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**Pact outlines funding plan for 911 setup**

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

Floyd County could be one step closer to having an operating E-911 system if the city and county sign a proposed agreement that helps fund the system.

Prestonsburg City Council members got their first look at the agreement Monday during their regular meeting. The council said it would hold a special meeting late this week or early next week to sign the document.

The agreement gives the county, through the E-911 board of directors, the full responsibility of establishing and running the system. It also stipulates that the county hire

all dispatch personnel presently employed by the city and that those personnel be subject to the county's personnel policies, including a six-month probationary period.

The system will also provide dispatching services for the city.

In return, the city will fund a portion of the operating costs, not to exceed \$90,000 in the first 12 months of operation.

The exact amount paid by the city will be determined by total expenses less 911 surcharge payments received from Bell South and Harold Telephone companies and the portion of operations paid by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

The initial budget for the service shows that the city is expecting to pay about \$54,034 for the first year while the sheriff's department will chip in \$36,000 and 911 revenues will be \$170,880 (16,000 telephone subscribers at 89 cents per month).

Expense-wise, the budget calls for a start-up cost of \$359,394, with annual operational costs estimated at \$260,914.

The largest expense in the budget is personnel costs, with \$160,020 being set aside for salary and wages. Employee benefits, including FICA, retirement, health insurance, are on top of that amount.

"This is pretty general," County Judge-Executive Ben Hale said. "This agreement is pretty much what was discussed. It is not a surprise to the county."

Hale said most of the numbers in the budget are pretty firm, but there's always room for a shift if operations call for it.

"This is a first-time budget. We don't know if there'll be any surprises springing up," Hale said.

He said the budget will be reassessed at the end of the year and the city's commitment could be raised or lowered as needed at that time.

"But we've got to have a starting point," he said. "I don't think we're way off base on anything though."

**Dingus says he was fired for being on 'wrong side'**

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

A state transportation employee from Floyd County who was fired from his job this week said Tuesday that his termination resulted from being on the wrong side of the political fence in the governor's race.

Bill "Crush" Dingus, 61, of Prestonsburg, said Tuesday that his firing was no surprise and said he planned to retire anyway. Dingus added that his job loss was "just a formality" with the incoming administration of Governor Paul Patton.

"I was a Jones man. That's why they got me," Dingus said. "I was for (Larry) Forgy, too. Patton wasn't for the miners and I couldn't be for him."

Dingus said that "a lot" of transportation employees were fired this week and that he will receive pay from accrued vacation and retirement.

"I worked it out with them

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**Man's silence in court lands him in jail for contempt**

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

A McDowell man indicted on a charge of marijuana cultivation was held in contempt of court Friday for failing to agree to an interview with the pre-trial release officer in order for a bond to be set.

Price Hall, 52, who was indicted last year, was ordered jailed by Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill Friday afternoon and continued to refuse to be interviewed over the weekend.

Hall, who bailiffs say made threatening statements toward officials while being taken to jail Friday, was brought before Judge Caudill Monday morning, but Hall refused to acknowledge the judge's presence.

Judge Caudill told Hall that he could have been released from the county jail Friday afternoon if he would agree to be interviewed. Caudill explained that the interview was necessary to set a reasonable bond on the charge.

Hall refused to answer when Judge Caudill asked him if he understood his statements or when asked if he could afford an attorney.

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**Back to school**

Students at Prestonsburg High School got on the bus Monday after the first day back at school after being out for two weeks because of snow. Overall attendance was at 94 percent Monday. (photo by Patti M. Clark)

**Back-to-school numbers are good after long layoff**

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

New Floyd school superintendent John Balentine received a pleasant surprise Monday morning. The overall attendance rate at county schools was 94 percent.

"This was tremendous after a long layoff because of snow and the one-hour delay this morning," Balentine said. "I just want to give my thanks to the parents of the Floyd County School District for the response they are giving today."

Balentine, who has only been on the job here since the first part of this month, said he wasn't sure what the attendance average would be.

"I didn't know what to expect. I'd been told that maybe students wouldn't be here with the long layoff and the delay, that they wouldn't come back to school after being out."

But the parents of the county fooled him, sending their children back to school en masse. "I guess they'd been so cooped up with mom and dad for so long that mom and dad got tired of them and they

got tired of mom and dad," he said. "I'm very very positive about what has occurred here."

While roads weren't perfect Monday morning, Balentine said they were "pretty much clear. There were a couple of hollows we couldn't get the buses into and we asked those parents to walk or drive their children out. We're going to continue to monitor roads. Our main goal is to keep children safe."

Balentine said he considers several factors before deciding to close school.

"I have people on the roads all the time and there are people who live in certain areas that we call when the roads start getting bad," he said.

He has traveled some of those roads himself. "On Friday, a week

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**Theft suspects jailed after high-speed chase**

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

Two Pike County men were arrested and lodged in the Floyd County jail early Monday morning after a high-speed chase.

Larry D. Blackburn, 35, and Charles E. Scott, 32, were charged with numerous traffic and felony charges following the high-speed pursuit from the Betsy Layne area to the Coal Run area in Pike County. The incident occurred about 1

a.m. Monday.

According to the Kentucky State Police, Blackburn and Scott, a passenger in Blackburn's vehicle, were arrested by Sgt. Mike Crawford following a pursuit of speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. Crawford was assisted by Trooper Bobby Day.

After the arrest, it was revealed that the two men had allegedly broken into five pop machines outside

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**Explosion near Allen home sets off probe**

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

An investigation is underway into a possible explosion Monday night at the home of an Allen City Commissioner.

Commissioner Billy Salisbury, his wife, Greta, and children were inside the home at the time of the incident but were not injured.

Floyd deputy sheriffs Ricky Thornsberry, Bobby Hackworth, Steve Toy and Allen police chief Virgil Conn responded to Salisbury's home around 10 p.m. Monday. Neighbors told Thornsberry that they heard a loud bang that shook their homes. A preliminary review of the scene Monday night revealed no evidence and the investigation continued on Tuesday, Thornsberry said.

County attorney pro tem John Mann alleged Tuesday that the blast at the Salisbury's home may be related to a long-standing dispute between Billy Salisbury and brothers Phillip and Cory Patton, who also live in Allen and are the grandsons of former City Commissioner Anne Bentley.

Salisbury charged Phillip Patton with fourth degree assault for an alleged altercation on January 6 and a hearing was held in Floyd District Court Tuesday to revoke Patton's bond.

Prior to the court hearing, Mann told District Judge James Allen that Patton violated a restraining order to stay away from Salisbury's home and flashed a knife at Salisbury in Prestonsburg on Monday.

Mann also told the judge that one of Patton's family members "bombed" the Salisbury home Monday.

At the hearing, Salisbury testified that Phillip Patton, 19, attacked him on January 6 and that led to Patton being charged with fourth degree assault. Salisbury said he obtained additional charges of second degree stalking and menacing on Monday after Patton threatened him with a knife in the city of Prestonsburg.

According to the testimony, Sal-

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**Judge says 'no' to county work on private property**

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

Blizzard or no blizzard, county road employees are prohibited from doing work on private property, Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale told fiscal court members Friday.

Most of Friday's discussions at the fiscal court meeting centered on the blizzard earlier this month that dumped nearly two feet of snow in

the county.

Magistrates quizzed Hale about why county workers could not clear roads to cemeteries or church parking lots using county-owned equipment.

Magistrate Gerald DeRossett told Hale that there is a resolution previously passed by the court that deems a roadway public when it serves more than three homes.

The judge-executive told magis-

trates that unless a roadway is adopted into the county road system, employees are legally prohibited from doing any work on the road.

"We can't do a blanket resolution," Hale said. "That's why I appointed the (road) committee and why I want to our county map up to date. It seemed pretty cut and dried to me. Either we own it or we don't own it. I'm just trying to do everything right and protect everybody. I'm not saying I don't want to do it. I want to do it correctly. I want to do things correct and legal as county judge."

Magistrate Ernal Tackett told the judge-executive he thought work on private roadways could have been done by county employees because a state of emergency had been declared in the county.

DeRossett added that in the past, magistrates had worked on roads that served more than three homes.

Hale explained that there is a difference between a public and county-owned road regarding the legality of using county workers and equipment to do road work.

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**City looks to mountain top for latest annexation plan**

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

The city limits of Prestonsburg could expand by about 3,600 acres in the near future.

That's if a proposed ordinance to annex property near Adams Middle School gets the council's nod of approval.

"We're talking about the mountain top from this end to Rt. 3," Mayor Jerry Fannin said in Monday's council meeting. "This is about 3,600 acres of property."

Some of the property already belongs to the city via a gift from the Army Corps of Engineers to be used strictly for recreational purposes. Nearly 300 acres transferred to the city as part of the 1996 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act in November.

That property was formerly leased by Jenny Wiley State Park.

The city will use it to build a recreational project that will include an 18-hole championship golf course. The land is on the hill

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**It's cookie time**

Members of Brownie Troop No. 44 stopped at the home of Kathryn Frazier in Prestonsburg to sell Girl Scout Cookies Monday. Pictured with Mrs. Frazier are Jessica Maynard, left; Katherin Austin, in center; and Anita Allison, right. The Brownie Troop is part of the Wilderness Road Council. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

# Private Property

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Hale reiterated that public funds could not be expended to work on roads not owned by the county.

"I hate to bum a grader to grade a church parking lot," Magistrate Elmer Ray Johnson told Hale.

"I'm not going to give you a directive to work on private property," Hale told Johnson. "I agree with you Elmer Ray, but I'm not gonna say you can do anything you want to on private property."

DeRossett asked how many homes had to be served by a road before it is taken into the county road system.

Hale told DeRossett it didn't matter how many homes were served by a road and that a roadway had to be owned by the county before it could be worked on.

DeRossett asked County Attorney Jim Hammond for his opinion on the issue and Hammond said he agreed with Hale.

Hammond also reminded the magistrates that there are limited resources to maintain roads and that once a road is adopted into the

county system, the county must maintain it.

Tackett asked that the court pass a resolution pertaining to emergencies and what work could be done on private property.

Hale said he would be in favor of such a move if it was legal and asked the county attorney to see if it would be possible to pass such a resolution.

Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens said the county should purchase salt trucks which also have snow blades. Owens explained that the dump trucks could travel through the county faster than a grader which would speed up clearing roads.

Hale cautioned the magistrates about buying those vehicles which would be used only for limited period of time during a year. Hale suggested that officials look into finding the vehicles this summer at a state auction of surplus vehicles.

Owens wanted to accept bids on the vehicles in order to get a price estimate.

Magistrates voted to advertise

for bids on the vehicles.

Also, Ollie Leslie of Dwale asked the court why it took so long for roads to be cleared in the Allen/Dwale area.

Hale explained that several of the graders broke down during the storm which delayed clearing roads. Hale thanked members of the Floyd County and Left Beaver Emergency and Rescue Squads and local fire departments for their assistance during the storm.

Disaster and Emergency Services Director Lonnie May told the court that Kentucky National Guardsmen provided transportation during the storm, but he added that no snow removal equipment is being kept at the Prestonsburg Armory.

State officials downsized the Prestonsburg Armory last year because of reported cutbacks in the U.S. Army.

In other action Friday:

• Magistrate Owens was apparently upset with a comment made in December by Floyd County Solid

Waste Commissioner Lowell Sammons regarding magistrates' pay and the purchase of vehicles. Owens said Sammons "was a good one to call the kettle black because he was on (the court) when they broke the county." Owens added that the commission owes the court \$10,000 for salaries of workers and wanted to know when it would be paid back. Hale told Owens that the commission is aware of what is owed and will pay the debt.

• Hale reported that a special meeting will have to be held in order to take court meetings out in the county. Hale said it is his intention to hold special meetings out in the county. Magistrate Owens commented that "everybody knows when" the meetings are and that they make a point to attend them if they want to.

• Bob Meyer updated the court on the county's E-911 service and suggested that magistrates approve the E-911 board's recommendations to purchase recording equipment and to hire James D. Wells as

PSAP supervisor at an annual salary of \$18,000. The court voted to approve the recommendations. Hammond also asked that representatives from the Big Sandy Area Development District give a report on the mapping progress at the February meeting.

• The court voted to release grant money to the Floyd County Development Authority for the purchase and development of an industrial site at Ivel. The development authority bought the 36-acre site from Marshall and Roberta Davidson for \$900,000.

• Hale announced that state Corrections Cabinet officials are scheduled to do an inspection of the county's new jail facility on Thursday. If state officials approve the facility, Hale said, the jail should be turned over to the county and opened soon.

• The court met in closed session for about 15 minutes to discuss pending litigation.

All members were present at Friday's meeting.

# Slow growth predicted for Eastern Kentucky

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

Growth in Eastern Kentucky may not keep up with growth in the rest of the state over the next three years.

That's according to Eric Thompson, assistant professor of economics at the University of Kentucky.

Thompson, along with Gail M. Hoyt, assistant professor of economics at U.K., and Mark Berger, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at U.K., presented an economic forecast January 17.

The news conference originated at the University of Kentucky, but involved reporters from around the state via tele-linking technology at the community colleges.

"This is the first time we've used this equipment for this type of thing," Mark Francis, public relations director for Prestonsburg Community College, said. He said the equipment had been used for off-site classes. A tele-medicine room with similar equipment is also located at PCC.

Thompson predicted that

Kentucky's economy will grow slightly faster than the national pace during 1996, 1997, and 1998. He also predicted a 1.7 percent increase in wage and salary income growth, and an increase of 9,870 jobs in the state over that period.

He predicted that while manufacturing jobs will slow across the state, those jobs will still grow by about one percent.

"The most rapidly growing manufacturing industries in Kentucky are forecast to be transportation equipment, rubber and miscellaneous plastic products, and paper products," Thompson said.

But he had little reassuring news for the eastern portion of the state and offered few alternatives for jobs lost in the mining industry.

"Companies in Eastern Kentucky should investigate wood products and I'm not just talking about logging," Thompson said. "This can include the manufacture of construction materials."

He said while the coal mining industry will continue to see job losses, they will occur at a slower pace than in recent years. The industry has lost 1,400 jobs per year

since 1990, according to Thompson. Those jobs are forecast to decline by 600 jobs per year from 1996 to 1998.

He suggested development officials in the area investigate other resource-based industries, as well as the food processing industry. "Some industries will be better suited for that area," he said.

Construction employment is also expected to increase by 1.5 percent a year, producing about 1,100 jobs each year. That increase could be directly attributed to Thompson's projection that the state's population will grow by a little less than one percent annually, or about 33,000 per year. He said nearly 22,000 of that is migration into the state.

Hoyt said Eastern Kentucky could also see the most effects of a welfare reform act that gives control of federal dollars for those programs to the states.

She said that because of the large number of transfer payment recipients — those who receive Social Security, welfare, AFDC, or other such payments — are in Eastern Kentucky, the area will be hardest hit if the block grant program of

reforms is approved.

"Kentucky officials will face special challenges in dealing with the impact of welfare reform on low-income residents of several Eastern Kentucky counties with high unemployment rates," she said.

Under the block grant system, the federal government would provide each state with a set amount of money for its welfare program to

cover payments to recipients and costs of administration. The federal government and the state currently share the costs in the program.

"The federal changes will make it more difficult for the state to weather economic downturns," Hoyt said. The reforms also could result in increasing Kentucky's poverty rate.

About 70 percent of Kentucky's money for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program comes from the federal government. The national average is 55 percent.

# Dingus

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where they have to pay me \$7,000 in vacation," Dingus said. "I'll also get my retirement money."

Dingus had a string of drunk driving arrests in 1993, two of which were while driving a state-owned vehicle, and when he was an assistant to former state Highway Commissioner Jerry Anglin.

In January 1993, Dingus was arrested two times within a 24-hour period and charged with driving under the influence. In one incident, officers said Dingus was traveling the wrong way on U.S. 23 near Prestonsburg. The drunk driving charges against Dingus were amended or dismissed and he was convicted of second

degree wanton endangerment.

Transportation Cabinet spokeswoman Laura White told the Louisville Courier-Journal that Dingus was reprimanded and reassigned after his conviction. White also said that Dingus was banned from driving state cars. Dingus' recent salary was \$40,500.

# GED at PCC

The GED exam scheduled for Saturday, January 27, at 8 a.m. at Prestonsburg Community College will be the last given at PCC before a statewide fee increase scheduled to take effect February 1.

The fee for the exam to be given January 27 at PCC is \$15 for the entire test or \$3 per sub-test. Persons who wish to register for this test should call 886-3863, ext. 219, or ask for the testing department. Those taking the test must bring a photo ID, an A-6 Form from the local Board of Education.

# Contempt

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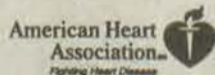
ney. Hall looked down at the floor and shook his head while the judge addressed him.

Judge Caudill withdrew the contempt of court charge against Hall, set a \$5,000 full cash bond and appointed a public defender to represent him until an interview is given.

The judge told Hall that the bond could be reduced if he would agree to an interview with the pre-trial officer. Caudill told Hall that he could be released as soon as he agrees to an interview and set a pre-

trial conference for February 15.

Hall made no statements in court. He was indicted by a Floyd County Grand Jury in December on a charge of cultivating marijuana. Sheriff's deputies found almost 200 marijuana plants growing on Hall's property last July.



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# Chase

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the Pic-Pac store at Stanville and took coin changers and coin boxes containing an undetermined amount of money.

Both subjects were charged with theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief and possession of burglar tools.

Additional charges against Blackburn include speeding, reckless driving, attempt to elude a police officer, second degree wanton endangerment, and failure to yield right of way.

The two men appeared in court Monday morning and entered no guilty pleas to the charges. Bond was set for Blackburn at \$7,000 on the felony counts and \$4,000 on the misdemeanors. Scott's bond was set at \$7,000. A preliminary hearing has been set for January 31 at 2:30 p.m.

The case is still under investigation by Crawford and Day.

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

## By the book

by Scott Perry

Reality bites.

That, no doubt, is the general feeling among members of Floyd County's Fiscal Court, who learned Friday that Judge Ben Hale intends to operate his administration according to the letter of the law, and not necessarily by following precedents of the past or by taking the easy way out.

Let us all breathe a sigh of relief.

At issue here is a debate Friday between Hale and magistrates over snow removal priorities and requests that the judge give his blessing to the use of county equipment and personnel for work on cemetery roads, church parking lots and other roads that have not been adopted into the county's system.

Rejecting arguments that such work had always been done before, Hale stood firm on the side of the law, which prohibits the use of public funds on private property.

That prohibition applies as well

to work on public roadways that have not been officially incorporated into the county's road system.

In other words, if the county doesn't own the road, it can't be legally maintained with taxpayer money.

While Hale's stand on the issue certainly has boosted his grades on integrity, it may prove costly should his critics attempt to use it for political purposes.

After all, you don't make many political points ticking off church congregations or families who have been isolated by blizzards.

That first group, though, should be leading the applause for Hale's stance on this issue.

What truly devoted person would put their convenience above the law?

Why, none, of course.

We have little doubt that our magistrates were well-intentioned in their efforts to provide special service to those in need, but the law is the law and they are obligated to obey it.

As are we all.

## Letters to the editor

### Letters to the editor policy

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### Trapdoor will spring on May House plan

Editor:  
As a student of Erskine Caldwell; humor; and often jaundiced view of mans endeavors; I have waited patiently to learn how the trap was baited in the May House museum project. And this being Eastern Kentucky, and in particular, Floyd County. I never doubted for a moment that a trapdoor existed—whereby our good hill folks could be again led to the promised land and told again that they could not enter.

Mr. Robert Perry, president, Friends of the May House, provided us with the answer in his letter of appreciation to the workers and contributors to the project (FCT 1-10-96).

The trapdoor for the project appears to be the covenant (contract) in deed by which the May House property is being conveyed to the city of Prestonsburg. The contract states that the property: (1) Will be used as a living history museum and (2) cannot be used for any other purpose. Violation of either covenant will cause the deed to be null and void, and ownership of the property reverts back to the May family. Folks, it does not require the services of Sherlock Holmes to find the squad car in that legal arrangement.

I have personally never heard of a "living history museum." But information tracts, etc., from Friends of the May House seem to indicate a rather substantial institution; classrooms with teachers, sales outlets with sales clerks for tourist items, maintenance people; secretary people, and so forth. Can we safely estimate a staff of ten people? And what will this cost the city in payroll, medical insurance, vacation times, etc. How much does it cost the city for ten (10) skilled employees at present. Add lights, heat, insurance, and so forth, and we are conservatively in the \$300,000/year cost to the city.

Good folks, according to Mr. Perry, the contract says that the May House and property "will" be used as a "living history museum." Not ought to be used; should be used; or may be used. It will be used as a living history museum.

Now, a closed museum is not a living history museum; which appears to mean that if the museum is temporarily closed, even during a severe economic depression the contract would be violated and the property reverts back to the May family. So folks, when real hard times come, you may have to close the fire department, lay off most of your police department, but at least you will know that the living history museum is open and you can go there and attend lectures on the family history.

Mr. Robert Perry seems to appreciate this aspect of the project. He warns in his letter that the deed conveying the property contains these two provisions. He offers a weak caveat that this is a big responsibility for the city to undertake; and that it is up to the present and future citizens of Prestonsburg to make sure that the terms of the contract are met. As did Pontius Pilate, he seems to be washing his hands concerning the outcome of the May House prospect.

And as did Pontius Pilate, he appears to know what the outcome will be.

This seems to be sharper than a serpent's tooth to me. The May House has deteriorated to the point of being a public eyesore; it is in danger of collapse; and simple prudence would dictate that it be torn down, if for no other reason than it's potential liability to the property owners. However, at this point, the taxpayers provide \$500,000 to restore the house as a virtual monument to the May family. What do the taxpayers get? A contract that seems to ensure, with a dead certainty, that the \$500,000 restored May House will revert back to the May family. The Catch 22 covenants in the deed seem to ensure this. It must be operated as a living museum; it cannot be used for any other purpose, even to generate income to help keep the doors open. And they can't close it. No, the good citizens of Prestonsburg seem to have been given the signal honor of operating this establishment at perhaps a cost of \$300,000 or more each year. Yes, good people, this all seems to be a story line worthy of Erskine Caldwell.

Lloyd Goble  
Prestonsburg

### Parent questions board of education

Editor:  
I'm a concerned parent of Maytown Elementary students. Why is it that Duff Elementary and Allen Elementary have new schools K through eight and we are only getting a K through fifth and sixth? Seventh and eighth goes to the old building. I feel our children of Maytown and Martin deserve a new school. How much more would it cost to build it big enough to hold all grades? We pay enough taxes to build a new school for our childrer in Floyd County. I feel if you can not supply the need for every child just leave us alone. Parents it's time we start standing up!

Paula Ousley  
Eastern

### Renovation of PHS appears ill-advised

Editor:  
Questions that need to be asked concerning the construction and building to be done at Prestonsburg High School.

- The present structure (PHS) is located in the 100-year flood plain and the first floor has been under flood water on several occasions. The heating system (natural gas) and utilities also have been under flood water along with the physical education facility (gym).

- The present school site is not large enough to accommodate the proposed school facility or to provide sufficient space (acreage) for required student activities, i.e. soccer, baseball, track, outdoor classrooms.

- The present school site does not provide for safe student school bus loading or unloading. This has been frequently brought up by numerous surveys by the Division of Transportation, Kentucky Department of Education. This is presently an extremely dangerous situation that will become even more dangerous for the students if additional facilities or extension of facilities occurs. The present school

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## Coffee Break

No disrespect intended, but Kentucky's Supreme Court is full of baloney.

The court ruled last week that a state law, which prohibits parents from serving on school-based decision-making councils if they have a relative employed anywhere in the school district, is constitutional.

The court's reasoning for supporting the ban? Because the state's General Assembly has the authority to pass laws that apply to education reform in Kentucky.

Well, duh. Everybody knows the legislature has the authority to enact laws.

We didn't know, though, that they had the power to adopt unfair or unconstitutional statutes.

In fact, we thought the supreme court was there to make sure they didn't.

Now we may not have a lawyer's grasp of the law, but it sure seems to us that a statute, which applies only to parent representatives on a site-based council and not any of the other members, falls a bit shy of our constitutional right to equal protection under the law.

And, we find this law particularly unreasonable in its suggestion that parents with family members employed in a school district are the

only ones prone to the unfavorable influences of nepotism.

Laws that don't apply to everyone should apply to no one.

You'd think our supreme court would recognize that before anyone.

The Gov is concerned that Republicans have too much clout in the state senate, where the ratio is 21 Democrats to 17 Republicans, so he's going to throw his political weight behind efforts to unseat as many GOP senators as he can.

Well, so much for his vow to be a governor for all of Kentucky.

Guess that regions of the state which vote for the senators of their choice need a little lesson in Politics 101, Kentucky Style.

That's where it's okay to have two parties, but the minority should be neither seen nor heard.

Otherwise, it might force some issues to be thoroughly debated before they're shoved down our throats.

If we're going to continue this argument over how to best reform education reform in

Kentucky, maybe we ought to include some discussion on one "traditional" aspect of our current system that needs some modernization.

Every year, dozens of Kentucky school districts...usually those in rural parts of the state...see their calendars interrupted by inclement weather, often for long stretches at a time.

Those gaps create chaos in school funding and instructional consistency, not to mention the problems bad weather causes for parents of small children.

The traditional solution to making up lost days is to extend the school year, adding days in the spring months, but that approach has its faults, too.

Extended school years can create conflicts for teachers and students who have plans for summer school or summer jobs and, well, many students just seem to lose interest in school when the trees start budding and the birds start chirping.

Year 'round school is one idea under consideration, but a more reasonable approach might be just to extend the school day by an hour or two in the fall months. We could pick up between 10 and 20 full days of instruction by

the end of November with that approach and could conceivably take off the whole month of January without losing a minute of classroom time.

Eight hours a day might be too much for the little fellows in the primary grades, though, but the idea is worth some study.

Shall we?

Kentucky State Police officers have been ordered to holster their tongues and to suppress their personal opinions on a proposed concealed-weapons bill until the KSP's head honcho, the Justice Cabinet commissioner, takes a stand on the issue.

It might be appropriate to remind whoever issued the gag order that his directive is in direct conflict with the United States Constitution, a document we thought peace officers were sworn to uphold and protect.

Don't recall reading any fine print in the First Amendment that says we are free to speak our minds, as long as we clear our opinions with the boss, first.

We have a suggestion on how KSP officers should respond to the order writer... Arrest that man.

# Letters

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site is located adjacent to (within 100 feet) of an extremely traffic congested highway.

• Presently, the school parking lot cannot handle student parking as is and many students park on a very congested city street. The renovation of the present school facility will eliminate all student parking on campus and will cause a disastrous situation on city streets in the community. School and community relations will suffer immeasurably. There will also be no parking for student athletic events.

• The present water runoff, or drainage system for the school complex is via underground drains to the river. The city of Prestonsburg does not have any flood control structures or pumping stations in the northern section of the city. There are no storm sewers or drainage for this section of the community. As a matter of fact, the city utilizes the higher natural elevation of the land south of the school site to keep flood water from entering the city proper. During periods of flooding, the river enters the school complex from three sides, as well as through the drainage lines.

• The independent school system of Prestonsburg (1954) sold bonds to construct the school facilities. When the independent Schools of

Prestonsburg merged with county public schools, the county assumed the bonding payments for the gymnasium. However, neither the county public schools nor the Independent School District has paid for the bonds to construct the football field. The stadium and other related structures were constructed in 1960. To raise revenue to construct this facility, bonds were sold to citizens throughout the area. The payment for the bonds should have occurred in the 1960s, but no one has been paid one cent for their bonds. Can a facility be located on an area which has not paid previous bond indebtedness?

• The Prestonsburg Utilities Corporation manages the city's sewage system. Presently, for the city's sewage system to handle the sewage from the school, there is a lift station situated on the school campus. Past flooding has caused considerable problems at the school since raw sewage backs up into the school when the area south of the school is flooded. This has caused serious health problems for the students.

• The gymnasium floor is constructed on floating concrete pads. Because these pads fluctuate, they have previously sheared water, gas, and sewer lines. This has enabled

flood water to enter the complex through the broken lines.

• Presently, the fifty plus certified staff must find parking spaces wherever they can. Many now park on city streets and adjacent to the gymnasium. If these spaces are utilized for facility expansion, the certified staff will have no parking places at all.

• American Electric Power has constructed a \$1,000,000 plus transmission station within 1,000 feet of the school complex. If school expansion occurs southward, the school will be too close to the electrical complex.

• The present school facility was constructed in 1954. It has undergone numerous floods, explosions and ground shaking road construction activities. The foundation is cracked, the exterior brick walls are cracked, the roof has on two occasions caved in, and the city came close to condemning the structure in 1992 because of falling bricks, window sills and other debris.

• The aforementioned are only a few of the many questions that must be answered before the architect plans for renovation are approved by the local board or the state board of Elementary and Secondary Education and approved for the sale of revenue producing bonds by the

school district.

What will happen to the students and staff during two-three years of major renovation of an old building? The students will suffer academically since the teachers will not be able to provide a suitable academic environment nor will they be able to enhance any instruction with normal learning activities.

Should the students (800+) of Northern Floyd County not have the same academic facilities as the other 1,200 high school students in Floyd County? Regardless of the amount of money the state spends on renovating the PHS facility, they will end up with a renovated old dilapidated facility with little aesthetic quality and no modern equipment as required by KERA.

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## Nolan Amusements will add to entertainment of Pioneer Festival

by Janice Shepherd  
Managing Editor

Four days and nights of carnival rides will add sparkle to the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival in October.

At its meeting Monday night, the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival Committee agreed to add Nolan Amusements to the lineup of entertainment during the festival. The amusement company will bring in eight to ten rides, five or

six games, and two food booths, Prestonsburg tourism director Fred James, reported at the meeting.

James said the amusement company participates in the Apple Day Festival and the rides are state inspected.

"They've got good marks," James said.

The group agreed to place the amusement company on the parking lot beside Hall and Clark Insurance Company.

A discussion ensued regarding the blocking of streets in the downtown area for the carnival rides. The group plans to block off a section of Arnold Avenue from the Coachman to the library for arts and crafts. Some members of the group expressed concern about access for firefighters and business people if other streets were blocked.

Committee chairperson Donna Blackburn said the group should talk to Prestonsburg fire chief Tom Blackburn before planning to section off other streets.

"Whatever 'Tombo' says we need to do, we'll do it," Helene Branham, a member of the committee, added.

In other business at the meeting:

- Branham was elected vice chairman.
- Sue Webb agreed to record minutes of the meetings.
- Prices were set for concessions and vendor sales.
- The use of spray confetti or similar sprays, such as shaving cremes, were banned from the festival.

## Left Beaver squad lists activities for '95

During 1995, the Left Beaver Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad responded to a total of 91 accidents with injuries; 47 of those were within their fire district and 44 were outside their district.

The volunteers used the Jaws of Life nine times last year to free victims trapped inside their vehicles, according to statistics compiled by Curtis Hall of McDowell.

The squad made runs to 21 structure fires, six vehicle fires, seven forest fires and responded to four fire alarms. They also rendered mutual aid to other fire departments at least twice during the year.

They made one mountain rescue within their district and one outside their district.

"With an average roster of 34 volunteers, this represents several hundred man hours of service, plus many, many hours of helping with traffic control and parking at social events, such as the Squirrel Festival, and church associations," Hall said.

The volunteers also participated in the annual Santa Claus Run, retraining meetings, and testing. They also had to maintain and clean their equipment after each use, which can take several hours.

This year, they also got off to a busy start.

During the recent severe weather, the volunteers delivered food, medicine and heating oil to residents trapped in their homes and transported key personnel to and from work at hospitals and emergency operations during the storm, Hall said.

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# Prestonsburg Fire and Police Dispatcher log

The following are excerpts from the Prestonsburg police and fire department dispatch logs for Monday, January 15 through Sunday, January 21.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 15

9:21 a.m. — Motorist assist. Keys locked in car.  
 9:37 a.m. — A caller reported that his vehicle was blocked at the high school parking lot by another vehicle. Caller called back to report that the vehicle had moved.  
 12:55 p.m. — Report of a fire alarm at Holiday Inn. It was determined after the building was searched that someone had pulled the alarm.  
 1:08 p.m. — Keys locked inside car on Court Street.  
 2:03 p.m. — Citation issued during a traffic stop in Porter Addition.  
 3:55 p.m. — Motorist assist at Foodland parking lot. Keys locked in vehicle.  
 4:38 p.m. — Report of debris in road. Officers removed it.  
 5:02 p.m. — Vandalism in north business section. Shop had window hit by a shots from a BB or pellet gun.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

12:16 a.m. — Caller reported a woman who had been involved in a domestic dispute earlier was at her residence.  
 12:19 a.m. — Caller reported possible water/gas leak across from old First Commonwealth Bank in front of vacant lot.  
 2:45 a.m. — Caller advised she was concerned about a family member who had been having car trouble and had left work but had not gotten home. She later advised police she had been in contact with family member.  
 8:52 a.m. — Traffic stop at Cliffside. Wrecker service called to scene.  
 8:44 a.m. — Traffic stop on University Drive.  
 12:02 p.m. — Traffic stop in municipal parking lot. Vehicle has no tags.  
 12:50 p.m. — Motorist assist. Keys locked in car at PCC.  
 12:55 p.m. — Caller advised that someone had parked in reserved space.  
 12:57 p.m. — Motorist assist on Music Street.  
 1:12 p.m. — An alarm sounded at the Holiday Inn. Prestonsburg police officers assisted the fire department.

Area was all quiet when police arrived.  
 10:13 p.m. — Report of loud party at Highland Avenue with people urinating in street. Police advised subjects to keep the party under control.  
 10:26 p.m. — Report that loud music had started up again on Highland Avenue.  
 11:42 p.m. — Caller reported several subjects fighting and arguing at Cliffside apartments. Advised Kentucky State Police to observe for a red Topaz en route to Dwale. Officers discovered upon their arrival that one subject had left and could not find the other.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

8:29 a.m. — Report of blocked parking spot near the Playhouse Restaurant.  
 9:05 a.m. — Caller advised his neighbor could not get up and the door to the neighbor's home was locked. Caller asked if fire department personnel could help with getting the door open. Personnel assisted. Home's occupant was sent to hospital.  
 10:07 a.m. — Traffic accident with injuries near Holiday Inn involving coal truck and passenger car.  
 12:38 p.m. — Motorist assist. Keys locked in car at Foodland parking lot.  
 12:59 p.m. — Fire alarm activated at P.G.S.  
 1:09 p.m. — Report of gas leak in home at Trimble Branch. Water heater had rusted pipe. Gas was 3000+ and carbon monoxide level was elevated.  
 1:29 p.m. — Someone locked keys in car in Porter Addition.  
 3:25 p.m. — Report of an accident in front of Pic-Pac.  
 5:45 p.m. — Caller advised two females were sitting on the bridge at Goble Roberts and were talking.  
 5:49 p.m. — Served warrant.  
 7:44 p.m. — Alarm sounded at grade school. Fire department personnel silenced alarm and advised school officials to repair smoke detector.  
 7:44 p.m. — Assist EPO at Cliff.  
 9:56 p.m. — Report of an accident with injury at Holiday Inn. Request for a wrecker.  
 11:19 p.m. — Report that loud music had started up again on Highland Avenue. Police found no one home.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

2:08 a.m. — Caller reported that four or seven males and two females entered business and stole sandwiches, cigarettes, chips and beer. The subjects also threatened employees.  
 3:03 a.m. — Caller reported that she heard a door close and footsteps coming up the stairs in her residence. She called back and reported it was a family member who had entered her home.  
 3:43 a.m. — Alarm activated at Wesley Electric.  
 5:46 a.m. — Alarm activated at Wesley Electric. Officer reported everything secure.  
 6:46 a.m. — Motorist assist. Keys locked in vehicle at Prestonsburg Village.  
 7:22 a.m. — Motorist assist. Keys locked in vehicle at Holiday Inn.  
 9:53 a.m. — Motorist assist. Keys locked in car at Super America.  
 10:13 a.m. — Traffic stop at Highland Heights.  
 11:19 a.m. — Vandalism at home on Burke Avenue. Tires were slashed on vehicle.  
 11:48 a.m. — Papers served.  
 2:11 p.m. — Someone locked keys in car at Prestonsburg Village.  
 3:15 p.m. — Someone locked keys in car near post office at West

Prestonsburg.  
 3:39 p.m. — Motorist assist. Keys locked in vehicle at Prestonsburg Village.  
 4:45 p.m. — Caller at Goble Roberts advised she heard a loud noise and thought it might be her furnace. Asked for assistance. Fire department personnel shut down furnace and called repairman.  
 4:55 p.m. — Assisted fire department with possible heart attack patient at Lancer.  
 5:27 p.m. — Someone locked keys in car at Prestonsburg Village.  
 6:30 p.m. — Alarm sounded at Prestonsburg Grade School. Alarm reset.  
 6:53 p.m. — Motorist assist. Caller reported her car doors were frozen shut.  
 6:57 p.m. — Accident in parking lot at Prestonsburg Village.  
 7:48 p.m. — Warrant served.  
 7:52 p.m. — Alarm activated at business on South Arnold Avenue.  
 10:32 p.m. — Report of a natural gas leak around residence at Lancer. Police circled the block and reported all clear.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

12:30 — Caller reported she and another subject were inside a residence on Arnold Avenue and kept hearing noises outside the home.  
 1:55 a.m. — Motorist assist. Keys locked in vehicle at Holiday Inn.  
 10:27 a.m. — Traffic stop. Citations issued.  
 5:12 p.m. — Motorist assist on Court Street.  
 5:27 p.m. — Motorist assist. Keys locked in vehicle in Prestonsburg Village.  
 8:22 p.m. — Caller reported that a person's vehicle had broken down at Pic Pac, and driver and passenger needed a ride to Dixie.  
 8:36 p.m. — A resident in First Avenue apartment building reported someone suspicious knocking on her door. She suspects person may be her ex-husband, and requested that police check it out. Police investigated and found no one around the apartments. Area patrolled.  
 9:02 p.m. — Caller reported that the road in front of the rescue squad building was extremely slick.

10:19 p.m. — Caller from Layne House, who had earlier reported several persons fighting, said that everything was under control. Caller was going to ask one of the subjects to leave and was afraid he would start causing more trouble. Police dropped subject causing problems at the county jail while awaiting someone from Owsley County to pick him up.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

1:28 a.m. — Report of disturbance at Super 8 Motel. Several subjects were reportedly drinking and were underage.  
 9:28 a.m. — Traffic stop. Citations issued.  
 1:20 p.m. — Fire alarm at Prestonsburg Grade School. Bad smoke alarm on first floor.  
 1:36 p.m. — Report of water and ice on road leading to extremely slick conditions.  
 5:32 p.m. — Caller on South Lake Drive advised that she had previously been bitten by a dog and had been attacked again by the same dog.  
 5:37 p.m. — Assisted with a prisoner in custody who was getting disorderly.  
 5:58 p.m. — Caller advised reckless driver around the Honda Shop area.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

12:30 a.m. — Caller reported someone had broken a window in one of her apartments on University Drive.  
 1:32 a.m. — Report of subject driving DUI on a suspended license.  
 4:55 a.m. — Caller reported that someone was directly under her apartment and was knocking on her floor, waking her baby.  
 10:36 a.m. — Caller reported that as he left his house on Burke Avenue, a person went by, cursing him and using obscene gestures. Police spoke with the accused subject, who denied the accusation.

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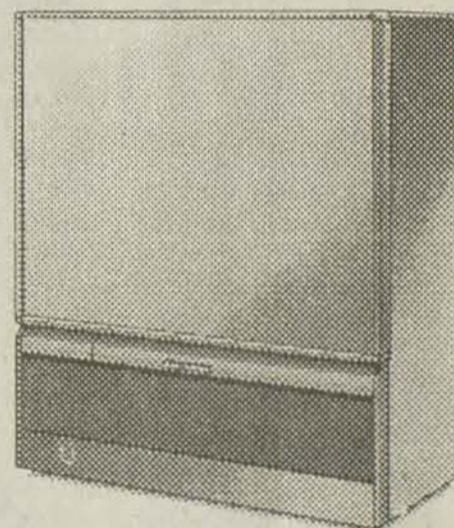
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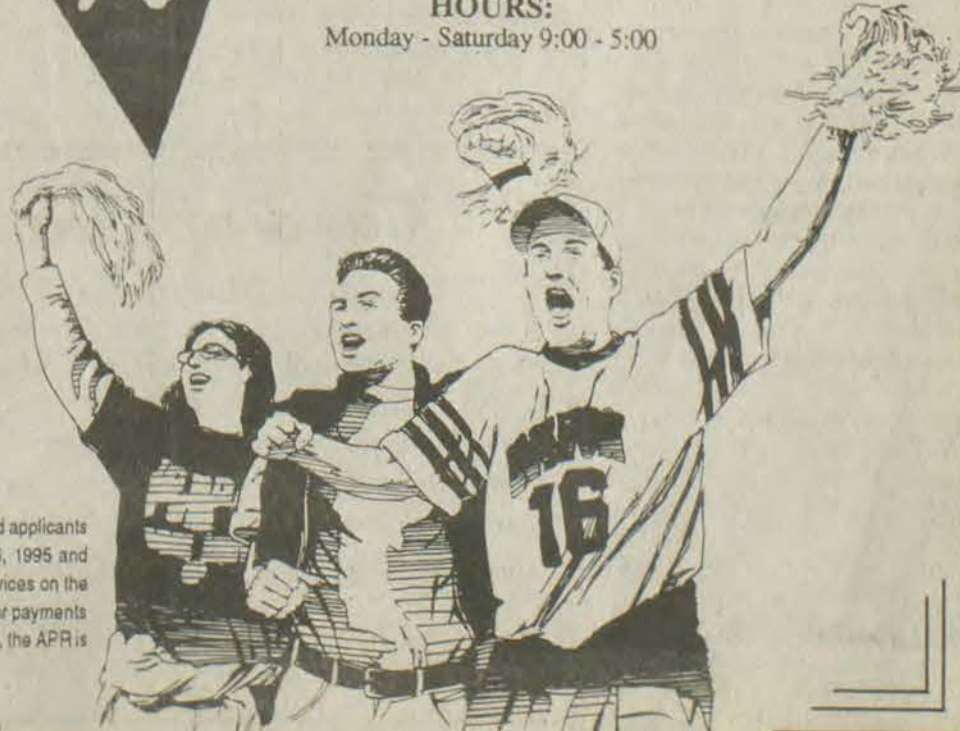
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# Courthouse News

## MARRIAGES

Cindy Lee Hicks, 32, of Martin and Coley Martin Jr., 37, of Martin; Stella Faye Moore, 23, of Banner and Oscar Jarrell, 22, of Banner;

Lioubov Krasilnikova, 39, of Lorain, Ohio and John Joseph Slavik, 43, of Lorain, Ohio; Melissa Kidd, 30, of Harold and Joey Stumbo, 28, of Harold; Melissa L. Rice, 26, of East Point and Christopher M. Henson, 22, of Auxier.

Linda S. Spurlock, 21, of Printer and Bobby L. McCoy, 48, of Printer; Felicia A. Caudill, 18, of Hi Hat and John Jenkins, 23, of Jacks Creek; Crystal G. Marsillette, 18, of Auxier and Shawn M. Davis, 18, of Prestonsburg;

Lisa A. Goble, 23, of Prestonsburg and Jason C. Lemaster, 22, of Prestonsburg; Clementeen G. Slone, 36, of Garrett and Robert Eugene Terry, 40, of Durham, North Carolina; Natasha Liane Wallen, 16, of Betsy Layne and Stephen R. Cornett, 20, of Racoon;

Sheila A. Campbell, 32, of Betsy Layne and David Blankenship, 35, of Allen; Kimberly Kay Hunter, 16, of Wayland and Jy E. Shepherd, 18, of Wayland.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Mari Lee McChesney to David James McChesney, property on Hackworth Branch of Pen Hook Branch at Harold; Tracy A. and Dawn R. McFaddin to Brenda Lewis, property at Auxier;

Coulter Joseph Marvel III and Lorjé W. Marvel to Stephen L. and Cynthia D. Shutts, property on Stephens Branch; O. Sam Blankenship to James David and Donna Adkins, property near Prestonsburg;

Tommy and Barbara Roop to Brenda Little, property on Left Beaver Creek; Tommy and Barbara Roop to Darrell Bryant and Paul Tackett, property on Left Beaver Creek in Weeksbury;

Big Sandy Area Development District Inc. to Sandy Valley Transportation Services Inc., property on West side of Cliff Road;

Willis and Dollie Senters, Emogene Stephens Senters, Clyde Senters Jr. and Henryetta Centers, Jerry Albert and Karen Senters, Marquette Senters, Ruby Senters Garrett, Louann Senters Davis and Rick Davis, Vanessa Senters Burns and Michael Burns, Buddy Boy and Phyllis Spears Senters, Irvin Arrowood and Dixie Senters, Virginia Reed Senters Hopkins and Eddie Hopkins, Larry and Shirley Senters, Norma Senters Letourneau and Louis Letourneau, Clotene Senters Fuller and George Fuller, Georgene Senters Irick and Paul Irick to Bobby Senters, property location not listed;

Clyde P. and Tina Jewel Allen to Rosemary Allen Ewen, property location not listed; James D. Fitzpatrick Estate by David R. Sloan, co-executor, and Patricia Bowling, co-executor to Mary Jane Wright, property at Garrett;

Herby Stephen Messer to Wright Lumber Company, property on Bralley Street; Margaret and Randy Griffith to Colley Hall, property location not listed;

Sherree and John P. Wright, Jeanie and John M. Mullins, Lisa Ann and Gregory Slone to Charles E. and Jackie M. Meade, property location not listed;

James W. Osborne to Rose Osborne, two tracts of property on Riley's Branch of Left Beaver Creek; Joe W. and Hazel Shepherd to Gregory K. Shepherd, property in West Prestonsburg;

Hugo E. and Sally Shannon Miller to Orville Mitchell Jr. and Shana Mitchell, property at Drift; Charles Graham and Lynn May to David F. and Lois Ann May, property location not listed;

Abbott Engineering Inc. to The Bank Josephine, property in Prestonsburg; Bobby Gene and Versie Spears to Joseph Spears, property location not listed;

Johnny and Ella Webb to Cliff Baldrige, property on Abbott Creek; Gary and Terri McCoy to Tonda Hall McCoy, property location not listed;

Richard and Marcie Ousley to Aaron David Ousley Jr., property on Caney Fork of Middle Creek; BellSouth Telecommunications Inc. d/b/a South Central Bell Telephone Company to Hargis Hall, two tracts of property at McDowell;

Johnny and Roberta Denise Little to Linda Sue Bevins, property at David; Superior Valley Coals Inc.

to Henry Shepherd, property location not listed;

Jack B. and Nola McNicol to Greg and Judy L. Adams, property in Prestonsburg; Mable H. Brown to Wayne L. Brown, property on Middle Creek;

Katrina R. Lewis to Jeffrey W. Flowers, property on Middle Creek; Edna Cooley to Jackie E. and Hattie L. Owens, two tracts of property on Prater Fork of Brush Creek;

Jack and Jean R. Hale to Leonard and Bulavene Hall, property at Harold; George and Teresa Cooley to Tabitha and Jody R. Cecil, property on Prater Creek;

Charles Gregory and Deborah Ann Hall to Patty Tackett, property at Wheelwright; William G. Francis to Linda S. Francis, property on

Trimble Branch Road;

Eugene Akers to Hugh and Carlos Akers, Lowell Akers and Janet Spears, property location not listed; Michael and Kathy Phillips to Roy W. Haley, property at Otter Creek of Left Beaver Creek;

Jerry and Virginia Ford Fannin to Blake and Rebecca Burchett, property in Prestonsburg; John and Lucille Burchett to Teresa L. Keathley, property on Cow Creek; Dewey and Deliah Calhoun to Byron and Delisa Caudill, property on Route 114, in Prestonsburg;

Herbert Dale Prater and Carolyn Prater to Missy Lynn Stumbo, property at Turner's Branch;

Herman Conn and Thelma Conn to Brady J. Conn, (guardian of Brady Duran Conn), property loca-

tion not listed;

Dixie Adkins to Adam Adkins, property on Reed Branch of Right Fork of Beaver Creek;

Dixie Adkins, James A. Duff, Elizabeth Duff, Hollie Conley and Minnie Conley to Heath Adam Adkins, property on Right Beaver; Theresa Bartley and Elsie Bartley to Sandra Mullins, property at Weeksbury; Avanelle Burkett Kidd, Ike Kidd and Debbie Ann Kidd, Gloria Jean Kidd, Garland Kidd, Anna Kidd and Everett Kidd to Everett Kidd, property in Wayland;

Bill Hall and Sandra Hall to Forrest Porter, property location not listed; Debra F. Burchett and Jerry A. Burchett to David Larry King and Tammy Lee King, property at Osborne Branch.



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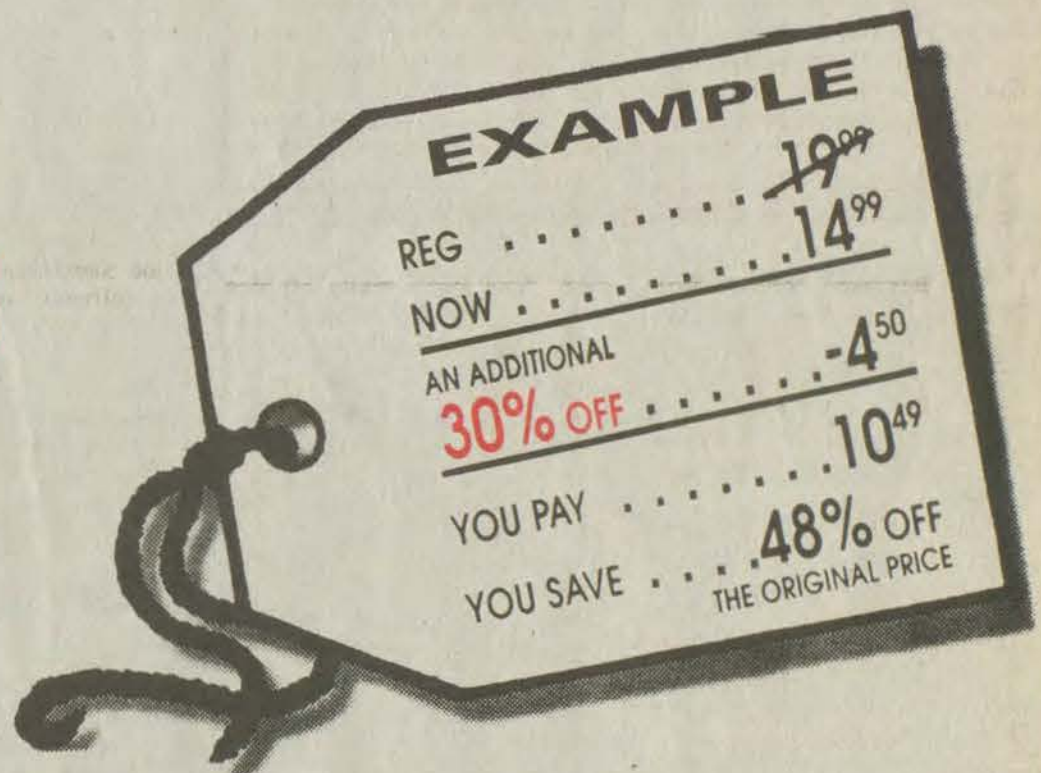
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### Retail restaurant and school inspections

Russell Wallace and John L. Bailey, health environmentalists, public health inspectors at the Floyd County Health Department

•**Clark Elementary, 93:** Middle wing section ceiling needs repair. One vent not working in boys' restroom in middle section. Floor tiles and ceilings need repairs.

•**Clark Elementary cafeteria, 92:** Popcorn machine is coated with "old" grease and needs to be cleaned. It is also stored out of the food service area. Two live roaches were observed in the cabinets during the inspection. Floor tile broken. Several leaks in roof and ceiling is falling in the storage room area.

•**Martin Elementary, 90:** The light fixture is dislodged from ceiling in girls' restroom in upstairs in new building. The wall in boys' restroom in old building in bad repair. Lights are out in almost all of classrooms inspected. Also light shields are missing in classrooms and in restrooms. Walls and ceilings in bad repair in new building and in old building.

•**Martin Elementary Cafeteria, 94:** No designated/properly identified damaged food service area. Floors have been repaired but still in slight disrepair. Also mat in food preparation area. Walls and ceilings in slight disrepair. No light in reach-in refrigerator. Cleaning utensils, mops, brooms, etc. improperly stored.

•**Conley's Motel, 94:** Walls and ceilings in slight disrepair. Exit door does not open outward.

•**Big Lots, 100:** Very clean. All food products were off the floor and in excellent condition.

•**WalMart, 97 in deli and 95 in retail:** One display of animal crackers on the floor. No proper hair restraints used in deli. Box of straws used for Icee should be in a dispenser. Women's restroom needs to be cleaned. One light shield broken in deli.

•**Food City, 93 in deli and 90 in retail:** Cooler with weiners on floor. No thermometers. Pan uncovered on lower shelf. Cocktail bread on the floor. Partial board table in meat preparation room is in bad repair and is not allowed in meat preparation area.

Wiping cloths properly stored in deli area. Grease filters over hood need to be cleaned. Gloves stored on food trays in meat room. Faucet on. Men's restroom needs to be cleaned. Floor repair in deli and in retail area. Ceiling needs repair in retail area. Ceiling needs repair in store and in deli area. Personal items improperly stored in meatroom.

•**Prestonsburg Pic Pac, 92:** Not all cotton candy labeled. Chips and crackers improperly stored. No hair restraints in use by employees in deli section. Microwave needs to be cleaned. No covered can in women's restroom.

Floor needs repair in deli. Floors and ceilings need repair in store and in deli area. Personal items improperly stored in meatroom.

Soiled apron in bin with clean linen.

•**Kentucky Fried Chicken, 96:** No proper hair restraints in use. Improper storage of single service items. No covered can in restroom.

•**Rite Aid, Prestonsburg, 98:** No self-closing door in restroom. No covered garbage can in restroom.

•**Blue River Market, 96 in deli and 95 in retail:** One cooler does not have a thermometer. No hair restraints in use. Two coolers in bad repair. No self-closing door in restroom. Walls and ceilings need repairs.

•**Sharon's Pizza, 93:** No hair restraints in use. Counter top in bad repair. Foil and paper towels were used for shelf liner. Wiping cloths not properly stored. Floor in bad repair. Ceiling in bad repair.

•**Long John Silvers, Martin, 94:** Proper hair restraints not in use. Walk-in freezer door in bad repair. Proper dishwashing procedure not being used. No chemical test strips for three-compartment sink. Walk-in freezer light has no shield.

•**Vance Quick Mart, Hi Hat, 97:** Proper hair restraints not in use. All wiping cloths should be stored in a sanitary solution when not in use if they are to be re-used consistently. Food preparation floors have rubber mat coverings.

*Inspector's Note: All hot food items' temperatures are excellent at 140° and above. The holding temperatures of cold foods are also in compliance at 40° and lower. Facility is in excellent sanitary condition.*

•**Millers Corner Store, Drift, 97:** Reach-in refrigeration unit has a rag cloth to absorb condensation. Drain not working properly. Restroom has no self-closing door and no soap for handwashing.

•**McDowell Senior Citizens Center, 95:** Brown sugar package broken open in storage drawer. Also individual packaged snack food stored in a box directly on the floor in back storage area. Wiping cloths that are reused should be stored in a sanitary solution of recommended strength.

Silverware in back storage was improperly stored. They should be stored with handles up. Disposable cups stored on the floor in back storage area. Restrooms clean and in good repair.

•**Rite Aid, Prestonsburg, 98:** No self-closing door in restroom.

•**DeLong's Grocery, Blue River, 97 in deli and 97 in retail:** No hair restraints in use. Trash in cardboard box. Floor needs repair.

•**Riverview Manor, 97:** Handwash sink needs repairs. Outside dumpster not covered.

•**Conley's Restaurant, Allen, 95:** Proper hair restraints not in use. Restroom has no self-closing door. Floors in food preparation areas in slight disrepair. Lights in food preparation area not shielded.

## Local craft artists to exhibit in Louisville

David Appalachian Crafts will exhibit at the Kentucky Crafted Market in Louisville January 26-28.

David Crafts will sell their hand-crafted items in the West Wing of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville. The local craft group has participated in the market for the past nine years.

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Public hours will be Saturday, January 27, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, January 28, noon to 5 p.m. Admission to the show will be \$3 for adults; \$2 for senior citizens; and \$1 for children, ages six to 12. Children under six will be admitted free.

The show is produced and sponsored by the Kentucky Craft Marketing Program, a division of the Arts Council in the Education,

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For more information about the Market or the Craft Marketing Program, contact (502) 564-8076.

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**Boys' All A Classic**  
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Wednesday, January 24, 1996 1B

## A Look At Sports : Calling all refs, officials needed soon

It's the talk of the basketball season, especially with the girls' teams. High school basketball officiating is deteriorating more and more each year. The reason? Lack of good quality officials. The reason? Violent or vocal fans who are not up to date with the rules.

Past officials have said they have left the game because of fan behavior.

"There's no way you can control the fans," said one former official.

"Fans are getting more and more out of control," vocalized another.

With veteran officials leaving the game, that means someone has to step up and take their place. The problem is there are not that many veteran officials to step up. Assigning secretaries have to use who they have to fill the voids.



Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

This year, it seems, there has been more complaints from fans, coaches and players over the lack of good quality officiating than in years past. There are still a few veterans out there, but how long will it be before they hang up the whistle?

There are fewer individuals who have a hankering to put on the striped shirt and take his life in hand and walk out on the basketball court, so they say.

Especially hit by the lack of quality officials has been the girls' division and coaches will be quick to point it out. Top quality conference or regional games demand top quality officials. But the girls are getting officials who have not had much experience or are low on the totem pole of regional officials. The quality refs are being saved for the boys' games.

Now there are going to be some who will disagree with me, but the girls' game deserves the same quality referees as the boys do.

A girls' game at Betsy Layne a month ago had 99 fouls called in a marathon finish. Others this season are witnessing anywhere between 60 and 70 fouls. More and more players are being sent to the free throw line because someone called a picky foul while ignoring a more serious violation.

I must also admit that coaches attempt at intimidating the officials are working. Now some coaches will deny they are that sort. But I have seen it. As soon as the game begins they start trying to dictate how the game should be called.

I know Ancie Casey, the 15th Region's assigning secretary. I know he works hard during the summer months to hold an official's camp and train prospects in being top quality officials. I know that Ancie wants to put the best on the floor when the ball is tossed up to start the game. That's the kind of director we have. He does an excellent job. But I think also he should weigh each game and the importance of such. You never want to take a top regional game like a Betsy Layne versus Pike Central and use novice officials. Or a top conference game such as Allen Central versus Prestonsburg or Betsy Layne versus Prestonsburg or an Allen Central.

Coaches' bench behavior is getting more and more out of control as well. The language being used is not necessary. The raving on the sidelines in protest of every call made is not needed in the game of basketball. Maybe the game should begin with a technical foul on each bench. The next means ejection from the game and suspension for the next three. Harsh. Not really when you consider the image they are projecting to our kids and the crowds. The crowds react the way the bench reacts.

Fans. You have love them and try to understand them. But for the most part someone following the game for the first time because it is Johnny's or Susie's first year of playing just isn't up on the rules. They don't understand why an over-and-back wasn't called. They don't understand why a double dribble wasn't whistled. All they know is that it looked wrong and therefore should have been called.

Officiating, coaching and being a good fan is really hard these days. Why? Because that's the way we have made it.

We are not there just to enjoy the game and watch our kids in competition or to be a coach of examples. We feel we have to become part of the floor play, dictate terms, when in reality we're not supposed to.

(See A Look at Sports, page 2B)

# Prestonsburg upsets Belfry, 65-63

## Layne, Newsome combine for 40 points in victory

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

All the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats did last Saturday night was throw the girls' 15th Region into a tizzy and make it a bit more confusing as to who should be the favorite team to win it all this season.

Coach Harold Tackett's ballclub journeyed to Belfry this past Saturday night and handed the Lady Pirates only their third setback this season with a 65-63 win. It was the second consecutive home court loss for the Lady Pirates, who had fallen to Pike Central earlier.

Crystal Layne tossed in 24 points and April Newsome added 16 to lead Prestonsburg. Ladonna Slone, who seems to have broken out of a scoring slump, netted 11 points. Slone hit some key free throws in the fourth period.

Jamie Heflin topped the Lady Pirates' scoring with 19 points. Bev Mutter tossed in 14 and Debra McCoy scored ten.

Heflin had the early hot hand for Belfry hitting three three-pointers in the first quarter to stake the Lady Pirates to a 23-14 lead. Mutter was strong down low with six first-quarter points.

Newsome kept Prestonsburg close in the initial period with two three-pointers of her own. Layne scored four points in the first quarter. At one time Prestonsburg trailed the host team, 21-7, before running off seven straight points to trail by only nine at the first stop.

Layne continued to score consistently for Prestonsburg in the second period with nine points, including a three-point basket. But the balanced attack of Belfry, who uses a lot of players, was too much for the Lady Blackcats in the first half as they trailed 42-35 at the half. Mutter had six second quar-

ter points with Mandy Smith and Camille Kline scoring four each.

It was a defensive stand off in the third period for both clubs as Prestonsburg outscored Belfry 10-6 in the third quarter and trailed by three, 48-45. Mutter was stopped with just two free throws in the third period and Belfry scored only two field goals.

Freshman Shelly Greathouse buried a three-pointer to lead the offense for Prestonsburg in the third.

It was the fourth quarter that showed the Lady Blackcats have to prove themselves at the free throw line, something they haven't done all that well. Prestonsburg attempted 14 attempts from the charity stripe and con-

(See Combine, page 2B)

PRESTONSBURG (65)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Newsome	1	3	8-5	16
Layne	8	2	4-2	24
G'house	1	1	0-0	5
Leslie	1	0	4-3	5
Slone	3	0	8-5	11
Burke	2	0	0-0	4
totals	16	6	24-15	65

BELFRY (63)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Heflin	4	3	5-2	19
Francis	1	0	1-0	2
McCoy	5	0	1-0	10
Thomas	3	0	0-0	6
Mutter	6	0	2-2	14
Smith	3	0	0-0	6
Kline	3	0	0-0	6
totals	25	3	9-4	63

Prestonsburg	14	21	10	20-65
Belfry	23	19	6	15-63

## As Betsy Layne routs South Floyd Raiders :

# Four score in double figures

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Betsy Layne Bobcats placed five players in double figures and shot 60 percent for the game in routing visiting South Floyd 88-49 in conference basketball at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse last Saturday night.

Rocky Newsome led the Bobcats' scoring parade with 22 points followed by Willie Meade's 19. Jason Tackett added 12 and Jonathan Tackett tossed in 11.

It was a cold night outside and just as cold for South Floyd from the floor as they could not find the hoop against the Bobcats. T.T. Pack led the Raiders with 13 points and Terrence Mullins was the only other Raider to score in double figures with 11 points. Nick Compton came off the bench and tossed in nine. High scoring forward Jason Shannon was held to a lone trey and finished with just the three points.

Betsy Layne did everything right and played almost a perfect game. Newman was hard for the shorter Raiders to contain as he took top passes and scored underneath.

The Bobcats' defense shut down the passing lanes for South Floyd, preventing any offensive move-

(See Double, page 2B)

## Collins, Hall combine to lead Pike Central past Betsy Layne

by Ed Taylor  
sports Editor

Coach Bill Newsome said his team played well enough to win against Pike Central last Thursday night at the Mullins gym, "but we just couldn't score in the end."

Freshman Amanda Collins had her way on the inside as she scored 24 points and Kim Hall added 16 to lead the Lady Hawks to a 54-52 win over the Betsy Layne Lady Cats. The loss snapped a five-game winning streak for the Lady Cats.

Betsy Layne was unable to contain the Lady Hawks' center in the middle as Collins took charge in the second period. She scored eight unanswered points in the second period to lead Pike Central to a 34-29 lead.

But Betsy Layne had its chance to win it all in the closing 26 seconds of the game. The Lady Hawks assumed control of the basketball with 30 seconds left on a possession arrow. But it took only four seconds for them to throw the ball

(See Collins, page 2B)



### To the hoop

Allen Central's Amanda Samons (54) got open under the basket against Paintsville last Friday night for two of her game-high 22 points in the semifinals of the girls All A Classic at South Floyd. The Lady Rebels prevailed 74-67. (photo by Ed Taylor)

### In 2 OTs :

## Prestonsburg falls to Ashland Tomcats

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Ashland Tomcats, once ranked 18th in the state and sporting an 11-3 record, had to go into two overtimes before subduing the Prestonsburg Blackcats Saturday night in high school basketball at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse.

The loss snapped a modest three-game winning streak for Jackie Pack and his ballclub. The Blackcats dropped to 4-9 on the season while Ashland improved to 12-3.

Wesley Samons led the Blackcat scoring with 17 points. Sophomore Andy Jarvis added 15 and Bret James scored 13 before fouling out in the second extra period. J.P. Skeens fouled out in the fourth quarter and left with eight points.

Center Jason Bevins was held to four points, his low for the season. John Ortega scored three and Joe Campbell had two points.

James sent the game into the first overtime when he went solo for an uncontested layup to tie the game at 51 after regulation play. Scott Umberger took over for the Tomcats in the first overtime by scoring Ashland's first seven points. Samons gave Prestonsburg the early lead in the overtime with a soft jumper. Umberger tied the game at 53 and two free throws by Ortega sent Prestonsburg in front 55-53.

Umberger once again tied the game at 55, but James drilled a long three-pointer off the left side to stake the Blackcats to a 58-55 lead. But Ashland took a 59-58 lead when Umberger hit a free throw and scored on a rebound basket. Ted Tolbert's free throw with 35 seconds left to play gave the Tomcats a 59-58 lead.

But Ortega was fouled as he drove to the basket with 23 seconds to play. He converted one of two attempts and tied the game at 59. Ashland had the ball out of bounds following an Ashland time out. But the Tomcats were called for a five-second violation when they couldn't get the ball inbounds.

James took a long desperation three, but it was way off mark sending the game to overtime number two.

Prestonsburg went cold in the second extra period as Samons scored the only points, a three-pointer, and Ashland posted a 72-62 win over the Blackcats.

Coach Pack's "pack" led 11-10 after the first quarter with Skeens

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## Damron leads Lady Cougars past Lady Rebs :

# New champ named in Classic contest

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Since the All A Classic began back in 1990, there has only been two schools to win the regional title and advance on to the state tournament in Richmond — Elkhorn City and Allen Central.

Things have not changed after last Saturday night's championship game at South Floyd. But this time it will be a different team going to Richmond, as the Elkhorn City Lady Cougars edged out Allen Central 44-43 to advance in next week's state meet.

Cindy Damron scored 20 of her game-high 24 points in the second half and did it all as she led Elkhorn City from a 12-point halftime deficit to the one-point win.

Elkhorn City won the first ever All A Classic, but Allen Central has won it the past three years. Now Elkhorn City will be making the grand trip.

Damron, who had two points in each of the first and second quarters, took advantage of some poor Allen Central defense and was open consistently in the third and fourth quarters.

The Lady Rebs, who led 29-17 at the half, set the tone for the second half when they turned the ball over on their first two possessions, both mental mistakes. Damron scored on a layup and then hit a three-pointer that was followed by a 14-footer by Jackie Hunt to cut the Allen Central lead in half, 30-24. Things got worse as Allen

ELKHORN CITY (44)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Hunt	1	0	0-0	2
Sifers	1	0	0-0	2
Damron	8	2	4-2	24
Sawyers	1	0	1-1	3
Newsome	1	0	0-0	2
Potter	4	0	2-1	9
Fraley	1	0	0-0	2
totals	17	2	7-4	44

ALLEN CENTRAL (43)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Samons	2	0	5-4	8
Scott	2	1	3-2	9
Moore	1	0	4-1	3
Wallen	3	0	2-1	7
Cooley	3	0	2-2	8
Hopkins	0	2	0-0	6
T'berry	1	0	0-0	2
totals	12	3	16-10	43

Elkhorn City	13	4	18	9-44
Allen Central	16	13	5	9-43

Central couldn't throw one in the ocean. Damron buried her second three of the quarter and got behind the Allen Central press for an easy layup at the 5:06 mark for a 30-29 game.

Allen Central appeared to come unglued against the pressure defense of the Lady Cougars and with 4:21 to play, Melissa Potter scored underneath over the taller Amanda Samons and gave Elkhorn the lead, 31-30. Hollie Sifers hit a short jumper to extend the lead to three, 33-30.

(See Champs, page 2B)



### A short jumper

Betsy Layne's Penny Tackett (21) put up a jump shot over the outstretched hand of Pike Central's Amanda Collins (31). Tackett scored 13 points in the game and Collins finished with 24 for the Lady Hawks. Pike Central edged Betsy Layne 54-52. (photo by Ed Taylor)

(See Overtime, page 2B)

# Ortega, Campbell send P'burg frosh past Perry Central, 58-51

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Perry Central freshmen squad, no doubt the tallest in the land, has lost two games this basketball season and both losses have come at the hands Kevin Webb's Prestonsburg freshman team.

Coach Webb sat and watched as his team posted a 58-51 win over Perry Central and improved to 11-0 on the season. Joe Campbell and John Ortega scored 22 points each to lead the scoring parade for Prestonsburg.

Game scoring honors, however, went to Perry Central's 6' 7" Brian Kilburn with 23 points.

It was a game of giants versus the smaller Blackcats. Both teams played each other close with Perry Central taking two brief leads in the third quarter. Perry Central led 35-34 and again at 39-37 before Prestonsburg took the lead for good at 41-39.

Prestonsburg overcame the size difference by using its pressure defense that has carried the team this year, coupled with some good inside/outside play.

The defensive show once again, as it did in game one, came when Russ "Mr. D" Music put the stop on high-scoring guard D.J. Sims. Sims struggled to score six points in the game against Music.

Kalen Harris, besides playing a

strong defensive game, hit four key free throws in the fourth quarter and Adam Hall drilled two pressure charity tosses to seal the game down the stretch. Jason Keathley worked hard on the boards and finished with eight points.

Prestonsburg grabbed a 14-10 first-quarter lead with Ortega scoring ten points. He hit two three-pointers and Campbell added four points in the first. Kilburn and Sims accounted for nine of the Commodores' ten first-quarter points.

Ortega kept up his scoring pace in the second stanza with six points. Keathley had four points and Campbell had his first try. Prestonsburg held a slim one-point lead at the half, 27-26. Kilburn scored nine points in the second for Perry Central.

(See P'burg, page 4B)



## Floyd County

(Standings as of January 23)

### WOMEN

	Conference	Overall
Betsy Layne	3-0	8-5
Prestonsburg	1-1	8-5
Allen Central	1-1	6-7
South Floyd	1-9	0-3

### MEN

	Conference	Overall
Allen Central	2-0	6-5
Betsy Layne	1-0	8-5
Prestonsburg	0-0	4-9
South Floyd	0-3	5-6

### This Week's Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24  
Boys All "A" Classic, Pikeville  
Allen Central vs Paintsville, 9 p.m.  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25  
Boys All "A" Classic, Pikeville  
South Floyd vs Elkhorn City, 9 p.m.  
June Buchanan at South Floyd, girls

Betsy Layne at Prestonsburg, girls  
Allen Central at Belfry, girls  
\*Allen Central at Betsy Layne, boys (make up)  
\* Game depends on how Allen Central fairs in All A Wednesday night

## Double

(Continued from page 1B)

ment. Newman had seven block shots and intimidated several others.

Coach Junior Newsome's ball-club roared out of the gate and built a 20-6 lead after the first quarter. Meade had seven first-quarter points, hitting a trey just before the period ended. Mullins had four of the Raiders' six points and Pack scored a basket that furnished the game's only tie at two. Betsy Layne went on an 8-0 run to lead 10-2 and outscored the Raiders 10-4 to take the 20-6 advantage.

Betsy Layne buried eight treys in the game and Jason Tackett had two of those in the second period as Betsy Layne raced to a 17-point, 38-21 lead at the half. The Raiders picked up their offense in the second quarter led by Mullins' seven points.

An 11-0 run in the third period sent Betsy Layne out to a 51-23 lead as the Bobcats' 2-3 zone kept the Raiders outside and pressured the ball once it did enter the zone. The Betsy Layne lead grew to 22 points, 60-38 in the third stanza. An 8-0 spurt by South Floyd cut the margin to 62-36 after three quarters.

It was all Betsy Layne in the fourth period as they held the Raiders to one field goal and a free throw in the first seven minutes of play. The 23-3 run netted the Bobcats an 85-39 lead, their biggest of the game.

Nick Compton hit two free throws and buried two three-pointers in a 10-2 run by the Raiders for the final 88-49 margin.

A bright spot for South Floyd was the play of Chris Moore, who came off the Raider bench and scored five quick points. He had three steals in his playing time. Nick Little finished with four points and

SOUTH FLOYD (49)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Pack	3	1	5-4	13
Mullins	5	0	3-1	11
Little	2	0	0-0	4
Shannon	0	1	0-0	3
Compton	0	2	4-3	9
Holbrook	1	0	1-0	2
Moore	2	0	4-1	5
Butler	1	0	0-0	2
totals				
14	4	17-9	49	

BETSY LAYNE (88)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Meade	8	1	2-0	19
Coleman	4	0	0-0	8
Newsome	4	3	9-5	22
Ja Tackett	2	2	2-2	12
Jo Tackett	5	0	1-1	11
Howard	0	0	0-0	0
Hicks	2	0	2-2	6
Rose	0	2	2-2	8
Johnson	1	0	0-0	2
totals				
26	8	18-12	88	

	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
South Floyd	6	15	15	13-49
Betsy Layne	20	18	24	26-88

Justin Holbrook came off the bench to score two.

Shawn Rose drilled two treys and had two free throws to finish with eight points for Betsy Layne. Chris Hicks scored six and Craig Johnson added two for the Bobcats. Mike Howard had two points.

Betsy Layne improved to 8-5 on the season while South Floyd fell to 5-6. The Bobcats will entertain Allen Central (depending on how the Rebels do in the All A Classic tonight) in an important conference game Thursday night. South Floyd faces Elkhorn City in the Classic Thursday night at 9 p.m.

## Champs

The Lady Rebs scored the next four points to lead 34-33, but Damron swished a 17-footer as the Lady Cougars led 35-34 after three quarters.

Allen Central just couldn't get the momentum back as they duplicated the third quarter by turning the ball over on the first three possessions of the fourth period. Again, it was Damron who inflicted

all the damage with constant runs at the basket. Damron scored eight of the nine points Elkhorn City scored in the final period. She had two consecutive steals she converted for points. She then got behind the Allen Central press, laid the ball off the glass, was fouled and sank the free throw to give the Lady Cougars a big eight-point, 42-34, lead with 5:01 to play.

## WPRG-TV to telecast boys' All A Classic

Inter-Mountain Cable director P.D. Gearheart announced that WPRG-TV, Channel 5, will air all games, on a delay basis, of the boys' All A Classic beginning tonight and running through the championship game Saturday night.

The first round game will pit Millard against Phelps beginning at 7 p.m. and Allen Central will take on Paintsville at 9 p.m. The games will be shown at 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. tonight.

Thursday night match-up will

find Pikeville facing Feds Creek in a 7 p.m. start. Following the first game, Elkhorn City will square off against South Floyd in a 9 p.m. tip off time. The games will be replayed at 9:30 and 11:30 on Thursday night.

The semifinals will be held Friday night and the championship game played on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. Friday night's semifinal games will be seen on a delay basis the same night and the championship game will be shown Saturday night following the game.

## Collins

away and giving control over to the Lady Cats with just 26 seconds to play.

Following a Betsy Layne time out, the Lady Cats just couldn't find the open person. They had two turnovers on their end of the floor as they failed to find an opening in the Pike Central defense.

Betsy Layne took a 45-44 lead into the fourth period, but the lead exchanged hands seven times in the final stanza with the Lady Hawks holding the final one.

Pike Central led at 46-45 scoring the first basket to start the final period. After each team missed a pair of free throws, Betsy Layne led 47-46 on Penny Tackett's layup. Kim Hall drilled a 12-foot jumper to send the Lady Hawks in front 48-47. The Lady Hawks turned the ball over on their next three possessions and Betsy Layne edged in front 49-48 on Jessica Johnson's jumper.

Hall followed with a layup for a 50-49 Pike Central lead, but

Johnson buried her third three-pointer of the game that claimed a 52-50 lead for Betsy Layne with two minutes to play.

As they had all game long, Betsy Layne was not always aware of where Collins was on the floor. The frosh center slipped behind the Betsy Layne defense, took a pass and scored with 1:43 to play. Krissy Smith's lone field goal proved to be a big one as she followed Hall with a short jumper with under a minute to play. Pike Central led 54-52 on the basket.

There were three ties and six lead changes in the first quarter until Pike Central got a three-pointer by Kristi Varney and a layup from Hall to take a 19-13 lead after the first period.

Betsy Layne came back to lead 25-24 with 3:44 to play in the second period. Collins scored six straight points to give Pike Central the lead, 30-25. Betsy Layne cut the margin to one, 30-29, before Pike

But coach Bonita Compton's team, though very young, did not fold and refused to quit. They went on a run of their own and netted eight straight points to tie the game at 42 on a layup by Shauna Moore at the 2:11 mark. Natilie Cooley started the spurt with two free throws. Janice Thornsberry stole the ball and scored and Misty Scott hit two free throws before Moore tied the game.

Damron proved she is human by missing two straight bonus shots, but did connect on one of two with 43 seconds showing on the clock. That gave Elkhorn City a 43-42 lead.

Karen Wallen, not having the game she had against Paintsville in the semifinals when she scored 18 points, hit the front end of a two-shot foul with 32 seconds remaining to tie the game at 43. Wallen rebounded her missed shot on the second try and missed. The Lady Rebels had two other shots under the basket, but failed to convert because they did not use the back-

Central scored the final four points of the half to lead 34-31.

There were nine lead changes in the third period alone with Betsy Layne leading 45-44 at the conclusion of the third stanza. A long jumper by Ashley Tackett and Crystal Gearheart's rebound basket at the 5:35 mark brought the Lady Cats to within one point of Pike Central, 34-33. Following a basket by Collins that gave the Lady Hawks a 36-33 lead, Penny Tackett scored two consecutive baskets as Betsy Layne led 37-36.

Johnson led Betsy Layne's scoring with 19 points and three treys. Penny Tackett added 13 points while Ashley Tackett, who is starting to play like she is capable, tossed in 12. Heather Kidd scored six with Gearheart finishing with two.

Varney finished with seven points for Pike Central. Tiffany Slone added four and Krissy Smith netted two points. Debra Ashby had

## A Look at Sports — (Continued from page 1B)

You have heard me say it many times. The best officials in the 15th Region come from Floyd County. We have some fine officials. There are good referees in Pike, Martin, and Magoffin counties as well. Then there are some who should not be allowed on the floor until they have learned the art of calling a basketball game.

Yes, I personally believe that officiating has taken a dip. But it is not easy in this day and time. Three officials are needed for each game and that move will have to come quickly if refereeing is to improve. The game is quicker, the kids are bigger, and the three-point shot adds more pressure.

Schools and official associations are going have to get together and work out a pay scale that is suitable for both in having three officials. It is imperative!

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be a good sport, even to officials.

## Overtime — (Continued from 1B)

scoring four points. Bevins hit a basket underneath before the horn to give the Blackcats a one-point margin. Umberger completed an old-fashioned three-point play to send the Tomcats in front 10-9.

Prestonsburg jumped out to a 16-10 lead early in the second period on a basket by Jarvis and Samons three-point basket.

But Ashland scored the next five points for a 16-15 game and Drew Curtis buried a trey to tie the game at 18. The two teams played to a 24 tie at the half.

Prestonsburg held a 32-31 lead late in the third period, but Ashland scored six unanswered points to roll in front, 37-32, after three quarters of play.

The Tomcats built on the lead and went in front 47-38 on a rebound basket by Lynch with three minutes to

play in regulation. But Samons led a Blackcat onslaught and that saw Prestonsburg pull to within one of the Tomcats, 48-47.

With nine seconds to play, Umberger sank one of two free throws for a 51-49 Ashland lead. James brought the ball the length of the court, drove down the right side and raced toward the basket untouched for the layup and a 51 all game.

Umberger led Ashland with 18 points. Curtis, Lynch, and Barrow each tossed in 11 points. Tolbert finished with ten and Strater had eight points.

Ashland out rebounded the Blackcats, 31-18. The Tomcats committed 20 turnovers in the game to Prestonsburg's ten. Ashland hit 28 of 38 free throw attempts.

board.

Melissa Potter finally pulled down the rebound for the Lady Cougars and she was fouled with nine seconds left to play. Potter misfired on the first attempt, but canned the second one for a 44-43 lead.

Allen Central inbounded the ball and called time out at with four seconds left. Once play resumed it was obvious the Lady Rebels wanted to go inside to Samons down low. But Samons was tripped and the inward pass was picked off by Elkhorn and the victory was theirs.

No one scored in double figures for Allen Central. Misty Scott had nine points to lead the Lady Rebs. Samons and Cooley finished with eight points each. Wallen added seven. Jennifer Hopkins came off the bench and hit two three-pointers to finish with six points. Hopkins had four treys in the tournament.

Allen Central falls to 4-7 on the season and will return to the hardwood when they travel to Belfry this Thursday night.

(Continued from 1B)

BETSY LAYNE (52)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Johnson	5	3	0-0	19
P. Tackett	5	0	4-3	13
A. Tackett	4	1	4-1	12
Gearheart	1	0	0-0	2
Kidd	3	0	0-0	6
totals	18	4	8-4	52

PIKE CENTRAL (54)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Varney	2	1	0-0	7
Ashby	0	0	2-1	1
totals				
Smith	1	0	0-0	2
Collins	11	0	2-2	24
Hall	5	2	2-0	16
Slone	2	0	0-0	4
totals	21	3	6-3	54

	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Betsy Layne	13	16	16	7-52
Pike Central	19	15	10	10-54

one point.

Betsy Layne (7-5) will travel to Prestonsburg Thursday night for a big conference game for both ball-clubs.

## Combine — (Continued from 1B)

connected on nine to preserve a five-point lead. Slone hit three of four attempts down the stretch and Newsome buried four of six tries.

Amber Leslie had five rebounds for the game, but the fifth one was huge. Belfry had two tries at the basket in the closing seconds, but Leslie pulled the ball off the backboard after the second attempt and the clock ran out on the Lady Pirates.

Slone, in a hard-played game, pulled down 12 rebounds, seven were offensive, to lead Prestonsburg. Newsome and Greathouse had four caroms each. Greathouse dished off eight assists in the game to lead there. Newsome had seven assists. Leslie and Slone

had four each. Greathouse and Leslie finished with five points each. Jessi Burke tossed in four and had two steals.

Prestonsburg shot a poor 38 percent from the floor, but the final score is all that matters. They were 15 of 24 from the free throw line while Belfry attempted nine and connected on four.

Belfry, a very young team, got six points each from Susan Thomas, Smith and Kline. Tonya Francis had two points.

Prestonsburg (8-5) will host the Lady Cats of Betsy Layne Thursday night in a conference match up.

Belfry falls to 12-3 on the season.

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'Please let me by'

Allen Central's Karen Wallen (25) looked for an opening against Paintsville last Friday night. Wallen scored a season-high 18 points to help lead the Lady Rebels past Paintsville 74-67. (photo by Ed Taylor)

# Samons hits ten straight FTs, scores 26 as Allen Central Lady Rebs win

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Junior center Amanda Samons hit ten consecutive free throws and scored a game-high 26 points to lead a young Allen Central Lady Rebel team to a 74-67 win over highly regarded Paintsville in the semifinals of the girls All A Classic at South Floyd's Raider Arena Friday night.

The Lady Rebels hit 23 of 31 free throw attempts in the contest. Sophomore Karen Wallen had her career-high score against the Lady Tigers and finished with 18 points. She also played a strong board game coming up with nine rebounds.

Allen Central took a 58-44 lead on a three-point basket by eighth-grader Jessica Martin with 7:17 to play in the game. With the game seemingly intact, Allen Central couldn't stand prosperity or take care of the basketball as the Lady Tigers clawed their way back into the game. The Lady Rebels committed seven consecutive turnovers in the next four minutes and Paintsville cut the 14-point deficit to six points, 60-54.

Allen Central extended the lead back to seven points, 63-57, before a basket by Kristy Philpott and two free throws by Amanda Pinson narrowed the margin to three, 63-60.

Allen Central had only two field goals in the final quarter, a trey by Martin and a layup by Wallen, but stayed in front from the charity stripe as they hit 14 of 24 attempts in the final three minutes of the game. Samons hit six of her ten in the final three minutes.

Paintsville led after the first stop, 14-12, behind the play of former Prestonsburg player Heather Collins. But Allen Central's press in the second period caused the Lady Tigers all sorts of problems as they turned the ball over on four of their first five possessions in the second stanza.

Misty Scott hit a trey to start the second, Samons connected on two free throws and a layup that gave Allen Central a 19-16 lead. Paintsville went as cold as the weather outside and the Lady Rebs built on the lead and led 34-23 at

ALLEN CENTRAL (74)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Scott	1	3	8-3	14
Samons	6	0	10-10	22
Moore	0	0	2-0	0
Hopkins	0	2	0-0	6
T'berry	2	0	7-4	8
Martin	0	1	2-1	4
Wallen	5	0	10-8	18
Cooley	1	0	0-0	2
<b>totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>39-26</b>	<b>74</b>

PAINTSVILLE (67)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Hall	0	0	0-0	0
Kelly	0	0	0-0	0
Philpott	3	0	8-6	12
Cooper	4	1	0-0	11
Collins	6	0	4-3	15
Osborne	0	0	5-3	3
Kelly	1	0	1-0	2
Pinson	5	0	6-4	14
Russell	5	0	0-0	10
<b>totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24-16</b>	<b>67</b>

Lady Rebs	12	22	21	19-74
Paintsville	14	9	21	23-67

the half. Allen Central outscored Paintsville 15-7 over the final five minutes of the first half.

Collins took charge for Paintsville in the third period and led a charge that cut the Allen Central lead to six points, 41-35.

The Lady Rebs held a 41-29 lead, but Paintsville seemed to solve the Allen Central press and got three easy baskets against it to cut the lead to six.

Allen Central, following a time out, got some big-time help from freshman Jennifer Hopkins who came off the bench and buried two three-point baskets to give Allen Central a ten-point cushion with 1:22 to play in the third. Allen Central led by 11 after three quarters, 55-44.

Five players scored in double figures for Paintsville led by Collins' 15 points. Pinson finished with 14 and Philpott scored 12. Cassie Cooper added 11 points. Jenny Russell netted ten.

Hopkins finished with six points and freshman Janice Thornberry scored eight points. Martin netted four.

Allen Central improved to 5-6 on the season with the win.

# Lady Blackcats get fourth straight win

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

It would be safe to say the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats have not lost a game this year. The year of course being 1996.

Coach Harold Tackett's team made it four straight with a 62-47 win over the Magoffin County Hornets last week on the road. Freshman Shelly Greathouse scored a game-high 18 points and junior guard Crystal Layne tossed in 14.

Lee Ann Perkins led Magoffin County with 17 points, while Elizabeth Montgomery netted 12 points for the Lady Hornets.

Twenty of Magoffin's 47 points came from the free throw line as they hit 20 of 29 attempts. Perkins was a perfect five of five from the charity stripe.

Prestonsburg got four points each from Layne and Greathouse as they built a 16-7 first-quarter lead. April Newsome, who finished the game with only six points on two treys, got her first three-pointer in the first quarter. Newsome played in foul trouble and sat out the second quarter. Perkins scored five points in the first quarter for Magoffin County with Jacqueline Powers scoring two.

Magoffin County had only one field goal in the second quarter, but the Lady Hornets lived at the free throw line, hitting eight of 11 attempts. They trailed the Lady Blackcats 32-17 at the half. Jessi Burke, off the bench, scored six second-quarter points on some good inside moves. Burke finished with nine points in the game. Greathouse had four points in the period and Layne hit two technical foul free throws and a basket for Prestonsburg.

Magoffin County struggled offensively in the third stanza as Prestonsburg outscored them 18-8 to build a 50-25 lead after three quarters. Greathouse had six third-quarter points and Newsome buried her second trey. Nickie Gibson and Perkins scored four points each for Magoffin County.

Prestonsburg kept the Lady Hornets at the free throw line in the final quarter as the Lady Hornets chipped away at the 25-point deficit. Montgomery attempted nine free throws and hit six. In all, Magoffin County attempted 17 free tosses and made 11. Nickie Reed had a three-point basket. Montgomery scored ten points in the quarter after having two at the half.

Magoffin County is a much improved basketball program and the Lady Hornets continue to improve.

Gibson finished with eight points for the Lady Hornets. Reed had three with Tandy Salyers and Powers scoring two each. Janell Owens scored one point.

Kimi Nunnery scored five points for Prestonsburg including a three-point basket in the third period. Crystal Slone added four, as did Amber Leslie and Brandi Slone scored two.

Ladonna Slone, who went scoreless in the game, led Prestonsburg with eight rebounds. Burke had six caroms and Greathouse pulled in four. Burke had a good game on the boards with six rebounds. Greathouse had eight assists to lead the Lady Blackcats. Newsome and Layne dished off five each and Ladonna Slone had four. Greathouse had six steals in the game.

Prestonsburg improved to 7-5.

## LADY BLACKCATS JV WINS

In the junior varsity game, Jenna Fannin scored ten points to lead Prestonsburg to a 44-19 win over Magoffin County. Kimi Nunnery added six points as did Crystal Slone. Brandi Slone scored five points. Kim Slone, Kera Samons and Ramanda Music scored four points each, while Brandi Lawson hit a trey for three points. Alicia Spears had two points.

Jessica Montgomery and Nikki Love led Magoffin County with six points each. Amber Stephens had four points in the game with Kelli Dotson scoring three points.

Prestonsburg scored nine points in each of the first two quarters for a 18-6 halftime lead.

PRESTONSBURG (62)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Newsome	0	2	0-0	6
Layne	6	0	3-2	14
G'house	8	0	2-2	18
Leslie	0	1	2-1	4
Burke	3	0	4-3	9
Nunnery	1	1	0-0	5
C. Slone	1	0	2-2	4
Fannin	0	0	1-0	0
B. Slone	1	0	2-0	2
<b>totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16-10</b>	<b>62</b>

MAGOFFIN CO. (47)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
M'gomery	2	0	12-8	12
Reed	0	1	0-0	3
Isaac	0	0	2-0	0
Howard	0	0	2-2	2
Gibson	3	0	4-2	8
Perkins	6	0	5-5	17
Salyers	0	0	2-2	2
Owens	0	0	2-1	1
Powers	1	0	0-0	2
<b>totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29-20</b>	<b>47</b>

Prestonsburg	16	16	18	12-62
Magoffin Co	7	10	8	22-47



Making some noise

Betsy Layne's Ashley Tackett (23) is starting to show her talent for the Lady Blackcats as she scored on this short base-line jumper against Pike Central last Thursday night. Tackett scored 12 points and pulled down eight rebounds in a 54-52 loss to the Lady Hawks. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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FLOYD COUNTY

# SPORTS



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Sports Editor

## Howard fourth in state in free throws; Butler to be good one

Allen Central's Todd Howard continues to sink the free throws and is fourth in the state from the charity stripe. Howard is hitting a little more than 92 percent of his shots from the stripe. His five of six against South Floyd Tuesday night didn't hurt his percentage at all. He has canned 36 of 40 attempts this season.

### BE A GOOD ONE!

South Floyd's Timmy Butler is just a sophomore, but remember the name in the next two seasons. This kid can jump out of the gym and handles the basketball very well in the open court. He needs to get a little stronger and develop a nice short jumper. He's going to be a good one.

### JONES DOUBLES UP

Perry Jones. A name well-known around Floyd County. Perry pulls double duty. He works for the state highway department and at night (when the Raiders are playing) he doubles as manager. Perry has been around the Wheelwright programs for a long time.

Jones has been accused of doubling as former Louisville coach,

former Oklahoma coach Howard Schellenberger. They do look a lot alike.

### SPURLOCK OUT

Allen Central's assistant coach Kevin Spurlock spent four days in the hospital with kidney stones. Spurlock said he never experienced such pain. He's fine now and back at the coaching helm.

### RAIDER BAND

I really enjoy hearing the South Floyd Raider band, under the direction of Dennis Barkley, play our National Anthem. They do such a great job with it. Makes you proud to be an American. Of course, all our bands do a great job.

### "COOL" NEEDS TO PREVAIL

Betsy Layne's Chris Hamilton will be the second Betsy Layne player to have to sit out a game for the Bobcats because of a one-game suspension for fighting. Rocky Newsome sat out of last Tuesday night's encounter against Sheldon Clark. In that game, Hamilton came to blows with Eric Marcum and was ejected.

Hamilton has to realize how

important he is to this Betsy Layne team and play more under control.

### GRADE SCHOOL SECTIONALS

All four of the grade school sectional basketball tournaments have been pushed back a week. The games were scheduled to begin this Monday night at all four sites, but county athletic director David Turner wanted to give teams an extra week to make up games.

The sectionals will begin on Monday, January 29. The county tournament will start approximately February 3 with the first round.

Betsy Layne Elementary will be the host school for the county tournament and the school principal and coach are working on finalizing the schedule. Hopefully, the first round will be played on Saturday, February 3. More later.

Undoubtedly, the Floyd County Grade School Basketball Tournament is our county's biggest event. The crowds are big and the excitement is deafening at times. It's great!

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Anything but string music

This foursome entertained the fans at the girls All A Classic held at South Floyd this past weekend. They did not have any string music but they had music just the same. The four played CD's and tapes during the breaks at the tournament. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## NASCAR Connection

By Ben Trout

NASCAR racing. It's been around since 1948. The sport started out racing actual stock cars around the sand at Daytona. Now some 48 years later, it is plain to see that the touring series has changed somewhat.

In fact, the series has been involved in somewhat of an evolutionary process since its inception. From time to time however, the

### P'burg

Campbell hit his second three-point basket in the third period and drilled a three-pointer as the Blackcats fought to hold off a charge by the Commodores.

After Perry Central had taken a 35-34 lead, Campbell hit his trey from deep in the right corner to give the Blackcats a 37-35 lead. Perry Central went on a 4-0 run that netted them the 39-37 lead. Prestonsburg's defense caused the Commodores problems and the Blackcats led 41-39 after three quarters.

Perry Central was forced to send the Blackcats to the charity stripe in the final period. The Cats responded hitting nine of 11 attempts. They finished 12 of 15 for the game.

series has undergone dramatic spurts of change, some with warning, some without. Changes have taken place in every aspect of the sport.

Just think about some of the changes that have taken place over the years. Here are a few to get you started.

From racing actual stock cars, to racing cars that are anything but

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PERRY CENTRAL (51)					
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp	
Kilburn	8	1	5-4	23	
Combs	1	2	2-2	10	
Sandlin	3	0	2-1	7	
Sims	3	0	0-0	6	
Fugate	0	1	0-0	3	
Caldwell	1	0	0-0	2	
<b>totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9-7</b>	<b>51</b>	

PRESTONSBURG (58)					
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp	
Ortega	8	2	0-0	22	
Campbell	6	2	5-4	22	
Keathley	3	0	4-2	8	
Harris	0	0	4-4	4	
Hall	0	0	2-2	2	
<b>totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15-12</b>	<b>58</b>	

Perry Central	10	16	13	12-51
Prestonsburg	14	13	14	17-58

stock. From racing around in the dirt, to blistering the track on asphalt, or in some instances, concrete. From as many as 80 races a year to 31. From independent, self-sufficient drivers, to the inability to survive without major sponsorship backing. From two or three thousand people at a race, to 100,000.

How about all the technological changes? You know, the fuel cell, the roof flaps, the inner-liners for the tires, the restrictor plate, and so on. Heck, even the face of the driver has changed. It used to be that it didn't matter what you looked like, or what you sounded like. As long as you could get the car around the track faster than anyone else, you would do just fine.

Now, the success of a driver is not entirely dependent upon how many races he wins. Take Michael Waltrip for instance. Never won a race. So why did Pennzoil and

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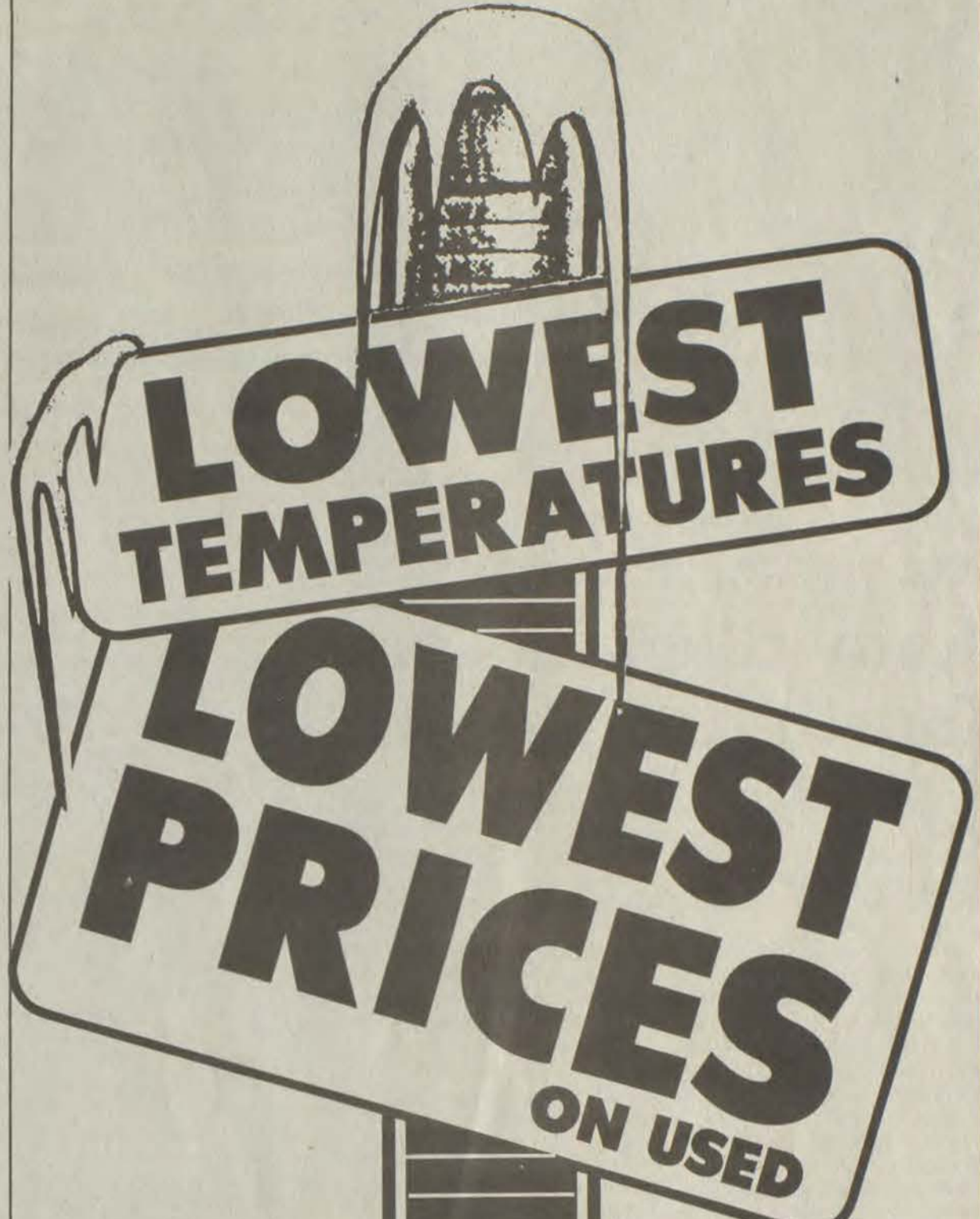
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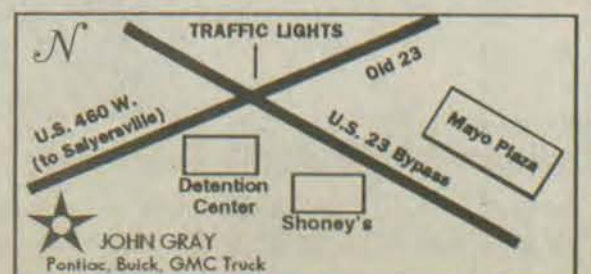
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# Prestonsburg Junior Basketball

## TRAINING LEAGUE LAKERS VS BULLETS

Josh Bingham scored 23 points and Tyler Burke added six as the Lakers posted a 23-14 win over the Bullets in training league play. Matthew Clouse scored one point.

Jarred McGuire led the Bullets with eight points. Shawn Risner and Cody Branham scored three each.

## HAWKS VS HORNETS

Coach Rick Hughes Hornets got 13 points from Austin Francis and the team went on to defeat the Hawks, 23-18, to improve to 6-1 in league play. Jason Hughes and Chance Bradley scored four points each.

Trevor Compton led the Hawks with seven points. Brandon Hurt scored five. David Bentley, Jessie Chaffin and Kory Caudill scored two points each.

## SONICS VS LAKERS

Tyler Burke and Josh Bingham

combined for 18 points to lead the Lakers past the Sonics 20-18. Each player scored nine points each and Andrew Shepherd had the other two points.

Robert Abshire and Michael Morrison scored six points each for the Sonics. Molly Burchett had four points and Michael Stephens scored two.

## JUNIOR VARSITY BULLS VS LAKERS

In a high-scoring affair, the Lakers defeated a good Bulls team, 57-46, behind Josh Caudill's 17 points. Chris Kidd netted 13 points and Kyle Calhoun scored 12 points. Craig Fleenor finished with nine points, while Zach Slone tossed in four and Wesley Jenkins had two.

Greg May led all scorers with 18 points for the Bulls. Josh Ochala added nine and Jason Isom scored eight. Ryan Martin totaled seven points. Justin Isom scored four points.

## HAWKS VS SIXERS

The Hawks placed seven players in the scoring column and had an easy time with the Sixers as they rolled to a 58-35 win this past Saturday afternoon.

Shawn Newsome led the way with 16 points and Jacob Shepherd totaled 12. Josh Ferrell hit double figures with ten points. Jeff Allen had a strong outing finishing with nine points. Kevin Younce scored five and Joey Meadows had four. John Music chipped in with two.

Game scoring honors went to the Sixers' Joey Willis who scored 21 points. Andrew Burchett and Andrew Howell scored four each. Danny Layne, Adam Dixon and Mike Burke scored two each.

## SPURS VS LAKERS

Matt Turner scored 14 points and Aaron Neeley tossed in ten to lead the Spurs past the Lakers, 40-33. Josh Murdock, John Hunt and Heath Chaffins had four points each. Shawn Hatfield tossed in two while Josh Yates and Zack Collins scored one point each.

Kyle Calhoun led all scorers with 20 points for the Lakers. Chris Kidd netted eight while Craig Fleenor and Josh Caudill scored two each.

# Yonts scores 1,000th point for Buchanan

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The June Buchanan Crusaders returned to winning basketball games and winning in a big way since the holiday break.

Senior forward Anthony Yonts (Floyd County) reached a personal milestone when play resumed. Yonts scored his 1,000th point as a Crusader, becoming only the third player to accomplish the feat at June Buchanan. Brian Combs had 1,172 points while at Buchanan and Keith Webb tossed in 1,158 points for the Crusaders.

Yonts' accomplishment came 26 seconds into the first quarter against Letcher County. Yonts went on to post some impressive numbers in leading Buchanan to a 71-55

win over Letcher County. He finished with 19 points, four rebounds and three assists.

June Buchanan jumped out to a 10-0 start, but Letcher County closed the margin to single digits as the two played close through the first three quarters. Buchanan outscored Letcher County in the final quarter, 20-11, for the 16-point win.

Jason Osborne (Floyd County) finished with 11 points in the game, seven rebounds and six assists. His brother Jeremy Osborne led the team in rebounds with 11 and he netted ten points. Matt Crawford (former Allen Central player) totaled nine points and four rebounds.

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# Nascar

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Bahari Racing hang on to him so long? This one's easy. Michael was a handsome, young, and articulate. He was great when he had a microphone in his hand. He was good for the sponsor. Perhaps he would develop into a winner.

Well, the latter never materialized. And although Michael Waltrip still possesses all these fine attributes, Pennzoil and Bahari have opted for another young, handsome and articulate driver, Johnny Benson, rookie newcomer.

So, I can hear you saying, "Ben, why all this talk about change?" Well, it is the felling of many that NASCAR and Winston Cup racing are about to go through one of those radical spurts of dramatic change. Now I'm not talking about something that is going to happen tomorrow, but nonetheless, it's more than likely going to happen.

The biggest change? That one will be in the schedule. Already new tracks in Texas, California, Florida and Nevada are vying for a NASCAR Winston Cup event. NASCAR ultimately decides when

and where it will race, and the competition to get one of those events will get pretty heated. The recent purchase of North Wilkesboro Speedway by track tycoons O. Burton Smith and Bob Bahre leave many with the feeling that Winston Cup racing at Wilkesboro will soon be no more.

More change? NASCAR racing in Japan? I can't say that I'm completely sold on this one folks. I would be interested to hear what you think. I realize that it's just an exhibition and all, but it just makes me wonder.

More dramatic changes for the sport we all love so dearly, are looming on the horizon. Talk about splitting the series up into two divisions, so more of the country can get to see NASCAR racing is not a far-fetched idea.

The point for you to realize is that change is inevitable. And whether we want it to or not, the beloved NASCAR Winston Cup Series will indeed undergo some major adjustments in the next few years.

## NASCAR Winston Cup Schedule

Date	Scheduled Event	Distance
Feb 11	Busch Clash of '96, Daytona Beach	50 M
Feb 18	Daytona 500, Daytona Beach	500 M
Feb 25	Goodwrench 400, Rockingham	400 M
Mar 3	Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond	400 L
Mar 10	Purolator 500, Atlanta, Ga	500 M
Mar 24	Transouth Financial 400, Darlington	400 M
Mar 31	Food City 500, Bristol, TN	500 L
Apr 14	First Union 400, N. Wilkesboro, NC	400 L
Apr 21	Goody's 500, Martinsville, VA	500 L
Apr 28	Winston Select 500, Talladega, AL	500 M
May 5	Save Mart Supermarket 300, Sonoma, CA	300 K
May 18	The Winston Select, Charlotte, NC*	70 L
May 26	Coca-Cola 600, Charlotte, NC	600 M
June 2	Miller 500, Brooklyn, MI	400 M
June 16	UAW-GM 500, Pocono, PA	500 M
June 23	Miller 400, Brooklyn, MI	400 M
July 6	Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla	400 M
July 14	Slick 50 300, Loudon, NH	300 L
July 21	Miller 500, Pocono, PA	500 M
July 28	Diehard 500, Talladega, AL	500 M
Aug 3	Brickyard 400, Indianapolis, IN	400 M
Aug 11	The Bud At the Glen, Watkins, GA	90 L
Aug 18	GM Goodwrench Dealer 400, Brooklyn, MI	400 M
Aug 24	Goody's Powders 500, Bristol, TN	500 L
Sept 1	Mountain Dew So. 500, Darlington, SC	500 M
Sept 7	Miller 400, Richmond, VA	400 L
Sept 15	MBNA 500, Dover, DE	500 M
Sept 22	Hanes 500, Martinsville, VA	500 L
Sept 29	Tyson Holly Farms 400, N. Wilkesboro, NC	400 L
Oct 6	UAW-GM Quality 500, Charlotte, NC	500 M
Oct 20	AC-Delco 400, Rockingham, NC	400 M
Oct 27	Dura Lube 500, Phoenix, AZ	500 K
Nov 10	NAPA 500, Atlanta, GA	500 M

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## WPRG-TV to telecast boys All "A" Classic

Inter-Mountain Cable director P.D. Gearheart announced that WPRG-TV, Channel 5, will air all games, on a delay basis, of the boys' All A Classic beginning tonight and running through the championship game Saturday night.

The first round game will pit Millard against Phelps beginning at 7 p.m. and Allen Central will take on Paintsville at 9 p.m. The games will be shown at 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. tonight.

Thursday night match-up will find Pikeville facing Feds Creek in a 7 p.m. start. Following the first game, Elkhorn City will square off against South Floyd in a 9 p.m. tip off time. The games will be replayed at 9:30 and 11:30 on Thursday night.

The semifinals will be held Friday night and the championship game played on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. Friday night's semifinal games will be seen on a delay basis the same night and the championship game will be shown Saturday night following.

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# Sports in Kentucky

By Bob Watkins

## IS RICK PITINO DREAMING OF COACHING THE 'PERFECT GAME'?

Nolan Richardson used to boast about putting Arkansas opponents through 40 minutes of hell. John Wooden's UCLA teams employed a python method, smothering opponents into submission. And Bob Knight's better Indiana teams used a bone crusher technique called multiple screen sets.

Now comes Rick Pitino. A passionate and intense little man who, methinks, has a dream in his soul. One wintry night, on national television ...coach the perfect game. This man of finesse, fashion finery and precision, would like to ascend to a special pinnacle, join company with Don Larsen and Frank Selvy and Neil Armstrong and Jimmy Carter. An odd lot you might think, but read on.

The ultimate niche. Rare air. Just as Larsen pitched a perfect game in a World Series, Selvy scored 100 points in a college game, Armstrong stepped on the moon, and Carter got an Arab and a Jew to sign a peace agreement, Pitino would coach a team to a crowning jewel. A perfect game. Never been done before. Likely, never been considered, except by a handful, including Kentucky's coach who (pause for oxygen-to-brain check) could assemble the right team at the right time. He might have done it.

This season, offensively, Kentucky scored 70 in a half against Marshall, and 86 at LSU last week.

Defensively, this team has rung up several notables, best among them perhaps, allowing Morehead to shoot 13.8 percent, score 32 points in 20 minutes.

But last week, Pitino seemed to join the awestruck as he and we witnessed something almost surreal. He gazed the way Larsen must have 40 years ago, staring in at Yogi Berra through the long shadows of October. Kentucky's offense shattered LSU like thin glass, shot 67 percent. On another chart, the defense stole the ball 16 times, blocked four shots and panicked Brown's bewildered Tigers into 21 turnovers. Almost a perfect half.

UK got as close to flawless as a team can in a game where 52 shots attempted means the other team gets the ball back the same number of times. But, subtract 21 possessions on Tiger turnovers, and it came out 86-42.

So, No. 2 Kentucky arrived at the season's midway point with a near perfect 14-1 record. More important it was a team with rhythm among its stars. In its LSU outing Pitino's team displayed late February form in mid-January. An achievement made more amazing because of a team happiness factor.

Perhaps it will not achieve the perfect game, but this Kentucky team has flirted with perfection for a half, and more than once. That aside, UK has demonstrated its own brand of 40 minutes of hell and python squeeze and bone crushings too.

## WILDCATS 'IMPROVE-MENTS'?

Yes, it sounds sort of like complaining about the ashtrays in an Audi, but Rick Pitino's Kentucky team, despite a near perfect 20 minutes in Baton Rouge last week, is

not without blemish as the season hits the midway point.

The all-court pressure defense has been so effective, one is tempted to forget UK's half-court offense is still, at times, impatient forsaking the 'extra pass' Da Coach preaches about. It brings to mind hauntings of last spring's fiasco against North Carolina.

And Kentucky's defensive rebounding and free throw shooting needs improvement.

Flipside: For transition basketball, Pitino put his very best starting lineup on-court last week — Walter McCarty, Antoine Walker, Derek Anderson, Tony Delk and Wayne Turner.

## ISIAH VICTOR

After Isiah Victor has looked over all the numbers that matter most, the University Heights 6-9 thin man will sign with Kentucky. Numbers: Andre Riddick showed up in Lexington at 185 pounds and left for professional ball in Japan weighing 220. Nazr Mohammed rolled into town at 310 and is playing as a freshman at 250. And Walter McCarty was 180 when he signed, was benched a month ago for dropping to 222, and is now an All-America candidate and hot NBA prospect at 231. Enough said, right? Wrong.

There is the matter of Victor's place in the mix. Antoine Walker, Ron Mercer and Oliver Simmons return next season along with Jared Prickett and newcomer Anthony Dent. Derek Anderson will move to the back court. But Jason Lathrem will be on hand as well.

Hunch here is Victor's signing with UK will be the first in an inward turn by Pitino (or whoever UK's coach is) starting in, say, 1998, signing in-state players. Among most promising — 6-9 J. R. VanHoose, Paintsville, 6-8 Harold Swanagan, University Heights; 6-2 J.P. Blevins, Metcalf Co., sophomores; 7-foot Nathan Popp, Shelby Co. is a freshman.

## UK FOOTBALL LANDS 2 MORE

University of Ky. football has gotten commitments from two more recruits. Derick Logan, a 6-2, 220-pound running back at Marine Military Academy in Rio Grande Valley, Tex. chose the Wildcats after Moe Williams' announced departure. Logan rushed for 1,947 yards and scored 21 touchdowns last season. "It's going to be me and one other running back working for the top position," Logan told the local Valley Morning Star after choosing UK over Virginia and Wake Forest.

Jimmy Haley, a 6-4, 225-pound tight-end and teammate of Logan's at Marine Military, also committed to Kentucky. Choosing UK, he said, in part because Tim Couch is going to Kentucky.

The total is now 19, the number of student-athletes committed to UK. The official signing period begins Feb. 7.

## U OF L: (UK) HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF

There is an old saying: The reason history repeats itself is because most people weren't listening the first time.

And, of course: To ignore history assures that one is condemned to repeat it.

In its way, each fits University of

Louisville director of athletics Bill Olsen's and coach Denny Crum's circumstance this week.

Olsen and Crum's dilemma these days is remarkably like that of Cliff Hagan, Joe B. Hall and Eddie Sutton at the University of Kentucky little more than a decade ago.

Newspaper reports sparked University and NCAA investigations, followed by outrage and surly denials, back-tracking, stone walling, cover-up and player suspensions (re: Eric Manuel and Chris Mills). And, of course, accusations of over-zealous media crusading for its own gain. Never mind the pursuit of truth. Public stance: "Why you picking on us, every body's doing it."

Hall escaped the first wave. Sutton, who said he would have crawled to Lexington for the job, arrived in time to hold the bag. Accusations came down on a popular black assistant coach, followed by Dwane Casey's resignation. More denials. More accusations of media mischief. And finally NCAA sanctions.

Parallels of these two rival basketball programs are amazing, and ongoing. Bill Olsen? One must conclude his athletic department governance is from the Hagan model — hands-off the high profile basketball program. Olsen ignored early warning signs, recruitment of players who were less student and more athlete. The list is an all-star team — Anthony Cade, Jerome Harmon, Cliff Rozier, Tyrone Nesby and Alex Sanders — but alas, a young man must satisfy 12 semester hours at the same time he plays ball.

Crum? His stance has been Hall and later Sutton all over again. Seeth, and ignore. Try and weather the pelting storm of questions under an umbrella of public disdain for the media. A strategy that did not work then and won't work now.

Apparently, Olsen, Crum and U of L officials learned nothing when UK's basketball program was twisting in the wind a decade ago because nobody was listening, paying attention.

Now, January 1996, 11 years after Hall resigned, and seven since Sutton's forced departure at UK, the (media) police are tapping at the University of Louisville's door. Very probably the NCAA will be forced to bring its stick and come

back to Kentucky too. History repeating itself.

## HIGH SCHOOL MILESTONES

Points. Terrica Hathaway's name popped into newsprint across the state last week when the Providence High junior scored 82 points in two games. Through 13 games Hathaway was averaging 27.9 points.

Less publicized, but equally impressive, Hathaway leads the state in rebounding (17.0) and owns the high mark for most points and most rebounds in one game (boys and girls) this season, with 56 points against Crittenden Co., Nov. 30; and 24 rebounds vs. Dawson Springs Nov. 16.

Interestingly, Hathaway is one of three standouts in the same neck of the woods — Kelly Pendleton (Webster Co.) 27 ppg. and Casey Mills (Dawson Springs) are moving up the state all-time scoring list. She started the season 94th.

Allen County-Scottsville's boys' team. If you guessed the Patriots would be Kentucky's last unbeaten team, please stand up. Nobody? At the weekend the Pats were 16-0.

Psst. Best kept secret candidate for boys Mr. Basketball? Michael Richardson, Scott County. Season high marks for the backcourt ace — 49 points vs. Anderson Co. in December, and 44 vs. Scott Co. Jan. 12. Best credential? Richardson is a 'coach's kind of player.'

## DIS 'N DATA

If you can't get enough of UK basketball and enjoy profiles on past UK stars, stop by a bookstore and browse for Still Crazy About The Cats by Jamie Vaught. A good piece of work.

It is Vaught's second book on UK basketball. This edition includes 14 profiles on some of the most popular Wildcats ever — Winston Bennett, John Pelphrey, Frank Ramsey, James Lee, and Larry Conley, among others.

Vaught is the most conscientious, diligent and determined sportswriter I know on the Kentucky scene. His book deserves a look see.

## PARTING SHOT

Freshman Stephon Marbury, Ga. Tech on leaving early for the NBA: "If I'm guaranteed to be in the lot-

tery I wouldn't even hesitate. I'm leaving. In fact, I would hope the people at Georgia Tech would tell me to leave. Because if not, they wouldn't be thinking about anything but themselves."

And so it goes. Have a point of view you would like to share? Write to Bob Watkins, Sports In Ky., P.O. Box 124, Glendale, Ky. 42740. Or, E-Mail SptsInKy@aol.com.

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## Balancing act?

No! Betsy Layne's Crystal Gearheart (00) was just passing the ball when the Lady Cats faced Pike Central last Thursday night. Betsy Layne fell to the Lady Hawks 54-52 in the regional match-up. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Yonts

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Last Thursday night, June Buchanan fought off a good Cumberland team and prevailed 77-55 with five players scoring in double figures. Jason Osborne hit for 16 points while Jeremy Osborne netted 14 points. Yonts finished with 13, Josse Beverly 11 and Crawford 10. Crawford pulled in eight rebounds for the Crusaders.

On Saturday afternoon, the Jenkins Cavaliers made the trip to Pippa Passes and the Alice Lloyd College gym to face the Crusaders. Jeremy Osborne's 14 points and 12 rebounds led Buchanan to a 80-53 win over Jenkins. Jason Osborne netted 16 points in the game while Yonts finished with 12 and Crawford ten.

This past Monday night the Crusaders defeated Jackson City 54-51 in the opening round of the boys All A Classic at Jackson City. Beverly led the Crusaders with 14 points while Jason Osborne scored 11 and Jeremy Osborne had ten points. Crawford scored six for Buchanan.

In the latest stats listed by the KHSAA, Buchanan is third in the state in scoring margin with a difference of 18 points.

Buchanan is averaging a little more than 70 points per game while allowing 52 per outing. They are also the third top defensive team in the state.

June Buchanan is 14-2 on the season.

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**Three-pointer**

Jessica Johnson of Betsy Layne buries one of her three three-pointers she scored against Pike Central last Thursday at Mullins High School. Johnson finished with 19 points, but the Lady Cats fell 54-52 to Pike Central. (photo by Ed Taylor)



**Playing defense**

Paintsville's Cassie Cooper (34) shot over Allen Central's Amanda Samons during tournament play at South Floyd last Friday night. Cooper scored 11 points, including a three-point basket, but the Lady Rebels came home with a 74-67 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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**Bassin**

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than the bass themselves."

Normally, Eaker and other professional fishermen prefer to fish falling or outgoing tides, since these tend to draw baitfish out of protective cover and cause bass to become more active. The following slack tide can also provide good fishing before the incoming tide starts.

Several weeks ago, I fished a national tournament on the Potomac River near Waldorf, Maryland," explains the Evinrude pro, "and the difference between high and low tide water levels was more than two feet. That is a huge volume of water to deal with, and if you don't catch fish at just the right time, you're lost for the day.

"It's not that the bass necessarily move very far when the tide changes, but rather, they just stop biting. During that tournament on the Potomac, two competitors were fishing a spot that looked like it should have bass everywhere, but they never had a hit.

"Then the tide changed and they caught three bass over five pounds in less than 15 minutes without ever moving their boat."

Eaker cautions that outgoing tides present another problem, which is that it can strand a fisherman in a shallow creek or bay.

"That has happened to a lot of bass fishermen," Eaker laughs. "We got so engrossed in the area we're fishing, especially if the bass are biting, that we stay too long. When that happens, you either have to get out and push your boat back to deeper water, or simply wait six hours until the tide changes again."

One of the techniques Eaker and his fellow competitors often use is to run with a tide. They may work their way downstream with an outgoing tide, or fish upstream by staying just ahead of an incoming tide.

"Either way, you have to do some careful planning," he says. The prime time for a particular area seldom lasts very long, so you have to be there when it does occur."

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They look pretty much like everybody else. Just to see them walk or listen to them talk, you may not be able to distinguish them from ordinary citizens. Don't ever doubt it, though. Pet lovers are special.

Right off, I'll admit that I'm not one. Oh, sure, I had a dog or two when I was a kid. What boy in Muddy Branch didn't? I can even recall a couple of community dogs; ones that everybody fed but no one really claimed as their own. And, mom and dad always kept a cat around the house to do a little mouse work. These days, however, reading Garfield and Marmaduke in the funnies every day seems to be about it for me.

It's not that I think there's anything wrong with having a pet. As a matter of fact, I've read that scientific studies show that elderly people who live by themselves are encouraged to get a small dog or cat or parakeet to care for because pets can help them combat their loneliness and assist them in leading happier, longer lives.

I suppose anything can be taken to the extreme,

however. That's why I wasn't really all that surprised when I read in the paper awhile back where a telephone company in Michigan was promoting the idea of calling your pets on the telephone when you have to leave them alone at home.



That may be a bit much. Of course, we all know people who treat their pets just like family members; who buy their dogs birthday presents; who rush their puppy to the vet at

three in the morning because they think his nose feels too warm. But to call pets on the phone when you're away from them? Gim'me a break. The idea, I'm afraid, is to simply take advantage of the loving, tender-hearted people who own pets. Through clever advertising, they're encouraged to dial up Bowser or Fluffy through their answering machine. According to the article in the paper, the phone company, in a pamphlet included with the monthly phone bill to customers, called it "reach

out and scratch his ears." I'm thinking that maybe it should be called "reach out and grease my palm." The whole plan must be the brainchild of some clever ad executive—perhaps a pet lover himself—who has recognized the opportunity to prey upon folks who have become so attached to their little critters that they really and truly worry about their pet's emotional state when they have to leave them alone.

The company spokesman admitted in the article that if that catches on, the added calls would mean more money for the phone company. And, rest assured, there's bound to be a few people somewhere who'll run up their phone bills while on vacation in Paris—or some other exotic place—because they want to make daily reports to their lonely poodles back in the states.

I hope I get a chance to read a follow-up story, perhaps some sort of survey, about how this plan worked out. I guess I'm curious to see if folks are as gullible as some people think they are.

Nevertheless, pet lovers are special people because they really care. I'm not a pet lover. Perhaps I ought to be.

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# Lifestyles

## Windows to the World Books let children see their future

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

Isaac Bentley wants to be a paleontologist when he grows up. Many people may have that same dream, but few have them when they are five.

Isaac said he wants to dig up dinosaur bones and put them back together in a museum. His favorite dinosaur is the Tyrannosaurus Rex. He says he's never seen one, but his mom has read many books about dinosaurs to him.

Shonia Bentley says her son's imagination and quest for knowledge, especially about dinosaurs, comes directly from their reading sessions since he was a small child.

"I've been reading to him since he was four months old," Bentley said.

Bentley is one of about 20 percent of all parents who know that reading to their children is important. "Once upon a time" is a phrase that, for adults, can revive memories of curling up in Mommy's lap or hearing Granddad's gentle voice or feeling secure and happy as the day ended and sleep neared.

Yet few parents — just 20 percent according to Vivian Whitehead, a VISTA volunteer working with the David School and Hi Top Preschool — take the time to read to their kids.

"Studies show that if parents read to their preschool children just 15 minutes a day, it would make so much difference," she said. "It would revolutionize education."

The parents at Hi Top are in the 20 percent. "Reading to them increases their vocabulary so much," Donna Ousley said. Her son D.J. especially likes Thursdays at preschool. That's one of the days mom comes to read to him.

"He has such an imagination after I read to him," Shonia Bentley added. She said she also read to her daughter when she was younger as well.

"I've been reading to him since he was little," Melissa Messer said of her son Adam.

Kenni Craft's daughter Jonna likes to act out her books after they've been read to her. "She'd rather have someone to read to her than to play," Craft said.

"And I try to point out the different words so she realizes there's more that goes with the story than the pictures," Vonda Brown added. One of her daughter Brittany's favorite books is the Lion King.

Other favorite books include anything by Dr. Seuss; anything about dinosaurs and other animals; books about bugs; and one in particular, "The Green Queen."

"The Green Queen is Elizabeth's favorite," Cindy Green said. "She thinks she can read it, the words are so simple."

Green has two children in the preschool — Elizabeth and Josh. Her husband, Marty, is the principal of the high school at the David School.

Chad Wallace's favorite book is about Flopsy, Cotton Tail and Peter Rabbit. "Peter keeps getting into mischief," Chad said.

"They like to be read to no matter what age they are," Cindy Green added.

What some parents don't realize is that by reading to their children, they are helping them do better in school. Reading helps children develop their listening and language skills, both critical for success in school.

"Children who have been read to become readers themselves," said Sara Callaway, family literacy branch manager in the state Department for Adult Education and Literacy. "We transfer our values regarding education to children through our actions, just as we transfer our moral values to children. When we set aside time in our busy day to read to children, we're giving them the message that it is an important activity."

A U.S. Department of Education study in 1987 showed that children whose parents read to them regularly, make books available and encourage exploration of books and writing are typically more successful students.

And successful students are better prepared to enter the work force or continue their education.

How early should this process of lifelong learning begin? Experts say that reading to children should start as soon as they are brought home from the hospital as newborns.

"Reading to infants is important," Callaway said. "Even though they don't understand the meaning, the get used to sounds and the spoken language."

There are other benefits as well. "In addition to preparing them for school, reading strengthens the relationship between parents and children," Callaway said. "Reading can create a wonderful bonding opportunity."

"There just aren't many things more special than slowing down, snuggling up with your children and reading them a story," she said, "especially with the hectic and stressful lives most of us lead."

The following tips can help parents start their children on a lifetime of reading.

- Read to your child, even



Vonda Brown and her daughter Brittany read a book. Vonda likes to show her daughter the words as she reads.



Isaac Bentley and his mother Shonia read a book during Hi Top Preschool's parent and child time.

### FROM THE MOUNTAINS by Jason Gibson



#### The Monkey Trial of Dayton

"I'm not as interested in the age of rocks as I am in the Rock of Ages," William Jennings Bryan was fond of saying in interviews and speeches in July of 1925 as he assisted the State of Tennessee's prosecution of biology teacher John Thomas Scopes in Dayton, Tennessee, for teaching the evolution theory of creativity which had recently been outlawed in Tennessee.

Bryan was a famous American. He had been headlined in the nation's papers for thirty years since he surprisingly took the Democratic nomination for president at the youthful age of 36.

The jury was selected on the first day which found defense attorney Clarence Darrow objecting to the opening prayer and to a display of religious signs in the courtroom including a large "Read your Bible daily" banner above Judge Raulston's bench.

The next trial day was no better for Darrow as Rev. Moffett prayed. "Oh God, our Father, Thou who are the creator of the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them, Thou who are the preserver and controller of all things, Thou who wilt bring out all things to Thy glory in the end, we thank Thee this morning that Thou dost not only fill the heavens, but Thou doesn't also fill the Earth."

Darrow objected saying the prayer, and its content, was highly improper.

"Overruled," Judge Raulston quickly responded. "I always open court with a prayer whenever a minister is available."

"Judge, I don't object to you or this jury or anyone else praying in secret or privately," Darrow explained. "I do object to this courtroom being turned into a meeting house in the trial of this case. You have no right to do it. Since this case concerns a conflict between science and religion there should be no attempt to influence the jury by prayer."

One of the prosecution lawyers objected to Darrow's remarks and denied that the case was a conflict between science and religion.

"Your honor, this case involves whether or not a school teacher has taught a doctrine prohibited by statute," Attorney General Stewart spoke up. "Such an idea extended by the agnostic counsel for the defense is foreign to the thoughts and ideas of the people."

This started a furor in the courtroom.

"Your honor, I strongly object to his use of the phrase 'agnostic counsel for the defense,'" defense attorney Arthur Garfield Hays said.

"Your honor, I am not an agnostic and I am one of the counsel for the defense," Dudley Field Malone avered. "The statement by the prosecution is highly improper and I object to it. I might add that prayers in the courtroom during this particular trial increase the atmosphere of hostility to our point of view, a hostility which already exists in the community due to widespread propaganda."

This statement by Malone incensed the attorney general.

"I would advise Mr. Malone, your honor, that this is God-fearing country," Stewart responded.

"It is no more God-fearing than that from which I came," Malone retorted.

Raulston ended the exchange by telling the two camps not to turn the issue into an argument. It would come up nearly every day of the trial, however.

Bryan had spread propaganda since his arrival by polarizing the two sides, saying the trial was between country folks and city dwellers and God versus Darwin.

One of John T. Scopes' students was called to the witness stand.

"He taught us that the earth was once a hot molten mass, too hot for plant or animal life to live," 14-year old Howard Morgan said upon questioning. "The earth cooled off in the sea and a one-celled organism was formed. It kept changing until it got to be pretty good sized and then came on the land to live. It kept evolving until man evolved from it."

The prosecution felt Scopes had violated the statute and that they had proved their case. Darrow said the statute was unconstitutional but the judge denied his claim. The defense then attempted to prove that the evolution theory didn't deny the story of the divine creation as taught in the Bible and Darrow attempted to introduce evidence from expert witnesses as to the meaning of evolution and whether it was consistent with religion. Darrow had many of the top scientists in America in Dayton to testify. They would not get the opportunity.

Scopes was charged with teaching the evolution theory of creation and the prosecution had seemingly done their job in proving that. But the thousands of people who had converged on Dayton, Tennessee, and those who read the accounts of activities in newspapers and magazines around the country were interested in the broader question—the battle between the

(See Mountains, C 8)













**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5343**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for a permit for an underground and surface coal mining operation located 0.5 miles west of Woods in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 2.5 acres and underlie 1245.0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1247.5 acres.

The proposed operation is located just north of KY Rt. 194's junction with Twin Branch Road and located along Cow Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 38' 05." The longitude is 82 degrees 39' 44."

The proposed operation is on the Lancer, Thomas, Harold and Broad Bottom U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Hansford Spears. The operation will underlie land owned by Hansford Spears, Jim & Carletta Caldwell, Leonard T. Ruth & Coal Mac, Inc., Lonzo Jarvis, Jeffrey, Lisa and Nick Collins, Taylor Douglas, Calvin Clay, Kenneth and Linda Gibson, Woodrow and Narcie Burchett, Curtis and Eleanor Goble, Kenny and Wanda Caldwell, Stella and Sonny Ward, Henry Ward Estate, Bill Frank and Linda Caldwell, Woodrow Burchett, Margie Blackburn, et al., and Richard Goble. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road KY Rt. 194. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conferences must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601.

**NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE**

**Application #860-5176**

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120 Section 3 (2) Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 784, Hazard, Kentucky 41701, telephone (606) 447-2003, proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 88.5 acres located in Knott County. The area is located 3.45 miles southwest of Arnold's Fork Road junction with Hwy. 1498. The latitude is 37° 17' 05". The longitude is 82° 44' 01". Blasting is proposed for 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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NOTE: Thirty days prior to any blasting, the appropriate DSMRE Regional Office, Knott County Fiscal Court and all residents within 1/2 mile of the operation will be notified, in writing, of the proposed blasting schedule and informed of the warning signals of the company.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5293, Operator Change**

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Mineral Resources, Inc., 861 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise permit number 836-5293 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is J Cress Enterprises, Inc., Box 379, Betsy Layne, KY 41605. The new operator will be Hope Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 435, Betsy Layne, KY 41605.

The operation is located 0.90 miles West of Woods in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.52 miles East from KY 194's junction with KY 1428 and located adjacent to Cow Creek. The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The Latitude is 37° 38' 10". The Longitude is 82° 40' 04".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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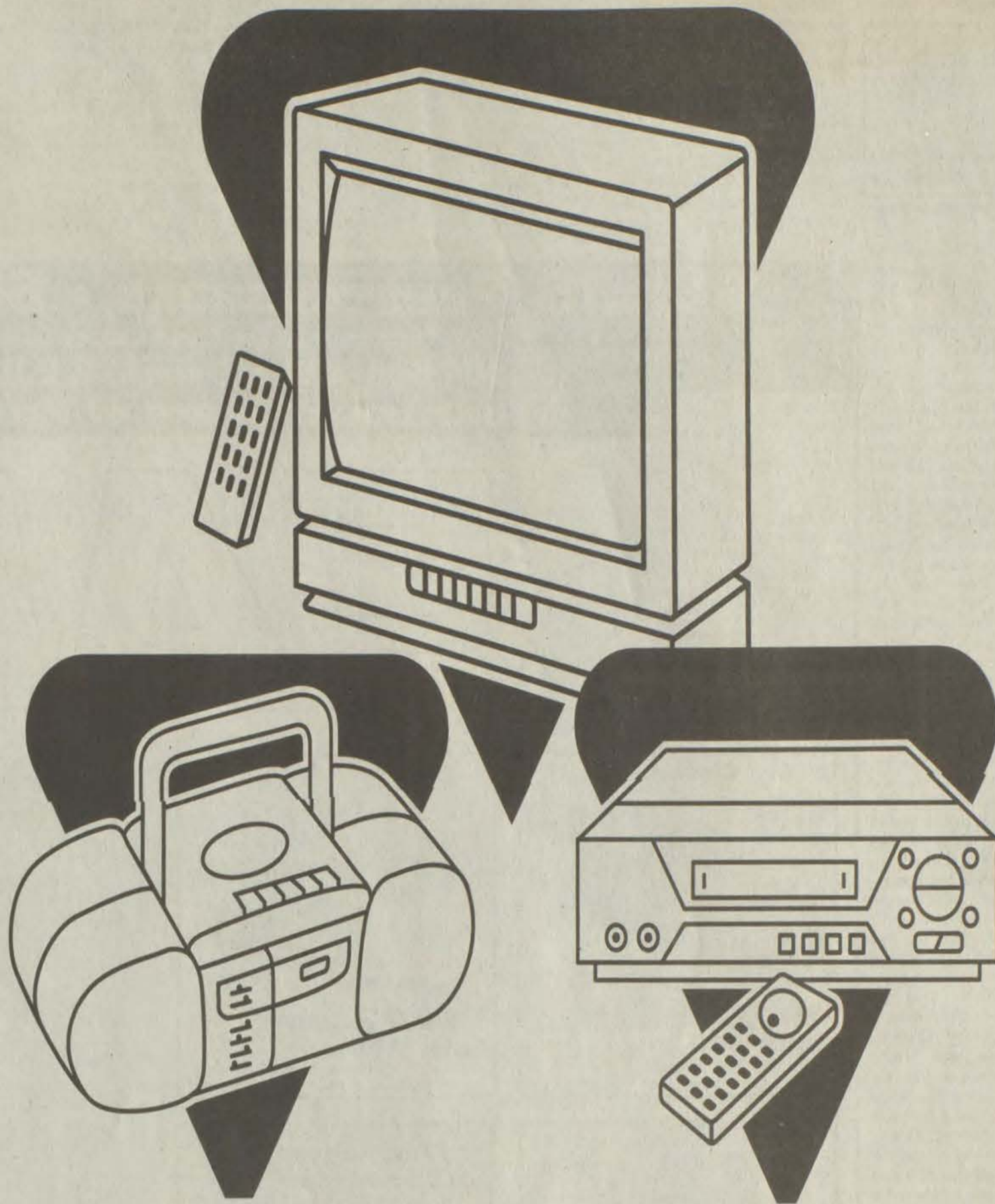
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# Sunshine

## Lines

by  
**Beverly  
Carroll**



Senior citizens, it seems whenever I write an article that relates to the concerns you have affording prescribed medications, your Benefits Counseling Coordinator's phone rings more than at any other times.

Carol Napier, benefits counseling coordinator for the Big Sandy area, whose office is at Legal Services in Prestonsburg, assured me yesterday that for the past two weeks, after senior citizens read articles in this column dealing with their not being able to afford prescribed medications, many called her hoping that she could help them. These peoples' needs were not unlike thousands of others who have talked with other coordinators throughout Kentucky. Not being about to afford the necessary medications to sustain or improve one's health is a serious and on-going problem. But this massive problem is not just here in the Bluegrass state. It's a national nightmare. Older Americans, throughout the nation, on fixed incomes, with limited or no insurance, simply cannot afford to buy the medicines they need to stay healthy or get well.

Last week I offered ten suggestions that might help you. If you did not read those, you can call your coordinator at 886-3876 or toll-free 1-800-556-3876. A copy of that article can be mailed to you.

Today, I will discuss two programs that have helped hundreds of thousands of people by providing free medications to them. Maybe one of these programs can help you.

However, there are a few things that must be understood at the onset to avoid misunderstandings. One is, don't assume that your doctor will know about these programs. It may be that you must tell him/her that they exist. You may have to go one step further and offer to provide literature that will explain these programs to him/her.

Literature can be made available to you and to your doctor. Another is, don't assume that every doctor will be willing to make application to these programs for you. Doctors have reasons for the things they are willing to do, as well as those things they are not willing to do, just as you and I have reasons for the things we do and don't do.

And, finally, once your doctor knows that you cannot afford the medications they prescribed, they may know of another program that will help you. Or, the doctor may determine a way to see that you get the necessary medications at a lesser charge or at no cost. Oftentimes one's doctor does not know a patient's true financial burdens. It is the patient's responsibility to tell the doctor when you can't afford the prescriptions they want you to have.

Don't feel badly if you must tell this to your doctor. You certainly won't be the first one to have told him this. And, in all honesty, doc-

# Mountains

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evolution theory and the divine theory of creation.

"There is no more justification for imposing the conflicting views of the Bible on courses of biology than there would be for imposing the views of biologists on courses of comparative religion," defense attorney Malone directed at the bench. "We maintain that science and religion embrace two separate and distinct fields of thought and learning."

Bryan offered the suggestion that the evolutionists should form their own atheistic schools.

"Instead of calling them Christians, I suggest they should be called The Ancient and Honorable Order of Apes," Bryan said with a chuckle.

That Sunday William Jennings Bryan preached in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the morning and on the grounds of the courthouse in the afternoon.

"While God does not despise the learned. He does not give them a monopoly of His attention," Bryan preached. "The God I worship is the God of the ignorant as well as the God of the learned man."

Listening with rapt attention was Judge Raulston and members of his family.

*Editor's note: Clarence Darrow calls a surprise witness in Jadon's From The Mountains next week in The Floyd County Times.*

tors need to hear how tough it is for our older Americans today.

Pharmaceutical manufacturers listen to the doctors. Doctors are the lifelines of their companies just as patients are the lifelines of the doctor's practices.

There is one program called PhRMA. Not all pharmaceutical manufacturers are members of the PhRMA organization. PhRMA has a directory available. Your doctor may very well be aware of this patient assistance program.

Eligibility guidelines differ from one pharmaceutical company to another.

You may want your doctor to check out this possibility for you. If you want a copy of this directory for yourself request it from: Cabinet for Human Resources, Division of Aging Services, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort, KY 40621. Ask for: PhRMA Directory of Prescription Drug Patient Assistance Programs. Why not request two copies? Then you'll

have one to leave with your doctor.

One program that has served a lot of senior citizens in this area is the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Indigent Patient Program. This program, like the one mentioned above, consists of pharmaceutical manufacturers who have programs to provide their medications to indigent people at no cost. (Some companies listed in this paper were not listed as members of the aforementioned program.) Your doctor may or may not be aware of this patient

assistance program. You might do you and your doctor a favor—not to mention other senior citizens who might benefit—by requesting two copies, one for you and one for your doctor. For a copy of this paper write to the same address provided above and ask for: An Information Paper Prepared by the staff of the Special Committee on Aging, United States Senate.

Unfortunately, these programs do not solve the problem for everyone but they have helped literally

thousands of people right here in Kentucky. Of course, only your doctor can apply to these programs for you. Remember most doctors are humanitarians, dedicated to doing what is best for their patients. But the fact still remains that if you don't tell your doctor of the difficulty you are having affording prescribed medications, your doctor is never going to make that call for you. Until you 'tell it like it is,' your doctor is not going to know how bad it really is for you.

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