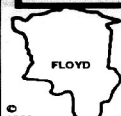


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## Contract awarded for track facilities

by Scott Perry  
Times Editor

A construction contract was awarded Wednesday to a Floyd County company for the development of a "million dollar facility" at the site of a new harness racing project.

Ted Naim, whose company Naim Inc. will build the grandstand/clubhouse facility on the Route 3 site, declined to discuss specifics of the construction contract signed Wednesday with Mountain Racing, the track developers.

Construction of the harness racing and intertrack wagering facility was turned over last month to private developers by the Floyd County Public Properties Corporation.

Naim said Thursday that his phase of the project could be under construction within two or three weeks and finished "in the spring sometime."

Mountain Racing has been awarded racing dates, to begin July 1, and the facility must be completed by that time.

Naim said he saw "no problem" with meeting the July 1 deadline. The company will build a two-story, 2,000 seat grandstand, enclosed on three sides and covered by a roof and a 5,000 square foot clubhouse that will house intertrack wagering facilities.

Mountain Racing has been authorized to conduct intertrack wagering at an alternate location, Center Stage nightclub in Prestonsburg, while the new facility is being built.

## Floyd County man is convicted on mine safety counts

by Ronnie Parsons  
Staff Writer

John Larry Cline, of Lovely in Martin County, was convicted Thursday on six counts of conspiring to operate the Todco No. 1 mine in Auxier in violation of mine safety standards set forth in the Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

The verdict stems from an investigation into the mine's safety that began after a November 1989 roof fall resulting in the death of Martin County coal miner James Stone.

The roof fall that killed Stone, occurred in the area of the mine where the illegal pillaring was being done.

Cline was convicted of conspiring with Thomas Wayne Marcum, of Inez, and Marion Dalton Jr., now a resident of Columbus, Ohio to oper-

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## Christmas parade is slated for today

Christmas festivities will get underway in Prestonsburg today, Friday, December 10.

A Christmas parade with Santa Claus and the Prestonsburg High School band begins at 4 p.m. at the House of Flowers on South Lake Drive. The parade route will turn left on Court Street from South Lake Drive, then right on Front Street at the Playhouse Restaurant. It will turn again onto Arnold Avenue and down to First Commonwealth Bank where the parade will head back to Lake Drive.

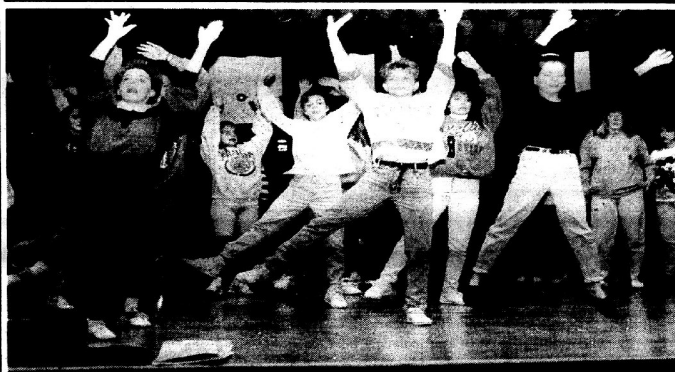
The parade route ends in the municipal parking lot.

At the conclusion of the parade, a tree lighting ceremony will be held. Several church groups and individuals will lead the group in caroling.

Anyone who hasn't been contacted to participate in the parade and the caroling session should call Henry Lewis Mayo, Main Street manager, at Prestonsburg City Hall before noon today, Friday.

Parade participants will line up at 3:30 p.m. at the House of Flowers.

## "No" can mean "I love you"



MaShawna Aiken (left), choreographer, practiced the opening number "Just Another Christmas" with the Kentucky Junior Pro All-Stars in a rehearsal Wednesday night at the Little Theatre, Prestonsburg, in preparation for the musical "Santa Knows Best." The performance will be held Sunday, December 19. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

## Santa Knows Best

by Janice Shepherd  
Managing Editor

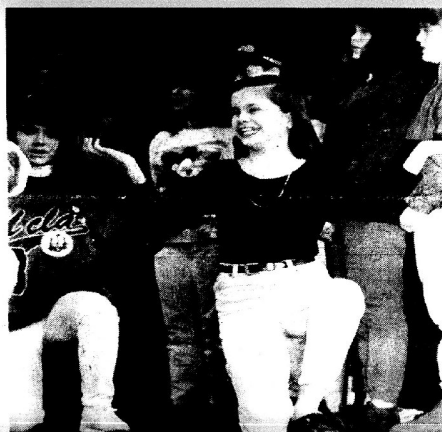
When mom and dad say no, the world falls apart, life stinks, and a child feels betrayed. It's a tough word that's hard to say. It's a tough word that's hard to accept.

The Kentucky Opry Junior Pro All-Stars are learning that no isn't as bad as it sounds, and they will present that lesson in a delightful holiday youth musical, "Santa Knows Best." "Santa, the elves and the children learn that no means "we love you."

The play opens with the energetic song "Just Another Christmas." As the play develops, Santa is confronted by "Gim'me, Gim'me." What happens when Santa can't say no to his elves when they ask to go skiing or cruising? No toys! What happens when Santa can't say no to the youngsters on his lap? An overworked, stressed-out Santa Claus.

Santa's cousin, Uncle Beat Nick, the Bobbepops and Mrs. Claus come to the rescue by convincing Santa that his only hope to get through this Christmas with his sanity still intact is to take assertiveness training.

Assertiveness training? Yes, assertiveness training for Santas. Santa steps into the 90s and joins a hilarious class filled with



To participate in the Kentucky Opry Junior Pro All-Stars' "Santa Knows Best," students had to audition before four judges. They were transported by bus to the Little Theatre for practice sessions throughout the rehearsal period. The play is being directed by Billie Jean Osborne. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Santas. Santa learns how to be firm, but fair. He learns that saying "no" can mean "I love you." So do his elves, so do the children on stage and so does the audience. This play is a must-see for Eastern Kentucky families.

"Santa Knows Best" will be held Sunday, December 19, at 2:30 p.m. in the Kentucky Junior Opry's Little Theatre at Prestonsburg Elementary.

Wesley Nelson of Prater Elementary will portray Santa. Nelson, a son of Dean and Jeannie Nelson of Banner, said he has learned a valuable lesson from the play. "I thought he still doesn't like it when his parents say no, now he understands it. 'I used to pout and go to my room (when my parents said no). Now, I get over it,'" he

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## Statistics put county with bad company

by Ronnie Parsons  
Staff Writer

Floyd County leads Eastern Kentucky in reported cases of spouse abuse and ranks 8th worst out of 120 counties in Kentucky, according to a report released by the Cabinet for Human Resources.

The report covers fiscal year 1993 reported cases of adult abuse.

Counties worse than Floyd are (in order) Jefferson, Fayette, Kenton, Warren, Hardin, Daviess and Campbell, all of which have much larger population bases than Floyd County.

Floyd County also leads in other areas of abuse: Neglect by caretaker, 8th worst; Self Neglect, 9th worst; Exploitation, 20th worst; Overall adult abuse, 9th worst; and Total adult abuse reported, 8th worst.

According to Linda Hutchinson, a case worker at the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center, some of the leading causes of spouse abuse in the Floyd County area come from family stress, economic stress and drug and alcohol abuse.

"As we watch the coal industry slow down, our statistics go up," Hutchinson said. "We also see an increase around the holidays."

Hutchinson said she has been with the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center for six years and has seen a change in the way some women are handling abusive situations.

One change Hutchinson mentioned was that women once called late at night seeking help or to leave. "Now they are making plans, packing clothes and sneaking away when their husbands are gone."

According to Hutchinson, women are not the only ones being abused. "We get about three calls a year from men that are abused. We make arrangements for them to get away from the abuse but since our center is mostly for women, we have to find other locations for them," Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson said men are a little more reluctant to call since it threatens their pride.

Another fact passed on by Hutchinson is that one in five women have suffered some sort of abuse and one in ten have suffered some sort of severe abuse, such as broken bones or cuts requiring stitches.

For the second straight year, investigations of abuse involving vul-

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## Two school projects trimmed; South Floyd gymnasium costs rise

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

It appears that two Floyd County school construction projects will be scaled back and costs continue to mount on the South Floyd gym project.

At Tuesday's special school board meeting, board members appeared closer to agreeing on a plan to reduce the scope of a classroom addition at Betsy Layne Elementary.

Project architect Paul Hoffman prepared a history of the project for board members and told them that he could reduce the project from \$3.8 million to \$2.2 million by reducing the two-story structure to a one-level addition. Hoffman added that the proposal would not include professional service fees or a kitchen/catereria.

Hoffman estimated that it would cost just over \$100,000 to redesign the project. The architect has been paid approximately \$132,000 to design the two-story building.

Adding a kitchen/catereria and demolition of the old two-story elementary building would be accomplished in Phase II of the project under Hoffman's proposal, and would

cost an additional \$850,000.

Controversy has surrounded the Betsy Layne Elementary project because former board members apparently failed to properly award the architect and construction management contracts for the project.

An engineering error in determining the building's foundation, to comply with flood plain regulations, required that the site be raised an additional two feet.

Local board members ratified the architect and construction management contract in October. Since the project was awarded in October 1991, the local board has spent just under \$500,000 on the addition for site work and professional service fees.

Hoffman's report, which was billed at \$3,427,500, said that "the whole issue about the raising of the flood plain is much to do about nothing" and that the board had received the value of the additional two feet of fill needed on the site.

Accompanying documentation to Hoffman's report, however, says that the flood plain error cost the local board over \$30,000 due to revisions

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## Martin City Council puts final approval on plan to raise rates for sewer use

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

After waiting for over 40 minutes for a quorum to be present, Martin City Council took action Wednesday to proceed with the city's multi-million dollar sewer project.

Council held second reading of an ordinance to raise sewer and water rates, which will become effective after the sewer plant is constructed. The rate hike is necessary to ensure that the city will generate enough funds to retire a \$900,000 loan for the plant construction.

Council officials have received over \$1 million in grant monies to build the \$2 million sewer plant, which was mandated by a federal court order.

Martin residents can expect to pay just over \$20 per month for the minimum sewer and water services when

the plant is completed, about a year from now. Minimum rates are based on a 2,000 gallon water usage.

With just enough council members present to have the meeting, outgoing councilman Dr. Jones became upset with councilwoman Hazel Robinson's "no" vote on the ordinance.

"I don't understand you," Jones told Robinson. "You're about to hang the people of this town. Do you want to pay \$20 a month or a \$100?"

Robinson responded that "it didn't matter" because city residents would have to pay the cost for the services no matter what. She added that the city sewer plant should have never gotten into the shape that it is in.

The city was facing \$10,000 per day in fines from state environmental officials for discharging raw sewage

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Patey Sword, Freddie Goble and his daughter Robin prepare to sing "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" during the "lights of life" lighting ceremony held November 30 by the Mended Hearts Inc., Big Sandy Chapter 220 at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Red paper hearts on the tree are for mended heart members. Red lights represent patients in the cardiac care unit and white lights honor those who have died. (photo by Ronnie Parsons)





Tech trainers honored

Six Floyd County Schools technology coordinators were honored by the Floyd County Board of Education at the November meeting. The six coordinators were among approximately two dozen coordinators statewide selected to serve as technology trainers for other school districts. From left are: Debbie Dixon of Prestonsburg Elementary, Kenny Caldwell of Allen Elementary, Board Chairman Ed Patton Jr., Kim Reynolds of Adams Middle School, Laura Hyden of Martin Elementary and Stanton Watson of Duff Elementary. Honored but not present was David R. Leslie of Prestonsburg High.

## Statistics

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nerable Kentucky adults jumped 35 percent over the previous 12 months. The statewide reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation involved 29,338 adults, compared with 22,403 in fiscal year 1992 and 16,708 people the year before.

"Spouse abuse accounted for 18,488 investigations, 59 percent of last fiscal year's investigations," Newman said. The 1992 total was 15,080.

That puts reports of adult mistreatment in the state for fiscal year 1993 at 35,157, or 82 percent over reports just two years ago, according to statistics compiled by the Kentucky Department for Social Services. "As in every year, we are troubled by the huge increase in reported incidents of abuse," said Social Services Commissioner Peggy Wallace. "Yet the numbers indicate that people in the community are more alert to dis-

ness signs, and more willing to call an agency that can check and offer help."

"Many people read about the horrible assaults and deaths of wives or girlfriends, but they may not be aware of other vulnerable adults who are victimized in physical, sexual, emotional and financial ways," Newman said.

"These are individuals who are physically and mentally impaired, and trying to locate resources and services for those in harmful situations or neglecting themselves is a major challenge."

Resources may include shelter, food, clothing, in-home services, weatherization, and financial, medical or legal assistance.

Newman emphasized that, "Our goal is always to provide protective assistance with the least disruption to their lives. The only time the department can act without the adult's consent is when the court agrees, based on our findings, that the person lacks the capacity to consent to services and is at risk of death or immediate and serious physical harm."

That can be a tough call when you're dealing with nutrition, hygiene, continence and sanitation, Newman added, "and we often struggle with when conditions are bad enough, and when the person is no longer capable of making decisions about his or her own well being."

Reports of all types of abuse of people over 60 were up 17.5 percent, to 5,834 last year.

Among this age group, spouse abuse investigations totaled 502; adult (not by spouse) abuse, 1,997; neglect by caretaker in a private home, a nursing home or anywhere in the community, 2,104; self-neglect, 1,811; and exploitation, 665.

Newman urged that anyone knowing or suspecting that a vulnerable adult is being harmed call their local social services office or the statewide abuse hotline, 1-800-752-6200.

The number the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center is 866-6025, 24-hours a day.

## Projects

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in the construction documents, modifications to the mass site improvement contracts, and additional engineering.

Board members made no decision Tuesday on the Betsy Layne project because they received the report during the meeting and did not have time to study it.

The board did agree that Hoffman should discuss the revised plan with state school officials to see if they would approve it before the local board took any action.

In other construction related matters, Jim Osborne, chief of operations, told the board that the size would have to be reduced for three science classrooms to be added to Adams Middle School. Osborne said that state officials would not approve using state school construction money to build the 1,000 square foot labs because the rooms were not part of the original facility plan.

State officials and the local board could reach a compromise, Osborne said, by reducing the size of the classrooms to 800 square feet.

The middle school addition was to include six additional standard classrooms, no science labs, Osborne said. School officials, though, can install the necessary sinks and other science equipment in the additional rooms.

Board member Ray Brackett said that the board should alter the design of the addition and move forward with the project. The board voted unanimously to do that.

Also Tuesday, Osborne reported that additional work required to install caissons for the South Floyd gym would require the approval of a change order for \$19,312.55. The change order represented the cost of an independent observer to monitor the depths of the drilled holes for the caissons and for the additional con-

crete needed to secure the steel posts.

Other additional costs for the gym include from \$1,500 to \$2,000 to replace tiles in the school lobby and the board approved spending up to \$5,000 to provide heat for the gym so contractors can continue working through the winter months.

In other action Tuesday:

• The board approved obtaining an easement from Fletcher Gayheart of Eastern because a retaining wall for the Allen Central track will encroach on Gayheart's property. In return, the board will restore his natural gas line and make repairs to his driveway after the gas line is relocated. The board will also provide fill dirt for one to two acres of property adjacent to the track.

• The board cut short a report on the district's special education program because board members did not have written report concerning problems with special education. The issue is expected to be discussed at the board's regular meeting on December 21 at Prestonsburg Community College.

Board member Brent Clark was absent from Tuesday's meeting.

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## Sewer

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into Right Beaver Creek. City and state officials reached an agreement on the sewer project.

A contract for the project was awarded to the city of Pikeville. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Work on the sewer project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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## Allen to assist area veterans

Charles Allen, a volunteer veteran assistance officer for the Kentucky National Guard, will be at Prestonsburg National Guard Armory from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. This is a free service provided by the state of Kentucky. There is no charge or fee of any kind. For more information, contact Bill Jenkins at 866-6025 or 866-6026.

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### First Aid Training

At least two staff members from each school in Floyd County are trained in First Aid techniques. Above, Alberta Turner of the new alternative school examined colleague Rodney McKinney during a recent First Aid training session. Coordinator of Health Services/School Nurse Jennifer Martin (left) supervised the training, which was conducted at the Floyd County Library.

### Two county high school choral groups to participate in Kentucky Christmas Chorus

On Tuesday evening, December 14, more than 82 choral groups from 32 Kentucky counties will fill Lexington's Rupp Arena with the sounds of holiday music at the sixth annual Kentucky Christmas Chorus. Allen Central High School Chorus and Betsy Layne High School Chorus are among the choral groups participating. The 1993 Chorus is a large colorful sing-along which has become a holiday tradition in Kentucky. Groups registered to date represent more than 3,000 singers. Groups must preregister for reserved seating.

### Tips from the postal service

Proper packaging and addressing of parcels is the best way to prevent parcel damage and loss. When packaging for mailing, use a container strong enough to protect the contents during handling.

Cushion the contents with crumpled paper, foam shells or air-pocket padding to make sure they do not move within the container. Always include the address information inside your parcel. This will ensure that, should damage occur, the parcel can be identified and delivered.

Use a pressure-sensitive filament or reinforced tape to seal the flaps and seams on the container. Cellulose and masking tapes are not recommended, because they are not sturdy enough to withstand handling. It isn't necessary to wrap a parcel in brown paper or tie it with twine. Paper can tear and get separated from your parcel, and twine can get tangled in mail processing equipment.

Be sure the address, including zip code, is clearly written on one side only. Remove any other labels and addresses on the carton. Always address not just parcels, but cards and letters too, with smudge-proof ink.

Attention to these few mailing pointers will help insure that your packages will arrive in time and in good condition.

### Counts

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ate the Auxier mine in violation of the safety standards, and was also convicted of aiding and abetting Marcum in committing the following specific offenses:

- That the pillar mining was done at the mine when there was no MSHA-approved roof control plan providing for such mining;
- That the pillar mining was done without setting timbers or other roof supports;
- That the method of mining exposed the miners to hazards caused by excessive widths of rooms, entries and crosscuts and by faulty pillar recovery methods;
- That the mine roof was not supported or controlled to protect the miners from hazards related to roof falls; and
- That the miners at the mine worked and traveled under unsupported mine roof.

Marcum and Dalton had previously entered 11 guilty pleas to the charges arising out of the alleged illegal pillar mining.

Chine faces a maximum sentence of one year in prison, a fine of up to \$100,000, or both, on each of the six counts.

The cases resulted from an investigation conducted by special investigators of the Mine Safety and Health Administration's District #6 Office in Pikeville.

United States District Judge Joseph H. E. Smith Jr. sentenced the defendants on Feb. 8, 1993, in Pikeville.

### Automatic payment deductions offer easier, less expensive way to repay student loans

To make student loan repayment easier—and encourage timely payments—Sallie Mae announced recently that it is offering the Direct Repay Plan, a repayment benefit that allows student loan borrowers to authorize a transfer of money from their checking or savings account directly to Sallie Mae for their monthly loan payments. Beginning May 1, 1994, borrowers who elect to use the Direct Repay Plan will receive a 1/4 percent interest rate reduction on their loans paid electronically for as long as they continue in the plan.

"Direct Repay is a feeless, soon-time payment is guaranteed, every month provided borrowers have sufficient funds in their accounts," says Lydia Marshall, Sallie Mae senior vice president. "This helps borrowers avoid missed payments, makes it easy for them to maintain a good credit rating, and allows them to pay less on their student loans."

Marshall notes that Sallie Mae can offer the interest rate reduction because loans that are paid electronically are less costly to administer. Through Direct Repay, the corporation will pass savings it realizes in servicing costs on to participating borrowers. The plan will be available initially to those Stafford loan borrowers whose loans are owned by Sallie Mae, are in repayment, and are serviced at one of its loan servicing centers. The plan will be available to all PLUS and SLS borrowers in July 1994.

In addition to Direct Repay's au-

thorized 1/4 percent interest rate reduction, eligible Stafford borrowers can reduce their rate further by qualifying for Sallie Mae's Great Rewards benefit—a rate reduction of an additional two percentage points for borrowers who make their first 48 scheduled payments on time. Borrowers with a \$5,000 loan balance would realize approximately \$327 in savings with the combined 2 1/4 percent Direct Repay and Great Rewards interest rate reductions. Students who borrowed each year as undergraduates—totaling as much as \$2,000 in Stafford loans—would save more than \$1,500 over the life of the loans under both programs.

Sallie Mae, which buys education loans from originating lenders, is the nation's largest holder and servicer of such loans. Sallie Mae owns one in three guaranteed student loans outstanding today, representing financing for 5 million students and their parents.

Borrowers who are current with their payments may sign up for Direct Repay at any point in their repayment period. For more information on the Direct Repay plan, borrowers should call their Sallie Mae loan servicing center.

### Dance classes cancelled

The dance classes at Mountain Christian Academy have been cancelled. They will resume on Monday, January 3, 1994.

### Santa

said. Mrs. Santa Claus, Amanda Compton of McDowell Elementary, has also learned that no can mean "I love you."

"But," said Compton, with a chuckle and a twinkle in her eyes, "I'm still going to go to my dad and say, 'Come on, dad. You know you can shuck out the money.'"

Compton is the daughter of Gary and Beulah Compton of McDowell. Other leading roles are Amy Compton of Betsy Layne as Minerva, Josh Newman of Stumbo Elementary as the trainer, Chad Swager of Betsy Layne as the security guard, Glen Hamilton of Stumbo Elementary as Uncle Ben Nick, and Rebekah Tackett of Melvin as Ding Dong.

Bobbers in the group are

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Deanne Wells of Auxier Elementary, Jill Fitzer of Betsy Layne Elementary, Brandy Samons of Martin Elementary, Sabrina Brown of McDowell, Jean Newman of Stumbo Elementary, Stephanie Sexton of Duff and Carlita Fromwell of Osborne.

Leslie Fugate, Gerald Newman, Britt Coleman, Jessica Bringham, Adam Newman, Kris Fitzer, Brandi Scott and Wesley Fugate will do the part of elves.

About 120 Floyd County students will participate in the musical at the Little Theatre. The play, with individual school casts, will also be performed in schools throughout Floyd County.

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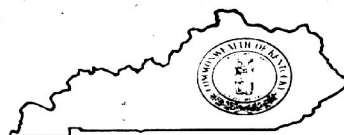
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Nothing makes you more tolerant of a neighbor's noisy party than being there.  
—Franklin P. Jones



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Liberty of thought is the life of the soul.—Voltaire

## Stop the hurting . . .

by Scott Perry

Violence on page six sadly shows our area has a significant problem.

We're not being very nice to one another.

The statistics on adult abuse are alarming, but they are even more frightening when you realize that a rural area like ours ranks right up there with high population metropolitan areas.

When we measure abuse, we don't count ourselves as victims of violence. Negligence is just as common as a contributing factor.

And the numbers are rising.

This year more than 35,000 cases of abuse have been reported, an 82 percent increase over the year before.

It's obvious that not only are we unable to get a handle on the problem, we're in danger of losing our grip altogether.

Perhaps we can attribute the cause to the fact that we're only human.

But we must remember that human behavior is not inhuman.

Without humanity, we are no different than other forms of animal life.

And the statistics suggest we may not be as far removed from them as we thought.



## —Other Voices—

Small Business Angles  
by Jack Faris

Just a pink slip away

The health reform juggernaut is loose. President Clinton's legislation has arrived on Capitol Hill. Now there is no turning back. Something will be done. We can only hope that what we eventually wind up with will be a medical system that will, in the spirit of the Hippocratic oath, do more good than harm.

But the American private sector isn't waiting for Washington to act. Whether we like it or not, health reform is already underway. Businesses and organizations that have shied away from tinkering with their health insurance plans for years are beginning to look for ways to trim costs, streamline benefits and reduce paper work.

What's more, many employers are taking another look at the size and makeup of their workforces. That fact of economic life is going on right now especially among those employers who are beginning to realize that the Administration's plan becomes less the more workers they have on the payroll, the more they're going to pay for health insurance.

President Clinton has said that millions of American workers are just a pink slip away from losing their insurance. He's right! Small-business employees in particular have this fear because they know that if the government forces their companies to foot the bill, many small employers will say, "I can't do this," and a pink slip is in the air.

It's not surprising, then, that small businesses are looking for ways to reduce their health care costs. The National Federation of Independent Business has determined that small-business health care costs are the most significant barrier to employment growth and productivity gains.

proposals, researchers found that those plans which demand payment from businesses—similar to the Administrations' bill—would threaten the livelihoods of between nine million and 19 million people.

Although several new ideas have been suggested, such as sweeteners or subsidies for employers, doubt remains. Just ask any small business owner two important questions about health care reform: 1. In a do-or-die situation, the government to manage a health system? 2. Second, do you want a government subsidy or affordable health insurance?

Cost. Cost. Cost. In three words, that's the reason many small businesses do not provide insurance. Sweeteners, subsidies, government promises aside, the No. 1 problem is the cost of health insurance.

Even if small-business owners can obtain health insurance, the price is skyrocketing, more than that paid by big companies. Once insured, all it takes to ignite the cost rocket is for a firm to file a slightly higher than-

normal claim.

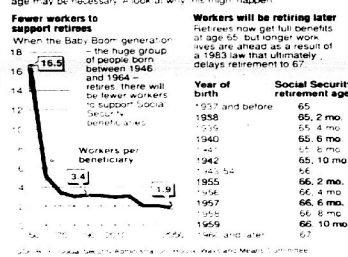
Recently First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton said: "I cannot be responsible for saving every undercapitalized small-business owner in America." That's okay, small business does not want our government to save us. Left to do what it does best—free enterprise.

What small business—and all Americans—need is common sense lawmaking that does not skewer one segment of society to curry favor with another. To demand that all employers cough up the cash to pay for a national health care program makes no sense. That scheme pits business owners against their own employees and against other taxpayers and will inevitably result in pink slips for millions.

Jack Faris is the President of the National Federation of Independent Business, representing over 600,000 small-business men and women.

## Why retirement age might go up

The new Social Security administration says that the retirement age may be necessary. A look at why this might happen.



## EDITORIAL DEADLINES

### WEDNESDAY EDITION:

Lifestyles, Business, all pictures

Obituaries, Calendar items

Calendar items feature "Living Social" classes, all other items are welcome.

5 p.m. Friday

10 a.m. Tuesday

10 a.m. Wednesday

### FRIDAY EDITION:

News copy, all pictures

Obituaries, Calendar items

Note: News articles, obituaries, and calendar items should be submitted to the editor by 5 p.m. on the day before publication.

5 p.m. Wednesday

10 a.m. Thursday

# What others are saying

The following articles are excerpts of editorials taken from Kentucky newspapers.

## School is (n't) for sissies!

In case you missed it, the Louisville Courier-Journal and the Kentucky Education Association have independently canceled their statewide spelling bees for the 1994-1995 school year because, according to the Associated Press, "of concerns that the competition don't fit with the Kentucky Education Reform Act."

Apparently, the Courier-Journal and the KEA feel spelling bees violate the spirit of KERA because they "emphasize competition and rote memorization and also place incredible stress on young participants."

Ohhh, those poooooor widdle kiddies. The message here, folks, is that education reform is all about touchy-feely "I'm-okay-you're-okay-let's sing-Kum-bah-yah" horse hockey!

While we freely and wholeheartedly support KERA and everything it stands for, we sincerely doubt that teaching our children that it's important to excel academically goes against its grain. The whole point of KERA, we thought, was to make sure that each child

received an equal opportunity for education. Not that each child would be held back to keep from offending those less willing to strive for excellence.

Although both the Courier-Journal and the KEA have hinted that they would consider some alternative to the demon spell-offs, for those poor kids who get saddled with the label "weak worm and unfortunately, we were among that number," such big-time academic competitions as spelling bees are the only outlet they have to show that they, too, can be winners.

The only real accomplishment that can be achieved by having academic competition is to reinforce the outdated, misanthropic notion that academic prowess is somehow less important than athletic performance.

Unless of course they ban sports competitions, too. Which is the next logical step. That's right. No more spelling bees. No more football. No more basketball.

Because we don't want to "stress out" the young-

sters. What's that going to teach them? That they don't have to compete? That they don't have to push themselves to excel? That they don't have to measure their personal performances against those of others?

That isn't very realistic. That doesn't teach them about real life.

Real life isn't for sissies. School shouldn't be, either. —The Big Sandy News

## Common sense overruled by ignorance

Why is it that in most cases common sense is overruled by ignorance?

Most know that a hardened criminal — murderer, rapist, etc. — needs to be behind bars, not in a prison with a hole-in-the-wall atmosphere. In Kentucky, though, more than 2,000 convicts have had the luxury of minimum security prisons, where they are more or less like houseguests.

In one recent state tragedy, a thief stole up to a "minimum security" prison in Tennessee and was then killed himself. Kentucky Governor James Thompson is responsible for this. He has determined that "minimum security" is a label that will keep prisoners out of the state's prisons.

Why does it take a tragedy for government officials to wake up to something that has been a problem for so long? —Partially Herald

## Debating drugs

When Louisville leaders called for further study of the idea of legalizing drugs, she was doing her job as

surgeon general. It's her responsibility to think of ways to improve the nation's health.

Drugs are responsible for many of this country's greatest health problems. Drugs — and the violence associated with them — kill people. In most major cities, dirty intravenous needles are the main cause of AIDS.

Of course drugs are also a law enforcement problem, which is why the war on drugs has been fought primarily with law enforcement tools. The federal government spends \$12 billion a year in that war, but not many folks think they're winning. The General Accounting Office reports that drug traffickers have been forced to adopt new smuggling methods, but the supply on the streets has remained relatively stable.

The idea of legalizing drugs sounds crazy, but it may not be. And it certainly isn't a new idea. Conservative William French Jr., former Secretary of State George Shultz, Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman, and a number of thoughtful judges have proposed the very same thing. —Courier-Journal Louisville

Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Floyd County Times.



## Our Yesterdays

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

### Ten Years Ago

(December 14, 1983)

Natural gas users supplied by Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company may see another rate hike in addition to the November 1 price increase. An attorney for the family of Mary Vinamie Tackett, 19, will press for a coroner's inquest into her death after she was found hanged in her jail cell. A late-night raid by state police last Thursday on a reputed gambling joint at Beaver resulted in the arrest of three, Dexter Hamilton, 54, of Beaver, Farmed Bentley, 56, of Grethel, and Charles Bentley, 32, of Beaver. Construction of new schools—and raising the money to finance it—is now the main item on his agenda, said E. P. "Pete" Grigsby Jr., who was named to his third term as superintendent of Floyd County Schools. Floyd County School Board treasurer Ray Brackett said that the way things are going that the school district will finish with a \$225,000 deficit. There died: Edgar Preston Stephens, 69, of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday in Lexington; Sol Prater, 69, of Garrett, Saturday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; George Glen Sloan, 22, from an apparent gunshot wound; Virgil Smith, 74, of Allen, Sunday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Minnie Frazier Smith, 77, of Martin, Monday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Estill Boyd, 69, of Prater Creek, at his home; Sadie Johnson, 62, of Weeksville, November 23, at McDowell Hospital; Walter Scott Collins, 56, of Prestonsburg, Friday at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

### Twenty Years Ago

(December 19, 1973)

One club here was reopened Monday in a compromise of litigation surrounding its closing, and another here and two at Martin may reopen on the same terms. Plans for financing the construction of Phase II of Allen Central High School were completed last Wednesday at a joint meeting of the Floyd fiscal court and the board of education, and the court voted to advertise the sale of \$1,825,000 in bonds to cover the cost of the project. John Allen has sold the States Motel and other property lying between Lake Drive and Arnold Avenue here to the Burl Spurlock estate, it was learned last week. Allen Central's first homecoming, held here last Saturday night, was highlighted by halftime ceremonies which included the crowning of Miss Cathy Everage as Homecoming Queen by last year's Miss Homecoming, Terese Johnson. Born to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Turner, of Salsberyville, a daughter, Margalee, December 9 at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; to Mr. and Mrs. Boone Prasure, of East McDowell, a daughter, Dec. 12 at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital (MARH); to Mr. and Mrs. David Gilliam, of Wheelwright, a son, Dec. 12 at MARH; There died: Fred R. Mann, 81, former mine superintendent and state mine inspector, Saturday at Highlands Regional Medical Center (HRMC); Wallace Conyous, 78, of Wheelwright, December 14 at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Walter Jacobs, 61, of Redfox, last Friday at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Mrs. Neva Blair Hughes, 75, of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday at HRMC; Will Bolen, 63, of Garrett, December 4 at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

### Thirty Years Ago

(December 19, 1963)

The entire West Prestonsburg community was threatened with destruction by fire, shortly before noon Monday, when a mechanical gas control failed, resulting in fires and explosions in perhaps a score of homes. A posse of 17 officers descended Thursday of last week on a moonshining manufacturing installation on Blackberry Creek near Ransom and captured two large copper stills, 120 gallons of whiskey and 725 gallons of mash. State ABC personnel said it was the largest still and the most whiskey found in recent years in Eastern Kentucky. Toll collections began Monday on the section of the Mountain Parkway from Canton, east to Salsberyville. The U.S. 23 Association has adopted a resolution recommending that U.S. 23 in Kentucky be modernized along its entire length, from the Ohio River to the Virginia line. Delbert Gearheart, 38, Haysville father of four, was killed Saturday morning when crushed beneath a slatefall in a mine at Dema. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Hicks, formerly of Maytown, a son, December 2 in Ohio; to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Shell, of Bays Branch, a son, Steven Douglas, December 2; There died: Barry Wayne Hays, 22, formerly of Stanville, in a car wreck Monday at Silver City, New Mexico; Mrs. Lydia N. Preston, formerly of Prestonsburg, Tuesday at Paintsville; Mrs. Milly (Pink) Williamson, 76, of Auxier, last Thursday at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Easter Lee Cox Singleton, formerly of Lackey, November 15 at Louisville.

### Forty Years Ago

(December 17, 1953)

Barring outbreaks of violence between this date and the end of the year, the Floyd circuit court will open its January term without a murder case on its docket. County Clerk DuRan Moore last week became the first Floyd countyman to be elected president of the Kentucky County Clerks' Association. Cpl. Raymond Stevens, of Betsy Layne, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in the Korean War for fighting. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ball, Jr., a son, Michael David, November 29 at Ypsilanti, Michigan. There died: Mrs. Susan R. Fleming, 67, of Martin, Saturday at McDowell; Mrs. Julia C. Burchett, 98, Monday at Sloan; Mrs. Sarah Reed, 50, formerly of Garrett, December 8 at Sandusky, Ohio; Harvey M. Shannon, 79, at Drift, Sunday; Melvin Campbell, 72, of Lancer, Monday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Thora B. Stratton, 46, of Creek Creek, Friday at a Martin hospital; Joe Grant Hall, 60, of McDowell, last Wednesday at a Martin hospital; Boyd Poe, 68, Abbott Creek native, Sunday at Albion, Michigan.

### Fifty Years Ago

(December 16, 1943)

Keus, Martin and Bill Mitchell, of Igoon, reported this week that they were beaten and robbed of \$260 on the mountain near Ligon Saturday night. The Daughters of the American Revolution have announced the locating of the graves of 17 Revolutionary War veterans in this county. The latest found is that of Fred Ash at Houaker. Ed Moore, 38, formerly of Allen, was seriously injured Monday in Chicago in a fall from a locomotive. State Commissioner of Agriculture William H. May and his brother-in-law, Nathan Christopher, this week purchased "Glen-Ary," the 260-acre farm near Frankfort which formerly was owned by Judge E. C. O'Rear. County Judge E. P. Hill and L. R. Rainer are constructing a trolley for truck mine coal, a short distance below the West Prestonsburg railway station. There died: Mrs. Neva Allen Hyde, 50, of Prestonsburg, Saturday in Lexington; Betty Lois Patton, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Patton, of Mantion, Tuesday at a Martin hospital; James Wade Maynard, 66, formerly of Dwell, Sunday at Dearborn, Michigan.

### Sixty Years Ago

(December 15, 1933)

Sale of all county road machinery was authorized Monday by the fiscal court. When the magistrates died on the issue, County Judge W. L. Stumbo cast the tie-breaking vote. Now, from Allen to Lackey, an automobile can be driven where only last winter travel was afoot or on horseback. All this results from gravel-surfacing of the new Ky. 80. Nine Hundred seventy six men were employed this week on Floyd Civil Works Administration projects. County Judge E. P. Hill, of Martin, has been appointed director of the CWA sanitation drive in the county. The Shields Construction Company, of Hazard, has been awarded the contract to build the bridge at Lackey which will connect the Floyd and Knott divisions of the new Allen-Lackey-Hindman highway (Ky. 80). The firm's bid of \$37,866 was lowest offered. Born: to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Maggard, December 10, a daughter, Sally Frances. There died: Joe Ad Maye, 44, of Allen, last Thursday at a Martin hospital; Mary Flo McGuire, 7, of Johns Creek, last Thursday night of an accidental revolver shot; Thomas Hale, 19, Tuesday at Goodloe; Norma Roberts, 15, Monday on Johns Creek.

## —Other Voices—

By Judith Claiborne  
Scripts Howard News Service

### Worrying about raising our children

It was one of those predictable stories about how a small community was reacting to the impending visit of a world-class celebrity. The town barber put it this way, as he nodded toward pictures on his wall:

"We're not worried about (who's coming) to town... We're worried about raising kids."

For those of us worried about raising kids, he said a mouthful.

Nothing concentrates the mind quite as much as the responsibility responsible parents feel for their children. These days, those of us trying to do the job right feel surrounded by those who (I don't and) a culture constantly working against us.

Under the best circumstances, parenting is hard work. It can be consuming, at every stage of a child's development—and now into extended adolescence. It has always been hard work—for our parents' parents and for our parents. None of us, after all, were perfect angels growing up.

When our parents told us they'd get their revenge when we became parents, we understood what they meant. But times changed dramatically, and the "revenge" is not sweet: The big difference is that the dominant cultural message is not on our side anymore.

As an example, take Ed Rollins. He's been in the news lately. He's one of a relatively new breed of political strategist who are larger than the candidates they work for. This is work that our culture says is illegitimate and respectable. It gets a person a lot of attention, near celebrity status, big money, book deals and the chance to speak with authority as a television commentator. In short, all the trappings of success are accorded people who do well what Ed Rollins did for a living.

What do we know about people who do what Ed Rollins does? One thing we know is that they will strategize for anybody who pays them; this means their "convictions" are for sale. Another thing we know is that "strategy" is a nice word for some not-so-nice things—like manipulation, dirty tricks and lying. But we don't call it "lying" either: the term is "spinning."

So here we have a perfectly respectable Ed Rollins doing for a living the kind of stuff we're trying to teach our kids not to do. While we're telling our kids to stand up for their convictions, money isn't everything, don't tell lies, don't "use" people... Ed Rollins and society are telling them something else. Mostly, the particular something else Ed Rollins did was value for the party that claimed "family values" for its very own. It was also done for a short time for the fellow who was an alternative to at all those who got us in such a mess. But Ed is just one of many.

Anyways, poor Ed Rollins came to a point my grandmother warned us about. She told us that if you always tell the truth you won't have to worry about remembering which lie you told to whom. There are those who are saying now that he has told the biggest lie to a grand jury, which is very bad timing for a lie. Who knows how it will come out? What we do know is that none of these messages are helpful in creating a positive atmosphere for child-rearing.

We worry about the effects of fiction—like Beavis and Butt-Head and R-rated television—when it's the stupid respectability we need to be more concerned about.

We worry about Madonna at the same time we're making her rich and famous for doing the things we're worried about.

We worry about California surfers making mass murderer Charles Manson rich in shirt royalties while we rush to the bookstores to buy the bestsellers of puffed-up radio talk show hosts.

We worry about Jose Buttafucio and his Long Island Lolita, while Bill Picklesimer hangs on in the Senate as Clarence Thomas sits on the Supreme Court.

In short, society's messages are mixed. Our children are caught in the crossfire. And today's responsible parents are swimming against the cultural tide.

We're very worried about raising our kids.

## Around the Region



### The Numbers Game: Kentucky Lottery Results

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| Wednesday's Results<br><b>December 8</b> | LOTTO KENTUCKY<br>Next Estimated Jackpot \$3.3 million | 04-11-23-32-35-46  |
|  | POWERBALL<br>Next Estimated Jackpot \$47 million       | 18-26-32-34-43(10) |

### Information provided by the Jackson Weather Service

### WEATHER WATCH

**Friday (today)**  
Near 100 percent chance of rain with possible thunderstorms, diminishing by the afternoon. High 50-55.

**Friday night**  
Mostly cloudy with a few flurries possible. Low 30-35.

**Saturday**  
Mostly cloudy with a few flurries in the morning, but gradually clearing by late afternoon. High 35-40.

**Sunday-Tuesday**  
Sunday, dry with low near 30 and high in the lower 40s. Monday, partly sunny with the high in the mid 50s and low around 35. Tuesday, rain likely with the low in the 40s and the high 50-55.

## Regional News Briefs

### Picklesimer takes oath, but not office

Unlike other property valuation administrators, Center Picklesimer went home instead of to the office Monday after being sworn-in for a fifth term as Johnson County PVA.

Picklesimer was removed from office in July by the state Revenue Cabinet. Cabinet officials claim Picklesimer has not done his job of reassessing property in Johnson County. A relatively new law allows the cabinet to remove PVAs for insufficient job performance.

The office is presently being operated by Larry Harney, who was appointed acting PVA.

Whether Picklesimer will be able to resume his duties depends on the outcome of an appeals process, which will begin with a hearing before the Revenue Cabinet. Picklesimer said Monday that a hearing could possibly be held in January. —The Paintsville Herald

### Teen gets 25-year prison term for rape, assault

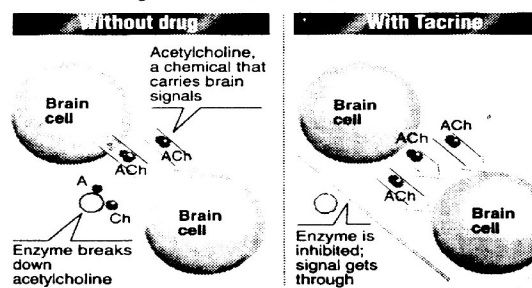
A Johnson County teenager will serve 25 years in prison for raping an 83-year-old Hager Hill woman in November 1992.

Larry Dwayne Hulsey, 19, also of Hager Hill, received the sentence last Friday from Johnson Circuit Judge Stephen N. Frazer, who said the teenager "should be held accountable" for his actions.

Hulsey, who attended the hearing, apologized for the elderly woman's rape. —The Paintsville Herald

### Boosting memory

Tacrine is the first drug approved for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. It works by preventing an enzyme from breaking down the chemical messages sent between brain cells.



An estimated 12 percent of Alzheimer's patients may be helped.

SOURCE: Alzheimer's Disease Research Unit, University of California, Irvine.

### Convicted FBI agent talks with victim's sister on 'Sally Jessy Raphael'

The saga of former FBI agent Mark Putnam, who killed his Pike County informant/lover in 1989, moved yesterday to syndicated TV.

Appearing by satellite on "Sally Jessy Raphael," Putnam spoke for the first time with a family member of his victim, Susan Daniels Smith.

Carla Dean, 29, of Knoxville, one of Smith's three sisters, asked Putnam how he could live with himself after strangling Smith on June 8, 1989. Putnam confessed to investigators that he choked her to death after she told him she was pregnant and threatened to ruin his FBI career and marriage.

He was sentenced to 16 years in prison and became the first FBI agent convicted of a homicide.

"It makes me so angry that he just threw my sister away like a toy," Dean said.

Putnam told Dean that he regretted the slaying every day.

Also appearing on the show were Pike Commonwealth's Attorney John Runyon; Putnam's wife, Kathy; Joe Sharkey, author of a book about the slaying called Above Suspicion; and a former Freemason hardtress, Billy I. Lousure of Chicago. — Lexington Herald-Leader

### Car accident claims life

An 83-year-old Emmalena woman was killed Monday, December 6, when the vehicle she was riding in left the Montgomery Creek roadway in a single car accident, the state police reported.

Clara Combs died at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. A family member said she had suffered internal injuries as well as several leg injuries.

Combs was a passenger in a 1989 Corolla driven by Vicky Blankenship, 30, of Emmalena. Blankenship was treated at Hazard ARH.

State policeman Dean Craft reports that the vehicle left the road around 7:45 a.m. and struck a small tree on the passenger side before traveling south around an embankment, striking two more trees. Combs and Blankenship were not wearing seat belts. —Troublesome Creek Times

### Ex-Magoffin man pleads guilty in murders

A 66-year-old former Magoffin County resident pleaded guilty Wednesday to an 11-year-old double murder and agreed to accept a sentence of 15 years in prison without possibility of parole.

Garlan Watson of Ocala, Florida, admitted that he killed Ben Patrick, 70, and his son, Cr. Patrick, 27, on July 10, 1982, during an attempted burglary while the Patricks were visiting a friend near the Elsie post office.

Formal sentencing was scheduled for February 3.

Watson and his stepson, Danny Ray Howard, 34, of Lawrenceburg, Georgia, were arrested separately in 1990 and charged with capital murder in the case.

Howard is scheduled to enter a plea soon, the sheriff said. — Lexington Herald-Leader





# CHURCH DIRECTORY

Following the teachings of Christ



**AUXIER**  
**Auxier Freewill Baptist Church**, Auxier, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Meeting, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Billy Joe Spencer, Assistant: Pauline Eakin, Jr.

**Horn Church Methodist**, Auxier, Rt. 2, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor: Larry Rouse.

**ABBOTT**  
**The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek**, Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor: J.J. Wright.

**ALLEN**  
**Allen First Baptist Church**, Allen, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor: Rev. French Hamilton.

**Christ United Methodist, Allen, Ky**, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Pastor: Kenneth Lemaster.

**BETSY LAYNE**  
**Calvary Southern Baptist Church**, Betsy Layne, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Paul Chandler.

**Betsy Layne United Methodist Church**, next to B.L. Ginn, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor: Dennis Love.

**Betsy Layne Church of God**, Old U.S. 23, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Family Training Hour, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Judith "Cauld".

**Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist Church**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Youth Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Tracy Patton.

**BLUE RIVER**  
**Middle Creek Baptist Church**, Blue River, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Pastor: David Lewis.

**BONANZA**  
**Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church**, Bonanza, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Pastor: David Lewis.

**COIN FORK**  
**Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Coin Fork**, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 8 p.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor: Darrell Howe.

**COW CREEK**  
**Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek**, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; 7:40 p.m.; 3rd Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Michael M. Taylor.

**DANA**  
**Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church**, Dana, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting, Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Mike Hammon.

**DAVID**  
**Goodloe Pentecostal Church**, Rt. 853, David, Ky., Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Youth Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Warner Allen.

**DENVER**  
**Liberty Baptist Church**, Denver, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor: David Lewis.

**DRIFT**  
**Drift Pentecostal Church**, Drift, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Ted Shannon.

**Drift Freewill Baptist Church**, Drift, Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Church Service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor: Randy Turner.

**Drift Presbyterian Church**, Route 1101, Drift, Sunday Services, 11 a.m.; Pastor: John Hammon.

**EAST POINT**  
**Free Pentecostal Church of God**, East Point, Rt. 1428, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday Night, 30 Pastor: Buster Hays.

**EMMA**  
**Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor: Jack H. Hays.

**GRETHIEL**  
**Grethiel Baptist Church**, State Route 337N, Brantley's Creek Road, telephone 587-2143, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Meeting, 5:30 p.m.; Evening Services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: David L. Givens.

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

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

**LANCER**  
**Lancer Baptist Church**, Lancer, welcomes you to worship each Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Jennings West.

**Trimble Chapel Free Will Baptist**, Water Gap, Lancer, Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Night Service, 7:00 a.m.; Saturday each month, Pastor Joe Coleman.

**Pleasant Home Baptist Church**, Lancer, Water Gap, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday programs available for children; Pastor: Mark Tackett.

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

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

**Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, East**, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday Night, 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Wayne Stevens.

**GARRETT**  
**Rick Ford Regular Baptist Church**, Garrett, 4th Saturday and Sunday of each month, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Saturday evening, 6:00 p.m.

**ESTILL**  
**Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill**, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday Night, 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Wayne Stevens.

**FAITH**  
**Faith Bible Church, Martin**, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor: Lorie Vannucci.

**First Assembly of God, Martin**, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 8 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Missionaries & Royal Rangers, 7 p.m.; Pastor: Lorie Vannucci.

**Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church**, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

**First Baptist Church, Irene Cole Memorial**, 27 S. First Avenue, Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Michael M. Taylor.

**Praise Assembly**, 1 mile North of Prestonsburg, U.S. 23, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Services, Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor: Philip Robinson.

**Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church**, located two miles up Abbott, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor: Van West.

**First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive**, Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Rev. Robert Davis, Moderator of Session.

**First United Methodist Church**, 60 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; WKPI AM, 11:00. Radio Broadcast WKXZ 105.5 FM, Pastor: Russell Holland.

**Victory Christian Ministries Church**, 12 West Court Street, Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor: S. Williams.

**Parkway Baptist, Mt. Parkway**, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Ed Taylor.

**Church of Christ, South Lake Drive**, Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m.; Pastor: Evangelist, Benny Blankenship.

**St. James Episcopal, University Drive**, Prestonsburg, Ky., Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; luncheons immediately following services.

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**MAYTOWN**  
**Maytown First Baptist Church**, Maytown, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Roy Harlow.

**MIDDLE CREEK**  
**Spurlock Church**, Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor: Rev. Dan Hemmell.

**MOUNTAIN PARKWAY**  
**Free Pentecostal Church**, Mountain Parkway, Rt. 114, East Mt. Parkway, Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Patricia Crider.

**PRATER CREEK**  
**Prater Creek Baptist Church**, Prater Creek, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Gary Cooper.

**PRESTONSBURG**  
**Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway**, Sabbath School, 9:15 Church Service, 10:30 Pastor: Mike Foraker, 886-3453.

**Faith Christian Assembly of God**, 433 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor: Gary Cooper.

**St. Martha Church**, Water Gap, Masses, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Religious Education, Masses, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.; Adult Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Rev. David Powers.

**Community United Methodist Church**, 710 Burke Ave., Prestonsburg, Morning Fellowship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor: Raymond J. Snider Jr.

**Morning Star Ministries Full Gospel Church**, Rt. 1428, Old Rt. 23, between Allen and Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Hamilton.

**The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church**, Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Marford Linton.

**First Christian Church**, 429 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Sunday Bible study, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Evangelist, Harold Adams.

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

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

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**Bethel Assembly of God**, behind the Salyersville courthouse, nursery provided, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Services, Pastor: Bobby Isaac, 6 p.m.; Thursday Evening, 7 p.m.; Pastor: Arthur (Sam) Smith.

**St. Luke Catholic Mission Center**, 1221 Parkway Drive, Salyersville, Kentucky 41465, Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Rev. David Catherine, Pastoral Associate, Sr. Mary Catherine.

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

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

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

**Wheelwright Church of God**, Sunday School Services, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Services, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor: Donald R. Cox.

**Wheelwright Freewill Baptist**, Wheelwright junction, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor: Tom Foraker.

**Free Pentecostal Holiness Church**, Rt. 122, Upper Burton, Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor: Lewis Sandlin.

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## Henry Edward Stricklin

Henry Edward Stricklin, 62, of Prestonsburg, died suddenly Tuesday, December 7, at his residence. Born May 1, 1931 on Johns Creek, he was the son of the late Patrick "Pat" Henry and Maggie Hatfield Stricklin. He was a welder for Kinzer Drilling Company at Allen. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of the V.F.W. Post 5839 in Prestonsburg.

Survivors include his wife, Syble Burkett Stricklin; four daughters, Sharon Stricklin and Lisa Stricklin, both of Prestonsburg, Carolyn Case of Harold, and Pam Watkins of Birchleaf, Virginia; three brothers, Albert Stricklin of East Point, Jerry Stricklin of Hager Hill, and Lindsey Stricklin of Greenville, South Carolina; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, December 10, at 11 a.m. at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel with the minister Dewey Earl Music officiating. Military graveside rites will be held by the DAV at Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Serving as active pallbearers will be Jerry Stricklin Jr., Randy Stricklin, Steve Burkett, Danny Burkett, Steve Jenkins and Dave Lancaster.

Honorary pallbearers will be Darrell Case, Ken Watkins, Willard Kinzer, Terry Kinzer, Jerry Kinzer and Sammy Terry.

## James A. Davis

James A. Davis, 51, of Martin, died Thursday, December 25, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital following an extended illness.

He was born April 12, 1942 in Oklahoma, he was the son of Mildred Davis of Washington state and the late Robert Davis. He was a retired steel factory worker.

Survivors include nine daughters, Sheila Kidd of Martin, Kim Bliss of Aurora, Illinois, Donna Davis of St. Charles, Illinois, Kay Davis of West Chicago, Illinois, Liz Kintella of Seymour, Illinois, Cheryl Davis of Batavia, Illinois, Debra Davis and Lisa Davis, both of Winchester, Indiana, and Stacy Scott of Aloha, Oregon; five brothers, Bob Davis of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Jerry Davis of Kalotus, Washington, Kenneth Davis and Richard Davis, both of Washington, and Donald Davis of Oshello, Washington; one sister Ellen Parley of Kalotus, Washington; and 12 grandchildren. Cremation was Thursday, December 9, at the Lexington Cemetery.

## Rena B. Vanderpool

Rena B. Vanderpool, 61, of David, died Tuesday, December 7, at University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, following a short illness.

Born June 2, 1932 at Martin, she was the daughter of Beulah Daniels Delong of Allen and the late Eck Delong.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, James Vanderpool; one son, Steven Berkowitz; two daughters, Deborah Cox of Vineland, New Jersey, and Tina Crum of Shelbyville, Tennessee; two sisters, Opal Bobbs of Ashland, Ohio, and Arleen Campbell of Allen; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, December 10, at 10 a.m. at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with the clergyman Kenny Vanderpool officiating.

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

## Service officer to assist veterans

Eugene Akers, a state service officer of the Kentucky Disabled American Veterans, will be upstairs at the courthouse from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 11, to assist veterans and their dependents with claims due as a result of military service.

## Galvesta Hall Johnson

Galvesta Hall Johnson, 82, of Louisville, formerly of Floyd County, died Thursday, December 2, at her residence following an extended illness.

Born June 10, 1911 at Hall, she was the daughter of the late Wilburn and Tilda Fouts Hall. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orbin Johnson, on August 12, 1988.

Survivors include three sons, Melvin Johnson of Prestonsburg, Fred Johnson of Bowling Green, and Charles Brannan of Weeksburg; five daughters, Emma Newsome of Romulus, Michigan, Pearl Newsome of Robinson Creek, Mae Newsome of Barrett, West Virginia, Mazie Bates of Louisville and Mollie Stone of Lexington; three brothers, Henry Hall of Bevinville, Perry Hall of Kite and Paul David Hall of Ohio; one sister, Della School of Missouri; 26 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, December 5, at 10 a.m. at the Joppa Regular Baptist Church at Melvin with the ministers of the Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Poplar Grove Cemetery at Weeksburg under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were French Bates Jr., Jerry Wayne Johnson, David Cantel, Fred Newsome Jr., Jerry Newsome, Claude Newsome and Ralph Stone Jr.

## William D. Sprinkle

William D. Sprinkle, 61, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Drift, died Sunday, December 5, at the St. Elizabeth Hospital, Dayton, Ohio.

Born June 15, 1932 at Bevinville, he was the son of the late William Ransom and Effie Huett Sprinkle. He was a retired assembler, formerly employed by Whirlpool Corporation in Marion, Ohio. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Survivors include five sons, Edward J. Sprinkle, Matthew Douglas Sprinkle and Dewey Wayne Sprinkle, all of Marion, Ohio, William Lee Sprinkle of Hilliard, Ohio, and Marvin G. Sprinkle of Toledo, Ohio; one brother, Bill Jones of Kingston, Tennessee; one sister, Hazel Sexton of Melroseville, Ohio; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Saturday, December 11, at 2 p.m. at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Rick L. Sprinkle officiating.

Burial will be in the Drift Cemetery under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## Walter Shepherd

Walter Shepherd, 74, of Traverse City, Michigan, formerly of Marshall, Michigan, died Wednesday, December 1, at the Traverse City Community Hospital following a long illness.

Born October 30, 1919 in Bonanza, he was the son of the late Newt and Betty Prater Shepherd. He moved to Marshall, Michigan, in 1946 from Kentucky. In 1983, he moved to Traverse City. He had been employed by Coming Glass and Hammers Industries. He then went to work for Engineering Castings and retired in 1967. He was a member of the United Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Goodman Shepherd; four daughters, Betty Ann Ryan of Battle Creek, Michigan, Mary Lou Jones of Colon, Michigan, Omey Regal and Shirley Young, both of Marshall, Michigan; two sons, James E. Shepherd of Battle Creek, Michigan, and Ben L. Shepherd of Marshall, Michigan; one sister, Emma Goodman of Marshall, Michigan; 18 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, December 4, at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home at 3:30 p.m. Burial was in the Oakledge Cemetery.

## Flossie Elizabeth Minns

Flossie Elizabeth Minns, 84, of Charlestown, Indiana, died Thursday, December 9, at Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

A native of Prestonsburg, she was a member of the Methodist Church in Prestonsburg.

Survivors include three sons, Edward R. Minns of Ashland, and Harold H. Minns and Jack S. Minns, both of Charlestown, Indiana; two sisters, Effie Hopkins of Prestonsburg and Mary R. Williamson of South Charleston, West Virginia.

Funeral services will be Saturday, December 11, at 10 a.m. at the Grayson Funeral Home, Charlestown, Indiana, with burial in the Richmond Cemetery, Prestonsburg, at 4 p.m.

## Jacqueline K. Hale

Jacqueline K. Hale, 29, of Greenwich, Ohio, died Friday, December 3, from gunshot wounds allegedly received from her estranged boyfriend.

Born December 29, 1963 in Willard, Ohio, she was the daughter of Glenn and Edna Shepherd Hale of Greenwich, Ohio. She was a life-long resident of the Greenwich and Shiloh areas. She attended South Central High School. She was employed by R.S. Hauling Company Inc. of Shelby, Ohio, for the past 14 months. She was brought up in the Old Regular Baptist faith. She was the granddaughter of Archer and Mary Shepherd of Green and Sissie Hale.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by five children, James C. Hale, Pamela A., Brandon L., Jennifer L. and Brooke N. Shepherd; four sisters, Cassie Mullins of Norwalk, Ohio, Glenna, Julie and Jackie Hale all of Greenwich, Ohio; five brothers, Ralph Hale of Plymouth, Ohio, Jerry Hale of Shiloh, Ohio, and Nelson, Darrell and John Hale, all of Greenwich, Ohio.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 7, at 1 p.m. at the Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth, Ohio, with Elder Buddy Carter and Elder Donel Gibson officiating.

Burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery in New Haven under the direction of Eastman Funeral Home.

## Clay Shepherd

Clay Shepherd, 89, died December 5, at Millers' Merry Manor West in Washab, Indiana.

Born February 1, 1904 in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Mort and Mollie Howard Shepherd. He was a retired Fireweed Baptist Church minister and retired from Manchester Foundry. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Annie Mae Whitaker, on May 24, 1979. He was a member of the Erie Street Free Will Baptist Church in Washab, Indiana.

Survivors include his wife, Susie Miller of Knox, Indiana; one son, Lonnie Shepherd of Cascade, Maryland; six daughters, Leota Howard and Edna Bailey, both of North Manchester, Indiana; Fannie Minns of Warsaw, Indiana, Rose Lea Robinson of North Manchester, Indiana, Ethel Marie Ricketts of Lancaster, California, and Ruth Hargrave of Syracuse, Indiana; three sisters, Sava Shepherd of North Manchester, Indiana, Martha Whitaker of Liberty Mills, Indiana, and Betty Woodall of Lima, Ohio; one brother, Mabry Shepherd of Sinksburg, Michigan; three stepsons, Bob Shepherd of North Manchester, Tom Shepherd of Peru, Indiana, and Bill Shepherd of Winamac, Indiana; three stepdaughters, Catherine Rudd, Jane Borg and Glenna Mullins, all of Knox, Indiana; 42 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 8, at 1:30 p.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Chad Burkhardt, Rev. Roy Burkhardt and Rev. Bill Stephens officiating.

Burial was in the Oaklawn Cemetery in North Manchester under the direction of DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary.

Joseph "Joe" Harvey, 90, of Harold, died Monday, November 29, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital following a short illness.

Born October 3, 1903, he was the son of the late James and Alice Moore Harvey and a member of the Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Josephine Parsons Harvey; one daughter, Bessie Harvey Kidd; also his second wife, Opal Kidd Parsons Harvey.

Survivors include three sons, Henry Harvey of Harold, Leonard Harvey of Harold, and Florida and Joe Harvey Jr. of Jacksonville, Florida; two daughters, Betty Hall of Sandusky, Ohio and Barbara Kidd of Harold; 21 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Step sons, George Parsons Jr., Cowan Parsons and Bernice Parsons, of South Shore, Maine; Parsons of Ashland, Nolan Parsons of Harwood and Dwight Parsons of South Carolina; two step daughters, Bonnie Newsome and Beatrice Correll and 11 step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 1, at 10 a.m. at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with the clergyman Tommy Spears officiating.

Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Ashland under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

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## Alma Ratliff Maynard

Alma Ratliff Maynard, 82, of Williamson, West Virginia, formerly of Prestonsburg, died December 7, at the Williamson Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

Born at Thomas, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Nellie (Lawson) Ratliff. She was preceded in death by her husband, John B. Maynard.

Survivors include one brother, Morgan Ratliff of Prestonsburg; one sister, Vada Owens of Prestonsburg; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, December 10, at 1 p.m. at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Darrell Howell and Rev. Birkey Lewis officiating.

Burial will be in the Ratliff Family Cemetery in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home.

## Clifford Hall

Clifford Hall, 72, of Leburn, died Friday, December 3, at his residence following an extended illness.

Born June 15, 1921 in Martin County, he was the son of the late Wilson Hall and Daisy Conley Ward. He was a retired state highway worker. A veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the D.A.V. Chapter 128 at Garrett.

Survivors include his wife, Laurenda Hall; four sons, Burley Hall of Kendallville, Indiana, and Clifford Junior Hall, Emmett Hall and Allen Hall, all of Leburn; two daughters, Sarah Johnson of Leburn and Wilma Hunter of Kendallville, Indiana; four brothers, Henry Ward, Gary Ward, Clyde Ward and Ed Hall; four sisters, Virginia Stephens, Della Lynch, Alka Hall and Ivory Dutton; 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, December 6, at 11 a.m. at the New Home Old Regular Church at Leburn with the ministers Bebe Bolten and Willie Collins officiating.

Burial was in the Green Stone Cemetery at Leburn under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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**LEWIS, YE**  
**HARDLY KNEW ME**

A couple of years ago, I wrote in this column about Lewis Grizzard being a pen pal of mine. The truth of the matter is that he wrote me—once. One time and only one time did his stationary reach my desk where I coveted it along with my autographed picture of Johnny Mathis.

The second time I posted a letter to Mr. Grizzard, I did not receive a reply. Even though I knew Lewis was a busy man, I chose to believe that my letter had gotten lost in the mail, or it had been confiscated by pigmy Tribesmen from Peru in the mailroom. As an ardent fan, I refused to accept that Lewis had severed our penpalship forever.

Then, like a bolt out of the blue, news came that Lewis was going to have to undergo his third heart surgery. My husband read me the news the morning of the afternoon I found out that my thyroid had "given it up" and would make me dependent on medication for the rest of my life. Even in my fog-like state, I understood that Lewis had not written back because he was too upset about himself. Being the compassionate person I am, I did not continue to harbor bad feelings about him. In other words, I forgave him for nothing.

When news came that Lewis was going to be in Lexington to sign his new book, *"I Look A Lickin' and Kept on Ticken"*, and *"Slow I Believed in Miracles"*, I decided that I would go see him and tell him that I apologize for being upset about his not writing back.

The time at the Joseph-Beth bookstore in Lexington was so long, I had time to read half of the book before it was time to have mine signed. I should have been suspicious of what was going to happen when, with only three people ahead of me, a store worker took my first name down on a "Post-It Note" and pressed it to my book. At this point, I could see Lewis and it was obvious that he had clearly taken "a lickin'" by how thin he was. It was even more obvious that he was still "a tickin'" by the way his hand moved when he made his mark. Amazing what the human body can stand, I thought as I watched.

At this point, I remembered my camera and began focusing the lens. Don't laugh. I felt somewhat foolish about taking the camera, but after I saw a man with a video camera on a tripod, I dismissed the thought. Anyway, Lewis would certainly want to have his picture taken with me, wouldn't he? After all, we were buddies.

When the person in front of me finished and Lewis thanked him, I inhaled deeply and leaned over the desk. "I knew you had to be seriously ill when you didn't answer my letter. I'm Sara Hopson from Eastern Kentucky and I wrote you a letter and you wrote me back," I said quickly.

It might have been his blank expression, but mostly it was his answer that threw me. "Well, thank you," he replied with a smile. Was that the proper response to my statement? I turned to look at my husband and mother, who were standing directly behind me, and stammered my shoulders. He didn't know me. Hadn't he heard of me. Didn't he care. How quickly we forget those who make us a household name in their own homes. I sighed and inappropriately said, "You're welcome," before I turned and left.

"What did you expect, Sara?" my husband asked as we headed the 120 miles back home in the dark of night in the pouring rain. Recognition? I smiled.

*(See Smile B 2)*

# THE TIMES' WEEKEND Extra



## Christmas in Appalachia

This holiday season treat the whole family to a very special gift. Come share the warmth and remembrances of a community event, Christmas in Appalachia, Thursday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. and a Roadside Theater performance of South of the Mountain Friday, December 17, at 8 p.m. at the Appalshop Theater in Whitesburg.

Members of the community are encouraged to participate in Thursday night's CHRISTMAS IN APPALACHIA, a celebration of the holiday through stories, memories, and songs from the Appalachian Mountains with performances by the Macedonia Baptist Church Choir, members of the Singing Revelations, Harman Elementary School Tale Tellers, members of Mountain People and Places, and Roadside Theater.

The reasons behind holiday traditions are often forgotten. CHRISTMAS IN APPALACHIA is an informal and jolly opportunity for folks in eastern Kentucky and southwestern Virginia to reminisce and celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas.

Admission on Thursday evening is free and seating is limited so come early. No reservations will be taken. Bring your Christmas memories, stories, and songs to share.

Traditions and memories are also the focus of Friday's performance of SOUTH OF THE MOUNTAIN, a musical play written by Dickinson County, Virginia native Ron Short that tells the story of two generations of an Appalachian Mountain family.

The play's story is traced from life on a small farm through the personal, dramatic

changes that shape the lives of the younger generation as industrialization moves into the mountains.

Guitar, banjo, and fiddle accompany the dozen original songs which are woven into the story.

Admission to South of the Mountain is \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students (18 and under). Seating at the Appalshop is limited so make your reservations for South of the Mountain by calling Katie or Valeria at (606) 633-0108 from 3:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

No reservations will be taken in the evenings or on the weekends.

Canned and dried food donations for the Letcher County Food Pantry will be accepted at the door prior to both performances.

### A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO ALL YOU POOR, POOR PARENTS OUT THERE:

Yes folks, as you no doubt already know, Christmas is almost upon us.

Statistics are way up as you all career headlong into oblivion in a mad rush to buy some cheaply-made, over priced plastic trinket for your ungrateful rugrats so they don't exercise their "Constitutional rights and use a handgun on you, Christmas morning.

In an effort to stem the tide of all this senseless violence, we here at "news central" would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a brief list of ACTUAL toys that can be found in ACTUAL stores and are readily available in ACTUAL sale catalogs so that you can do

all your shopping by phone and STAY OFF THE &#64 ROADSS!! We offer this to you at no charge as a public service because (a) we don't want any more of those nasty accidents, and (b) because we don't want to be

unavoidably INVOLVED in any of those nasty accidents.

So here they are, from the sublime to the ridiculous (mostly ridiculous):

• **Army Barbies and Ken's dolls.**—Yes folks, Army Barbies and Ken's are sergeants in the 101st Airborne and wear "authentic" desert fatigue uniforms, because in the politically correct '90s, war games aren't just for little boys anymore. Won't Daddy be surprised when his "little girl" learns to appreciate the value of a good bayonet through the throat

and the sweet smell of napalm in the morning

• **Soul Train Sham's and Friends.**—From the same people who brought you Barbie's and Ken's, Soul Train Sham's and her friends "wear cool hip-hop fashions inspired by the hot T.V. dance show," because obviously, all black kids must just love Don Cornelius and ugly M.C. Hammer-inspired clothing. Must be part of

the new "Stereotypes Are Our Friends" line of toys. Be watching for "The Beverly HillsBies®" and "Juan Valdez: Bean-Picker To The Stars®" dolls soon.

• **Sweet 'N Lovely Dino.**—Forget those terrifying tyrannosaurus and vicious velociraptors from "Jurassic Park." Friends, Sweet 'N Lovely Dino is a user-

friendly purple (a la Barney) and sports a satin baseball jacket, big, beautiful eyes, a flowing mane of luxurious green hair and a thick-toothed, lip-sticked grin. Just like the REAL dinosaurs did!

• **Lil' Miss Executive Set.**—Now little Susie can be just as obnoxious as all those ADULT ladies with this genuine imitation cellular phone, beeper, leather briefcase and "personal organizer" set. Because after all, we want our kids to know that time IS money and money IS

everything

• **Saga Genesis's Street Fighter II.**—What child's Christmas would be complete without the ability to graphically rip someone's head and arms off and watch the blood spurt everywhere? Hours of fun for the whole family.

*(See Truth B 2)*

### New on the News

On Oct. 1, Mikey Sprout, age 3, made national news when he commandeered the family car, which had one flat tire, and cruised down U.S. 41 near Tampa, Fla., hitting two parked cars and narrowly missing several moving ones. Mikey's assessment: "I go zoom." On Nov. 11, using a cigarette lighter, Mikey burned down his family's house, sending his father to the hospital with second- and third-degree burns. Mikey's assessment: "Now I have no more house."

#### EH-UUUUUUH, GROSS

—A 25th wedding anniversary party was disrupted in Webster, Mass., in November when 20 people were hospitalized because the chicken-gizzards-and-bananas dish, which is a Puerto Rican delicacy, spoiled.

—China's Nanjing Daily reported in May that farmer Li Hongzhong, 42, has eaten a snake nearly every day for the past 20 years. Li is miserable on the days he can't eat one, and not surprisingly has had difficulty meeting prospective marriage partners. Reporters witnessed Li eating a two-foot-long snake that was twisting violently as he swallowed it.

In March a small dump truck overturned in Marietta, Ohio, littering the street with cow parts. A smaller shipment fell off of a truck on the same street the following week, running the total of cow-parts spills to four within a year. Sandusky Councilwoman Katie McGlynn, "I would just like to know why this continues to happen. Maybe we need a stronger ordinance to make this a more serious crime."

In April, Merriam, Kan., District Attorney Paul Morrison said the body of a man who committed suicide went undetected for three days in a bathroom of a house that was being shown by a real estate agent. Apparently, neither the agent nor prospective buyers were interested in looking inside that particular bathroom. And over a four-day period in February, guests slept in a room at an Edmonton, Alberta, motel unaware that a woman's body was stuffed between the floor and the box spring.

In June, Steven Mays, 27, and Candace Temen, 21, were charged with mistreatment of animals in Park Forest, Ill., after police responded to a neighbor's complaint of a bad smell coming from their home. Mays told police the smell was probably the cat's litter box, but when the police went to the basement to view it, they found 42 snakes and nearly 800 mice and rats, which were apparently being bred as food for the snakes.

—Dairy farmer Anthony Iworek, 31, slipped from a stepladder in Clarksville, Mo., in May, falling backward with such force that he impaled himself by the neck on a 1 1/2-inch-thick pole. The pole entered alongside his carotid artery but did not touch it and went through the roof of his mouth, missing his brain by half an inch. He is still recovered.

#### PEOPLE UNCLAR ON THE CONCEPT

In July, three armed men held up the clerk of the bull office inside the Deep River Prison in South Africa, forced him to open the safe and made off with \$21,000.

In February, in Columbia, S.C., a bullet was fired through the office window of county treasurer Marjorie Sharpe, and she was hospitalized. Sharpe, 46, in her office's tax-appraisal hearings. Sharpe told reporters, "Don't (the candidates) realize it's going to make their tax bills (even) higher when we have to replace these windows?"

In March, Medford, Pa., police charged James G. Avallone with several DUI-related offenses. Avallone allegedly smashed into a tree and a lamppost, then dutifully drove to the Medford police station to report the accidents. However, he had no driver's license or registration and refused to take a blood-alcohol test.

#### INEXPLICABLE

In Bay Minette, Ala., Raymond Giadrosich, 39, on trial in September for killing his wife and mother-in-law near the end of a stormy divorce proceeding, was convicted on one count. Although Giadrosich shot his wife, and then, 10 seconds later, the mother, the jury found him not guilty by reason of insanity for the first killing but sane and guilty for the second.



BY SELI GROVES

## SOAP UPDATES

**ALL MY CHILDREN:** Gloria agreed to give Alex his one day of romance if he would get out of her life. Dean persuaded Lums to try the SLS then left him alone. The punk Lums began hibernating and rode his bike into traffic, believing he could stop the cars and prevent his mother's (Natalie) death. Laurel spotted him and was hit by a car as she pushed him to safety. Jack learned her vital signs were weak after surgery. After saving Tad and Dixie from the icy river, Ted whispered goodbye and left. Kendall dressed in a sexy outfit and tried to seduce Dimitri, telling him to ignore Lisa and marry her. A furious Dimitri threw her out. Wait To See: Kendall has more surprises for Enca.

**ANOTHER WORLD:** Lorna held a gun on Morgan in the garage, but the standoff ended with no one being hurt. Cass treated Lorna gently on the stand, which helped him win points from Morgan. Vicky was out raged when Grant said he planned to take full custody of her baby. Grant learned Vicky might reveal what he had done in Switzerland. Grant began to woo Amanda, who was unaware of his true intentions. Cass told Frankie he planned to subpoena Carl's testimony as Morgan's last hope, but no one could find him. Cass was then forced to put Morgan on the stand. A sudden dramatic entrance interrupted Morgan's testimony. Wait To See: Carl has a surprise for Rachel.

**AS THE WORLD TURNS:** Evan was in a tight spot when he was unable to retrieve the incriminating tapes. Tom and Margo found new clues in the investigation of Lani's murder. Evan rushed to rescue Rosamunda from the burning art gallery as Andy got close-up photos. Duncan was upset to learn Lisa had gone out with Eduardo. Nancy asked

Bob about a new drug for Alzheimer's patients. Eva asked Lily to be her maid of honor when she marries Jason. Lucinda had a sharp reaction when Royce wanted to decorate the Christmas tree. Ned finally admitted to Emma that Debbie turned a nervous breakdown. Wait To See: Damian is upset by Eduardo's plans.

**BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL:** Macy was depressed about

Thorne and was about to take a drink. Anthony arrived and made her realize that there were good things about her life. Sally persuaded Charlton Heslop that she was Stephanie's sister for the fashion show and got him to agree to add Anthony Armando Fashions to the Forrester Fashion benefit. Jack accompanied Taylor to the airport. He was surprised to see her joined by a man at the same time. Taylor was surprised to see that it was James, who explained her presence made it possible for him finally to confront his father, who was still alive. Wait To See: Karen and Connor make a decision about their relationship.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES:** Roman and Marlena were shocked to learn Isabella had been kidnapped. When fingerprints or other marks of an intruder could be found, John confronted his prime suspect, Stefano. Later, in an apartment over Jamie's garage, Sami apologized to her baby sister for kidnapping her, explaining she did it to stop the blood tests that would tear the family apart. Due to the kidnapping, Kristen told Tony she couldn't go on with the wedding. He agreed to postpone their marriage, which pleased Kristen, but infuriated Stefano. Tom was diagnosed

with carotid artery stenosis, a potentially life-threatening condition. Wait To See: Sami's good intentions could prove dangerous for baby Isabella.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL:** Scotty barely got Lucy and the newborn baby to General Hospital in time. The baby appeared to be well, but Lucy's vital signs stopped. A body was discovered in a familiar piece of jewelry at the site. Ryan's glimpse of a familiar face sent him into a screaming rage. Despite Felicia's disapproval, Mac agreed to help Katherine prove she's Dominique's half sister. Luke and Laura assessed the price of renovating their new home, while Lucky saw the acquisition of a dog as the family's priority. Brenda decided to find a girlfriend for Jason. Wait To See: Laura has an eerie feeling about the house she, Luke, and Lucky moved into.

**GUIDING LIGHT:** Mindy warned Alexandra she'd fight back after the two had a nasty encounter in the powder room. Buzz hid Jenna from Roger. Lucy was startled to see who had the missing Spaulding contract. Tangle found her money missing from where she had buried it in

the sand, and later suspected Bill had taken it. Holly decided to get a restraining order against Love. Dylan told Bridget he didn't believe Roger was the one who overheard her saying Peter was his grandson. Jenna and Alexandra had a showdown at the Spaulding mansion. Wait To See: The Spaulding verdict could cause more trouble for all concerned.

**LOVING:** Trucker loaned Buck more money so he could double his investment with Malcolm. Dante told Curtis, whom he was holding prisoner, of his plans to destroy Curtis' family, and then take Dinah back with him to Kuwait. Ava found Alex at Bear Mountain and released him from Dante's trap. Shana resented Leo's continuing detachment from Patu. The Aldens set up a trap for Dante. Wait To See: Curtis realizes Dante is close to fulfilling his plans.

**ONE LIFE TO LIVE:** Lona and Max took off for a honeymoon trip around the world. Powell threatened Todd's escape plans. But Todd injured himself so he could be sent to the infirmary where he was able to steal pills. Nora awoke from surgery to see Bo at her bedside. Cassie spurned Dorian's reconciliation plans. Suede proposed to Marty. Nora faced the prospect of blindness because not all of the tumor could be removed. Viki and Sloan decided to find proof that Dorian killed Victor. Wait To See: Andrew becomes concerned for Cassie.

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS:** Realizing Victoria was engaged, Ryan asked her if she were

still frigid. She said the problem no longer existed. Victoria lied to Nikki that she needed her birth certificate for school. An anxious Victoria waited for Cole who arrived at the airport just in time to board the plane. But their plans were suddenly interrupted. John turned down Victor's bid to return to Jacob if it didn't include Jack. Ashley stood by her father's decision and also said no to Victor. In the diner, Nina felt sure the man who asked her to pass the sugar was her father. Wait To See: Cole and Victoria deal with an unsettling situation.

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## SOAP SCRAPS

**EMMA SAMMIS** is certified! That is, she holds a certificate as a qualified Emergency Medical Technician. Emma—who wound up her most recent stint as Holly on "General Hospital" earlier this year—assumed her training would help her save lives in time of emergency. But it also proved invaluable when she took on the role of the widowed nurse in CBS' "Harmful Intent" during December 14. Her character helps the antineurologist played by Tim Matheson attempt to clear his name when he's accused of killing a patient.

P.S. A little bit of Sammi's trivia: Her first starring role in a feature film was in "Arabian Adventure" opposite a pair of legendary film stars, Mickey Rooney and Christopher Lee.

A former nighttime sooper, Connie Sellecca (ex "Hotel") is starring in a new series, "Second Chance," which kicked off its arrival on CBS with a two-hour film, to be followed by five more one-hour weekly episodes. It's expected the series will get a renewal to go through the rest of the season, at least.

**CANT AWEIGHS:** Casting consultant Mary Lyn Henry is setting up a nationwide search for new talent for the ABC daytime dramas, "All My Children," "General Hospital," "Loving," and "One Life to Live." The search will focus on minorities and performers with disabilities.

Former "Ryan's Hope" star, Nancy Addison, has signed for a recurring role in "Loving" as Deborah Brewer, Seftin's mother.

Patricia Barry, who is the most recent actor to play Isabelle Alden on "Loving," will leave the show when the role winds up in January.

Linda Cook will return to "Loving" as a guest for a short run starting January 4. Her arrival in Corinth is sure to produce problems for Alex and Ava.

Casper Van Dien will wind up his role as Ty Moody on "One Life to Live" with a final air date of January 14.

Returning to "One Life to Live" on December 22 for a week's stay in Hanover is Tony Call. He'll reprise his role as Herb Callison, Dorian's (Robin Strasser) former husband and loving stepfather of Cassie.

Look for a return of Susan Seaforth Hayes and Bill Hayes to the Horton household on "Days of Our Lives" December 24. They'll reprise their roles as Julie and Doug for five shows. This will mark the 10th anniversary of the clan for the holidays, as well as a family vigil as their patriarch, Tom (McDonald Carey) is hospitalized with a serious medical problem.

**LEO:** July 25 to August 22. Be sure to share your fondest feelings with a loved one. Financial prospects will improve this week. It would be better to shop alone than with a companion. A partner has a wonderful suggestion. A major home project gets underway.

**VIRGO:** August 23 to September 22. You'll want to follow up on a valuable business lead now. Job pursuits lead to financial gains. Pleasure interests may cost more than you've anticipated. You will be enthusiastic about the progress you make with a new project home from the office.

**LIBRA:** September 23 to October 22. New money-making ideas come this week. It is another stellar week for you, where social interests are paramount. Working with hands here, it would be best to skip stop class since involvement with children are favored.

**SCORPIO:** October 23 to November 21. Some minor house cleaning or rearranging of furniture will be going on this week. It would be better to shop for yourself than to have companions over. You'll clear up a backlog of paperwork now. Put new plans into motion later in the week.

**SAGITTARIUS:** November 22 to December 21. You're liable to head his talk in connection with business this week. Take it with a grain of salt. It's a great week for traveling and happy social visits with friends. A nice invitation comes from a friend. The weekend is socially rewarding. **CAPRICORN:** December 22 to January 19. You're on the right track where business interests are concerned this week. You'll meet with a money-making opportunity now. Guard against an excess use of credit. You'll be devoting more time to a group activity in the coming months. You're clear on objectives.

**AQUARIUS:** January 20 to February 18. You'll share now a group activity. It is the perfect week for local travel and sightseeing. A meeting with an adviser yields valuable insights. The week brings a renewed incentive to get ahead in life. Expect good news.

**PISCES:** February 19 to March 20. Save some time now for record keeping. Extra money or credit becomes available to you now. Problem-solving techniques are excellent now. You'll find answers this week to questions which have been bothering you. Travel is a plus this week-end.

## NATASHA'S STARS

**ARIES:** March 21 to April 19. It is a full week of social activity for you and you may not get around to dealing with a work project you had in mind. Collaborative efforts are favored later in the week. Happy team work with a partner makes your week a special one. The theme is weatheriness.

**Taurus:** April 20 to May 20. Business leads you hear of this week aren't likely to amount to much. Travel and leisure interests bring much happiness now. There is a special accent on partnership interests later in the week. I enjoy yourself with leisure activities this week-end.

**GEMINI:** May 21 to June 20. You need special attention to which shopping for the children this week. It may not be the right time to consider a new house. Ascent to a mountain. Heave water in the week. Unyielding powers of concentration prove you succeed with a number of activities this week.

**CANCER:** June 21 to July 22. Bookkeeping this week affects your credit. A new and pleasurable interest commands your attention later in the week. Couples may not act on a shopping matter. Don't let a crowd in a crowded situation disconcert you. It should be a little safe in your first trip.

## Smile

(Continued from B 1)

"Sara, he received over 5000 get-well letters. Why do you think he's a comedian?" you say.

"I'm not talking about get-well cards. I'm talking about a piece of paper two years ago and he didn't acknowledge me."

"Oh, excuse me. I didn't know that," my husband said sarcastically. "Nobody ever writes him either."

"Forget it. It wasn't important anyway. I didn't mean anyone but you seeing Bobby Knight or J.R. meeting."

Shantille O'Neal, Lark, Lewis is funny and I like his books. He makes me laugh, and I like to laugh," I said dejectedly.

When Lewis gets to feeling better, I'm going to write him and tell him I apologize for acting so stupid. My husband says he's going to write him and tell him it's no act.



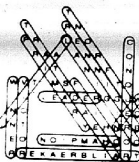
"If I can't see what you two are doing in there, then that's illegal tint on the windows!"

## Truth

(Continued from B 1)

That's about it for this week folks. Be sure to tune in next week for the up-to-the-minute news on most Christmas toys for your girls and boys, including the new Ross Perot Wind-Up doll—wind him up and he never runs down, and actually speaks two sentences, including "Kin I trash?" and "They're after me!" The John and Lorena Bobbitt dolls—wind them up and he runs screaming for a lawyer, she runs screaming for a reporter, and of course the John Travolta 11 Seed To Have A Career Doll—press his button and he fades in for one bad movie, then fades right back out again. If you're lucky.

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## Young Authors

The Floyd County Times and the Department of Instruction of Floyd County Schools feature the student work of Breanne Akers, a primary Young Authors' winner from Goldie Hamilton's class at Betsy Layne Elementary. She is the daughter of Terry and Perry Akers of Dana. Her book, *My Uncle's Horse*, printed with permission, was the winner in the primary "Illustrated" book competition. She was a roomy-wide winner, a school winner, and a county-wide winner for the 1992-93 school year for her book. She received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond at a spring awards ceremony. Approximately 5,000 elementary and middle school students participated in competition throughout the county.



Breanne Akers

## Fuzzy the Bear

On Tuesday, November 9, Jodi Baker, a consultant from Appalachian Regional Hospital in Hazard, presented a "Lice" Information Session to K-8 students at Duff Elementary. Assisting Bakers was Fantastic Sam's "Fuzzy the Bear" who detects lice!

## Think about it...

by Sheldon Lee Compton

## A Wacky World

First of all, just let me say that I'm going to stay from my ordinary teenage subjects for this article. The reason for this is because there are some things that you just have to share with others.

Okay, so we all know that there are some pretty crazy people out there in the world, and not all of them are unknown, like, for instance, the heavy metal band Guns N' Roses just recently recorded a song on their current album written by none other than Charles Manson. About now you're thinking that I should know a lot about crazy people, because I'm one of them, but it's the truth, I mean, can you imagine G N' R sending Charlie his royalty check? The way this strange turn of events happened was, Manson tried to start a rock band long before he wanted to help Satan take over the world (you know how it is, he had to have something to do), and during this time he wrote some songs, just a few little, harmless tunes, I'm sure. Well, as I imagine you already know, the music thing didn't work out so he went ahead and gave into the next thing on his list of goals, satanic worship. Now, somehow, G N' R got their grubby little paws on some song that Manson wrote and decided, hey, you know, what would be really cool if we could maybe play this song that the son of Satan wrote on our next album! Some kind of plan, guys. I gotta tell you, I'm pretty big G N' R fan but this is definitely going too far. I hate to say that, because I see that I'm already beginning to sound like my parents, but if there's one thing I believe in, it's that the truth should be told, no matter how bad, because what's the good in holding back the truth about something that's going to be eventually found out anyway? Doing something that's going to raise eyebrows is one thing, but this little trick fits into a whole other category. I can just see Manson now, slumped in the corner of his 8 by 10 cell, gripping the radio in his hands awaiting his satanic message to arrive to the free world.

Another item of sick insanity that I need to share with you happened to me last week in Wal-Mart parking lot. My friend Doug and I had just left Wal-Mart, the idea of Charles Manson and Guns N' Roses combining forces still fresh in our minds, when I caught a glimpse of something deep between the shadows of two parked cars. I looked closer and made out that it was a dog, lying stiff on its side, unmistakably dead. I thought that a dead dog in Wal-Mart parking lot was bad enough but little did I know there was more to come. After the shadows stretched away revealing

more of the dearly-departed, I began to see portions of muscle structure and before too long I had figured out the horrible truth. It had been skinned. Every inch of its hide and been stripped from head to toe. After I pointed it out to Doug and he had finished wretching, an elderly woman strolled up from between the cars and began to give us a concerned look, not yet seeing the subject of our attention. We told her to turn around and look at what she had just about stepped on, and she did, nearly falling backwards. She walked off in a daze, mumbling something about the horrible state of the world today and I agreed with her, telling Doug that it was time to get out of there. I mentioned, before we left, that as much as I wanted to get out of Slaughter Central, that maybe we should go in and tell them about the dog so they could get rid of it before the sight of it scared any more people. Doug said that we would probably be blamed for it, and that we should just leave. That was enough reasoning for me. I can only say, that before I go, if by some crazy chance the sadists who did that innocent dog like that find the knowledge to somehow read this article, I'm sure Satan has reserved you a nice warm seat in hell.

## Floyd County Technical High School attends VICA leadership conference

On November 19 and 20 twenty-three students and their advisors, Gary Mullins and Annette Biary, attended the VICA Leadership Conference at the Ashland Vo-Tech School in Ashland. Students participated in leadership workshops concerning Parliamentary Procedures, Conducting Business Meetings, Fund-raising and Planning Agendas. Workshops were also held separately for VICA officers. Students interacted with students from all the regional centers exchanged ideas and individual plans for leadership activities.

Thirty-seven students from The Floyd County Technical High School participated in the College Day Program held on November 7 at The Prestonsburg Community College. Representatives from all area state colleges and vocational schools were on hand to discuss post-secondary plans with students. Floyd Tech students received information and brochures concerning admittance requirements, financial aid, and housing.

The students from South Floyd High School who attend Floyd County Tech were permitted to return to their parent high school to welcome Governor Jones during his visit.

## MY UNCLE'S HORSE



by Breanne Akers



The horse is big. The horse is brown.



It lives in the barn.



My Uncle plows with the horse.



I have fun when he lets me ride it.



I am glad my Uncle has a horse.



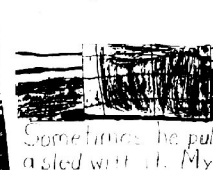
My Uncle has a horse.



It eats corn and hay.



I watch the horse work.



Sometimes he pulls a sled with it. My Uncle lets me ride the sled.



I am glad my Uncle has a horse.



## Blue Apple

On Thursday, October 14, the "Blue Apple Players" of Cincinnati, presented a program on "Child Abuse." "No More Secrets" is a musical production which attempts to inform young people about the threat of child abuse. This intervention is designed to help victims deal with guilt and low self-esteem. The Blue Apple Players are in part with and funded by the Kentucky Arts Council.



## E.K.U. honor choir

Five Prestonsburg High School students were selected for the Eastern Kentucky University Honor Choir this past October. After two days of intensive practice the E.K.U. Honor Choir joined with the E.K.U. University singers in a final concert. The following students were selected: Sherri May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William May; Crystal Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Watson; Suzanne Hunsucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hunsucker; Wes Holland, son of Rev. and Mrs. Russ Holland; and Kevin Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb. The students were accompanied by Elizabeth Frazier, choral director and Mrs. Judy Burchell.

## E.K.U. Show Choir to perform as part of Hazard Performing Arts

The state's only collegiate show choir is coming to Hazard.

As part of the Greater Hazard Area Performing Art Series, the Eastern Kentucky University Show Choir will present a concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 5 at Hazard High School. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for students 17 and under. They may be reserved in advance by calling 436-5721, ext. 316, or bought at the door the night of the event.

Eastern's Show Choir, a popular group that frequently performs to capacity or near capacity audiences in Richmond, blends diverse musical styles and dancing in its high-energy performances. Earlier this year, it performed its country music segment at Kenton Valley, but the 17-member

group also includes popular, rock, jazz and show tunes in its ensemble and solo repertoire.

Eastern's Show Choir has a rich history of placing its members in theme parks such as Kings Island and Opryland, and other venues across the country.

"I think this is a dynamite group," said Rob Lawrence, director. "They're all very talented, and all solo material."

In addition to the concert, the choir, which includes several students from southeastern Kentucky, will present a clinic at Hazard High during the day. The Hazard concert is part of a two-day swing through the area for the choir, which will also perform Tuesday, January 4 in Manchester.

## Breakfast Club meets at AMS

At Adams Middle School, home economics teachers Mrs. Stumbo and Mr. Brooks began every Friday morning with breakfast for their homerooms as part of their Advisor/Advisee program.

The students prepare breakfast



## The Breakfast Club

The homerooms of Adams Middle School home economics teachers Mrs. Stumbo and Mr. Brooks enjoy breakfast together every Friday.

Anyone wishing to purchase a 1993-94 Floyd County Schools Yearbook should place their order at their school now. The deadline for ordering is December 13th. The yearbook includes photos from all schools and sells for only \$14.



## Prestonsburg surprises Sheldon Clark, 71-63

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Coch Gordon Pando and his Prestonsburg Blackcats may have struggled in their first three games during the Floyd County Presaison Tournament, but fans would have never guessed this was the same team that played at Sheldon Clark Tuesday night.

The young and out-manned Blackcats surprised the Cardinals, a team that was hailed as a strong unit this season and considered one of the top 10 teams in the 15th Region.

Corey Reitz, who is slowly getting his basketball legs after the football season ended, tossed in 22 points to lead Prestonsburg to a 71-63 win. It was the first win of the year for the 1-3 Blackcats.

Toby Robinson and Ryan Ortega added 12 points each. It was Robinson and Reitz who carried the scoring for Prestonsburg in the second half, particularly in the fourth quarter. The two combined to score all but four of the 20 points they put on the scoreboard in the final stanza. J.P. Skeans and Ortega had two points each.

Reitz, who did not start for Prestonsburg, came off the bench and scored 11 first half points to propel the Blackcats to a 34-27 halftime lead. He hit two of three pointers in the first half. He was nine of 11 from the free throw line for the game.

Ortega also had two treys in the first half with Brett James drilling one. Skeans had the only three pointer in the second half for Prestonsburg. Sheldon Clark wasn't ready to surrender easily, and they battled back in the fourth quarter to narrow an 11-point Prestonsburg lead down to four, 59-55. Senior Jason Pinson went to war on the boards, hitting a three-pointer, scoring on a reverse layup, and sinking two free throws to bring his team back. In fact, Pinson scored the last 13 points of the game for Sheldon Clark.

Robinson hit a medium range jumper and, after a long jumper by Pinson, Reitz hit one of two free throws for a 62-57 game.

The taller Cardinals beat the Blackcats on the boards and got two of three attempts at the basket. Skeans scored behind the Cardinals' press for an easy layup on an assist by Ortega and Robinson hit a free throw to give the Blackcats some breathing room at 65-61 with 46 seconds left to play.

Pinson hit an eight-foot jumper to keep his team close at 65-63, but the Blackcats took advantage of some Cardinal turnovers to score the final six points. Robinson had two layups and Reitz connected on two free throws.

Prestonsburg held a 54-42 lead after Reitz completed a three-point play to start the fourth period. Sheldon Clark attempted four consecutive three-point baskets, only to come up empty as Ortega grabbed the rebound. David McGinnis came off the bench and lit a fire for the Cardinals, scoring three straight field goals to bring his team to within 10 points, 58-48.

In the third period, Prestonsburg added to their seven points lead and extended it to 13 points, 44-31 as Sheldon Clark found a lid on their basket. A three-point basket by Skeans, coupled with David Gearheart's three-point play gave the Blackcats a 13-point lead.

A trey by Pinson, a 14-footer by Scott Davis and Jason Evans layup narrowed the margin to six, 44-38. Prestonsburg led by nine after three quarters on Jason Burke's rebound basket at the buzzer to end the third period.

Pinson led all scorers with 23 points, which included three three-pointers. Evans netted 19 points with 13 coming in the first half. Evans had three first half treys. Davis finished in double figures with 10 points. McGinnis had six points in the second half, totaling seven for the game.

| players   | fg | 3pt | ft  | tp |
|-----------|----|-----|-----|----|
| Robinson  | 4  | 0   | 6-4 | 12 |
| Newberry  | 1  | 0   | 0-0 | 2  |
| Gearheart | 3  | 0   | 1-1 | 7  |
| James     | 0  | 1   | 0-0 | 3  |
| Skeans    | 1  | 1   | 2-2 | 5  |
| Jarrrell  | 1  | 0   | 0-0 | 2  |
| Ortega    | 2  | 2   | 4-2 | 12 |
| Burke     | 2  | 0   | 0-0 | 4  |
| Reitz     | 8  | 2   | 9-6 | 22 |

| players  | fg | 3pt | ft  | tp |
|----------|----|-----|-----|----|
| Pinson   | 8  | 3   | 4-4 | 23 |
| Haney    | 0  | 0   | 2-2 | 2  |
| Horn     | 1  | 0   | 0-0 | 2  |
| Davis    | 2  | 1   | 6-3 | 10 |
| McGinnis | 3  | 0   | 2-1 | 7  |
| Evans    | 5  | 3   | 1-0 | 19 |

Prestonsburg.....18 16 17 20-71  
Sheldon Clark.....9 18 15 21-63

## South Floyd rolls past Millard

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The old Wheelwright gym, once

home to the Trojans and now home base for the new South Floyd Raiders basketball team, was a crowded place when the Raiders opened their 1993-

94 basketball season against Leon Stewart's Millard Mustangs Tuesday night.

The name Trojan has been re-

moved, the maroon colors that once graced the walls have been repainted; the jump circle has been changed to "South Floyd Raiders," and a new tradition has begun at the left Beaver school.

The new tradition got off to a new start as the Raiders blasted the Mustangs 102-66 to go 3-1 on the young season.

Four players scored in double figures with Charles Johnson tossing in 21 points to lead the scoring parade. Chad Stone added 16 with Alan Joe Moore scoring 13 and John Hall netting 10. Stone connected on three consecutive three-point baskets in the fourth period.

The taller Mustangs managed to stay close to coach Jim Rose's ballclub through the first quarter but

| player   | fg | 3pt | ft  | tp |
|----------|----|-----|-----|----|
| Coleman  | 2  | 1   | 0-0 | 7  |
| Thacker  | 4  | 2   | 2-2 | 16 |
| Justice  | 5  | 0   | 7-4 | 16 |
| Sykes    | 1  | 0   | 0-0 | 2  |
| Logan    | 1  | 0   | 3-2 | 4  |
| Bartley  | 1  | 0   | 2-1 | 3  |
| Morgan   | 1  | 0   | 2-1 | 3  |
| Little   | 0  | 1   | 0-0 | 3  |
| Ratcliff | 0  | 0   | 2-2 | 2  |
| Adkins   | 2  | 0   | 2-2 | 6  |

| players   | fg | 3pt | ft    | tp |
|-----------|----|-----|-------|----|
| Rose      | 3  | 0   | 2-2   | 8  |
| Moore     | 5  | 0   | 4-3   | 13 |
| Hall      | 1  | 2   | 2-2   | 10 |
| Stone     | 2  | 3   | 6-3   | 16 |
| Strathman | 2  | 0   | 1-0   | 4  |
| Johnson   | 4  | 1   | 11-10 | 21 |
| Patton    | 0  | 0   | 2-2   | 2  |
| Hamilton  | 3  | 1   | 0-0   | 9  |
| Little    | 2  | 0   | 1-1   | 5  |
| Hall      | 1  | 0   | 2-1   | 3  |
| Ray       | 2  | 0   | 1-0   | 4  |
| Stephens  | 1  | 0   | 0-0   | 2  |

Millard.....13 17 15 21 - 66  
So. Floyd.....17 29 27 29 - 102  
(See South Floyd, B 5)

## Betsy Layne finds Lady Raiders more difficult second time

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

First impressions are sometimes misleading. First-time meetings are not what they seem to be.

That's what the Betsy Layne Lady Cats found out this past Monday night when they played the South Floyd Lady Raiders for the second time in three days.

The first meeting between the two schools was a "cakewalk" for the Lady Cats as they breezed to a 76-46 win over Jimmy Hopkins ballclub last Saturday night in the Floyd County Presaison Tournament.

But the second meeting was an entirely different ballgame as the Lady Cats of coach Bill Newsome had to claw their way to a 47-46 win, and had to do it come from behind style.

Dee Dee Martin looked like her former self as she slashed the Lady Raiders defense for some easy baseline baskets and scored underneath in totaling 15 points to lead Betsy Layne in scoring. Jessica Hamilton added eight points.

Marty Clark's hard shooting in the first three games was absent as the senior point guard totaled only seven points in the game. But the big basket came from Clark when her four-foot jumper in the time game Betsy Layne's victory. Clark had been

(See Lady Raiders, B 6)



Betwixt two...

South Floyd's Chad Stone (24) pulled up for a short jumper in the lane between two Millard Mustang defenders Tuesday night as the Raiders opened their home schedule on a positive note. Stone scored 16 points, hit three treys in leading the Raiders to a 102-66 win over Mullins. The Raiders travel to Pikeville tonight. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Trio leads Maytown past McDowell, 71-33

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Lord He wanted a trio of double figure scorers, as the Maytown Wildcats bested the McDowell Daredevils in their grade school basketball last Monday night.

Howard tossed in 19 points with Edmund Stone and Lumb Hagans scoring 17 each. Stone had 17 rebounds in the game and is averaging around 13 a game. Howard had nine rebounds and dished off seven assists. Howard is averaging 20 points a game this season.

Cabe Hall led McDowell with 12 points. Nathan Reed had six for the Daredevils.

McDowell grabbed the early lead at 18-4 and led by nine points, 20-11 at the half. The win improved Maytown's record to 7-1 on the sea-

son. Lord Martin scored 14 points in a Maytown win over Jackson County in six. Curtis Weaver and Jason Gerberie had two each.

Darren Newsome scored four points. Justin Pance, Ryan Shannon, Daniel Lafferty, Fred Gray and Todd Browning each had two points for the Daredevils.

## Watch for Basketball Tab

## FLOYD COUNTY BASKETBALL STANDINGS

|               | Conference | Over-All |
|---------------|------------|----------|
| Allen Central | 0-0        | 4-0      |
| South Floyd   | 0-0        | 3-1      |
| Betsy Layne   | 0-0        | 2-2      |
| Prestonsburg  | 0-0        | 1-3      |

|               | Conference | Over-All |
|---------------|------------|----------|
| Betsy Layne   | 1-0        | 4-0      |
| Allen Central | 0-0        | 2-2      |
| Prestonsburg  | 0-0        | 1-3      |
| South Floyd   | 1-0        | 1-3      |

## LAST WEEK'S SCORES

**Men**  
Prestonsburg 71  
Sheldon Clark 63

**South Floyd 102**  
Millard 66

**Women**  
Betsy Layne 47  
South Floyd 46  
Prestonsburg 65  
Paintsville 54

## Ratcliff pours in 41 points in 65-54 win over Paintsville

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Call out the fire department!

The Paintsville Fire Department should have been called out to put out the scoring of Prestonsburg's Jamie Ratcliff in last Monday night's girls' high school basketball game at Paintsville.

All Ratcliff did was toss in 41 points, a career high for the junior guard, in leading her team to a 65-54 win over the Lady Tigers.

It was the first win of the season for coach Bridget Clay's ballclub who improved to 1-1 on the year.

"Jamie played a very good game for us," said Clay. "She was hot and the other players just got the ball to her."

Ratcliff scored 17 of her 41 points in the fourth quarter to help her team pull out the win.

"Paintsville switched to a zone on us," explained Clay, "and Jamie got the hot hand. Our kids saw that she was hitting and they just hit the ball to her."

Prestonsburg got off to a slow start but managed to stay close to the Lady Tigers. The score was tied at 12 after the first quarter as both teams struggled offensively at the onset.

Paintsville managed a free point lead at the half as they went to the dressing room with a 26-21 lead.

In the third period, Prestonsburg fell behind by eight points and had to play catch up. Ball. The Lady Blackcats, behind the hot hand of Ratcliff, trailed 48-46 at the end of

the third period.

Ratcliff continued to score at will as she began to bring her team back into the game and eventually into the lead.

Ratcliff scored 26 points in the second half, hitting three three-pointers. For the game she was 10 of 14 from the free-throw line.

She just did a great job for us," said Clay.

Prestonsburg had to play without two starters against Paintsville. Jamie Clay, starting point guard is out until

January, and senior center Christy Little was expected in the Paintsville game early and will face a line game suspension.

Little and two Paintsville players were expected for fighting.

"In all the years that I have been coaching, she is the first player that I have ever had that got ejected from a game," said Clay.

The ejection came when the other ejected Little and two Paintsville players for fighting.

Coach Clay said that her team is very young and has yet to put together a complete game.

"We played well at times against Paintsville," she said. "But we're so young. Last Sunday against Allen County, we didn't do very good at all."

April Newsome and Heather Collins each had eight points in the game for Prestonsburg. Collins also pulled down eight rebounds.

(See Ratcliff, B 6)

# "Shag" Campbell/Pepsi Invitational continues

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Eight teams remain in the "Shag" Campbell/Pepsi Invitational grade school basketball tournament being held at the Allen Elementary gym this week.

Action continues tonight with two games on tap with the consolation and championship games scheduled for Saturday evening.

## First round

### Allen Eagles vs. Harold Red Devils

The Allen Eagles opened the tournament with a 58-31 win over the Harold Red Devils on Monday night. Ian Stone and Kyle Conley combined for 31 points to lead the Eagles. Stone scored 17 points and Conley netted 14.

Allen's full court pressure defense kept the undermanned Red Devils from getting the ball in bounds on several occasions. Harold turned the ball over as Allen cut off the passing lanes.

Jonathan Triplett led Harold with 12 points and Justin Bartley scored seven. Michael Gross, Jason Salisbury, Shannon Potter, Ronnie Kidd, Eric Cecil and Jacob Skeens scored two each.

Billy Mitchell tossed in eight points for Allen. Jason Keathley and Dennis Lafferty along with Earl Akers had five points for the Eagles. Scotty Walls added two and Josh Barnett had one.

### Duff falls to Millard

Brad Childers scored a game-high 19 points as the Millard Mustangs defeated Duff Elementary 43-33 in the second game Monday night. Duff had jumped out to a 12-6 first quarter lead but could only score four points in the second period and led by one at the half, 16-15. Mike Pack had the only Duff field goal in the second quarter. Childers tossed in nine points for the Mustangs in the comeback effort.

Ryan Owens led Duff with 11 points. Byron Patton, Mike Pack and Mike Childers each scored four points. Brian Crawford, Nick Sammons and Jeff Potter had three apiece. Tim Coleman added eight for the Mustangs. Bill Bevins netted seven with David Mullins netting six.

### Stumbo edges Melvin

Neil Newsome scored 14 points and Brent Tackett added 13 as the John M. Stumbo Mustangs edged the Melvin Cougars 48-42 in first round action Monday night.

Stumbo led 13-7 after the first quarter behind the scoring of Tackett and Newsome. Newsome scored five first quarter points with Tackett getting four in the first stanza.

Kenneth Johnson picked up the scoring for Stumbo in the second quarter by netting six points as Stumbo rolled out to a 27-19 halftime lead.

Melvin trailed by five, 34-29, after three quarters.

Coby Little led the Cougars with 14 points getting 10 of those in the second half. Nick Compton and Adam Tackett had eight each with Justin Holbrook scoring five. Brent Hamilton had two points.

Kenneth Johnson finished with nine points for the Mustangs. Craig Johnson tossed in five and Adam Tackett added four. Russell Hall scored three.

### Martin edges Mullins

The Martin Purple Flash outscored the Mullins Tigers 10-9 in the fourth quarter to nip the Tigers 40-39 in Tuesday night's games.

Jimmy Branham scored 10 points and Shannon Myrner added nine to lead the Flashes. Branham had a three-point basket in the fourth quarter that proved to be the difference. Matthew Mayo and Todd Samons each scored six points for the Purple Flash. Mayo scored all his in the first half.

Jimmy Don Johnson led Mullins with nine points and J.R. Goodman scored eight.

Martin led 7-4 after the first quarter but led by a slim 21-19 margin at the half. The two teams came out of the third period tied at 30-30.

### Pikeville easy winner over Dorton

Pikeville had an easy time with Dorton as they posted a 66-47 win Tuesday night. Jay Ramsey scored 16 points and Todd McCoy tossed in 11 for the Panthers. Mark Cox netted 10.

Game scoring honors went to Jason Tackett with 20 points. Shawn Akers had 10.

Pikeville went on top by 10 points in the first period, 18-8 and led at the half 35-22. Tackett had eight second quarter points, hitting one three-point basket.

Elkhorn City over Osborne Jarrod Johnson scored 11 points to lead the Osborne Eagles, but it wasn't enough as the Elkhorn City junior Cougars recorded a 69-23 win over coach Roger Johnson's ballclub.

Eleven players scored for the Cougars led by Brandon Adams 12 points. Brent Miller added 11 with B.J. Ratliff, J.R. Swiney and Taz Mullins had nine each. Randy Stremmel added six.

Anthony Mays scored six for Osborne and Timmy Butler scored four.

Dustin Allen netted two points. Elkhorn City held a 19-point lead at the end of the first quarter with Adams scoring nine points. It was 31-16 at the half.

### Virgie handles McDowell

Sterlin Isaac scored 20 points to lead the Virgie Eagles past McDowell in tournament play at Allen. Lonnie Scott scored 11 for the Eagles.

Clabe Hall had a game high 25 points to lead all scorers but found little support from teammates as the Dardovils failed to generate any kind of offense. Hall went to the free throw line 22 times and converted 14. He had a first quarter three-point basket. Nathan Reed scored six points and Ryan Shannon hit a three-pointer in

"The Dipper Show" moves to WSGS

Beginning Thursday night, December 16, "The Dipper Show," the live two-hour high school sports talk show heard each week for the past three years on WIX, 94.3, and hosted by "The Big Dipper," will move to WSGS, 101.1 FM.

Tune in each Thursday night, from 7-9 p.m., for "The Dipper Show," on WSGS 101.1 in Hazard.



Some players are defensive specialists, and some are offensive specialists. DAVE KINGMAN was a home run specialist. Dave smashed 442 homers in a wandering career that saw him move from the Giants to the Mets to the Padres to the Angels to the Yankees to the Cubs to the Mets again and to the A's. When he retired he was 20th on the all time homer list. "Kong" had league leading home run totals for the Cubs (48 in 1979) and the Mets (37 in 1982), but he did not get along with writers and others, and found himself unemployed after a 15 homer year in 1986. The 1984 Fleet card, #590, is worth about 20 cents.

the fourth for three points.

Allen plays well against Millard Kyle Conley scored 14 points and Ian Stone 12 as the Allen Eagles advanced to the semifinals of the Shag Campbell Invitational Friday night. The Eagles flew past the Mustangs 51-24 in a strong defensive effort.

"They played the best defense they have played all year," said assistant coach Kenny Conley.

Jason Keathley added seven points and Scotty Walls scored seven also. Seth Crisp added five for the Eagles with Dennis Lafferty and Akers scoring two each.

The semifinals will be held tonight, beginning at 6 p.m. as Allen will square off against either Martin or Stumbo. The Prater/Pikeville winner will face the winner of the Elkhorn City/Virgie game in the second game Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

The championship round will be held Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

## Ratliff

(Continued from B 4)

"April is going to give us a big lift," said Clay.

Freshman Crystal Layne scored five points while running the team at the point guard.

"Crystal did a good job for us," said the Lady Blackcats coach. "She had only three turnovers and that's good."

Sophomore center Misty Price played but played sick, according to Clay. "Misty, before she got sick, did real well for us."

The Prestonsburg coach is worried about the lack of rebounding her team has shown in the first four games.

"We're not rebounding well at all," she said. "Heather is our leading rebounder with 19 for the four games, and that's not good. We're getting beat on the break. We need better transition and better rebounding."

Coach Clay believes that her team will improve and, hopefully, can stay close in upcoming games.

"If we can stay with a team in the first half, we have a good chance of winning it in the second," she said.

Beth Blankenship led Paintsville in scoring with 15 points. Pinson added 11 and Cooper scored eight.

Try to know everything of something, and something of everything. —Henry Peter, Lord Brougham

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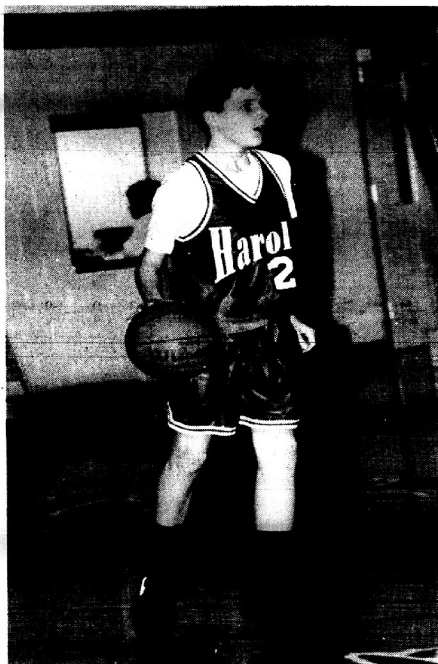
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"Now where did he go?"

Shannon Potter of Harold handled the point guard duties for the Red Devils against Allen Monday night as his team faced the Eagles in game one of the Shag Campbell Invitational at Allen Monday night. The Red Devils fell hard to the Eagles 57-24. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Sports Weekend

Men

Friday, December 10, at 8 p.m.

Prestonsburg at Belfry  
WKKZ-FM, 105.5

South Floyd at Pikeville  
WQHY-FM, 95.5

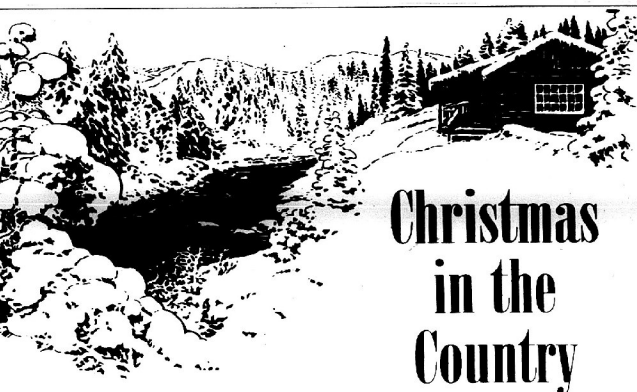
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Saturday, December 11, at 8 p.m.

Prestonsburg at Greenup County  
WKKZ-FM, 105.5

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# Lady Raiders

averaging 16 points per game through the first three games.

The leadout wasn't a surprise to Coach Newcome.

"I was afraid it would happen," said Newcome. "I think that South Floyd is going to be a very good team. Misty Clark only had seven points but she hit the big basket for us that gave us the win. I wouldn't trade that for seven points."

South had had a score point 46-45 lead and had the ball with less than a minute left remaining. Rhonda Thornsbury's a knee shotable short baseline jumper and Betsy Layne's rebounded the basket for us.

Clark hit a shot that ran up the court and into the basket and put it up with the shot going in. She kicked the time for a 47-46 lead.

After Clark's basket had given Betsy Layne the 47-46 lead, the Lady Raiders still held the destiny of the game in their hands since they had the last shot.

With 19 seconds left on the clock, the Lady Raiders called a timeout to set up their offense. Following a second timeout, the Lady Raiders put the ball in play as time ran down. The ball moved around the horn and then to the middle where Thornsbury moved left for the left-handed shot. The shot banked off the backboard and rolled off the front of the rim.

Kristal Isaac and Susan Stephens passed up the open three-point shot, electing to go inside to Thornsbury. Coach thought they waited too long to take the shot.

"Yes, they did. We called the first time out to set up against their man-to-man defense they had been playing. But they came back out in a 2-3 zone and we had to call our second timeout."

"We made some mental mistakes tonight," said the South-Floyd coach.

The Lady Raiders trailed by 11 points, 22-11 at the half. They missed eight free throws and only scored two field goals in the second quarter. But South Floyd battled back and closed the margin to four points, 35-31 after three quarters by scoring the first eight points of the third stanza. Consecutive baskets by Thornsbury, Isaac, Staci Shepherd and Tiffany Compton cut the margin to three, 22-19.

Betsy Layne hit the lead back out to seven points, 35-28, before a long jumper by Crystal Newcome and Thornsbury's free throw made it a four point game after three quarters.

South took their first lead since

the first quarter at 42-41 in the fourth quarter. A lay up by Shepherd at the 2:43 mark gave the Lady Raiders the advantage.

The lead changed hands on each fourth quarter two possessions and South Floyd got the winning lay up. Shepherd down low, held their big game lead of three points 40-43 when Shepherd earned two free throws.

With some good ball movement, Jessica Hamilton cut the lead back to one, 40-48 with a basket in mid-air with just 58 seconds left in the game. Later Clark was to hit what was the winning basket.

We made a lot of mental mistakes tonight," said the coach. Martin (10) was the best all-around player.

Martin is the type of player who stands out in the close games because, I love the close games.

According to Misty Johnson, the Lady Raiders have been a little over confident.

"We thought we had the game in the bag," said the senior forward. "We just thought we would run over

them. We thought we had them beat." "We just had some mental lapses tonight," said Coach Hopkins. "But our kids played their hearts out. I'm not much for mental lapses."

South Floyd's coach said that at 2:00 in the third quarter, South Floyd led 41-39. Betsy Layne scored on a 12-2 run to go from 13 to 14 at the first stop. Misty Clark had seven points for Betsy Layne with Rhonda Com also scoring seven points. Johnson tossed in four with Misty Johnson. The other two other players scored baskets in scoring two each.

Three players scored in double figures for South Floyd. Led by Thornsbury's 18 points, South Floyd hit 11 free throws and 18 points with the Lady Raiders scored six points with Newcome and Clark scoring two each.

Betsy Layne improves to 4-0 on the season and will host the Prestonsburg Tuesday night.

South Floyd falls to 1-3 on the year. The Lady Raiders will travel to Phelps Tuesday night.



Guarded close!

South Floyd's Kristal Isaac (33) was closely guarded by Shawnda Lawson (4) during conference action at Betsy Layne Monday night. Isaac scored six points in the game but the Lady Raiders fell 47-46.

# South Floyd

trailed by 16 points at the end of the first half. South Floyd held a 17-13 lead at the first stop and went to the locker room with a 40-30 halftime lead.

Mike Thacker and Adam Justice each scored 16 points to lead Millard in scoring. Thacker hit two three-pointers in the game.

"We played well tonight," said Coach Rose about his team's efforts. "We did some good things. We still have some areas we need to improve in but overall, I'm pleased with the way we played."

South Floyd's 16-point run up the quarter ended in the third quarter when 16 points in the third quarter by Thacker they scored nine unanswered points to take a 26-16 lead. South Floyd led by 17 points 42-25 late in the second stanza.

The Raiders gave Millard a taste of 27 points by switching their defenses and the last quarter that forced Millard into several turnovers.

"I thought our defense was very good tonight," said Rose. "Yes, our trapping defense was a problem for

Millard. We played smart in defense and had some easy baskets. That's

"I thought our kids played a solid basketball tonight. We made some very good passes to one another. That's how it's a good sign."

In the fourth period, South Floyd went on a 14-0 run. Stone hit back-to-back three-pointers. Charles Johnson connected on two free throws and completed an old-fashioned three-point play. James Patton made two charity tosses and Justin Ray, off the bench, scored back-to-back layups.

The large crowd wanted the Raiders to hit the century mark in the final seconds of the game. With the score 69-62, Millard scored the next two baskets to make it a 99-66 game.

Joe Bryant went for the layup, scored and was fouled with 15 seconds left. He connected on the free throw for the final 102-66 score.

Ryan Hamilton first missed double figures with nine points. Hamilton played a strong floor game at the point guard and had four assists in the contest.

Mani Rose, the starting point guard, finished with eight points and he dished off five assists. Scotty Little scored five. Ray finished with four while Strathairn also had four points. Aaron Hall netted three with Patton

and Bear Stephens scoring two each. Little hauled in eight rebounds for South Floyd. Little had seven assists only with Moore and Stone gathering in five each.

Charles Johnson, playing a good defensive game, had four steals. The Raiders turned the ball over only 10 times, and that pleased the Raiders' coach.

"That's more like what we want," says coach Rose. "We can live with that. It was in the first three games we were making mistakes in turnovers." The Raiders out rebounded the Mustangs 46-41. Millard turned the ball over 22 times.

South Floyd continues their schedule by traveling to Pikeville tonight to face a good Panther team.



Solo!

South Floyd's Ryan Hamilton went solo for two points against Millard Tuesday night as the Raiders opened their 1993 home basketball schedule. Hamilton scored nine points in the game with a three-point basket as the Raiders rolled to a 102-66 win over the Mustangs. (photo by Ed Taylor)

# HEY KIDS!

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Box 391

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Hurry, because Santa is making his list and checking it twice, but his deadline is **Friday, December 17th at 5:00 p.m.**

A copy of your letter will be printed in the Floyd County Times, **Wednesday, December 22nd.**



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## EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM VACANCY POSTING NOTICE

OFFICIAL TITLE OF POSITION: Full Time Substitute School Bus Driver

JOB LOCATION: All areas of Floyd County

SALARY RANGE: \$39,000 per year

CONTACT PERSON: Earl D. Ousley, Director of Transportation

BRIEF JOB DESCRIPTION: Transport students to and from designated areas

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Certification as required by the Kentucky Department of Education

ADDITIONAL JOB REQUIREMENTS: None

Applicant must submit an up-to-date signed application to the Superintendent of the Floyd County Board of Education no later than December 21, 1993 to be considered for an interview.

\*Applicant will be interviewed as soon as all requirements have been met.

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In accordance with KRS 350.192, notice is hereby given that Braham & Baker, Inc. Company, Inc. 148 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has accepted for release on December 10, 1993, Permit Number 836-0069 which was last issued on 3/12/92. The application covers an area of approximately 40 acres located 0.75 mile North of Mingo in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.75 miles South of Rte. 855, Junction with Rte. 855 and located 0.5 mile South of Pitts Fork. The attitude is 37 degrees at 31.30'. The on-grade is 87 degrees 51' 30".

The bond was in effect for the increments 5, 6, 8, is \$125,100.00. Approximately \$125,100.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes grading and seeding.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 202 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 31, 1994.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. February 10, 1994 at the Department of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 31, 1994.

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DAY SHIFT WAREHOUSE EMPLOYEE NEEDED. Full time. 7:30-4:30. Apply in person at Big Sandy Wholesale, Old Church House Road, Harold.

DENTAL HYGIENIST WANTED. Three days—full time. Preventive/Pediatric oriented practice. Salary based on degree and experience. Send resume to Dr. Elliott, P.O. Box 598, Martin, KY 41649.

EARN THOUSANDS STUFFING ENVELOPES. Rush \$1.00 and SASE to Pam Hatfield, P.O. Box 160, Hardy, KY 41531.

## Employment Available

FULL AND PART TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE. Start immediately. RN, LPN, CMA and CNA openings. Apply in person at Martin County Healthcare, Rt. 908, Inez from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

HELP WANTED: Experienced in concrete work, form setting, tying rebar and footer work. Wages negotiable. Apply at South Floyd High School gym construction site. Ask for Don.

HELP WANTED: Earn up to \$500 per week assembling products at home. No experience. Info 1-504-646-1700. Dept. KY-2276.

HEMODIALYSIS TECHNICIAN NEEDED TO initiate, monitor and discontinue dialysis treatments for patients. Responsibilities include monitoring and evaluating vital signs and treatment methods. Requirements: High school graduate or equivalent and one year experience in medical related field; ability to learn, use and understand operation of BioMedical equipment used in dialysis treatment; workable knowledge of medical emergencies and management. Apply in person at Dialysis Service Group of Prestonsburg, 384 University Drive, Monday-Saturday from 9-5.

LICENSED COSMETOLOGIST NEEDED. Full time. Martin area. For interview call 285-0343 or 285-9112.

RN OPPORTUNITY FOR PART OR FULL TIME work in private sector rehabilitation. Work from your own home. Regional travel involved. Excellent pay. Send resume to: Rehab Plus, P.O. Box 54806, Lexington, KY 40555-4808.

UTILITY COMPANY JOBS: \$8.25-\$15.75/hour. Men and women needed. No experience necessary. For information call 1-219-736-4715, ext. U3491, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., 7 days.

## Pets And Supplies

AKC REGISTERED ROTTWEILER puppies. Males, \$250; females \$275. Also, five Eskimo Spitz, \$50 each; and, AKC registered female Collie, approximately 2 1/2 years old, \$150. Call 886-6945.

DISSATISFIED WITH DISCOUNT STORE dry dog food? Ask SPURLOCK FEED/285-3796 about HAPPY JACK PRO-BRED meat ration and HIGH-ENERGY dog foods. Insure your dog's wintry coat.

FOR SALE: Three registered Siberian Husky puppies. One white male, one black female. \$200, negotiable. Call 874-0254.

FOR SALE: AKC toy poodles. One white male, one black female. \$200, negotiable. Call 874-0254.

FOR SALE: AKC registered German Shepherd puppies. Eight weeks old. Firstshots. Will hold until Christmas. Call 886-6208 or 886-7942.

FREE PUPPIES: Eight weeks old. Already had first shots and have been wormed. Three boys, one girl. Call Sonja at 874-2720.

FREE TO GOOD HOME: Solid black fuzzy kitten. Six to eight weeks old. Needs to find a good, loving home for Christmas. Please call 285-3808 after 5 p.m.

## Pets And Supplies

PUT SOMETHING DIFFERENT UNDER THE TREE THIS YEAR! Give a beautiful Cocker Spaniel puppy. We have five for sale—3 black, 1 black/white, and 1 buff. Four months old. \$100 each. Call 358-2114.

THREE TOY POODLES FOR SALE. Will be ready for Christmas gifts. Two male, one female. Call 886-1156.

## Rummage Or Yard Sales

IT'S HERE! GARAGE SALE: Windows, doors; trim; used tires; washers; dryers; stoves; new and used cabinets; electric, coal, wood, gas and kerosene heaters; refrigerators; tables; chairs; living room suits; beds; stroller; walkers; chest; dressers; metal desk; love seats; bunk beds; lots more! Turn under traffic light beside Our Lady of the Way Hospital. Call 285-3004. No refunds. Daylight only.

MOVING SALE: Household items; stove; refrigerator; table, chairs; hutch; much more. House beside of Floyd County Fish & Game Club. Starts Monday, December 13.

MOVING SALE: All fixtures for sale. Come and see at Quality Stamp Center, U.S. 23, Prestonsburg, Call 886-8840.

THE MOUNTAIN PARKWAY FLEA MARKET is now open. We have fresh produce and indoor and outdoor flea markets. New under new owner. Everyone is welcome.

## Services

ALUMINUM MIG WELDING SERVICE. No job too small. Also, thin metal mig welding. Ask for Mark at 285-9462 or 285-3393.

BIG T LANDSCAPING: Lawn Care, Tree Service. Nine years experience. Free estimates. Call Terry at 478-9979. Betsy Layne.

CLARK'S FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND STEAM CLEANING SERVICE. New and used fire extinguishers and service. Also, steam clean coal trucks and heavy equipment. Call 886-3351.

R.A. TAYLOR CHIMNEY CLEANING SERVICE AND PAINTING COMPANY. Both services available anytime. Call 886-8453.

D.J. ELECTRONICS: VCR, Nintendo CD, TV, Deco video, stereo, and car stereo repair. Free estimates. Located on Hwy 101, High Road, Harold. Stop in or call 886-3443 or 886-7911 or 886-1051.

DOZER FOR HIRE: Contract or hourly. Call 478-2717.

DON'T LIKE TO IRON? Will hand press garments and linens at reasonable prices now through the holidays. Satisfaction guaranteed. Phone 886-6754.

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## Services

ECONOMY TREE SERVICE: Tree cutting, topping, removal, dead limbing and cabling. Twenty-one years experience. Licensed, insured and bonded. Bill Rhodes, owner. Dump truck, chipper and winch. Call 1-800-742-4188 toll free for free estimates. (Local 606-353-9276).

FOR HIRE: Woods Backhoe, Dump Truck and Dozer. Will haul gravel, dirt and install septic tanks. Call 874-2914.

FOR HIRE: Backhoe, dozer, dump trucks. Also do septic systems and sell gravel and fill dirt. Call 285-9151 or 285-0491.

GENE'S MOBILE HOME REPAIR AND RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION. Complete renovation, roofing, underpinning, siding, plumbing, porches, decks, foundation, blocklaying, roof over, leveling. Fifteen years experience. Free estimates. References furnished. Call 886-2498 or 886-2099.

JET AND NORWECO HOME treatment plant service. Factory trained, state certified. Also, mini backhoe for hire. Pikeville, 606-432-6686.

JIM'S ELECTRONIC REPAIR SERVICE: Computers, VCR's, stereos, microwave ovens, CB radios, video games. Hwy. 122, Garth. Call 285-5103.

COAL MINE SAFETY CLASS Annual refresher. Surface and underground. 48 hour new miner training; dust and noise survey. Call 285-0650.

NEED A RIDE? Call Mark at 886-3351.

OLAN'S METAL BUILDINGS: HC 36 BOX 50 HAZARD, KY 41701 606-439-4866. Direct buy pole buildings; all steel buildings; carports; built painted steel roof and siding; panels; building insulation; residential and pole barn wood trusses. Olan's carries a full line of wood and metal building accessories. We build to suit your needs.

PIANO TUNER: Qualified to tune, repair or rebuild all makes of pianos. Nineteen years experience. For information call 789-2499. Phil Cole, Teacher/Tuner/Technician.

QUALIFIED PIANO TEACHER with 20+ years experience instructing both children and adults will begin classes 1/3/94. Betsy Layne area. 478-9586.

TEC 21 SERVICE CENTER: TV, VCR, stereo, appliance repair. Carry in service only. U.S. 23 North, Prestonsburg (old Coloma building) 1-800-837-0810 or 886-6724.

FOUND Black dog at Turner's Branch (near East-ern). Call 358-4515.

## Services

WANT TO DO: Tree trimming and cutting; any kind of light hauling. Thirty years experience. Call 886-8266 or 874-9947.

WILL CLEAN HOUSES. Have references. Call 285-3996, ask for Janet.

WRIGHT'S SEAMLESS GUTTERING AND SIDING COMPANY. Quality workmanship surpassed by none. Thousands of references. Over 10 colors in stock. Free estimates. Call 285-9096.

YARD WORK, HILLSIDE CLEANING, TREE TRIMMING. Also have firewood for sale. Phone 874-9847.

## Miscellaneous

FREE SEVEN LESSON Bible correspondence course. Send name and address to: BCC, P.O. Box 724, Martin, KY 41649.

SHOOTING MATCH every Friday night at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Miner's Branch of Water Gap. For details call 874-9413.

THE OLDEST HOUSE IN THE VALLEY, Robert Perry's new book about the May House, is now available at the Bookroom in Downtown Prestonsburg. 58 pages; 6 historic photographs. Price: \$8.

VISIT THE LARGEST PANELING CENTER in Eastern Kentucky at Goble Lumber. Over 80 different prefinished panels in stock and as low as \$3.99 per panel. Call Goble Lumber, 874-9281.

WANT TO BUY: Home or nice lot in the Betsy Layne area. Call 478-5231.

## For Lease

FOR LEASE: One bedroom apartment located at Ival. All utilities included except electric. \$250 per month, \$250 security deposit. Call 606-874-9033 or 478-9593 for more details.

FOR LEASE: Two bedroom townhouse located at Pinhook. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, and washer/dryer. \$350 per month, \$350 security deposit. Call 606-874-9033 or 478-9593 for more details.

FOR LEASE: Three bedroom townhouse located at Maplewood. sub-let at \$400 per month, \$400 security deposit. Unit will be available January 1. For more details call 606-874-9033 or 478-9033.

## Lost Or Found

FOUND Black dog at Turner's Branch (near East-ern). Call 358-4515.

## Business Opportunity

FOR SALE: Videos, shelving and all equipment needed to open video store. Call 377-2032.

GATES 3000B HYDRAULIC HOSE ASSEMBLY SHOP. Complete with inventory. W55 Pacific, \$6,500. Call 432-2007.

PAY PHONE ROUTE (Local). 50 established profitable sites. \$1,300 weekly. Must sell. 1-800-851-6156.

## Mobile Home Sales

14 WIDE TWO BEDROOM HOMES starting at less than \$144 per month, plus interest is available as low as 7%. The Affordable Housing Mart, 537 New Circle Road, Lexington: 293-1609 or 800-755-5359.

1985 GILES BUSINESS MOBILE HOME. Central heat/air. All hook-ups. Ready to be moved. \$5,000 negotiable. Can be seen at 1440 Cliff Road, Prestonsburg.

DELUX 14 WIDE TWO BEDROOM, FRONT KITCHEN HOME. Starting at less than \$155 per month. Down payments available as low as \$810. The Affordable Housing Mart, 537 New Circle Road, Lexington: 293-1609 or 800-755-5359.

DELUXE COUNTRY KITCHEN. 28x48, three spacious bedrooms with two baths. Five year warranty by Firstwood. The Affordable Housing Mart, 537 New Circle Road, Lexington: 293-1609 or 800-755-5359.

GOOD SELECTION OF USED MOBILE HOMES for sale. Very reasonable. Will deliver. Call 606-478-4530.

LUXURIOUS 28x60 THREE BEDROOM, bath, spacious kitchen, durable vinyl siding. Less than \$280 per month. The Affordable Housing Mart, 537 New Circle Road, Lexington: 293-1609 or 800-755-5359.

THE BEST PRICES IN TOWN are in the country at Rainbow Homes, Ival (on the 4-lane, on the hill). Call 606-478-4530.

## VALUE + QUALITY!

We build, service, and finance homes. You save \$1,000! General Electric, DuPont Stainmaster, Armstrong No Wax, Reynolds. Owner Coming Insulation. Quality materials in Oakwood Mobile Homes. 14x70 three bedroom 2 bath only \$16,900 for a limited time. Call 623-1121, ask for John.

## Carpentry Work

CARPENTRY WORK ALL TYPES. New homes from ground up; remodeling or additions; all finish work; drywall; painting (interior, exterior and trim work); All types of concrete work—driveways, sidewalks, foundations, etc.; any size pole buildings; garages; decks. Over 20 years experience. Will furnish references. Robie Johnson, Jr. Call anytime! 886-8896.

EAST KENTUCKY GUTTER, SIDING AND ROOFING. 3" and 6" seamless gutters; shingle roofs; vinyl siding. Free estimates. Call James Hall, 285-9512.

## Carpentry Work

HOME BUILDING AND ALL TYPES OF REMODELING. Room Additions. Garages. Decks. Roofing. Concrete walks, patios, driveways. Have it done right the first time! Call Roger Rowe at 886-6528.

RELIABLE WORK AT REASONABLE PRICES: All phases of new homes, additions; remodeling; storage buildings; garages and decks. Fifteen years experience. Free estimates. Call John or "Catfish" at 285-3967 anytime.

## Plumbing

PORTER PLUMBING COMPANY ALLEN, KY. Commercial, residential and service work. Licensed and insured. Rotor rotor service, drain cleaning, etc. CALL US FIRST! 874-2794.

## Carpet Cleaners

HOLIDAY SPECIAL! Free application of DuPont Soil Protector when you have your carpet professionally cleaned by SERVICEMASTER. Minimum of four rooms. Call SERVICEMASTER at 886-8315. Offer expires November 30, 1993.

## Heating/Air Conditioning

BLANTON HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING. Sales, Service Installation. High efficiency electric and gas units. Electrical services available. Free estimates. Call 874-2908.

## New & Used Furniture

ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY. Living room suits; daybeds; gun cabinets; bedroom suits; recliners; odd chests; dinette sets; bunk beds; odd beds; loungers; used washers, dryers, refrigerators; and lots more! Call 874-9790.

HEY LOOK! Scott's Furniture and Carpet. Midnight Movers. You call—we haul. Lots of new and used furniture, appliances and antiques. Located on Rt. 122, 2 1/2 miles above Martin. Phone 285-3705.

COLLINS FURNITURE Rt. 194 Cow Creek Road 874-2058.

New full size mattress set, \$125; new four drawer chest, dark color, \$60; new couch and chair, \$250; gas heaters; electric ranges; dryers; refrigerators; complete crib bed, \$75; playpen, \$25; assortment of bedspreads, \$10 each; encyclopedias, \$15; full, twin bedsteads and bedding; four dinette chairs, \$35; lots of small items; exercise equipment. We always appreciate your business.

ROSE'S USED FURNITURE has a lot of nice appliances with a 30 day warranty. We also have new mattresses, living room and bedroom sets, new 12x15 carpet, musical instruments, paintings, home interior, new quilts, old jewelry and more. Most anything needed for the home. This Christmas, give something she really needs. Come see us for some great gift ideas. Located between Allen and Lancer red lights on Rt. 1428 (across bridge to Goble Roberts). 886-8085; or 886-3463 after 5.

## Wants To Rent/Lease

JIM NABORS, Pastor of First Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg, needs to rent 2 or 3 bedroom home in Floyd County area. Leave a message at 886-2952.

DO NOT OWN UNTIL YOU SEE IT.

In some countries, particularly in northern Europe, "Christmas" presents are given out on December 6, the feast of St. Nicholas.

"CRAB LEG?"

The largest crustacean, the giant spider crab of Japan, measures up to 12 feet long between its outstretched claws.

## Excellent EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

CHAPPY MART TACO BELL Baskin Robbins

Excellent employment opportunities in a fast paced industry with a quickly growing company. Full time positions in the Harold area. To apply, bring resume (if available) to the Coleman Oil Office in Shelby, between the hours of 9 and 4.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 432-1476

CHAPPY MART



# The Friday Comics

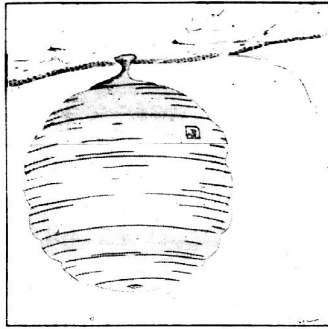
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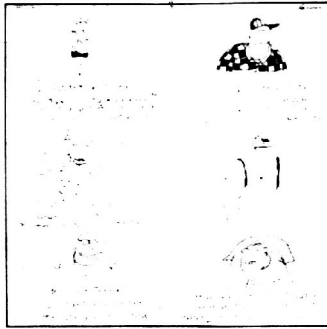
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Iggy knew he was extremely lucky to get a room with a view.



In their sibling's shadow.



THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVA

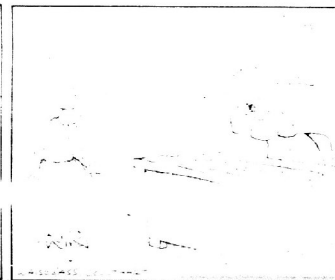
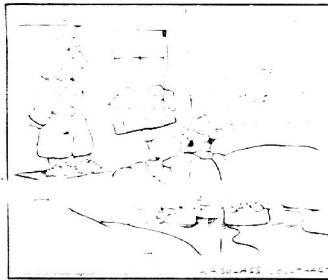


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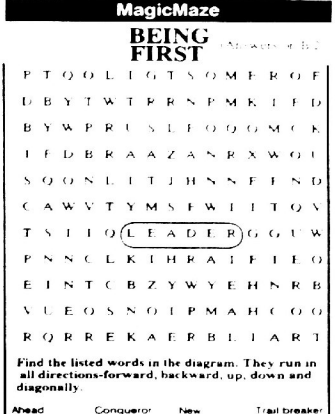
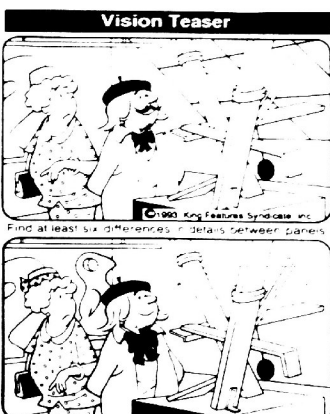
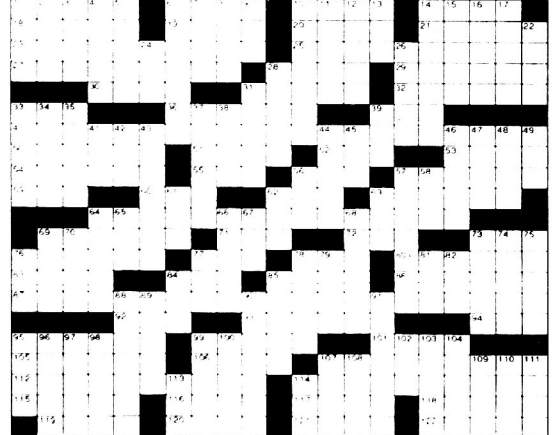
"For an extra \$10, we'll apply our new patented, non-skid, industrial-strength, wind-resistant coating."

"Hey, wait a minute... only a man would wear green pumps with a blue chiffon dress!"



## Super Crossword

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## MagicMaze

### BEING FIRST

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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