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Briefs Food City among award winners

Ten organizations in Kentucky were to receive awards recognizing their recycling efforts on November 15 in Frankfort.

James E. Bickford, secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, was to present the honors as part of an America Recycles Day ceremony at the Capitol Rotunda.

Bickford gave the Who's Who of Recycling award to Food City, Kroger Corp., Mallinckrodt Baker, Murray State University, University of Louisville, General Motors Corvette Assembly Plant, L'Oreal USA Products, Morehead State University, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Corbin, and Western Kentucky University.

"Recycling has become a vitally important issue in preserving our resources and helping to keep Kentucky clean," Bickford

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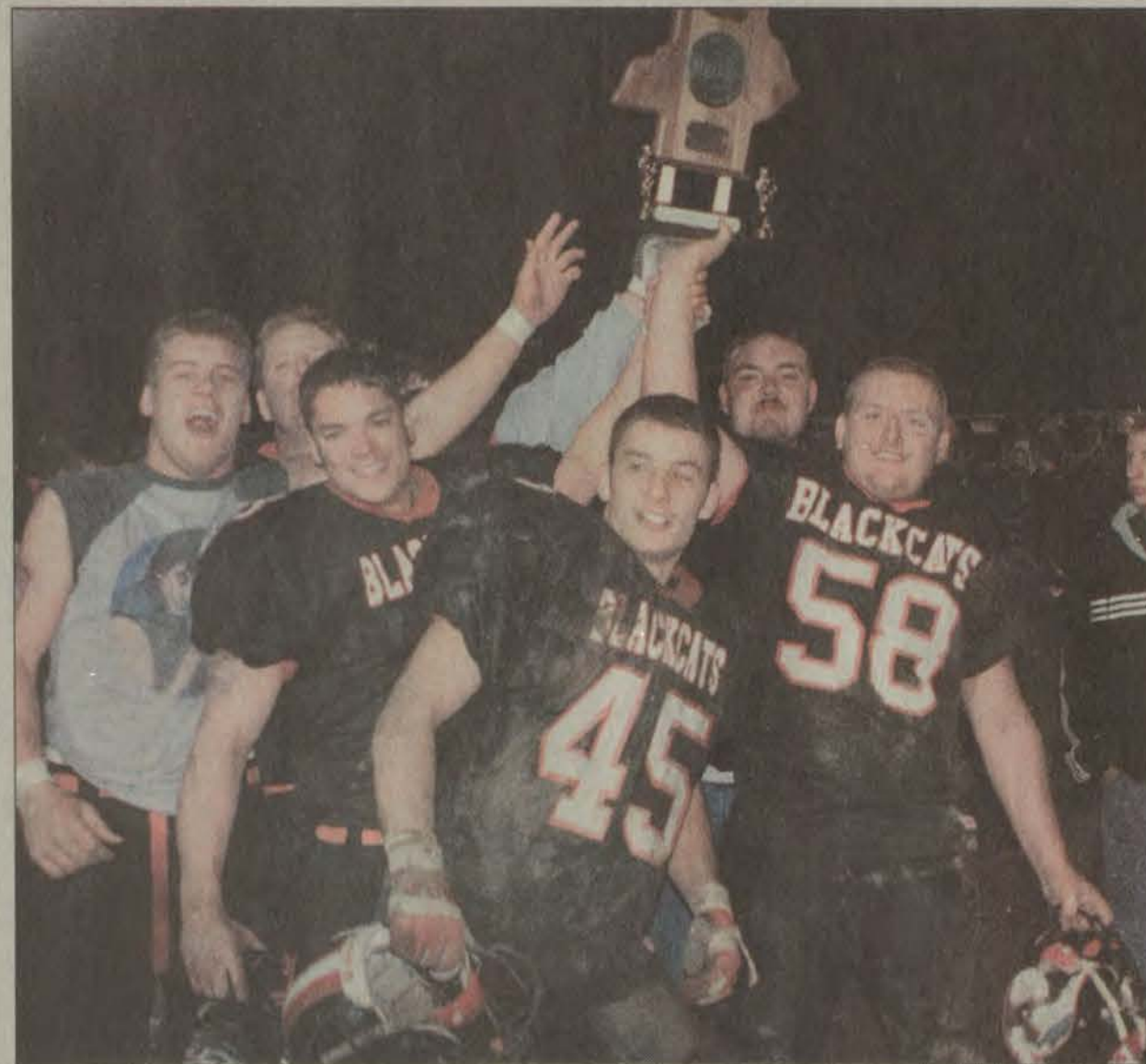


photo by Steve LeMaster

The Prestonburg Blackcats celebrated their regional championship win Friday night, their first since the 1993 season. The Cats clawed their way over perennial playoff power Breathitt County, 22-6, to earn the championship. Full details in sports.

Teens tackle forest fire

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

Two brave and determined Floyd county high school students were successful in their efforts to shut down a strip of blazing fire that they happened across two weeks ago.

Jeremy Daniels, a junior at Betsy Layne High School, and Michael Reed, a sophomore at South Floyd High School, were four-wheeling in the Little Robison Creek area on Saturday afternoon, November 4. At about 12:30 p.m., they came upon a blazing strip of fire that was about 30 feet in length, and that was making rapid progression.

The boys said that they were aware that forest fires had been burning throughout the county, but

that to encounter one was something that they had not expected.

They said that as they watched, the fire continued to spread and that at some points, the flames were actually burning the leaves off of some of the lower branches of nearby trees.

Both young men say that they were compelled to take action and that they began to fill empty Pepsi bottles with water from a nearby creek and that by dousing the flames with water and beating them with sticks, they were able to squelch the flames. They also used sticks to cover the embers with soil in an attempt to smother any recurrence of flame.

The students said that it took them about 30 to 40 minutes to put

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Jeremy Daniels and Michael Reed

Animal shelter at full capacity, urging adoption

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever wished that you could "talk to the animals"? Well, take some time to visit the Floyd County Animal Shelter located on Sally Stephens Branch Road, off old state route 114, and you will find a plentiful supply of animals doing their best to "talk" to you!

The Shelter is presently operating at capacity level with 89 animals currently being housed and receiving care there.

The shelter is holding 48 adult dogs, 14 adult cats, 16 puppies and 11 kittens, all with adorable faces and needy for attention.

As you walk into the area where cats and kittens are held, you may notice that a soft, fuzzy paw has attached itself to your sweater. The cats and kittens are all ready to play and would like the opportunity to accompany you home to keep your house mouse-free.

The shelter is housing cats and kittens of

all colors, both long-hair and short-hair. There are yellow tabbies, calicoes, gray, white, black-and-white, and at least one Siamese mix.

As you leave this area and walk into the area in which the dogs are contained in holding cages, a deafening outburst of barking will occur as each dog in its own way vies for your attention. The dogs available for adoption come in an assortment of colors and sizes.

Dogs currently at the shelter include a collie mix, a Doberman mix, and what appeared to be a very gentle natured basenji/beagle mix. The shelter also houses an adorable puppy. This puppy is about 6 weeks old and is of a golden color throughout, apparently a Labrador retriever mix.

Among one of the more notable dogs housed at the shelter was a very strong, healthy-looking Dalmatian mix. This dog

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Rhonda Castle, manager of the Floyd County Animal Shelter, holds one of the cats currently housed at the shelter awaiting adoption. The shelter is operating at maximum capacity and urges anyone in need of a pet to consider using their adoption services.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

This adorable and feisty 6-week-old lab mix is just one of the precious puppies available for adoption at the Floyd County Animal Shelter.

Strike heads to court

Company accuses union of vandalism in lawsuit

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

The dispute between management and striking workers at Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company is headed from the bargaining table to the courtroom.

Kentucky West filed a complaint under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) against the Paper, Allied Industrial Chemical and Energy Workers Union (PACE) Local 5-512 in U.S. District Court in Pikeville on Wednesday.

In the complaint, the company accuses union workers of "committing acts of violence and vandalism" and seeks an injunction to prevent further acts of the sort.

In a statement released to the media, Kentucky West accuses striking union workers of engaging in 250 acts of vandalism since PACE went on strike October 16, including:

- "Destroying oil tanks and oil pipelines, resulting in 607 barrels of oil being spilled into the environment.
- "Setting fire to gas lines, threatening the safety of employees, customers and the public at large.
- "Shutting off gas to May Valley Elementary."

"We have negotiated in good faith with Local 5-512 in an effort to resolve this labor dispute," said Richard W. Taylor, a spokesman for Kentucky West. "Their response,

(See **LAWSUIT**, page two)

County attorney turns fees into food

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

It is around this time of year that we become aware of the needs of those less fortunate, and County Attorney Keith Bartley is doing his part to help.

In an effort to provide much needed assistance to area food pantries during the upcoming holidays, Bartley has established can food collection points in each of his offices.

As an added incentive, Bartley has vowed to waive service fees on bad check collections from now until Christmas for any person, company or corporation that

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- Examine the tires. Wear patterns on tires are an important indicator of car performance.
- Check the car's exterior. Test the shocks by pushing down hard on the bumpers and then releasing. The car should go up, then down, then return to position. It should not keep bouncing.
- Check for leaks.
- Test drive the car and most importantly, before you buy, get the car inspected.

More information on the used vehicle certification program is available by calling 1-800-PEP-BOYS or visiting pepboys.com.

Dog owners must comply with laws

Times Staff Report

Floyd County is currently without a dog warden and the Floyd County Animal Shelter is at maximum capacity; so, therefore, a problem with animal control is currently afoot. If you are a dog owner, and reside within city limits, a moment to review the current Kentucky dog law may prove beneficial to you. The Kentucky dog law was passed by the 1954 Legislature and includes later amendments. The responsibility for enforcement of the law lies with the fiscal court of each county. Requirements of the Kentucky dog

law include that all dogs 6 months of age or older are to be licensed on or before July 1 of each year. The license fee for both male and female dogs is \$1.50. Licenses may be purchased locally at the Floyd County Animal Shelter located on Sally Stephens Branch Road, off old state route 114. Any person operating a kennel may, in lieu of obtaining a license for each dog, apply to the dog warden for a kennel license. A license fee of \$10 is required in order to keep 10 dogs or less; a fee of \$15 is charged to keep more than 10 dogs. Kennel licenses may also be purchased at the Floyd

County Animal Shelter. However, proof of rabies vaccination given by a certified licensed veterinarian is required in order to purchase either an individual dog license or a kennel license. Peace officers are granted the right to seize and impound any dog running at large not bearing proper license with the exception of hunting dogs that have strayed from a pack. All dogs shall be kept upon the property of the owner between sunset and sunrise unless accompanied by the owner, or the dog or dogs may be destroyed. The Department of Agriculture shall supply all dog licenses to every county. The license, when purchased, shall be affixed to a collar furnished by the owner and kept on the dog at all times. If anyone should suffer a loss caused by dogs, that person must notify the dog warden within 72 hours so that proper appraisal may be made of the damage. The owner of the dog is liable for all damages. Licensing does not relieve the owner of this responsibility. When the owner of the dog causing the damage is unknown, a claim is made out on a form furnished by the Department of Agriculture and obtained from the dog warden. Upon presentation of the claim to the Department of Agriculture, the claim may be paid, provided it is proven valid and funds are available in the Livestock Fund. However, any person who owns or harbors an unli-

censed dog shall forfeit any right to be reimbursed out of the Livestock Fund for any damage to his livestock or poultry by dogs or coyotes. Persons failing to license their dog or dogs as required are subject to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100 or imprisonment for five to 60 days, or both fine and imprisonment. The purpose of the Kentucky dog law is to eliminate damage to property caused by stray dogs. It also seeks to eliminate the likelihood of packs of stray dogs injuring your children, your pets, or yourself. The law also helps to control rabies through vaccination and helps to prevent outbreaks of rabies among the dogs in your community. The rabies control section of the law is administered by the Secretary for Health Services. The law provides a standard of identification for your dog if lost or stolen. It also helps to ensure humane treatment to all dogs properly licensed and bearing a tag if they are picked up by the dog warden. And, finally, it provides a means of protection for the livestock industry from marauding dogs. It also provides limited reimbursement to livestock owners should their livestock suffer damage from stray dogs or coyotes. For more information concerning Kentucky's dog law, you may contact the Floyd County Animal Shelter at 886-3189 or the Division of Animal Health, Dog Law Program at (502) 564-3956.

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Blackcats

The Blackcats then beat Middlesboro. That was not really expected by most, except the Prestonsburg faithful.

Friday night, the mighty Breathitt County Bobcats rolled into The Pit as the Prestonsburg field is affectionately known and were sent home with a 2-6 win. Expected? No. Does it matter now? No. The Prestonsburg Blackcats are on a roll and have nothing else in their minds than a win against their next opponent and a trip to Louisville and the Class 2A finals.

The visiting Bobcats began Friday night's game by receiving the ball and going on offense at their own 26 yard line. The second play of the game saw a Breathitt receiver fumble the ball and Matt Slone make the recovery for the Blackcats. The Blackcats were stalled on their first drive of the game and were forced to punt the ball away. Breathitt took over on their second possession of the game, but once again could get nothing over on a gritty Prestonsburg

defense. The Blackcats had their great field position on their second possession of the game as they took over at midfield. Slone put the Blackcats on the score board with a 50-yard touchdown run. The conversion attempt failed and the host Blackcats took a 6-0 lead with 6:45 remaining in the first quarter.

Breathitt County quarterback Allen Sperry had little success throwing the ball on the Blackcat secondary and his problems started early on when John Hunt intercepted one of his bullets at the 5:24 mark of the first period. The interception gave the Blackcats the ball at the Bobcats 40-yard line. Two lays later, Matt Slone broke through the entire Breathitt County defense and jaunted for his second touchdown of the game, a 39-yard scoring run. The conversion pass from quarterback Joey Willis to Chris Spriggs was successful and the Blackcats held a 14-0 lead with 3:49 left to play in the first quarter.

The first quarter ended with the

Blackcats pitching a 14-0 shutout.

The Blackcats defense went into the second quarter and held the Bobcat offense hostage. Sperry flung to the endzone several times in the quarter and each time the pas was broken up. The Blackcats offense was knocking on the endzone's door in the late in the second quarter. A Slone touchdown run was called back and the Blackcats had to settle for a 14-0 halftime lead.

Breathitt County started the third quarter with a short squib kick that they recovered from the Prestonsburg return team. The Blackcats defense stood their ground allowing the P-burg offense to take over.

Quarterback Joey Willis found receiver Chris Spriggs on a 78-yard touchdown strike. Slone rumbled into the endzone for the conversion and the Blackcats left the Breathitt County fans who had traveled to Prestonsburg stunned. Prestonsburg now led 22-0.

Sperry finally hit his target late in

the third quarter and the Bobcats were on the scoreboard. Prestonsburg went into the fourth quarter with a 22-6 lead. Both teams played scoreless football in the fourth frame giving way for a sea of

Black and Red to rush the Prestonsburg field.

"This is a great bunch of kids," said Coach John DeRossett. "They went out and played physical and they did what they had to do in order

for us to beat Breathitt."

Prestonsburg Blackcats- Class 2A Region 4 Champs!

The Blackcats will play host to the undefeated Boyle County Rebels Friday night. Kickoff is set for 7:30.

Overview

playoffs was, in the minds of the average fan, a cup cake for a first round game.

"Just wait until the second round when they face Middlesboro!" The Middlesboro Yellowjacket found Matt Slone and Company a little too much and they stayed home this past Friday night while Prestonsburg moved on.

This past Friday night, the cry was, "can the Blackcats do it again?" Once again, Coach Derossett's team proved the win over Middlesboro was no fluke when they manhandled the Breathitt County Bobcats to the tune of 22-6. Again, it was the defense of the Blackcats that sent Breathitt County, top seed out of District 8, home for the season. Also, again, Coach Derossett's ballclub moves on to round four of the state playoffs and a date with Boyle County this Friday night at The Pit, which the Prestonsburg stadium had affectionately been named.

"Teams, like Middlesboro, come in and ask, 'where are we going to play the game?'" said Coach Derossett. "We tell them, this is it, The Pit!"

While teams like Breathitt County and Boyle County are used to playing on the manicure carpets, having to play on a "rock surface" is rather surprising to them. Something they just don't understand. After all, Prestonsburg is supposed to be steeped in tradition as well

and have a first class facility.

Well, hopefully that will be the case next season if the Cats ever get off the field and let the construction crew construct a new stadium. Well, that will happen after this Friday night because, win or lose, the Cats will play their final game on the present field that has saw a many stars showcase their talents on.

"We wanted to keep the field open as long as we could," said the Prestonsburg coach. "There have been a lot of good football player who have played here. It may not be the best of fields but it has been a place where some of the best have played."

After next Friday, maybe Monday, the dozers will move in and begin to move the earth where once was the home of the Cardiac Cats, as they have become known.

Football is alive and well at Prestonsburg under one of the top coaches in the state — John Derossett. The 2000 season is but a glimpse of what lies ahead for the next three seasons and think about — we will have a new stadium with Bermuda grass. After all, when Prestonsburg makes another run next season and the one after that, we want the visiting opponents to feel comfortable in the new stadium.

Thanks Prestonsburg for a great season and let's take it through one more Friday night and a Saturday game.



BETSY LAYNE assistant coach Jimmy Hopkins passed along some information during the Bobcats Blue and White game Friday night.

photo by Ed Taylor

Regional

keep the tournament as fan-friendly as possible, reserved seats will be sold on a per game basis. Fans buying a reserve ticket to see their team shall have the option of remaining in the gym for other games. It still remains unclear if the fan must pay for two games, three games, whatever is the case upon entering the gym.

The tournament will begin on a Monday night, March 5, with a girls' triple-header with games scheduled for 6, 7:30 and 9 p.m. A boys' triple-header will take place on Tuesday night, March 6, at the same times.

Wednesday night, March 7, will feature a boys' game as well as a girls' game with first game to tip off at 7 p.m. and game two following at 8:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 8, will be a girls' semifinal game while the boys will play a Friday night, March 9,

semifinal doubleheader.

The championship games will be a lot different this year with the girls' final held at 1:30 p.m. and the boys' finals played at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 10.

Cable systems who will tape the games for replay will be charged a fee of \$50 per night. Radio rights to the tournament will cost \$25 per night or \$10 per single broadcast.

All regional schools will share equally in the tournament proceeds, regardless of whether make the tournament or not. The host school, in this case Shelby Valley, will receive 8 percent after expenses and concession stand revenue.

A good addition will be a \$500 Spirit Award that will go to the schools' senior class that shows the best sportsmanship from its teams, bands, fans and cheerleaders. A four-person committee will make the final decision.

No signs, graffiti, silly streamers, etc. or tunnel forming shall be permitted. Throwing objects en masse by any cheering sections shall be an automatic technical foul on that team. The host school reserves the right to assess a fee for damage to its facility and cleanup cost due to the use of such items.

Video cameras will do surveillance of the crowds at each session.

Each school will be required to sell \$300 in ads for the tournament program.

While the new format is a drastic change from the past, still it is a workable format that is long overdue in coming. In the 15th Region there are new gymnasiums that can house such a classic as the boys' and girls' regional tournaments. I am sure that, once in place, the new format will be a welcome change for fans, coaches, schools, players and especially the media.

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Risner to move to shooting guard



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ALLEN CENTRAL'S JENNIFER RISNER is expected to show leadership during her senior season at Allen Central. Risner gives the Lady Rebels some outside shooting

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Allen Central's Jennifer Risner doesn't have a lot to say when you put a recorder in front of her. But what she does say is very interesting.

Like you learn from her that she likes to draw. Now, who would have thought of that? Then to learn that she painted the two Rebels on the gym wall at Allen Central.

Risner is expected to be moved to a two-guard this season after playing mostly at the point position before. She is a solid outside threat from the three-point arc and gives the Lady Rebels good quickness in their pressing game. As we enter the 2000-01 season, the Lady Rebels will be playing under a new head coach in Cindy Halbert.

The senior guard stated that under Coach Halbert things are moving right along.

"We are in better shape than we were last year," she said. "We are going to be running the ball a lot more than we did last year. We are going to be a lot quicker and not get tired as easy."

Risner said this year's team will have an abundance of good shooters and should be able to put points on the scoreboard.

"Erin (Majakey) is coming along real good," said Risner. "Tiffany (Meade) is a good scorer. Some of our younger players, Terri Mullins, is doing good with ball handling."

Risner said the Lady Rebels needed to work more on their offense and defense before the season tips off.

"We have come along ways in both directions," said Risner. "Hopefully, but the first game we will be improved. We are going to be a good rebounding team. Tonya Howard and Jackie Martin have been doing real good."

Risner said in her final season she would like to see Allen Central win another Class "A" championship.

"Also, I would like to see us win the district. The region, I don't know. If we play hard enough we could," she said.

Risner said new rules by Coach Halbert were hard to get used to at first, but now it has become part of their routine before practice begins.

"We have to be at practice 30 minutes before practice and have our stretching done," said Risner. "She times everything we do. But we look to have a good team this year and hopefully we can surprise some teams."



photo by Ed Taylor

BETSY LAYNE HELD their annual Blue and White game Friday night with a pack gym taking in all the festivities. The Bobcats will open against Magoffin County

Lady Cats hold off Lady Eagles

Akers and Frasure lead Betsy Layne to tourney championship

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

Champions!!! The Betsy Layne Elementary Lady Cats took to the floor in the tournament finals of the Shag Campbell Invitational with a tournament championship in sight with the only obstacle being an upstart Allen Lady Eagle team that was fresh off their first win of the season, a 38-32 win over Allen Central Middle in the opening round of the tournament just two night's earlier.

The Lady Cats of Betsy Layne did what they had to do and got the job done early as they held on and fought off a late Allen rally to post a 51-42 win.

The Lady Cats opened up with a big first quarter outscoring the host Lady Eagles 15-5. Betsy Layne's leading scorer Lyndsey Frasure had seven first quarter points, before being held scoreless in the second quarter.

The elusive turnover bug hurt both teams as each committed first half turnovers. Lady Cat Kaitlin Lawson extended the Betsy Layne lead out to an 18 point advantage when she found the bottom of the net on a short jumper. The Lady Cats led 25-7 at the three-minute mark of the second quarter before Allen's Chanel Music cut into the lead with a two-point basket of her own. The Lady Eagles held the Lady Cats scoreless for the final two minutes of the second quarter and went into the locker room at halftime trailing 25-11. A five point first quarter and a second point second quarter had the Lady Eagles searching for some offense, something they would eventually find in late in the second half.

Allen played close to the Lady Cats in the third period. Betsy Layne's Candice Meade drained a trey that ended an Allen charge that saw the Lady Eagles come within seven points of a tie at 27-20. The Meade three pointer just before the end of the third gave Betsy Layne a 37-22 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Allen Coach Kenny Music was waiting for his offense to turn it up

a notch all night long and he finally caught a glimpse of the type of basketball play that his team is capable of in the fourth period. Allen outscored Betsy Layne 20-14 in the final quarter, but it wasn't enough to make up for a miserable first half.

Allen Eagle Brittany Kinzer cut the Betsy Layne lead to under double-digits at 43-25 with a short put-in. The Lady Eagles could not manage to cut any deeper into the lead as the Lady Cats held on and came away with a win and a Shag Campbell Tournament championship.

onship. "I'm proud of our kids," said Betsy Layne Coach Jim Roberts. "They played a real good first half and they held on at the end when they needed to."

Breann Akers led Betsy Layne with 18 points. Lyndsey Frasure finished with 13 points and Lady Cat Kim Clark finished with seven tallies.

Allen's Chanel Music scored 13 fourth quarter points and finished with a game-high 20. Brittany Kinzer and Tina Wakeland each had six for the Lady Eagles.

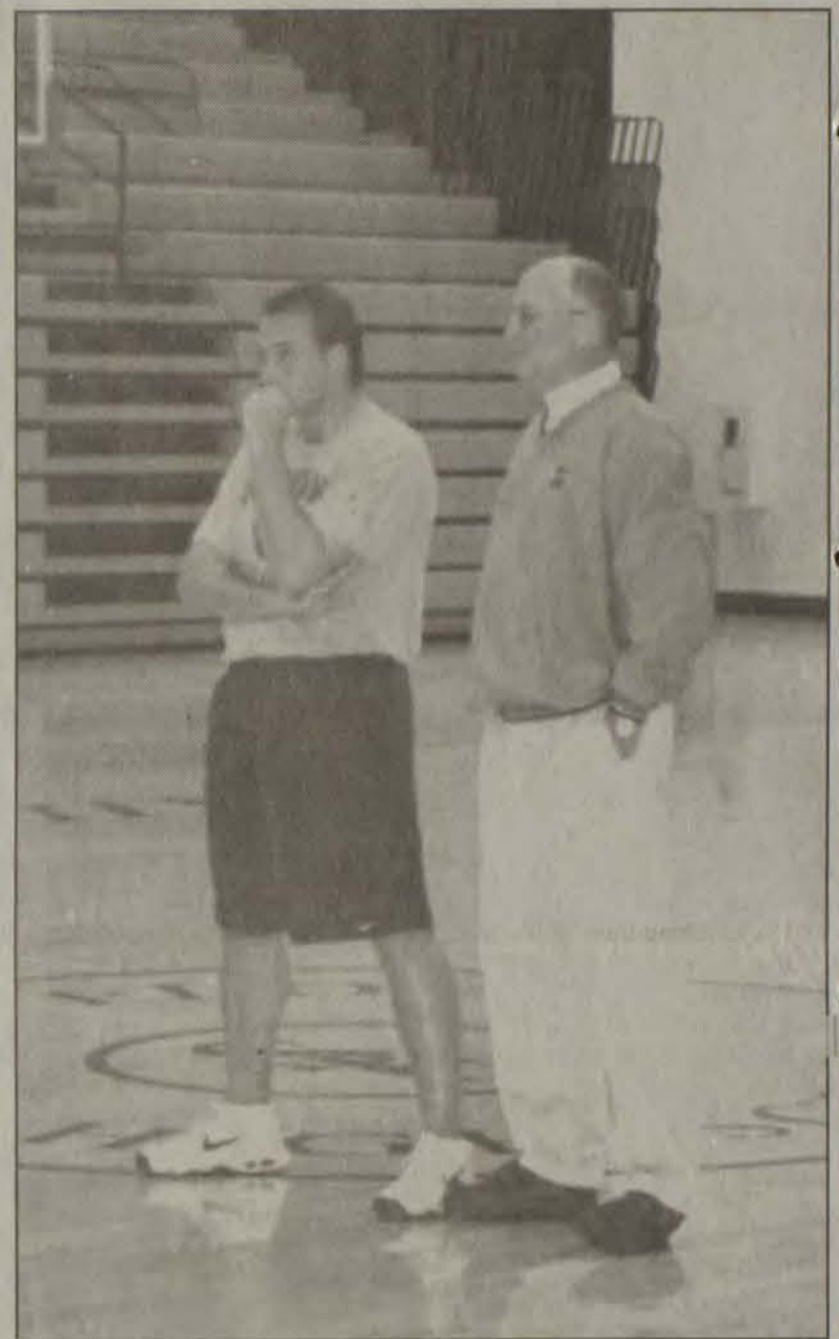


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JOHNNY RAY TURNER, former head coach at Johnson Central and South Floyd coach Henry Webb confer during a South Floyd Raider practice.

Little 17 points leads South Floyd past MCA

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Burnett Little did just about all of it in leading the South Floyd Middle School Raiders to a 63-38 win over the Mountain Christian Academy (MCA) Falcons Thursday night at Raider Arena.

Little led his team in scoring with 17 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Wesley Hall netted 10 points with Steven Stanley, Jordan Johnson and Josh Johnson scoring eight points apiece. Joe Bakay had three points and Scott King scored four. T.J. Hall finished with five, including a three-point basket.

The Falcons were led by Sean Leslie with 12 points. Matthew Potter tossed in nine with Chance Bradley scoring six. Adam Milam netted eight points.

Little scored six first quarter points to give the Raiders a 18-12 first quarter lead. Hall, Jordan and

Josh Johnson had four points in the opening period. Leslie scored six of the Falcons points. Milam hit three of four from the free throw line.

MCA would not go away against the taller Raiders and trailed 32-23 at the half. Bradley and Leslie paced the Falcons with four points each. Stanley and Little scored four points in the second period for the Raiders. South Floyd attempted only two free throws in the first two quarters while MCA shot 11.

South Floyd doubled the score on the Falcons in the third stanza with a 16-8 run led by Hall and Little with four points. Potter scored four for MCA in the third period.

T.J. Hall buried a three and scored all five of his points in the fourth period in a 15-7 run. Bakay drained a trey and Little scored three fourth quarter points. Lincoln Slone completed an old-fashion three-point play for the Falcons.

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exact same point totals on the scoreboard. Dorton guard Cory Goodson, got the Wildcat score into double digits with a lay-up past the Allen defense. Jones answered the mild Dorton rally with two back-to-back scoring jumpers. Allen led Dorton 22-10 with 2:39 remaining in the first half. Following Jones' second score Dorton called a time-out, but failed to get any offense going coming out of the time-out. Jones and Nathan Lafferty each added baskets late in the quarter, to give Allen a 26-11 advantage at the half.

The Eagles came out of halftime and reeled of seven straight points before Goodson hit one of two from the charity stripe to break Dorton's scoring drought. Jones, Griffith, Conn and Jordan Case in off the bench all added buckets in the third quarter. Allen held a commanding 35-14 lead when the Eagle coaching staff starting a substitution flurry that saw every Allen Eagle get into the game in either the third or fourth quarter. Case pushed the Allen advantage out to 39-14 when he tossed in a short jumper with 12.2 ticks remaining in the third.

Several substitutions were made in the fourth quarter. Allen's biggest lead of the game was a 46-17 lead midway through the final quarter. Allen Eagle Matt Collins sunk a trey for his only score of the game, to extend the Allen lead.

Both squads scored 13 points apiece in the third quarter, but in the end it was Allen coming out on top with a convincing 47-27 win and a Shag Campbell Tournament Championship.

Steven Jones led Allen in scoring with 14 points. Jones also had five assists. Nathan Lafferty saw the majority of his playing time in the first half and very little in the sec-

ond half, but still managed to score eight points. Buddy Conn tallied seven for Allen in a winning effort. Center Tim Griffith and Steven Chaffins in off the bench each four points for the victorious Eagles.

Cory Goodson and Nick Potter led the Dorton Wildcats with eight points apiece.

GAME/TOURNAMENT NOTES

-The Shag Campbell Invitational

Piarist

any 100 point games against them. "We will hold the ball before we allow that to happen," he said. "This team is going to get someone before the year is out."

The undermanned Knights gave forth a strong effort going against a team that was much bigger than they were.

The tallest player for Piarist was Brett Hall (6'2") and he and Robert Hall combined for 29 of the 38 points the Knights scored.

Brett Hall led the Knights with 15 while Robert Hall added nine. Matt Goeing netted five and Shawn Rose finished with three points, all from the free throw line. Eugene Sisco scored one point.

Buckhorn played everyone that dressed and that was 17 players with all scoring but one. Chad Easterly led the Wildcats with 14 points while Grim McIntosh added 13. Chris Morris scored 10. The Wildcats buried seven three-point baskets in the contest.

Buckhorn raced out to a 8-0 lead until Robert Hall hit a three-point basket to put the Knights on the board. The inside presence of the Wildcats was too much for the

is held in honor of former school board member Shag Hall.

-Prestonsburg High football players who were former students of Allen Grade School were acknowledged during the Allen-Dorton game.

-AGS student Brennan Case keeps the Allen fans entertained as the Allen Eagle Mascot.

-A big crowd was on hand for both the boys and girls tournament finals.

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shorter Knights to handle and they led Piarist 16-6 after the first quarter.

Piarist attempted 14 free throws in the second quarter but made only seven. Their lone field goal in the second quarter was a lay in by Brett Hall. The Knights had three field goals in the first two quarters. Buckhorn held a 35-15 half time lead.

Working on keeping the scorer lower is something Coach Kidd said his team will do.

"We want to keep the point total for the opposition down and at the same time bring ours up," he said. "It is going to take time."

After three quarters, Piarist trailed Buckhorn 67-26 as the Wildcats junior varsity made their appearance. At one stretch of the fourth quarter, Piarist went on a 9-0 run, bright spot in the game for the Knights.

Robert Hall and Brett Hall both led on the boards for the Knights. Brett Hall pulled in 11 rebounds (unofficially) while Robert Hall had 10 caroms. Shawn Rose, who fouled out, had four assists as did Matt Goeing.



PostScript

by Pam Shingler
 Editor



Enough, already

I'm almost ashamed to admit that I have more than reached my limit for news about the presidential election balloting. Everyone else seems to be lapping it up, but I no longer have the stomach for such insidious overkill.

Every daily newspaper leads across the top of the front page with the latest news (using the term loosely) from Florida. Every TV news show, national and local, devotes from five to 20 minutes of each broadcast to last week's vote.

The morning and evening magazine shows have given over most of their time to it. Forget the latest memoir-writer and the movie-promoting starlet or information on disease research or ominous news from the Middle East. No, we've got to listen to one more political pundit expounding theories that have already been expounded by someone else.

I'm a long-time Today Show fan. Katie and Matt, and before them, Bryant and Jane (I quit for a time when they dumped Jane), have been my morning companions for many years. If the screen were reversed, they'd have seen me sipping my coffee, eating cereal, getting out of the shower and putting on clothes and make-up.

But not lately. I find I simply cannot stand to hear one more Florida voter or one more Washington lawyer. I cannot stand another glance at Katie's furrowed brow or Matt's world-weary guise.

Did you know that, at 7 a.m., Denise Austin leads aerobics on Lifetime and A&E has reruns of The Bob Newhart Show? Either is good to pass the time until the Final Answer is decided.

It's not that I don't care about the outcome of the election. I most assuredly do. I have very strong opinions about which man will be the better president.

It's just that I can't see the need for constant updates where there is little to update. Once is enough for the telling of each new development.

At the risk of biting the hand that feeds me, the media seem to have increasing difficulty in striking a balance. Everything is either overkill or overlook. We devote far too much space and time or far too little. We play and replay certain stories and underplay or ignore others that are equally important, depending, it sometimes seems, on the interest of the media, rather than the interest of the consumers.

Even though my candidate may end up the loser and I will subsequently be frustrated and angry, I still have faith enough in our system of government and in its inherent checks and balances to believe the country will not disintegrate if the other guy is declared the winner.

Further, after this debacle, I think things will change for the better in terms of electing a president and of the whole process of elections. Voting machine manufacturers, people who design ballots and people who work at polling places will be under the gun to reduce the possibility of malfunction and confusion.

To all those who thought me a pessimist, take that.

...
 Greetings to subscriber Bonnie J. Bradley of Prestonsburg. Thanks for reading the Times.

Making sweet memories

by PAM SHINGLER
 LIFESTYLES EDITOR

A warm day in September. A family working together and having fun. A sweet treat to last through the winter.

The elements add up to a book that parents will love reading to their children — or having their children read to them.

What's more, the author of "Molasses Man," just out from Holiday House publishers, is a local woman, Kathy Lea May, daughter of Prestonsburg businesswoman Eve May and the late Russell May, whose paintings of the region led to his designation as a Kentucky Heritage Artist.

"Molasses Man" follows a boy as he helps his grandfather make molasses the old way, from cutting and stripping the sorghum cane to slow cooking it in bins outdoors with friends and families taking part.

"My mom remembers when her grandfather made molasses in Ohio the real old-fashioned way," May said in a phone interview last week from her present home in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Her mother's father, she said, would "carve the ends of cane stalks into little spoons and they'd dip those cane spoons into the syrup to eat it. (Mom) remembers when mules turned the mill that squeezed the juice out of the cane."

May's book is based on the memories her mother passed on to her, as well as the writer's own experience. She recalls stopping on a rural road near Lynchburg, Virginia, several years ago where a family was making molasses outside.

"We got to know the family and some of their friends and learned a lot about how to make molasses," she said for an interview with a Charlottesville publication.

"At one point I heard the patriarch of the clan, a man who was in charge of the production, refer to himself as the 'Molasses Man,'" she said. "That phrase stayed with me and gradually I began to make up a simple story to go along with a description of the process."

One of May's purposes in writing the book was to preserve an old custom for young readers, a custom that, like many others, is rapidly disappearing.

"GRANDPA HANDS ME THE WOODEN LADLE AND MOTIONS FOR ME TO USE IT. HE SAYS I'VE GOT AN EYE FOR MAKING MOLASSES. I SAY I'VE GOT A TASTE FOR IT, TOO, AND WE LAUGH."



Kathy L. May

"The way our families used to live and work and how they got some of their food is unknown to most people today," May said.

In addition to telling how molasses is made, May conveys how such chores were also social events, drawing in a community of family and friends.

The book also shows how customs such as molasses making can be handed down from one generation to another. "... the grandfather is passing on his knowledge to the little boy — knowledge about a practical process, but also a way of life."

The writing is complemented by colorful illustrations by Texas artist Felicia Marshall. It is recommended for children ages four to eight.

This is the first book by the 1970 Prestonsburg High School graduate, although she has had several poems and short stories published in literary magazines.

For most of her life, May has been a writer. "I knew I would be a writer when I was seven years old," she said. "I still have papers from Prestonsburg Elementary School." She did not, however, become a "serious" writer until she was in her late 20s.

She counts the Hindman Settlement

School's annual Appalachian Writers Workshop as an important influence on her writing, particularly children's author George Ella Lyon. She has participated in the workshop for 10 years.

After deciding she wanted to pursue writing as a vocation, May earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing at Indiana University. She already had a degree in psychology from the University of Louisville and a degree in English education from the University of Kentucky.

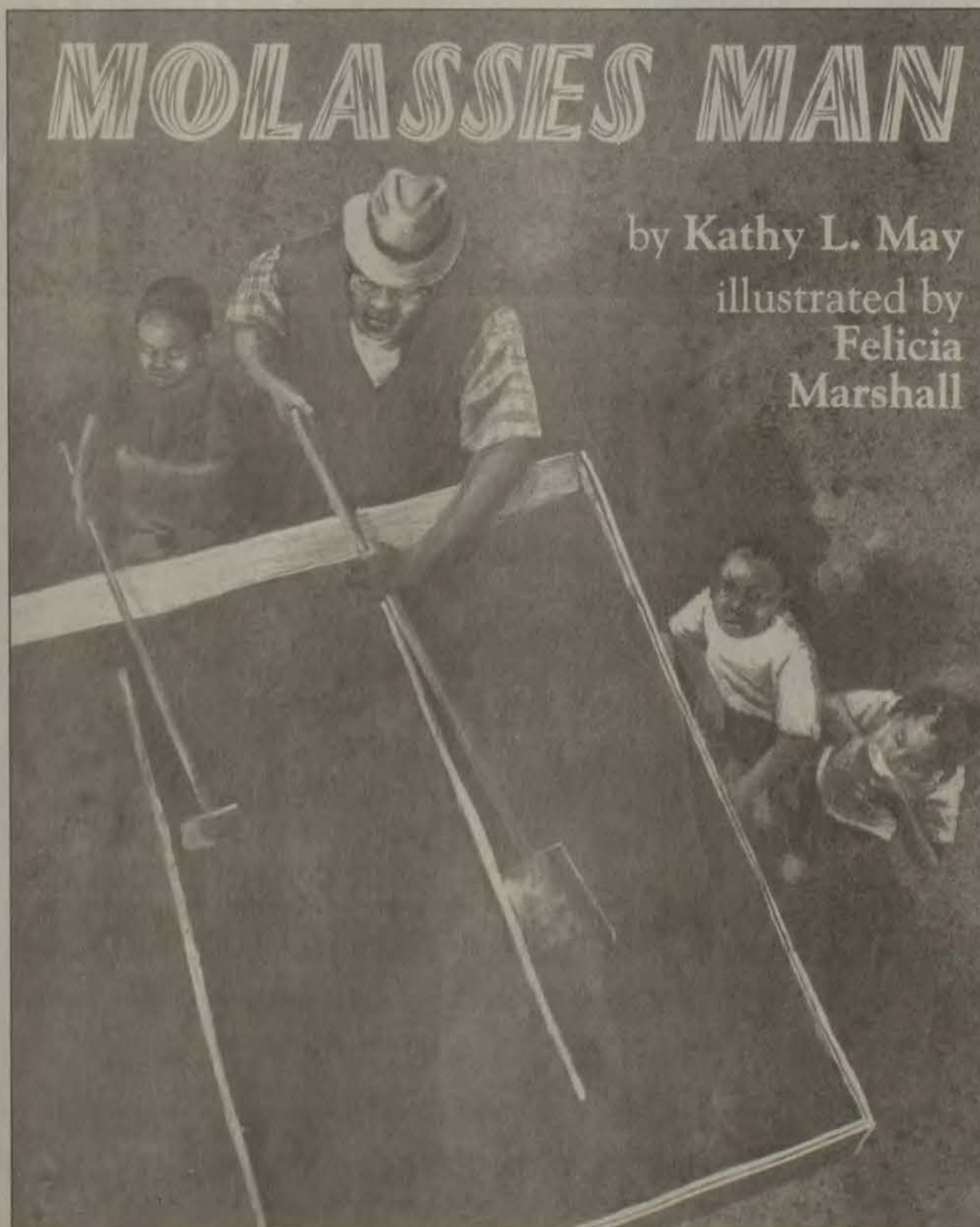
She frequently teaches classes and makes presentations on writing and Appalachian literature.

As his painting garnered awards for her father, she has also won several honors for her writing. She was the winner in short fiction competition in the literary journal Wind in 1997, winner of the poetry chapbook competition at the University of Florida's Panhandler Press in 1992, and a finalist for the Academy of American Poets Walt Whitman book competition in 1991.

She received a grant in poetry from the Kentucky Foundation for Women in 1988, a MacDowell Colony Fellowship in 1987, and the Samuel Yellen Fellowship in Poetry from Indiana University in 1984.

May has some practical experience in children's literature: she has two children herself, Evan 10, and Lauren, 8. She is married to Gary Barrow, a former folklorist, who is now a web site designer.

The book is available at Readmore Bookstore and May Art Gallery.



"NEXT COME PAPA AND MY UNCLES. THEY CHOP THE CANE STALKS OFF AT THE GROUND WITH LONG KNIVES. MY COUSIN DANNY AND I HAVE A PRETEND SWORD FIGHT WITH TWO OF THE STALKS. WE STACK THE STALKS ON THE FLATBED, AND THEN WE ALL RIDE BACK TO THE HOUSE, WHERE GRANDPA IS WAITING ON THE PORCH."

Kathy May will autograph copies of "Molasses Man" at the May Art Gallery on South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, on Wednesday, November 22, from noon to 3 p.m.

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.

Count your blessings—the cranberries aren't poisoned this year.

Many the wonder of nature there be, but none more baffling than this: Nothing grows faster than a dead fish.

Vester Fraley and I will file our fishing report as soon as we cool down a bit and can trust our language.

Robert Ruark says he has nothing against youth, since he isn't afflicted with it any longer.

To Whom It May Concern: I do not haul that dog around to enjoy his company or to please him. Deaf as an adder—sometimes I think he's dumber—he has an affinity for automobiles and has a peculiar ability to bob up when one is leaving our place. He also has become a bit wary about being caught and tied till the family chariot is around the next bend, and has been known to take to the hillside, there pretend to be digging busily with his south end pointed toward the car; but it seems he's peeking back between his legs all the while, and is ready to give chase at the first turn of the wheel. So—being as dumb as the dog, I pick him up instead of letting him run his tongue out as I should. And that's why you see this mutt perched on the rear seat with a "Home James" air while I chauffeur him around.

THANKFUL?—TO WHOM?

Thanksgiving is a religious occasion, whether you know it or not.

The day was born of religious people, the Plymouth settlers, and it dates back to the heritage of Judaism which they brought to this land of ours.

If you will read about the feast of tabernacles in the 23rd chapter of Leviticus, you will have a clearer understanding of the origin on these shores of Thanksgiving. This book of the Bible gives these instructions to the people of God who had reached the Promised Land after many vicissitudes:

"Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days... Ye shall dwell in booths seven days... that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt."

Those booths were crude shelters, probably made of boughs. And they stayed in them seven days; not in comfort, but in discomfort to recall the days when they did not have it so good; nor to stuff themselves with rich food and drink, but to "keep a feast unto the Lord."

The Pilgrim Fathers knew their Bibles, and it is fairly certain that therein they found inspiration for that first Thanksgiving. Exactly half the colony had died of disease or had fallen to Indian attack, and the fruit of the land, that rugged, New England land, had not been heavy. Yet they were thankful, and whatever feasting was theirs to do was to be to the Lord.

We say we are thankful, this Thanksgiving season. To whom and for what? If our thinking does not include God, we cannot be thankful, for we surely cannot thank ourselves.

Then shall we eat a fine meal, revel in the company of loved ones and friends and wind up with a perfunctory "Thank you, Lord?"

Strikes us that if we will emulate our Pilgrim forefathers to the extent of turning back to the Bible for our guidance in the matter, we will say our thanks in another way and give the Giver of Gifts something more than a bit of thoughtless lip-service.

Things to Ponder

When old gray mares really break down

by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PHD

Now that a strong hint of winter is in the air, we are quick to think that the change of season is out there somewhere. Our successful forefathers utilized their knowledge of seasons and their need for preparedness to survive as well as possible.

Everything had its purpose and everybody had their responsibility. Tatter holes were dug deep into the north side of a cool, dry hill and lined with lots of fodder and straw. Members of every generation worked together or alone — children running about gathering up items, mothers gardening while watching youngsters, and grannies teaching others to recognize medical plants, bark and roots.

In addition, different ones of neighborhood families learned to exchange services, long before the days of managed care guidelines and government policies. They swapped necessities, such as delivering babies, taking care of sick cattle, and preparing the dead for funerals. All knew they were needed.

Also, long- and short-term illnesses were cared for in the home, along with older family members who could not live alone.

Although life was not perfect, an impression was that in years gone by, older individuals' opinions and suggestions were valued, respected, and often even sought after. But, be real. Most likely, not every senior citizen is or will be bubbling over with happiness all the time, much less give appropriate advice.

Often, older folks, whether they admit it, are "down" and meet the guidelines for mental health diagnoses, such as clinical depression, manic-depression, anxiety disorders, and panic attacks. As with any other mental health condition, the possible sources of depression in the elderly are not known for sure, but there are some high probabilities: poor health and/or lack of adequate health care; ongoing influences from inherited problems, such as chemical imbalances pertaining to serotonin; financial problems related to a lack of adequate education and/or unsuccessful employment for whatever reasons; and living in an isolated environment with limited resources.

Although the numbers are about four years old, reportedly 17 elderly persons are likely to commit suicide daily. In 1995, the percentage of suicide rates per 100,000 people was 12.5 percent for the state of Kentucky and 13.1 percent for the Big Sandy's five-county area, as compared to a national average of 11.8 percent. The suicide rate for individuals 80-84 years old in eastern Kentucky was almost twice that in the general population. "Younger" ones — the 65 years old and older group — had a suicide rate of 39.7 percent. Since they may have physical problems, the suicides are not always recognized.

Even though everyone would rather ignore the existence of depression and possible suicide, its signs and symptoms do raise their ugly heads. Like other things, we just need to be alert and respond appropriately. Some of the major characteristics include

- change of feelings, especially more sadness, anger and/or anxiety,
- decrease in energy,
- sleep disturbance, such as problems going to sleep, staying asleep, or wanting to sleep all the time,
- significant dreams or nightmares,
- feeling of tiredness, instead of restfulness in the mornings,
- increase or decrease in appetite with a change in weight,
- lack of enjoyment of things once enjoyed,
- feelings of hopelessness about the future,
- more difficulties making decisions,
- changes in sexual interests,
- suicidal thoughts,
- getting things on the mind with an inability to get them off,
- increased irritability and/or explosive temper, with more problems getting along with others,
- mood swings, and
- wanting to isolate oneself from others.

In addition, they often talk and think about death excessively, and many "self-medicate" with alcohol, so that alcoholism among the elderly is not uncommon.

The mental and physical needs of senior citizens need and should be of major concern to health care providers. Because of depression's characteristics and the probable factors involved, making an adequate diagnosis of depression in the older person is complicated.

The individual's physical illness and the medication used to treat the illness can also produce changes in his/her mental state and behaviors. Thus, the need to identify depression in the elderly is of utmost importance if the older person is to receive appropriate treatment as soon as possible.

As has been discussed on other occasions, the older individual, his/her physician, and family members need to be educated as to the signs and symptoms associated with depression and the characteristics of the person with suicidal thoughts. Treatment is available.

Talking with a well-qualified, licensed mental health professional has been repeatedly shown to have the best outcome. Getting help does not mean that you are crazy; it means you are interested enough in yourself and your family to do what needs to be done. (What would you do if you had a fever of 105 degrees for five days and could not work?)

Anti-depressive medications are not addictive and they can be very effective when given for the right condition in the right dosages. Most other "nerve pills" are addictive, such as Valium and Xanax. Also, as has been said before, when you hear the phrase, "Oh, but I just have to take nerve pills," remember there is a great possibility that the person is likely addicted to nerve pills and has nerve problems that have not been addressed.

Elderly folks can do much to help themselves. Check out your lifestyle. Are you allowing people to take advantage of you? There is no law against saying "no" when you need to. For example, most grandparents raised their children the best they could. They are not obligated to baby-sit with grandchildren at the drop of a hat and arrange their lives around someone else's schedule.

In contrast, it is also not always healthy for grandparents not to have any appropriate interests in their age group. Grandparents have the right to have their needs met as well as other members of the family, while teaching the young ones family history, tradition and values. As with all things, older people need to balance their lives. Another "famous" saying around our house is, "There's not a line forming to take care of you. Do the best you can for yourself."

Dr. Lineberger is a Licensed Psychologist with a private practice in Prestonsburg that is available for all age groups.

Campbells have reunion



The annual Campbell Reunion took place June 17, 2000, at the Stumbo Park in Allen. The gathering was in honor and in memory of James and Jenny Campbell.

Two of the couple's five children are living and were in attendance — Rosie Ousley and Rebecca Templin. Dixie Campbell, wife of Hargus, was unable to attend, due to illness. She resides at Walnut Creek Nursing Home in Kettering, Ohio.

Many friends and relatives attended the reunion, representing at least six states, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Michigan and Georgia. Everyone brought a covered dish, ensuring plenty of food. — Submitted by Rexine Campbell

Children and grandchildren of Rebecca Templin came from Tennessee and Georgia.



Many of Rosie Ousley's children and grandchildren attended the Campbell reunion.



The children of the late Hargus Campbell: Mont Campbell, Etta Scott and Mima Jean Caudill, all by his first wife, Lelia, and Ora Allen, Henry Campbell and Lottie Fraley, all by his second wife, Dixie.



Rebecca Templin of Tennessee and Rosie Ousley of David are two of five children of the late James and Jenny Campbell, who are still living.

ANNIVERSARIES



Celebrating 50 years

Leo and Pearl Watts will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception, given by their family, from 3 to 5 p.m., November 26, at Allen First Baptist Church. The event is open to family and friends. The couple request no gifts.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

- 11/20: SBDM special-called meeting, 6 p.m., library.
- 11/28: Study Skills for Parents, 6 p.m., Nadine Hicks.
- Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or later by appointment. 886-9812.

Clark FRC

- 11/28: OLW presentations for students
- After school child care, 3-5:30 p.m., school days, openings available.
- Nurse is in the center on Fridays. Appointments for sixth grade physicals now being scheduled. 886-0815.

McDowell Elementary

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

McDowell FRC

- Floyd County Health Department nurse is at the Center each Monday to see patients. Call to schedule physical appointment for your 5th grader, Flu shot clinic, 11/20. Call 377-2678.
- 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.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

- 12/4, 5, 6: Presentations on alcohol prevention.
- 12/8: Presentation on smokeless tobacco
- Walking track open to public. One stop career station satellite and adult education available. 452-9600 or 9607, ext. 243 or 242.

Alice Lloyd College/June Buchanan School

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

Youth News

Prestonsburg Elementary announces first semester honors

1st Grade:
Mrs. Crisp—A honor roll: Kim Jarrell, Kendall Jones, Clara Potter and Hannah Hackworth. B honor roll: Andrew Adams, Brian Adams, Brandon Collins, Ariel Ferrari, Leanna Goble, Emily Hammonds, Tucker Jones, Emery McCoy, Robert Osborne, Stephen Patton, Amanda Phillips, Lisa Ratliff, Zachary Romans, Dustin Sherman, Evan Spradlin.
Mrs. Bingham—A honor roll: Asthon Crisp, Stella Spears
B honor roll: Anthony Collins, Patrick Johnson, Charlie Joseph, Jessica Lafferty, Keith D. Lewis, Adrian Neeley, Chad Ousley, Scott Perry, Mickale Roberts, Kristany Setser, Tyler Shelton, Ashton Sizemore, Hayley Slone, Rheagan Wells, Kierstin Woods
Ms. Collins—A honor roll: Cheyanna Jude, Austin Newsome
B honor roll: Joshua Clifton, Storme Collins, Casey Hall, Ashley Jarvis, Megan Newsome, Brittany Slone, Elexius Spurlock, Summer Stanley
Mr. Tackett—A honor roll: Evan Bays, Sarah Burchett, Amber Childers, Drew Diddle, Blake Goble, Victoria Hampton, Amy Rice
B honor roll: Nicholas Burkett, Kain Collins, Nicholas Clark, Andy Coahran, Travis Cole, Shawn Ratliff, Stephen Goble, Makayla Hitchcock, Corey Lewis, Kelli Martin, Frankir Rose, Kelli Wright
2nd Grade:
Mr. Hackworth—A honor roll: Kasey Moore, Brandon Qullen, Brandi Frasure, Jamie Marsillett, Kaitlyn Minix, Madyson Nunney
B Honor roll—Grant Blair, Jacob Branham, Shawn Burkett, Julie Compton, Alexis Derossett, Sean Gibson, Robert Grigsby, Kayla Hall, Desirae Potter, Taylor Tackett, Courtney Williams
Mrs. Little—A honor roll: Will Allen, Brian Branham, Elaina Calhoun, Brittany Davis, Tori Hunt, Michael Marsillett, Hannah Walker, Kalen Wells
B honor roll: Taylor Adams, Tyler Bailey, Briana Collins, Mason Burchett, Frankie Conn, Tyler Good, Adam Hughes, Logan Hunt, Kala Jarrell, Lanora Johnson, Janet Meade, Bethany Stephens, Trinity Stewart, Joshua Whitaker
Miss Turner—A honor roll: Cassie Whitt, Latoshia Lafferty, Tyler Sparkman, James Tyler Goble
B honor roll: Brooke Greene, Tyler Whitt, Shaina Hunt, Zachary Taulbee, Ashley Poston, Michelle Crider, Nicholas Collins
3rd Grade
Mrs. Conn—A honor roll: Jonna Craft
B honor roll: Joshua Blackburn, Elizabeth Baldrige, Beth Collins, Kim Chaffins, Franklin Nelson, Britney Owsley, Rachel Poston, Christopher Sammons
Mrs. Walker—A honor roll: Cody McCoy, Nicholas Conn
B honor roll: Anthony Hallum, Audrianna Smith, Bradley Stanley
Mrs. Turner—B honor roll: Micaya Canterbury, Devin Clifton, Trinity Combs, Brittany Coyer, Josh Craynon, Jamie Hall, Courtney Marsillett, Austin McKinney, Shane Phillips, Nikka Shell, Clarissa Sherman
4th Grade:
Mrs. Cornett—A honor roll: Jacob Burchett
B honor roll: Allison Adams, Bethany Adams, Catlin Brock, Allen Craynon, Whitney Gibson, Steven Perry, Levi Plummer, Tasha Wallen
Mrs. Combs—B honor roll: Chazz Burgess, Cari Gayheart, Pam Gibson, John Guess, Chelsea Lafferty, Whitney Layne, Tim Marsillett, Samatha Osborne, Sarah Webb
Ms. Holland—A honor roll: Alyssa Allen
B honor roll: Sarah Crider, Jonathan Hackworth, Reannah Johnson, Beth Phillips, Savannah Reno, Chris Schoolcraft
Mrs. Hunt—B honor roll: Craig Cooley, Marilyn Craft, Rachael Goble, Allen Harris, Amber Johnson, Megan Ochola, Shane Poynter
5th Grade
Ms. Spurlock—B honor roll: Jesse Brock, Whitney Caudill, Josh Clouse, Jocelyn Phillips
Mrs. Stumbo—B honor roll: Rachael Cole, Michael Heinze, Janet Johnson, Jeannie Meade, Joshua Slone, Eddie Webb
Ms. Greene—A honor roll: Maura Minix, Caitlin Newsome
B honor roll: Robert Allen, Natalie Combs, Charlotte Hale, Jonathon Lowe, Zachary Mitchell, Josh Paige, Emily Stanley
Mrs. Shepherd—A honor roll: Kim Collins, Brittany Collins, Nathaniel Stephens
B honor roll: Rikki Hughes, Joshua Rodebaugh

Hicks performs at Transy

Prestonsburg High School graduate and Transylvania University freshman Greta Davidson Hicks performed scenes from various operas with other students during the university's Opera Workshop Scenes on Friday, November 17, at the Carrick Theater.

Hicks, in the role of Donna Anna, sang "Introduction" from Mozart's famous "Don Giovanni." Later in the show, clad in housecoat and flip-flops, she sang in the chorus for "Mikado," Gilbert and Sullivan's comedy opera.

Entering Transylvania this fall, Hicks was planning on earning a biology degree, but now the gifted freshman has reconsidered.

"My professors have been just wonderful. They have been very supportive and think that I am talented enough to pursue a vocal performance degree," said Hicks.

Vocal talent runs in Hicks' family. Her uncle, Randall Wells, was invited to sing with



Greta D. Hicks

New York's Metropolitan Opera as a young man and he recently sang the "Star-Spangled Banner" for the last session of the General Assembly in Frankfort.

Hicks, a vocal performance and math major, is the daughter of Derek and Deborah Hicks of Prestonsburg.

State Fish Art contest underway

Wildlife Forever is once again promoting its State Fish Art Contest. Last year student participation more than tripled, and the organization would like to see the contest continue to grow at a similar pace this year.

An important tool available to teachers is the State Fish Art Lesson Plan. The lesson plan allows art teachers to make this contest a part of their classroom curriculum. There are lessons available for students from fourth through 12th grades. It can be used as a stand-alone unit or as a supplement to an existing curriculum.

It is available to download, along with entry forms and additional information on the art contest free of charge, at www.statefishart.com.

Artwork must call attention to the state fish, which is a "Kentucky" spotted bass. The fish must be depicted in its natural habitat, and the artwork must be submitted with a one-page composition regarding the habits, behavior and conservation efforts for that species. The deadline for entries is March 31. Three winners are to be selected from each state on Earth Day, April 22.

Wildlife Forever can be contacted directly at 1-877/347-4278, or by mail at Wildlife Forever State Fish Art Contest, 10365 W. 70 Street, Eden Prairie, MN 55344. The program coordinator is David Frederick and his phone number is 952/833-1522.

Osborne elementary school tells first nine weeks' honor roll

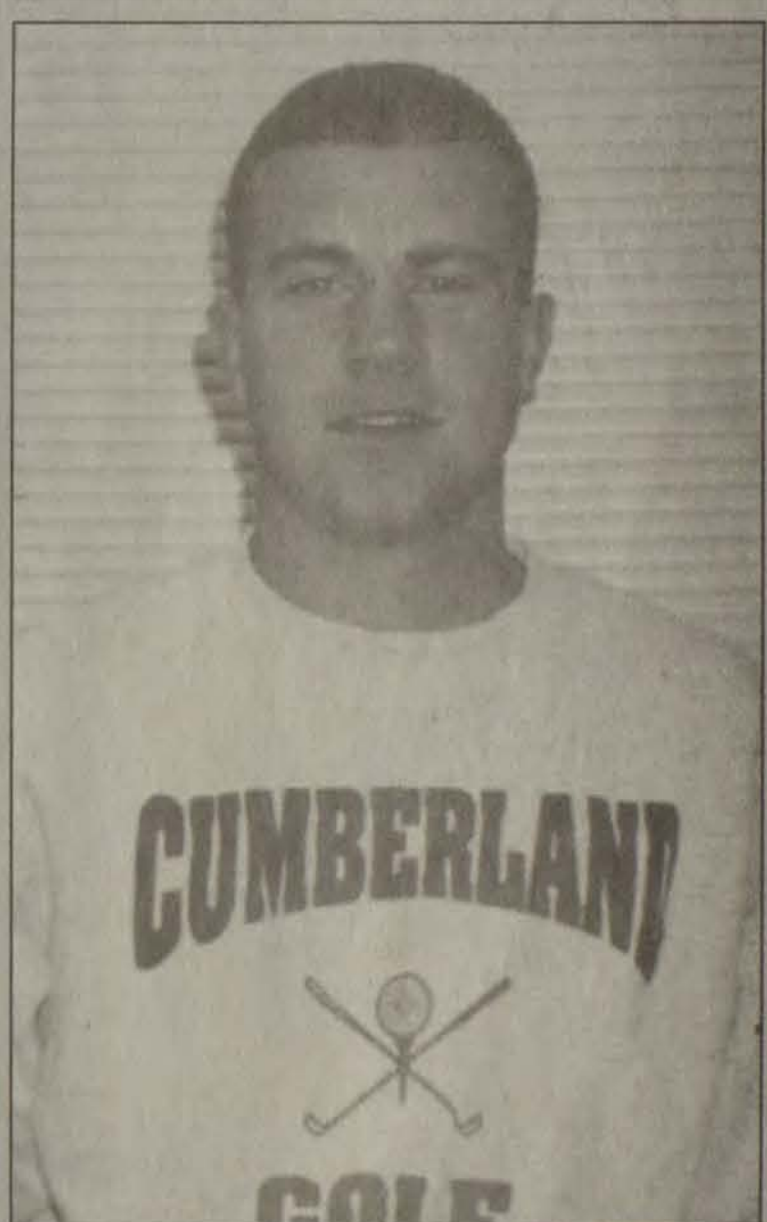
Robin Hall's Fourth Grade: A—Emily Huff, Sandra Johnson, and Dakota Moore; B—Johnathan Cochran, Rebecca Dutton, Heather Hall, Jacob Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Raymond Jones, Latasha Moore, Whitney Mosley, Kara Tackett, and Jennifer Thompson.
Colleen Johnson's Fourth Grade: A—Emilee Carr, Allison Daniels, B.J. Duty, Brandi Frasure, Rachel Johnson, Veronica Smith, Marissa Spears, and Brandon Tackett; B—Deven Adams, Savannah Bartley, Misti Hill, Chelsie Hunt, Justin Johnson, Savannah Johnson, Rebecca Jones, Bobby Meade, Alanna Meade, Ronsheena Ray, Rachel Stanley, Brittany Tackett, and Jessica Tackett.
Sandra Newsome's Fourth Grade: B—Josh Blevins, Colby Little, Jordan Moore, Adam Mosley, and Megan Slone.
Vickie O'Neill: B—Jimmy Skeens.
Sherry Caudill's Fifth Grade: B—Austin Clark, Elena Fouts, Martha Hall, Sabrina Hinty, T'Kiah Jackson, Josh Johnson, Jeri Ann Jones, and Vanessa Skeens.
Dale Pack's Fifth Grade: A—Wesley Akers, Maria Curry, Brandi Hall, Ryan Johnson, and Ethan Mullins; B—Danielle Bates, Ivy Bryant, Kaitlyn Crum, Ashley Hall, Jordan Hall, Austin Johnson, Tonya Johnson, Faith Little, Kyle Ray, Tia Salisbury, Stephanie Slone, Terri Slone, Amber Tackett, Whitney Tackett, and Brittany Thornsburg.
Jeff Castle's Sixth Grade: A—Bianca Bailey and Chris Hamilton; B—Casey Anderson, Jacob Couch, Erica Hall, Ethan Johnson, Lyle Johnson, Morgan Johnson, Paige Johnson, and Tara Little.
Susie Tackett's Sixth Grade: B—Shawn Compton, Zach Crum, Kim Elkins, Johnathan Hall, Kortney Hall, Tiffany Hall, Sarah Harris, Mark Helton, Andrew Johnson, Amanda Lindemuth, Eessie Maynor, Samantha Tackett and Kevin Vanover.



Students who joined in the activity of Hat Day in Kindergarten at May Valley Elementary are, from left, Courtney Tucker, Katie Ann Dingus, Hannah Spurlock, Molly Thornsberry, Courtney Hodge, Victoria Marshall, Aaron Castle, Christopher Reffitt, Colt Dudley, Rocky Crisp, and, in front, Charles Patton. They are in Anna Shepherd's class.

Prestonsburg Elementary announces perfect attendance for 1st nine weeks

Kindergarten:
Mrs. Allison—Colton Boleyn, Clarissa Bryant, Charles Grant Gearheart, Wm. Clay Lemaster, James McCallister, Thomas Osborne.
Ms. Tackett—Jessica Harris, Nathan Marsillett, Dustin Bartrum.
Mrs. Parsons—Shelby Blackburn, Elizabeth Collins, Josh Crider, Tate Goble, Jeremy Gregory, Samantha Hall, Seaton Hall, Shane Hall, Nicholas Hites, Amber Jarrell, Rebecca Johnson, Samantha Jones, Matt McCallister, Brittany Osborne, Eric Osborne, T.J. Shepherd, Robby Thacker, Ashleigh Willis.
Ms. Griffith—Nathan Armstrong, Bobbie Blair, Mikka Frayley, Cody Holbrook, Rachael Hall, Alex Hunt, Elizabeth Vaughan.
1st Grade:
Mrs. Bingham—Patrick Johnson, Adrian Neeley, Chad Ousley, Kristany Setser, Stella Spears, Jennifer Thompson, Scott Perry, Ashton Sizemore, Kierstin Woods
Mrs. Crisp—Brian Adams, Dillon Ballenger, Kim Jarrell, Robert Osborne, Clara Potter, Zachary Romans, Evan Spradlin, Chelsea Yielding
Mrs. Collins—Jacob Chaffins, Storme Collins, Jonathon Murrell, Cierra Sammons
Mr. Tackett—Evan Bays, Sarah Burchett, Nicholas Clark, Travis Cole, Stephen Goble, Makayla Hitchcock, Victoria Hampton, Kelli Martin, Myles Minix, Amy Rice, Ronald Rose
2nd Grade
Mrs. Little—Will Allen, Brian Branham, Elaina Calhoun, Briana Collins, Tyler Good, Tori Hunt, Lanora Johnson, Janet Meade, Bethany Stephens, Joshua Whitaker, Hannah Walker, Kalen Wells
Mr. Hackworth—Ruba Athomnsi, Jacob Branham, Julie Compton, Robert Grigsby, Kayla Hall, Kaitlyn Minix, Brandon Quillen, Randy Reynolds, Taylor Tackett, Tina Tilley, Courtney Williams
3rd Grade:
Mrs. Conn—Kim Chaffins, Beth Collins, David Fraley, Franklin Nelson, Whitney Osborne, Britney Owsley, Brittany Rose, Christopher Sammons, Bradley Shepherd
Mrs. Walker—Latash Bryant, Anthony Hallum, Bradley Little, Joshua Little, Brittany Peppi, Alex Reed, Audrianna Smith, Bradley Stanley, Kyle Williams
Mrs. Turner—Micaya Canterbury, Trinity Combs, Josh Craynon, Jamie Hall, Austin McKinney, Nikka Shell, Billy Webb
4th Grade:
Mrs. Cornett—Allison Adams, Aaron Burkett, Caitlin Brock, Jacob Burchett, Allen Craynon, Michael Hicks, Steven Perry, Levi Plummer, Ashley Skeens, Roseanna Tilley, Tasha Wallen
Mrs. Combs—Tyler Buchanan, Zakery Collins, Cari Gayheart, Pam Gibson, Whitney Layne, Amanda Miller, Samantha Osborne, Cody Slone, Colton Wills, Sarah Webb
Ms. Holland—Sarah Crider, Jonathon Hackworth, Beth Phillips, Chris Schoolcraft, Jessica Sparkman, Brittany Stacy
Mrs. Hunt—Craig Cooley, Allen Harris, Amber Johnson, Adam Kimbler, John Patton, Shane Poynter
5th Grade:
Ms. Spurlock—Whitney Caudill, Josh Clouse, Chris Daniels, David Hicks, Whitney Owsley
Mrs. Stumbo—Rachel Cole, James Craft, Jeffrey Hamilton, Eddie Webb, Randall Yielding
Mrs. Shepherd—Brittany Collins, Rikki Hughes, Adam Layne, Joshua Rodebaugh, Josh Salyer, Nathaniel Stephens, Ben Yates
Ms. Greene—Michael Adkins, Rob Allen, Natalie Combs, Whitney Gardner, Rebekah Goble, Charlotte Hale, Josh Holbrook, Zachary Mitchell, Caitlin Newsome, Josh Paige, Dane Sizemore, Emily Stanley, Betty Stephens



Completes seminar

Brett James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred James, of Prestonsburg, recently completed a 10-session leadership seminar, part of a four-year leadership project at Cumberland College. Its purpose is to teach students how leadership is effectively exercised for the enhancement of personal skills. The seminar is designed to strengthen leadership skills, analyze characteristics of good leadership and the assessment of leadership style and potential. Upon completion of the course, James was presented with a certificate by Dr. Michael Colegrove, vice president of Student Services. Cumberland College, located in Williamsburg, is a private liberal arts college in its 111th year of operation. Cumberland offers four undergraduate degrees in 37 major fields of study, 30 minors and nine pre-professional programs.

Craynor student in MSU concert

Ishmael Hamilton, Craynor sophomore, participated in a concert during Morehead State University's Department of Music 41st Annual Choral Festival on Monday and Tuesday, November 13-14, in Duncan Recital Hall on the campus.

The MSU choirs, under the direction of Dr. Greg Detweiler, assistant professor of music, presented a concert on November 13, and the 250-voice High School Festival Chorus performed on November 14.

Youth News



May Valley Head Start students recently participated in a visit to the Mountain HomePlace in Johnson County. The students got a glimpse into the past to see how their ancestors lived. Their teacher is Kim Grubb.

Clark Elementary School first nine weeks honor roll

Mrs. Madden 4th Grade
4.0—Danielle Ousley, Vincent Hayes, Tyler Gayheart, Justin Trout, Alex Stumbo, Tara Rohr, Isaac Bentley.
3.00-3.99—Billy Robinson, Elizabeth Nelson, Beth Gilstrap, Brandon Maynard.
Mrs. Parsons 4th Grade
4.0—Kristen Bentley, Jordan Watkins, Shane Williamson.
3.00-3.00—Jordan Baldrige, Hillary Cline, Meagen Collett, Mason Holbrook, Joshua Music, Christie Shepherd, Nick York, Heather Blankenship.
Ms. Osborne's 5th Grade
4.0—Teddy Ratliff.
3.00-3.99—Amanda Barlow, Julie Ford, Seth Hackworth, Brittany Hook, Kim Kilgore, Adam Mercer, Kelly Perry, Whitney Slone.
Mrs. Starr 5th Grade
4.0—Timra Jacobs
3.00-3.99—Tara Adkins, Jimmy Bieger, Brittany Crum, Nathan Evans, Kristen Little, Bradley Owens, Amber Crace, Jennifer Maerz, Ali Hackworth, Brooke Russell, Jesse Mullins.

Tackett attends Sullivan

Angela Tackett, a 2000 graduate of South Floyd High School and the daughter of Joey and Cheryl Tackett, recently began her collegiate career at Sullivan University in Lexington. She is pursuing an associate degree in computer science. Sullivan recently moved to its new campus location at 2355 Harrodsburg Rd. in Lexington, Kentucky's largest private college or university, is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and



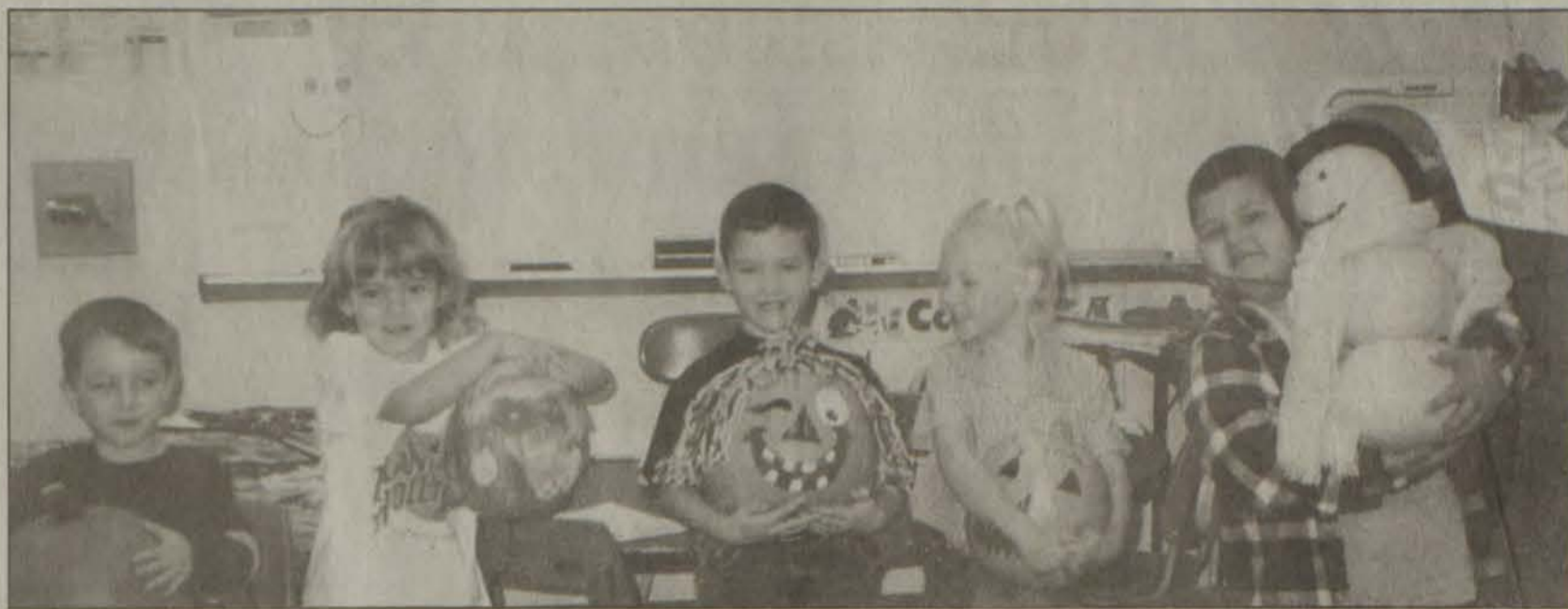
Schools to award associate, bachelor's and master's degrees.

Collins is senior

Heather Collins, of Prestonsburg, is in her senior year at Hanover College. She is a graduate of Paintsville High School and the daughter of Charles and Paula Collins of Prestonsburg. Hanover College began its 174th academic year on September 4, anticipating its largest enrollment ever. Hanover is a private, coeducational liberal arts college, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Founded in 1827, it is the oldest private college in Indiana. Hanover offers 29 major fields of study to about 1,050 students.

Clark Elementary First nine weeks perfect attendance

Ms. Key—Cody Chaffin, Nicole Crace, Joshua Dyer, Sean Ly, Angela Marsillett, Joshua Stambaugh, Alexandria Trout.
Mrs. Barrows—Steven Bays, Bryce Burchett, Derick Burchett, Catherine Henson, April Spears, Melissa Walker, Rachal Johnson.
Mrs. Hunsucker—Olivia Bentley, Chaise Burchett, Amanda Collins, Mika Hackworth, Evan Hayes, Santana Mahan, Michael Ousley, Olivia Taylor.
Mrs. Brown—Danielle Manns, Candice Triplett, James Casey Campbell, Megan Ward, Heath Bailey.
Mrs. Blanton—Nathaniel Goble, Jonathan Johnson, Kristin Thomsbury, Morris Gilstrap.
Mrs. Warrix—Brittany Compton, Ashley Johnson, Dustin Wireman.
Ms. Dingus—Tyrell Burchett, Danese Chaffins, Dustin Coleman, Josh Gilliam, Jerry Hicks, Brittany Miller, Amber Yates, Jake Lake.
Mrs. Parsons—Jordan Baldrige, Stephanie Hackworth, Kyle Hall, Christie Shepherd, Jordan Watkins, Shane Williamson.
Mrs. Starr—Tara Adkins, Jimmy Bieger, Amber Crace, Brittany Crum, Timra Jacobs, Kristen Little, Jennifer Maerz, Bradley Owens.
Mrs. Madden—Daniel Burchett, Dustin Campbell, Beth Gilstrap, Vincent Hayes, Summer Noakes, Danielle Ousley, Brandon Ratliff, Tara Rohr, Tiffany Schall, Tiffany Schall, Alex Stumbo, Aaron Ward.
Ms. Osborne—Brittany Allen, Amanda Barlow, Julie Ford, Brittany Hook, Kim Kilgore, Adam Mercer, Whitney Slone, Tiffany Perry.



Some of the pumpkins displayed in the patch at May Valley Elementary were brought by students in Anna Shepherd's K-1 class, from left, Aaron Castle, Molly Thornsberry, Corey Terry, Johna Pack and Rocky Crisp.

KET's news quiz delivers real news, real fast for students

How do you get elementary and middle school students to sit for a news program? Make it real, make it fast-paced—that's the key to success for KET's "News Quiz," a 15-minute, live news program for fourth- through eighth-graders, now entering its 16th season. The popular show is an important learning tool in public and private classrooms around the commonwealth.

"It's a pretty intense 15 minutes," says producer Luralyn Lahr, "but the teachers tell us we need to keep it that way to hold students' attention. Kids today are pretty sophisticated. Some are even producing their own school news shows, so we have to present an appealing program."

Veteran anchor Missy Johnson, who has been with the show for 10 years, delivers the news in

segments, followed by several multiple choice questions for the young viewers. News items are carefully chosen by the "News Quiz" team from current events.

Going well beyond simply a passive viewing experience, "News Quiz" invites students to submit their views through an opinion question at the end of each program. Johnston then reads from student responses to previous questions during the programs. Teachers around the state say they often use the "News Quiz" opinion question as a writing assignment or a discussion starter for their classes.

"This is a very gratifying job," says Lahr, "because we hear from our students. We're in touch with our audience."

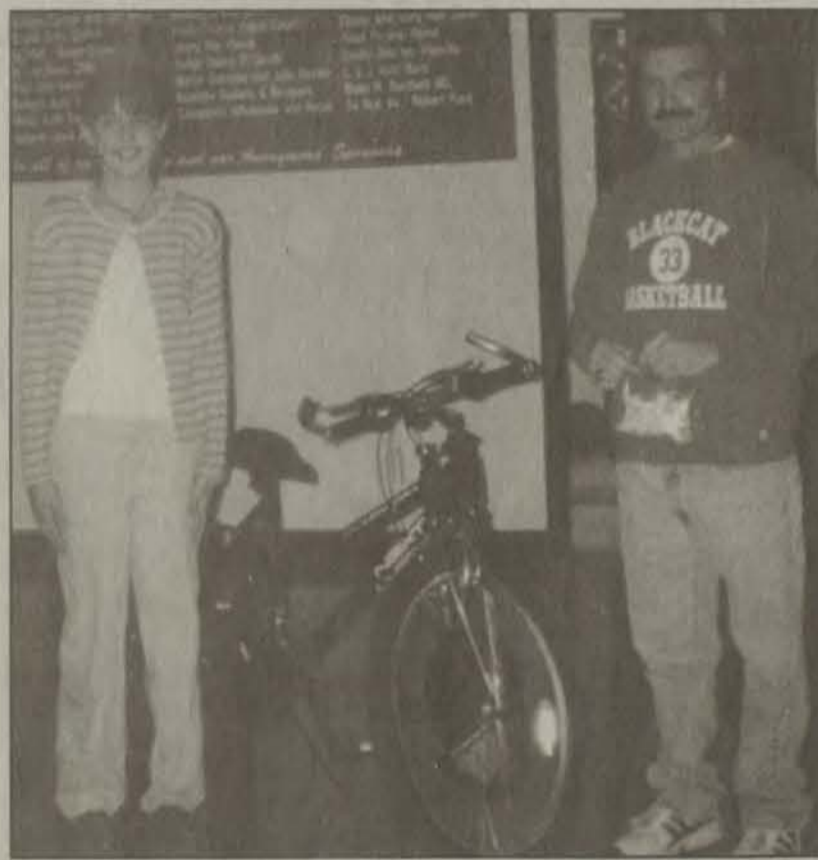
Members of the "News Quiz" team admit that

it can be a challenge to find stories that are appropriate for younger viewers, and interesting and relevant at the same time. However they enjoy the opportunity to instill in tomorrow's adults the value of paying attention to today's current events.

"News Quiz" airs statewide on KET, Fridays at 10:30 a.m. The program also airs live on the KET Star Channels satellite system, Thursdays at 1:45 p.m., with repeats Fridays at 11:30 a.m., and Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

"News Quiz," produced by Luralyn Lahr, is a KET production. The program is closed-captioned for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

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



Whitney Collins was the seventh grade winner of a bicycle from Principal Goodman for perfect attendance.

Good attendance pays off for some lucky students at Adams Middle School. To help maintain good attendance, Principal Jack Goodman purchased three new bicycles as incentives. The names of all students who had perfect attendance for the first nine-week grading period were placed in the drawing, and three winners (one for each grade level) were drawn. The winning students were Adam Potter, son of Julia Vanderpool, sixth grade; Whitney Collins, daughter of Tami Seal, seventh grade; and Angelena Evans, daughter of Robert and Connie Evans, eighth grade. All students with perfect attendance received a basketball, courtesy of Music-Carter-Hughes of Prestonsburg. Goodman plans to continue the drawings at the end of each nine-week period.



All students at Adams Middle School who had perfect attendance for the first nine-week period received a basketball from Music-Carter-Hughes, including Chester Akers. He was presented the prize by Daniel Branson, attendance officer; Jack Goodman, principal; and Ted George, assistant principal.



Sixth grader Adam Potter receives his perfect attendance bicycle from AMS Principal Jack Goodman.

Allen Central Middle School 2000-2001 Perfect attendance

1st nine weeks
0703
Carl Gibson, Whitney Hall, Amanda Mills, Elizabeth Patton, Ramon Spurlock, Ronald Thompson, Amy Wallen, Belinda Boyd.
0801
Teddy Amburgey, Karin Bentley, Britta Fraley, Courtney Hall, Cody Harlow, Angela Humble, Brandon Martin, Kayla Moore, Samantha Moore, Christopher Prater, Sylvia Ramey, Mark Samons, Seth Slone, Amanda Tackett.
0802
Megan Adams, Rodney Akers, Kayla Crace, Brandon Davis, Stacy

Howard, Shaun Watkins.
0704
Nicholas Halbert, Rachael Howell, Elizabeth Mosley, Daniel Prater, Paul Reed.
0803
K. Kyle Elliott, Kim Osborne, Brandy Parsons, Ricky Short, Keisha Slone.
0804
Nicole Adkins, Julie Alexander, Andrea N. Allen, Kayln Bailey, Michael Brown, Brittany Howell, Ryan Slone.
0601
Kelli Allen, Nicholas Collins, Kayla Dotson, Latessa Handshoe, Amanda Hicks, Effie Howard,

Erica Osborne, Ariel Robinson, Travis Scott, Sharon Vanderpool.
0602
Tera Addis, Khayla Crider, Stephanie Gray, Joshua Martin, Bobby Prater, Stephanie Salisbury, Tiffany Owens.
0701
Brandon S. Brown, Miranda Collins, Sheena Hall, Tiffany Hall, Nicholas Music, Zecheriah Stone, Brad Tackett.
0603
Kris Baca, Amanda Castle, Luke Moore, Rachel Paige, Amber Stone.
0604
Stacia Crace, D. Keith Duncan, Angel Jones, Melissa Noble.

0702
Joshua Bailey, Adam Chaffins, Casey Duncan, Joannie Rose, Tyler Slone, Amy Wallen, Casey Farmer, Ryan Collins, Cynthia Bryant.

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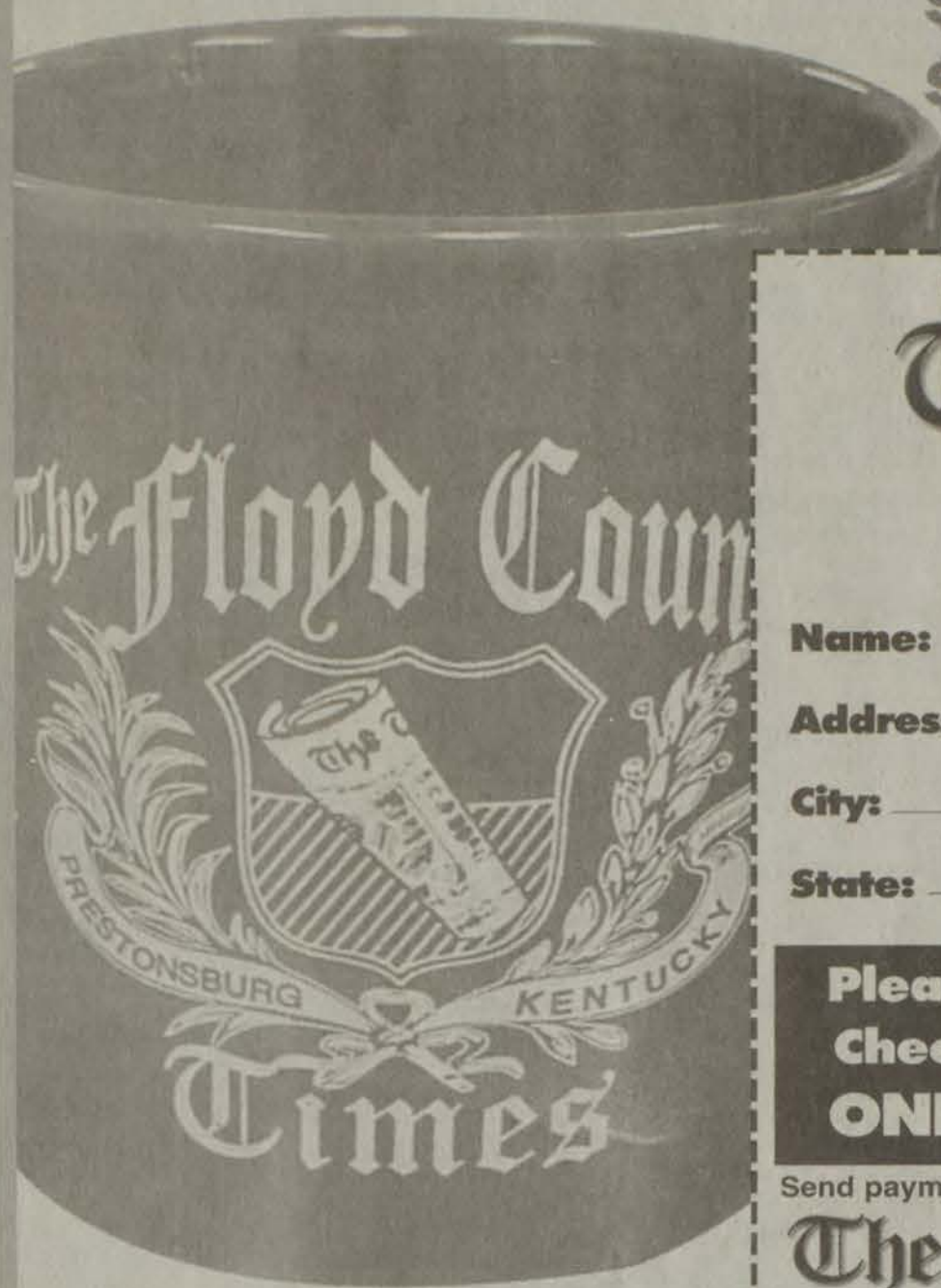
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