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briefs

Johnson man killed in Pike wreck

A collision on U.S. 23 on Friday killed a Staffordsville man and left an Offutt man seriously injured.

According to the Pikeville Police Department, Bobby Vanhooze, 43, of Offutt was traveling north along U.S. 23 in his 1992 Dodge Ram 250 pickup when he fell asleep at the wheel of the vehicle.

Vanhooze then ran off the road and struck a nearby hillside, police said, flipping the vehicle and partially ejecting his passenger, Ernest Ferguson, 71, of Staffordsville.

Vanhooze's overturned Dodge Ram came to a rest on top of Ferguson.

Both men were transported to the Pikeville Methodist Hospital for treatment for injuries sustained in the collision.

Ferguson was pronounced dead at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital at 8:01 p.m. as a result of his injuries.

The collision is still under investigation by the Pikeville Police Department.

Board makes exception to athletic policy

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education got underway following a brief message to the board members from the Floyd County Educator's Association.

Association president Donna Collins came forward to officially thank the board for "giving teachers what they need most — time."

The message was in reference to the recent board decision to rescind a recently enacted board policy that extended the school instructional day by 15 minutes.

In regard to another controversial matter that has presented itself to the school board on more than one occasion recently, a decision was made to amend board policy 09.3131, a policy that dictates athletic eligibility for the district's elementary and middle schools. The amended policy now reads:

"Students between the ages of seven (7) and fifteen (15) shall be eligible for participation in the athletic programs of the district's elementary and middle schools. Except in cases of documented learning impediment or impairment, students must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.5

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The members of the Floyd County Board of Education listened to reports from district schools in regard to CATS reports at Monday evening's meeting at Adams Middle School.

photo by Kathy J. Prater



photo by Sheldon Compton

Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy B.J. Caudill and Lt. Ricky Thornsberry weigh a substantial amount of marijuana seized from the home of an Eastern resident yesterday. Caudill and Deputy Ray Bates found the marijuana, along with several items of drug paraphernalia, during the execution of a personal belongings order on Turner Branch at Eastern. Thornsberry and Caudill weighed the marijuana and approximated it to be just over three pounds, with a large amount already bagged for distribution. Two handguns were also found at the residence, both resulting in violations of previously issued protective orders against the individual.

1 arrested, 1 sought in burglary at Harold pharmacy

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Drug stores continue to be hot spots for burglary and robbery with several locations finding themselves on the receiving end of desperate attempts to recover prescription drugs from the businesses.

Such was apparently the case when at 4:12 a.m. Sunday morning, the Economy Drug Store at Harold was burglarized, according to the Pikeville Police Department.

Reports from that agency said that after responding to an intruder alarm at the Harold drug store, officers saw two males walking from behind the business. One of the men was

carrying a large bag, police said.

When the men saw the officers they fled on foot into the hills nearby, at which time the officers began pursuit.

The foot chase ended with one suspect being apprehended in Bill King Hollow.

Jeremy Thacker, 24, was captured, but warned the officers that his partner, who escaped into the hills, had a shotgun in his possession.

Officers then checked Thacker's bag but found no evidence of items taken from the drug store. However, they did find two pry-bars, two pairs of gloves and shirts concealed

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Johnson judge considering whether to join Martin, Hale cases

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

Prestonsburg lawyer Sheridan Martin appeared in a Johnson County courtroom Monday for a pretrial hearing involving a district court case alleging sexual misconduct.

Martin, charged with third-

degree sexual abuse and unlawful imprisonment, waited in the jury room at the Johnson County Courthouse as attorneys gave their arguments to District Judge John Kevin Holbrook, who was recently appointed as special judge in the case.

The court also focused attention on a case involving Martin's

sister, Judee Martin Hale, charged with harassing a witness, for allegedly attempting to dissuade the alleged victim and a friend from filing charges against Martin shortly after the alleged incident occurred.

Saying that "the jury has to be

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photo by Mary Music

Willie Howell watched as firefighters extinguished the smoldering ashes which remained after fire consumed the bathroom of his home on Martin Branch in Wayland Monday night. See story on page A3.

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Today

Partly cloudy

High: 79 • Low: 59

Tomorrow

Mostly sunny

High: 59 • Low: 48

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photo by Mary Music

Mayor Jerry Fannin, his wife Maggie, and Marion and Sashsa Cantrell of Paintsville carried flags during the opening ceremonies at the "Ride with Pride" horse show on Sunday.

Locals 'Ride with Pride' to help terrorist victims

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

Through the smoke that covered the cities of the recent terrorist attacks, America discovered its unsung heroes, those who work behind the scenes to make the world a better place.

Thousands of miles away from the tragedies felt around the globe, unsung heroes can also be found in Floyd County, where the community pulled together Sunday to make a difference.

It began as an idea — a desire to help — in the living room of Mickey (Jerry) and Cindy Hatfield, and exploded into a community effort that raised money to help ease the pain of the that terrible attack.

"The idea came out of a broken heart," said Cindy Hatfield, "out of watching a

nation try to recover from all of this, for the children who lost their mommies or daddies. We wanted to do something. We wanted to help in any way we could."

Mickey Hatfield decided to use his love of horses to raise money to help those in need following the attacks. After gaining support from Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and local fire, police, EMS and rescue squad departments, the "Ride with Pride" horse show was born.

Equestrian enthusiasts came out of the woodwork Sunday to participate in or observe the event held at Archer Park. Galloping horses tracked the arena as guests enjoyed the competition.

Several members of the community, including Girl Scout Troop 44, the

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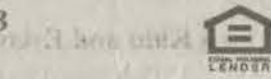
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Board

in order to participate in athletics ... Where a documented learning impediment or impairment is found to exist, the grade policy of the local school's SBDM (site-based decision making council) will control athletic eligibility if it is less stringing than this policy."

Policy in regard to the retention of students for participation in athletics remains the same and is still regarded as a prohibited action.

Several teachers representing Prestonsburg Elementary School addressed the board with impassioned pleas to bestow the school with an extra primary level teacher. Gwen Hale-Frazier, principal of the school, had been attending board meetings since August to request an addition to her school's staff.

In a meeting held at Allen Elementary on October 11, the board voted to approve the extra staffing but abolished the order after being advised by board financial director Matt Wireman to be cautious in their spending.

At Monday evening's meet-

ing, Hale-Frazier, along with assistant principal Sherri Slone, school guidance counselor Leslie Ousley, special education teacher Carey Davis and teachers Jalenda Shepherd, Susan Greene and Melissa Turner all offered appeals to the board to re-consider their decision to reverse the order, providing them with an extra primary level teacher.

The educators each reminded the board that primary classes at Prestonsburg Elementary were operating with class sizes of up to 28 students per class. The board was reminded of its motto to put "Children First," and therefore provide for the extra staffing that would enable greater effectiveness in classroom learning.

Hale-Frazier, obviously weary from repeated addresses to the board, was overcome with emotion as she attempted to address the board Monday evening. She told the board members that she had "not asked for much" and that she had been conservative in her requests of school board expenditures.

"I didn't ask for playground equipment" when the monies were allotted for such, "because I didn't need it, but now I do need a teacher," she said.

As the meeting came close to adjournment, board chairman Johnnie Ross made a motion to grant Prestonsburg Elementary an additional primary level teacher. The motion was seconded by board member Carol Stumbo, and Prestonsburg Elementary was granted funding for an additional primary level teaching position.

Joyce Watson, director of instruction, and Ron Hampton, principal of Prestonsburg High School, came before the board to present opposing sides in regard to an upcoming Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats trip to Florida.

Watson informed the board that she did not find the trip "verifiable as an athletic event," and could not find adequate reason to approve the trip as a school function.

Hampton said that he understood that dance teams, as well as cheerleading teams, were not considered "athletic" endeavors,

but rather, "extra-curricular activities." However, Hampton stressed, "they (Dance Cats) are the defending national champions — they are looking forward to defending their title." Hampton also informed the board that the dance team held fundraisers to help pay expenses incurred on their trips to compete and perform, and that they had no control over the selected sites of competition.

The school board agreed to have board attorney Mike Schmitt look over the existing policies and inform them of his findings at a later date before making any formal decision on approval of the scheduled trip.

In other business, Kristina Springer, director of pupil personnel reported to the board on the current effectiveness of attendance officers and the current dropout rate existing in the district's schools.

Additionally, the board agreed to continue its work to improve working relations between members as recommended by Tim Holt of the Kentucky School Boards Association.

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Judge

aware" of circumstances in both cases in order to understand the "full story," attorney Luke Morgan, special prosecutor from the state Attorney General's Office, asked Judge Holbrook to join the two cases on Monday.

The charges against Martin and his sister stemmed from a meeting between Martin and the alleged victim at his law office in Prestonsburg on April 27.

According to court records, the woman stated that Martin allegedly restrained her in his office by locking the door and then made unwanted sexual contact with her by touching her breasts and rubbing his groin against her without her consent.

"Shortly thereafter, within days," Morgan told Judge Holbrook, "the defendant Hale had started calling the plaintiff

and the plaintiff's friend wanting them not to do anything, and as a result, a covenant not to sue or a waiver — a written waiver, in which the plaintiff says nothing happened, I'm not gonna do it, in which she and defendant Martin are just friends — was signed May 10."

Morgan said both witnesses are willing to testify that Hale "came to them repeatedly harassing" them, and even volunteered legal services from Martin. Morgan also said that Hale, who was currently running for office in Floyd County Circuit Court, offered to "help them get unemployment" if she did get the position.

"The reason I'm asking to join these cases, Judge," said Morgan, "is because one stems from the other. The allegations and complaints against defendant Hale come from the allegations of what took place in defendant Martin's law office. To understand the basis of this criminal conduct against defendant Hale, the jury must know about the basis of criminal conduct of defendant Martin."

Morgan continued by saying he will present the same witnesses and evidence for both cases.

The request for the motion to consolidate both cases brought different opinions to the courtroom floor.

Martin's attorney, R. Burl McCoy, had no immediate

objections to Morgan's proposal, but asked Judge Holbrook for the opportunity to review a response submitted by attorney Scott Preston, who represents Hale. Holbrook granted McCoy seven days to complete his response.

Although McCoy found no immediate protest to the proposal, Preston took a different approach.

"I basically take the position that these are separate matters. There are separate crimes involved, separate dates of

occurrence, separate defendants ..." argued Preston. "The overlap of evidence is not necessary to prove every detail marked in the Hale case."

After a few moments of deliberation, Judge Holbrook took the matter under submission. Holbrook said he will give a written ruling on the motion at a later date.

Trial for both cases is tentatively set for December 20 and 21. Court times may change, however, said Holbrook, pending his final decision.

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Burglary

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inside the bag.

Thacker was arrested and charged with first-degree burglary, possession of burglar's tools and first-degree fleeing or evading police.

The other suspect has not yet been apprehended, according to

police, but an investigation continues under the direction of Pikeville Police Sergeant Richard Harris.

Harris was not available for comment on the condition of the investigation, although no leads had been released as of Tuesday.

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Schools discuss test scores with board

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Several principals and staff members of Floyd County's district schools convened to report to the Floyd County Board of Education on Monday evening in regard to their individual schools' Commonwealth Accountability Testing System reports.

Liz Allen, principal of James A. Duff Elementary, reported to the board that her school's report showed "obvious concerns" in the areas of writing and arts and humanities. She cited as steps toward improvement the utilization of such procedures as marker paper training (where student work samples are analyzed in an effort to determine their functioning

grade level and what steps to take next for improvement and advancement); the adoption of internal assessment policies; the adoption of an improved homework policy incorporating homework "not necessarily as a continuation of what goes on in the classroom, but in addition to" what goes on in the classroom; teacher accountability to information sharing; the development of course syllabi to be distributed to students and parents; teacher and principal monitoring of lesson plans; a greater attention to "on demand" writing procedures and activities; and a scheduled teacher visit to Central Elementary in Johnson County (a top 10 school) for observation purposes.

Davida Bickford, principal of Allen Central Middle School,

reported to the board that her school's scores exhibited science and practical living skills as areas of concern. The school's scores in reading and writing were above district level expectations.

Among steps to further improvement, Bickford cited a commitment to improved curriculum mapping, alignment, and policy; a more focused analysis of student work; utilization of common planning times; the hiring of a media specialist; and the utilization of "flex time" for remediation purposes.

Additionally, four open house sessions have been scheduled to increase parent involvement, as well as scheduled parent conferences, and the installation of a "homework hotline" for student use.

Peer mediation and site-based council trainings have been scheduled and a revised consolidation plan has been incorporated.

The school also plans to continue use of character education programs, and student recognition ceremonies. Bickford also informed the board that her school will participate in the middle schools conference, Principal's Academy, and Kentucky Principals Network.

Patricia Maynard, principal of Allen Central High School, took some sharp criticism from board member Dr. Chandra Varia in regard to her school's poor showing in the CATS reports. Maynard responded that she is well aware of the testing results and that her school's staff has a renewed commitment to

improvement for the current school year. Maynard also reported that the scores showed gains in writing and in arts and humanities, although additional focus on writing skills will continue. She

also reported that the school plans to utilize attendance officers for home visit purposes and extended school services referrals for those students at risk for

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Cow Creek woman robbed at gunpoint

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A Cow Creek woman was robbed just after midnight Sunday by a man whom she told police she knows.

According to Lt. Ricky Thornsberry of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, the woman was at home with her child when the suspect arrived at her door accompanied by another man.

The woman claimed that the man visited the home claiming to have information about her sister and then stepped into the home and began asking for money.

Thornsberry said the woman claims that the man asked her for \$3 for a pack of cigarettes and when she informed him that she had no money, the suspect then proceeded to go through her purse, which sat nearby.

The woman told Thornsberry that she could do little to help what was happening because she had her baby in her arms at the time.

Thornsberry said the man held her at gunpoint with a

handgun during the robbery. After taking an undetermined amount of money from the woman's purse the suspect and his friend left the residence.

Thornsberry said the man called the sheriff's office the following day and was expected to come in soon, having one warrant against him already.

According to Thornsberry, the man's mother had issued a domestic warrant against him earlier and that the call he placed the following day to the sheriff's office was in connection to that charge.

Thornsberry did not say if the Sunday morning robbery was mentioned during the call.

There has been no arrest in the matter, as a statement was scheduled from the woman for Tuesday, but did not materialize when the woman failed to arrive.

"I haven't been able to talk to her fully yet," Thornsberry said. "But she said she knew who the boy was and was supposed to come in to make a statement."

No one was injured during the robbery, and police are still searching for the suspect.

Wayland firefighters save home

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

Willie and Margaret Howell watched nervously Monday

night as firefighters tried to extinguish a blaze that engulfed the bathroom of their home on Martin Branch in Wayland.

The two were watching tele-

vision in their living room when smoke eased its way under doorways and ceiling tiles. According to Margaret Howell, the problem began when the electricity went off in two rooms of the home.

"I told my husband to go check the breaker box," said Margaret Howell. "That's when we saw the smoke."

The fire could have easily taken everything. But that wasn't the plan Wayland volunteer firefighters had in mind.

Sam Bentley, Wayland volunteer fire chief, and his wife were on their way to a ball game when they stopped at a nearby convenient store — the same store that Margaret Howell called for help when she failed to make the appropriate connections through the area's 911 service.

When he learned of the situation, Bentley said he went to the scene and began working to extinguish the blaze.

"When I got here, the blaze was over the roof," said Bentley, pointing at a hole that now remains in the exterior of the

home.

Even after the blaze came under control, firefighters used axes, electrical saws and crow bars on the home's exterior to reach smoldering ashes in the loft of the home, which could have once again ignited to engulf what the first blaze left behind.

According to Bentley, the blaze began in a wall behind the bathtub.

Although those at the scene suggested the fire was the probable result of an electrical problem, Bentley couldn't identify that as the exact cause of the fire.

The entire bathroom area was demolished in the fire, but the rest of the house suffered only smoke damage, said Bentley.

"If that's all that's damaged, then we're lucky," said Willie Howell, as family members and neighbors carried personal items out of the living room, which bordered the opposite side of the home.

No one was injured in the incident.

Ivel gas station robbed; man held in custody

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

According to Kentucky State Police reports, at approximately 4 a.m. Sunday morning, 36-year-old Greg Hill, of Elkhorn City, and another individual, unidentified at this time, allegedly entered the BP Western Express at Ivel.

The unidentified individual stood watch, according to police, while Hill allegedly demanded money from the cashier while brandishing a knife.

Hill and his partner allegedly left with an undetermined amount of money taken from the

register, but not before being caught on the station's surveillance camera.

The image of Hill on the station's camera was fairly clear, police said, and will be useful for post-robbery investigative purposes.

Hill was arrested by the Kentucky State Police the following morning at 10:10 a.m. at an undisclosed location.

He was charged with first-degree robbery and is currently being held at the Pike County Detention Center in Pikeville.

KSP reports indicate that the arrest of the second suspect is pending.

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- Fifteen (15) minutes of instructional time will be removed from the instructional day as it currently exists.
 - Every Wednesday is to be designated as "Early Wednesday" and to make up for the instructional time missed on "Early Wednesday's," an additional ten (10) minutes will be added to the remaining days of the week in an attempt to comply with the state mandated requirement of a six (6) hour minimal instructional day.
- As chairman of your Floyd County Board of Education, I would like to offer you an opportunity to voice your opinion on this and other matters as they relate to your child's education. Please take the opportunity to answer the following questions and mail them to the address given below.
- Could your child benefit from an additional fifteen (15) minutes of classroom instruction per day?
 Yes No
- Do the current "Early Wednesday's" present a hardship for you or any members of your family?
 Yes No
- Will having "Early Wednesday's" every week present a hardship for you or any members of your family?
 Yes No
- Do "Early Wednesday's" present you with a child care problem for your school age child?
 Yes No
- I have volunteered in my child's school this school year?
 Yes No



- My child's school as a welcoming place for parents to offer ideas and/or suggestions?
 F D- D D+ C- C C+ B- B B+ A- A A+
- The overall effectiveness of the elected members of the Floyd County Board of Education to conduct the necessary business of the school district?
 F D- D D+ C- C C+ B- B B+ A- A A+
- The overall effectiveness of the current board chairman?
 F D- D D+ C- C C+ B- B B+ A- A A+
- The ability of the elected members of the Floyd County Board of Education to act in the best interest of all the children of Floyd County without regard to election boundaries?
 F D- D D+ C- C C+ B- B B+ A- A A+
- The emphasis the Floyd County Board of Education places on academics?
 F D- D D+ C- C C+ B- B B+ A- A A+

- Using the same grading scale that applies to your child's classroom/home work, please indicate your feelings on the following by circling the grade you feel to be most appropriate:
- The ability of my child's school to provide my child with a quality education?
 F D- D D+ C- C C+ B- B B+ A- A A+
- The quality of classroom instruction my child receives from her/his teacher/teachers?
 F D- D D+ C- C C+ B- B B+ A- A A+

- The emphasis the Floyd County Board of Education places on sports?
 F D- D D+ C- C C+ B- B B+ A- A A+
- The emphasis my child's school places on academics?
 F D- D D+ C- C C+ B- B B+ A- A A+
- The emphasis my child's school places on sports?
 F D- D D+ C- C C+ B- B B+ A- A A+
- The emphasis I place on academic progress?
 F D- D D+ C- C C+ B- B B+ A- A A+
- The emphasis I place on my child's involvement in sports?
 F D- D D+ C- C C+ B- B B+ A- A A+
- List the school/schools your child/children or grandchild/grandchildren attend?
- Are you, or a member of your family employed by the Floyd County Schools?
 Yes No
- The highest grade I completed in school?
 8th grade or less between the 8th grade and high school without a diploma
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 a college degree or technical diploma
 years of college/technical school completed beyond a degree/diploma/professional certification.
- Please mail the completed original questionnaire -no copies please, as the results from photocopies will not be tabulated, to:
- The Reverend Johnnie E. Ross, Chairman
Floyd County Board of Education
283 South Arnold Avenue
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

(Please feel free to include any written comments you'd like to make. This questionnaire is being paid for by Reverend Johnnie E. Ross, Chairman of your Floyd County Board of Education.)

Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

Don't mind anything that anyone tells you about anyone else. Judge everyone and everything for yourself.

—Henry James

Amendment 1

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

Guest View

Detecting terrorists

When a quiet Egyptian named Mohamed Atta obtained a pilot license in the United States, his visa had expired. A chilling report in Time magazine makes it apparent that no question ever was raised about Atta's immigration status or background. Not then. Not ever.

Not several days later when he trained on a Boeing 727 simulator outside Miami. Now when he bought a global-positioning device from a Florida aviation supply store, not when he traveled to Spain and returned without a valid visa, not when he inquired about crop dusters or was stopped for a traffic violation.

Atta again left the United States and returned on a business visa, again with no apparent hurdles. On Sept. 11, having just turned 33, Atta is believed to have piloted American Airlines Flight 11 into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Of all the maneuvers the 19 Middle Eastern hijackers had to master to slaughter more than 5,000 Americans on their own soil, it appears the simplest were getting into this country and remaining here, even after at least some of their visas had expired. The Washington Post reported Friday that all 19 had entered the country legally on tourist or business visas. Visas, pilot licenses, airline tickets — these are now weapons of war.

The nature of the new threat will force the nation to drastically alter its immigration policies. Ironically, the very morning of the attacks, the House was set to approve a measure that would make immigration and citizenship easier, even for many who entered illegally. It was swiftly forgotten.

As the government considers ways to better screen and track foreign visitors for the very few who might do us harm, it's important to do so delicately, allowing the continued flow of millions of law-abiding people who enrich our schools, our economy, our culture and our neighborhoods. We can be more vigilant without becoming hysterical.

To that end, Sen. Christopher S. Bond, R-Mo., has introduced the "Visa Integrity and Security Act," which would harness computer technology to track foreign visitors. Visitors would carry identification cards with digitized fingerprints. Schools would be required to report to the INS if a visitor with a student visa failed to show up. And for the first time, there would be cooperative reporting and sharing of databases among the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the State Department, the CIA, the FBI and the National Crime Information Center.

The distant battlefield has moved inside our front door. The prosaic weapons of this new war and the quiet terrorists who wield them have been among us. Tighter immigration policies may not detect all those who seek to harm us. But it is a step that must be taken.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Mary's Musings

Capturing moments

I paused for a moment last night to watch the clouds turn in the sky above me.

So many times in life, we forget to do that. Even I, knowing how beautiful a sunset can be, often neglect to take the time.

Over the past few months it's been particularly busy for me, with my obligations here at the office coupled with my obligations at school as well as home. At times, I feel as though I'm stretched to the very limit.

And then suddenly, when I am ready to give up, when I'm ready to pull my hair back and scream at the top of my lungs, it happens. Something wonderful creeps up behind me, like the call of a breathtaking sunset or a chat with a close friend, that gives me a second breath.

Maybe I've been fooling myself all these years. Maybe life isn't the bed of roses I hoped to find one day. Maybe it's okay to feel strapped, stretched to the limit, every now and then. Perhaps those instances in life are the ones that define who we really are.

Are we willing to just give up, let it all go? Or do we hang on and cherish every moment given to us? Maybe the most important moments in life are those we often neglect to capture, those unseen sunsets on the horizon or the laughter of a child that fades into the background in a crowded room.

But maybe those moments that aren't so beautiful are important too. Perhaps, they are the tool God uses to teach us. Each and every one of us knows pain. We've burned that bridge before. We've lost a loved one, or a friend, or hope (even temporarily). We understand the sting left behind on a teary cheek.

(If you haven't, it's quite possible that you haven't lived.)

Although I love my life — everything that encompasses my life — sometimes it's hard for me to remember those beautiful moments. All too often I find myself whining over the ones that aren't as pretty. I don't know if that personality trait is one I hold uniquely, or if it's one I share with people like you. In either case, it's one I hope to remedy quickly. I haven't the time to be bothered with it in my life. I've got too many important things which need my concentration.

Life isn't about the pain, or the moments that leave you wanting to pull your hair back and scream to the top of your lungs.

It's about the moment you cross that burning bridge to see a sunset on the horizon. As soon as I realize that, I'll have my moment.



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Guest Column

Pakistan's nukes — maybe not so secure

by STEVE LaMONTAGNE

Pakistan's general-turned-president, Pervez Musharraf, has only a tenuous hold on power. Now, in the wake of the terrorist attacks against the U.S., his decision to cooperate with the U.S. campaign to extract alleged terrorist mastermind Osama Bin Laden from Afghanistan could provoke both internal political upheaval and external attack.

Disturbingly, if either happened, Pakistan's nuclear weapons could come into the possession of groups that support the Taliban, or even Bin Laden himself. The U.S. must not turn a blind eye to this nightmare scenario as it responds to the September 11 attacks.

Political instability is a source of real concern in Pakistan. It is a country crippled by poverty, that has seen several governments overthrown since gaining independence in 1947. The military has seized control of the government on three separate occasions, the most recent being the coup led by General Musharraf in 1999 that deposed the corrupt, albeit democratically-elected government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. Even before the terrorist attacks, Musharraf faced mounting criticism both at home

and abroad for the sluggish pace of efforts to restore democracy to Pakistan. Pakistan is the only country that officially recognizes the Taliban regime, and many Pakistani citizens sympathize with the Taliban's cause.

Although Musharraf estimates that only 10 to 15 percent of the population disapprove of his support of the U.S.-led war on terrorism, a recent Gallup poll found that almost two out of three Pakistanis oppose cooperation with the U.S. In addition, pro-Taliban soldiers have risen through the ranks of Pakistan's military, meaning that loyalties could be divided in the event of another coup.

Since Musharraf issued a statement pledging Pakistan's "unstinted" cooperation with the U.S. in the fight against terrorism, he has sparked angry protests and criticism. Protestors have burned American flags and effigies of President Bush. A coalition of 35 Muslim groups in Pakistan warned that a U.S. attack on Afghanistan will trigger a war with the entire Muslim world. One Muslim cleric warned, "If foreign troops are seen in Pakistan, it will be jihad on both sides of the border."

These protests will intensify if Musharraf allows U.S. armed forces to use Pakistani territory as a staging ground for raids into Afghanistan. They could flare even further if the U.S. campaign to eradicate terrorism becomes a protracted struggle, as Bush administra-

tion officials have publicly hinted. Pro-Taliban groups in Pakistan, even if they choose to remain silent in the near term, will not tolerate an "extended stay" of U.S. armed forces in and around their country. It is exactly this type of presence that breeds fierce anti-U.S. sentiment in the Arab world.

In addition to the threat of internal uprisings, the Taliban has reportedly amassed 25,000 troops along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. It has issued a warning that it will attack any country that participates in a U.S.-led attack on Afghanistan, presumably including Pakistan. Even if the U.S. manages to eliminate Osama Bin Laden's terrorist network without escalating into a larger war, Pakistan may have to deal with the long-term possibility of Taliban-sponsored incursions into Pakistani territory and efforts to undermine Pakistan's government.

The implications of Pakistan's uncertain future for its 30 to 50 nuclear weapons, and unknown quantities of plutonium and highly enriched uranium, are unsettling, to put it mildly. Although Pakistan's warheads are kept in secret locations and are tightly guarded by the military, the "Talibanization" of Pakistan could result in the loss of control over its nuclear weapons, fissile material stockpiles, and infrastructure.

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Tips for dealing with fears, anxiety

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FRANKFORT — The reports about Anthrax, as well as the attacks of Sept. 11, have led to understandable fears in people about their own safety.

The Cabinet for Health Services, in consultation with other agencies, is offering some practical coping strategies for adults and children feeling anxiety related to possible acts of terrorism.

Although there have been concerns about Anthrax in Kentucky, no biological agent or threat has been found.

Kentucky authorities are taking immediate action as soon as a report is made and working to quickly assess the danger in each situation for those directly affected.

"It's important to remain calm while authorities investigate these cases. Public safety, law enforcement and health officials are working to make sure that Kentuckians can feel safe in their homes, schools and workplaces," said Dr. Rice Leach, the Commissioner of the Department for Public Health. "I know our system is working because nationwide there are only seven cases out of 280 million people."

"The doctors, public health officials and law enforcement officials are detecting exposure early enough to treat and prevent illness where exposure has

happened." The following are some steps parents and other adults can take to help children cope with their fears:

- Encourage children to express their feelings through talking, drawing or playing, as well as discussion. It is important to listen to their feelings in a calm, accepting manner.

- Be honest and open about the facts of the situation, but keep information age appropriate.

- Children need frequent reassurance that efforts are being made to ensure their safety.

- Try to maintain the daily routine as much as possible.

- Monitor exposure to media coverage through television or Internet.

- Don't be afraid to say "I don't know" if you aren't sure how to answer your child's question. Explain that disasters are rare and that even adults have trouble dealing with them. Reassure your child that adults are still working hard so that children can be safe and secure.

- Provide hope for the future. Reaffirming the future and talking in positive terms about future events can help a child rebuild trust and faith in

their future.

Adults also experience feelings of anxiety and being out-of-control as a result of disasters or abnormal situations. It is normal to experience anxiety in reaction to a stressful event.

Common physical indicators of a stress reaction are upset stomach, headache, light-headedness and tingling or numbness.

The following are some things adults can do to deal with stress caused by abnormal events:

- Talk to people about your feelings. If others are involved help them by sharing your feelings and checking how they are doing.

- Structure your time; keep as busy as possible. Keep your life as normal as possible.

- Realize that those around you are also under stress.

- Increase your physical activity, particularly within the first 24-48 hours following an event. Periods of exercise (walking, running, yard or house work, etc.) alternated with relaxation will alleviate some physical reactions.

- Keep sleep and diet at healthy limits; the better rested and nourished you are, the better equipped you are to deal with stress.

- Recognize your limits.

Learn to accept that you are not capable of doing all things all the time.

- Neither alcohol nor drugs actually helps manage stress.

- Do things you enjoy doing.

Additional information on coping with stress provoked by the terrorist attacks can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/initi/september11/index.html> on the Department for Education website and at <http://kysafeschools.org/clear/crisis.html> on the Kentucky Center for School Safety website.

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Osama Bin Laden has described it as the "religious duty" of Muslims to acquire weapons of mass destruction. A successful raid on even one nuclear facility could provide terrorists with enough fissile material to make several nuclear "suitcase bombs" that could be shared with rogue states and other terrorists, or used against U.S. forces or other countries in South Asia and the Middle East.

The U.S. must therefore pay close attention to how its campaign against terrorism impacts Pakistan's future. We simply can not allow Pakistan to implode politically, or for its nuclear weapons and weapons-usable materials to proliferate in the wrong hands. If this happens, the war on terrorism will take on a new, and much more frightening, dimension.

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Coal waste impoundment study includes valuable recommendations for safety

U.S. Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-5) says a final report recently by a scientific panel convened by the National Academy of Sciences provides the administration many valuable recommendations to improve the safety of coal waste impoundments.

Last year, in the wake of a disastrous impoundment breach in Martin County, Rogers obtained \$2 million in federal funding for the independent, scientific study into the risks, responses and alternatives to impoundments.

Rogers says it is significant that the panel has called for the same level of scrutiny to the basin area of impoundments that is now given to man-made embankments. The report also calls for two federal agencies, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) to jointly resolve regulatory issues relating to coal waste impoundments. The report also proposes research into the techniques that can be used to accurately map mine operations, particularly the use of geophysical methods to accurately determine what lies beneath existing and proposed slurry impoundment sites.

"This report provides some very valuable recommendations to the federal government on steps it should take to ensure that existing impoundments are safe and that any future sites are designed in a way that will also protect lives and property," Rogers said today. "With modern technologies, we should be able to take quick action to remedy high-risk impoundments and, if necessary, find sensible alternatives when necessary."

The panel concluded that, after the devastation of the 1972 Buffalo Creek incident, federal efforts had targeted only the structural integrity of man-made embankments, the dams that create coal waste impoundments. Among the principal recommendations of the panel, however, is a call for impoundment basins to be given the same level of federal scrutiny as embankments. The Martin County incident was caused by the breakthrough of the basin into underground mine works, allowing a flow path for the coal slurry.

Another recommendation of the panel calls for MSHA, an

agency of the U.S. Department of Labor, and OSM, an agency of the U.S. Department of Interior, to provide greater inter-agency cooperation for oversight, rulemaking and the development of standards relating to the potential risk of impoundments.

The scientific panel says greater cooperation between the two agencies is of extreme importance. A number of the recommendations made by the panel calls for MSHA and OSM to jointly develop standards, rules and guidelines relating to coal waste impoundments and to work together from the start of the permitting process.

The report details many cur-

rent alternatives to coal waste impoundments, including the use of coal waste in power plants similar to the EnviroPower currently under development in eastern Kentucky. The panel encouraged future technological and economic research into alternatives, as well as demonstration projects relating to mapping the geologic structure of impoundment basins and other mine mapping activities.

"MSHA, OSM and the other federal agencies with an oversight role should carefully review the recommendation of this panel and work together on this important issue," Rogers said.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Lowell Brock, a Prestonsburg High School student, was congratulated by Floyd County Board of Education chairman, Johnnie Ross, at Monday evening's meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education. Brock was chosen from among a statewide assembly of high school students to receive the Kentucky Community Education Association's Youth Leadership Award. Brock has volunteered in as many as 19 different areas and has received over 50 awards during his high school career. Brock says that he enjoys working as a volunteer because it enables him to "meet the best of the best."

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This year, more vaccine is expected to be available than last year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. However, some delays in distribution are expected.

Public Health Commissioner Rice Leach urges physicians, hospitals, public health departments and others sponsoring flu shots to make a special effort to see that Kentucky's senior citizens get protected against flu.

"Kentucky has a poor record of immunizing its senior citizens against influenza," said Leach. In some areas, less than a third of those over 65 years old are getting flu shots, he

said. "We can do a better job of protecting our seniors if we work together so I urge the doctors, hospitals, health departments and others to put their heads together to see how to improve on this situation."

this year to significantly increase the level of flu immunity in this group of patients," said Dr. Donald R. Neel of Owensboro, president of the KMA. "Many community hospitals offer flu shots to the public."

FYI

For more information, call your local health department or the State Communicable Disease Branch in the Division of Epidemiology at (502) 564-3418 or the immunization section at 502-564-4478.

Leach said.

The Kentucky Medical Association and the Kentucky Hospital Association are also encouraging their members to give more flu shots this year. "I encourage physicians to work with other community agencies

said KHA President Mike Rust. "Some hospitals have special programs to administer the shots like 'drive through' shots on specific dates. Please check your local hospital's community events calendar to see if they offer flu shots and for specific

dates and time."

The vaccine takes at least two weeks to begin providing protection from influenza.

The shots can be given to most people, except those with severe allergy to eggs. Anyone with a short term illness with fever should wait to get the shot until they feel well.

Those who are age 65 or older or at risk due to medical conditions should also be vaccinated against pneumococcal pneumonia if they have not been vaccinated. This shot is usually given just once and is generally not required each year.

Influenza immunizations are available through many health care providers, including private physicians and local health departments. Kentuckians who plan to get immunized at a health department should call

ahead. Most health departments charge on a sliding fee scale. Medicare covers the cost of flu shots, which will help older Kentuckians.

"The problem has to be something other than payment because these Kentuckians should all have Medicare," noted Laurel True of Shelbyville, former secretary of the Cabinet for Human Resources. "I know from my work with older persons through the AARP and my concern for any Kentuckian with a disability that a concerted effort can change this for the better."

Some people are afraid to get a flu shot because they think it might cause flu. This is not true. The influenza immunization may cause a fever or soreness at the site where it is given, but it doesn't cause influenza.

Pumpkins a symbol of Kentucky fall harvest

The orange ambassadors of Kentucky's autumn harvest are back as pumpkins adorn store decorating space and front porches all over the state.

This year's pumpkin yield was down for producers, but this has not slowed the sale of pumpkins that are being used for everything from consumption to Halloween carving, said Jim Mansfield, director of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Division of Value-Added Horticulture and Aquaculture Promotion.

"Because of the wet weather during the last of July, pumpkins were a bit late this year," Mansfield said. "But pollination was good later in the summer, so we're seeing good numbers in our pumpkin crop, just not really large sizes like last year."

Bill Gehring has been growing an acre of pumpkins on his Monticello farm for the past decade. He said this autumn's yield has not been his best, but is far from his worst. Gehring sells his pump-

kins and other farm-fresh produce at his own farm stand.

"We had bigger pumpkins last year, but we have a lot of 10- to 15-pounders coming out of our field these days," said Gehring, whose farm also produces squash, cucumbers, potatoes and sweet corn. "The wet July and hot August were too much for the first bloomers, but we made up for it with our second bloomers."

The Central Kentucky Growers Cooperative in Georgetown, began shipping pumpkins to contractors Wal-Mart and Platinum Farm, September 19, said Justin Dailey, operations manager. The lighter crop had been

expected, with smaller pumpkins averaging around 20 to 25 pounds, he said.

"Last year's weather yielded some big early pumpkins, but these smaller ones are still very much in demand," said Dailey, who farms in Bourbon County. "We're getting about \$2 per pumpkin from our contractors, with consumers paying an average of about \$2.77 per pumpkin. We'll be busy

here (with pumpkins) through the end of October and into November."

Dailey said most members have a reduced pumpkin crop this fall.

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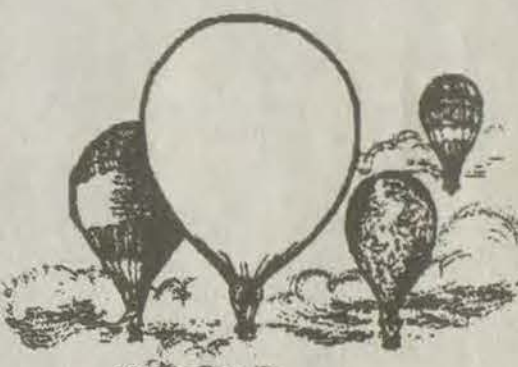
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With all donations guaranteed to be disbursed to non-profit organizations involved with helping in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, organizers labeled the show a success, with profits, including those previously donated, exceeding an estimated \$3,000.

"It's a good opportunity to get involved with doing something for folks that have actually took the brunt of the attacks," said Gary Dotson, assistant director of Public Safety, who helped orga-

nize the project along with several community volunteers.

But Prestonsburg's contribution to the relief effort didn't end at the closing of the horse show on Sunday.

J.R. Blackburn, branch manager and first vice president of investments at Morgan Stanley of Pikeville and Ashland, who addressed the crowd during the opening ceremony, announced that the Morgan Stanley Investment Company will match all proceeds going toward relief efforts. With that promise, all contributions are doubled for those who care enough to give.

With that in mind, Dotson said donations are still being accepted. The Prestonsburg Fire

Department is still selling sweat-shirts and t-shirts to individuals or businesses who wish to show support for their country. Individual donations for the fund will also be accepted at any Citizens National Bank location until November 5.

"The window is still open," said Dotson. "The big thing to look at is that whatever amount you have to contribute, it's doubled. If you give \$5, it becomes \$10, \$10 becomes \$20."

All interested individuals can contact City Hall or Citizens National Bank for more information.

The program was organized by Fannin; City Councilman Harry Adams; Richie

Schoolcraft, Floyd County Rescue Squad; Chuck Davis, Prestonsburg Fire Department; Ralph Little, manager of Archer Park; Will Parker, Left Beaver Fire and Rescue Squad; Pat Goble, Prestonsburg volunteer; and the Hatfields, along with their son, Derric, and daughter-in-law, Jamie Hatfield.

Other representatives at the show included the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, U.S. Corps of Engineers, Pike County Firefighters Association, Prestonsburg Community College's Law Enforcement Club, and the Sycamore Fire Department from Pike County.

"We just want to give a special 'thank you' to the people came to

the show and showed their support, those who brought horses for the event, and those who supported us through donations and sponsorship," said Hatfield. "We extend our personal thanks, from

committee, to our supporters. We want them to know that even if we can't list them one by one — there's so many — that we realize they were there and appreciate them being there."

Scores

Common planning times for all departments as well as minimizing teacher interruptions are also among the plans toward greater improvement.

Carole Combs, principal of May Valley Elementary, informed the board that her school's scores showed that improvement is needed in the

areas of science and mathematics.

"Our reading scores are good, but not good enough," she said, and further commented that "on-demand" writing skills will receive a great deal of focus in the current school year. "It will take lots of this style of writing in the classroom," she said.

Women in Business

Robinette named Estate Planning Consultant

Morgan Stanley announces that the Estate Planning Consultant designation has been awarded to Cheryl Robinette. This achievement marks her as a Financial Advisor that meets Morgan Stanley's strict criteria in estate planning.

As program selection is exclusive, only a small percentage of Morgan Stanley Financial Advisors are invited to participate, with qualification based on clearly demonstrated skill and financial services knowledge. To earn the designation, Robinette was required to successfully complete three comprehensive courses over a nine-month period. The program was

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complexities of estate and gift tax planning. She also passed tests of her knowledge of the ethical obligations facing financial planners as well as the development of suitable personal estate plans. Although Financial Advisors cannot provide tax or legal advice, the

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WHERE LETTERS BECOME WORDS

Program helps dyslexics read

by LANCE WILLIAMS
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It's easy for reading tutor Aaron Jones to spot a prankster. After all, when he started in the Hindman Settlement School's summer reading program a decade ago, Jones was one of the biggest.

He'd try anything from hiding pencils to switching workbooks to avoid the intensive reading drills he dreaded because of his dyslexia, which caused him to see words and letters out of order.

Thanks in part to the program which is one of the focal points of the school's \$3.25 million fund-raising effort Jones overcame his difficulties.

Now he's working as a summer tutor helping kids just like him.

"I tell them I invented all their tricks," said Jones, a high school junior from Floyd County. "I know their point of view and maybe I can help them more."

The Learning Differences/Dyslexia Program has served more than 1,700 children since it began more than 20 years ago.

The program, the only one of its kind in the central Appalachian region includes the summer school, an after-school tutoring program in four counties and a full-time school for students with more intensive needs.

"Our goal is to take the children who are behind and get them up to par," said Mike Mullins, the settlement school's director. "We won't do it for them, but we'll do it with them."

Toward that end, the school founded in 1902 as part of the progressive settlement school movement, which focused on

bringing educational programs to underprivileged areas launched the fund-raising campaign in January.

It already has raised \$1.24 million and will wrap up during the school's centennial celebration next year.

School officials says the campaign will help them improve services for the program, which requires about half of the school's \$700,000 annual budget to operate.

If the fund-raising goal is met, \$2 million will be placed in an endowment for the dyslexic program, with the rest being used for other endowments, campus improvements and fund-raising expenses.

The dyslexia program, which is housed in the school's James Still Learning Center, was founded in 1980 by Hindman resident Lois Combs Weinberg, who wanted to use classroom space to teach her son and other dyslexic children.

Weinberg, the daughter of former Gov. Bert T. Combs, recently announced she will seek the Democratic nomination to challenge U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell in 2002.

This week, 56 students the largest summer enrollment ever began their summer classwork.

Mullins said the experience can be tough for many students, who feel homesick, worry about facing their learning difficulties or simply don't like the idea of going to school in the summer.

John Stump, who will begin high school in Letcher County in the fall, said he didn't like the program at first.

"I used to have to push him up the sidewalk," his mother, Rita Stump, said.

But John Stump said the program improved his self-esteem and helped him learn to read.

Now, his reading scores test above his grade level, and he

loves to read anything he can get his hands on be it newspapers, class texts or comic books.

"When they get out of here," said Rita Stump. "They look like different people."

Lois Combs Weinberg will be in Floyd County this Saturday for a rally and fundraiser hosted by Woody Burchett, Martha Burchett Hart and Sally Burchett Allen.



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Kentucky pride increases by one quarter, with release of coin

BARDSTOWN — Pride in Kentucky increased by one quarter as Gov. Paul Patton and the head of the U.S. Mint officially released Kentucky's new commemorative 25-cent piece at My Old Kentucky Home State Park.

Standing in the shadow of My Old Kentucky Home, the stately mansion depicted on the new coin, the officials marked the beginning of a 10-week production of an estimated 650 million quarters honoring Kentucky. Joining Gov. Patton in the festivities was Henrietta Holsman Fore, the 37th director of the U.S. Mint.

"Home has always had an important meaning for the people of the commonwealth," Gov. Patton said. "It has taken on a new meaning in light of the events of the past month. May our Kentucky quarter be a reminder to everyone that home is ever important in the hearts of all Americans."

Gov. Patton expressed pride in First Lady Judi Patton's leadership as chair of the Kentucky Commemorative Quarter Committee.

The release of the coin marks the completion of a process that started in May 1999 when Mrs. Patton invited the public to submit designs for Kentucky's representative in a new series of commemorative state quarters. The coins are being released in the order in which the states joined the Union, making Kentucky's 15th in the series.

The committee sifted through 1,800 designs to arrive at 12 finalists. A public vote chose the top seven designs submitted to the U.S. Mint for its final selection.

The new Kentucky quarter shows a Kentucky thoroughbred horse standing behind a plank fence; in the background is the mansion named for the Stephen Foster song "My Old Kentucky Home," the state's official song. Tradition holds that Foster wrote the song while visiting the graceful Federalist-style mansion.

In his remarks, Gov. Patton called the mansion and thoroughbred horse "the two most visible, beloved symbols in Kentucky."

First Lady Patton, who was unable to attend the ceremony, said in a statement: "We hold dear those symbols that draw thousands of visitors to our state every year — My Old

Kentucky Home State Park, the thoroughbred industry, our rolling fields of Bluegrass outlined by plank fences. We welcome all America to experience the beauty of Kentucky and the friendliness of its people, and we hope they will see some sense of that in our Kentucky quarter."

In her remarks, Ms. Fore of the U.S. Mint pointed to the enormous popularity of the State Quarter program, saying "every coin tells a story."

The U.S. Mint's 50 State Quarters Program began in 1999 and will extend through 2008. The program has proven a hit with collectors; an estimated 125 million adults are collecting the coins as they are released, according to the U.S. Mint.

Ms. Fore also praised the artists in attendance whose designs were considered for the quarter and the U.S. Mint engraver, Jim Ferrell, who executed the final design. During the ceremony, she presented to Gov. Patton a copy of the artwork signed by the engraver.

The release of the coin became official when Gov. Patton and Ms. Fore symbolically affixed a mockup of the design to a large U.S. map. A large, appreciative audience that included students from a local middle school applauded.

The event took place on a cool, sunny day. My Old Kentucky Home State Park presented a postcard view, as the oranges and reds of fall leaves offered contrast to the pale blue sky. After the ceremony, visitors lined up at the park's visitor center for the opportunity to buy the new

quarter. Kentucky was featured once previously with a U.S. coin. From 1934 to 1938, a commemorative half dollar marking the 200th anniversary of explorer Daniel Boone's birth was issued.

Besides the new quarter's value as a symbol of Kentucky pride, state tourism officials note that they comprise 650

million shiny little advertisements for travel to Kentucky.

Among efforts to capitalize on the opportunity is an exchange program at state parks in which visitors may buy up to four of the new quarters at face value. A supply of 16,000 coins has been distributed to state park gift shops and lodge check-in counters.

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■ Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group—Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's) at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at (606) 886-0265.

■ Depression Support Group—Meets every Thursday at 6 p.m., at the Allen Convention Center, Stumbo Park. For more information, call Tina at 874-0544.

■ The Ups of Down's Syndrome Support Group—Meets the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside the Pikeville Independent School. For more info., call (606) 377-6142, or (606) 478-5099.

Retired Teachers to meet

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Early childhood initiative reduces drug and alcohol use during pregnancy

FRANKFORT — Nancy never thought she would have another chance to be a mother. Then a couple of years ago she found her way to Lexington's PRIDE Program. Operated by the Bluegrass Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board, Inc. since the late 1980's, PRIDE provides substance abuse treatment to pregnant women.

Now Nancy is 42 and has a 15-month-old son who was born drug-free thanks to the support and encouragement she received from PRIDE. On November 5, 1999, Nancy found out that she was pregnant. She had already lost three children - one died in a tragic house fire and the other two are in the custody of social services. She wanted things to be different for this baby.

Nancy was an active addict all of her adult life and came from a long line of substance abusers. "Through the years I've tried many drugs from pot, crack, acid, alcohol to heroin," she said. When she got pregnant the last time she was drinking over a fifth of alcohol a day. With the help of PRIDE and other supporting agencies, she has been alcohol and drug free for almost two years. She entered the program voluntarily and says, "I wish there had been a program like this where I used to live because then I might still have my other two children." But for right now she's not looking back — only forward — and "taking things one day at a time."

Nancy and other Kentucky women with addictions are getting help through a state program aimed at increasing the number of babies who are born free of the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. It is part of Gov. Paul Patton's KIDS NOW Early Childhood Initiative and is operated by the Cabinet for Health Services' Division of Substance Abuse.

"We know that healthy mothers equal healthy babies. So it's

important that pregnant women who are substance abusers be given the help they need to ensure that their new baby has every opportunity to grow up healthy and strong and become a contributing member of society," said Gov. Patton.

When a pregnant woman uses alcohol and drugs during pregnancy both she and her baby may experience short-term and long-term problems associated with the use of these substances. For example, substance abuse during pregnancy may result in long hospital stays for the mother during pregnancy and for the baby after birth, premature babies, mental retardation and other serious problems for newborn babies and infants.

This KIDS NOW program has already been successful in strengthening outreach efforts aimed at pregnant women with substance abuse issues by working with the 14 regional mental

Program.

Carolyn is 31 years old and the proud mother of a healthy, 4-month-old, daughter, McKenzie. Carolyn struggled with addiction most of her life. She was constantly in trouble of some sort and in and out of jail - the revolving door of substance abuse. Carolyn had her first child when she was 19. She lost permanent custody when the child was three, a wound that is still raw. She tried treatment program after treatment program. This treatment would work for a few days or weeks; but nothing seemed to stick.

Then she became pregnant with McKenzie. She contacted PRIDE because of her association with other women who had been successful with this program. It worked for her, too. She has been sober for eight months and is now looking for a job to support herself and her child. She's come a long way. "PRIDE provided support services like transportation,

there are 72,000 women, ages 18 and over, in Kentucky who are abusing alcohol and/or other drugs. However, only 22 percent of these women receive treatment in public or private treatment programs. While the KIDS NOW substance abuse and pregnancy efforts are aimed at better identifying women in need of substance abuse prevention and/or treatment services, the going is not always easy.

"A pregnant woman with a substance abuse problem is typically very fearful about revealing her problem with alcohol and drugs," said Commissioner Margaret Pennington, Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services. "These fears include being judged as a bad mother, having her infant removed by authorities, and the possibility of prosecution."

However, Medicaid provides comprehensive substance abuse prevention and treatment services to pregnant women and to women 60 days after delivering a baby. Additional funding for prevention and treatment services is available to women and women with dependent children who don't qualify for Medicaid.

Treating substance abuse during pregnancy can save money and lives. A 1997 report issued by the National Women's Resource Center stated that several days of hospitalization for a full-term infant prenatally exposed to substances can cost \$6,000 while several months of intensive care for a premature infant prenatally exposed to alcohol or other drugs can cost \$135,000.

A study at a large municipal hospital in New York City found that exposure to cocaine and other illicit drugs adds \$929 million to newborn cost nationally each year.

In addition, almost 20 percent of substance abusing pregnant women on Medicaid who were not in treatment had a hospitalization during the prenatal period as compared to 7 percent of pregnant women with no identified substance abuse problem.

FYI
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health/mental retardation boards, local health departments, private physician offices and district and circuit court judges.

In addition, the Kentucky Medical Association is encouraging physicians to screen pregnant women to determine their risk for using alcohol, drugs and tobacco during pregnancy; and to refer them for substance abuse prevention or treatment service when needed.

As a result of these increased efforts, there are other women who are now receiving help. Two of these mothers, like Nancy, were willing to share their own success stories. They also are participants in Lexington's PRIDE

parenting skills, and the counseling and medical treatment I needed," Carolyn said. "I feel grateful; I'm not sure I would have had a healthy baby or even had my baby at all, if not for this program."

Alice has been involved or remained in contact in some way with the PRIDE program since she was 17. Today she is 31, pregnant with twin boys due in December, and has over two years of sobriety. Alice has traveled far in her struggle with substance abuse. She already has borne six children; two died during infancy and the remaining four are in foster care. Alice categorized herself as being in a pattern of abusive relationships with a tough drug habit, always leading to self-defeating behaviors because, "I didn't think I deserved any better." Through the past 14 years, she kept in contact with the staff at PRIDE. She said, "They don't judge you and that's what makes the program work." She says that life makes sense now and that she thinks more clearly because she's been clean and sober for two and one-half years. Currently, Alice is looking forward to the birth of her boys, plans to be a good mother, and knows that she has a much better chance of succeeding this time because no alcohol or drugs are involved.

One common theme in Nancy, Carolyn and Alice's stories is the shared desire to have a healthy baby and the willingness to become clean and sober through a program such as PRIDE, funded in part by KIDS NOW. During Fiscal Year 2000-2001, this KIDS NOW program assisted 360 pregnant women with substance abuse problems. During calendar year 2000, there were 53,830 live births in Kentucky. Based on national and state prevalence studies, an estimated 5,400 of those births were to women who had a significant enough problem with alcohol and drugs that treatment would be required to stop or reduce use.

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Hoosier recruits

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I feel a bit sorry for Sean May, the 6-foot-8 senior at Bloomington, Ind., North High School who's one of the nation's premier college basketball prospects. Oh, sure, it's pretty heady stuff to be recruited by some of the nation's best programs.



But young May also faces unique choices that must be excruciatingly difficult for an 18-year-old.

Sean's father, Scott, is one of the all-time Indiana University greats. In 1974-'75, the Hoosiers were unbeaten, ranked No. 1 in the country, and seemed destined for an NCAA championship when Scott broke his arm. Without him at anywhere close to full strength, they lost to Kentucky in the NCAA Midwest Regional championship game.

It may have been ex-Hoosier coach Bob Knight's most bitter loss and ex-Wildcat coach Joe B. Hall's most satisfying victory.

The next season, with May leading the way, the Hoosiers clawed their way to an unbeaten season — the last in Division I hoops — and the NCAA title. May was named the national Player of the Year. He left a legacy that surely makes his son proud, but which also now presents Sean with some stressful options.

He has narrowed his choices to IU, Louisville, and North Carolina. Let's consider the pluses and minuses of each.

Indiana — If he picks the

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JV football

South Floyd tops Millard 28-18

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The South Floyd High junior varsity football team scored a 28-18 win over the Millard High JV Monday night. The Raiders were able to hold off a Millard team which included several older players. This is Millard's second and final season of junior varsity football before consolidating with Elkhorn City and Feds Creek to form East Ridge High School.

Game notes

- **Brandon Little:** 135 yards rushing, four touchdowns.
- **Robert Mullins:** 150 yards rushing, two conversions, three sacks on defense.

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Baseball

Reds prospects in Arizona Fall League

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Reds have six players participating in the Arizona Fall League, Major League Baseball's top development league. All six prospects play for the Grand Canyon Rafters (6-7, one game out of first place in the Western Division).

Outfielder Austin Kearns is having a sensational season in the Fall League so far. The Reds' top prospect in the wake of Adam Dunn's ascension to the Majors, Kearns is batting .462 (18-for-39) in 12 games. He is tied for the league lead in homers (three), runs scored (12) and walks (11), and he leads the league in RBI (16). Kearns is also among the leaders in hits, on-

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Rusty to lead Raiders in upcoming season

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

In Hi Hat, South Floyd High basketball fans are ready for the upcoming basketball season. And why shouldn't they be? Both the South Floyd High boys and girls teams began practice on Monday, October 15.

The South Floyd Raiders are the defending 15th Region champs and South Floyd senior Rusty Tackett, along with junior Micheal Hall, are drawing the attention of several

throughout the state and other surrounding states.

Seniors are well, seniors. They are looked to for leadership and guidance. And that's just what Rusty Tackett provides to the South Floyd boys' basketball team.

Tackett, last year's 15th Region Tournament Most Valuable Player, is ranked 42nd among state seniors. Tackett had an outstanding campaign last season and looks to be headed to even greater greatness this season.

South Floyd won both the 58th

District and the 15th Region last season. Tackett and South Floyd rolled into Rupp Arena and the state tournament poised to make a good showing. Despite falling 81-65, the Raiders were led by a then-junior standout. The player: Rusty Tackett.

A strong-willed Rusty Tackett had 29 points and 13 rebounds while then-sophomore Michael Hall guided in 22 tallies. The Raiders, new to Rupp, missed their first 12 shots, but if given the

(See TACKETT, page three)



photo by Steve LeMaster.

South Floyd faced district rival Prestonsburg on the road last season, coming away with a win.

NEW STADIUM



Two other aerial photos like the ones shown, for a total of four on one 8x10 sheet are on sale at Prestonsburg High School. Price: \$8. The photos were taken prior to the first game on the new field, Friday, Aug. 31 against Paintsville.

Prestonsburg fourth after regular season finale

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

After a 62-0 regular season finale victory over district counterpart Shelby Valley, the Prestonsburg Blackcats stand fourth in the latest Associated Press KHSAA Class 2A high school football

poll. The Blackcats are tied with Fleming County.

The only undefeated team in 2A, Bardstown (9-0), remains where it has been all season long — No. 1. Corbin (8-1) is second and Glasgow (8-1) is third.

Following Fleming County in sixth is LaRue County (8-1), Mason County (8-1), a team that lost to Fleming County Friday night is seventh while Trigg County (7-2) comes in eighth and Lloyd Memorial (6-3) is ninth, Moore (5-4) rounds out the poll at No. 10. Others receiving votes in 2A included Russell,

(See STADIUM, page three)

BluegrassPreps.com Football Rankings

Class A

- 1.....Danville
- 2.....Newport Central Catholic
- 3.....Beechwood
- 4.....Mayfield
- 5.....Harrodsburg
- 6.....Green County
- 7.....Somerset
- 8.....Ballard Memorial
- 9.....Paintsville
- 10.....Pikeville

Class AA

- 1.....Bardstown
- 2.....Prestonsburg
- 3.....Corbin
- 4.....Glasgow
- 5.....Fleming County
- 6.....Lloyd Memorial
- 7.....LaRue County
- 8.....Mason County
- 9.....Trigg County
- 10.....Belfry

Class AAA

- 1.....Boyle County
- 2.....Lexington Catholic
- 3.....Highlands
- 4.....Hopkinsville
- 5.....Lawrence County
- 6.....Rockcastle County
- 7.....Covington Catholic
- 8.....Bowling Green
- 9.....Paducah Tighman
- 10.....Central

Class AAAA

- 1.....Male
- 2.....Saint Xavier
- 3.....Trinity
- 4.....DuPont Manual
- 5.....Meade County
- 6.....Henry Clay
- 7.....Owensboro
- 8.....Tales Creek
- 9.....Scott County
- 10.....Pleasure Ridge Park

The long season continues

by STEVE MICKEY
NASCAR COLUMNIST

It is one of those years that few drivers now find themselves wanting to talk about a point race. Jeff Gordon has had command of the points chase for so long that the excitement usually reserved for the



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battle of the championship had shifted now to what steps a driver will do just to make it to victory lane.

Talladega joined the ever increasing number of races that leaves a storyline behind of not who won the race but what driver took the biggest gamble to try and make it to

victory lane. It doesn't matter if it is the smallest or biggest track that makes up the schedule, you can bet that there is going to be plenty of tempers flaring once the checkered flag finally waves.

After the race at Martinsville last Monday, we got to see and hear both Bobby Hamilton and Kevin Harvick give their side of the story on what went on between the two on the track. Both driver's front bumpers had damage due to giving the other the 'ol shot in the back with Harvick drawing a penalty from NASCAR for rough driving. It wasn't the first time that Harvick has been involved in some controversy regarding his methods on the track and as it turned out it wouldn't be the only time this week that he would come under fire from another driver.

(See HARVICK, page three)

Marshall rolls past Central Michigan, 42-21

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Byron Leftwich threw for a career-high 471 yards and three touchdowns as Marshall beat Central Michigan 42-21 Saturday. Leftwich surpassed 450 yards for the second straight week in which he has picked apart two of

the Mid-American Conference's top pass defenses. He completed 30 of 44 passes.

Marshall (5-1, 4-0 MAC) scored 42 consecutive points and amassed 647 total yards against the Chippewas (2-4, 1-3). It was

(See MARSHALL, page three)

Who: Nathan Leslie
Position: Defensive tackle
Ht./Wt.: 6-4, 270
Class: Sophomore
Hometown/High school: Emma/Prestonsburg



■ Nathan Leslie

Marshall career notes
2000 (Freshman): Saw action in 11 games as a reserve defensive end/tight end/special teams player. Finished the season with seven tackles, including one for loss and one sack. Was also credited with one quarterback hurry.

1999: Redshirted, did not play. **High School:** Was a four-year letter winner for coach John DeRossett. Also earned letters in basketball (2) and track (3). Named honorable mention All-State twice. Named All-Mountain Conference. Earned WYMT-TV All-Mountain honors. Made 160 tackles, including 12 sacks in his senior season. Blocked two punts in his final high school season. While on offense, made 27 catches for 385 yards in his senior season. Was also named All-District and All-Conference in basketball.

Pikeville rallies for first MSC win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Pikeville College made its first football Homecoming a memorial one. Trailing 34-7 with 11:40 remaining in the third period, the

Bears exploded for 42 points the rest of the way to beat the Eagles of Lambuth University 49-46 Saturday afternoon.

The win was the first for Pikeville against Mid-South Conference competition, making the Bears 1-3 in the league and 2-5 overall. Lambuth fell to 1-6 and 1-4.

It also spoiled a tremendous day for

senior tailback Chris Edwards. The 5-9 189-pound senior established two new LU records with his 37-carry, 245-yard performance. On his second score, he broke the record for career touchdowns with his 55th score. Also, a fourth-quarter run gave him 4,202 career yards, which is also a school milestone.

Edwards left Pikeville with 4,258 yards and 56 touchdowns.

Edwards, day was matched by freshman quarterback Ken Jones, who was 29-of-52 for 429 yards and five scores. Two Bears caught for more than 100 yards — Mike Williams, who hauled in three touchdowns as part of his eight-

catch, 155-yard game, and Greg Williamson, who caught 10 balls for 129 yards.

"I can't say enough about how proud I am of what this team has accomplished in our first year of varsity football," said Zak Willis, Pikeville's head coach. "We got down big there when they scored right after halftime, but we refused to quit. We kept battling and beat a good football team today."

Lambuth pushed its lead to 34-7 when Ben Gear hauled in a 21-yard pass from Rashad Smith at 11:40 of the third, the

(See BEARS, page three)



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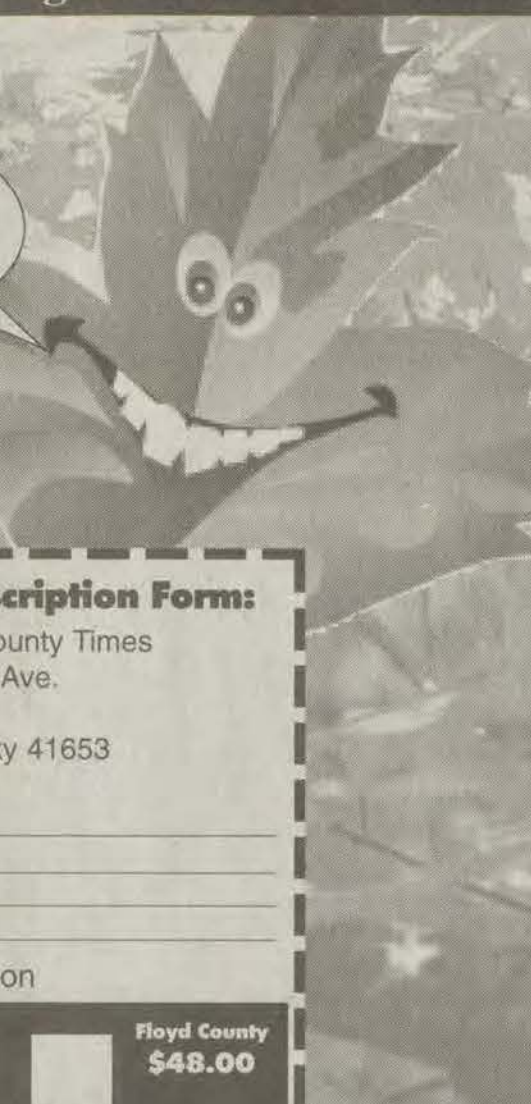
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Marshall

the most yards for the Herd since compiling 631 last year against Buffalo.

It marked the second time in Marshall history that a quarterback surpassed 400 yards passing in consecutive games. Michael Payton did it against Appalachian State and Western Carolina in 1992. Payton holds the school record of 496 yards against VMI in 1991.

Leftwich, a junior, threw for 455 yards last week at Buffalo. He rushed for 25 yards Saturday to finish with 496 all-purpose yards, breaking Payton's mark of 493 set against VMI.

Marshall's Franklin Wallace ran for scores of 6 and 12 yards

to put the Herd ahead 21-7 midway through the third quarter.

Marshall needed just three plays combined for its next two touchdowns.

From the Central Michigan 47, Leftwich found an open Darius Watts across the middle. Watts stopped on the 10, changed directions, put his hand down to balance himself and ran by Tedaro France into the end zone.

Late in the quarter, Leftwich hit an open Josh Davis across the middle at the Marshall 35. A block from Watts put Davis into the clear and he ran up the left sideline untouched for an 86-yard score and a 35-7 lead.

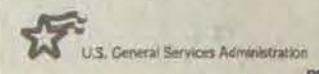
Davis caught 10 passes for

175 yards while Watts, who entered the game fourth in Division I-A with 678 yards, had nine catches for 183 yards.

Central Michigan's Terrence Jackson rushed 27 times for 107 yards. His third-straight 100-yard game.

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Harvick

Talladega's use of the restrictor plate is enough to make every driver on edge and produce the kind of race that requires every driver to drive pretty much error-free if they want to make it to the end of the race. That is enough pressure in itself, but you can now add the added pressure of teams and drivers trying to end the season with good runs in order to attract either a new sponsor or in the case of a driver, a better ride.

Harvick once again found himself in the middle of another bump and run affair at Talladega as he gave Todd Bodine the bumper going 185 miles per hour, which resulted in Bodine hitting the wall and collecting Casey Atwood and Elliott Sadler. Bodine was running in fourth place in his K-Mart Ford when it happened and definitely had the horsepower to run up front all day.

In Bodine's interview after the accident he didn't waste any time putting the blame on Harvick, saying that it wasn't the first time this year that the driver who took over for the late Dale Earnhardt out him into the wall during a restrictor plate race. Bodine was understandably upset, but the actions of his owner, Travis Carter, took it one step further.

During the pit stop following the accident, Harvick came in to have his Goodwrench Chevrolet serviced and instead of a cold drink being handed through the window, he saw the face of one very irate car owner. Carter took his frustrations down pit road and vented his anger toward Harvick while his crew went about their business of a four-

tire pit stop. The scene was something that I have not witnessed before, but it does go a long way in showing the state of mind that many of the drivers and owners are in as the season winds down.

I'm sure that NASCAR had a few choice words for Carter and it may even take a chunk out of his wallet, but the truth is that Carter like so many other's owners, doesn't have the luxury of the huge sponsorship deals that bring a sense of security to a race team. Carter does field two cars in the series, but with a dual sponsorship from K-Mart the reality of the contract is that it wouldn't even be one of the better sponsorships in the series if it was all spent on just one car.

Several sponsors are leaving the series after this season and the biggest sponsorship that is still shopping for next year is from Sara-Lee which is reported to be in the neighborhood of \$6 million. Sounds like a lot of money, but compare that with the sponsorship packages from UPS, Dupont and Budweiser that are in the \$12-15-million range and you can see that even with the Sara-Lee sponsorship that an owner can't expect to

compete for the championship. The schedule shows only four more races and for the majority of the teams that is four to many as their thoughts have already turned towards the 2002 season. While some teams are still slugging it out for wins and trying to move up a couple of places in the points standings, the truth is that there are just too many Travis Carter-like operations in the sport at this time to try and fuel the traveling road show that we know as Winston Cup.

NASCAR has to try and bring down the cost of racing or the gap between the contenders and pretenders will continue to widen to the point that the sport will suffer. The Busch Series has already felt the pinch of having to start races without a full field this season and Winston Cup may not be too far behind.

RACE PREVIEW

Event: Checker's Auto Parts 500
Track: Phoenix International Speedway (1-mile oval, 11 degrees of banking in turns 1, 2; 9 degrees in 3, 4.
Date: Sunday, 1 p.m.
TV: NBC

Stadium

Belfry, Mercer County, Russell County, Leslie County, Webster County and Breathitt County.

The Blackcats, who have two weeks to prepare for the opening round of the playoffs, remain second in the latest BluegrassPreps.com 2A poll. Bardstown remains number one

in the prep poll while Corbin rolls in third followed by Glasgow and Fleming County to round out the top five. The following teams, in order, make up the second five: Lloyd Memorial, LaRue County, Mason County, Trigg County and Belfry.

Tackett

chance again this season, Tackett and the Raiders will most likely make the most of the opportunity once again.

Times Columnist Bob Watkins hails Tackett as a 'Player to Watch' during the upcoming season.

In last year's state tourney, Tackett was 12-of-26 on field goals in 31 minutes of action. He was 5-of-15 from three-point land with two assists for good measure.

Michael, Tyler Hall, Charles Ray, Joe Skeans - the talent on the South Floyd roster this season is highly evident.

South Floyd Coach Henry Webb looks to Tackett once again, as one of this season's leaders.

"Rusty is the defending 15th Region MVP and he's well deserving of that honor," said Webb.

December. In February, the Raiders will host Coach Danny Haney's Lexington Catholic Knights.

SOUTH FLOYD HIGH SCHOOL boys' basketball 2002-02 schedule

Date Opponent
Nov. 21at AC Pan-o-rama
Nov. 24SFHS Tip-Off Classic
Nov. 30at Commodore 4

Dec. 1(Tates Creek)
Dec. 8Q95 Classic
Dec. 11at Piarist
Dec. 14at Allen Central
Dec. 15Piarist
Dec. 18Betsy Layne
Dec. 19at Westminster Academy

23Basketball Classic (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.)
Dec. 28at Pikeville

Jan. 4at Prestonsburg
Jan. 9-12at WYMT Mtn. Classic (Knott Co. Central)
Jan. 15at Paintsville
Jan. 19Sheldon Clark (Homecoming)
Jan. 23-2615th Region All 'A' (at Allen Central)
Jan. 29Allen Central
Feb. 5at Betsy Layne
Feb. 8Prestonsburg
Feb. 12at Millard
Feb. 15at Shelby Valley
Feb. 19at Pike Central
Feb. 22Lexington Catholic
Feb. 23Fleming-Neon (Senior Night)

Bears

signal-caller's second touchdown of the game.

From there, Ken Jones hit Mike Williams for scoring passes for 36 and 27 yards. Conversions, first a run by Leonard Moore and then a pass caught by Austin LaSane got the Bears within 34-23 only 2:43 later.

Lambuth scored on a one-yard Edwards run to make it 40-23 with 5:42 left in the third, but before the period ended LaSane had caught an 11-yard scoring pass and Mike Sheppard picked up an errant punt snap at the five and danced through the end zone to pull the Bears within three, 40-37.

Pikeville took its first lead at 9:50 of the fourth when Jones hit Tommy Parker Jr. for a 28-yard touchdown. The kick, however, was blocked, leaving the lead 43-40.

Lambuth regained the lead with only 2:41 left when Edwards scored again from five-

yards out, ending a seven-play, 43-yard drive that took 3:24 off the clock.

But Pikeville wouldn't be denied, and a six-play, 55-yard drive ended when Jones and Williams hooked up for their third touchdown of the game, this one a 16-yard score with only 40 seconds left. Again the kick was blocked to keep the margin at three.

It wouldn't matter, however; Smith's first pass was intercepted by Travis Willis and returned to the Lambuth six, where Pikeville ran out the clock to secure the win.

Defensively, eight Bears accounted for at least five tackles each, led by Travis Washington's 11 and Eric Moore's 10.

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Family Academy of Martial Arts students gave a demonstration during the recent Jenny Wiley Festival.

Muzzle-loading deer season opens this weekend

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS zEDITOR

With early weather reports having snow showers in the forecast for this weekend, it could be an ideal time, or a not-so ideal time, depending on preference, for muzzleloader deer hunters.

So many muzzle-loader hunters wait year-round for the

chance to bag a deer. That chance, or chances, come up this weekend.

The early muzzleloader deer season is this weekend, Oct. 27-28, statewide. The late muzzle-loader season is Dec. 8-14, statewide. There are some things hunters should consider while participating in any muzzle-loader deer season.

■ Hunters must not take deer with a modern breech-loading firearm during muzzleloader seasons, however, bow and

crossbow equipment may be used. Anyone hunting these seasons must comply with hunter orange requirements, even if using archery equipment.

■ Muzzleloading rifles or handguns of any caliber are permitted. Muzzleloading shotguns no larger than 10 gauge used with slugs only are permitted for muzzleloader deer hunting. In-line muzzleloading rifles are permitted and using telescopic sights on muzzleloading rifles is permitted.

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Reed

Hoosiers, his senior year will be a lot more pleasant. He will be a hero everywhere he goes instead of being vilified for rejecting the Hoosiers. Blacks throughout the state will applaud him for helping Mike Davis, IU's first African-American coach in any sport. He will be able to live at home and remain close to his family and friends.

But the downside is that he's be constantly measured against his father, a tough act to follow. Sean may want to have a talk with Peyton Manning, the stand-out quarterback of the Indianapolis Colts. A son of all-time University of Mississippi icon Archie Manning, Peyton picked Tennessee over Ole Miss because he wanted to avoid the burden of living up to his dad's records and image.

The Mannings received a lot of Mississippi hate mail because of Peyton's decision. But Peyton did what he thought was best for him and it worked out rather well. Now his younger brother, Eli, is the Ole Miss quarterback.

Who knows? Maybe Eli thought it would be easier to follow his dad's legacy at Ole Miss than his brother's legacy at Tennessee.

Louisville — Sean would be close enough to home that his parents and friends could easily attend his games. He would be playing for Rick Pitino, an NCAA championship coach who also has strong ties to the NBA. He wouldn't have to worry about living up to his father's legacy. It's conceivable that he could be part of a Final Four team by his senior year, if not sooner.

Yet he also would be close enough to Indiana that he would receive some grief from spurned Hoosier fans who feel betrayed. Every great game he had at U of L would almost be a slap in the face to IU fans. Some mental anguish would be involved.

North Carolina — When Eric Montross was a high school senior in Indiana, he spurned the Hoosiers for the Tar Heels, partly because he wanted to play and learn in a different part of the country. Even though he was considered a traitor by IU fans, it worked out rather well for him. He played a key role on North Carolina's NCAA title team in 1993. If May wants to

distance himself from his roots and his home, if he wants to play for a class program, this might be a good spot for him. Yet Tar Heel coach Matt Doherty, who played with Michael Jordan on the Heels' 1982 NCAA title team, still is an unproven quality when it comes to taking teams to the Final Four or preparing players for the NBA.

According to what May told the Courier-Journal, the recruiting process has begun to torment him instead of pleasing him. "I have to make the best decision for me," he said. "You try to have fun, but it eats at you. You can't sleep because you're constantly worrying about where you want to go. I'm not really having fun with it. I kind of what to get it over with."

This should be the best and most exciting time of his life. Instead, because of his background and his potential, it's a pressure cooker. That's rather sad. I've always believed that youngsters like May should do what they believe is best for themselves, their happiness, and their futures. Never mind what anybody else might think.

It worked for Peyton Manning. It worked for Eric Montross. Hopefully, it'll work for Sean May, an apparently

good young man who deserves everyone's best wishes and respect, no matter what he may decide.

Nobody asked me, but...

■ Indiana great Kent Benson, a teammate of Scott May, was really close to accepting a scholarship offer from Kentucky.

■ Former IU coach Bob Knight, now at Texas Tech, has never praised gifted players such as May and isiah Thomas as much as he did overachievers such as Steve Green, Quinn Buckner, and Ted Kitchel.

■ If I were Sean May, I'd really have to take a hard look at playing for Pitino. Or let's put it this way: Would a young newspaper writer prefer to work for an editor who has won Pulitzer Prizes or one that's still trying to find his niche?

■ I keep hearing that Texas Tech gear is far outselling Indiana gear, even in Bloomington.

■ To repeat, every recruit should do what he thinks is best for himself, his family, and his future, and fans need to respect those decisions instead of heaping abuse on the young person.

Reds

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base percentage and slugging percentage. He was nominated for the Player of the Week award in both of the AFL's first two weeks.

Second baseman Gookie Dawkins got off to a slow start but has picked it up as of late. He's batting .255 (12-for-47) with a triple, a home run, six runs scored and seven RBI. Dawkins also has stolen two bases.

Catcher Corky Miller, who spent the month of September with the Reds, arrived late to the Fall League. So far he is 2-for-9 with a double and two RBI.

On the mound, left-hander Ty Howington (0-1, 6.43 ERA) has not pitched as well as expected. Howington has made two starts for

Grand Canyon, giving up a total of five earned runs on eight hits in seven innings. Another lefty, Ryan Snare, has two wins along with two losses and a lofty 8.71 ERA in four games (including one start). Right-hander David Gil (1-0, 7.36) also has struggled.

Catch the Grand Canyon Rafters live on MLB Radio on Nov. 5, when they take on the Scottsdale Scorpions; Nov. 9 against the Peoria Javelinas; and Nov. 13, when they play the Mesa Solar Sox. MLB Radio also will carry the AFL Championship Game on Nov. 17, to be played at the Rafters' ballpark, Scottsdale Stadium. All of these games start at 1 p.m. MST.

JV

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■ **Cory Hall:** 12 tackles, two sacks.

■ **Landon Hall:** 20 yards rushing, two sacks.

■ **Homer Johnson:** three tackles.

■ **Adam Tackett:** 8 tackles

■ **Gabe Stewart:** 25 yards rushing, one interception.

The SFHS football team will

host a Reunion Night Friday at Brackett Field in Wheelwright, beginning at 4 p.m. with a pig roast. Former South Floyd and Wheelwright players, coaches, cheerleaders and fans are invited to attend. For more information on the event, phone South Floyd Coach Nathan Jones at 606/452-2155.

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And the world is getting smaller

by Clyde Pack
COLUMNIST

In light of recent events, I suppose it's safe to say that most of us who may have once thought ourselves safely tucked within the confines of these hills and hidden away from the rest of the earth's inhabitants, will agree that, especially in the field of communications, the world is indeed shrinking.

When I was a kid, space travel was mere fiction, confined to dime novels, funny books and the movie screens, with one Mr. Buck Rogers (aptly played by Buster Crabbe who also played Tarzan of the Apes after Mr. Crabbe became a gold medal Olympic swimmer) and enjoyed on Saturday mornings from the front rows of Paintsville's Royal and Sipp theatres. Then again, in those days any sort of travel was fascinating to me, and the only people I knew who had been more than 50 miles from Muddy Branch were servicemen and women who had been all over the world, even, as one of our elderly neighbors termed it, "across the waters."

During the war, as one of the dozen or so coal-camp kids running the hills with games of cowboys and Indians, or splashing away the days in the Number One Pond on hot summer afternoons, place names like Guadalcanal, Solomon

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Ask the CIS?

Hopelessness

Q Since her cancer diagnosis, my sister sees her future as hopeless. What can I say to her?

A Once the first shock wears off, most people with a diagnosis of cancer are able to develop a sense of hope that helps them get through the illness. You can tell your sister that several million cancer survivors are now living with no evidence of disease because of the success of modern treatments. Many other people are living productive lives because their cancer, like

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many chronic illnesses, has been brought under control.

Remember that statistics and averages are based on many thousands of cases, and even the same kind of cancer rarely behaves in exactly the same way. The outcome of your sister's disease cannot be predicted accurately. Her outcome depends on how her cancer responds to treatment, her general physical health, her immune system, possibly her mental health, and some believe, even her will to live.

Religious or spiritual beliefs may help some patients gain a sense of hope. Others may be encouraged by medical success stories. Many patients feel more optimistic

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Good Health

Trick and treat with healthy pumpkin treats

FROM THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

It's fun to watch your kids get dressed up in Halloween costumes and go trick-or-treating. The fun ends, though, when they return home and rip into their loot for a sugar fix.

How do you stop your children from devouring so much sugar during this holiday? Teach them about moderation, then wave your magic wand and produce a treat.

Tell them a balanced diet is made up of a wide variety of nutritious foods—including candy once in a while. Then put on your police hat and manage consumption. Suggest picking five pieces of their favorites to eat whenever they'd like, and reserve the rest to put into their lunch bags on special occasions.

Reinforce the message that treats don't have to be high-fat, high-calorie candy to be enjoyable. Surprise the ghosts and goblins that knock on your door by handing out healthier options, like individual bags of nuts or raisins, juice boxes, string cheese, peanut-butter cracker sandwiches, granola box, sugar-free gum and other healthy alternatives.

If you're having a party at home, prepare dishes that will appeal to the sugar-cravers but also fortify them with important nutrients. Make a "ghostly" dip by whirling a cup of low-fat cottage cheese and a cup of unsweetened pineapple chunks in the blender. Leave it a bit lumpy so it looks a tad gross, and serve with carrots and celery sticks, or slices of apples and bananas.

Serve crunchy pumpkin seeds carved out of your jack-o'-lantern's innards. Combine two cups or more of raw, washed pumpkin seeds in a bowl with one tablespoon canola or olive oil, a teaspoon of garlic and a tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce. Spread on a non-stick cookie sheet and bake, stirring occasionally, until lightly toasted. Cool and serve.

Make a witch's brew by simmering fresh cider for a half-hour with a few cinnamon sticks, a tablespoon of whole cloves and a pinch of nutmeg. Strain into cups, cool slightly and serve.

Get the kids involved in making healthy treats for the party, like these moist and yummy muffins. Don't forget to buy bright orange paper liners.

Pumpkin-Orange Muffins

Canola oil spray
1 egg
1/2 cup skim milk
1/2 cup canned pumpkin
1/4 cup canola oil
1 tsp. dried grated orange zest
1 1/2 cups unbleached flour
1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. cinnamon
3/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. salt
Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

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Flowers, pumpkins and other members of the gourd family of plants were on display Saturday in a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors. photo by Ray Tackett

LOOKING FOR THE 'Great Pumpkin'

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

The cooling temperatures and gaily colored fall foliage has a way of bringing families outdoors. A favorite autumn activity that brings families together is the search for "the perfect pumpkin." Unlike Christmas trees, a family may locate and carry home not only one "perfect" specimen, but several. For those of us who didn't know where to find a pumpkin patch this fall, the Floyd County Farmer's Market, held this past Saturday in the city parking lot, provided an abundant selection of these vine-ripened, richly hued gourds.

Old and young alike came to mull over their selections, each taking great care to pick just the right fellow to adorn their porches and yards.

Ray Tackett, Floyd County's agriculture-extension agent, was present to give tips to the younger set in regard to stencils and



This youngster enjoyed learning the "how-to's" of pumpkin carving and receiving gifts of coloring books, stickers and candy. photo by Ray Tackett

what tools to use to achieve that "professional look" on the faces of their jack-o'-lanterns. Tackett received many bright smiles in the way of thanks as he handed out coloring books, stencil sheets, pumpkin carving tools, lots of candy, and even a few computer activity sets.

"We've had a pretty good turn-out this morning," said Tackett, "although the festival in Martin may have hurt us a little. Next year, we'll plan with these things in mind - and we just may be back again this year, we'll just see how it goes."

Farmers also had, in addition to pumpkins, turnips, mini-gourds and flowers for sale, a combination that contributed to some beautiful displays.

For more information on the Floyd County Farmer's Market, contact Ray Tackett at the Floyd County Extension office, at 886-2668.



This little girl seems to be pointing out her choice of "perfect" pumpkins, as the fellow with her seems to have his eye set on another pick. The duo were surveying Dwight Slone's contributions to Saturday's farmer's market. Slone has a pumpkin patch on Middle Creek Road. photo by Ray Tackett

Small World

The Accents We Use

When I was working on the feature article about Melodie Newsome a few months ago, I got much of my information from her mother, Claudette Stumbo Reume.

Claudette had grown up here and learned to talk with a Floyd County accent. The years took her to several places away from home, but she wound up in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she now serves as Manager of Multimedia Services for the University of Michigan Business School.

In one of our conversations, she mentioned that a professor at the university had asked her to repeat something she had said. Then he commented, "Please don't ever lose

that accent you have. I love hearing you talk."

That seems a little odd that, after all these years, she never learned to talk with a northern accent. I once had a relative who went to Detroit for a two week vacation and, by the time she came back, she had forgotten how to say, "you all."

I don't know if she stayed too long to remember how she talked here, or if she didn't stay long enough to totally learn how they talked up there. She used variations like "youse all" which is neither north or south. In fact, if she had to depend on her accent to determine her identity, she'd be a person without a state.

Another Quick Learner

Byron Crawford, longtime columnist for the Louisville Courier Journal, hails from Bagdad, Kentucky, and he also has been an observer of people and their traits. He was once the speaker for a banquet I attended, and he kept the audience in laughter with stories they could relate to.

He told of a cousin who had announced she was going to Dee-troit to get a job. Then, having gone, she returned shortly for a visit, only now she was calling it Detro-ott.

This relative was part of a very large family and she learned that a reunion was being planned for a few weeks down the

road. She had no intentions of missing it and promised faithfully that she would return at the proper time.

The date rolled around and the festivities were well underway when some of the folks began wondering why this family member hadn't arrived. The truth was that she started in time but she ran into congested traffic in Toledo that delayed her travel.

Some of the relatives saw her car pull in and ran to meet her, asking "Whatever took you so long?"

She apologized profusely for being late, and then she explained, "There was a terrible traffic jam and I thought I'd never get through Tooley-doo."



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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
 ■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812.

Allen Central Middle School and Youth Service Center

■ Oct. 22 - 26 - "Red Ribbon Week."
 ■ Also in October, "Tobacco Prevention" program will be presented by Carol Jo May, of Our Lady of the Way Hospital.
 ■ School is currently collecting Food City receipts. Students may turn them in to their home-room teachers.
 ■ Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. Call 358-0134 for more information.

■ Throughout October - Respect Society class - "Baby, think it over." Class offered to seventh grade girls - will be taught in spring semester also.

Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Telephone: 874-0621
 ■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's

6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

Clark Elementary

■ Oct. 22 - 26 - "Red Ribbon" week.

■ Oct. 25 - Regularly scheduled SBDM meeting, 6 p.m., in school library. All are welcome.

■ Oct. 25 - "Let's talk Drugs" presentation - OLW, K-3.

■ Oct. 25 - Site based council meeting - 6 p.m.

■ Oct. 27 - Fall Carnival - 6 to 8 p.m.

■ Dairy Queen "buy one, get one free" cards still on sale through the Family Resource Center.

■ After School child care hours are 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., school days.

■ FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.

■ MCCC services are available at the center. Call for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

■ The Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. Center is located in the Clark

Elem. school building. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Office phone is 886-0815.

Duff Elementary

■ Nov. 9 - Dance, K-8 - 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

■ Nov. 15 - "Time out for Parents" - Lola Ratliff, presenter. Topic - Discipline.

■ Nov. 19 - "Johnny Appleseed" - K-5.

■ Nov. 26 - Recycling program - K-1.

McDowell Family Resource Center.

■ Floyd County Health Department nurse, Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday. Services provided include: immunizations, T.B. skin tests, school physicals (Head Start, kindergarten, and sixth grade), WIC appointments, prenatal and postpartum care and others. If you are in need of an appointment, call 377-2678 to schedule.

■ GED classes each Monday and Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Instructor - Linda Bailey, of the David School.

■ McDowell Family Resource Center hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are in need of assistance, call the center at 377-2678.

Mud Creek Family Resource Center / John M. Stumbo Elem.

■ The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:00 a.m.

until 4:00 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

■ Center is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

Piarist School

■ The Piarist School is currently collecting Food City receipts to be used toward the purchase of school equipment and technical tools. You may send your receipts to school with any Piarist School student, or you may mail them in to the following address:

The Piarist School, Highway 80, Box 870, Martin, KY 41649.

Call 285-3950 for further information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Oct. 26, 27 - P.T.A. will sponsor a "Haunted House" from 6-9 p.m. in the tent on the school playground.

■ Oct. 27 - Fall Carnival, 5-8 p.m. in school cafeteria.

■ Monday, Nov. 5, at 6:00

p.m., in school auditorium - Regularly scheduled SBDM meeting. Open to public.

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary

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Poison

Islands and Japan crept into my vocabulary via bits and pieces of conversations by adults and radio news broadcasts. But that's all they were, just names.

The primary means of communication between two people in those days—other than face-to-face conversations, of course—involved writing a message on a piece of paper, usually with an instrument referred to as a "fountain pen," placing it in an envelope, carrying it the mile or so to the Thealka Post Office, buying a three-cent stamp and mailing it. Almost instantly, sometimes as quick as a week or ten days, men on the C&O passenger train would throw off a bag of mail and there'd be an answer to your letter.

Now, however, it's not at all uncommon for friends and relatives to visit Europe or Asia in much the same manner as folks then would go to Lexington on business, or take in a Reds game in Cincinnati. To a coal miner's kid, going that far was a pretty big deal.

It was also a pretty big deal when many of our neighbors began getting telephones. It was just plain downright exciting when I could go out my front door, walk in any direction and be able to use a neighbor's telephone.

TV was still a few years away, and when it finally arrived, those who could afford one could pick up only one channel. I was in college before color TV came along. That's probably why I'm still amazed

at the fact that I can now sit in my living room and watch a "live" conversation between two individuals who are half a world apart from each other and thousands of miles from me.

Of course, today's kids have no earthly way of understanding what life would have been like without instant access to any part of the world. I'm sure the world that seemed so large to us is no big deal to them. What I'm not sure of is whether or not we were better off, or if they are.

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Our Yesterdays

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

Ten Years Ago

(October 23 and October 25, 1991)

Readin', 'ritin and 'rithmetic, education's legendary "three Rs," have a new sibling, thanks to Kentucky's General Assembly. Dr. Penney Sanders announced Monday at Prestonsburg Community College. What's it called? "Revolution," Sanders said. Speaking to a crowd of future teachers at PCC Monday, Sanders, head of the state's Office of Education Accountability, said 1990 legislation establishing the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) would be appropriately titled the "Kentucky Education Revolution."...Relocation of a county road and a continuing feud between a magistrate and a David Fire Department volunteer were the top issues discussed at Friday's Floyd County Fiscal Court meeting. Fiscal court members heard from Sammy Hall and Freddy Osborne of Osborne Branch at Hunter about road conditions and allegations of public officials doing work on private property...There will be no tricks for trick or treaters at the Prestonsburg Rotary Club's safe Halloween, set for Sunday, October 27, at the Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg. Participating Floyd County businesses will gather at the Holiday Inn in a wing of rooms to give treats to thousands of youngsters who attend the annual event. Trick or treating begins at 6 p.m. The Holiday Inn co-sponsors the event...Testimony will continue Wednesday (today) in the trial of Adams Middle School principal Thomas Tackett who is charged with abusing and harassing a teacher at the school in May. A charge of terroristic threatening was dismissed Tuesday afternoon by special Judge Miller Kent Carter of Pike County, who sustained a motion by the defense for a directed verdict on that charge...A long-standing struggle between a local citizens' group and a medical waste incinerator received national attention Monday when an environmental magazine came to eastern Kentucky. Free-lance reporters for Audubon magazine, the national magazine, for the National Audubon Society, came to Floyd County Monday in conjunction with a feature story on Kentuckians For The Commonwealth (KFTC), a citizens' action group based in Prestonsburg. The Audubon reporters attended a protest rally at Medisin Inc.'s Highlands Regional Medical Center incinerator staged by Floyd Countians In Action (FCIA), a group which KFTC helped to organize...Adams Middle School principal Thomas Tackett was found guilty of abuse of a teacher and acquitted of a harassment charge Wednesday by a Floyd County District Court jury. The jury deliberated for approximately an hour before returning its verdict. The jury recommended a \$500 fine on the abuse charge, Special Judge Miller Kent Carter followed the jury's recommendation and levied the fine against Tackett...Maytown Elementary will be holding site based Committee elections for parent members on Monday, November 4, beginning at 7 p.m. in the school's library. Any parent of a Maytown student, who meets the qualifications, may nominate themselves to run as site based members...An attempted robbery of an Allen market was thwarted early Thursday morning by two newspaper deliverymen and a quick response by a

Floyd County Deputy Sheriff. Two men waiting to pick up papers near the Allen Food Mart observed that the glass door of the market had been broken out and they saw a man in the store. A call was made to the Floyd County Sheriff's office at 2:45 a.m. that someone was robbing the store...A Prestonsburg woman was arrested Tuesday by Prestonsburg Police and charged with trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school. Brenda Pennington was arrested by Prestonsburg detective sergeant Jeff Stumbo and police chief Greg Hall after an investigation. Pennington allegedly forged prescriptions for schedule III and IV controlled substances, Stumbo said. She worked at a doctor's office in Prestonsburg...Wheelwright High School's American history class will be participants in a ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor in Lexington, December 7. The Pearl Harbor Commemorative Association will hold ceremonies at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center, and history students at Wheelwright High School will sing songs that were popular during World War II...There died: Marie Stratton, 67, of Hi Hat, Saturday, at the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Marie Martin, 76, of Dema, Monday, at her home; Crystal Gail Hall, 12, of Galveston, Monday, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center at Lexington; Edna Milom, 76, of East Point, Sunday, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Norman Ray Mulkey, 50, of Homer, Michigan, Wednesday, at his home in Michigan; Nora Castle Jones, 78, of Martin, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Marie Hurd, 69, of Warsaw, In., Monday, at Miller's Merry Manor; Dewey Gibson, 76, of Detroit, Mich., formerly of Melvin, Monday, at Quali-care Nursing Home in Detroit; Haig Gayheart, 73, of Van Lear, formerly of Hueysville, Wednesday, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington; George Holdred McPeck, 74, of Virgie, Wednesday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; John Wilson Huff, 66, of French Lick, In., formerly of Langley, Thursday, at The Gentecare of French Lick, French Lick, In.; John B. Evans, 86, of Craynor, Saturday, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital

Twenty Years Ago (Oct. 28, 1981)

The accused slayer, William O. Bevins, claims memory lapse and has one wish, that he would like Lester Burns, a well-known criminal lawyer, to defend him—and he does...City races add spice to a dull campaign as Tuesday's vote may be lower than average...Deputy Transportation Secretary, Clair R. Nichols, announced that U.S. 23 will be widened to include a center turn lane between Prestonsburg High School and Prestonsburg Community College...After five months in business, the efficiency of the county garbage collection system is "improving by leaps and bounds"...Martin's police chief was fired Thursday, the latest move in a protracted dispute between the lawman and the city's mayor...Halloween mischief makers may have to contend with the law, according to a policy announced by

the Mayor...There died: Grace Stanley, 77, Friday, at her home; Goble "Jack" Branham, Jr., 54, of Westwood, formerly of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at King's Daughters' Hospital; Johnnie B. Bolen, 37, of Garrett, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center after a brief illness; Willis Sunter, 66, of Harold, Tuesday, at his home; Goldie H. Kendrick, 76, of New York, Tuesday, at St. Mary's Hospital, following a long illness; Kendall Combs, 63, of Burnside, formerly of Wayland, Tuesday, at Lake Cumberland Medical Center; David R. Leslie, II, 18, died Monday; Henry Little, 64, of Wheelwright, Tuesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following a brief illness; Sarah Jane Keathley, 96, of Allen, Wednesday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Basil Hamilton, 91, of Harold, Sunday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Laura G. Fraley, 91, of Drift, Tuesday, at Louisa Community Hospital; Virginia Idola Thompson, 67, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Kettering Memorial Hospital, in Ohio; Jesse J. Hopper, 79, of Lackey, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; and Sally Vicars Dotson, 79, of Pikeville, Thursday at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago (October 28, 1971)

It was announced Monday that Governor Nunn has approved the expenditure of \$243,000 on a bridge across the Big Sandy at Emma...ARC funding for development of the Goble Branch camping area at Dewey Lake has been received, a parks official said this week...Work was begun Monday on the replacement of gas and water lines in downtown Prestonsburg. Some of the lines being discarded are 50 years old...There died: Miles Hughes, 53, of Hueysville, Friday night, when hit by a truck; Brenda Kay Nelson, 19, Saturday, of a gunshot wound at Dwale; Mousie Collins, 86, of Wayland, last Wednesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Hospital; Hugh Edward Sword, 71, of Dwale, Sunday, in his auto, an apparent heart victim; Lizzie Hamilton, 79, formerly of Teaberry, at an Elizabethtown, hospital last Wednesday; Grace Chatfield, 76, of Huntington, W. Va., native of Bonanza, Saturday, at a Huntington Hospital; Eva L. Naxefield, 59, of Price, Saturday, at a Lexington Hospital; Ora Huff Petry, 83, of Kermit, W. Va., last Tuesday, at a Williamson hospital.

Forty Years Ago (October 26, 1961)

The Department of Highways, last Friday, asked bids on three miles of the Eastern Kentucky Turnpike (later to be known as the Mountain Parkway) from Prestonsburg to the junction with the David road. At the same time it was announced that bids will be asked later on a four-lane bridge here...John W. Graham, William H. Howell and Ranel Roberts were recently honored by the United Fuel Gas Co. and the Atlantic Seaboard

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Family Resource Center or its programs.

Prestonsburg High School

■ Oct. 25 - Parent workshop with focus on assistance planning for child's postsecondary education. Each session will meet from 5-7 p.m. in school library. Presenters: Karen Derosset, PHS guidance counselor; Donelle Murray, PHS Youth Services Center associate; and, Dr. William J. Loftus, PCC faculty member. Refreshments will be served, and door prizes given away. Ample time will be allotted for parent questions.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Oct. 25, 30, and Nov. 1 - Mt. Comp. Care will present a sexual harassment awareness presentation for all students.

■ Oct. 29 - Conflict resolutions program, SouthEast KY AHEC, McDowell ARH.

■ Nov. 8 - Table manners presentation, Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

■ Adult education classes available.

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 135.

The David School

■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

■ Monday and Wednesday: McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Call 377-2678.

■ Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405.

■ Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389.

■ Tuesday: Cliffside Housing Project Community Center, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Call 886-9860.

■ Wednesday: Floyd County Detention Center, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

■ Thursday: Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Call 886-0709.

■ Thursday: St. James Episcopal Church, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046.

■ Friday - The David School, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Call 886-8374.

W.D. Osborne Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center

■ Oct. 26 - Recycling program.

■ "Clothing Closet" available to all students.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

Pageants



"Baby Miss Jenny Wiley"

Skylar Alyssa Hackworth was recently crowned "Baby Miss Jenny Wiley" in the 2001 Jenny Wiley Beauty Pageant, in the 0-11 month category. She is the daughter of Lonnie and Missy Hackworth, of Prestonsburg. She is the granddaughter of Gold and Betty Slone, and Homer and Lydia Hackworth, all of Prestonsburg. Skylar is the great-granddaughter of Doug and Martha Burke, and Betty Hackworth, also all of Prestonsburg.



She's a

"Dazzling Doll"!

Courtney Allison Shepherd was recently crowned "Grand Supreme Queen" of the Appalachian Dazzling Dolls Pageant held Friday, October 12, 2001. Courtney also won the titles of "Beauty Queen," "Costume Queen," "Best Fall Wear," "Best Personality," "Most Photogenic," "Prettiest Hair," "Overall Natural Beauty," and "Overall Best Model." Courtney has been competing in pageants since the age of three, and holds many titles, including national titles. She is the daughter of Paul and Jessica Shepherd, of Prestonsburg. She has one brother, Jeremy.

Weddings



Callihan-Brown to wed

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Callihan, of East Point, are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Ann Benton Callihan, to David Brown, of McDowell. The wedding ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2001, at the First Methodist Church, Prestonsburg, at 2:30 in the afternoon. The Rev. Wayne Sayer will officiate. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

Happy Birthday



Look out! The teen years are here!

Chris Baker and Elliott Baldrige both turned thirteen years old on October 23, 2001. The boys were both born on this date in 1988 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. They celebrated their birthdays with family and friends at the Archer Park skating rink this past week-end. Chris is the son of Thelma and John McDowell, of Middle Creek, and Elliott is the son of Kathy Prater, of Prestonsburg, and Phillip Baldrige, of Ashland.



Turns two!

Jacob Gardner celebrated his second birthday on August 9, 2001, with a "Veggietales" theme party held at the Jenny Wiley State Park swimming pool. Jacob is the son of Rodney and Jennifer Gardner, of Prestonsburg. He is the grandson of Bob and Opal Joseph, and Reba Gardner and the late Dan Gardner.



He's 93!

Mr. John Endicott recently celebrated his ninety-third birthday with lots of ice cream and cake, family and friends. Mr. Endicott is a resident at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg.

Treats

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Spray muffin tin lightly with spray oil.

In a medium bowl, beat egg, milk, pumpkin, oil and grated orange zest, mixing well.

In a separate bowl, mix together dry ingredients. Mix into pumpkin mixture.

Spoon batter into greased muffin tin, filling each 1/2 to 2/3 full, and bake until pick inserted in middle of muffin comes out clean, about 20 to 25 minutes.

Remove from oven and set on wire

rack to cool, about 5-10 minutes. Remove muffins and allow to cool completely on rack. Serve immediately or store in plastic bag or other sealed container, but do not refrigerate. (If making more than one batch, extras can be frozen.)

Makes 9 muffins.

Per serving: 191 calories, 7 g. fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 29 g. carbohydrate, 4 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 134 mg. sodium.

Search for Mrs. Floyd County International announced

Applications are now being accepted for the title of Mrs. Floyd County, an official preliminary to the Mrs. Kentucky International Pageant, which is to be presented at the Huntington City Auditorium on June 8 and 9, 2002.

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gown.

There is no swimsuit competition.

The new Mrs. Kentucky International 2002 will compete at the Mrs. International Pageant which will be held in August 2002 at the Louise Mandrell Theater in Pigeon Forge Tennessee with Bob Eubanks as celebrity host.

Married women living in the Floyd County area that are interested should call (304) 453-6443.

Email address: mrsfvintl@aol.com Website: www.mrskentucky.8m.com

CIS

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after they have talked with cancer survivors who have completed their treatment and returned to their usual everyday routines.

Whether a cancer patient's level of hope affects the outcome of the illness has been debated for a long time. However, there is little doubt that a positive attitude and a hopeful outlook can enhance the quality of the patient's life.

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Ask the CIS is distributed by the Cancer Information Service (CIS) of the Mid-South, which serves Kentucky, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Yesterdays

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Corp. for 45 years service...Captain Robie Hackworth, formerly of Middle Creek, an Air Force Pilot, will be an instructor of future astronauts at Cape Canaveral, Fla., it was announced last week... There died: Okie Isaacs, 25, of Teaberry, Thursday, at a Pikeville hospital of injuries suffered two days earlier in a mine at Blue Moon; May Clifton, 41, Tuesday, near her home; Maurice L. Vaughn, 40, formerly of Maytown and Martin; Friday, at Oak Ridge, Tenn.; A. B. Osborne, 83, of Martin, last Tuesday, at Garth, at the home of a son; Lacey Lowe, 81, formerly of Endicott, Saturday, near Hager Hill; Joe R. Allen, 66, formerly of Martin, at Veterans Hospital, Little Rock, Ark., Monday; Nan Martin, 94, at Drift, Saturday; Clara Coburn, 37, of Water Gap, last Wednesday, at a Paintsville Hospital; Celia Henson, 57, of Ligon, Saturday, at the McDowell Hospital; James Bud Crum, 50, of Arkansas Creek, Sunday, en route to a Martin hospital; Henry Newsome, formerly of McDowell, October 11, in New York City.

Fifty Years Ago
(October 25, 1951)

Central Elkhorn Coal Co. returned approximately 150 men to work last week under creditors' control. The mine has been closed since July 1...Two Floyd County soldiers have been wounded in Korea—Cpl. Edgel Hicks, of Langley, and Cpl. Eldridge Farmer, of Prestonsburg...Miles Gibson of Langley, has been adjudged this county's outstanding pasture farmer...Judge Bush, Floyd county coroner, resigned his office last week. James J. Carter of Prestonsburg, was named by County Judge Henry Stumbo to succeed him...There died: Manuel Lee Rhodes, 19-months old, victim of a train Friday, at Ivel; Fred Mynhier, 63, Oct. 18, at Martin; Ben Castle, 89, Saturday, at Harold; Nora Bentley, 56, Monday, at the home near Lancer of her daughter; Mrs. George Belcher; Sally Lykins, 76, Oct. 20 at Hunter.

Sixty Years Ago
(October 23, 1941)

A total of 12,000 persons attended the third annual Floyd County Fair here, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, of last week...Floyd County's "little World Series" is over at long last—and Prestonsburg is the Big Sandy Baseball League's 1941 champion...Harry LaViers, Paintsville, president of the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company at David, was re-elected president of the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Operator's Association last week...Except for one home run, Drift's own Kit Stumbo matched pitch for pitch Sunday with Burpo, fireballing chatel of the Cincinnati Reds, as the Big Sandy League team met Lynch at Drift...Floyd County students enrolled at Morehead State Teachers' College are Catherine Gayle Bickford, Mae S. Francis, Tommy Bukovich, Wilson Francis, Adrian L. Hall, Alka Evelyn Hopson, Vivian Yvonne Hutchinson, Gordon Victor Moore, Winifred Mason Sturgill, Earlene Stewart, Mabel Tackett...While scores of old friends listened in the rain, last rites were said, Friday afternoon, for T.J. "Uncle Jeff" Sizemore, 99-year-old Civil War veteran, who died last Wednesday at his home on Town Branch, near here...There also died: Evoline Little, 48, of Wheelwright, in an auto accident, Sunday, near West Liberty; Rayfield Price, 54, of Weeksbury, Friday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

Children begin by loving their parents; as they grow older they judge them; sometimes they forgive them.

—Oscar Wilde

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to
Application
No. 036-00014
LS2MOMJ1

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Division of Waste Management is in receipt of Application # 036-00014 LS2MOMJ1, submitted by Lodestar Energy, Inc. for a modification of an existing residual

landfill. The Division has deemed the application complete and ready for technical review.

The application is for the currently permitted residual (solid waste) landfill located in Stratton Branch hollow in east-central Floyd County. The facility is located approximately 1.3 miles southeast of Ivel, Kentucky, on U.S. Route 23, and may be found on the

Harold, Ky. 7.5" USGS topographic quadrangle.

The application proposes three modifications. The first is to convert the type of permit issued to this facility from a solid waste permit (residual landfill) to a special waste permit (special waste landfill). The second is to increase the waste disposal area 6.3 acres from 65 acres to 71.3 acres and to

increase the total permits area 174.79 acres from 225 acres to 399.79 acres. The third is to modify the bottom liner design to increase environmental protections through addition of the geomembrane under all areas of waste disposal.

The name and address of the permit applicant is:
Lodestar Energy, Inc.
251 Tollage Creek

Road
Pikeville, Kentucky 41501
Contact person: Bill Justice, P.E.
(606) 432-9071

The permit application is being processed at the following address:
Division of Waste Management
Solid Waste Branch
14 Reilly Road
Frankfort, KY 40601
The application and related information can be reviewed at

the Division of Waste Management's Frankfort office, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays, by appointment only. To make an appointment, submit a written request to Maria Wood at least 72 hours prior to the desired review date. Requests can be faxed to (502) 564-9232, or mailed to Ms. Wood at the above address. Within thirty (30)

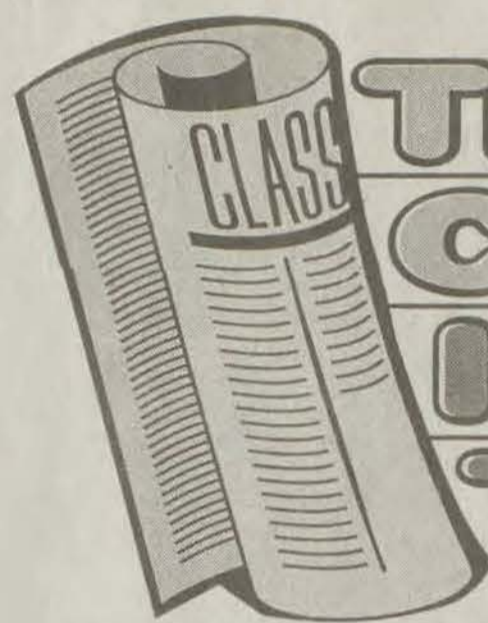
days of the publication of this notice, any person who wishes to comment on the application may submit written comments and, if desired, request from the Cabinet, a public meeting. Comments, objections or hearing requests must be submitted in writing to Carol Sole, Division of Waste Management, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, KY 40601-

1190, by close of business on November 26, 2001, the end of the 30-day comment period. Please reference Application #036-00014LS2MOMJ1 on any correspondence. The cabinet does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services and provides, upon request,

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Business/Professions

Governor appoints Annette DuPont-Ewing as director

Governor Paul Patton has announced the appointment of Annette DuPont-Ewing as the Executive Director of the Energy Policy Advisory Board, effective October 22nd. DuPont-Ewing will report directly to the governor and work with the 15-member board representing the environment, coal, utilities and consumers.

DuPont-Ewing is a Kentucky native and holds several degrees from the University of Kentucky including Bachelor of Science degrees in Zoology and Animal Science, and Masters degrees in International Trade and Commerce and Public Administration. She has more than 11 years experience with the United States Department of

Energy in Washington where she worked as a physical scientist for various agencies including the Office of Fossil Energy. She has spent much of her career involved in energy issues including the electricity sector, nuclear energy and environmental issues.

She has worked with the World Bank on an Electric Power Transmission and Bulk Power Reliability Study in Latin America and has also published articles on the deregulation of Mexico's electricity sector.

"Annette's vast knowledge and experience regarding complex energy issues are just the tools we need to help develop a statewide energy policy, and

I'm delighted she's accepted this challenge," said Gov. Patton. "Now, more than ever, we must find ways to improve the usage of Kentucky coal as an electricity generating source both nationally and internationally, and Annette will lead us toward those solutions."

DuPont-Ewing will be attached to the Public Service

Commission where she will work with Energy Advisory Board Chair Jack Conway. The 15-member board was established by Governor Patton by Executive Order on May 16, 2001 to develop a statewide energy policy for Kentucky.

"Annette's going to be an invaluable asset to our efforts and I'm looking forward to

working with her in the coming months," said Conway. "She is remarkably suited for this job and her perspective is just what Kentucky needs to engage us in the national energy arena."

DuPont-Ewing was introduced at the Public Service Commission's Eighth Annual Utility Conference opening session today where she said, "I

want to help advance Governor Patton's Smart Growth initiative while maintaining Kentucky's exceptional service and low energy prices.

I'm confident that we'll find balance between the environmental and economic concerns within the energy sector while protecting Kentucky's interests."

Simpson opens new offices

Dr. Phillip R. Simpson has relocated and will be seeing patients in his new offices beginning November 2. Dr.



Dr. Phillip Simpson

Simpson's new offices are located on KY Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, about one mile north of Jerry's Restaurant, near Christina's Flower Shop and next to C&S Signs.

Dr. Simpson is a provider for medicare, medicaid, Blue Cross, worker's compensation, and auto insurance companies. He has 34 years of experience in the practice of chiropractic health-care and his services include x-ray, bone mineral density testing, and testing for nerve damage.

He will continue to see patients from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 886-1416 to schedule an appointment.

For emergencies and after hour concerns, call 886-1416, or 886-3680.

Homebuyers to benefit from HUD policy on mortgage settlement

"Housing Secretary Mel Martinez recognizes that some homebuyers, especially many lower-income borrowers, clearly benefit from being able to trade off less cash at settlement for a slightly higher loan rate," said Frances B. Smith, executive director of Consumer Alert. "In particular, HUD's policy on fees paid to mortgage brokers through a higher interest rate rather than cash at the table can make the difference between homeownership or not for many people."

Smith is referring to HUD's Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) Statement of Policy released Monday, which says that yield spread premiums are legal if the mortgage broker provides services to the homebuyer, and the compensation is reasonably related to those services. Yield spread premiums allow higher interest rates to offset higher closing costs. Secretary

Martinez also called for more and earlier disclosures of those services and their costs. Smith cautioned HUD, however, about "information overload," especially a problem in mortgage transactions, "where consumers' eyes already glaze over at the mountains of disclosure material presented to them before and at settlement," Smith said. "Care must be taken so that regulators don't bury critical information for consumers in their search for total disclosure."

Fred L. Smith, president of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, also says Secretary Martinez is to be commended for seeking to bring some element of rationality and stability to what has been a confused area of housing policy. "Opposition to housing market innovations, like yield spread premiums, has come from some groups which argue that these policies represent some form of

exploitation of lower income people. These groups fail to understand the nature of markets, which is to democratize the privileges long available to the wealthy. Unfortunately, an Atlanta court's decision (Culpepper) to certify a class

action lawsuit against lenders using this practice threatens the very existence of this innovative behavior. Secretary Martinez's decision to provide a ruling on this will hopefully allow this egalitarian innovation to survive."

Things you probably didn't know about the law

When your insurer sues you

By Frederick M. Baron and Penny Gold

Here's something you probably didn't know about the law: your insurer can probably sue you to get money you've won from a legal settlement.

Seem unfair? Well, it's perfectly legal. Here's how it works.

Depending on the contracts you sign and the laws of your state, your insurers may have the right to recoup costs from any third party that caused an insurance policyholder—you—a loss.

In other words, if you are walking across the street and a driver runs a stop sign and hits you, your medical insurer will pay for your medical costs. (That's what medical insurers are for—you've paid your premiums so that, when you are injured, the insurer is supposed to pay your doctors.)

Then, say you sue the driver who hit you, and you win money from him or his insurance company. Once you receive payment from the other driver or his insurer, your insurance company can sue you to take what you were just paid to cover what it shelled out for your medical costs. This legal process is called subrogation.

But sometimes insurers can push this process too far.

In one case in West Virginia, young Stephan DeGarmo was riding on his bicycle to a flag football game when a pickup truck hit him. He was paralyzed. His mother won a \$1.9 million verdict against the negligent driver, just enough to care for her son for the rest of his life.

So when her HMO, Health Plan of the Upper Ohio Valley, sued her for the cost of her son's medical bills, she countersued. She soon learned that the

HMO was suing her for the full cost of the bills, despite the fact that Health Plan had received substantial discounts of 40-50 percent on every treatment. Realizing that the HMO had done this to hundreds of other families, she decided to fight back.

She started a class action lawsuit (a lawsuit in which a group of people band together to sue for the same reason; this saves taxpayer money because court costs are reduced). The class action suit was filed on behalf of everyone who had been fooled into reimbursing Health Plan more than they should have. (Health Plan of Ohio Valley v. DeGarmo).

After years of fighting Health Plan in court, the boy's family and others who had been overcharged forced the HMO to pay back all of the money it had gained through its unfair practice. The judge in the case called Health Plan's litigation "neither fair nor equitable nor right," and gave the people who fought these unfair practices \$4 million to compensate for their "aggravation, annoyance and inconvenience."

In addition, the HMO was punished by having to pay \$6 million in punitive damages—money defendants have to pay as punishment for what the legal system calls "willfully malicious"—in other words, really consciously bad—behavior. (Punitive damages are given in about 3 percent of cases).

What this means to you is that you should be aware of any "subrogation" clauses in your insurer agreements.

Also, if you are ever sued by your insurer for subrogation, look carefully at the costs the insurer is claiming to recover—make sure your insurer is not adding insult to your injury.

Safety Management Services comes to Pike County area

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Report says Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome will cost millions

Frankfort - A report issued recently by the University of Louisville's Department of Equine Management, College of Business and Public Administration says the total economic impact of the Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome (MRLS) will be approximately \$336 million over the next three years.

This economic loss is estimated for all breeds and most of the loss will not be experienced until 2002 and 2003, said the authors, Dr. Richard Thalheimer and Dr. Robert Lawrence who are professors of the department issuing the report.

The report, commissioned by Governor Paul Patton, looks at the scope of the economic losses experienced by the equine industry with the intent that industry representatives could utilize its information in seeking federal support for the industry.

Representatives of the equine industry met with Governor Patton in the summer to ask for a report as well as, to ask for assistance in determining the cause of MRLS. Governor Patton im-

mediately commissioned Dr. Thalheimer and Dr. Lawrence to conduct this economic impact analysis.

The most significant losses will be felt by the thoroughbred industry, accounting for more than \$300 million of the estimated \$336 million loss, the report says. Other breeds affected include the standard bred, quarter horse, paint horse, saddle bred and Tennessee walkers.

Dr. Thalheimer and Dr. Lawrence estimate horse breeders, stallion owners, horse farm operators, horse sale companies, horse sale agents, veterinarians, farriers and equine transport providers in calendar year 2001 and 2002 will feel most of the economic impact.

"Dr. Thalheimer and Dr. Lawrence's analysis will assist the equine industry in making its case for federal assistance," Governor Patton said. "The equine industry is an important part of the Kentucky economy, and we were pleased to be able to assist the industry by providing this economic impact analysis."