hopes to have equal success here.

"It will be held in the spring for third, fourth and fifth graders," she said. "It really paid off over at Belfry and I think it will here."

Allen Central should have decent inside presence in sophomore Jackie Martin and Tonya Howard. Both are strong on the boards with Martin possessing a nice turn around eight footer. Howard is the "garbage" player with her hard work and effort. She will scrap for the loose balls and pick up some easy baskets.

Barb Prater is sort of the designated long-range shooter. She can pop the three and plays strong in and around the basket. She can rebound and a solid free throw shooter.

Freshman Terri Mullins could get the nod at the point guard position. Mullins, also a scrappy player, has the ability to hit the three-point baskets as well as take the ball up the lane.

Erin Majakey will give Coach Halbert another solid outside threat. Majakey is one of those players when on a three-point spree, can

kill any zone or bring her team back from a deficit.

Lauren Majakey transferred in from Prestonsburg and will give the Lady Rebels some size underneath. Majakey will give Coach Halbert some quality minutes off the bench.

Hard play and good court sense describes both Tiffany Turner and Jeni Jo Spurlock. Both are sophomores and part of that underclassmen who Coach Halbert covets. Both can play the game of basketball.

Tabitha Caudill, a freshman, had a solid eighth grade year at Adams Middle School and brings yet another very good young player to the roster of Allen Central. Caudill can play anywhere and is a good scorer from the outside.

Add Jackie Brown to the long list of players who can come off the Allen Central bench and contribute. Miranda Holthouse will give some size off the pines for Coach Halbert a will eighth-grader Rebecca Thomas.

A future prospect? Try Jessica Isaac, a freshman, who has been playing basketball all her life. She is very versatile and can play either a two guard or small forward. A good scorer from the three-point arc. Plays hard and with a lot of enthusiasm.

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Bobcats

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improving."

Senior Robbie Johnson will add firepower from the outside and especially behind the three-point arc.

"Robbie is a tremendous shooter," said Coach Rose. "He has picked up a lot of his speed and is playing much better defense. He started to come through for us last year and then got sick and was out for awhile."

Backing up the point guard position will be Wes Senters, a versatile player who has the ability to score from the outside.

"He is a good passer. Probably the only neagative about him is that he's only 5'8" but he plays good defense. He looks to pass more than shoot. That is one thing we need out of our point guard."

Betsy Layne will be a team with excellent speed.

"I also think we have good offensive talent," said the Betsy Layne coach. "If we can play the type of defense like we did last year, hard nose and gutty, then we will be in good shape."

Coach Rose said his team needs to

improve on the boards.

"We need to improve with our rebounding right now," he said. "It's not that we can't rebound. But we are not blocking out real well at all."

Betsy Layne will return eight players who saw a lot of playing time last season. That will give Coach Rose the bench strength to play the mixture of defenses he wants.

"I thought we got tired in some games last year," he said. "Last year we thought, 'we're not going to win this game!' Hopefully, they've backed off and got a taste of winning and it will carry over this year."

Allen Central could be the surprise team in the 58th District and Coach Rose says to not take them lightly.

"I got to watch them over the summer and he was competitive even though he did not everyone this summer," said Rose. "I look for them to press and run as usual. They will throw in a little match up zone. He has some real good players. Shawn Newsome is going to surprise a lot of people."

"Allen Central has one of the best point guards in the region in Larry Mullins. He has been a starter there for four years now. You look at the (Josh) Yates kid and Rodney Scott along with (Jeremy) Hayes and they are going to be big."

Coach Rose looks for Prestonsburg to be more competitive than last season.

"I think they will be much improved from last year," said Rose. "They bring back the big nucleus of their team. I thought they looked a lot better this summer. They are a lot stronger than last year."

Coach Rose looks for South Floyd to be team to contend with in spite of the loss of four seniors.

"Coach Webb has three big guns out there," said Rose. "They are going to be tough to contain. They are going to be pretty tough."

Betsy Layne will compete in two tournaments during the regular season beginning with the Q-95 Classic on December 9 and the Pike Central Coca-Cola Classic in January.

"It is a good sophomore class and the kids have really worked hard. They have been working hard on their fundamentals and all are going to be able to help us on the varsity long with playing on the junior varsity.

"Our freshman class, we have one and that is Heather White. We just expect good things from her. She had a good camp this past summer.

Amelia Conley will play at the strong forward position and gives Prestonsburg a solid outside threat as well as posting up inside. Conley is a strong worker on the boards.

"She can dominate in the middle," said the Prestonsburg coach. "She is no doubt the most athletic on the team. The only limit for her this year is her attitude and work ethic has been fantastic this year."

Coach Tackett said Conley is ready to have a good senior year and he is ready to turn her loose on the rest of the region.

"She is quite a basketball player," he said.

Ramanda Music brings a lot of experience to Prestonsburg having played for the regional champions Belfry Lady Pirates two seasons ago. Music seems to be confident at Prestonsburg and hopes to win a regional title at the local high school.

"I heard all the rumors that she was leaving and going somewhere else," said Music. "But I am very satisfied at Prestonsburg and we have a great coach in Coach Tackett."

Tackett said the wealth of experience that Music brings to the team will help the other players.

"The last time I coached her she was a seventh grader," said Coach Tackett. "We are going to try and move out from the basket some this year. We want her to face the basket a little bit. In college she will have to learn to look at the basket."

Leadership will fall on the shoulders of Brook Coleman as well as being more involved in the offense.

"Brook is the most knowledgeable of the game right now than any player we have on the floor," said Coach Tackett. "She understands it and knows where we are heading in practices. She is like having another coach on the

other seniors under Coach Tackett.

"When I first brought Angela up in the seventh grade I had intended for her to inherit the point guard position," Coach Tackett said. "She hasn't got to play a whole lot in

"When you look at Stephanie and with volleyball skills and basketball skills, I can see a school out there getting both for the price of one."

Coach Tackett says he looks for the Prestonsburg bench to be a long one.

of the game is to get more shots than the other team.

"To get more shots than the other team you have to take the ball from them," he said. "We like defense. We take pride in it. Here the kids are taking pride in their defense and as a

aware of that.

"Allen Central has a new coach in Cindy Halbert. She is a quality person to begin with," said Tackett. "They are real fortunate to have a person of her quality up there. They have the (Shannon) Sizemore girl back and the (Jennifer) Risner girl will be back. So that is a good nucleus to build with."

Coach Tackett said tradition keeps anyone from counting Allen Central out in the district race.

"They have a rich tradition going back to Coach (Bonita) Compton. They are going to be a tough team to play."

Much of the challenge the Lady Blackcats are expecting will come from Betsy Layne, who also returns a veteran team.

"They have just about everyone coming back from last year," said Coach Tackett. "Coach (Cassandra) Akers has a good team coming back. She has quality guards. Any time you have a team like that can shoot the ball and dribble it is going to cause some people some trouble. I think they are one of the top five teams in the region."

South Floyd will play under yet another head coach and that usually hurts a team.

"I expect South Floyd to win their first district game this year and I just hope it isn't us," said the Prestonsburg coach. "The kids up there have been playing a long time together. I think they have a coach up there who is going to stay. She is committed to the program."

If Prestonsburg is to "three-peat" they will have to take better care of the basketball and their shot selection will need to improve.

Every thing is in place for a run, not at another district title, but a regional crown as well. Prestonsburg will be in the echelon of a Shelby Valley, Johnson Central and Sheldon Clark.

If this team jells, it could be the rest of the region staying home while the Lady Blackcats move on.



Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats

floor."

Hyden could see more playing time at the two-guard but will also be playing the point at other times. Her presence on the floor is invaluable to the Lady Blackcats and she must stay out of foul trouble.

"I would like to have about 15 Megan Hyden's," said the Prestonsburg coach. "She is just all out hustle and enthusiasm. She wants to get better and she wants the team to get better."

"We are going to move Megan around little bit this year. We want Megan to shoot some three's this year. She had a really good camp this summer and we are pleased with her accomplishments."

Angie Howell will run the team from the point guard position, according to Coach Tackett. Howell is one of those seniors who came up with the

the last couple of years. We have really been working with her. She had a great, great summer camp. Teams put pressure on her and she handled it really well. This summer she averaged eight assists a game and two turnovers. That is what you look at in a point guard.

"People have been saying that Prestonsburg doesn't have a point guard. Well, I am here to tell you we do have one and a good one."

Stephanie Adams brings another top rebounder to the team and is coming off a great volleyball season. Adams is one of those players who gets the "garbage baskets."

"She is a very strong rebounder. Just one word describes Stephanie — intense," said Coach Tackett. "When she goes in she knows what her job is. She also had a really good summer camp.

"Right now we are looking to play 13 kids," he said. "Looking at our rotation, I am looking at seven off the bench pretty easy."

The Prestonsburg coach said fans could look for different line ups through the year, depending who the Lady Blackcats are going against.

"We are not pegged into one line up. We can go really big or we can go really small," said Tackett. "Or we can mix it up and have a good mix up of size and speed. Right now we can go with four different line ups."

Down through past years Coach Tackett has expressed defense. He says things have not changed.

"Everything starts with defense," he said. "If you can't guard someone you are in trouble."

Coach Tackett's philosophy

coach that is what you want."

The new coach at Prestonsburg said his team would be a full-court team but at times will also play the half-court game.

"We can throw anything at you that we need to," he said.

Since the '91 season Prestonsburg has either won the conference out right or shared the conference title. The program has known a lot of success over the past seasons and Coach Tackett said that should continue.

"I think in that span of time we have won four district titles," he said. "Success is here at the high school. I think it makes them hungry. As a senior, you have experienced this success and you want more of it."

The 58th District will be very competitive this season and Coach Tackett is well

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