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Briefs

Deadline for free detectors nears

Time is running out for Floyd Countians to obtain free smoke detectors.

Under a state program, smoke detectors are being given away to anyone who asks. The detectors come equipped with 10-year lithium batteries and are professionally installed by local fire departments.

Requests for the free detectors will be taken until Friday, December 15.

To reserve one of the smoke detectors, call the county judge-executive's office at (606) 886-9193.

Correction

In the Wednesday, December 6, edition of The Times, it was incorrectly reported that George Andrew Jarrell had posted a \$50,000 cash bond for his release from custody. Jarrell actually posted a \$50,000 property bond.

Two Day Forecast...



Today Cloudy
High: 50 • Low: 42

Tomorrow Showers
High: 54 • Low: 42

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see www.floydcountytimes.com/weather.htm

Troubled bridge in the water...



photos by Ralph B. Davis

Neither man nor machine were hurt when a county dump truck broke through a bridge at Granny Fitz Branch along Middle Creek Friday morning. The incident left 15 homes cut off from the outside world, but county workers were busy Friday constructing a low-water bridge to bring temporary relief to the situation.

County truck collapses bridge

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

For the past couple of years, the antique bridge crossing Middle Creek at Granny Fitz Branch has been slated to be replaced.

As of Friday morning, it will have to be.

That's when a 10-wheel county dump truck returning from performing asphalt patch work attempted to cross the span, collapsing it instead.

All that remains of the bridge now is a heap of twisted metal.

County worker Charles Lewis was driving the truck around 10 a.m. Friday when the bridge collapsed. Lewis said the incident did not happen with a thunderous crash, but that the bridge and truck "just sort of sat

down" in the creek below.

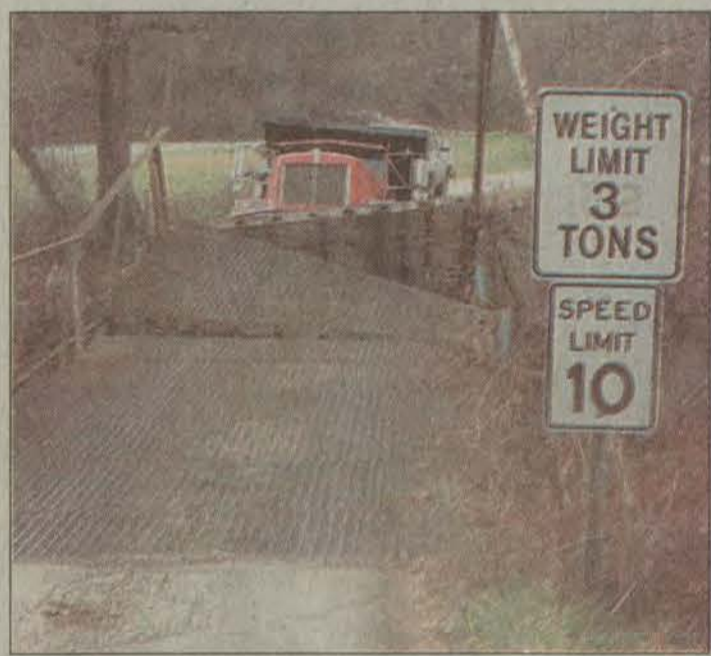
"We were up there [Granny Fitz Branch] patching roads and we broke our own bridge," Lewis commented.

Despite a posted weight limit of three tons, the truck was carrying 11 tons of asphalt when it attempted to cross the bridge.

The collapse of the bridge temporarily cut off the only access into and out of Granny Fitz Branch, trapping the 25 to 35 people who live in 15 homes along the road.

But county workers immediately began working to construct a low-water bridge across the creek as a temporary fix to the problem.

County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson was out of town Friday and could not be reached for comment.



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Water shortage threatens

Times Staff Report

The drought of 1999 continues to have an impact locally as Floyd County has been placed on a list of 88 Kentucky counties currently facing a water shortage.

Floyd County was one of 55 counties issued a water shortage watch by the state Division of Water, meaning the county is in danger of experiencing a water shortage. Thirty-three other counties were issued water shortage warnings, meaning they are currently experiencing shortages.

The Division of Water released a statement Friday concerning the shortages. Citing low water supplies and a lack of rain, the division doubled the number of counties facing shortages. Previously, 44 counties had been under a watch.

Overall, the division reports that 90 percent of the state's streams are experiencing flow rates at or below 20 percent of normal, with 70 percent at or below 10 percent.

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On again, off again case set for trial

Times Staff Report

A man who broke the terms of an agreement to keep him out of jail by allegedly showing up drunk to meet his probation officer is scheduled to go to trial this week.

Dan Jack Combs II, the 19-year-old son of former Supreme Court Justice Dan Jack Combs, is scheduled to face a jury Monday on charges stemming from a high-speed chase in which he allegedly evaded Kentucky State Troopers successfully on October 15, 1999.

On that date, at approximately 11:52 p.m., troopers Anthony Taulbee and Todd Kidd were con-

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Masons hope to make help only a phone call away

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

Women who find themselves entangled in abusive relationships live their daily lives surrounded by a veil of fear. It is as if danger lurks in every corner. But perhaps the worst feeling of all is the feeling that they are alone in their struggle to protect themselves and their children.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky Masons has implemented a program that it feels will send a message of hope and unity to such women. The program bears the name, "Call to Protect", and it involves the use of cellular telephones.

The program works in the following

manner: When a woman seeks help in district court by applying for an emergency protective order, she is directed to the office of the Domestic Violence Advocate. The advocate, Margaret Rice, will review her situation. Based upon information that Rice receives from the woman, such as whether or not the woman has access to telephone service, and whether or not her partner is stalking her and/or making threats against her personal safety, Rice may refer her casework directly to Judge Julie Paxton.

If Judge Paxton feels that the woman is at risk of further acts of violence and sees that she does not have access to telephone service, then she may sign an order

requesting that the victim be assigned the use of a cellular telephone and battery charger. In this way, the victim can be afforded greater peace of mind knowing that help is only a phone call away.

The telephones that are being used in the program are donated by BellSouth Mobility to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which in turn donates them to the Domestic Violence office.

The telephones are wired only for direct calls to 911 services. The phones will not be able to receive calls or dial any other number. When the need for the phone no longer exists, the woman will return the phone and the battery charger to the Domestic Violence Advocate.

According to Chuck Gibson, district deputy grand master of the lodge, the lodge is now conducting a campaign in which they are asking individuals who are in possession of a cellular telephone that they no longer use, to donate the telephone to the program.

Gibson, a part-time 911 employee, is a strong supporter of the program. He said that he feels that battered women will be able to derive a great sense of relief from knowing that they have ready access to assistance from law enforcement agencies. He also said that he feels that it will be a great deterrent to the perpetrators of domestic

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Corrections launches KOOL web site

Law enforcement agencies, victims of crime, family members, friends, media representatives and the general public will now be able to obtain offender records through a KOOL system initiated, developed and implemented by the Kentucky Department of Corrections (DOC).

Recently in Frankfort, Corrections' officials provided the media with a first-hand look at the Kentucky Offender Online

Lookup (KOOL) system during a step-by-step demonstration on how to find offender information such as sentence details and Parole Board reviews.

Media representatives were also given an opportunity to ask questions about the newly created KOOL system. All information included in the records is already open to the public and is now being made readily available in an electronic, more user-friendly format.

The data, which goes back to 1978, when DOC first started maintaining electronic offender records, will eventually include a total of 75,000 inmates in the database—both active and inactive records. Initially, an estimated 15,500 records were included in the launching of the KOOL

system. This number reflects inmates in DOC's custody who are currently incarcerated in a state or private prison, county jail or halfway house.

Active parolee records will be added sometime in the near future which would then make the total somewhere around 22,500.

Inactive records will be added at a later date, which would drive the total number of records to 75,500.

Data on the KOOL system will be updated three times a day. There may be a three to four-minute delay experienced at 9 a.m., noon and 6 p.m., while the updates are taking place.

The KOOL system will be maintained on a DOC dedicated web server and can be accessed through the Department's web site at www.cor.state.ky.us. The entire system was developed and implemented by DOC's staff and required no additional state funding.

Internet privacy is program topic

"Internet Privacy: Should Congress pass new Internet privacy laws?" is the topic of discussion on KET's Kentucky Tonight on Monday, December 11.

The program airs at 8 p.m., with host Bill Goodman.

Combs

ducting a roadblock on route 1426 near Harold. As a white Toyota T-100 approached the roadblock, it quickly turned around and sped away, apparently in an effort to avoid inspection.

Taulbee and Kidd pursued the vehicle, clocking it at 70 miles an hour in a 55 mile-per-hour zone. Their attempts to stop the vehicle failed, and in an interview with men who were hunting in the area at the time of the chase, the troopers discovered the identity of the driver.

An arrest warrant was sworn out and a few days later, Combs was arrested and charged with speeding, having no vehicle insurance, no registration receipt, having expired registration plates, fleeing/evading police, and driving on a DUI-suspended license, third offense.

Combs originally pleaded not guilty to the charges, but, at a later date, on October 6, 2000, Combs reached a plea agreement in the case.

On that same date, an agreement to a diversion of charges was signed by Judge Danny P. Caudill, allowing for a three year diversion in exchange for Combs' enlistment into the armed forces for a three-year period and conditional upon his exiting with an honorable or equivalent discharge. In addition, he was to have no further violations during this time.

Combs was ordered to appear at the Office of Probation and Parole on October 10. When he did, he showed up in an apparently intoxicated state. A preliminary breath test was performed showing a register of .08, the new level at which persons can be considered intoxicated, which took effect October 1.

The court was immediately informed and Combs was taken into custody and a breathalyzer test was performed that showed a reading of .097. Orders were then issued for Combs to be retained in custody of the court with no bond until a sentence hearing could be held on October 20.

On this date, Judge Caudill determined that by showing up at the Office of Probation and Parole in an intoxicated state, Combs had effectively withdrawn his diversion agreement and it was ordered that his case would be presented to a jury at a later date.

Combs is scheduled to appear for trial on Monday.

In December 1996, Combs was at the center of a case which received statewide attention when police filed charges against his father for allegedly allowing the then-14-year-old boy to smoke marijuana while watching a Cheech and Chong movie at their Stanville residence.

Charges against both father and son were dismissed in August 1997 after special Judge Susan Mullins Johnson ruled that the elder Combs' memory disorder made it impossible for him to show intent to break the law.

Scheduled guests for the call-in show include Roy Moore, associate dean for graduate studies in the College of Communications and Information Studies at the University of Kentucky; Jon Fleischaker and Scot Duvall, Louisville lawyers; and Carolyn Siegel, professor of marketing at Eastern Kentucky University.

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

The program is closed-captioned for the hearing-impaired. The number for TDD calls is 1-800-395-5388.

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

Shortage

Despite receiving above-average rainfall from January to September, the state's water supplies have not fully recovered from the drought of 1999. That, coupled with a return of drier weather, is the reason for the watches and warnings. During October and November, eastern Kentucky received only a third of the rainfall normally received.

To avoid complications from the shortages, the division is urging residents in Floyd and other affected counties to use water wisely. In addition, the division is telling water companies to monitor their supplies and advising local officials to be prepared to take action to conserve water.

The 33 counties in the warning area include Adair, Allen, Barren, Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Harlan,

Phones

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crises.

"If the program helps only one woman," said Gibson, "then the effort will have been worthwhile."

For more information on the "Call to Protect" program, or to offer a telephone for donation, you may call Gibson at (606) 285-2665 or (606) 886-0926.

For more information on legal help if you are involved in a domestic violence crisis, you may call Margaret Rice at (606) 889-0511, or toll-free at 1-888-273-1928.

Also, Kentucky Spouse Abuse Centers offer temporary shelter, counseling, a 24-hour hotline, children's services and legal assistance, information and referral. Locally, the organization to contact is the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center. The number to dial is 1-800-649-6605.

Domestic Violence Services are offered to all victims of domestic violence regardless of age or sex.

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Jackson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Logan, Magoffin, McCreary, Metcalfe, Monroe, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Simpson, Warren, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.

In addition to Floyd, counties in the watch area include Anderson, Bath, Bourbon, Boyle, Bullitt, Butler, Caldwell, Carter, Casey, Christian, Clark, Edmonson, Elliott, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Franklin, Garrard, Grant, Grayson, Hardin, Harrison, Hart, Hopkins, Jessamine, Johnson, Larue, Lawrence, Lincoln, Madison, Marion, Martin, McClean, Menifee, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Owen, Pendleton, Pike, Rowan, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Taylor, Todd, Trigg, Washington, Webster and Woodford.

Uh-oh—were declarations of the new millennium' premature?

Remember 1999? The year when revelers celebrated the end of the 20th century? And this year when announcers at sporting events heralded the "champions of the new millennium," and political strategists advanced the "first president-elect of the 21st century?"

All this has amused Chis Waller, who jokingly calls himself "a stickler for correct dating procedures."

"They focused on the fact that for the first time in a thousand years, all four digits of the year changed," Waller asserts. "It's just mathematically flawed."

"The new millennium hasn't started yet. It's a matter of simple counting. There was no 'Year Zero,' so the year ending in double-zero is the last year of a century," says Waller, a professor of international economics at the University of Kentucky Gatton College of Business and Economics.

"The new millennium starts January 1, 2001," Waller says.

He gets support from Bruce Eastwood, a UK history professor. "Simply, mathematically, no, the new millennium has not yet begun," says Eastwood, who teaches early European history and histo-

ry of the sciences.

"Since the 7th century, historians have dated things since the Anno Domini, the 'Year of our Lord.' There was no 'Year Zero'; there was I.A.D. and I.B.C.," Eastwood says.

"That means the end of the year 1000 was the end of the first millennium, and the end of the year 2000 ends the second millennium," he says.

Eastwood notes the turn of any century seems to provoke a certain amount of general discomfort in the world, sometimes bordering on hysteria. "At the end of the 1800s, there was concern about the end of the world," he says.

"The arrival of the year 1000 also was considered an important event. There were some observers who anticipated a possible apocalyptic event," Eastwood says.

Last year's hubbub about the new millennium's arrival was greeted with comparative restraint, he says.

"I thought last year's 'millennium madness' was mostly people having fun with it," he says.


"People like those three zeros," he adds.

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Court News

MARRIAGES

Linda Kaye Wallen, 52, to Bruce Alan Prater, 43, both of Hueysville.
 Mary Alice Blair, 71, to Fred C. Conn, 83, both of Dana.
 Jessica Bea Sammons, 23, to Glenn Robert Mace, 22, both of Prestonsburg.
 Patricia L. Blocker, 36, to James Tackett, 47, both of Weeksbury.
 Renata L. Friend, 32, Hager Hill to Richard Parks Bland Jr., 38, Grundy, Va.
 Gwenetta Rosa Smith, 21, to Bryan Winford Kidd, 28, both of Betsy Layne.
 Maranda Kate Combs, 21, to John Alan Barker, 22, both of Martin.
 Ashley Laine Hall, 18, to Rodney Darrell Bentley, 19, both of Eastern.
 Mecca Carol Webb, 32, to Mark Halliday, 37, both of Langley.
 Teresa Ann Hamilton, 33, Teaberry to Billy Ray Hutchinson, 31, Price.
 Shakita Nicole Flowers, 24, to Stefan Melvin Watson, 22, both of Prestonsburg.

LAWSUITS

Community Trust Bank vs. Burchett, James J.
 Mullins, Melissa vs. Collins, Bobby
 Akers, Kathleen vs. Akers, David
 Conesco Finance Servicing Corporation vs. Roberts, Hilton Sr.
 Firstar Bank vs. Tuttle, David, et al.
 Mitchell, Brent vs. General Motors Corporation
 Beneficial Kentucky, Inc. vs. Slone, Sherri
 Shepherd, Irvine Jr. vs. Conley, Delores
 Salisbury, Jennifer vs. Salisbury, Donald
 Slone, Priscilla vs. Slone, Charles W.
 Moore, Belinda G. vs. Paige, Sherry L.
 Newsome, Miranda vs. Newsome, Jamie D.
 Owens, Martina K. vs. Owens, Randy
 Reynolds, Tammy vs. Reynolds, Ronnie
 Ousley, Judith vs. Ousley, Elizabeth
 Isaac, Hope vs. Patton, Debbie
 Prater, Tracie vs. Prater, Charles H. Jr.
 Brenda Porter, et al vs. K-VA-T Food Stores
 Tetrick, Larry vs. Tetrick, Cristy
 Goble, Billie vs. Our Lady of the Way Hospital, et al.
 Knipp, Della vs. Knipp, Estill C.
 Gayheart, Tammy vs. Ousley, Richard, et al.
 Stewart, Denver vs. Adkins, Randall L.
 Burton, Karen Faye vs. Burton, Emmitt Samuel
 Brown, April vs. Brown, Clarence

Jonathan Hamilton, age unlisted, Stanville, theft by unlawful taking.
 Kevin R. Plummer, 42, Brooksville, flagrant non-support.
 Sanford J. Holbrook, 26, Salyersville, speed 22 m.p.h. over limit, no insurance, attempt to elude police, operating on suspended license.
 Angela D. Howell, 21, McDowell, menacing, first-degree wanton endangerment.
 Angela Sammons, age unlisted, Banner, theft by unlawful taking, less than \$300, eight counts second-degree forgery.
 Carrie Mosley, age unlisted, McDowell, first-degree wanton endangerment.
 Crystal Nichols, age unlisted, Stanville, harassing communications.
 William Goble, age unlisted, Prestonsburg, harassment.
 Monica Leedy, 34, Betsy Layne, harassment.
 Timothy D. Rich, 19, Pikeville, public intoxication, use/possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Dustin R. Elswick, 18, Pikeville, public intoxication.
 Joseph Lewis, 29, Banner, alcohol intoxication, possession of open alcoholic beverage container in motor vehicle.
 Gene A. Snyder, 66, Martin, theft by unlawful taking.
 Pamela Sue Bentley, 47, Banner, terroristic threatening.
 Angela Osborne, 37, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.
 Mark T. Adams Jr., 23, Hueysville, simple assault, terroristic threatening, alcohol intoxication.
 Zachary Howard, 20, alcohol intoxication.
 John D. Fitzpatrick, 31, Prestonsburg, violation of EPO.
 Danny L. Waddles, 26, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Warren Mitchell, 50, Harold, alcohol intoxication.
 Chris Stanley Stevens, 18, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Brian G. Freels, 26, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Charla D. Powers, 21, Auxier, theft by unlawful taking.
 Kimberly R. Smith, 34, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.
 David Allen Adkins, 36, Grethel, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, driving on a DUI-suspended license, reckless driving, no insurance, no registration plates, no/expired registration receipt.

Jonathan Hamilton, age unlisted, Stanville, theft by unlawful taking.
 Pamela Kay Wright, 34, Flat Gap, falsely procuring the administration of a controlled substance.
 Michael Todd Gross, 27, Hazard, administration of controlled substance, public intoxication.
 John C. Patton, 23, Allen, operating a motor vehicle on a DUI-suspended license, no insurance.
 Jeffrey C. Damron, 26, Pikeville, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, driving on a DUI-suspended license, no insurance, failure to register transfer.
 Kevin L. Jennings, 23, Van Lear, reckless driving, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, fleeing/evading the police, no insurance, disregarding traffic control device, no/expired registration receipt.

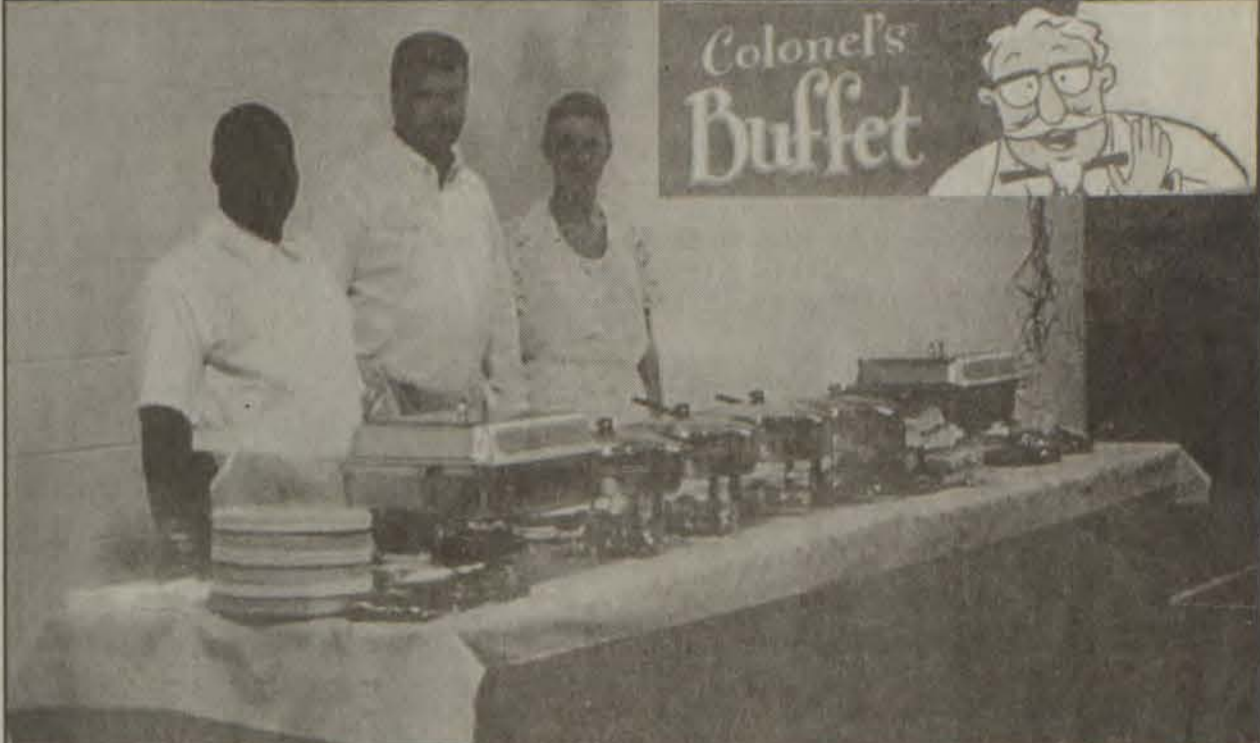
BANKRUPTCIES

Pikeville District
Chapter 7
Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a
 Chapter 11
Under Chapter 11 bankruptcy, a company or individual reorganizes under court supervision.
 M & P Logging Inc., Shelbiana.
 Holbrook Mining Company, Whitesburg.
 Chapter 13
Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt.
 Elizabeth Ann Moore and Michael Lance Moore, Blue River.
 Shelia Bentley and Warren G. Bentley, Jenkins.
 Jimerson Morris Montgomery and Patsy Lynn Montgomery, Hazard.
 Wesley G. Herman, Hazard.
 Jimmy Strunk II and Theresa Strunk, Hazard.
INSPECTIONS
 Duff Elementary, follow-up inspection, Critical Item #25 (adequate storage for janitorial supplies/toxic materials) corrected. No score shown.
 Allen Central High School, regular inspection, no hot or cold running water in mobile unit behind school, showcase in hallway next to office has broken glass, dead bugs in windowpanes of mobile unit, ceiling tiles missing from computer room in library, ceiling tiles discolored due to water at intersection of hallways near girls restroom, cabinet floors underneath sinks in home economics room in disrepair. Score: 91.
 Osborne's Pizza, regular inspec-

court-appointed trustee sells assets and the debtor is discharged of debts.

David Alan Branham and Dixie Elizabeth Branham, Pikeville.
 Carrie Natasha Smith, Phelps.
 Douglas L. Barnett, Happy.
 Cathy A. Combs and Larry L. Combs, Buckhorn.
 Eva L. Saylor and Robert F. Saylor, Viper.
 Richard T. Dials, Hazard.
 Jim Edward Blanton and Ruby Eilene Blanton, Sitka.
 Randall Harvey, Hardshell.
 Tommy Collins, Vicco.
 Rachella Dawn Taylor and Ricky Carmel Taylor, Belcher.
 Anglea Darlene Clevinger and James Greg Clevinger, Elkhorn City.
 Robin Michele Day and Sanford Dwane Day, Melvin.
 Ellis Wayne Coleman, Fords Branch, and Selina Hope Coleman, Pikeville.
 Deidra Erlene Coleman, Elkhorn City.
 Edward Stearnes, Jeremiah.
 Ella L. Boggs and Marvin D. Boggs, Partridge.
 Eddie D. Proffitt and Terena A. Proffitt, Isom.
 Melissa C. Frazier, Jenkins.
 Steven Ray Quillen, Deane.
 Raymond E. Roberts and Sharon M. Roberts, Mayking.
 Margie E. Fitch and Ray Fitch, East Point.
 Jason Adam Bevins, Printer.
 Juanita Dean Harmon and Roger Harmon, Paintsville.
 Ronda Combs, Hazard.
 David Walker Dennison Jr., Boons Camp.
 Brenda Clevinger and Rondal Clevinger, Mouthcard.
 Arnold Beldon Sturgill, Mayking.
 Glenda D. Cook and Terry N. Cook, Whitesburg.
 Randy Dwayne Caudill, Jeremiah.
 Karen Lynn Hall, Ermine.
 Katherine Cvetnich and Robert Allen Cvetnich, Cromona.
 Grant Eldridge, Jeremiah.
 Amy Loney and Dale Loney, Hager Hill.
 Anita Lynn Tackett and Floyd Vernon Tackett, Virgie.
 Rosa Lee Blankenship, Teaberry.
 Lisa Gay Johnson, Beaver.
 Phillip B. Napier, Booneville.
 Phyllis Ann Henson Cogswell, Jackson.
 Roy Venters and Velma Venters, Thornton.
 Bobby Collins and Glenda Collins, Pikeville.
 Earl Duncan, Prestonsburg.
 Connie Young, Prestonsburg.
 Geneva Saunders, Paintsville.
 Chadwick Trador, East Point.
 Lena Thacker and Smitty Thacker, Regina.
 Loretta Damron and Mickey Darrel Damron, Ashcamp.
 Gwendolyn Endicott and Leo Endicott, Allen.
 James V. Caudill, Cornettsville.
 Glenn Jenkins and Stella Jenkins, Sassafras.
 Boyd Feltner and Nancy Feltner, Bonnyman.
 Anthony Tirey and Marilyn L. Tirey, Jackson.
 Michael W. Johnson and Peggy Y. Johnson, Jackhorn.
 Joan M. Johnson, Blackey.
 Karen Gray, and Mitchell Gray, Cornettsville.
 Ricky D. Brown, Whitesburg.
 Kelly Ballou, Jenkins.
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 Crystal Sue Rowe and Tavie Eugene Rowe, Kimber.

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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.

—George Bernard Shaw

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Editorial

Shared leadership

Faced with the likelihood of a 50-50 split between Republicans and Democrats, U.S. senators could learn a lesson about power sharing from the Kentucky Senate. Or not.

The Kentucky Senate made what proved to be a rather brief attempt at shared, bipartisan leadership in 1997 when five Democratic senators broke with the entrenched Democratic leadership and joined with the 18 Republican senators to form a new leadership headed by renegade Democratic senators Larry Saunders of Louisville and Walter Blevins of West Liberty.

As a result, both Democrats and Republicans held key committee positions during the 1998 General Assembly, and it may have been the most democratic session ever. For the first time, bills that previously had been single-handedly killed by committee chairmen were brought up for a vote and passed.

But, alas, this unusual coalition did not last. When two Democratic senators switched their political affiliation to the Republican Party, the GOP gained a majority in the Senate for the first time in the state's history. The bipartisan leadership team engineered by the Republicans and the five Democratic senators was quickly replaced by an all-Republican leadership team.

As a result, bipartisan leadership has been replaced by a gridlock that has kept important interim committees of the General Assembly from meeting since the end of the last session in April. A divided legislature has increased the partisan bickering, making it more difficult for the General Assembly to enact anything significant.

Will the same thing happen in Congress, where Republicans have a narrow majority in the House of Representatives and where both parties hold 50 seats in the Senate?

It all depends on whether members of Congress will be able to rise above politics and work together for the common good.

Senate Republican leader Trent Lott and Democratic leader Tom Daschle are promising a new spirit of cooperation and power sharing.

The Democrats say they will insist on an equal division of committee chairmanships and committee staffs in the new Congress.

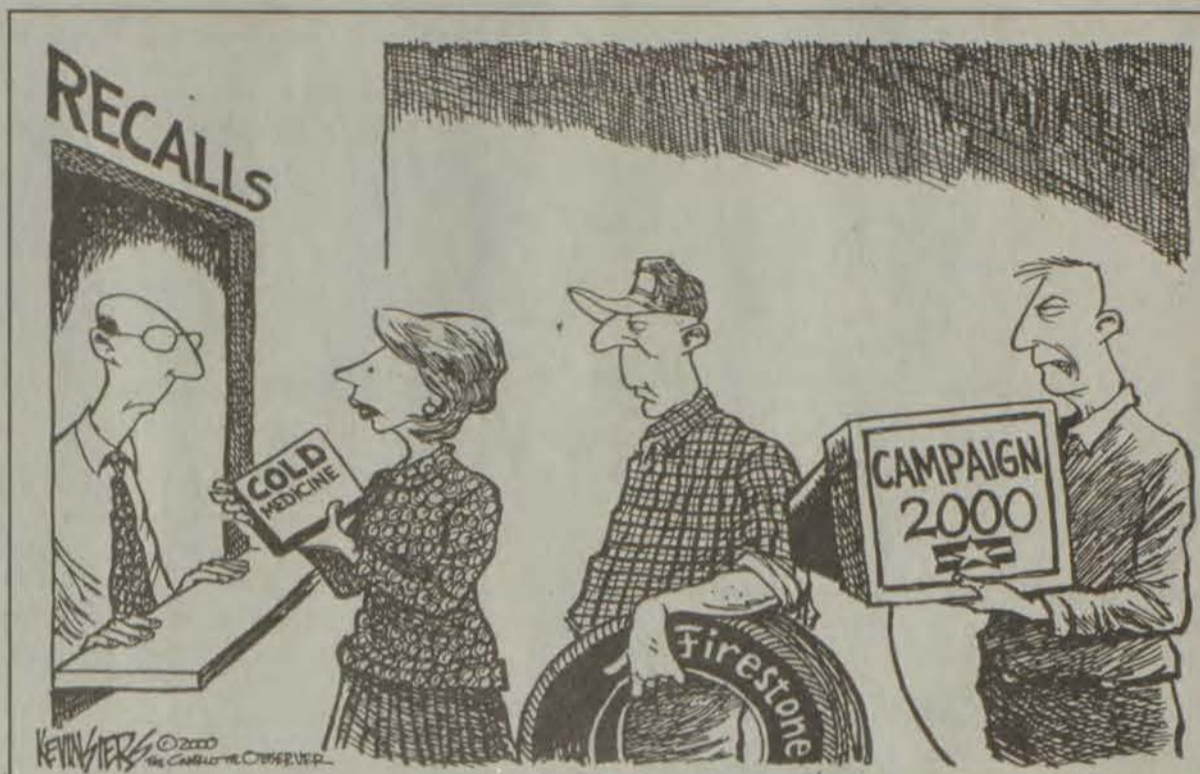
Committee chairmen are powerful and guard those powers jealously. The chairman can make or break legislation in his committee, appoint the staff, decide when and on what to hold hearings, award travel perks and choose what the committee investigates. The chairman also gets a generous expense account. Many senators have had to wait years to rise to that eminence, and now they're supposed to share?

The Senate leaders will have to come to some sort of mutual accommodation because the alternatives are not good. If George W. Bush is elected president, the Republicans could dominate by having Vice President Dick Cheney break ties, but Cheney would then become tethered to the Capitol, being constantly required to break deadlocks over routine motions and procedural matters.

An early test of this promised cooperation, and whether power can be truly shared, will be whether, if Bush wins, the Democrats use the lame-duck vice president, Al Gore, to take over the Senate from Jan. 3, when the Senate is sworn in, until Jan. 20, when the new president and vice president are sworn in. Daschle may only want the brief honor of being majority leader, but in that time the Democrats could theoretically oust the Republicans from their spacious majority office and replace 1,000 Republican patronage workers with Democrats.

For the people there is some hope in all this: If the deadlocked Senate Republicans and Democrats can successfully negotiate a functional power-sharing agreement, solving Social Security and Medicare should be a cinch.

—Ashland Daily Independent



Letters to the Editor

'Troubled' over actions of Prestonsburg City Council

Note: The following letter was originally submitted to Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin on November 20 and was submitted to The Floyd County Times on Friday.

Dear Mayor Fannin:

I am writing this letter to you and the members of the Prestonsburg City Council to express my serious concerns about the regrettable decision to terminate the employment of three members of our labor organization.

As you and the current representatives of the council are aware, the firefighters exercised their constitutional right to speak out and support certain candidates in the recent elections to the city council. On November 7, 2000, four new persons were elected to the council, and they will assume office in January. The very next day — November 8, 2000 — you issued a short letter to the three firefighters informing them that they were terminated, effective immediately. This timing, together with other circumstances, indicate that the unilateral decision to end their employment was tied to the firefighters' exercise of their First Amendment rights to free association and free speech.

In addition, we are also troubled over the related actions involving the change in firefighters' shift schedule and the movement to eliminate fire-based emergency medical services and possibly combine

fire and police operations.

The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) stands squarely behind our members, and we have instructed our attorneys to review this matter. We seriously hope that you and the present members of the city council will promptly take corrective action, including restoring the jobs of the three terminated firefighters. We trust you will agree that it makes sense for the city to defer action regarding terminations and restructuring of operations and shift schedules until the new members of the city council can give thoughtful consideration to such important questions. The citizens of Prestonsburg have made their feelings known at the ballot box, and they have elected new members of the city council to assume leadership roles for the future. In these circumstances, fairness and equity dictate that the recent unilateral actions be rescinded and that the new council members be afforded the chance to examine these significant issues.

I suggest that you agree to meet with IAFF local president Tim Johnson to discuss the corrective measures that need to be taken. It is our sincere hope that these questions can be quickly resolved on an amicable basis without the necessity for the IAFF to take further action.

Harold A. Schaitberger
General president, IAFF
New York, NY

Reader says drug crimes growing

Editor:

You can run, but you can't hide. I guess that applies to me now. I moved up here and took a promotion in my federal job back in early 1988. My dad is from east Kentucky, but I was born and raised in South Florida.

The Florida paradise of my childhood years was fast disappearing, being replaced by crowds, traffic jams, pushy Yankees, crime and drugs. I longed for a safer, simpler life for myself and family.

Well, for most of these ensuing years we had just that; even now we can be thankful we're not too crowded, have rare traffic jams and no Yankees to speak of.

Unfortunately, the crime and drug problem has finally come calling to Appalachia. Sure we've had some problems in the past but nothing like the disco era cocaine and crack epidemic that I saw firsthand in South Florida. However in the past couple of years, it seems like we hear or more drug related crime that ever in east Kentucky.

They had a rally in Hazard this past week attended by more than 400 in reference to the drug problem in Perry County. These folks were not meeting to discuss the recreational use of pot; they were distraught over the growing use of prescription drugs, cocaine and crystal meth. Five people have died in Perry County overdosing on oxycontin "oxycotons" this year. Those are Sheriff Maggard's stats not mine.

We have a very serious problem all over Appalachian in regards to the overuse and over-prescribing of pain, muscle relaxer, and nerve pills. In today's society, there is a pill for everything. It seems you can cure everything from toe jam to armpit stretch just by taking a pill. It's a huge business on both the legal and illegal side of the law.

Look around you. How many people do you know live near or work with every day who aren't popping

some sort of pill? What a fine example we set for our young people. Everyone has stress, headaches, they are nervous, they can't sleep, their back or their legs or their neck hurts—seems like most of the population is on some sort of dope. Yes, I call it dope because just like heroin, cocaine, alcohol and meth, it's addictive, and harmful to use these drugs long term.

Nearly every bubbly on the draw gets some sort of pain pill. Sissy gets her nerve pills, so bubbly don't bother her too much sitting at home. When the leech checks don't go far enough, bubbly and sissy sell half their pills to our young people who crush them up and snort them like cocaine.

In order to get money to get more pills that they are now hooked on, the folks turn to crime. How many burglaries and robberies have we had in this area this year. More than I ever recall. It's the same with coke and crystal meth.

Good news—Ecstasy, called "beans" on the street, is now making its way up from Florida to our area. The \$5 bean in Florida can be sold for \$20 up here. Pure coke that sells for \$50 a gram in Florida. Can be cut and sold for \$100 here. There's big money to be made just by taking a weekend trip to Appalachia.

I don't speak from ignorance. I worked in law enforcement in South Florida. I also worked as a field investigator for the health department. I saw what went on. I will not be a hypocrite, either. I drank too much and did many drugs when I was younger, so I have been on both sides of this issue.

What can be done? For one thing, we don't need as many pills prescribed as are. We need to tighten controls and cut down on the usage of so many narcotic, addictive substances. I have migraine headaches, a bad back and leg soreness. What do I take? BC powders or

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Courtroom is no place to honor heroes

by RAY G. SMITH

Even as we commemorate the 1941 entrance of America into World War II this month, a few malcontents are keeping this country from saying a long-overdue thank-you to the World War II Generation.

On November 11, even as American gathered to break ground for the much-anticipated National World War II Memorial on The Mall in our nation's Capitol, some ungrateful people made plans to disrupt work on the project. They sued to delay construction well after seven years of thought and planning for the memorial.

The decision-making process encompassed 18 public hearings over the last five years—more than enough time for a good decision on the design and location. Opponents of the site and design were heard at every step. The process was fair. It's ungrateful to ask the courts to undo what a fair, open and lengthy process has determined—that there is no better place than the Mall to honor the generation that preserved our freedom.

When completed, the memorial will be a lasting tribute to an entire generation, which drew strength from the very same values that inspired the colonial citizen-soldiers. The cause of democracy prevailed as a result of the unflinching courage of 16 million World War II GIs—400,000 of whom gave their lives in military service.

The American Legion and its affiliated organizations—the American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion—donated about \$4 million for the National World War II Memorial. The American people exceeded the fund-raising goal by a long shot, which demonstrates the people support the design as well as the Rainbow Pool site on The Mall.

The memorial's design and location are appropriately first-rate. Not only will it permanently recognize the entire World War II generation that saved the world from tyranny, but it will also be a reminder of one generation's exemplary devotion to principles of freedom, justice and equality.

By its completion date, this memorial will have taken more than twice as long to create as it took U.S. and allied forces to win the Second World War. It will have taken from 1993 to 2003. That is, of course, if the project is not mired in courtroom battles.

We have taken too long to memorialize our fallen World War II heroes and we have certainly waited far too long to say "thank you" to the men and women of "Our Greatest Generation."

Millions of our World War II heroes have already passed on, and we lose more each day. It's time for protesters to leave the courtroom and to join hands and hearts with the millions of their fellow Americans to pay homage while we still can. Let's emblazon our gratitude with a thank-you note in stone.

Ray Smith is the National Commander of the 2.8 million-member American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization.

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tion, containers of some food items not with proper lids, not all refrigerators and freezer units have conspicuous thermometers. Overall, facility appears clean and well organized. Score: 98.

Castle's Grocery, regular inspection, not all coolers have conspicuous thermometers, shelves in walk-in cooler have food residue build-up, outside garbage area not provided with proper containers that are insect and rodent proof or are properly covered. Score: 96.

Triangle Market, regular inspection, not all coolers have conspicuous thermometers, paper material being used as shelf covering, outside of ice machine in disrepair. Score: 98.

Hi-Lite Pizza and Restaurant, regular inspection, not all coolers have conspicuous thermometers, hair restraints not being used, some food utensils not being inverted upon storage, no waste receptacle for waste tissue in men's restroom, wall in disrepair behind commode. Score: 95.

Price Rite Market & Deli, regular inspection, cat food stored below

motor oil, fan guards on upright reach-in cooler have dust accumulation. Score: 97.

Hinkles Stop & Shop, regular inspection, not all coolers have conspicuous thermometer, potato wedge slicer has food accumulation on it, inside of microwave lightly soiled with food residue, no commode reservoir lid present in ladies restroom, ceiling tiles in disrepair in ladies restroom, not all coolers have shielded light fixtures. Score: 92 and 96.

Hall's Community Market, regular inspection, absorbent material being used as a drain board for three compartment sink, no properly constructed drain board at three compartment sink, inside of microwave oven soiled, meat slicer has food residue build-up, sliding door grooves of "Kelvinator" reach-in cooler soiled, outside garbage dumpster not rodent proof or leak proof, floors behind reach-in cooler is heavily soiled, reach-in freezer has middle sliding door in disrepair. Score: 91.

Save-a-Lot, Martin location, fol-

low-up inspection, item #35 (pertaining to protection from entry into facility of insects, rodents and other animals) has been corrected. Score not shown.

Martha's Pizza & More, regular inspection, not all refrigeration and freezer units have conspicuous thermometers, food items observed on the floor, freezer section of upright refrigerator in bad repair and not operating properly as a freezer unit — currently being used as a refrigeration unit, improper procedure at the three compartment sink — sanitizing solution on the final rinse was accurate at 50-100 p.p.m., however, chlorine solution was being added to wash compartment, restrooms have no self-closing doors, purse was observed stored with food items. Overall, facility was found to be clean and no critical violations were observed. Score: 91.

Dollar General Store, Glyn-View Plaza, regular inspection, cereal and crackers stored on sales floor — should be 6 inches from ground, out of paper towels for hand drying in restroom, lights above food on sales floor need to be shielded. Note: Pet food may be stored too close to chemicals. Score: 95.

Skeans Marathon, regular inspection, thermometers not in ice freezers or conspicuous, milk stored in crates that are not 6 inches off cooler floor, drinking water in back stockroom stored in boxes that are not 6 inches off floor, scooper for ice machine being stored on cardboard (absorbent material), mops being stored on floor in back stockroom near mop sink,

towels for hand drying not being provided near sink in restroom, towels for hand drying not being provided near hand washing sink in prep area, outside containers not covered, making them accessible to insects and rodents. Score: 92.

Dinosaur Playland, regular inspection, thermometers not in use in all refrigerators or freezers (or conspicuous), three compartment sink unit not in use, test kits for chlorine solution not available, restroom does not have self-closing door, carpet in kitchen — kitchen floors may not be made of absorbent materials, hair restraints not in use during cooking. Score: 92.

Slope's Grocery, regular inspection, thermometers not provided or conspicuous in all coolers or freezers, some contact centers not constructed to be non-absorbent, some components of coolers contain some rust and residue, lights in cooler containing milk and other PHF's not shielded, towels should be provided in private restroom. Score: 93.

Country at Heart, regular inspection, Thermometers not found in all cooling units, dry foods stored on floor — not six inches off floor. Score: 97.

Prestonsburg Inn Inc./Holiday Inn, regular inspection, ice scoop for ice machine needs to be stored on a cleanable tray which can catch water, reach-in cooler and freezers are in disrepair, however, units are keeping temperature, sink in food prep area missing knob for cold water, several tiles are missing at floor in walk-in freezer, ceiling tiles in food prep area

have water damage and need to be replaced. Overall, establishment is clean and in good condition. Score: 94.

Little Caesar's Pizza, regular inspection, hair restraints need to be worn at any time that food is being prepared, reach-in freezer was out of service, however, no food was being stored therein, scoop for flour was being stored with handle not accessible without probability of contamination, not able to produce accurate test kits for sanitizing solution, mop being stored on floor, floor not well-drained near three compartment sink. Overall, establishment well maintained and clean. Score: 95.

Wheelwright Senior Citizen's Center, regular inspection, hot water not under pressure in men's and women's restrooms. Score: 99.

Martin's Quick Stop, regular inspection, no conspicuous thermometers in ice cream cooler, ice machine in rear of store has rust inside lid, ice machine with bags has leak inside, fan covers on reach-in cooler lightly dusty, water faucet in men's restroom is loose, water turned off under basin in women's restroom, outside garbage dumpster not provided with lid. Score: Food-94, Retail-93.

Pappy's Mart, follow-up inspection, critical item #1 (pertaining to source, condition, spoilage) is now corrected. Items 5, 32, and 37 still remain uncorrected. Score: 96.

Ann's Deli/Pappy's Mart, follow-up inspection, xritical item #41 (pertaining to storage of toxic items) has been corrected. Items 8 and 21 have also been corrected. Items no. 2, 5, 32, 37, and 42 remain uncorrected. Score: 94.

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Advil. Most folks would be just fine doing the same.

If I get stressed out or nervous I pray or take a nap. That usually works. If you don't work, you don't need drugs. How does sitting around cause stress, nerves or aggravate a condition. You have to be in action to cause a reaction.

Secondly, a concerted effort by parents, schools, churches and law enforcement personnel is needed. "Just say no" and "DARE" are not getting the job done, as well as it should. We need to talk about the dangers of pills and the new drugs coming into our area frankly and openly with our kids.

Being a pill head is no more normal or acceptable way to live than being a chronic drunk or heroin addict. Crack is deadly and stuff like crystal meth and ecstasy can be, too.

Our law enforcement needs to be trained fully in what is going on and what to expect by folks who have been through all this before. Have some experienced folks from other regions come in and lay it out.

Our law is good, but they are new at a lot of this stuff. We need to beef up and keep a task force going to disseminate information to all departments and coordinate efforts even more.

Lastly, when the muscle relaxer qualaude became a real problem in the '80s, the government stepped in and banned its manufacture. If certain pain pills are addicting and killing our kids, then maybe that's an item to be looked at.

I'm too attached to this area to pick up and move again, but I don't want to live in an area where crime and drugs ruin it for decent folks, do you?

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A Look at Sports

Derossett honored; Leslie gets second



by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Prestonsburg head football coach John Derossett collected his second Coach of the Year award and former Blackcat standout Nathan Leslie received his second championship ring with the Marshall Thundering Herd.

Derossett was honored between games at the state high school championships in Louisville last weekend between the Class A and AA championship games. Derossett was named the Class AA, Region 4, District 8 Coach of the Year.

Leslie will receive his ring as a member of the Thundering Herd. Marshall posted a 19-14 win over Western Michigan to win the MAC championship.

The Thundering Herd will be making their second consecutive trip to the Motor City Bowl in Pontiac, Michigan by virtue of the MAC championship. Last year the Herd traveled to Pontiac and Leslie, a red shirt last season, was permitted to dress for the game. Against Western Michigan, Leslie played 15 plays at the tight end position and on the special teams.

The Motor City Bowl will be played at the Silverdome in Pontiac.

"I am really proud of Nathan's achievements," said Coach Derossett. "I am planning to attend the bowl game along with several of our assistant coaches."

Coach Derossett guided his 2000 Blackcat team to the state semifinals this past season. The Cats finished with 8-6 record after winning District 8.

Work continues on the Prestonsburg football field and the feeling is positive the field will be ready for the start of the 2001 season.

Prestonsburg will return most of their championship team in 2001 making them a favorite to win yet another district and regional title.

It is good to see Rick Hughes getting around better. I appreciate all the hard work Rick put into getting together the Q95 Classic this past Saturday night. He is always busy doing something for the kids in the county. He even heads up the Junior Basketball League in Prestonsburg.

What a great basketball game between Prestonsburg and Belfry Thursday night. Certainly Jessica Lovell and Samantha Hackney are two of the state's top guards.

But Prestonsburg has two dandies themselves in Megan Hyden and Brook Coleman.

Megan is unselfish and always plays hard. Although she had but five points versus Belfry, her floor play does not show up in the box scores.

Brook goes about her business on the floor quietly and when it is over with she has scored in double figures and rebounded in double digits.

What about those two towers around the basket? It could get scary! I like the play of Angela Howell. A very good assist person.

I like the little saying of the Prestonsburg band Thursday night — "Pork chops are greasy, greasy, greasy. We just beat you easy, easy, easy." Way to go band!

Good to hear from good buddy Joe Back. He is still doing radio work over at Hazard. He called me to give me a comment on the passing of Tommy Boyd. On Tommy being runners-up seven times in the district, Joe said, "He may have been a runner-up but he was a winner in our hearts!" Thanks, Joe!

SOME BASEBALL NOTES:

The Cincinnati Reds will open their grapefruit league on Thursday, March 1 against the Cleveland Indians in Winter Haven, Florida.

The World Champion New York Yankees will highlight the spring training games. The Reds will play through the month of March until they return to Cinergy April 1 for a workout just before opening day.

The Reds hold their spring training at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, Florida.

Those who want to migrate to Florida and would like to see the Reds play, you can order exhibition tickets beginning January 15.

I would like to take a vacation during the month of March and take in some spring training games. Hey, I might just do that!

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports! We will see you in church today!

photo by Steve LeMaster

ERIN MAJAKY (23) of Allen Central drives to the hoop for two of her six points against Sheldon Clark. The sophomore gave Allen Central a spark coming in off the bench.



■ Allen Central at Sheldon Clark

AC Lady Rebs fall to Sheldon Clark

Sizemore nets 12 for Lady Rebs

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

Coach Cindy Halbert's Allen Central Lady Rebels went into Martin County Monday night and played even with the No. 19 host Sheldon Clark Lady Cards through one quarter, before succumbing to the Mandy Harmon-led team.

One quarter is far from making a

game and the host Lady Cardinals proved that by exploding on the offensive end in the second quarter of play.

Harmon, a Miss Basketball candidate netted 27 points and dished out seven assists to lead the Lady Cards to a 70-48 win over a scrappy Allen Central squad.

The Lady Rebels got off to a great start in the Thursday night game, as freshman guard/forward Jessica Isaac connected on two three-point field goals. The Lady Rebels held an early 6-1 advantage at the 6:06 mark in the first

quarter. Allen Central went up 8-3 on a Shannon Sizemore basket before the Lady Cards stormed back thanks to a strong effort from Harmon and sophomore center Kelli Moore.

Allen Central (0-3) began to encounter problems with the Sheldon Clark press, forcing Allen Central's Coach Halbert to call a timeout with her team leading 8-7 with 5:24 left to play in the first frame. Sizemore came out of the timeout and put the Lady Rebels up with

(See LADY REBS, page four)

Conley, Music dominate inside as Prestonsburg topples Belfry

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

It was an early meeting between two of the 15th Region's top girls' basketball teams and a lot of emphasis was placed on this game, only the fourth of the season for both ballclubs.

It would be the pressing, finesse play of the Lady Pirates versus the inside game of the Lady Blackcats.

After 32 minutes of thrilling girls' basketball Coach Harold Tackett's ballclub had posted a 64-60 win over Mark Gannon's team and improved to 3-1 on the season. It was the first loss of the young season for the Lady Pirates.

Amelia Conley scored a game high 24 points and Ramanda Music pulled down 14 rebounds and added 21 points to lead the Prestonsburg scoring. Brook Coleman, who played a solid floor game and worked well on the boards with eight rebounds, finished with 11 points.

It was a game of lead changes, streaks on the part of both teams and excellent defense both ways.

The last 5:25 of the game, Prestonsburg dropped back into a zone and shut down the lanes on the Lady Pirates forcing them to put up some hurry-up shots. Out of the previous 27 minutes, it was the

(See BELFRY, page four)



photo by Ed Taylor

ONE 14, Samantha Hackney, watched another 14, in this case Brook Coleman, score Thursday night in girls high school basketball play. Coleman pulled down eight rebounds and scored 11 points in her team's 64-60 win over the Lady Pirates.



AMELIA CONLEY (44) moved between Belfry's Jessica Lovell (33) and Vicki Hall (5) in regional girls basketball play Thursday night. Prestonsburg posted a 64-60 win over the 60th District team. Conley finished with a game high 24 points.

Blackcats feel sting of Magoffin, fall 72-50

Music Blackcats' leading scorer with 14

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Prestonsburg Blackcats went into Magoffin County this past Friday night and waged war with yet another 15th Region favorite, Magoffin County. Prestonsburg has opened the 2000-01 season with 15th Region powers Paintsville, Shelby Valley and now Magoffin County.

The visiting Blackcats came out on fire in the first quarter, as senior Brandon Branham nailed a trey and connected a short jumper in the paint, helping to give the Blackcats an early 7-4 lead. Prestonsburg kept a lead for much of the first quarter, before the Hornets scored four unanswered points late in the quarter to

(See BLACKCATS, page three)

GAME NOTES:

■ Former UK football player and Magoffin County alum Grayson Smith was in attendance at the game. Smith has played his last season on the UK gridiron, but is still a member of the UK Boxing club team.

■ Prestonsburg junior guard Ryan Martin came in off the bench for four points against Magoffin County, giving the Blackcats a spark in both the third and fourth quarters.

■ Both the Blackcats and the Hornets were back in action in Saturday's Q95 Classic at Prestonsburg High School. Results will appear in Wednesday Sports section.

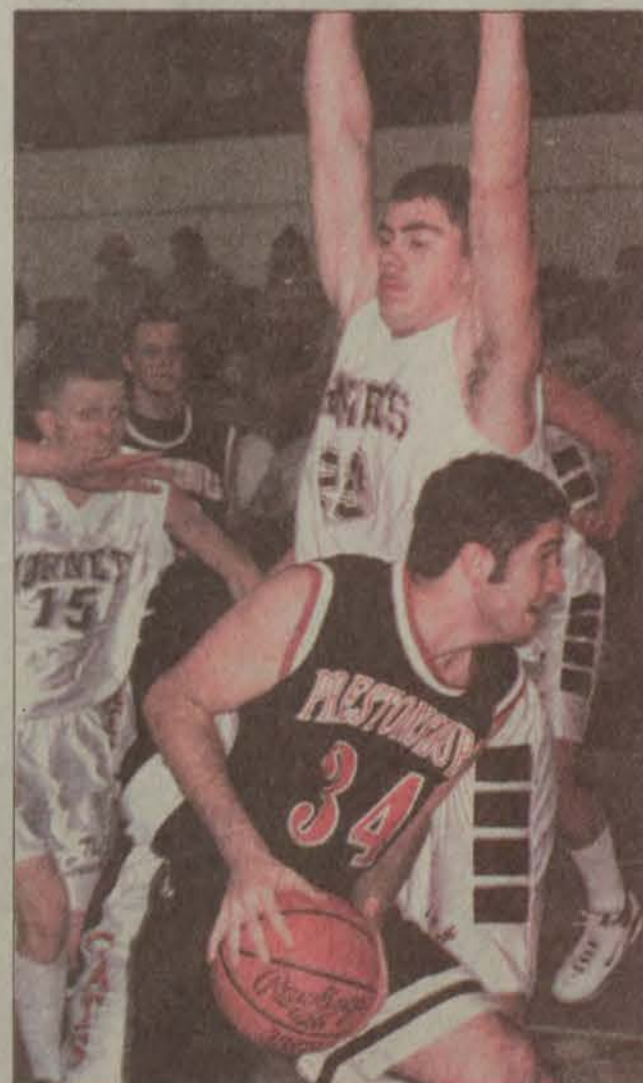


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DUSTIN MUSIC (34) of Prestonsburg looks to make a move around a Magoffin County defender. Music led the Blackcats with 14 points in their 72-50 loss to Magoffin County.

High school schedule

Allen Central, South Floyd looking for first victories

Prestonsburg travels to top ranked Knott Central

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

It hasn't been a good start for either the Allen Central Lady Rebels and South Floyd Lady Raiders. In the first three games, both teams are still looking for that initial win of the 2000-01 season.

The search for both teams could end this Monday night (tomorrow night) with both playing at home. Allen Central (0-3) will entertain Phelps (0-3) and South Floyd (0-3) will host Millard (0-4).

The two teams have some things in common. Both county schools are under new head coaches this season with Cindy Halbert guiding the Lady Rebels and Melenda Osborne heading up South Floyd. Both schools are extremely young but very talented.

Phelps and Mullins, like Allen Central and South Floyd, are winless and also will be looking for that

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STEVE'S SIDELINE SHOTS

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

15th Region Girls Roundball Exciting!

Basketball every night of the week is what many people can look forward to now through March.

Isn't it great? Some of the best basketball I've seen this season has come from 15th Region girls basketball games. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy boys hoops, but it is simply amazing how competitive the girls games have grown over the years.

As usual, Johnson Central Lady Eagles Coach Phillip Wireman has his squad playing great basketball. The Lady Eagles sit with a perfect 3-0 record in this young season.

The Lady Eagles have several accomplished basketball players. All five starters are seniors and all five have to be considered among the top players in the region. Senior Lady Eagles Selena Williams and Goldie Wells are two of the best all-around players I've seen this season.

One can't mention 15th Region girls basketball without mentioning

Belfry. Sheldon Clark or Prestonsburg. One can't mention Belfry girls basketball without the name of one Cindy Halbert coming



■ Terri Mullins

to mind. Halbert is now at Allen Central, and although her Lady Rebels are young and inexperienced, they do play disciplined and they do play hard. Cindy Halbert-coached teams have always played good defense. Give this Allen Central program some time to grow under Halbert and then look for the Lady

Rebs to be 15th Region contenders. Senior Shannon Sizemore won't be around after this season, but will give Coach Halbert some leadership and hard work this season.

A good part of the Allen Central roster is made up of freshmen and sophomores. One of the best middle school girls players in Floyd County, Allen Central Middle School eighth-grader Rebecca Thomas is dressing on the Allen Central High team and doing quite well. I would like to go out on a limb right now and say that Thomas will be one of the 15th Region's top players in the very near future. She has potential in the roundball game. With her size and basketball skills, and under Halbert's guidance, Thomas will only get better. Freshman point guard Terri Mullins is impressive. Mullins is shaping up to be one of the best ball handlers in the area.

Halbert's old team, the Belfry Lady Pirates are doing quite well for themselves under new head coach Mark Gannon. Samantha Hackney has one of the purest three-point shots in the region. Hackney lofts the rock with ease from three-point land.

Over in Martin County, Coach Robin Newsome has her Sheldon Clark Lady Cards playing well, despite being without injured junior Nikki Copeland. Sophomore center Kelli Moore is a dominant force on the inside. If the Lady Cards keep things together, they very well could make a long-awaited return trip to the girls Sweet 16 State Tournament.

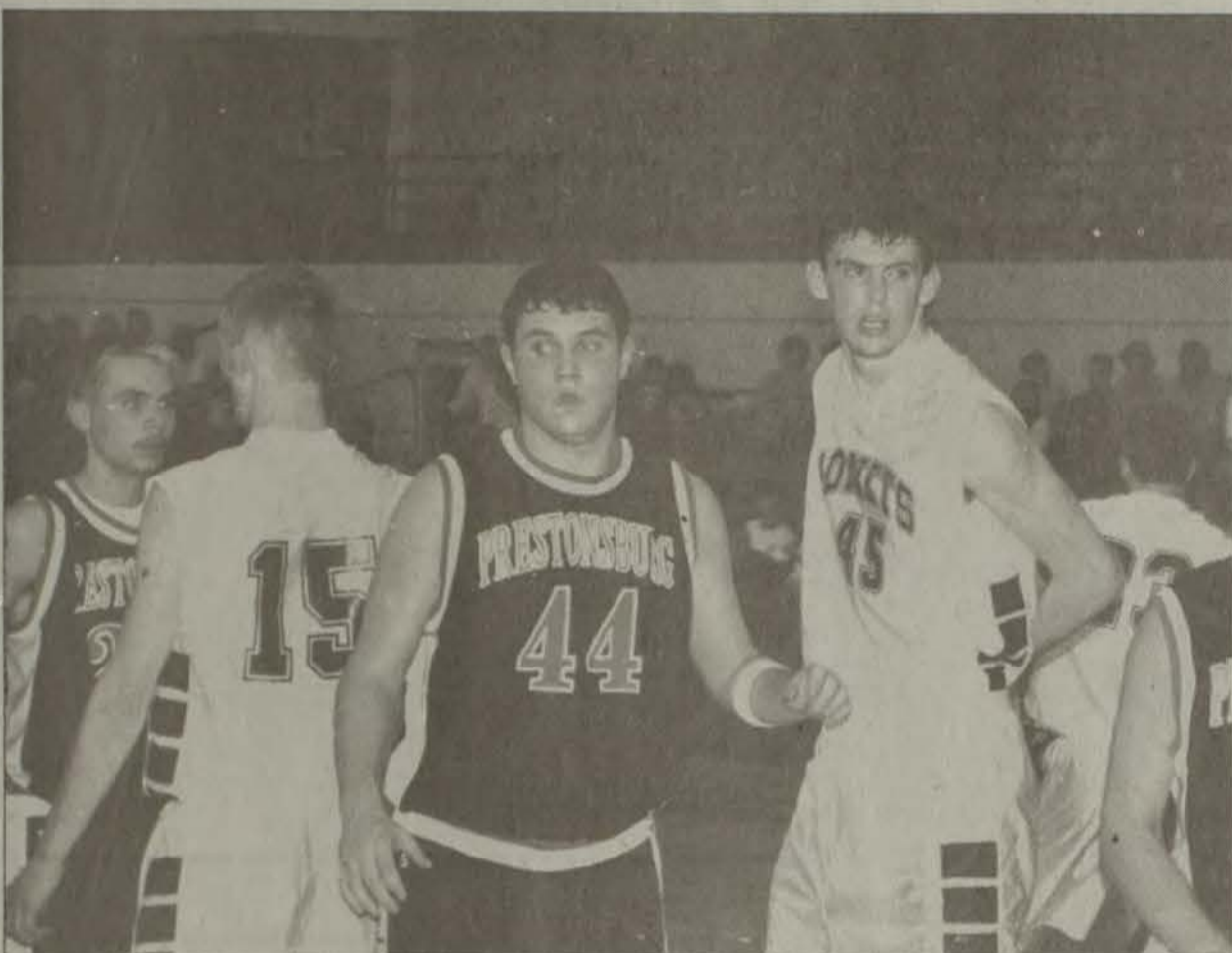
The Prestonsburg Ladycats are playing well and hope to get even better as the season progresses. Junior Ramanda Music scored a season-high 31 points against Elkhorn City earlier this season and is also one of the region's best players. Seniors Amelia Conley, Angela Howell and Brooke Coleman are experienced veterans and help make Prestonsburg a legitimate 15th Region contender.

Although I haven't had the chance to see Summer Jones and her Shelby Valley team play this season, I have heard many good things about them. However, from what I've seen out of teams like Prestonsburg,

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PRESTONSBURG'S MEGAN HYDEN (15) drove past Belfry's Tiffy Ooter (23) for two of her five points Thursday night. Belfry fell to the Lady Blackcats 64-60.



BRANDON BRANHAM (44) matches up with Magoffin County's 7-foot center Tim Summa. Branham along with his Blackcat teammates held Summa to 13 points.

Blackcats

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take a 17-15 lead into the second period.

Magoffin County (4-0) worked the ball into the 7-foot Tim Summa for most of the second quarter. When Summa was on the bench, senior Rocky Mullins manned the middle, while seniors Brandon Russell, Ryan Montgomery and Robert Barnett ruled the perimeter in the second quarter and throughout the game. Magoffin County built a sizable lead in the third quarter after taking a 29-24 lead into the intermission period. The Hornets went on to beat Prestonsburg 72-50, but not without a challenge from the Blackcats.

"I thought Prestonsburg outplayed us for three quarters," said Magoffin County Coach Danny Adams. "They played smart and they played more aggressive. Enough quality depth from our bench allowed us to be able to come back and win this game. Prestonsburg is a good team, they're a much improved team and they're already playing better than they were at the beginning of this season. Anybody in this region can

beat us right now. We have played from behind every game this season. As the season progresses, we just want to try and gain some consistency."

Summa got the host Hornets started after the intermission with a layup. Prestonsburg senior Dustin Music answered with two points at the other end.

Magoffin County went on a 7-2 run early in the third quarter, which led to them outscoring Prestonsburg 17-10 in the quarter. Magoffin County took a 46-34 advantage into the third quarter where they essentially blew the game open with 26 points, opposed to 16 from the Blackcats.

Montgomery got Magoffin County going with a field goal. Teammate Joey Howard also hit a two-point shot to give Magoffin County a 50-34 lead, prompting Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp to call for a timeout.

Prestonsburg junior Bradley Bevins put two points in the books after the timeout, narrowing the Magoffin County advantage to 50-36.

The Hornets answered with an 8-1 run capped off by a monstrous dunk by Summa.

Prestonsburg (0-3) rallied back to outscore their hosts 12-11 in the last three minutes. But the late rally was not near enough as the Blackcats dropped their third contest of the young season.

Music led the way in scoring for Prestonsburg with 14. Bevins was the only other Blackcat to finish in double-figures with 10. Branham added nine points playing out of a starting role.

Magoffin County placed four players in double-figures led by Russell who netted 17. Summa finished with 13 on the night, while Barnett and Montgomery finished with 12 and 11 respectively.

PRESTONSBURG (50)-Martin 4, Powers 5, Music 14, Justice 6, Branham 9, Bevins 10, Hatfield 2.

MAGOFFIN CO. (72)-Summa 13, Russell 17, Montgomery 11, Barnett 12, Howard 6, Mullins 2, Russell, Allen 2.

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Belfry

best defensive segment for the Lady Blackcats.

"I knew what Mark was running and he was sending a cutter to each corner," said Coach Tackett, "so I just told the kids what to expect and where the shots were going to come from."

Toward the end of the game only once did Belfry try to penetrate the middle of the Prestonsburg zone but chose rather to fire up the three-point shot.

A three-point basket by Tiffany Cantrell with 5:25 to play put Belfry up 58-51 to complete an 8-5 run for the Lady Pirates.

But Prestonsburg still had some play left in them, although they did appear tired in the final five minutes.

Conley and Music took charge of the game in the comeback for the Lady Blackcats. Following a free throw by Conley, Music scored on a put back and then hit a short jumper to pull Prestonsburg to within two, 58-56.

Belfry could only move the ball around the perimeter as they placed all five players outside the arc. After a free throw by Coleman, Conley had a put back off the missed free throw that gave Prestonsburg a 59-58 lead. Cantrell tried to put her team back in it with a long three over the Prestonsburg zone, but Conley, on the rebound, got the ball

up court to Music who scored with 2:40 to play and gave Prestonsburg a 61-58 lead.

Again down the floor, Hackney launched a trey over the zone with Conley again hauling in the missed shot. Prestonsburg was in charge as Conley hit a nice turnaround six-footer with Prestonsburg going up 63-58.

Over the zone, Bevins' three-point try failed with Music on the boards. The two teams began to trade turnovers and to make things worse for the Lady Blackcats, their free throw shooting "went south" on them. In the final minute of the game, Prestonsburg made only one of six attempts. What helped out was, Belfry was not able to take care of the basketball nor find a hole in the Prestonsburg zone.

With 17 seconds to play, Coleman hit the backside of a two shot foul for the final 64-60 win.

"Belfry wanted to shoot those threes on us there at the end," said Coach Tackett. "We just made sure we got in those spots where they hit them on us earlier. It helped they rushed those shots. If they had hit a few we would be talking a different story right now."

"We controlled the boards toward the end. We tried to shoot ourselves in the foot a couple of times. But we just had to make sure we controlled the tempo at the end."

Coach Tackett said he felt his team "grew up" some in winning the Belfry game.

"We kept the pressure on them the last minute," he said. "We changed our defense to a full court and caught them off guard."

Prestonsburg took the initial lead at 2-0 on a basket by Conley but Belfry got baskets from Hall and Lovell to go up 4-2.

Coleman tied the game with a basket underneath. It was tied at 6-6 before Prestonsburg went on a blitz and ran out to a 17-6 lead behind Music, Hyden, Coleman and Conley. Prestonsburg held a 23-14 lead at the first stop.

Six turnovers on their first seven possessions of the second quarter hurt the Lady Blackcats and allowed Belfry to climb back into the game. Jamie Hunter hit consecutive baskets just before half time to tie the game at 34-34.

Hackney, following a Prestonsburg turnover, buried a three-pointer for a 37-34 Belfry lead. With four minutes to play in the third, Music's basket tied the game at 40-40 but Belfry led 48-46 after three quarters.

Angela Howell, who played the point for Prestonsburg and finished the game with seven assists, had some shots go down and come back out in the first three-quarters. But in the fourth, she found an

opening, drove to the right for the lay in and was fouled. She completed the three-point play to help erase a three point Belfry lead with 6:09 to play.

"Angie is getting better and better at the point for us," said Coach Tackett. "Bless her heart, she has never been in this position. Here she is going against one of the best pressing teams in the state. They play excellent defense. She played well and games like this is only going to make her better."

Coach Tackett said his players were starting to believe in his system.

"They are finding out, 'this does work,'" he said.

Prestonsburg proved the point that defense wins games.

"We have given up an average of 51 points per game and we are scoring at 73," said the Prestonsburg coach. "We are not happy. We still have a long way to go. We had too many turnovers. We did some silly

things."

Coach Tackett said it was a big win for his team but they cannot lay back on what was accomplished with the win.

"It is a long season and a long way to go yet," he said. "We have to get better and better and better. Because on our schedule if you don't come out every night and play you are going to get beat."

Music said the 30 point loss to Belfry in a preseason panorama was a motivating factor to work hard.

"We have got in shape and we ran a lot in practice but our defense has gotten so much better," she said. "I thought we were calm with their press. We put four or five plays in in getting the ball inbound. We just wanted to show them we could beat them."

Music said Prestonsburg was confident they could beat Belfry.

"We just had to go out and prove it to them," she said. "We hit the boards good and our guards were

penetrating real well. I think we played an all around good game."

Conley said the game was on the physical side under the basket.

"There were all kinds of fouls," she said. "It was a very physical game. Although a lot of them were not called it turned out to be an even game."

Conley echoed what Music said of the hard work Prestonsburg had put in against the press.

"That is really all we needed to do to get a win, is be able to handle their press," said Conley. "We have been working on it the past week and half."

Conley said the missed free throws toward the end of the game could be contributed to fatigue.

Prestonsburg will travel into the 14th Region Monday night facing one of the top teams in the 14th in Knott County Central. Thursday night, another 14th Region powerhouse comes to the Prestonsburg fieldhouse in Whitesburg.

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Schedule

elusive win.

Allen Central fell to the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals (70-48) last Friday night while South Floyd dropped a decision to Elkhorn City.

Allen Central has been hit hard with injuries but some of the freshmen for Coach Halbert have been getting some valuable playing time, Jessica Isaac for one. Isaac has been impressive in the last two games, scoring in double figures against Knott Central and Sheldon Clark.

"Jessica needs to learn our plays because we are going to need her," said Coach Halbert recently.

Without the services of starters Jennifer Risner, Kari Osborne and Barb Prater, Coach Halbert has had to rely on her underclass players.

South Floyd plays a lot of frosh and before this season ends, this team is going to be one to contend with. Coach Osborne at times has had no one but freshmen on the court. Megan Ousley, Ashley Johnson, and Carla Hall have seen a lot of playing time.

KNOTT CENTRAL UNBEATEN...
Coach Harold Tackett's

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Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats are coming off a big, big win over regional rival Belfry this past Thursday night.

Prestonsburg makes their way to Knott County Central where they will meet Coach Rhett Gibson's Lady Patriots. Knott Central is unbeaten through three games as of Friday night. They defeated a good North Laurel team to open the season and won over Fleming-Neon in the second game. Last Monday night, the Lady Patriots had an easy time with Allen Central.

Prestonsburg has reeled off three consecutive wins since their season opening loss to Leslie County in the Lady Hawks Tip Off Classic. The Lady Blackcats defeated Elkhorn City, Pike County Central before their win over Belfry Thursday night.

Ramanda Music, Amelia Conley could pose some problems for the smaller Lady Patriots in the paint area. Megan Hyden and Brook

Coleman are floor leaders while Angela Howell runs the point.

BOYS RESUME TUESDAY...

Boys basketball resumes Tuesday night after a big four games at the Prestonsburg fieldhouse Saturday afternoon.

Tuesday night, Coach Henry Webb and his South Floyd Raiders will host the Piarist Knights in a boys, girls doubleheader.

The two teams met earlier (two weeks ago) with the Raiders coming away with an easy victory.

Rusty Tackett, Michael Hall and John Meade along with Tyler Hall lead a potent Raider offense.

Brent Hall, Robert Hall, and Matt Goeing head up the Knights.

The Belfry Pirates will travel to Betsy Layne to face Brent Rose's Bobcats. This should be a good one as the Pirates will have a battle on their hands to win the 60th District this year with the likes of Elkhorn City and Phelps to challenge.

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Lady Rebs

a short field goal following a rebound. The two teams went into the second quarter deadlocked at 14.

Sheldon Clark (2-0) saw their most point-productive quarter come in the second frame, when they doubled up the Lady Rebs, outscoring the visiting team 24-12.

Trailing 26-16 midway through the second, the Lady Rebs' Terri Mullins cut the Sheldon Clark lead to five with a short jumper in the paint.

Sheldon Clark's Harmon pushed the lead out to 15, at 33-18 on a pair of free throws. Allen Central junior Jackie Brown added a bucket and Mullins hit a long two-point field goal that just beat the buzzer to make it a 38-26 game at the half.

Allen Central played the Lady Cards close for most of the third quarter, being outscored by a lone basket, 12-10.

Harmon extended the Sheldon Clark lead to 40-26 at the 6:46 mark of the third quarter with a long two-point jumper. The Allen Central defense put the pressure on, causing Sheldon Clark turnovers and giving way to baskets by junior Tonya Howard and sophomore Jaelyn Martin. Sophomore Erin Majakey pulled the Lady Rebs to within eight of the Sheldon Clark lead, when she connected on a field goal, to make it a 40-32 game with 5:22 remaining in the period.

Following a timeout, Sheldon Clark went on a 10-4 run, to take a 50-36 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

Sheldon Clark began the final period with 11 unanswered points to push their lead out to 61-40 advantage. The Lady Rebs played sound basketball throughout the remainder of the contest, but could not overcome the second quarter letdown and the double-digit lead the Lady Cards had built. Sizemore put in the Lady Rebs final bucket of the night with four ticks left on the fourth quarter clock, to make it a 70-48 final.

Is it a confidence builder to lose by 22 points to the No. 19 ranked girls team in the state, or is it just a loss? The Lady Rebs could definitely build off such a loss. They definitely did some good things against Sheldon Clark.

"I'm proud of the way our kids played, Sheldon Clark is a real good team" said Coach Cindy Halbert. "We played competitive tonight. Our young kids stepped up real big, with some of our seniors still out with injuries. As we get better defensively we won't foul as much and we won't do some of the things we've done early on."

Sizemore led Allen Central in scoring with 12 points. Isaac was the Lady Rebs only other double-figure scorer with 10. Mullins finished with eight tallies, while sophomores Martin and Majakey finished with six points each. Brown added four points and junior Tonya Howard tossed in two, rounding out the Allen Central scoring.

Harmon's game-high 27 points was complemented by sophomore forward Desiree Cassidy's double-double of 14 points and 11 rebounds for Sheldon Clark.

Sophomore center Kelli Moore added twelve points and 11 rebounds, to round out Sheldon Clark's double-figure scorers.

Allen Central will be back in action Monday Dec. 11 when they play host to Phelps (0-3).

GAME NOTE:

The Allen Central JV team, which features several young players who also see varsity playing time, beat the Sheldon Clark JV squad 36-27. The future of Allen Central girls basketball definitely looks bright.

ALLEN CENTRAL (48)-Howard 2, Sizemore 12, Mullins 8, E. Majakey 6, Isaac 10, Brown 4, Martin 6.

SHELDON CLARK (70)-Harmon 27, Ray 2, Moore 12, Cassidy 14, Horn 5, Wellman 10.

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Sideline

Johnson Central, Sheldon Clark and Belfry, I do know that their are several very good teams in this 15th Region. A little reminder: Don't count out Cindy Halbert's Allen Central Lady Rebs. These Lady Rebs on the high school hardwood are extremely young, but can turn it on and with time could surprise some people. Ditto for South Floyd. The Lady Raiders have some younger talented coupled with some good senior players.

The Betsy Layne Lady Cats could be the surprise team of both the 58th District and the 15th

Region. The Betsy Layne girls like the Betsy Layne boys are playing good basketball and will be tough come March's tournament time. Oh yeah, they'll also have home-court advantage as the 58th District Tournament will be held at The Dome this season.

There are so many talented girls basketball players in the 15th Region this season! This season promises to be very competitive and equally as exciting. Be sure to get out and take in some of the high school girls' and boys' basketball action.



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ALLEN CENTRAL SENIOR Shannon Sizemore (10) works her way around a Sheldon Clark defender. Sizemore led the Lady Rebs in scoring with 12 points.

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I said I wouldn't go there

I still say, Josiah Bartlett for president — as in NBC's "West Wing." Turn fiction into reality. It's got to be better than this.

I'm still watching Bob Newhart reruns and whatever option I have instead of The Today Show and the evening news, although I do have to wonder if anything else is going on in the world. I simply cannot watch the ongoing, and ongoing, and ongoing reports of the presidential election.

And I have tried desperately to avoid talking or writing about the election. But I feel I'm going to burst, if I don't comment on Florida's archaic voting system, which is at the heart of the tragedy.

This mess has made me grateful to live in Kentucky where we are able to vote on modern, easy-to-use, easy to tabulate, hard-to-tamper-with machines.

Differences in perceptions pop into mind.

My only experience with the state of Florida is a few trips to Panama and Panama City when I was married to a man whose family lived just a couple of miles across the Georgia line, and I've never had any real desire to visit Florida, not even Disneyland. (I couldn't deal with the crowds.) As for the ocean, I'm partial to North Carolina and Georgia on this side of the country.

I have, however, always thought of Florida as progressive and modern, with a well-heeled, fairly well-educated populace. The University of Florida, Florida State and University of Miami, though sometimes billed as party schools owing to location, actually have decent academic reputations.

We know the state is a good place for immigrants, particularly Cubans. Thousands of them have succeeded beyond their wildest dreams.

We know that retirees flock to Florida, most of them after significant success in colder climes, more than a few from this area, in fact.

How, then, do you explain the state not using voting machines like we do?

Here in the hinterlands, in so-called backward Appalachian Kentucky, we don't have to use any implement other than our finger. If we can read and tap a finger, we can vote. If we vote for a candidate or issue in error, then we have a chance to review and make a change before we punch the final tabulator that records our vote.

I never really thought of that method being so terribly advanced until recently.

A year or so ago, some folks here were railing that our voting machines could be pre-programmed to throw an election, and we were assured that was not so. Those folks could have a field day in Florida now.

In what I have seen of the reports from Florida, it seems to me that reporters and analysts have been a lot more kind to the Florida system than I'm inclined to be.

I guess I can't help but think what would be made of all this had the same thing occurred in Kentucky. We would be the butt of incessant, insufferable jokes. The mere word "hillbilly" would be done to death. Having a voting system so capable of being maneuvered would cause us to be labeled ignorant, backward, malevolent, unscrupulous, probably even incestuous.

I sympathize with the Floridians who had to cast their ballots under this out-dated, not to mention undemocratic system. Whoever eventually is declared the winner will remain under a cloud, never really confident of the mandate to lead — and rightfully so.

But at the same time, I'm so glad it didn't happen here.

Greetings to subscriber Lola Conn of Martin. Thanks for reading the Times.

Piarist students hit Parea

The French travelers: from left, Thommy Greene, Matt Goeing, Emily Meyer, Nora Traum, William Duty, Joel Castle, John Layne and Brett Hall.



by NORA TRAUM

On November 1, a plane took off from the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky Airport carrying 10 precious pieces of cargo from eastern Kentucky: eight seniors and two teacher chaperones from the Piarist School in Martin.

After five months of non-stop fundraising of more than \$15,000 (from car washes and yard sales to Tupperware sales and lunch deliveries to businesses), the seniors were finally beginning their ideal senior field studies, a 10-day educational trip to France.

From the moment their plane landed in Paris, their French teacher, Sandrine Richy, made sure the educational part was apparent by demanding that no more English be spoken for the next 10 days.

The students began and ended their trip in Paris, visiting all the usual tourist-must-sees. They climbed the many steps to the top of both the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe in one day, walked through the famous Versailles castle and Louvre Museum, and marveled at the incredible architecture in famous cathedrals such as Notre Dame and Sacre Coeur.

The students also enjoyed an afternoon at a cyber cafe, checking their e-mail on the very different French keyboards, and

an evening dinner boat cruise along the Seine River courtesy of an American company called U.S. Filter. The students were also able to take a day trip to the Loire Valley of France to visit some of the region's famous castles.

Perhaps the most trying part of the trip, however, was the four days the seniors spent staying individually with a French family in a small village in the eastern part of France called Neuchateau. Here, the students experienced French culture firsthand.

Staying in households where some spoke very little English, the seniors suddenly found themselves being offered cups of tea for breakfast, wild boar fixed like shish kabob for dinner, and crepes and yogurt for dessert. One student even had the pleasure of staying on a farm and actually riding a French cow.

When they weren't involved in the domestic activities of French life, the students accompanied their host French students to school for a day of art, geometry, and World War II history a la France. A couple of seniors even helped their hosts with their math homework.

By the time they reached the

Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris to start their journey home, the seniors found themselves automatically answering simple questions they asked each other in English with "oui" or "non." Filled with incredible memories and new knowledge, they regretted leaving the foreign land behind.

One thing was for sure, though, all of their hard work and dedication had paid off, and they returned from a trip they would never forget.

The Piarist School is a small, college preparatory high school in Martin. Every

(See PAREE, page three)

Students from the Piarist School got a taste of the French educational system as they sat in on classes with French students.



Every tourist's dream — posing in front of the Eiffel Tower: Emily Meyer, Brett Hall, Joel Castle, Matt Goeing, John Layne, Thommy Greene, Nora Traum and William Duty.



Just hanging around the castle. That's what John Layne, Joel Castle and William Duty were doing at Chambord Castle in France.

This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1960.

The frost is on the pumpkin-head, too.

It is a matter of record that most people who live through Christmas make it through the rest of the year.

'WE USE THE BIBLICAL SYSTEM'

Two typewriters in operation in this office have a total of 88 keys. And just this morning I learned that these 88 keys are operated by only three fingers, which may be a new low in the typewriting department. I use two fingers, and Henry Scalf covers the keyboard with only one. I failed to learn the "touch system" and so employ all 10 digits, because my first typewriter was an Oliver with a far-from-standard (keyboard). Friend Scalf hasn't any such excuse, but he has a reasonably good reason for using the lone finger. "Why," he asks, "work 10 fingers when one will do the job?"

FIGURES TELL THE STORY

They're still counting ballots in the Presidential election, and a Republican has handed me this cryptic announcement:

Kennedy 1
 Johnson 12
 Nixon 021
 Lodge 0212

To get the message, if any, you must pronounce the zeroes a la "oughts as ought and figger's as figger."

THE THREAT COMES A BIT LATE

When my good friend, "Snooks" Crutcher, editor of The Rowan County News, learned that the State Highway Department engineering office proposed for Morehead was going elsewhere, he blew his stack, even as yours truly would do if Floyd County were to be deprived of something—if it had something of the sort to lose.

Wrote Editor Crutcher in his newspaper last week:

"The writer of this column, and this newspaper, has perhaps spent thousands of dollars in telephone calls, expenses, etc., over the past four years on the Morehead Engineering office promotion.

"Several readers have inquired what we intend to write now that it has been lost. And, like freedom, once gone it is difficult to regain.

"Well, you can read the page one factual story.

"Really, we are waiting until we see the whites of their eyes. And, we have a right fair idea that regardless of what we write the voters of Rowan, and some other region counties, will wait until they can see that white ballot and a voting stencil in their hands.

"And, that applies to more coming elections than that for Governor.

"This newspaper will have no hesitation whatsoever leading a bolt if the names on the ballot are people who have hurt this community... cost our town and county business, lowering its economic growth and progress... the loss of jobs for our people.

"But, we have a fair notion that nobody will have to bolt their ticket in November... the electorate will take care of the matter in primary elections.

"Morehead and Rowan County, have been dealt a blow they will not soon forget."

To all this we would add this comment:

In view of Rowan County's strong opposition to Bert Combs in two campaigns and its vote against both the road and parks bond issue and the constitutional convention, the Morehead editor's threat is not unlike that of the man who shoots a man down, then threatens his victim with a dose of lead poisoning.

Things to Ponder

Leaving the dorm for Christmas at home

by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PHD

Who is coming to your house this Christmas other than Saint Nick? You may be looking forward to parents, cousins, and siblings. For many families it is often the "independent," all-knowing college student who finally left home just over three months ago. Remember the planning for all this took the past 12 years.

Although each member of the family had his or her emotional issues over the departure, most likely the "return" will bring some old, some new, some good and some bad situations with it. Yet, every effort needs to be made for all to enjoy having the family members reunited and together again at Christmas. Similar to other life changes, adjustments will need to be made by all.

Our experiences with our young college student returning home for the holidays were happy times with only minor problems. The first thing that usually came to mind was the excitement and glorious anticipation of having John home for a couple of weeks. If nothing else, it would be good to look at him in his familiar place. Of course, that in turn, stimulated plans for all of his favorite things to eat and do. Granny talked for hours about how she could cook this and that and how she thought he would like it.

However, there were times that the reality was he did not want the same thing as we did. This type of assumption brings up the significant need for communications. Questions need to be asked and answers given. If everybody shares their expectations with regard to holiday activities, then fewer misunderstandings are likely to occur.

Discussions need to include such areas as to what events have already been planned and which ones the student, who is home for a short time, would be expected to attend. The student who has been absent from the routine of everyday life needs to be brought up-to-date with the family and community news so that he will feel a part of the group activities.

There are additional things that need to be discussed with the college student home for Christmas and what is expected of him, during his holiday. By all means, he needs to have time to get together again with friends, while realizing that his time on break also needs to be shared between friends and family. Being out with friends brings up still another area of possible difficulties. Should he still have the same rules and guidelines? Is it OK for his old curfew to be changed?

Of course, parents should realize and accept that the just-graduated high school senior, who left for college several months ago, is an older adolescent-young adult who has returned home. Most importantly, he was expected to function independently on his own for more than three months. Is he to go back to functioning as if he never left home?

Indeed, the college student's returning home for Christmas can lead to up-and-down times. An underlying factor usually is the family members' tolerance for change and the ability to be flexible. The expectation is that the family will cope with the changes as they probably have with other times of transition. However, each person can pay attention to how he/she can help. A receptive attitude toward change is most important for everyone to have.

Often family relationships are conceptualized as a circle. When one member leaves, there is a "space" in the circle until all members adjust to closing it in. This may mean that younger children are given more advanced privileges, responsibilities, and/or treats after the older one is gone. Then, hopefully, the student returning for a brief time will not try to arrive back at the family hearth and dethrone the younger children, who have finally adjusted to him being gone.

It is important that adults be aware and recognize what is happening. Even if he has not been home for more than three or four nights for several months, he need not view himself or be viewed by other family members as an "honored guest" his entire break. Even though he might not do as many of the chores that he did prior to leaving for college, the "visiting" family member also needs to be willing to help out.

All this discussion of going away and coming back reminds me of Louise J. Kaplan's book, "Oneness and Separateness," based on the work of Margaret Mahler. Kaplan describes the toddler who darts away and then returns, going farther each time. If the mother or other caregiver is calm and reassuringly there when he/she returns, the child learns one of the lessons in becoming a healthy, happy individual.

Isn't this going out (to college or job) and coming back home to visit just an advanced stage of the same thing? The family needs to say, "We love you, and, at the same time, accept your growth and independence."

Holidays and the children of divorce

The holiday season is a difficult one for the children of families in the midst of divorce, or where a divorce has recently occurred.

Parents' wishes to spend the holidays with their children often lead to disagreements and can leave the kids feeling stressed as they shuttle between houses. It's little wonder that family courts are typically busy in December with emergency custody battles.

A recent book from the American Counseling Association, "Don't Divorce Us! Kids' Advice to Divorcing Parents," offers some worthwhile suggestions on helping minimize the pain of divorce for children during the holiday season, as well as other times of the year. Working from a unique perspective, the book combines the suggestions of experienced counselors with the insights and advice of children who have actually lived through the divorce experience.

It is the real-life comments,

observations and insights from the children of divorce that offer some of the most meaningful advice in this book. The comments of one 14-year-old boy, reflecting on his parents' divorce, are particularly apt for the holiday season: "Remember that the children are the most important thing. Think of them first, not your own anger, or your own hurt, but them."

While there is no simple formula to protect children from the trauma of the divorce process, there are a number of things parents can do, especially during stressful times such as the holidays, to minimize the pain their children may be experiencing.

■ Keep the kids out of the battlefield. Don't fight in front of them and don't involve them in the arguments.

■ Keep the kids informed. Making believe everything is fine fools no one. Don't share all the gory details, but let the kids know

what is happening.

■ Don't allow the kids to take sides. That also means don't force them to take your side.

■ Assure the kids it's not their fault, and assure them over and over. Kids are sponges for guilt — they're used to making mistakes and getting blamed. During the holidays they may feel even more strongly that the family is apart because of something they did or are doing.

■ Keep communication open. It can be difficult and emotionally draining, but encourage your kids to ask questions, to discuss what they're feeling and what's worrying them. Provide honest, helpful answers, not negative propaganda about your spouse.

■ Make sure your children know you haven't stopped loving them. It can be confusing, and terrifying, to learn that one's parents have stopped loving one another. Kids need to be reassured that their

parents' love for them hasn't disappeared.

"Don't Divorce Us! Kids' Advice to Divorcing Parents" was written by John Sommers-Flanagan and Rita Sommers-Flanagan, a husband-wife team of psychologists, in collaboration with Chelsea Elander, Rita's daughter and a grown child of divorce herself.

The book offers practical advice on helping children understand and handle the divorce process, as well as insights into the issues that follow a divorce, including step-parenting, dating, double-households, ex-spouses and long-distance parenting.

"Don't Divorce Us" (\$15.95) is published by the American Counseling Association and is available in local bookstores, online at Amazon.com, or directly from the American Counseling Association at 1-800-347-6647, ext. 222.

Organizations

Drift women...

The GFWC/KFWC Drift Woman's Club met at the Viola Bailey Community Center Building on November 20.

Ruby Akers, president, opened the meeting by reading a poem "Every Day is Thanksgiving Day."

She welcomed KFWC President. Elect Barbara Fossett from Morehead Woman's Club, a member for 25 years, who graduated from Good Samaritan School of Nursing and University of Kentucky. She is married to Dr. Tom Fossett and they have three children.

Donna Allen, leader, read the Club's Collect with members responding. Alice Osborne asked the grace before the Thanksgiving Dinner was served by Gloria Dean Salisbury to guests Barbara Fossett, Phyllis Reed, Anna Lou Wright, Naomi Combs, Mary Case, Ruby Akers,

Alice Osborne, Celia Little, Alma Mosley, Roney Clark, Brooksie Gayheart, Donna Allen, and Katheryn Yomans.

Fossett said she is always available for a membership recruitment campaign. She stressed the membership is the heart of KFWC. Membership benefits are satisfaction that comes from making a difference in the community, opportunity to exchange ideas and broaden education, leadership training, fun and friendship.

Members of KFWC Women's Clubs feel needed to do their civic duty, explore career opportunities, for religious reasons and to donate professional skills.

The club's community project for December is to select the best decorated home from 15. Our goal is to increase membership by 10 percent. If interested, contact a member of KFWC Drift Woman's Club.



ANNIVERSARIES



Branhams wed 50 years

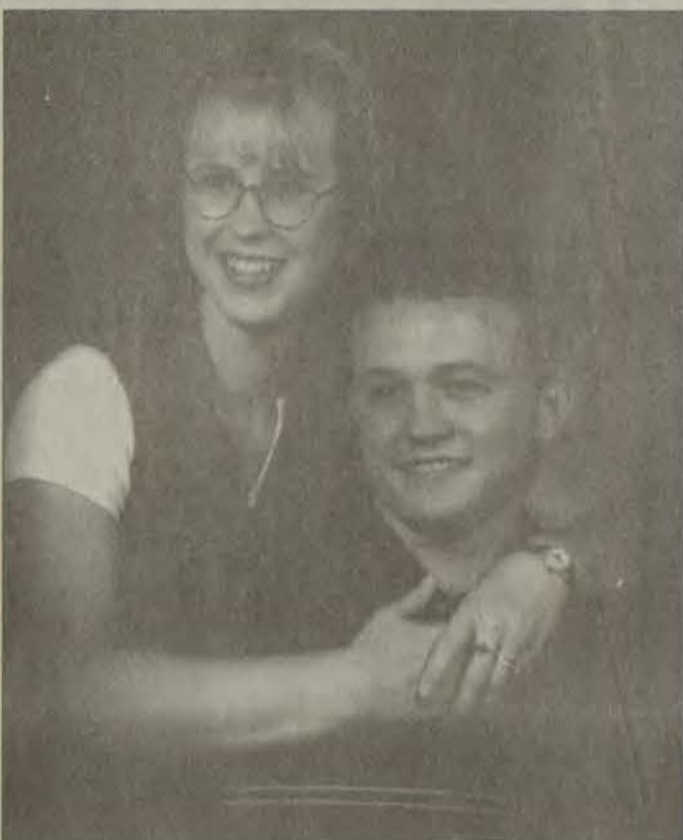
Freeman and Josephine Branham of Honaker will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on December 23, 2000, at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center on Pike-Floyd Hollow, just off US 23. They were married December 23, 1950, at the home of Kenis and Martha Clark. The minister was Tack Hall. The groom was 23 years old and the bride, 17. They have three children, Randall Scott Branham of Tampa, Florida, Daniel Branham of Feds Creek, and Darlene Branham Conway of Abingdon, Virginia. They also have four grandchildren: Alissa Branham, who attends Notre Dame University; Aaron Branham of Feds Creek, and John and Nichole Conway of Abingdon. The couple lived for many years in Lorain, Ohio, where he worked as a crane operator at the Lorain and Elyria Sand Co.



Couple celebrates 60 years

Johnnie and Jewel Case of Garrett held their 60th wedding anniversary celebration on December 6, 2000, at their home, with family and friends. They were married December 6, 1940, in Floyd County. The groom is a retired school principal. The couple have four children: Joyce Gore of Lackey and James M. Case, John D. Case and Jerry T. Case, all of Garrett, as well as six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS



Colemire-Caudill

Jodi Colemire of Brooksville and Bradley Caudill of Melvin have announced their plans to be united in marriage on May 19, 2001. The bride-elect is the daughter of Danny and Jennifer Colemire and Garvice and Lisa Woods, all of Bracken County. She is a student at Northern Kentucky University. The groom-elect is the son of Garnis Sr. and Linda Caudill of Melvin. He is employed by Clopay Plastic Products Division. The couple plan to reside in Augusta. The wedding is planned for 6:30 p.m., at the Falmouth Christian Church in Pendleton County. The custom of an open wedding will be observed.



Tackett-Ratliff

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tackett of East Point, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ratliff of Corn Fork, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Tamatha Kay Tackett and Jeffery Dean Ratliff. The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and a nursing student at Prestonsburg Community College. She is employed part-time by the City of Prestonsburg. Her maternal grandparents are Woodrow Adams of East Point and the late Billie Imogene Adams, and her paternal grandparents are the late Sam and Edna Tackett, formerly of East Point. The prospective groom is a 1985 graduate of PHS and is employed by the Kentucky Division of Fish and Wildlife. He is the grandson of the late Otis and Carmack Goble, and the late Tom and Susie Ratliff, all formerly of Corn Fork. The wedding will be Friday, December 15, 2000, at 6:30 p.m., at the Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist Church at Corn Fork. The custom of an open church will be observed, and a reception will follow at the Pines Building at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Wedding postponed

The wedding of Tracie Renee Stewart and Jeremy May, which was originally planned for December 16 at Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, has been postponed because of a death in the family. A new date will be announced later.

School happenings...

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or later by appointment. 886-9812.

Allen Central High School

■ 12/11: Deadline for parents to nominate themselves or another parent for the SBDM Council. 3:15 p.m., school office.

■ 12/18: Special election of parent member to SBDM Council, 6 p.m., library. Nominees must have a child enrolled at the school during term on council; must not be an employee at ACHS; and must not be a relative of an ACHS employee, board of education member or spouse of board member. Any parent of an ACHS student may vote in the election.

■ ACHS Band is collecting Pepsi Musical Points, which enable the purchase of instruments. Points are on 12-pack cubes, 20 oz. and liter bottles of Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew and Diet Mountain Dew. Give to any ACHS band member or mail to Eastern Band Boosters, PO Box 156, Eastern, KY 41622.

Clark FRC

■ 12/20: Girl Scouts presentation for K-5.
 ■ 12/12: 4-H presentations for K-4.
 ■ 12/13: Time Out for Parents support group meeting, 8:30 a.m.
 ■ 12/14: Advisory Council meeting, 5 p.m., center.
 ■ 12/14: Family Reading Night, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 ■ After school child care, 3-5:30 p.m., school days, openings available.

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

McDowell FRC

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

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

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

■ Child Care, from school dismissal -5 p.m., \$20 per week/per child. For possible fee assistance, call East Kentucky Child Care Coalition, 886-1280.

Prestonsburg Elementary PTA

■ 12/19: PTA regular meeting, 7 p.m., followed by performance by third grade classes.

■ PTA Dairy Queen Punch Cards for sale; \$10 for 18 uses between now and July 2001; buy one item, get the next free. Good at Prestonsburg, Martin and Pikeville Dairy Queens.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

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Birthdays



Has first birthday

Phil Stephen Cornett, son of Steve and Karen Cornett of Prestonsburg, had his first birthday on October 9, 2000. He celebrated with a party on October 15, shared with his brother, Carl Ed Bingham, who was also celebrating a birthday. Besides the two celebrants and their parents, guests included Robyn Bingham and son, Ethan; Jeff and Bethany Bingham; Josh Bingham; Jim Sherman; Billy and Phyllis Cornett; Bobby Cornett; Eula Cornett; Maxine Bierman; Matt Clay and Brandon Hurt.



Turns three

Randall Leland Ousley celebrated his third birthday on November 11, 2000, at home with family and friends. He is the son of Randall and Jenny Ousley of Middle Creek. His paternal grandparents are Earl D. and Nancy Ousley of Middle Creek, and his maternal grandparents are Clyde and Lenora Jackson of Salyersville. He shares his birthday with his aunt, Theda Stone of Salyersville, who celebrated her 30th birthday on November 11.

Parade

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grade takes a field studies trip at some point in the year. Other class trips many students have gone on include Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Quebec, Canada. For more information about the Piarist school, call 606/285-3950.

Pageants



Wins crown

Alexis Ciera Sexton won the title of Christmas Supreme Queen, among other titles, in the Winter Wonderland Christmas Beauties pageant on December 3. She is the daughter of Kristi Samons and McCaye Sexton of Langley. She also won Most Beautiful, Most Photogenic, Best Portfolio Shot, Director's Choice, Overall Most Beautiful, Overall Photogenic, and Overall Portfolio Shot.

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Family Medicine

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Associate Professor
of Family Medicine



Surgery to cure reflux disease has high success rate

Question: I've had heartburn trouble for years. I've taken several different medicines, and currently I'm comfortable with Prilosec that I've used for the last two years. I saw my doctor last week, and he wants me to go to a surgeon. He thinks an operation would be better than continuing to take medicine. I haven't made the appointment yet. What do you think about having surgery for heartburn?

Answer: The label "heartburn" covers a wide range of symptoms. Most of us have occasional episodes of heartburn after we overeat or consume foods that don't agree with us. This uncomfortable sensation is actually the result of stomach acid leaking out of the stomach and into the esophagus.

If we experience this frequently, we may have what is called reflux esophagitis or gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).

An episode of heartburn is the result of the lower esophageal sphincter (LES) — a muscular band around the esophagus just above the stomach — opening at a time other than when you are swallowing food or drink. This can happen when the LES relaxes at an inappropriate time or because the pressure within the stomach simply overpowers it.

Dietary indiscretions, medicine

use, alcohol, anatomical defect such as hiatal hernia, or obesity can all make this scenario more likely.

The consequence of chronic reflux, regardless of the underlying cause, can be significant. The strong stomach acid that causes the heartburn sensation over a period of time damages the lining of the esophagus. This damage can range from mild inflammation to scarring that blocks the esophagus. In some cases it can lead to the development of a precancerous condition that, if left untreated, will lead to esophageal cancer.

Medicines called proton pump inhibitors, including the Prilosec you take, are effective at reducing stomach acid levels and, thereby, reducing the damage it can cause when it "backs-up" into the esophagus. Treatment with one of these medicines is usually sufficiently effective that the esophagus heals.

Diet, weight reduction, elevating the head of the bed and other lifestyle changes are then usually all that is necessary to continue living without the discomfort of frequent heartburn.

Surgery for heartburn typically involves narrowing the opening of the diaphragm through which the esophagus passes. In addition, the junction of the esophagus and stomach is narrowed while simultaneously changing the angle of it.

This is called "fundoplication" in surgeon-speak.

Surgical treatment for GERD is appropriate for those who fail to gain relief with medical treatment. It is also used for those who have significant side effects from medical treatment.

An additional group for consideration is those who need continuous use of proton pump inhibitors but otherwise have no discomfort or damage to the esophageal lining. You may fall into this last group.

The surgery for GERD is now commonly performed by using high tech "laparoscopic methods." This means that the surgeon uses special instruments inserted through several small cuts into the abdomen. This is substantially easier on the patient than the previous surgery that required an incision large enough for the surgeon to get both of his or her hands into the abdomen.

The fundoplication surgery is 95 to 97 percent effective at eliminating GERD with a similar percent of patient satisfaction at one year. At 10 years, the success rate remains an amazingly high 90 percent.

So, I'd suggest you talk to the surgeon. He or she will probably want to do some additional tests such as looking into your esophagus, a procedure called EGD, and also do 24 hour pH monitoring. These tests will determine the effectiveness of your current treatment as well as help predict your risk of future problems.

You, your doctors and your family can then talk about the benefits and risks of having surgery to correct your chronic GERD. Eventually YOU will decide if YOU want to proceed with surgery. Remember, it is always your choice, not your doctor's.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701.

Hospital offers tips on giving toys

This holiday season, before you give a toy to a child, you may want to make sure it is appropriate. Toys and games provide many opportunities for children to learn and grow—physically, mentally and socially. However, toys and games that are not age-appropriate can cause serious injury or even death.

"Younger children can get frustrated by playing with toys and games that are not suited to their physical or mental capabilities," said Erika Kravic, R.N., of Kosair Children's Hospital. "Those age guidelines found on packages really are helpful."

When purchasing toys and games for your child, remember they should be:

- appealing and interesting to the child,
- suited to the child's physical abilities,
- suited to the child's mental and social development, and
- well-constructed, durable and safe for the child's age.

In general, most toys and games on the market today are safe. However, manufacturer safety standards are voluntary and you can never be completely sure they are being followed. Injuries can still occur despite government regulations and toy makers' best efforts to test products.

The following is a list of toys recommended for specific age groups by the Children's Hospital Foundation Office of Child Advocacy of Kosair Children's Hospital, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Remember, however, that these are merely guidelines and parents should watch for mislabeled toys and always provide supervision for younger children.

For All Ages—

- Look for and read age and safety labels on toys.
- Explain and/or show children how to use toys properly and safely.
- Keep toys intended for older children away from younger children.
- Check all toys periodically for breakage and potential hazards.
- Store toys safely—teach children to put toys away, so they are not tripping hazards, and check toy boxes and shelves for safety.

Newborn to 1-Year-Old—Choose "eye-catching" toys that appeal to a baby's sight, hearing and touch, such as:

- Large plastic blocks and soft cloth blocks,
- Pots and pans,
- Rattles and teethingers,
- Soft, washable animals, dolls or balls with painted- or stitched-on eyes, nose, etc., and molded (not loose) hair
- Bright, movable objects suspended out of baby's reach,
- Busy boards, activity boxes and cubes,
- Floating bath toys,
- Squeeze toys,
- Roly-poly toys.

1-to 2-Year-Olds—Toys for this age group need to withstand a toddler's curious nature, such as:

- Cloth, plastic or board books with large pictures,
- Sturdy dolls,
- Wooden or large hollow plastic blocks,
- Ride-on toys propelled by pushing with feet

- (no pedals or steering),
- Musical tops
- Nesting blocks
- Push and pull toys (remember—no long strings),
- Stacking toys,
- Toy telephones,
- Soft, lightweight balls,
- Toys with noise and action effects,
- Large crayons and sturdy, large-size paper.

2- to 5-Year-Olds—Toys for this age group are usually experimental and should imitate activities of parents and older children, such as:

- Books (short or stories),
- Blackboard and chalk,
- Building blocks,
- Crayons, non toxic finger paints, markers and clay,
- Large tools and fix-it-play sets,
- Realistic dolls with accessories,
- Music box toys,
- Housekeeping toys,
- Realistic stuffed toys, replicas of famous characters,
- Outdoor toys, sandbox, slide, swing, playhouse,
- Realistic ride-on toys (tricycle, cars, wagons, tractors),
- Cassette tape player,
- Simple puzzles with large pieces,
- Board games with few pieces and simple rules,
- Dress-up clothes,
- Tea Party utensils (not miniature).

5-to 9-Year-Olds—Toys for this age group should help your child promote skill development and creativity, such as:

- Craft and sewing sets,
- Doctor and nurse kits,
- Jigsaw puzzles,
- Hand puppets,
- Pattern-making toys,
- Electric trains,
- Paper dolls,
- Books,
- Jump ropes,
- Roller skates with helmet and protective gear,
- Sports equipment,
- Battery-powered ride-on toys,
- Bicycle (sized to child) and helmet,
- Blunt scissors, crayons, markers, art chalks, sketch pads,
- Card games, simple strategy and quiz games.

10- to 14-Year-Olds—Hobbies and scientific activities are ideal for this age group, such as:

- Computer and video games,
- Construction sets with complex parts, models,
- Sewing, needlework,
- Musical instruments,
- Games requiring speed, dexterity, competition and concentration,
- Two-wheeled bicycle and helmet,
- Microscopes, telescopes,
- Remote control toys,
- Books,
- Audio/visual equipment,
- Sports equipment with safety gear,
- Hobby collections.

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Survive your family during the holidays with these tips

The joy and excitement of the holidays are just around the corner—not to mention the traditional family feud and stress.

"The holidays have a potential for family conflict, because people go into them with great expectations that they can't always define or meet," said Gladys Hildreth, professor and chairperson of The University of Kentucky Department of Family Studies. "Society tells us the holidays are fun, food and enjoyment. That's not always true for everyone."

There can be many impediments to enjoying the holidays—lack of financial resources and time, relationship problems or jobs. Those can cause tension that explodes under the additional weight of holiday expectations.

"When we can't handle stress and conflict in our lives, we end up blaming each other," Hildreth said.

Families can keep stress and family disruption out of the holidays with careful and thoughtful pre-planning, she said. Attention should be given to everything from who will prepare what food to who may be having personal problems that will impact the days. Paying attention to details—such as removing photos of recently deceased family members if seeing them could upset someone—will account for a lot.

Hildreth also said it is important to lay some basic ground rules for the holidays—the first being that there will be no conflict or fighting.

"Let everyone participate in setting down the rules before the holidays come," she said. "Someone will have to be in charge overall, but everyone should have the chance to participate."

That someone usually turns out to be the senior female of the family, Hildreth said, and is a role not to be taken lightly. A firm but loving touch will be needed to avoid any holidays to forget.

Some other ground rules Hildreth suggests for the list are:

- respect each other and each other's views,
- don't say anything to someone if you wouldn't appreciate them saying the same to you,
- recognize the true meaning of the holiday season,
- give of yourself without expecting something in return, and
- keep the conversation going—idle tongues and minds can be dangerous.

To reduce stress caused by finances, Hildreth suggested tactics such as drawing names for gift-giving, instead of everyone trying to buy everyone something. Also be careful to ask people if they would like to help with food and decorations, not what they can help with. It's the difference between implying you have to do something to take part in the family event and letting people take part, Hildreth said.

"One of the biggest issues during the holidays is misunderstanding how resources are to be used," she said. "Be sure to present an opportunity and let people do what they enjoy and are capable of."

Including the family children in planning and events can be a source of joy, not insanity, Hildreth said. Family members often are interested in children's growth and development, and children can be entertaining.

"Let them put on a skit or recite something about the holiday," she said. "It will involve them in the family tradition and give everyone something to enjoy."

Should you anticipate that people at the holiday event may not get along, make sure there's room for all—a place where talkers can talk, television viewers can watch a program and carolers can sing, for example. Also suggest that no one come alone. With friends or family preoccupied, disagreements are less likely to occur. But she cautioned, "More people could mean more potential trouble," so be careful.

If all else fails and a disruption occurs, Hildreth warned against tossing any trouble makers out the door.

"Everybody needs a family and a home, especially during the holidays," she said. "All you will do by sending someone home is escalate the conflict which is already heightened by the season."

She suggested that a close family member talk with the person privately and give them a chance to vent their frustrations. That may be all they need, so together, you could find a solution.

"We don't know what baggage people bring with them," she said, "but that doesn't have to ruin our holiday. The holidays are a time of food, fun and joy, with understanding and planning."

Cooking Tips... Pumpkin bread

Cooler weather is settling in. Hay rides, bonfires and other outdoor activities are abundant as people everywhere are savoring the final days before winter. What better way to capture the flavor and feel of the season than pumpkin bread?

To make this Easy Pumpkin Bread, just start with Bisquick baking mix. Canned pumpkin makes it simple to make. The pumpkin flavor is enhanced with cinnamon and raisins. Plain or topped with cream cheese, this pumpkin bread is sure to please your hungry crew.

For a treat to bring on that next open house or potluck try making Mini Pumpkin Breads. Generously grease bottoms only of eight miniature loaf pans and prepare the recipe as directed, except bake loaves about 35 minutes.

Find this and other great recipes in the new "Betty Crocker's Bisquick Cookbook." You'll find all the essentials for the Bisquick basics, including quick breads, waffles, biscuits, dumplings and more. This book with more than 300 pages has chapters on Impossibly Easy Pies, Delicious Desserts, Favorites Made Lighter, In the Kitchen with Kids, and Helpful Nutrition and Cooking Information. There are 140 recipes in all—each with a photo. "Betty Crocker's Bisquick Cookbook" is spiral bound and costs \$21.95.

Easy Pumpkin Bread

- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 3 eggs
- 2 1/3 cups Original Bisquick
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup raisins

Heat oven to 350°. Generously grease bottoms only of 2 loaf pans, 8 1/2x4 1/2x2 1/2 inches, or 1 loaf pan, 9x5x3 inches.

Stir all ingredients except raisins in large bowl until well blended. Stir in raisins. Pour into pans.

Bake 8-inch loaves 40 to 50 minutes, 9-inch loaf 50 to 60 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean; cool 10 minutes. Loosen sides of loaves from pan; remove from pans to wire rack. Cool completely, about 1 hour, before slicing. Makes 16 slices.

A stroke can be a mind-blowing thing



Reduce your risk factors

4-H workforce preparation: 'Learn by doing'

Workforce preparation continues the Kentucky 4-H philosophy: "learn by doing." It helps them prepare for employable futures.

Getting out into a workplace through shadowing, internships and assistantships is a great way for students to experience the "real world of work." 4-H members see what employees do on the job through group visits to local employers as well as individual and group visits related to specific projects. Mentors describe the careers and "coach" youth to set personal goals.

Workforce preparation helps 4-H members meet employers' needs for workers who are creative and responsible problem solvers and have skills and attitudes on which to build productive careers.

The 4-H Workforce Preparation Curriculum offers a number of educational resources geared to elementary, middle school and high school grades.

The curriculum for elementary grades includes "Talking With TJ, Teamwork" and "Open your Eyes to the World of Work." Middle school curriculum features "Talking With TJ Conflict Resolution," "The World of Work: Scope It Out," "The Reality Store Simulation," and "Learn and Earn for Fun and Profit." High school students choose from "Jump Start for Job Seekers," "American Private Enterprise and High School Financial Planning."

Some offer a continuing base of workforce preparation as students advance through elementary, middle and high school. For example, "Character Counts," help youth develop six pillars of character: respect, responsibility, caring, trustworthiness, fairness and citizenship. Each is a desirable trait to employers.

In addition, 4-H has curriculum to use with special interest units or individuals such as gardening, establishing a lawn-care business and communications, aerospace and citizenship.

The learning activities fulfilled in workforce preparation help students meet graduation requirements for work-based experiences.

Service learning experiences are another way students can prepare to enter the workforce. Youth learn specific skills such as decision making, planning and teamwork, then practice these skills as they serve their communities.

4-H/Youth Development has available a number of resources to help administer these and other workforce development activities.

For more information, contact the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service at 921 South Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 41653; telephone 606/886-2668.

Clark class winner



Selina Lawrence's essay was selected as the second grade winner at Clark Elementary School in the Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child program.

She is a student in Mrs. Blanton's class and the granddaughter of Lonnie and Lora Bryant. Her essay is among those that will be read on WMDJ Radio on December 16. She and the other students will be recognized at a special activity on the evening of December 14 at the convention center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Her essay follows:

Christmas is the best holiday of all. Not just because you get lots of presents. But it is a celebration of Jesus' birth. It is better than going to church and worshipping. So the present you can give your Lord is believing and getting together with your family and friends.

So, just lay back and relax with your friends and family. Christmas is the time for that.

Majmundar inducted into leadership honorary at Transylvania University



Piarist School graduate Monica Majmundar, a Transylvania University junior, has been inducted into the Lampas Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa.

Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society, was founded by 15 students and faculty members in 1914 at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia.

In the tradition of the idealism and leadership of George Washington and Robert E. Lee, the founders of ODK formulated the idea that leadership of exceptional quality and versatility in college should be recognized.


Majmundar is a member of the Student Government Association, where she serves as Academic Life Chair, a Phi Mu fraternity member, where she serves as the Scholarship Chair, and is an active member of Tri-Beta, a national biology honorary; and Circle K, a national service organization. Additionally, Majmundar serves as the chair for the Board for the Advancement of Student Research and is a Resident Advisor.

The biology major is the daughter of Drs. Gopal and Mina Majmundar of Martin.

Students apply for ODK membership in their junior or senior year. Selection is based on academic ranking, extracurricular activities and leadership roles. New members are selected by current ODK members.

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Youth News

The Piarist School's winning Y Club delegation, from left: Sarah Hill, Tommy Greene, Balin Loftus, Emily Meyer, Bill Jones, Tabitha Nunemaker, Joel Castle, Tommi Tussey, Brett Hall, Hannah Goble, Brian Yates, Nora Traum and Rachel Leech.



Piarist School group is 'outstanding'

The Piarist School has been sending a delegation to the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA), a Coed Y Club-sponsored event, for eight years, always competing against the much larger schools of central and northern Kentucky.

But this year was the Piarist School's year. The school received the honor of being named the Most Outstanding Delegation of KYA 2000.

The judges, who were faculty advisors from the more than 50 represented schools, were impressed with the overall effort and effectiveness of this year's delegation.

Among the highlights of this year's effort was the fact that Y Club president and senior Nora Traum of Prestonsburg and junior Brian Yates of Pikeville won two Supreme Court cases in the court program.

In the first case, which was assigned to them well in advance of the conference, they successfully argued in favor of posting the Ten Commandments in school classrooms. In the second, which was assigned on the day they arrived at the conference, they argued in favor of the constitutionality of a ban on partial birth abortions.

Juniors Bill Jones of Langley and Rachel Leech of Pikeville successfully presented a case and got a bill signed making it mandatory to put reflecting tape on all Kentucky coal trucks.

Freshmen Hannah Goble of Auxier and Tommi Tussey of David successfully legislated in favor of and got a premier bill signed making it necessary for any driver with a learning permit to place a magnetic plate on their vehicle indicating their learning status, and, after using the plate for one year, rewarding the student driver with a 10 percent insurance reduction.

Senior Emily Meyer of Blue River was elected to the Leadership Team for the 2001 KYA Conference. Sophomore Sarah Hill of Prestonsburg was co-chair of Committee Two, which handled education and environment bills.

Senior Tabitha Nunemaker of Hager Hill was the doorkeeper. Senior Brett Hall of Wayland was a bill lobbyist, and sophomore Balin Loftus was a page.

The Y Club moderator is history teacher Kenneth Rose of Wayland, and the other faculty member accompanying the delegation was Dr. Debbie Hopkins.

At the award ceremonies at the end of the three-day conference, Bill Jones received one of only 10 outstanding speaker awards, while his delegation earned the top award.

KYA is one of many activities of The Piarist School Y Club, which is a service-based organization. The Piarist School is a small, college preparatory high school, located on KY 80 at Martin.



Bill Jones of Langley, a junior at The Piarist School, received one of only 10 Outstanding Speaker Awards at the recent Kentucky Youth Assembly in Lexington. Jones argued a bill that would make it mandatory to put reflecting tape on coal trucks.

Canned food drive at Duff

by JAMIE MEADE
DUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our fifth grade classes are studying about good citizenship in our social studies class. As part of their studies in class and as a 4-H project, we voted to do a canned food drive for the needy in our community. So we involved our whole school in this project.

We were all glad that we could help the less fortunate in our area. This project also let us know that people around us sometimes need help and that it is good to help your neighbors and friends.

Our canned food drive was very successful. We raised 692 cans of food for the less fortunate families in our communities. We had fun in conducting the drive and learned more math by making a graph to show the amount of cans each room collected. Mrs. Paek's room collected the most — 162 cans.

We also learned that in order to be a good citizen, you have to care about all the people in our environment, if they are needy or not.



Fire safety lessons

Prestonsburg Fire Marshal Larry Adams recently visited Linda's Carousel Day Care at Martin. Along with Adams were Tigger and Pooh, who captured the children's interest, according to owner and director, Linda Salisbury. Among teachers who took part were, from left, assistant director and head teacher Melinda Hall, Malissa McGinnis and Jessica Spradlin.

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