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Local man's company claims shipwreck

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — Pursuant to an admiralty arrest of the sea made Dec. 5, the Historical Recovery Specialists have laid claim to a shipwreck off the eastern coast of Florida between St. Lucie and

Indian River counties.

As previously reported, Ed Kuss, local business owner, is one of the directors of the company that laid claim to the ship that is believed to be a part of the Spanish Plate Fleet, a group of galleons that set sail from Havana in 1715 laden with jewels, gold and silver.

An excited Kuss reported that he met with U.S. marshals on Thursday and for the first time in a quarter of a century "arrested the sea." He said that he turned over the "articles of claim" that were recovered from the ship, which included one emerald that is estimated at 73 carats. Kuss stated that in 1988 the Fisher

Group sold a 70 carat emerald for \$2.2 million and currently a carat emerald goes for approximately \$6,800.

Among the articles of claim were silver coins, emeralds ranging from .5 carat to 73.5 carats each for a total of 671 in all.

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briefs

Broken window leads to charge

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

A Topmost man was arrested and charged with criminal mischief after he kicked out the passenger side rear window of a Floyd County Sheriff's Department cruiser.

Gary L. Johnson, 28, was placed in the cruiser by Deputy Matt Johnson in order to sort out a domestic dispute. While in the cruiser, Johnson allegedly proceeded to kick the window until it broke.

Johnson received a sentence of seven days with 90 days probated for the incident.

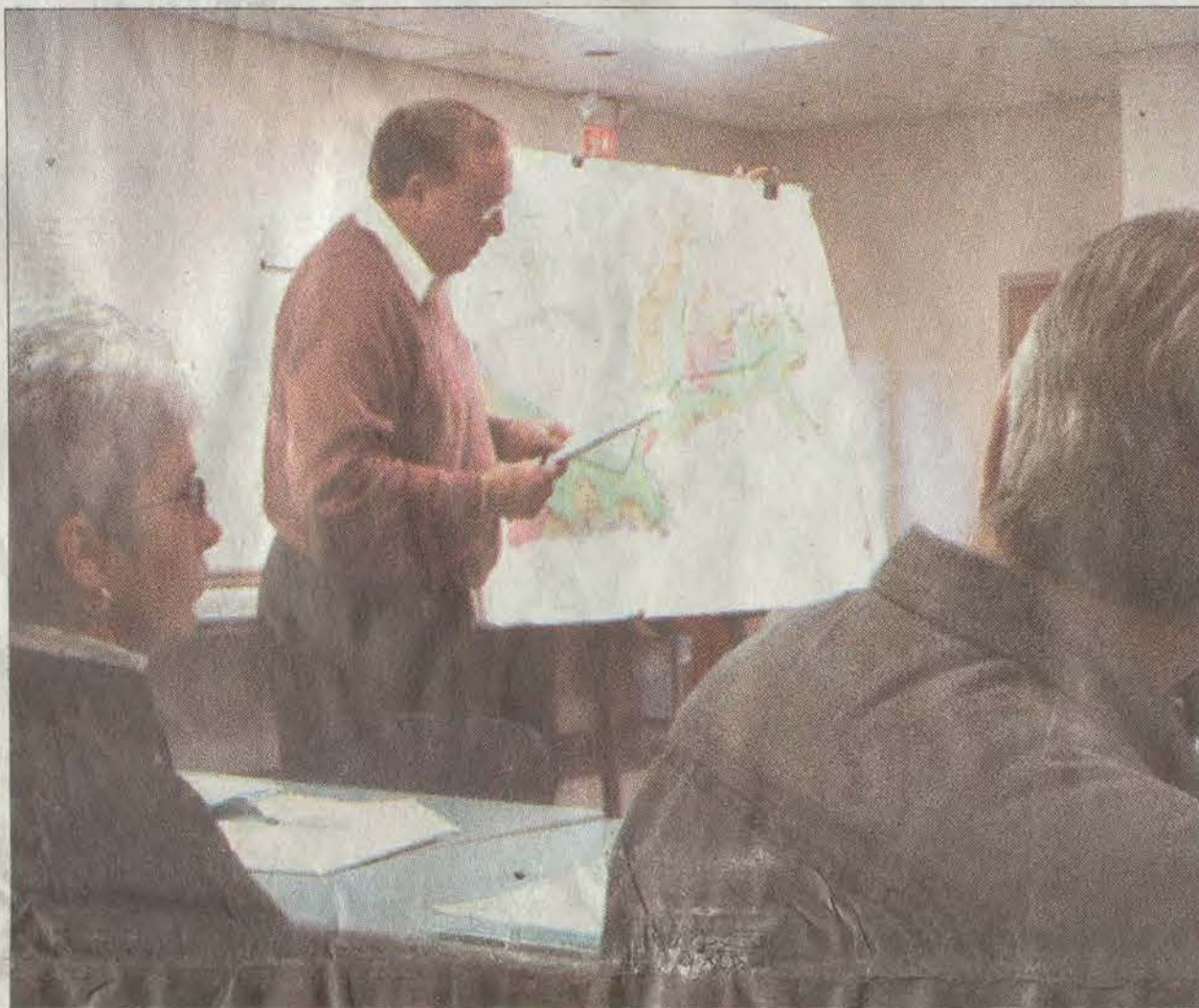


photo by Jarrid Deaton

A map of usable land at the Honey Branch Industrial Park was shown at the Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority meeting on Monday.

Businesses waiting to move to East Ky., professor says

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority held a meeting on Monday in Prestonsburg. Among the guests that were present at the meeting was Eric Scorsone,

agriculture economics professor at the University of Kentucky.

Scorsone had informed the authority that he could provide a list over 200 businesses that would be interested in coming to the area. He also said that he was willing to help in any way that he could in order to find what types of business would be right

for the area.

The authority also had updates on the Honey Branch Park area in Martin County including surveys and mapping of the property.

A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday to orient the newly-elected county officials to let them know what the authority does.

Suit claims mine flooded on purpose

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Martin man has filed a lawsuit against Frasure Creek Mining of Prestonsburg, alleging that the company flooded a coal mine in retaliation for a business dispute.

Virgil Isaacs, with Big I Mining, filed suit against Frasure Creek Mining alleging that the two entered into a coal hauling contract in October of 2001.

According to the complaint, Frasure Creek Mining demanded that the Isaacs accept a drastic reduction in the price per ton of coal that is hauled. According to the suit, Isaacs had an option to purchase the coal for the sum of \$3.50 per ton for resale to a buyer of choice. Big I Mining then exercised its option to purchase the coal and sell it to a higher bidder.

According to the lawsuit, the defendant became angry and allegedly intentionally and recklessly flooded

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Forgery charges filed

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Printer man was arrested on Monday and received a myriad of charges relating to theft by the use of forged checks.

Terry Wayne Anderson, 36, was charged with four counts of theft by deception, four counts of forgery and four counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument.

According to police, Anderson attempted to obtain cash and goods with three checks, knowing that the checks would not be honored. Anderson was charged with forgery for allegedly forging fictitious checks with the name of East Equipment Co. The charge of criminal possession of a forged instrument came from the alleged use of four checks with the knowledge that they were forged.

A \$10,000 cash bond was set for Anderson and a preliminary hearing is scheduled for December 17.

Pikeville expo center gets additional state money

Construction could begin in January

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Construction could begin as early as next month on a \$29 million exposition center in downtown Pikeville.

Kevin Flanery, secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, gave an additional \$1.7 million to the project from a state contingency fund so that a contractor could be hired to begin the job.

"This is a critically important project not only for Pike County but for the entire eastern Kentucky regional area," Flanery said.

Proponents see the 7,000-seat exposition center, which would be roughly the size of Broadbent Arena at the state fair-

grounds in Louisville, as a critical economic development tool that will bring visitors to the region.

Donna Damron, executive director of the East Kentucky Exposition Center Corp., said the project would allow the mountain region to host large conventions and concerts.

Such a center has been a dream for Damron and other leaders in Pikeville for decades, but it never moved toward reality until Patton, a former Pike County judge-executive, became governor.

The city of Pikeville donated land for the project and Pike County government kicked in \$1.3 million after Patton, in 1998, created a board to oversee design, construction and supervision of the cen-

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Artist's computer generated rendering of the East Kentucky Exposition Center, slated to be built in downtown Pikeville. With an infusion of an additional \$1.7 million, construction could begin as early as next month.

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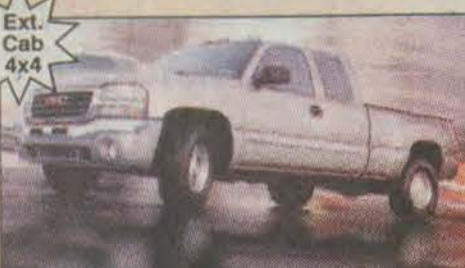
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Our View

Retailers must stress age checks

The legal sale of alcoholic beverages forces society to walk a fine line between allowing those mature enough to drink the opportunity to do so while disallowing those who are not. While there is no foolproof way to accomplish that goal, the establishment of a drinking age has been the best compromise developed.

Of course, the drinking age requires the business community's in order to have its most success, and that is where Eastern Kentucky is running into trouble.

Depending on where they try, minors could have as much as a 3-in-4 chance of being able to buy alcohol without clerks or servers asking to see proof of age. That is the underlying message of a three-month study by the Mountain Regional Prevention Center.

To arrive at its findings, the center hired young women and asked them to attempt to buy alcohol from a wide variety of establishments. All of the women were barely 21, so clerks and servers wouldn't be able to tell whether they were of legal age just by looking.

The results were astounding. In Floyd County, over half of all retailers — 52.5 percent — sold the beverages without asking to see ID. In Perry County, that figure skyrocketed to 74 percent.

Pike County's numbers were significantly better at 26 percent. But even that figure is high enough so that underage patrons might risk attempting to buy — especially if they are able to determine where their chances are best.

The high numbers of retailers who appear willing to sell to minors is highly distressing, particularly in an area where high-profile drunk driving cases have taken so many young lives.

There can be only three reasons for such high disregard of the drinking age — ignorance, apathy or greed. Clerks must either not know or not care about carding younger customers, or they have been instructed to sell at questionable times to boost profits.

Businesses can take on the first two reasons, making sure their employees know they are use the common rule of thumb to check the age of anyone who looks 31 or under.

The third reason can only be solved by law enforcement, through undercover stings aimed at punishing businesses which show blatant disregard for drinking laws. Such tactics have worked in the past, but are too infrequent to be of lasting use.

Let's hope the numbers from this latest study surprise enough people to change that.

— The Floyd County Times



Guest Column

Is there arsenic in your well water?

by JOHN G. SHIBER, Ph.D.

When you think of arsenic, you probably envision those three, sweet little old ladies in the movie "Arsenic and Old Lace", stirring the white stuff into glasses of elderberry wine to serve their unsuspecting victims. Or, maybe you recall the story about the beautiful Madame Bovary, who commits suicide by taking a mouthful of it. But, do you ever think of it as possibly being in your tap water?

I just got back from NKU, where I presented a paper at the annual Kentucky Academy of Science meeting on that very topic, i.e., arsenic in tap water. It focused on a drinking water source that is very common here: private wells.

Last spring, my students and I collected tap water from homes with private wells to have it analyzed for arsenic. This element naturally occurs in the earth's crust, but, through various chemical and geological factors (too complicated to explain here), it sometimes gets into groundwater. Hence, water supplied to homes with a groundwater source, such as a private well or spring, is at higher risk of containing arsenic than that provided by public water systems. Most public water supplies come from surface waters, like lakes and rivers, where naturally occurring arsenic is rare.

Well, we sent 104 water samples, from 57 towns and cities in the Big Sandy and outlying areas, including West Virginia, Ohio and Tennessee, to the Environmental Quality Institute (EQI) at the University of N. Carolina-Asheville for analysis. The EQI is in the midst of a national study of arsenic in well water, so it has the most up-to-date, sensitive equipment to detect this element.

The results? Nearly half of the well water samples we had sent the EQI contained detectable arsenic!

Don't panic. Most didn't have con-

centrations exceeding the new "action level" set by the EPA (10 parts per billion), but half did have from 1 to over 9 parts per billion of arsenic. To some scientists, low levels like these may still be hazardous to human health.

Research has linked arsenic in drinking water to cancers of the bladder, prostate, liver, & skin. It has been found to play a role in diabetes and cardiovascular disease, too. It may also be involved in hormone disruption or abnormal reproductive functioning. One researcher suggests that even bathing in arsenic-tainted water over an extended time can have negative effects, especially on skin.

Kentucky has the highest incidence of lung cancer deaths in the U.S., and eastern Kentucky has the highest in the state. One in every ten Kentuckians has diabetes, ranking our state 13th in the nation for diabetes occurrence. Kentucky also ranks high nationally in the incidence of cardiovascular disease, with the highest death rate in the state being in eastern Kentucky. Prostate, bladder, and skin cancers are also very common in people from our region.

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My name is Sheena Brock. I am currently a senior at Eastern Kentucky University.

my major is education of the deaf and hard of hearing, with an emphasis in P-5.

Over my Thanksgiving break I was in Prestonsburg and had the opportunity to visit Hobert's Pizza. I had a classroom project, an Auditory Learning Center, to finish. The purpose of the learning center was to provide deaf children with an opportunity to enhance their speech as well as their residual hearing. Therefore this project had to be based on a real-life situation in order to enhance children's interest in the classroom. I decided to call my Learning Center, "Pizza Fun!" I chose pizza because children love food, particularly pizza!

For this project I needed pizza boxes, so I went to Hobert's Pizza and began to

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Health Extra

Study firms evidence that babies - and moms - recover from colic

by LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO — Mothers of colicky babies, take heart: New research bolsters evidence that the incessant crying usually stops by about 3 months of age - and has no lasting effects on your sanity.

The good news "should provide some relief to parents who

find themselves caring for a colicky infant," said Canadian researchers who studied 547 mothers and babies.

Based on the mothers' reports, 131 of the babies at age 6 weeks had colic, which was defined as inconsolable crying for three or more hours a day at least three days a week.

The maddening but generally harmless condition disappeared

by 3 months in more than 85 percent of the babies. Babies at 3 months cried and fussed for an average of about one hour per day, or about half that seen when they were 6 weeks old, the researchers found.

The results suggest "that early crying patterns reflect a process of normal maturation," according to the study, led by researcher Tammy Clifford at

the University of Western Ontario. Clifford is now at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario Research Institute in Ottawa.

The study appears in December's Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, published Monday.

At least 10 percent of U.S. babies are thought to have colic. Their crying episodes have no obvious cause, may last several hours and can be terribly frustrating for new parents.

But the researchers found that, early on, mothers of colicky babies reported levels of anxiety and depression similar to those with less fussy babies, and that the symptoms in both groups of mothers generally subsided by the time the infants were 6 months old. Fathers were not studied.

Other researchers have suggested that colic may cause some parents to shake their babies to death.

Most of the mothers in the Canadian study were married, financially secure and had resources to help deal with their cranky babies. Clifford theorized that mothers facing extreme stress or financial hardship might be less able to cope with colic and could have elevated levels of anxiety or depression.

Nonetheless, colic expert Dr. Ronald Barr of McGill University called Clifford's study an important contribution to sparse research on colic.

The findings add to evidence that "the outcome for infants with colic is good, at least in low-risk populations," Barr said in an editorial.

State wants to vaccinate at least 5,000 against smallpox

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky plans to vaccinate at least 5,000 medical workers against smallpox, and perhaps as many as 10,000, if ordered by President Bush, a public health official said Tuesday.

The first to be vaccinated would make up the advance teams that check out possible cases of smallpox.

"The people who go investigate that ought to be vaccinated," Dr. Rice Leach, the state's public health commissioner, said in an interview. "People likely to be taking care of the patient ought to be vaccinated against it. And if it turns out the patient did have smallpox, the vaccinators ought to be vaccinated."

Smallpox is an acute, contagious disease caused by a virus. Until it was sent through the mail in an apparent act of terrorism, it had not been seen in the United States since 1949.

Though the state has planned for it, mass vaccination of the public in advance of an actual outbreak is unlikely, Leach said.

"In the absence of a threat of widespread exposure to smallpox, I'd be surprised if we vaccinated masses of people," he said. "If we had widespread disease that looked like it was going to spread all over the country, we have a contingency plan to vaccinate everybody."

Medical workers who volunteer would be vaccinated at about a dozen clinics around the state, Leach said.

A special needle is used to scratch a patch of skin, and the vaccine is applied. Side effects usually are benign — aches, fever and some swelling at the point of vaccination. But the vaccine is dangerous to some people, even fatal in rare cases, Leach said.

Twenty percent to 30 percent of people are unable to take the vaccine because of a medical condition. Pregnant women, organ recipients and people being treated for eczema, cancer

and AIDS are among those who would be excluded, Leach said.

In the event of an outbreak, those people still could be protected if everyone else got vaccinated, he said.

Health industry expansions help local economies

The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — While employment in traditional sectors like manufacturing, mining and transportation continues to dwindle in West Virginia, health care remains a growing local economic force.

Health care officials say the national technology boom and poorer general health among West Virginians have contributed to health sector increases.

For example, the number of Cabell County health-service jobs increased 12 percent between 1995 and 2001, figures from the West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs show.

Statewide, health jobs make up about 11 percent of all jobs, and about 15 percent in Cabell County.

State figures for Cabell and Wayne counties don't include more than 1,700 health care workers at Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital or the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, who fall into the government category.

St. Mary's Medical Center's plans for a \$28 million regional heart center and wellness center and an expanded emergency department stem directly from the high rate of heart disease among West Virginians, said Michael G. Sellards, president

and CEO.

"West Virginia ranks as the oldest state in the country," Sellards said. "When you have an aging population, there is more demand for health care services."

The region's high obesity levels also drive health industry needs, since obesity is linked to heart disease, diabetes, stroke and hypertension, among other illnesses.

Fred L. Jackson, president of King's Daughters Hospital in Ashland, Ky., which is also planning to expand, says Kentucky ranks as the 46th- or 47th-oldest state.

"This area is No. 1 in heart disease, No. 2 in diabetes and No. 1 or No. 2 in cancer," Jackson said. "Based on death rates per 1,000 population, West Virginia and Kentucky are terrible."

Other area hospitals planning expansions include Cabell Huntington Hospital, which is adding emergency and immediate-care treatment rooms and wants to build a cancer clinic for adults and children.

Those expansions help local economies.

"You bring in highly paid medical personnel to work in local facilities and that helps economic development in terms of companies that want to locate here," said Ken Busz, president of the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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Odds and Ends

■ **CINCINNATI** — There were no essays or true-false questions, but finding the right fork was a step in the right direction.

Twenty-two University of Cincinnati students dressed for success for their final exam Wednesday night in "Global Civility."

Students enrolled in technology-related majors in the College of Applied Science

were rated on dining skills, conversation and comportment while at a new French restaurant, Jean-Robert at Pigall's.

"I told them, 'If you show up in Reeboks, I will kill you on the spot,'" said Linda Ginter Brown, head of the Media and Cultural Studies department. "Trust me, they do not look like this on campus."

The 10-week Global Civility course is designed to give stu-

dents a competitive edge in landing a job or a promotion by focusing on business etiquette and international protocol.

The course requires students to research professional conduct around the world as well as learn how to plan an event. But the final exam focused on dining etiquette.

"We've been made aware of how to interact with people," said Denita Wilson, 29. "It's the small things that add up. The purpose of going to a business lunch is not to eat."

■ **STERLING, Colo.** — Toys placed in a drop-off box for charity at a Wal-Mart wound up back on the store shelves after a mix-up that frustrated organizers.

With 10 days left until the end of the annual Toys for Tots drive for the Logan County Chamber of Commerce, organizer Susan Kraich said she was back at square one.

But by late Wednesday, things were looking up — with \$425 worth of toys in hand for delivery.

The roller-coaster charity drive began its wild ride over the weekend.

"I've been keeping an eye on that box every time I went to Wal-Mart, and was so excited as it slowly began to fill. Over the weekend I heard that it was nearly full, so I went to pick it up. I was devastated when I found it empty," Kraich said.

Kraich said she complained to store management, but was told the store would only replace the items she knew for a fact were in the box. She was only able to replace three toys.

"I don't know how I am suppose to prove what was in there ... I thought since Wal-Mart agreed to place the box, they were agreeing to keep an eye on it," she said.

Wal-Mart manager Brad Barritt said the Toys for Tots organizer he met, whose name he could not remember, was instructed that donated items

needed to be wrapped in Wal-Mart bags to ensure the items had been purchased.

Kraich, who works for First America Cash Advance, denied ever receiving any such instruction.

Since store officials didn't know if the gifts had been bought or not — and no video camera was trained on the box — Barritt said he decided to place all the toys back on the shelves for resale.

Barritt noted that the retailer is a regular benefactor to area clubs and organizations, donating more than \$50,000 annually. Wal-Mart even offered a \$1,000 cash grant to Toys for Tots this year.

"Not that that has anything to do with this situation. Only to say that, as a corporation, we are very community minded. I'd hate to see a discrepancy over a few toys change that perception in the eyes of the public," Barritt said.

■ **SHERIDAN, Wyo.** — It appears Santa Claus isn't coming to northern Wyoming this year. Not via the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, anyway.

The railway's "Santa Train," carrying Claus himself, has rolled through the region the past seven years, but this year's stagnant economy combined with staffing problems will put a stop to the holiday tradition, railway spokesman Gus Melonas said.

"It's unfortunate, but that's the way it is this year," he said.

The train, which originates in Edgemont, S.D., normally stops in Newcastle, Upton, Moorcroft, Rozet and Gillette before arriving in Sheridan County, where classrooms of children often turned out to greet it, especially in rural areas.

■ **NASHUA, N.H.** — A kayaker who began paddling last May from her Florida home to her high school reunion in Nashua has finished her 1,750-mile journey.

Along the way, 48-year-old Karen Ellis Richardson got five marriage proposals, seven nights of free lodging from hotels and lots of new friends. She camped on deserted islands when the weather forced her off course.

She thought she'd arrive before winter did.

"Snow. I never expected snow," she said.

Richardson left her home in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., on

May 24 in a 17-foot sea kayak with 100 pounds of gear, planning to paddle up the Intracoastal Waterway in time for her Oct. 30 reunion.

Delayed by bad weather, she ended up docking the kayak near New York City and driving to the reunion, then returning to complete her trip. She finished with a 15-mile trip down the Merrimack River from Manchester to Nashua on Monday.

"It feels good to stand up," Richardson said.

Richardson missed only one stretch, from Sunderland, Mass., to Manchester. After spending Thanksgiving with friends, she left South Hadley, Mass., and began paddling upstream, even though she was ill.

"Here I was with a fever, but it was really fun paddling in the snow. I was thinking about how

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Ten years ago:

President-elect Clinton tapped Robert Reich to be labor secretary and Donna Shalala to be secretary of Health and Human Services. A severe storm pounded the upper Atlantic coast with snow, rain and high winds.

Five years ago:

More than 150 countries agreed at a global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, to control the Earth's greenhouse gases. Henry Cisneros, President Clinton's first housing secretary, was indicted on charges of conspiracy, obstructing justice and making false statements about payments to his former mistress. (Cisneros, who later pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor, was eventually pardoned by President Clinton.) Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams became the first political ally of the IRA to meet a British leader in 76 years as he conferred with Prime Minister Tony Blair in London.

One year ago:

In the first criminal indictment stemming from Sept. 11, federal prosecutors charged Zacarias Moussaoui, a French citizen of Moroccan descent, with conspiring to murder thousands in the suicide hijackings. The chairman of the militant Jewish Defense League, Irv Rubin, and an associate, Earl Krugel, were arrested on suspicion of plotting to blow up a Los Angeles mosque and the office of an Arab-American congressman. (Rubin died this past November 14th, 10 days after what federal officials described as a suicide attempt in jail.) The government approved Swiss food giant Nestle SA's \$10.3 billion purchase of Ralston Purina.

Today's Birthdays:

Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn is 84. Actor Jean-Louis Trintignant is 72. Actress Rita Moreno is 71. Actor Ron Carey is 67. Former California state lawmaker Tom Hayden is 63. Pop singer David Gates (Bread) is 62. Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., is 61. Actress Donna Mills is 59. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., is 59. Singer Brenda Lee is 58. Actress Lynda Day George is 58. Music producer Tony Brown is 56. Actress Teri Garr is 54. Movie director Susan Seidelman is 50. Actress Bess Armstrong is 49. Singer Jermaine Jackson is 48. Rock musician Nikki Sixx (Mötley Crüe) is 44. Rock musician Darryl Jones (The Rolling Stones) is 41. Singer-musician Justin Currie (Del Amitri) is 38. Rock musician David Schools (Gov't Mule, Widespread Panic) is 38. Actor Gary Dourdan ("CSI") is 36. Actress-comedian Mo'Nique ("The Parkers") is 34. Rapper-actor Mos Def is 29. Actor Rider Strong is 23.

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Editor's note: Due to rising costs and space limitations we will no longer be accepting items for our Community Calendar that contain a revenue-producing nature. If your organization is holding a fundraising event, please contact our classified or advertising departments to announce your event. The Floyd County Times will continue its practice of posting community meeting dates and public service announcements. Items must be either: Delivered to our office; faxed to 606-886-3603, or emailed to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

BLHS CLASS OF '87

Betsy Layne High School, Class of 1987, will hold their 15th year reunion on Saturday, November 30, at the Landmark Inn, Pikeville, at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by calling Yvette Depoy Stephens at (606) 874-0663 or Stephanie Tackett Owens (606) 478-2677 or email to: blhs1987@hotmail.com.

ACHS CLASS OF '83

The Allen Central High School Class of 1983 will hold an organizational meeting to plan for their 20 year reunion. The meeting will be held on Saturday, December 14, at 5 p.m., at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. For more info., contact Solomon Kilburn, at 285-3514, or 358-0110; or fax to: 358-0112; or email to: skilburn@floyd.k12.ky.us, or, solomonkilburn@hotmail.com.

Odds

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I started out in the tropics and now it's snowing," she said.

Back in her hometown, friends said they weren't surprised that she completed the trip.

"I knew she could do it," said Dan Jacobs, owner of Beach Bicycle & Kayak in New Smyrna Beach. "I know her strength, her persistence and her good luck on these trips."

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SNOOP & SANTA

The Spay and Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg (SNOOP) will hold a "Pet Photo with Santa" fundraising event on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in downtown Prestonsburg's city parking lot. Photos by Allen Bolling. Proceeds to benefit SNOOP.

PAINTED GOURD WORKSHOP

A "Decorative Painted Apple Gourd" Workshop will be held at the Floyd County Extension Office on Thursday, December 5, from 6-8 p.m. Lewis Newman, local artist, will conduct and teach. Pre-registration is necessary; space is limited. If registration exceeds space, another workshop will be conducted in January for those who pre-register now. For more info., contact Theresa Scott, at 886-2668, or email to: tmscott@uky.edu

FCHD EXTENDED HOURS

The Floyd County Health Dept. will offer extended hours in order to accommodate those wishing to receive flu shots. Shots will be given by appointment only. Please call the Health Dept. nearest you for an appointment. Offices will be open late on the following evenings: Prestonsburg - Thursday evenings, 886-2788; Betsy Layne - Thursday evenings, 478-5454; Wheelwright - Tuesday evenings, 452-9300.

HRMC DEC. CALENDAR

Dec. 3 - Mended Hearts, Meeting Room C, 6-7 p.m.
Dec. 17 - Highlands

S.H.A.R.E. (Pregnancy and infant loss support group), Martin Room, 7-9 p.m.

Dec. 19 - Laryngectomy Support Group, Meeting Room B, 5-7 p.m.

'LIGHTS OF LIFE' MEMORIAL

Dec. 3 - Tree Lighting ceremony, 7 p.m., HRMC entrance. Donation of \$5 given in memory of, or to honor a loved one, will allow access to 6 p.m. reception to be held in Meeting Room B. To donate, make check payable to: Big Sandy Mended Hearts, Chap. 220, P.O. Box 1821, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. More information, call 606-886-3494.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

To be held on Saturday, Nov. 23, at Allen Central High School, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Quilts, arts & crafts, candles, Home Interiors, Mary Kay, baskets, jewelry, Avon, and more. Chili dinner and baked goods also available. 1 p.m. performance by ACHS Chorus - \$1.

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'LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?'

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group—Meets first Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens

Building on Pike-Floyd Hollow Road, just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept. For more info. call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group—Meets on the second 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.

■ 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.

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Circuit clerk attends fall conference

FRANKFORT — Floyd County Circuit Clerk Douglas Hall attended the 2002 Circuit Clerks' Fall Conference hosted by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

The three-day continuing education program, held Oct. 16-18 in Covington, provided sessions and discussion topics related to the work and challenges of the office of circuit clerk.

State Rep. Rob Wilkey, D-Franklin, addressed the conference Oct. 17 and was honored by the clerks for his work on House Bill 452, legislation that will improve office procedure and operation.

Gary Bruner, director of the Division of Drivers Licensing, conducted a question-and-answer session. Other topics dis-

cussed were how to improve record management, personnel issues, Circuit Court criminal cases and processing DUI violations.

In addition, the Trust for Life celebrated its 10th anniversary with a reception. This program allows for a \$1 donation when a drivers license is issued, which enables the circuit clerks to educate the public about organ donation.

The Administrative Office of the Courts in Frankfort directs and supports the activities of more than 3,300 Kentucky Court of Justice employees, including the elected offices of justices, judges and circuit clerks. As the fiscal agent for the Court of Justice, the AOC prepares a biennial budget draft and executes the judicial budget.

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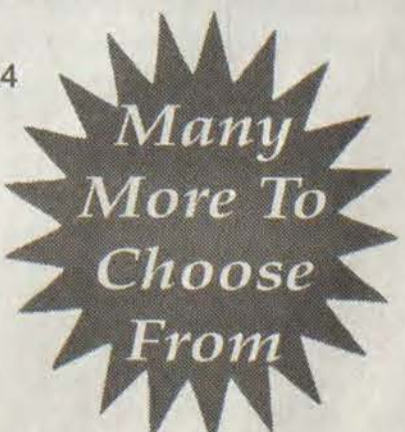
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Obituaries

Bobby Willard Wells Jr.

Bobby Willard Wells Jr., 40, of Auxier, died Friday, December 6, 2002, at his residence.

Born April 14, 1962, in Paintsville, he was the son of Bobby W. Wells Sr., and Herbie Banks Wells. He was an electrician for Pritchard Electric Company. He was a member of the Apostolic Lighthouse Church and a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Kay Jenkins Wells.

Other survivors include two daughters, Joy Wheeler of Winchester, and Brandy Wells of Auxier; one brother, Scott Wells of Tampa, Florida; one sister, Rebecca Wells of Henderson; his grandmother, Sarah Jane Wilcox of Prestonsburg, and one grandson, Logan Wheeler.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 8, at 2 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Terry Smith and Rev. Steve Pescosolido officiating.

Burial was in the Bobby Wells Cemetery, at Auxier.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Wells family.

Pallbearers: Paul Wheeler, Ron Dollins, Joey Shelton, Carl Howard, Bill Wheeler, Larry Hughes, Michael Nash, Dave Bowers, Durell Cantrill, and Kevin Wheeler. (Paid obituary)

Bill Delong

Bill Delong, age 66, of Blue River, husband of the late Eula Ann Slone Delong, passed away Monday, December 9, 2002, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born February 2, 1936, on Johns Creek, the son of the late Virgil Delong and Sara Barbara Stricklin Delong. He was a self-employed grocery store owner.

Survivors include two sons, Brian Neil Delong of Blue River, and Bill Allen Delong of Martin; one daughter, Connie Marie Reffett of Denver, Colorado; one brother, Doris Delong of Detroit, Michigan; three sisters, Susan Branham of Detroit, Michigan, Ruth Nelson of David, and Lola Faye Bryant of Detroit, Michigan; and five grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Delong.

Funeral services for Bill Delong will be conducted Thursday, December 12, at 12 noon, at the Middle Creek Baptist Church, at Blue River, with Clergymen Vernon Slone and Eugene Haney officiating.

Burial will be in the Slone Family Cemetery, at Blue River, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Bennie Franklin Blankenship

Bennie Franklin Blankenship, age 73, of Prestonsburg, passed away Monday, December 9, 2002, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an illness of one year.

He was born December 18, 1928, at Weeksbury, a son of the late William G. and Manilla (Tackett) Blankenship.

He was married to Wanda (Fleming) Blankenship, who survives him. He was the minister of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ.

He is survived by three sons and their wives; one daughter and her husband, Darrell and Brenda Blankenship of Mount Juliet, Tennessee; Phillip and Greta Blankenship of Wichita, Kansas; and Timothy and Caroline Blankenship of Prestonsburg; Diane and Jimmy Fish of Prestonsburg; one sister, Ladeane Moore of Virgie; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 12, at 1 p.m., from the Prestonsburg Church of Christ, with Evangelist Greg Johnson officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

Visitation will be at the Prestonsburg Church of Christ; Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Active pallbearers will be the elders and deacons of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ. Honorary pallbearers will be all men of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ.

All arrangements under the direction of Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg. (Paid obituary)

Leabelle Marie Rice

Leabelle Marie Rice, age 82, of Betsy Layne, wife of the late Cecil Rice, passed away Sunday, December 8, 2002, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

She was born October 5, 1920, in Betsy Layne, the daughter of the late Joe Stone and Alice Lynch Stone. She was a retired cook, having worked for 20 years with the Floyd County School System, and was a member of the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens.

Survivors include four sons, Ronald Dean Rice of Morgantown, Indiana, Gary Lee Rice of Teaberry, Bruce Edward Rice and Timothy Wayne Rice, both of Betsy Layne; two daughters, Linda Carol Samons of Banner, and Brenda Kay Campbell of Pikeville; one brother, Bill Stone of Lexington, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services of Leabelle Marie Rice will be conducted Wednesday, December 11, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Ferguson Cemetery, at Harold, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Cortney Danielle Smith

Cortney Danielle Smith, age 14, of Prestonsburg, passed away Sunday, December 8, 2002, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, following a brief illness.

She was born October 11, 1988, in Martin, the daughter of Larry Smith of Greenville, Ohio, and Wilma Lewis Smith of Prestonsburg.

Cortney was a student at Adams Middle School and was a member of the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg.

Survivors, other than her parents, include her step-mother, Rebecca Smith of Greenville, Ohio; her step-father, Matthew Carty; paternal grandparents, Larry and Freda Smith of Banner; maternal grandparents, Jessie and Thurman Lewis of Banner; maternal step-grandparents, Audie Howell of Craynor, and Peggy Lewis of Banner, and Walter and Ilene Carty of Salyersville; maternal great-grandfather, James L. Lewis, of Banner, and one step-brother, Dillion Trent Carty, and one half-sister, Haley Smith of Greenville, Ohio.

Funeral services for Cortney Danielle Smith will be conducted Thursday, December 12, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Clergymen Jim Price and Charles Blanton Jr., officiating.

Burial will follow in the Lewis Cemetery, at Banner, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Samuel R. Terry

Samuel R. Terry, age 61, of Martin, husband of Donna Combs Terry, passed away Thursday, December 5, 2002, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

He was born January 6, 1941, in Knott County, the son of Bill Terry and Norcie Chaffins Terry. He was a retired mechanical supervisor, formerly employed by Kinzer Drilling Company, and a member of the Kentucky Organ Donor Association.

In addition to his wife, Donna, he is survived by two sons, Bobby Terry, and wife, Christy, of Van Lear, and Billy Terry of Martin; four daughters, Kim Whited of Martin, Sandy May, and husband, Dr. Roger May, of Martin, Angie Wright, and her husband, Dale Wright, of Allen, Debbie Terry, and her husband, Ricky Conley, of Mousie; one brother, Billy Ray Terry of Softshell, and eight grandchildren, Crystal, Shannon, Lane, Jill, Jack, Cheyanne, Tyra, and Logan.

Funeral services for Samuel R. Terry were conducted Sunday, December 8, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergyman, Bobby Joe Spencer, officiating.

Burial was in the Lakeview Memorial Cemetery, at Staffordsville, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: William Harmon, Tim Steffy, Dennis Adams, Luke Vanhoose, Jerry Kinzer, Terry Kinzer and Jason Spencer. (Paid obituary)

Hugh Harolddean Henegar

Hugh Harolddean Henegar, 61, of Wayland, died Monday, December 9, 2002, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born March 22, 1941, in Wayland, he was the son of the late Hugh B. and Alice Workman Henegar. He was a mining engineer and a member of Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church at Estill.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Newsome Henegar.

Other survivors include one son, James Timothy Newsome of Cleremont, Florida; two daughters, Rinda Elizabeth York of Nicholasville, and Kristina Lynn Little of Martin; one sister, Rosemary Mason of Columbus, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Carla Jean Henegar; four brothers, William D. Henegar; James Walter Henegar; Alger Henegar and Melvin Henegar; and two sisters, Gladys Jones and Geneva Henegar.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 11, at 1 p.m., at Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church at Estill, with Ernest Keen, James "Red" Morris, and others, officiating.

Burial will be in the Keen Cemetery, at Mills Creek, in Wayland, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

Dr. Margaret Lewis

Dr. Margaret Lewis, age 54, of Prestonsburg, director of Morehead State University's center at Prestonsburg, passed away Wednesday afternoon, December 4, 2002, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Morehead.

She was born August 27, 1948, at Ft. Still Oklahoma, and was the daughter of the late Herbert and Sue Rucker Lewis.

Survivors include one brother, David Rucker Lewis of Saudi Arabia, and two sisters, Liz Marston of Miami, Florida, and Nancy L. Lewis of Lewisville, Texas.

Dr. Lewis received the Ph.D. degree in adult and higher education administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the B.A. degree in Russian history and political science from the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque. Prior to coming to Morehead State University in 1992, to administer the university's largest regional campus, Dr. Lewis had held administrative positions at the University of North Texas at Denton; East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma; and North Lake College in Irving, Texas.

A service was conducted at 1 p.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg, with Quinton Schultz and Mark Waltz officiating.

Burial will be in the New Friendship Cemetery, Benton, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Floyd County Animal Shelter, Humane Society, SPCA, or Morehead State University, Prestonsburg Scholarship Fund.

Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals is in charge of all arrangements. (Paid obituary)



John Wesley Hall

John Wesley Hall, age 101, of Martin, husband of the late Lyda Ellen Osborne Hall, passed away Saturday, November 30, 2002, in the Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born December 10, 1900, in Topmost, the son of the late Ananias Hall and Sarah Ellen Cook Hall. He was a retired C&O store keeper, and a member of the First Baptist Church, at Martin.

He had been an active member of the Masonic Fraternity for 64 years and 11 months, and was the senior past master of Zebulon Lodge 273, F&AM, in Prestonsburg; a member of James W. Alley Lodge 869, in Wayland; and a member of John W. Hall Lodge 950, at Martin, which was named in his honor. He was a past Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Kentucky; a member of both the York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies; and a mem-

Arminia Jones Newman

Arminia Jones Newman, age 92, of Hi Hat, widow of Ted Newman, passed away Sunday, December 8, 2002, at the Auglaize Acres in Wapakoneta, Ohio.

She was born May 15, 1910, in Teaberry, the daughter of the late Sam Jones and Martha Hall Jones. She was a homemaker and a life member of the Clear Creek United Baptist Church at Hi Hat.

Survivors include three sons, Freeman (Melva) Newman of Hi Hat, Donald R. (Mary) Newman of Lima, Ohio, and Arthur (Shelley) Newman of Lima, Ohio; three daughters, Bernice Sargent of Elida, Ohio, Patricia (Herbert) Johnson of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Dallice (Herbert) Carpenter of Columbus Grove, Ohio; one sister, Oma Mullins of Berea; 16 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three daughters, Margleen Newman, Hazel Little and Genevieve Newman; one brother, Charlie Jones; and one sister, Haley Newsome.

Funeral services for Arminia Jones Newman will be conducted Wednesday, December 11, at 10 a.m., at the Clear Creek United Baptist Church, at Hi Hat, with United Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin. (Paid obituary)

ber of Oleika Shrine Temple. He had been a 33rd° Mason for 29 years.

Survivors include his sons Wesley Leon Hall of Allen, and Robert Helton Hall of Taylor, Michigan; one daughter, Audilee Mae Hall of Martin; 12 grandchildren, Emil Barnard Hall Jr., of Austin Texas, Deborah Hall Calhoun of Lake City, Florida, Charles Hall, Robert Hall, David Hall, and Lynn Hall, all of Taylor, Michigan; Terri Hall McCoy of Prestonsburg, Rhonda Hall Goble of Tecumseh, Michigan, Sherri Hall Kinzer, and Bryan Edward Hall, both of Allen, Michelle Hunter, and David Dewayne Hall, both of Garrett; three step-grandchildren, Ronald Thompson of Allen, Tommy Thompson of Ashland, Terry Thompson of Pikeville; and 17 great-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by three sons, Willis Edward Hall, Emil Barnard Hall, and Drexel L. Hall.

Funeral services for John Wesley Hall were conducted Tuesday, December 3, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Clergyman Randy Osborne officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home, and Masonic services were held there on Sunday evening.

Pallbearers: Charles Hall, Robert Hall, David Dewayne Hall, Josh Kinzer, Terry Thompson, Craig Campbell, Gary McCoy, Bryan Hall, Tommy Thompson, Jammie Kinzer and David Hall. (Paid obituary)

Anna Ray Boyd

Anna Ray Boyd, age 70, of Dana, passed away on Friday, December 6, 2002, in the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, after a brief illness.

She was born on November 16, 1932, at Dana, the daughter of the late Bruce and Birdie Boyd Jarrell.

She was a factory worker and housewife.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charley Boyd; two brothers, James and Charles Jarrell; and a sister, Lowana Bearden.

She is survived by three sons, Charles Ray Boyd, and wife, Pam, and Larry Dean Boyd, all of Dana; and Jeffery Todd Boyd and wife, Annette, of Dayton, Ohio; two daughters, Lenore Rowe and husband Kermit, of Dana, and Mary (Berta) Rowe of Dana; three brothers, Clifford Jarrell, Troy Jarrell and Gary Jarrell, all of Dana; two sisters, Margaret Boyette of Dana, and Uvon Fruciano of Warren, Michigan; seven grandchildren, Dwayne Rowe, Stacey Mullins, Amy Adkins, Alan Adkins, Megan Boyd Wright, Amanda Rowe and Lacey Boyd Hall; and six great-grandchildren, Casey Rowe, Keegan Mullins, Chely Wright, Austin Rowe, Ethan Rowe and Emily Wright.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 10, at 11 a.m., in the Little Salem Old Regular Baptist Church, at Dana, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Boyd Cemetery at Dana, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home of Martin. (Paid obituary)

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Card of Thanks

The family of Lou Henri Graves Scott would like to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family, who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and words of comfort expressed. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to Clergymen James "Red" Morris and Clinton "Buddy" Jones for their comforting words, Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

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THE FAMILY OF JOHN WESLEY HALL

Kentucky Getaways: Making the season bright

by ANN LATTA
SECRETARY OF TOURISM
DEVELOPMENT

While visiting such Kentucky towns as Bethlehem, Joy and Mistletoe might help get you in the holiday spirit, you can travel just about anywhere in the state to find a little Yuletide inspiration. Whether it's delighting in lights, stuffing your stockings or singing carols with the chorus, there's no place like your old Kentucky home for the holidays. Here are a few ideas to get you in the seasonal swing of things.

Lights, Christmas, Action!

This year the holidays will be brighter throughout the commonwealth, literally. Gather the family for an illuminating experience as you tour a number of dazzling light displays across the state.

Hundreds of thousands of twinkling lights and imaginative displays line an impressive four-mile driving tour through the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. Southern Lights: Spectacular Sights on Holiday Nights, the state's largest light festival and a nightly holiday outing that continues through December 31, features animated light displays showcasing horses clearing a steeplechase fence, thoroughbreds racing to the finish line, and other unique holiday horse scenes. The end of the driving tour leads to a petting zoo, a visit with Santa and the park's gift shop, where holiday gifts may be purchased (859-255-5727 or www.kyhorsepark.com).

This year, experience the holidays with a country flair. Through December 21, Renfro Valley, Kentucky's country music capital, is decking its halls with a light extravaganza,

one of the largest annual light displays in the state. Christmas in the Valley also stages an original production featuring carols and comedy, as well as a special holiday meal at the historic lodge restaurant (800-765-7464 or www.renfrovalley.com).

Through January 1, Ashland and neighboring communities are transformed into one of the state's most popular illuminated showcases. Drive through a Winter Wonderland of Lights, more than 750,000 lights in fact, as you tour Ashland and Central Park. Plan a visit with Santa or enjoy a carriage ride, each Friday through Sunday evening (800-377-6249 or www.visitashlandky.com).

No need to worry about being stranded on this island, the glow of one million twinkling lights attracts plenty of attention. Through December 30, thousands of spectators will visit the brightest spot on Christmas Island. Located just south of Somerset, General Burnside Island State Park hosts this impressive annual light display, which winds 3.5 miles through the island park and features over 300 illuminating displays (800-642-6287 or www.lakecumberlandtourism.com or www.kystateparks.com).

Westward leading, still proceeding, let us guide you to a festival of lights, in Paducah. The western Kentucky town enjoys a month-long celebration of the holidays, beginning December 6 with a Christmas Candlelight Trail that offers complimentary bus & trolley tours through the historic town. Christmas in Paducah continues through December 30 with holiday fun like the Jingle Bell Run, musical concerts, theater productions, horse drawn carriage rides, and more (800-723-8224 or www.paducah-tourism.org).

Here are a few more seasonal sights that are sure to light up your faces, as well as your holiday nights:

■ My Old Kentucky Home

Candlelight Tours - Bardstown, now through December 7 (800-323-7803 or www.bardstown-tourism.com)

■ Festival of Trees - General Butler State Resort Park in Carrollton, November 29 - December 31 (www.generalbutler.com)

■ Holiday Lights and Christmas Village - Harlan, December 1 - 31 (606-573-4156 or www.harlancounty.com)

■ Christmas in the Park - Mount Sterling, now through December 31 (859-498-8728)

■ Holiday Forest - Owensboro, now through December 31 (270-685-3181 or www.visitowensboro.com)

■ Houchens Industries Winter Lights - Bowling Green, now through December 31 (270-782-3660)

■ Christmas in the Park - Freeman Lake Park in Elizabethtown, now through January 1, 2003 (800-437-0092 or www.touretown.com)

Kentucky Christmas Carols

Haul out the holly and roll out the red carpet. There are a number of musicals, performances and pageants taking center stage in Kentucky this holiday season.

In Louisville, find the holiday spirit showcased at several venues. Among them, the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center welcomes the Mannheim Steamroller "Christmas Extraordinaire" to Freedom Hall, December 10. Martina McBride lights up the stage December 14 with seasonal songs and a one-of-a-kind theatrical event, including dazzling sets, brilliant lights and holiday scenes. For details on both Freedom Hall events, visit www.kyfairexpo.org or call 502-367-5000. To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketmaster.com.

■ Louisville's Kentucky Center for the Arts also is getting into the act with holiday festivities and family fun. This

December, the curtain will rise on holiday classics, such as The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, December 1 (www.stageone.org or 502-589-5946); Mistletoe and Sugarplums presented by The Louisville Chorus, December 14; and The Nutcracker performed by The Louisville Ballet, December 18-28. For a complete listing of holiday events at the Kentucky Center for the Arts, visit www.kentuckycenter.org or call 502-584-7777.

■ Got the "bah humbug?" The Actors Theatre of Louisville (ATL) has A Christmas Carol cure. One of the best-loved holiday plays - the classic story of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the spirits of Christmas - comes alive on the ATL stage, November 28-December 28. Also through January 5, catch the holiday comedy, A Tuna Christmas (www.actorsattheatre.org or 800-4ATL-TIX).

■ If you're needing a little Christmas, right this very minute, there's nothing like a traditional holiday sing-a-long to leave you feeling festive. The Owensboro Symphony Orchestra presents its annual Ho Ho Holiday Pops Concert December 15, featuring a variety of familiar classics and holiday favorites, as well as a visit from Santa (www.owensborosymphony.org or 270-684-0661).

■ There's something magical about a madrigal performance during the holidays. Take a seat for the Madrigal Christmas Dinner at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg, December 13-14. The dinner show is a 16th-century re-creation of the Renaissance feasts held in the great baronial halls throughout England during the twelve days of Christmas (www.jennywiley.com or 606-886-2711). Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park in Mount Olivet also is stepping up to the holiday plate with a Christmas Dinner Theatre, December 12-15 (www.bluelicksbattlefield.com

or 859-289-5507).

Stuff your Stockings

'Tis the season for shopping! There are a number of galleries, shops and holiday bazaars throughout the state where you'll find more than a few items to deck your halls. We've made our list and checked it twice for some of the top holiday shopping spots throughout the Commonwealth:

■ Annual Holiday Bazaar - Yeiser Art Center - Paducah, December 6-7 (270-442-2453 or www.yeiser.org)

■ Christmas Market - Ft. Boonesborough State Park - Richmond, December 6-8 (859-527-3131 or www.kys-tateparks.com)

■ Appalachian Christmas Arts & Crafts Market - Morehead, December 7 (606-784-6221)

■ Holiday Showcase - Esto Arts Center in Jamestown, December 7 (270-343-4448)

■ The Shaker Order of Christmas and Pleasant Hill Craft Store Holiday Open House - Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill - Harrodsburg, December 7 (800-734-5611 or www.shakervilleky.org)

■ Frontier Christmas 2002 - Washington, December 7-8 and Late Night Shopping in Washington, December 12 (606-759-7423 or www.washingtontonky.com)

■ The Art of Santa - Kentucky Art and Craft Gallery - Louisville, now through December 28 (502-589-0102 or www.kentuckycrafts.org)

■ The Christmas Shop at Keeneland - Lexington, open through December 29 (800-456-3412 or www.keeneland.com)

■ Christmas in Berea, now through December 31 (859-986-2540 or www.berea.com)

■ Christmas 'Round Bardstown', now through

(See GETAWAYS, page twelve)

Card of Thanks

The family of Carlie Samons Gibson wishes to gratefully acknowledge the kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.

THE FAMILY OF CARLIE SAMONS GIBSON

Card of Thanks

The family of Stella E. Crum Whitely Akers would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. All those who sent food, flowers, or just spoke kind words. A special thanks to Clergyman Gary Mitchell for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Office for their assistance in traffic control, and to Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF STELLA E. WHITELEY AKERS



WALTERS

Mary Lou Newsome Walters, 53, formerly of Paintsville, went to be with the Lord on December 3, at 4:20 p.m., after a long battle with breast cancer. Mary Lou was a charter member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lexington, KY. Her father, Ralph Newsome, preceded her in death.

Survivors include Lula Newsome, McDowell, KY; her husband of over thirty-five years, Ed Walters, Lexington; two daughters, Amy Mulfinger, Louisville, and Amanda Wall, Lexington; two sons-in-law, Rob Mulfinger and Bryan Wall; a granddaughter, Sydney Wall; the little boy she thought of as a grandson, Keaton Smith; eight sisters, Alicetene Ward, McDowell, KY; Inis Jean Grimm, Prestonsburg, KY; Christina Simpson, Prestonsburg, KY; Barbara Tuttle, Auxier, KY; Vada Sue Savage, Smithland, KY; Ruth Ann Williams, Paintsville, KY; Brenda Henson, Auxier, KY; and Dottie Spradlin, Denver, KY; one brother, Ralph Newsome, Jr., McDowell, KY. Mary Lou is also survived by many loving brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Dec. 6, at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Lexington. Interment followed at Lexington Cemetery. Visitation was from 6 to 9 p.m. today at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home-Main St., at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Cornerstone Baptist Church, in memory of Mary Lou Walters, 4451 Winchester Road, Lexington, KY 40505.

(paid obituary)

Court hears arguments on mountaintop removal

by LARRY O'DELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Va. — A federal appeals court heard arguments Wednesday on whether a judge went too far in barring permits allowing coal companies to bury streams under rock and dirt removed from mountaintop mines.

Lawyers for the Justice Department and the coal industry urged a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn the ruling by U.S. District Judge Charles Haden II of Charleston, W.Va.

James M. Hecker, a lawyer for an environmental group that challenged a U.S. Corps of Engineers permit for a Kentucky mine, said Haden recognized the intent of Congress to prohibit dumping mine waste into streams.

"The purpose of putting fill material into streams is to dispose of waste. It has no constructive purpose," Hecker said.

In the May ruling, Haden said the federal Clean Water Act allows so-called valley fills only if they are part of a plan for developing the property after the mining is completed.

Justice Department lawyer John Stahr told the appeals panel that Haden "took a broad-based, prospective approach" that went well beyond ruling on the sole permit challenged by Kentuckians for the

Commonwealth Inc.

The permit was awarded to Beechfork Processing Inc., which proposed creating 27 valley fills and burying 6.3 miles of stream with fill material excavated from a mountaintop mine in Martin County.

Haden's ruling came less than a week after the Bush administration announced changes to federal rules that would remove restrictions on valley fills. The judge said the rule could be changed only by Congress.

Judge Michael Luttig noted that the environmental group challenged only the Beechfork permit, not the new rule. The district court "was not content in deciding the issue. It wanted to reach out and grab the new rule and invalidate it," Luttig said.

Robert G. McLusky, a lawyer for the Kentucky Coal Association, joined Stahr in arguing that the Haden's ruling was "overbroad" and should be reversed.

The court usually takes several weeks to several months to rule.

Coal companies operating in the Appalachians have been turning to mountaintop removal as an inexpensive way to mine coal reserves. Explosives and earth-moving machines are used to shear off the tops of mountains and expose coal seams, and the rock and dirt is dumped into hollows and streams.

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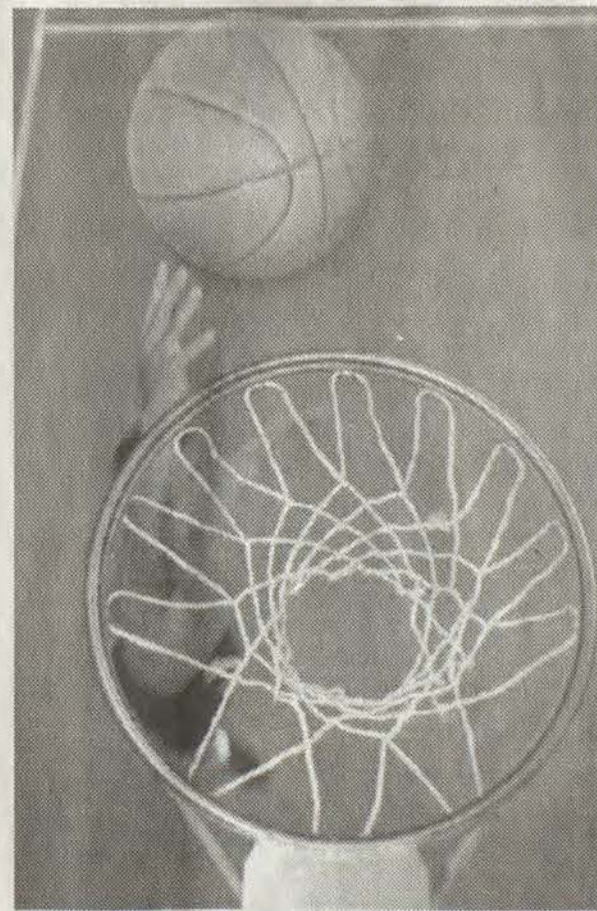
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Former actor running conservative campaign

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

ASHLAND — Outspoken actor and candidate for governor, Sonny Landham, spoke to The Floyd County Times on Monday about his race for the office.

"We have to curb abortion in the state by passing strict health laws," the Republican Landham said. "We can't end abortion, but we can curb it."

Another big issue with

Landham is the Family Court system. Landham spoke against the recent Family Court amendment and believes that the current family laws are a shame.

"The family laws of this state must be reformed through the eyes of a child," Landham said. "Children suffer most during divorce and separation and the system costs the parents too much."

Landham and running mate Roger Thoney plan to cut the state's taxes by one third and to

cut the budget by 40 percent.

"If a man goes in to the governor's office and does his job, he will be tarred and feathered. Fortunately for me, I like the smell of tar and I am used to feathers," Landham said.

Landham hopes that his acting experience will allow him

to help bring jobs to the area.

"My celebrity opens a lot of doors for me," said Landham, whose film credits include Predator, Poltergeist and 48 Hrs, as well as several pornographic films in the 1970s. "I want to glamorize and glorify the state of Kentucky."

Landham said that his administration would give tax breaks and incentives in order to bring new business and industries to the state and give the same tax breaks to businesses that are already in the state and are suffering from economic hardships.

Landham was the first to file for the office of governor on June 20.

More information about Landham including a filmography are available at www.sonnylandham.com.

Firefighter cleared of endangerment charges

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Charges were dropped without prejudice against a Van Lear volunteer firefighter, Stanton Con Grass, 48, who states that they were bogus to begin with.

As previously reported, Grass was accused of trying to run a vehicle off the road and terrorizing two

women, Crystal Pennington and Johanna Bowens, both of Allen, by attempting to drag Pennington from the car and scratching and pulling the hair of Bowens.

Grass and the two alleged victims appeared for a preliminary hearing in Floyd District Court on Monday, at which time the charges against Grass were dismissed without prejudice on the condition that he have no contact with Pennington and Bowens.

According to Grass, one of the women had been dating his son and "made the story up."

An embarrassed Grass was facing charges of two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, second-degree wanton endangerment, fourth-degree assault and menacing.

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seem determined to avoid emulating the Bert Thomas Combs of 1955.

Last week, Republican U.S. Rep. Ernie Fletcher launched his campaign for governor. Appropriately, he offered a lofty vision: "Jobs, economic prosperity, education, health care and preserving our family farms and quality of life." Nothing was said about revenue.

Attorney General Ben Chandler, Happy's grandson, kicked off his own campaign for governor a day later. He, too, talked about creating opportunities, good jobs and the chance for "a great education." His speech included this applause line: "I will not rely on higher taxes to address Kentucky's needs."

Two days after Chandler, Speaker of the House Jody

Richards became the third to officially launch a campaign for governor. Richards ticked off a list of goals that included a "world class" education system, prescription drugs for the elderly, affordable health care for others and improved roads for everyone. He offered no details on how he would pay for those goals but said he would oppose any tax increase.

Time will tell how or whether Fletcher, Chandler or Richards — or any of the other candidates who have yet to go to the starting gate — delivered on their promises. But they won't close on opening night.

Mark R. Chellgren is the Frankfort correspondent for The Associated Press. Capitol Ideas is an analytical look at the viewpoints shaping Kentucky politics.

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The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in west Prestonsburg. The shelter is open from 10:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday, and 10:00 to 3:00 Saturdays, and can be reached by phone at 886-3189.

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Guest

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Now, I am not suggesting that arsenic in the drinking water we might get from private wells, springs, and other groundwater sources is the cause of these diseases, but it might very well be an additional factor for health professionals to consider when they screen patients from this area. After all, 90% of rural Kentuckians rely on private wells for their drinking water, and over the past 15 or so years, at least 21,000 new wells have been dug in Kentucky.

By 2006, all public water systems are supposed to be in compliance with the new EPA standard for arsenic (10 or less parts per billion) in the water they provide their customers. This won't be difficult for most systems, since they rely on surface waters, which don't naturally contain much, if any, arsenic. Some public water systems that rely on groundwater will have some work to do in order to comply, probably at additional cost to consumers.

But, where does that leave people whose main water source is a private well or spring? How do they fit in? How is the EPA going to address their concerns? How will they know if their water is contaminated with arsenic, and what should they do if it is?

For now, I suggest that these people get their water analyzed, as soon as possible, by a lab that regularly tests for arsenic. The cost? About \$15. If their water does contain arsenic, they will be advised to get a specific kind of filter to put on the tap so it's safe to drink (not just any filter will work). Those who can't afford the fee might be able to get it done through their local health departments at no cost. The Groundwater Branch of the Kentucky Division of Water can

also be helpful. (Note: Even water from wells that are no longer used and not properly sealed should be tested.)

I intend to continue sending private well and spring water samples from the community to the EQI for analysis. If anyone wants to submit a sample to me for this purpose, they can reach me at (888) 641-4132, ext. 6302 (toll-free), or by e-mail, at John.Shiber@kctes.edu, for

details.

Dr. Shiber, a Human Ecology Professor at Prestonsburg Community College has published over 28 technical articles in international scientific journals. His paper, "Arsenic I in well water of eastern Kentucky and surrounding counties" is available for reading on the "Reserve Shelf" at the PCC library.

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Alleged victim testifies in endangerment case



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Sheena Skeens testified against James Reed on Monday, at which time she stated that he endangered her life and threatened to shoot her father.

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — "He threatened to kill my father," said Sheena Skeens during her testimony at a preliminary hearing for James Reed, 30, who will face the grand jury on charges of wanton endangerment.

Skeens appeared in Floyd District Court on Monday, at which time she alleged that when she pulled up beside Reed's truck on Dec. 5, he threatened to shoot her dad.

Skeens testified that Reed waved a gun outside of his window and said that he would shoot her tires out if she tried to follow him. She alleged that Reed then got out of his truck and came over to her car, yelled at her and said that he wanted to drive. Skeens, who had exited the car at this point, said that she tried to calm Reed down, but he threatened to shoot holes in the floorboard of her car on the count of three if she didn't get in the car and drive.

Skeens said that she drove from Salt Lick toward Garrett and when they approached a car wash near her dad's house, Reed tried to get her to stop the car so that he could wait for her dad to come out of his house at which time he threatened he would shoot her. Skeens stated that she would not stop at the car wash and when the police got behind her shortly after, Reed told her to keep driving. She said that when the police told her to pull over via speaker, he put the gun under the seat and told her to pull over.

Reed's attorney, Leta Baharestan, questioned Skeens as to whether she felt her life was in danger and when she answered that she did, she questioned her as to why she still

Census missed nearly 49,000 Kentuckians

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Nearly 49,000 people living in Kentucky were missed by the 2000 census, and a disproportionate number were children and non-whites, according to federal government estimates made public Friday.

The census "undercount" in Kentucky was 48,875, or 1.21 percent. The national undercount was 1.16 percent. The Census Bureau data were adjusted through statistical sampling.

Differences are significant because much federal funding is distributed on the basis of the census. The numbers suggest Kentucky could gain some federal funding if the adjusted estimates were used.

An undercount was widely assumed by civil-rights and

advocacy groups, among others. "Everybody supposed that certain populations were undercounted," Debra Miller, executive director of Kentucky Youth Advocates, said in a telephone interview from Louisville.

"We know who were undercounted in the last census 10 years ago — lower income, inner-city folks and some rural folks," Miller said.

The new figures, which the Census Bureau largely disclaimed, indicated that 38 percent of those missed in the head count were under 18 — a group that accounts for only 25 percent of Kentucky's total population, which is just over 4 million.

Likewise, blacks make up 7.3 percent of the population but were 11.8 percent of the undercount. Among congressional dis-

Estimated undercounts for East Ky.

Here is a listing of the Census Bureau's estimated undercounts for Eastern Kentucky counties.

County	Undercount
Boyd	555
Breathitt	177
Carter	306
Floyd	474
Greenup	253
Johnson	239
Knox	161
Lawrence	178
Leslie	125
Letcher	215
Magoffin	148
Martin	148
Morgan	128
Perry	314
Pike	698

tricts, the greatest undercount — 10,546 — was in central Kentucky's 6th District.

Ron Crouch, executive director of the Kentucky State Data Center, speculated that the total reflected two sizable student populations — the University of Kentucky in Lexington and Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond — as well as an abundance of migrant workers, many of whom are undocumented aliens in the United States illegally.

The new estimates indicated an undercount of 1,445 for Bowling Green and Warren County. The community needed a population of 50,000 to be designated a metropolitan statistical area but missed the mark by 704 in the head count.

Revenue receipts stumble in November

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Receipts to Kentucky's General Fund stumbled in November, reflecting continued weakness in the state's economy.

Tax receipts of \$551.4 million were 0.5 percent less than November a year ago. While total receipts for the first five months of the fiscal year are up a healthy 5.3 percent, acting budget director Mary Lassiter said the figures are somewhat misleading.

"The growth we've seen earlier this fiscal year was largely the result of one-time events like tax amnesty and does not mean that we've turned the corner," Lassiter said. "We continue to be disappointed in the level of receipts."

The state's tax amnesty program brought in more than \$100 million, five times what had been predicted.

The state's finances are already in a precarious situation, in part because there is no legislatively enacted budget for the executive or judicial branches. The General Assembly managed only to pass a budget for itself in two tries earlier this year.

It will take revenue growth of 6.2 percent to pay for everything in the spending plan put in place by Gov. Paul Patton for the fiscal year that started July 1. That plan was based on revenue estimates that were made nearly a year ago.

The latest official forecast from the state's panel of economists predicts revenue growth of 3.2 percent for the entire year, which ends June 30, 2003.

To meet the latest projection, receipts must grow by 1.8 percent in the last seven months of the fiscal year.

Lassiter said there was one potential bright spot in the receipts. Individual income tax rose by 4.0 percent in spite of higher refunds during the month. If income taxes continue to go up, it could indicate stronger employment and earnings.

argued with him about driving and why she wouldn't stop at the car wash.

Judge Eric Hall referred the case to the grand jury and left Reed's bond at \$10,000 cash.

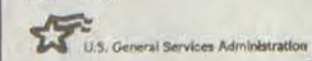
As previously reported, Reed was arrested on Dec. 5 and charged with possession of marijuana, alcohol intoxication, menacing, carrying a concealed weapon and third-degree terroristic threatening, all of which he plead guilty to on December 6, and received a total of six months in jail and a \$420.50 fine.

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■ **Scott Tackett:** All A's - Austin Bailey, Jacob Blair, Haley Howell, Chris Mullins, Carl J. Ousley, Robert Thacker. B honor roll - Dakota Ballenger, Zachary Blackburn, Gavin Blanton, Ashley Case, Allyson DeRossett, Kendra Gambill, Taylor Hackworth, Bradley Hall, Rebecca Hall; Dillon Jent, Lekeisha Jervis, Summer Ousley, Stratton Rorier, John Rose, Kierra Shelton, Tracy Spradlin.

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■ **JoAnn Conn:** B honor roll - Dustin Bartrum, Destinee Stewart, Amber Hayden, Curtis Griffith, Paige Caudill, Nick Burkett, Savannah Bryant, Jimmy Brown, Brittany Osborne, Eric Osborne.

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■ **Lisa Hunt:** All A's -

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■ **Melissa Turner:** All A's - Tate Goble, Derek Newsome, Bethany Scarberry, Elizabeth Vaughn. B honor roll - Darren Burchett, Ryan Flannery, Hannah Grace Hitchcock, Nicholas Hites, Clay Lemaster, Nathan Marsillett, Tommy Osborne, Lisa Ratliff, Gretchen Treadway, Alyxa Wease.

Third grade

■ **Sharon Justice:** B honor roll - Kayla Allen, Katelyn Bellamy, Leanne Goble, Hope Goble, Casey Hall, Kim Jarrell, Corey Lewis, Austin Newsome, Stella Spears, Jamie Wallen.

■ **Tonja Little:** All A's - Victoria Hampton, Ashton Sizemore. B honor roll - Evan Bays, Natasha Burchett, Danny

Conn, Rosey Davis, Emily Hammonds, Makayla Hitchcock, Ashley Jervis, Zachary meade, Jonathan Murrell, Adrian Neely, Clara Potter, Kristany Setser, Thomas Skeens, Evan Spradlin.

■ **Diana Turner:** B honor roll - Deserae Allen, Sarah Burchett, Amber Childers, Blake Goble, Cheyanna Jude, Kelly Miller, Robert Osborne, Amy Rice, Mick Roberts, Jessica Russell.

■ **Deborah Walker:** All A's - Drew Diddle. B honor roll - Hannah Hackworth, Celeste Hall, Charle Joseph, Jessica Lafferty, Megan Newsome, Beta Risner, Hayley Stone, Jacob Webb.

Fourth grade

■ **Joan Cornett:** B honor roll - Elaina Calhoun, Julie Compton, Brittany Davis, Tori Hunt, Kasey Moore, Hannah Walker, Cassie Whitt, Tyler Whitt.

■ **Debra Holland:** B honor roll - Brandi Frasure, Robert Grigsby, Jamie Marsillett.

■ **Betty Minix:** All A's - Kaitlyn Minix. B honor roll - Wil Allen, Brian Branham, Jacob Branham, Alexis Derossett, John Justice, Michael Marsillett, Madysen Nunnery, James Sturgill, Taylor Tackett, Kalan Wells.

Fifth grade

■ **Linda Combs:** All A's -

Victoria Petry. B honor roll - Micaya Canterbury, Kim Chaffins, Nick Conn, Brittany Coyer, Josh Craynor, Bradley Hicks, Kelli Maynard, Cody McCoy, Brad Stanley.

■ **Jalenda Shepherd:** B honor roll - Devin Clifton, Beth Collins, Jonna Craft, Austin McKinney, Briney Owsley, Brittany Peppi.



Gubernatorial candidate and House Speaker Jody Richards and lieutenant governor candidate Tony Miller stopped in Prestonsburg on Monday during a campaign tour of Eastern Kentucky.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

Richards, running mate swing through East Ky.

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Candidate for governor and veteran speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives, Jody Richards, and lieutenant governor candidate and Jefferson County Circuit Court Clerk, Tony Miller, made a stop in Prestonsburg Monday during a campaign swing through Eastern Kentucky.

According to Richards, the combined managerial ability of the two men give them an advantage over the other slates of candidates.

"I think that we match up very well," Richards said.

Miller also said that they made good running mates.

"We trust and respect each other," Miller said.

Richards said the one of the most important issues he will promote during the campaign is widening the Mountain Parkway to four lanes.

Both men say that they have received a very positive response for their campaign while touring the state.

"I have been amazed at the response that we have gotten. It's more than positive," Miller said.

According to Richards, the main issues that he hopes to

address are roads, economic development and "good, high-paying jobs."

Richards and Miller believe that they have the right attributes to win the governor's race.

"I have proven that I can get along with the General Assembly. I have been around the state and am acquainted with the problems and we have never had a hint of scandal," Richards said.

In January, Richards will be the longest serving speaker in the history of the state, with eight years in the position.

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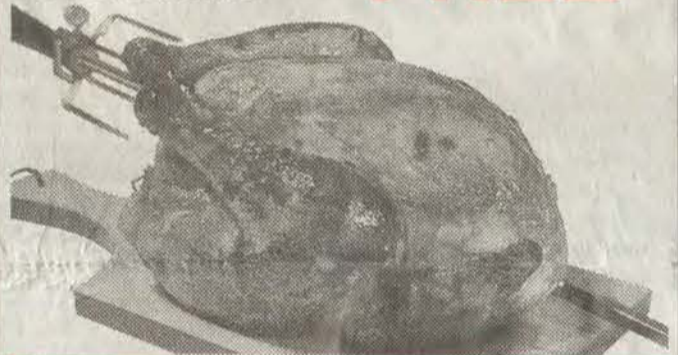
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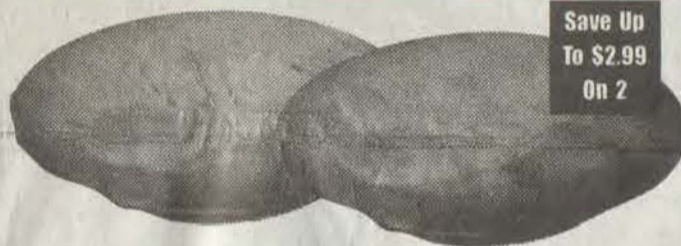
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1959-61, averaging 11.6 points as a senior.

CORBIN — Forward Jerry Bird logged a lot of playing time for the Cats from 1953-56...

GLASGOW — Courier-Journal photographer Bill Luster, who checks in at around 5-2, has worked about as many UK games as anybody.

GRAYSON — See Ashland. Close enough for reflected glory.

GREENUP — Mike Scott was a 6-9 backup center for Coach Eddie Sutton in the late 1980s.

HARLAN — Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones, a starting forward on the "Fabulous Five" NCAA champs of 1948 and '49...

ketball, football, and baseball. Harlan also gave UK immortal play-by-play announcer Cawood Ledford and guard Dickie Parsons...

HAZARD — Johnny Cox was the star junior forward on the "Fiddlin' Five" NCAA

champs of 1958 and a consensus first-team All-American a year later. Garland Townes, who lettered in 1950, lives here as a retired businessman...

LEITCHFIELD — Jim Dinwiddie was a useful guard

Kidd

game into overtime. Kidd finished with 12 points. Junior Brandon Hall finished with 21 points and Brent Newsome chipped in nine.

Tyson Smith led Knott County Central with a team-best 16 points.

Betsy Layne hosted Paintsville last night at the Dome. Knott Central was at

YMCA

10 points for the Cougars. Adam Farmer followed with six points while Travis Bartley scored all five of his points in the fourth quarter.

Shelby Valley. Results from both games were unavailable.

Betsy Layne (73) — N. Newsome 1, B. Newsome 9, Hall 21, Kidd 21, Hamilton 23, Simon 2, Scarberry 3, Howell 2.

Knott Co. Central (72) — Dials 8, Slone 6, Hurley 8, Smith 16, Parke 6, Pike 9, Hicks 8, Cook 4, Miller 7.

Mullins was led by Patrick Smith, who had five points and Jonathan Ray followed with three.

from 1969-71. Close enough to Hardinsburg to claim Ralph Beard and close enough to Elizabethtown to claim Antwain Barbour.

LONDON — Paul Andrews of Laurel County, hero of the 1982 State Tournament, won UK's Leadership and Student-Athlete awards in 1987.

MIDDLESBORO — Must claim Larry Pursiful of Four Mile, an outstanding shooter in the early 1960s.

MONTICELLO — Ray Mills, a key sub from 1955-'57, lives here as a retired teacher.

great high school teams of the late 1950s and early '60s, didn't attend UK.

MOREHEAD — No players worth noting, but current Morehead State coach Kyle Macy is one of the six best guards in UK history.

OLIVE HILL — No players worth nothing, but ex-UK great Gayle Rose, one of the best dribblers in Wildcat history...

PRESTONSBURG — Lowell Hughes lettered at quarterback on the football team and guard on the basketball team in the late 1950s.

RICHMOND — Paul McBrayer, the winningest bas-

(See REED, page three)

Open

the third quarter 18-8 and took the final period 20-10, doubling up the Pirates.

South Floyd will travel to Betsy Layne to play Magoffin

County on Saturday. The tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

South Floyd (93) — M. Hall 18, T. Hall 28, Slone 7, Ray 6, H. Hall 5, Meade 6, Tackett 9, Stanley 6, Shane Allen 2, W. Hall 1, Vance 2, Scott Allen 3.

Fleming-Neon (44) — Potter 13, Holbrook 2, Wilder 4, Quillen 6, Johnson 15, Smith 2, Little 1, Seals 1.

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Raiders

South Floyd to just eight points in the first half, six in the opening quarter and two in the second.

Rhonda Adams led Johnson Central in scoring with 15 points. Alice Daniel scored 13 and senior Ashley Wireman, a Pikeville College signee, finished with eight.

Megan Ousley scored a team-high 15 points for South Floyd. Tabitha Trammell netted seven and Ashley Johnson finished with six.

South Floyd dropped its second consecutive game on Monday, losing to East Ridge. The Lady Warriors posted a 41-31 win.

Stephanie Skeans was the

leading scorer for South Floyd in the loss to East Ridge, tossing in eight points. Trammell also finished with seven in the game against East Ridge.

East Ridge led 17-11 at the end of the first quarter. The second-quarter saw South Floyd battle back to outscore the Lady Warriors 12-3 to take a 23-20 lead into the half.

South Floyd (1-2) is open until it hosts Allen Central on Monday night.

Rebs

a team-best 13 points.

Allen Central controlled the first quarter, leading 20-8 after the initial period. Pikeville then outscored the Lady Rebels 20-12 in the second quarter to go into the half trailing by just two points, 32-30.

Allen Central finished the Pike County Central tournament in strong fashion, beating Pike Central (70-68) and Powell County (70-47).

Thomas had a game-high 18 points and Mullins chipped in

17 in the win over Pike Central. Tabetha Caudill scored nine points and Jackie Martin added seven while Megan Harris chipped in six.

Harris was the game's leading scorer in a win over Powell County. She had 24 points. Scott scored 18 and Mullins chipped in 14 in the win.

Allen Central will host Knott Central Saturday evening at 6 p.m.

Class

McCurry, Bobby Mullins, Scott Combs, Eric Coleman, James Howard.

SHELBY VALLEY — Josh Bentley, Jordan Blankenship, Joseph Wyatt, Justin Collier.

EAST RIDGE — Nathan Mullins, William Younce, Jeremy Vanover.

BETSY LAYNE — Jerrod Flannery, Michael Rogers. A list of honorable-mention honorees follows.

BELFRY — Zane Smith, Paul Howard, Joey Ramey, Nathan Coleman, Josh Cullop, Clifton Hatfield, Gary Childers.

PRESTONSBURG — Rudy Pennington, Matt Setser, Thomas

Nelson, Adam Dixon, Trevor Compton.

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PIKE CENTRAL — Jason Kidd.

SHELBY VALLEY — Tommy Griffith, Jimmy Henson, Ryan Tackett, Jeremiah Darnon, Josh Tackett.

EAST RIDGE — Jason Harris, Clinton Taylor, Cody Mullins, Tyler Ward, Brandon Ratliff, Shannon Huffman.

BETSY LAYNE — Chris Cochran, Oscar Adkins, Charlie Daniels, Kyle Akers, Kyle Rice, Jimmy Osborne.



photo by Tony McGuire

Prestonsburg senior Taryn Harris (12) swatted away a shot by Betsy Layne's Kristal Daniels (20). Betsy Layne beat Prestonsburg, 73-30.

Close one closes out first day of Y Tournament

Results: Dorton 53, Phelps Creek 23; Virgie 49, Mountain Millard 51. Monday: 5:30, Allen vs. 41; Turkey Creek 56, Johns Christian 22; South Floyd 52,

Elkhorn City; 7:00, Mullins vs. Adams; 8:30, Paintsville vs. Betsy Layne

Dorton 53, Phelps 41: The Wildcats came charging out to start both halves, outscoring the Hornets 32-17 in the first and third quarters to pick up the win.

No player scored in double figures in the game. Jamie Case led Turkey Creek with eight, while Chad Steele and Bowns flipped in six each.

Stratton leads Ladycats in road rout

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — The Betsy Layne girls' basketball team has established itself early on as one of the top teams in the 15th Region. Monday night the Ladycats of Betsy Layne took to the road and scored an impressive 65-31 win over Paintsville. The Ladycats led the host Lady Tigers

13-4 at the end of the first quarter. Paintsville pulled within nine at the half with a 26-17 deficit to try and overcome. Betsy Layne then exploded for 23 points in the third quarter on its way to the win. Paintsville was held to single digits in scoring in the first, third and fourth quarters.

Senior forward Natasha Stratton paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 19 points. Junior

Whitney Lykens finished with 14. Guards Kim Clark and Tiffany Meade each had 10 points apiece for Betsy Layne.

Kesha Newman just missed 10 points, scoring eight on four field goals.

Kristal Daniels and Tabetha Whitt rounded out the scoring for Betsy Layne with two points each.

Ashley Hall was the top scorer for Paintsville with 11 points. Savannah Moore scored 10 and Whitney Reynolds added seven. Shanna Preston chipped in three for the Lady Tigers in the losing effort.

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Central. Results from both games were unavailable at press time.

Allen Central (92) — Slone 23, Allen 25, Pack 9, Francis 13, Samons 11, Webb 5, Hall 6. FT:

23-40.

Lawrence County (88) — Parsons 5, Muncy 4, Driver 27, Lewis 4, Preece 10, Compton 4, Brown 32, Thompson 2, Endicott 1. FT: 24-34.

NEXT GAMES:

BETSY LAYNE — Friday at Belfry, Lady Pirate Invitational
Paintsville — Thursday at Johnson Central

Rebounds

Lady Bobcats stumbled down the stretch and came up on the short end of a 61-56.

The Ladycats were able to keep things close in the early going, but fell victim to a pair of long range bombs that would stake the Lady Yellowjackets to the 16-11 first quarter lead. Betsy Layne went cold in the second quarter, only hitting on a trio of field goals in the period. The Lady Bobcats had to rely on free throws to keep pace, going six for 12, and falling behind 31-23 going into the break.

Betsy Layne resurrected their offense in the third quarter, posting their best offensive output of the evening with 18-points. The Lady Bobcats pulled to within a bucket on a couple of occasions, but still trailed going into the final frame 43-41.

Early fouls and catch-up basketball down the stretch doomed the Lady Bobcats as Whitesburg went to the line 18 times in the period, and connected on 14 of their attempts. Although close, Betsy Layne was unable to overcome the aggressive Lady Yellowjackets, and eventually fell by the score of 61-56.

Whitney Lykens of the Lady Bobcats led all scorers with 18

points on the evening, while Chastity Fox led the Lady Yellowjackets with 17 points.

Betsy Layne 73, Prestonsburg 30

The Betsy Layne Lady Bobcats and the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats made the drive down Route 80 to Hazard over the weekend for the consolation round of the Pepsi Queen of the Mountains Tip-off tournament. The Lady Bobcats were dropped to the losers bracket by eventual champs, the Whitesburg Lady Yellowjackets; while the Lady Blackcats entered the bracket by way of a loss to the host Lady Commodores of Perry County Central.

Betsy Layne, behind a smothering defense, jumped out to an early lead, and allowed Prestonsburg little opportunity to get back into the game. The Lady Bobcats switched up their press, which left the Lady Blackcats offense spread out and ineffective. Betsy Layne also hit the boards hard, got out quickly in transition, and took advantage of their scoring opportunities.

The Lady Bobcats dominated the tempo and the style of play from beginning to end, and walked away with the 73-30 win.

The Lady Bobcats opened the game with a 27-2 run, with both of the Lady Blackcats points coming off free throws. By the end of the first period, Betsy Layne had amassed a 19-1 lead, holding Prestonsburg to a handful of shots and no field goals (the Lady Blackcats did not get their first field goal until the 2:52 mark of the second quarter).

On the offensive end, Betsy Layne was able to get very high percentage looks at the basket, with only one shot in the first half coming from more than 5-foot and out of the paint. By the half, the Lady Bobcats had established a decisive lead at 35-6, and showed no signs of letting up.

In the second half, the Lady Bobcats loosened the defensive strangle hold, and settled into their half-court sets on offense and defense. On the offensive end, Betsy Layne began to run through their offensive patterns, and take shots outside the paint. Despite the illusion of a slowed tempo, the Lady Bobcats had their most productive offensive quarter of the game, scoring 20 points and taking a 65-11 lead.

With the outcome of the game secured, Betsy Layne went deep into their bench to allow backup players an opportunity to get some well deserved playing time. The fourth quarter ended quietly, with the Lady Bobcats taking the win by the score of 73-30. Kim Clark led all scorers with 17 points.

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ketball coach in Eastern Kentucky University history, was an All-American in 1930 and later served on Coach Adolph Rupp's staff from 1935-43. Also, senior center Marquis Estill of the current team has the potential to be a scoring machine.

RUSSELL SPRINGS — Bennie Coffman, Doug Pandygraft, and Vince Del Negro all played at nearby Lindsey-Wilson junior college in Columbia before coming to UK.

RUSSELLVILLE — Harold Ross, a sub on the 1958 NCAA champs, is a retired principal living in nearby Elkton. None of Russellville's stars in the late 1990s and early '00s — Tony Key, Teco Dickerson, Michael Morris, and Maurice Hampton — went to UK to play basketball.

SOMERSET — Reggie Hanson, now a UK assistant, was UK's No. 2 scorer, leading rebounder and top shot-blocker in the first two years of the Rick Pitino era.

WHITLEY CITY — Must claim Jerry Bird and Reggie Hanson. Surely many UK players have stopped there, on the way to Tennessee.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. — Mike Flynn, the floor leader of UK's 1975 NCAA runner-up and hero of the upset of No. 1 Indiana in the Mideast Regional final, is a bank executive here.

NEW ALBANY, Ind. — Cliff Barker, a member of the "Fabulous Five," coached Cotton Nash at Charlestown, Ind., High, which is as close as we can get.

And now (drum roll, please) here's the all-time UK Community Newspaper Holdings, Inc., Kentucky division, team: Johnny Cox and Wah Wah Jones at the forwards, Reggie Hanson at center, and Larry Pursiful and Larry Conley at guards. The coach would be Paul McBrayer and the No. 1 fan would be Ashley Judd.

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Thunder Ridge holds stock car banquet

PRESTONSBURG — Thunder Ridge Raceway was host to the annual Stock Car banquet on Monday, honoring all the drivers and fans. It was a time to reflect on all memorable moments that made Thunder Ridge Raceway's 2002 season one of the best seasons in the tracks storied career.

After the capacity crowd had a chance to eat from the buffet bar Dave Bokleman Manger of the Thunder Ridge Racing Complex and Hersh Colwell Event Director for the Stock Car track gave out over 40 door prizes to the large crowd Dave Bokleman began the banquet presentations with a look back at what he envisioned for the track and what improvements are in store for the track before the start of the Stock car season in 2002.

Dave Bokleman then gave a speech about what he envisioned for the facility going into 2002 Bokleman said The 2002 season was far beyond what I imagined it would be he went on to say that Thunder Ridge is committed to improving the facility even more before the start of the 2003 Stock Car season.

Bokleman said that New Clay was going to be added to the racing surface, a new sound system was installed, and a renovation of the concession area are some of the new things that the race fans will notice upon the return of racing in 2003.

One of the highlights of the banquet was a tape that was showed to the capacity crowd that showed highlights to of the 2002 season with lots of crash-

es, funny moments, and side-by-side action from throughout the year.

The tape that was put together by Wayne Fugit from WPRG TV-5 from Harold Hersh Colwell then went over some minor rule changes for the 2003 season.

Bokleman and Colwell began the awards presentation beginning with the 4-Cylinder Division where each driver received a trophy that grew in height as they got closer to the champion and a Thunder Ridge 2002 T-Shirt that had a Thunder Ridge 2002 Banquet design on the front and the top-5 in points from all divisions listed on the back of the shirt. All the division champions also received a 2002 Thunder Ridge Track Champion Jacket. The Limited Late Model and the Late Model Track Champions also received on top of the trophy, T-Shirt, and jacket a mini replica of his 2002 race cars.

Also Hersh Colwell handed out Certificates to all of the top 10 drivers from the 2002 season the Certificates had their official season ending points position and would be suitable for framing and displaying their achievement

Also, a special award was handed out to one of Thunder Ridge's most popular drivers, Bucky Collins, driver of the No. 50 Bomber received the Spirit trophy for his continued support of the track over the past several years and for future years to come.

Thunder Ridge then had a drawing for the fans for a cash award of over \$200 and also with this award was a four-day and three-night vacation at the destination of their choice.

Hersh Colwell then went over the 2003 schedule.

The 2003 season will begin on April 5 with a practice for the cars. The first official race will be on April 12 for all divisions except Late Models. Late Models first race will be on April 26.

Thunder Ridge will host 10 special races for the Late Models that will pay the drivers \$3,000 or more to win over the 2003 season from April to the end of September. Also a couple unfamiliar series, will make their debut in the East Kentucky area thanks to Thunder Ridge the Mid-Atlantic Championship Series (MACS), and The Southern All-Star Series (SAS) will both be at Thunder Ridge in 2003 the MAC race will be on May 10, paying \$5,000 to win the feature event. He SAS series will roll into Thunder Ridge on June 21st paying \$5,000 to win the feature event.

Also making a return to Thunder Ridge after a couple of years absence will be the Renegade Series a nationally touring series that has such big names as Chub Franks, Mike Balzano, and several other cars that follow the series all over the Eastern United States. The Renegade Series will be at Thunder Ridge on July 19.

Also back by popular demand is the hottest regional touring series in the United States the STARS Battle of the Bluegrass will have four races at Thunder Ridge. Two race on the weekend of May 30-31. Also two more on August 29-30 which will be the second annual Summer Thunder at the

Ridge race.

Also making a return to Thunder Ridge in 2003 will be the Miller Brothers Coal/Pepsi Fall Classic. In 2002 the feature paid the winner \$10,000 to win, but in 2003 the race will pay \$15,000 to win.

To conclude the banquet Bokleman drew for five free

seasons passes. The winners were Tommy Boggs, Keith Gayhart, Patrick Morris and Jeff Jones.

For more information about the racing action at Thunder Ridge please call (606) 886-RACE or visit www.thunder-rideraceway.com

JBS girls fall to Jenkins, beat Buckhorn

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — It didn't take the Jenkins Lady Cavaliers girls' basketball team long to get its first win in the books. Jenkins opened the 2002-03 season with a win last week thanks to a 43-29 road victory over the June Buchanan School girls' team.

Forward Ciera Pittman tossed in nine first quarter points en route to a 24-point effort to lead Jenkins to the win. Beth Branham scored 12 points and guard Kayla Bentley chipped in seven, all in the second half. Jenkins had just three players break into the scoring column in the first game of the season.

Center Kara Caudill led the way for June Buchanan with 13 points. Forward Kayla Brown scored eight points. Two other players combined for eight points for the Lady Crusaders.

Jenkins led 15-9 at the end of the first quarter and 19-17 at the half before exploding for the win

in the final two quarters.

The JBS girls got back to winning on Monday night with a 57-40 victory over Buckhorn.

June Buchanan (57) — Caudill 22, Stephens 10, Sparkman 2, Brown 13, Cornett 2, Stepp 6, McFarland 2.

Buckhorn (40) — Couch 5, Gay 4, Stacy 2, Colwell 15, Bush 4.

JBS Scoreboard

Girls'

Dec. 2 Jenkins 29-43 (L)
Dec. 9 Buckhorn 57-40 (W)
Last night Piarist School (score unavailable)

Boys'

Dec. 6 OBI 47-63 (L)
Dec. 9 Riverside Christian 75-64 (W)
Thursday at Letcher
Dec. 14 at Fairview

ALC teams lose on the road

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BREVARD, NC — A 10-point lead at the half didn't hold up for

Bulldogs get past Pike Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISA — Lawrence County played Friday night to get past Pike County Central 83-80 in a boys high school basketball game in mild upset fashion.

Steven Driver and Sheldon Clark transfer Adam Brown scored a combined 49 points, including nine 3-pointers. Peyton Preece added three from behind the arc for the Bulldogs, who hit 13 3-pointers in the game.

Lawrence County led by five at the half, but Pike Central regained a 59-56 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

However, the Bulldogs outscored Central 27-21 in the final eight minutes to get its first victory of the season.

Driver led the way with 25 points and 10 rebounds, while Brown added 24. Preece complemented his teammates with 14.

Barry Sanders finished with 21 points for Central, which fell to 0-2.

Pike County Central (80) — Sanders 21, Prater 10, Mullins 13, Lions 10, McCurry 4, Pugh 9, Hall 13. FT: 24-33.

Lawrence County (83) — Parsons 2, Driver 25, Lewis 4, Brown 24, Thompson 10, Endicott 4, Breece 14. FT: 16-24.

Closes

four.

Turkey Creek was to meet Pikeville last night at 7 p.m.

Virgie 49, MCA 22: Leading 14-8 after one period, the Eagles put things away in the second when they outscored the Falcons 18-3 to lead 32-11 at the break. Virgie outscored the Floyd County team in all four quarters for the win.

Virgie's Colby Newsome was the leading scorer with 17 points. He led three Eagles in double digits; Daniel Harmon finished with 14 while John Johnson tossed in 10.

Landon Slone and Mike Bednarz led the Falcons in scoring. They finished with seven points each.

Virgie will play South Floyd on Thursday night at 8:30.

the Alice Lloyd men's basketball team over the weekend. Leading 39-29 at the half, the Eagles eventually dropped an 82-79 game to Appalachian Athletic Conference power Brevard College.

Nick Samons, after scoring 13 points in the first half, had 20 points for the Eagles. Kent Campbell scored 20 points and added 11 rebounds. Matt Spencer scored 17 points and pulled down nine rebounds and Tommy McKenzie finished with 12 points and five rebounds. Ryan Shannon and Jimmy Stumbo each had three points.

Earlier in the day, the ALC women lost 83-57. Leah Whitley scored a team-high 15 points and

guard Devon Reynolds finished with 12.

JV Eagles lose to Transy JV

LEXINGTON — Jeremy Jackson scored 30 and teammate Dock Johnson of Johnson Central fame scored 28 in a short effort for the ALC JV Eagles. The Alice Lloyd men's junior varsity team came up short on the road, losing 119-102 to the Transylvania JV.

Jeremy Akers (Shelby Valley) scored eight points and Josh Damron finished with six.

Blackcats fall to Estill County

by **JAMIE HOWELL**
SPORTS WRITER

WINCHESTER — The Prestonsburg Blackcats traveled to Winchester on Friday for the George Rogers Clark tip-off tournament and came away with a 85-61 setback at the hands of Estill Co. Prestonsburg stayed close in the first half, and even led after one quarter at 16-15. Justin Allen kept the Blackcats within striking distance early as the senior finished with six treys on his way to a team-high 20 points on the night. Prestonsburg was a victim of poor shooting as the Blackcats finished the contest 22 for 64 for 33% on the night. Estill Co. went on a 23-15 run in the second quarter and took a 38-31 lead at the half.


The Blackcats also got into

early foul trouble and ended up losing senior Joey Willis and Trevor Compton as both fouled out of the contest. The third quarter sealed the Blackcats fate as Estill County outscored the Floyd County team 25-13 in the quarter and took a 63-44 lead after three quarters. Prestonsburg seems to be a team early in the season that is still trying to put a full game together.

The Blackcats gave defending 15th Region champ Shelby Valley all they could handle for three quarters in the first game of the season before running out of gas in the fourth quarter. On Friday, Prestonsburg played nip and tuck with Estill County in the first half before going cold in the second and falling to the Engineers. A bright spot for Prestonsburg was the play of freshman point guard Michael Stephens. The youngster went three of four from the field in only 5 minutes of action and finished with six points. Senior guard Chris Kidd finished with eight points on the night, and Joey Willis added six for the Blackcats. Prestonsburg struggled to find the range from the charity stripe as well as the cats finished under 50-percent from the line on 10 of 21 shooting on the night.

Joe Blackburn came off the P'burg bench to finish with five points on the night. Prestonsburg did some good things on the night as well, as the Blackcat pressure forced Estill County into 23 turnovers on the night. Prestonsburg fell to 0-2 on the young season with the loss.

The Blackcats tangled with Magoffin County last night, but results were unavailable as of press time.




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The Magoffin County High School girls' basketball team beat Pikeville handily, 65-42, in the championship game of the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic. The team is coached by Neil West.

No. 12 Pikeville completes sweep of Strayer

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Guard Sam Hurren came off the bench to fire in four first-half three-point baskets to lead 12th-ranked Pikeville College to a 98-90 win over Strayer University on Sunday.

Hurren, a 6-2 senior from Melbourne, Aus., finished with 25 points on 5-of-7 shooting from the arc. He was 8-of-12 overall and made all four free throws. In addition, he dished out four assists and had a steal as the Bears beat the Tigers for the second time in 19 hours.

Pikeville (10-1) beat Strayer 91-86 on Saturday.

"That's the great thing about this team, on any given day it could be someone different stepping up," Pikeville Head Coach Randy McCoy said. "Today was Sam's day. He played pretty well and shot the lights out. I'm very happy for him."

The Bears were on fire most of the game, shooting 20-of-34 (58.8 percent) before the half. They then shot even better after the break, firing in 16-of-24 shots (66.7 percent) to finish the day at 62.1 percent.

Hurren got help from senior forward Jairus Michael, who flipped in a double-double with 21 points and 12 rebounds. He

was 9-of-12 from the floor and handed out five assists.

Junior guard Greg Davis had a solid night, scoring nine and handing out eight assists as the Bears had 29 assists. Senior Charles Sanders had 12 points on 5-of-6 shooting, pulling down six rebounds, handing out seven assists and picking off three steals.

Junior center Teon Knox had 16 markers and six rebounds, while junior Joe Mirus came off the bench for 11 points and four rebounds.

Pikeville led by 20 (54-34) at the half, and pushed it to 22

before the game Tigers came charging back. They got as close as five before the home team pulled away for the win.

Strayer (3-8) got 26 from sophomore Hugh Jones, while sophomore Warren Jefferson had 20 points, seven rebounds and six assists. Senior Kalid Shakur contributed 19 points, while freshman Christopher Coleman added 11.

Pikeville will take a week off for final exams and will be back in action on Saturday to finish up the pre-Christmas portion of the schedule with a game at Spalding University.

Lady Dores cruise past P'burg

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD — The Perry County Central Lady Commodores hosted their annual Pepsi Queen of the Mountains Tip-off Classic this week at the John C. Combs Arena. The Lady Commodores cruised into the finals with impressive wins, a fact that would later doom them, over Prestonsburg and Rose Hill. Perry Central led by a combined total of 61-1 after

the first quarter in these games, and was ahead by a 100-12 at halftime, a fact that gave their starters very little experience in the young season.

Perry Central jumped out to a 30-0 lead on Prestonsburg, and did not allow the Lady Blackcats a field goal until midway of the second period. The Lady Commodores were able to parlay that lead into a 50-5 halftime lead. This sent the starters and many subs to the bench for the rest of the game.

The Lady Commodores finished out the game with the far end of its bench on the floor, and Coach Napier looking to find the next player to step up during the long season ahead. Prestonsburg was able to get some points on the board, and bring the final total to a more respectable margin. Perry Central moved to the second round with a 66-31 win. Molly Burchett led P'burg in scoring with 15 points.

Perry Central (66) — P. Sebastian 17, B. Baker 14, B. Maggard 10, C. Napier 8, K. Combs 6, N. King 5, J. Baker 2, M. Shell 2, A. Holland 2.

Prestonsburg (31) — M. Burchett 15, T. Harris 9, K. Key 2, D. Hicks 2 and A. Webb 1.

Floyd County Special Olympics meeting set for tonight

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — An organizational meeting for the Floyd County Special Olympics will be held today at the Floyd County Library in Prestonsburg, beginning at 6 p.m.

Prestonsburg High School will host the Kentucky Special Olympics Area 3 Games on Saturday, April 26, 2003. It is estimated that 150 volunteers are needed for next year's Area Games. A total of 18-20 event

coordinators are also urgently needed.

Donations from businesses, civic groups and school groups are also being sought. An Olympic-style village is also in the planning stages. The South Floyd High School Forensics Team is dealing with much of the planning for the village. Prestonsburg teacher and head football coach John DeRossett is also heavily involved with the entire planning process for next year's Area Games.

Ed Senig heads Floyd County Special Olympics.

Sports

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untruthful about possible deals, if indeed such trades are being considered? What is there to hide? Either a deal is in the making or not. If there is, then why hide it?

So it looks like the Reds are saddled with Junior for the 2003 season unless something can be worked out over the next two months. I like Griffey's bat, if he is healthy. But for the past two seasons, he has spent more time on the disabled list than on the field. A healthy Griffey in center field, and Kearns and Dunn on the wings opposite him, gives the Reds a solid outfield with some potent bats. However, who's to say either will be healthy next season, or any player for that matter?



Dunn spun his wheels the last half of last season and what's to say he will not pick up where he left off when the 2003 season opens? Dunn is "too much" a free swinger at the plate and needs to cut down on his cuts a little.

Kearns, started fast, cooled down, but regained his form before his injury finished his season. He was the Reds' best hitter last season and there is no reason he cannot continue the same in 2003.

Back to Griffey, I have a feeling that 2003 is going to be a coming out season for Junior as a Red. I believe he will play more, contribute more and be

more of a leader on the field. If he, along with Kearns and Dunn, have the kind of season he is capable, the Reds may not need all the pitching they lack right now.

Aaron Boone led the team in homers last season along with Dunn. A healthy Sean Casey will definitely be an added ingredient for a run at the Central Division title. However, there are a lot of trade rumors on Casey as well as catcher Jason Larue.

I look for the Reds to unload Barry Larkin, who is in his final year of a three-year contract. If the Reds do not move Larkin, I don't look for the veteran shortstop to be part of the Reds roster come the 2004 season.

The Reds could move Boone to short and put Branyan Russell at third. That would give the Reds more pop in their bats. Larkin is not a long ball threat where Russell is. However, a full season for Russell would make him a legitimate threat to dethrone Dunn as strikeout king for Cincinnati.

Todd Walker appears to be a fixture second base for now anyway. Brandon Larson has played some at second in winter ball and he has potentially a big bat. It will be interesting to see what moves, if any, the Reds will make over the two months.

As far as pitching goes, nothing new on that front as it appears that Jimmy Haynes will

be going elsewhere. The Reds are not even talking to Haynes agent about resigning.

Well, it does make you feel a little warmer talking baseball. Here in Florida, the high school season begins the last of January. That helps also.

CHEERLEADERS

I have found it interesting concerning cheerleaders at basketball games in Florida. In Kentucky all 20 line up along the baselines during the course of a game. Here in the Sunshine State, they are reserved a seat in the bleachers at the end of the court. There they sit and cheer while the game is in progress. Very seldom do you see them on the court, even during a time out, halftime, or any other time.

Bands? No bands at basketball games. It is quiet in the gym where you can hold a conversation if you want to. But, honestly, the cheerleaders and band are part of the atmosphere at games and I miss that. It seems too tame at times without them. I spoke with Mike Harris, who coaches at Lafayette High School, about the absence of the bands and restriction of cheerleaders and he said, "it would create a more competitive atmosphere if they were allowed to take part."

I agree with Coach Harris. The 14 years covering basketball in Floyd County got me used to trying to talk over the bands and I guess I still miss all that. I like the atmosphere we have in Floyd County and hope it continues on. The support groups are a very big part of the atmosphere.

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VS.

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NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 25th day of October, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$87,920.89, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 12th day of December, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 112 Betsy Clark Branch, Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at stake on the bank of Wiley Branch being corner to Lot No. 2 in the boundary line, also a corner to Alice May; thence with the line S 78 E 138 feet to a stake in the fence at the road; S 21 E 119 feet crossing the road at a stake in the fence; thence up the hill S 22 E 214 feet to a stake at the back of the field; S 32 E 101 feet to a stake; S 33 E 121 feet to a stake; S 36 30 E 88 feet to a stake; S 39 38 E 76 feet to a stake; S 21 15 E 80 feet to a stake; S 29 30 E 84 feet to a stake; S 16 E 111 feet to a white oak and a dogwood on top of the point, a corner to Sam Davidson line; thence up the ridge with said Davidson line 74 E 152 to a small dogwood; S 79 E 18 feet to an ash; thence down the hill with Lot No. 2 N 31 30 W 1335 feet to a gate post in the barn lot; thence around the bar lot N 70 E 37 feet to a fence post; N 7 W 90 feet to a stake in the branch witnessed by a sycamore and elm; thence down the branch with Lot No. 2 N 87 15 W 243 feet to a sycamore S 78 35 W 270 feet to an elm S 32 25 W 75 feet to a stake in the branch; N 89 W 190 feet to the beginning.

There is excepted and not conveyed in this Deed of Conveyance that certain tract or parcel of land previously conveyed to Dorinda Jones by Deed of Conveyance dated November 17, 1976, by Lennie Peters, which is duly recorded in Deed Book 227, Page 312, of the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and more particularly described as follows:

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to an iron stake and Lennie Peters line; thence with Lennie Peters line a distance approximately 199 feet to an oak tree; thence at an angle to another oak tree and a rock marked x a distance of approximately 261 feet to Johnny Hall's line; thence with Vernon Elliot's line back to Lennie Peters line and cement block, point of beginning.

There is excepted from this deed a driveway for the purpose of ingress and egress for property owners of the Peters' property. Being the same property conveyed to Michael Crum and Jennifer Crum dated 8-12-97, of record in Deed Book 410, Page 242, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:

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PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Daniel T. Albers, Jr. Morgan & Pottinger, P.S.C. 601 West Main Street Louisville, Kentucky 40202

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Permit No. 836-0289 Increment Nos. 2, 3, 4, & 5

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The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 is a certificate of deposit and bond pool type bond in the amount of \$45,300. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$45,300 is included in the application for release.

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Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, and seeding to achieve the approved post mining land use, which was completed for increment Nos. 2, 3, and 5, in April 2002/ Increment No. 4 in July 2002. Results thus far achieved are; area is stable and vegetation has been established.

*Written comments, objections, and requests for a public

hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 20, 2003.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 21, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled, if no request for a hearing or inform conference is received by January 20, 2003.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is a Notice of a Divorce complaint being commenced against Ronald Gillis Goodson, by Plaintiff Angela Jean Goodson, in Forsyth County, North Carolina, in the General Court of Justice District Court Division with file#02 CVD 5751.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application #898-0284

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 has applied for a coal marketing reclamation deferment for its surface coal mining and reclamation operation, permit #898-0284. Deferment of reclamation is being requested for approximately 36.0 acres. The operation for which the reclamation deferment is requested is located 4.5 miles southwest of Pikeville in Floyd & Pike Counties. The surface area is owned by Hubert Hall, Lodestar Energy, Inc. and Chapperal Coal Company.

The proposed operation is approximately 3.2 miles southwest from Public Road 3416is junction with Public Road 1426 and located 2.3 miles southeast of the community of Teaberry. The Latitude is 37-25-05 and the Longitude is 82-35-50 on the Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The deferment is sought due to a coal marketing problem and is being requested for a renewal period of six (6) months. The deferment may be for additional periods up to a maximum of 30 months.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville,

Kentucky 41501. Written comments or objections must be filed within 10 days of this notice with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOT RESPONSIBLE

Upon and on this date (12/11/2002) after publication of the notice, I will no longer be responsible for any debts incurred by anyone other than myself. Timothy R. Allen Martin, Ky

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Heifer encourages the sharing of resources, which fosters community building and reduces poverty. Recipients of an animal from Heifer promise to pass on the gift by giving offspring of their animals to other families in need. Those families make the same promise and so on until an

entire community has lifted itself out of poverty and into the dignity of self-reliance.

Gifts range from \$20 to \$500 for a family to receive a life-changing donation of livestock and training. For more information, log on to www.heifer.org, or call 1-800-696-1918 for a free gift catalog.

Trisdecaphobia Day Stargazing with EKSC

On Friday, December 13, the East Kentucky Science Center will hold its second Star Party on Maggie Mountain, near the Stone Crest Golf Course Clubhouse in Prestonsburg. As stargazers view the night sky, they'll also learn about the many legends associated with constellations. What better night to learn about myths and legends of the night sky than Friday the 13th?

In many cultures, Friday the 13th is considered unlucky. In fact, the fear of Friday the 13th has its own name: paraskevidekatriaphobia. The fear of the number 13 is called trisdecaphobia.

Stargazers may be shaking at the Star Party, but it won't be from fright; knees will knock from the cold if recent weather patterns continue. EKSC

Science Center Director Raymond Shubinski advises attendees to dress warmly by layering clothing and wearing thermal socks and gloves.

EKSC's Star Party begins around one-half hour after dark, about 6:30 p.m., near the Stone Crest Golf Course Clubhouse's parking lot. The site was selected for its level of night sky visibility. Bright lights in urban areas and in parking lots make night sky viewing virtually impossible, according to Shubinski. White beams from car headlights and from flashlights also hinder viewing by affecting night vision. Drivers should dim their headlights when they park and spectators must use only red-lens flashlights. Red cellophane can be taped over regular flashlight lens to shield the white light.

At the Star Party, spectators will see some stunning telescopic sights, including Saturn, which should be "bright and beautiful that night," according to Shubinski.

Assistant Director Eric Thomas concurred: "Saturn rises at 5:30 p.m., is up all evening long. (Spectators) will be able to see the rings and may see some banding of Saturn's atmosphere, although the banding (colors of different cloud bands) on Saturn is pretty faint.

"At 7, the moon is up. Saturn, Uranus and Neptune will be visible. The moon will be a waxing gibbous moon, a little past first quarter. Neptune sets at 8:47 and Uranus sets at 10:15, so we should be able to view those during most of the event."

The Science Center will have from four to six telescopes of various types and sizes at the event, and each telescope will be

pointed at a different object in the sky, Thomas said. The event was made possible, in part, through the MSU East Kentucky Appalachian Regional GEAR-UP project, which provided a major portion of the telescopes through a grant.

The Star Party is free and open to school groups and to the public. The event will be cancelled if the sky is cloudy or in case of rain or snow. For additional information about the Star Party or events at the Science Center, call the Center at (606) 889-0303 or visit the Center's website at www.wedoscience.org.

The East Kentucky Science Center is a non-profit outreach educational organization based in Prestonsburg and serving Kentucky Education Service Center regions 7 and 8. Late in 2003, the Center will open a new facility that will contain a planetarium, an exhibit hall and a science classroom.

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How parents can influence children's health habits

Eating well and being physically active are key to your child's well being. You can take an active role in helping your child learn healthy eating and physical activity habits.

According to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, when parents prepare and eat a variety of healthy foods, children learn to like these foods. It may take 10 or more tries before a child accepts a new food, so do not give up.

Parents affect children's physical activity habits as well. You can set a good example by going for a walk or bike ride after dinner instead of watching television. Playing ball or jumping rope with your children shows them that being active is fun.

Here are other tips for helping your child eat better and be more physically active:

- Offer your child a variety of healthy foods in one or two snacks and three daily meals.

- Let your child decide whether and how much to eat.

- Involve your child in planning and preparing meals.

- Have family meals together and serve everyone the same thing.

- Encourage your child to be physically active every day.

- Limit your child's TV and computer time.

- Involve the whole family in physical activities like walking, biking or dancing.

- Include children in household activities like dog walking, car washing or lawn mowing.

Today, 13 percent of children in the United States are overweight. Children who are overweight may experience stress, sadness and low self-esteem. They also are more likely to become overweight adults. Excess weight can lead to type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and other illnesses.

Here are ways that you can help your overweight child:

- Do not put your child on a weight-loss diet. Talk to your health care provider if you are concerned about how much your child weighs.

- Accept and love your child at any weight.

- Help your child find ways other than food to handle setbacks or successes.

- Involve the whole family in building healthy eating and physical activity habits; that way, the child who is overweight is not singled out.

For a free brochure available in English or Spanish about ways you can help your child eat well and be physically active, call the Weight-control Information Network at 1-877-945-4627 or log on to www.niddk.nih.gov/health/nutrit/nutrit.htm. WIN is a national information service of the NIDDK, part of the National Institutes of Health.

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POISON OAK

Those cap-buster Christmases

If this were 1945, I'd be pretty confident in knowing that two weeks from today, I'd be strapping on a brand-new set of silver-plated, pearl-handled genuine Hopalong Cassidy, or Roy Rogers, or Gene Autry, or Pony Boy six-guns. A real good haul on Christmas morning would also find me

wearing a pair of fringe-trimmed chaps and a ten-gallon (well, since I was a kid, maybe it was of the five-gallon variety) hat that would lose its shape as soon as it got wet.



Clyde Pack

We called the guns cap busters, and they usually came with an ample supply of caps; the red ones; the ones that fed up through the top of the gun as fast as I could pull the trigger. Most of the time, what smoke they generated came from the area when the hammer struck powder, instead of from the business end of the weapon. Nevertheless, after a fiery round at the family cat, which unknowingly had been temporarily transferred into a puma...or some other varmint stalking the cattle we'd bedded down for the night. I'd hold the gun

(See OAK, page four)

Christmas Carol is a Holiday Hit!

Scary ghosts inhabited the Mountain Arts Center during the week of November 19-23, and Ebenezer Scrooge will never be the same. Of course the reference is to Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center's presentation of A Christmas Carol. This was the first collaboration of this magnitude between the MAC and JWT, and everyone involved considers the production a success. Over 6,300 people took in the production with six school matinees and two public performances, and area schools were provided with an Educational Package for classroom instruction.

The talent, both professional and amateur, brought 1800's London to life as they retold the classic Dickens tale of one man's discovery of the true meaning of Christmas. A new script written especially for this production by JWT alum, Peyton Dixon, was both true to the original story and fast paced. Dixon had previously collaborated with Scott Bradley, JWT Artistic Director on projects including The Legend of Jenny Wiley

(See CAROL, page four)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Curtis Lee Jarvis was all smiles as he dug through the wrapping and tissue to discover the personal CD player presented to him at the banquet by Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul H. Thompson.

Christmas Dreams

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Sounds of the season include the tearing of wrapping paper, the crinkle of tissue, the laughter of children, the melodious strains of Christmas classics and the satisfied sighs of adults who have, once again, eaten a little too much.

All these sounds, and more, echoed through the halls of the Mountain Arts Center this past Sunday

(See DREAMS, page three)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Cindy Hackworth, right, was happy to present Mark Holbrook, left, with a box chocked full of fun Christmas toys. Cindy attended the banquet as a representative from the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Santa Claus made an appearance at the Dream Factory's Christmas banquet, but the special guests of the day were still the kids.

DREAM FACTORY

Children's dreams come true through work of Dream Factory

by KATHY J. PRATER

Michael Keith Tackett, age 9, of Hellier, was the recipient of a dream wish granted to him by the Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky this past summer. Michael, the son of Harold Keith and Janet Tackett, has been diagnosed with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Michael, whose condition requires 24-hour care and monitoring, dreamed of a family vacation in Florida. Michael's dream came true via the Dream Factory and on June 29, Michael, his parents, and his younger sister, Janesha, left Hellier headed for Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida.

The family enjoyed a week-long stay in the Florida sun, where Michael was able to meet many of his favorite Disney characters.

"We were happy to be able to grant Michael's dream of visiting Disney World," said Jerome Greathouse, president of the local Dream Factory chapter. "Doing what we can to make these kids happy is what we're all about," he said.

Another child was caught dreaming this summer also, accord-

(See FACTORY, page four)

INFORMATION

The life cycle and mechanics of addiction

by Clark Carr,
PRESIDENT NARCONON INTERNATIONAL

"How to overcome the barriers to recovery?" Cravings, depression and guilt are the three parts of the harness that straps an addict into the downward spiral of drug addiction. In almost all cases, where there has been a long period of substance abuse, one finds the above three symptoms.

What is the best approach to tear down these barriers to successful recovery?

Remember, persisting drug cravings are the first barrier to recovery. These are caused by drug or alcohol residues that store primarily in body fat in the form of metabolites. And as mentioned in an earlier article, metabolites are the byproduct of the body's natural processes as it tries to digest or breakdown drug toxins once they are in the system. The chemicals in these fat-stored metabolites seem to have a physical connection to memories the addict has

(See ADDICTION, page four)

Kim's Korner: Nothing's 'normal' anymore



Kim Little Frasure

A couple evenings ago while racing through channels trying to find something to watch, I finally stopped on CMT. There was a catchy little ditty on that caught the attention.

Sitting in amazement, at the numerous music videos that seem to use rain-drenched artists belting out tunes, I began to laugh hysterically. Artists in these country music

videos that were beautiful when dry and all fixed up, looked like a pack of drowned rats.

What on earth are they thinking? Can't remember a single soul that actually looks stunning while drenched and can't imagine who on earth would actually tell, let alone convince, these people they look really good with soaking wet hair and clothes while

singing the latest tunes.

Once our youngest daughter entered the door from college. She was like, "Puh-leeze, do we have to watch that?"

Feeling grateful to have her home safe and sound, the remote was handed over to her. Instantly she turns the channel to MTV. Seconds had passed when I was actually not believing my eyes. There right in front of me was this plat-

inum blonde child probably the same age as our oldest, with God only knows what she had on, which wasn't much, and the moves were absolutely disgusting!

It was Christina Aguilera in her latest music video, which if I'm not mistaken is titled fittingly, "Dirty" — and, in all honesty, doesn't fit well

(See KORNER, page four)

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Dec. 17 - Presentation on "Dangers of Body Piercing and Tattooing," for 7th graders. Sponsored by Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Any individual or business interested in sponsoring a needy AMS student for Christmas, please contact the center at 886-9812.

■ Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.

■ Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4:00 p.m.

■ Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more informa-

tion about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

*Each Monday, 8:30-9:25 a.m., "Respect Class," for 7th grade girls.

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ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ 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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

*Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing services are available to anyone in the

community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ School is collecting Food City receipts that will be used toward receiving free computers and other educational items. Please send your receipts to school with your child or drop them off at the Family Resource Center, or the school's front office. Any help with this valuable school project is very appreciated.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and immunizations; WIC; well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ School is collecting Food City receipts. Have your students turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to school office. Help McDowell Elementary receive computers, audio visual equipment, etc. through the "Apples for Students" program.

■ SBDM Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

■ FRC Advisory Council meets first Thursday of each month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

■ GED classes are held in FRC each Monday and Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. Classes are FREE. Please bring paper and pencil. Instructor, Teresa Allen, David School.

■ Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER / JOHN M. STUMBO ELEM.

■ The Bridges Project is in the school Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ *PES is collecting Food City receipts. Have your child turn in receipts to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn in receipts to the school office or Family Resource Center.*

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Dec. 9 and Dec. 11, 1992)

A Floyd County woman died Friday afternoon at the Dickey Town area of East Point after the vehicle she was driving was struck by a train. Zeldia Vaughan, 79, of East Point, apparently drove her vehicle onto the railroad crossing near her homes directly into the path of an on-coming CSX train. The engineer was unable to stop the train in time, and Vaughan's vehicle was struck in the passenger side...Although Allen City Commissioner Ann Bentley rescinded her resignation at the commission's regularly scheduled meeting Monday evening, the city agency is still tripped by the lack of a mayor and a forum of commissioners. Both Bentley and Mayor Pro Tem Elmer "Fudd" Parsons resigned their posts on November 13, leaving Commissioner Chris Waugh as the sole remaining city officer. Parsons cited disagreements with City Clerk Bill Parsons as the reason for his resignation and Bentley said that her physician had advised her to resign her post due to health problems...Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Economic Development Paul Patton this week officiated a ribbon cutting and open house ceremony at the Cabinet for Economic Development's new Eastern Kentucky Department of Community Development in Prestonsburg. The office, located at 123 South Lake Drive, opened earlier this year as part of Governor Brereton Jones' economic development initiatives to help serve the state's counties...A Floyd County man filed a civil lawsuit December 4 against an unidentified Floyd County deputy jailer and the Floyd County Fiscal Court claiming he was injured at the jail because of negligence. In the suit, David resident Bill Thomas Shepherd alleges that during the last weekend in May when he was jailed on an alcohol intoxication charge, he was placed in the general population area of the jail with a violent inmate and as a result of that he was injured...Although teenage pregnancy statistics have been greatly exaggerated, Kentucky still has the second highest rate in the nation of births to teen-age mothers and Floyd County has the second highest rate in the eastern portion of the state. Secretary of the Cabinet for Human Resources Brad Hughes said Tuesday, that there were 9,181 live births to Kentucky mothers ages 15 to 19 last year and 199 births to mothers under the age of 15. Nearly 140 of those births were in Floyd County, Hughes said...There died: Estill Martin, 65, of Minnie, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Sandra Nadine Stumbo Wooten, 51, of Langley, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Zeldia Thomas Vaughan, 79, of East Point, Friday, in an automobile/train accident at

East Point; Woodrow Jarvis, 75, of Cow Creek, near Prestonsburg, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Riley Hall, 97, of Allen, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Woodrow (Woody) Lewis, 55, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at his residence; Ocelene Baker, 45, of Auxier, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Fred Baldrige Jr., 79, of East Point, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Edgar Allen Poe "Ed" Leslie, 77, of Emma, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Maggie Dixon, 67, of Wayland, Wednesday, at her residence; Virgie Olive Dunkelbberger Reed, 103, of Winston Salem, North Carolina, formerly of Drift, Wednesday, at Meadowbrook Manor, Clemmons, North Carolina; Alex Montival Johnson Sr., 75, of Ashland, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Timothy Leon Brafford, 29, of Robinson Creek, December 9, in Robinson Creek; Maxie L. Paige, 46, of McDowell, Tuesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Janet Perry Deal, of West Haven, Connecticut, November 3, in Connecticut Hospice; Rev. Hampton H. Ratliff, 74, of Marion, Ohio, Tuesday, at Med-Center Hospital, Marion, Ohio.

Twenty Years Ago

(December 15, 1982)

Paul Thompson and Paul Hunt Thompson, father-son owners of Thompson's IGA grocery stores, announced the beginning of work on the development of a Lancer shopping complex called Jenny Wiley Village, which will involve the expenditure of approximately \$500,000; Phase I is expected to be completed in May, 1983...Trial of James Messer, former Johns Creek resident, in U.S. district court at Pikeville on a federal indictment alleging possession of a firearm involved in interstate commerce by a convicted felon, has been scheduled for Valentine's Day...The state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board will not reconsider the issuance of package liquor licenses in this county; nor will the ABC commissioner meet with Floyd residents to explain the matter...There died: E. W. (Gene) Hale, 71, of Harold, last Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Wade Stratton, 55, of Banner, Friday, December 3, at his home; Nora Akers, 85, of Weeksbury, last Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ada J. Moore, 83, of McDowell, Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Donald Foster, 44, of Garrett, November 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Flora May Crum, 69, of Martin, Monday, at her home.

Thirty Years Ago

(December 13, 1972)

Between January 15 and April 1, next year, the Social Security Administration will establish an office in Prestonsburg...Three alarms and the threats of pranksters kept Prestonsburg firemen busier than usual last week...With Prestonsburg's secondary sewage treatment plant ready for final approval, City Council members learned Thursday night of a federal grant which will cover 75 percent of the cost...Floyd county and its four incorporated population centers received this week a total of \$161,527 in federal revenues sharing funds...Ernest DeCoursey, of Estill, a reclamation inspector for the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources, has received an award from the department...Efforts are being made to bring to Floyd county the "Meals on Wheels" program...The lighting of 2,000 candles will be a feature of the "Birthday Party for Christ" to be held at the parking lot opposite the courthouse here, Dec. 22...There died: Mrs. Geneva Johnson, 41, of Huntington, Indiana, formerly of Garrett, Wednesday; Mrs. Anna Akers, 77, of Drift, December 2, at a Martin hospital; Dayton Joseph, 57, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Dixie Holt, 52, of Robinette, W. Va., formerly of this county, Dec. 1; Mrs. Amma Burchett, of Ivel, Thursday, at a hospital, here; Mrs. Anna H. Feiler, 78, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at a nursing home, here; Mrs. Minnie Hale, of Lexington, formerly of Prestonsburg, Dec. 2, at a Lexington hospital; Mrs. Lulie S. Hatfield, 74, of Water Gap, Saturday, at a Prestonsburg hospital; Milford Crafts, 58, of Pritchard, W. Va., formerly of Prestonsburg, Monday, in Huntington; Ray Damron Compton, 59, of Claypool, Indiana, formerly of Spurlock, November 28, at his home; Silas Howard, 76, of Silver Lake, Ind., formerly of this area, Friday, in Warsaw, Indiana.

Forty Years Ago

(December 13, 1962)

Pending negotiations scheduled at Pikeville Friday, picketing was called off Sunday in Floyd and other Eastern Kentucky mining counties...A two-inch snowfall, icy roads and near-zero temperatures slowed Floyd County to a walk this week and brought a pre-Christmas vacation from school to 12,000 youngsters...The New York and Chicago offices of the Columbia Broadcasting System have been swamped with telephone calls offering food, money and clothing to unemployed miners of Eastern

Kentucky, Governor Bert Combs was advised Wednesday...The home of Charles Litteral was destroyed by fire at Auxier, Tuesday, midnight...There died: William A. Burchett, 72, of Cliff, Sunday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Loucretia Baldrige, 80, last Wednesday, at the home of a son, Nelson Baldrige, on Little Paint; Mrs. Judy Lewis Jarvis, 80, of Emma, last Wednesday; George Katses, 67, of Bypro, last Monday at home; Mrs. Mary Vanover Bates, 87, Sunday, Dec. 2, at her home at Melvin.

Fifty Years Ago

(December 11, 1952)

Radio Station WPRT, Prestonsburg, went on the air, last Friday noon...An interest saving of 1.50 to 1.75 on a \$44,000 county debt was effected Monday, it was said, through the sale of refunding bonds in that amount...The Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club has asked the State Conservation Service to make a study of the Dewey Lake area with a view of founding a state park there...The Bank Josephine plans to remodel its banking department, at an estimated cost of \$75,000, Joseph D. Harkins, Sr., chairman of the bank's board of directors, said this week...Gomer R. Martin Jr., commander of the 10th district American Legion, and Mrs. Virginia A. Draughn, president of the 10th district American Legion Auxiliary, announced plans this week for a two-day joint gathering of Posts and Units of the district at Martin this weekend...Biggest item on the \$3,630 budget of the Floyd County Fish & Game Club for the coming year was \$1,000, earmarked for restocking of Dewey Lake with bass and walleye...Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Slone, of David, a son, Carl Gregory, December 5; to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin W. Moore, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Laura Ellen, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, December 9; to A-2C and Mrs. Clinton E. Porter, of Luke AFB, Phoenix, Arizona, a son, Clinton E. Porter, III, November 27, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania...There died: Ishmael Worth Patton, 49, of Glo, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lexington, December 5; Henry Allen, 54, of Lackey, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, Wednesday; Lewis Cooper, 41, December 9, at Lexington.

Sixty Years Ago

(December 10, 1942)

An executive order of President Roosevelt was issued this week, instructing Selective Service board not to induct registrants 38 years of age or older...Registration of all male citizens 18 years old for possible military service will

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Critter Corner: Chester finds a home



By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

The newest member of our household is a hound dog named Chester. I'm usually pretty good with breeds, but I'm not totally sure about him. He's definitely a Walker Hound, but he looks a little small to be a coon dog, and his ears are a little small. Then again, he's awfully big to be a foxhound. On "buggy" eyes, sort of like he got a set that should have gone to a Pekinese. He reminds me of the man who used to be on the Monty Python show.

As usual, this was not an intentional acquisition. We found him outside the clinic one day, possibly lost, but more likely dumped; no collar, no tattoo, and no idea where he came from. I at first intended to take him to the shelter, but

then had the thought that I could probably find a home for a hunting dog. There were two flaws in this line of reasoning: One, if he was a GOOD hunting dog, he probably wouldn't have been dumped in the first place; second, the fact that he got awfully chummy with my cats right away didn't say much for his predatory instincts.

Still, I pursued this optimistic, if not very sane approach. I actually found what I thought were two better than average hunting homes. Neither of them panned out. The first potential adopter was horrified at the thought of having Chester neutered. I was equally appalled at the idea of letting go of any animal that still had the ability to reproduce. So I arrived at what I thought was a reasonable compromise, and performed my

first (and last) vasectomy on a dog. His new home evaporated quicker than I could say—but he still has his hormones.

The second man actually took him for a test run, and promptly lost him in the hills. In Johnson County. With no identification.

Wanda, Jennifer, Kelly and I hit the back roads trying to find him, alternately praying and trying to describe this large, bug-eyed, vasectomized and overly friendly hound dog. It was definitely the grace of God that led us to the particular back road where we met the mail lady who agreed to ask along her route. She caught up with us less than half an hour later, to tell us a lady further up the creek had just taken a dog that sounded like him to the shelter. The chances were so remote, yet how many dogs could match that description?

It was Saturday afternoon, and the shelter might still be open—Wanda handed me her cell phone and I dialed the number.

Sure enough, Kathy was still there cleaning kennels. "Listen, you're going to think I'm crazy, but I need to know if you have a Walker Hound there", I said shakily.

"I know you're crazy, but that's beside the point. Let me think." I could tell she was mentally checking off the occupants of all the kennels. "I do have a tri-color hound out back, I'm not really sure what he is; he's really sort of odd-looking". My heart flipped.

"Go back and see if he's missing some back teeth on the upper right side"

"As a matter of fact I have them right here!" said Jennifer, excitedly, as she produced a zip-lock bag containing three

extracted dog molars.

"What on earth are you doing with those?" I asked. "Did you think we were going to have to identify him by his dental records?"

"It seemed like a good idea at the time", she retorted.

Kathy came back on the line. "This has to be him", she said. "Extraction sites, right where you said. There's something I can't figure out, though. He's not neutered, but it looks like there's two little healed incisions in the area."

"He's had a vasectomy. Don't ask. We're on our way."

Once bailed out of the shelter, it was obvious Chester wasn't going anywhere. I performed a proper neuter job this time, and tried to find a place to fit him into my menagerie. Outdoors in the kennel, he

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afternoon as the Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky hosted their second annual Christmas celebration for the families and recipients of Dream Factory dreams.

"I tend to get a little emotional," said Jerome Greathouse, president of the organization, "I am just so thrilled to see the support that this community gives to these kids."

Greathouse, who took over management of the organization in 2001, has overseen the granting of dreams for a dozen area children since he took over the helm of the child-focused non-profit organization in April of the aforementioned year.

This year, as with last, each child who received a Dream Factory dream, along with their families, were invited to attend a Christmas banquet and KY Opry Christmas show, courtesy of the Dream Factory and local sponsors.

"Without our caring sponsors, we wouldn't be able to do all the things we do," Greathouse said, "and without my board of directors and most especially, my daughter, I wouldn't be able to do all the things I do."

Greathouse's daughter, Jennifer Greathouse, serves as secretary for the organization and, along with Terry Fitzer, owner of Reno's Roadhouse, and his staff, helped organize the Christmas event and decorate the meeting room with festive Christmas decorations.

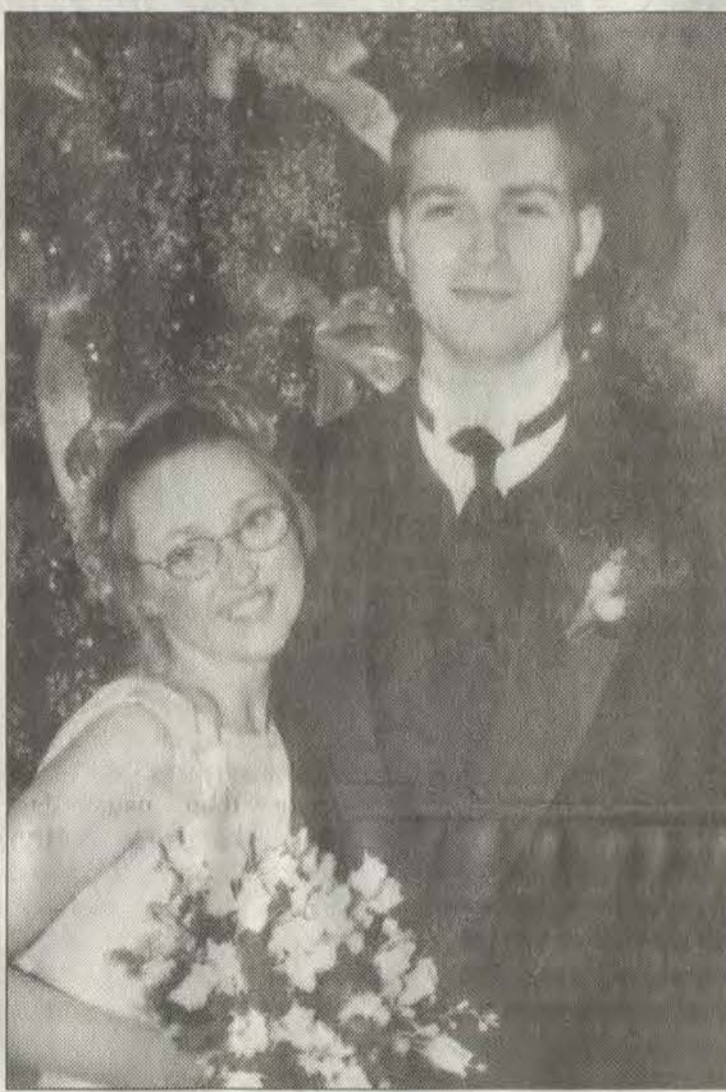
"Terry Fitzer is a saint," said Jennifer Greathouse, "he's always there for us, ready to help in any way."

"We do it for the kids," said Donna Bailey, Reno's staffer, "we want to help make these kids lives a little brighter. Money isn't what makes a person happy, it's caring and giving that does your heart good. We're more than happy to help."

Sharing this same sentiment with the Reno's crew were the various community members who each sponsored a child during the banquet, providing Christmas gifts to each child. Those who served as sponsors for this year's Christmas event were: Addie and Bob Spradlin, of Med-Zone Pharmacy who sponsored former Dream recipient, Kayla DeAnn Hall; Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, who sponsored Ashley Nicole Blackburn; Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn, who sponsored Andrew Vangore Jr.; Prestonsburg Atty. Gerald DeRossett, who sponsored Richard Rohr; Tina Spears, of First Commonwealth Bank, who sponsored Cory A. Prater; Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley, who sponsored Christy Hamilton; Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul H. Thompson, who sponsored Curtis Lee Jarvis; Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh, who sponsored Casey D. Johnson; Johnson County Clerk Sallie Conley Holbrook, who sponsored Andrew Stambaugh; Asst. Floyd County Judge-Executive Brett Davis, who sponsored Michael Keith Tackett; Johnson County Clerk Betty Jo Conley, who sponsored Bethany Osborne;

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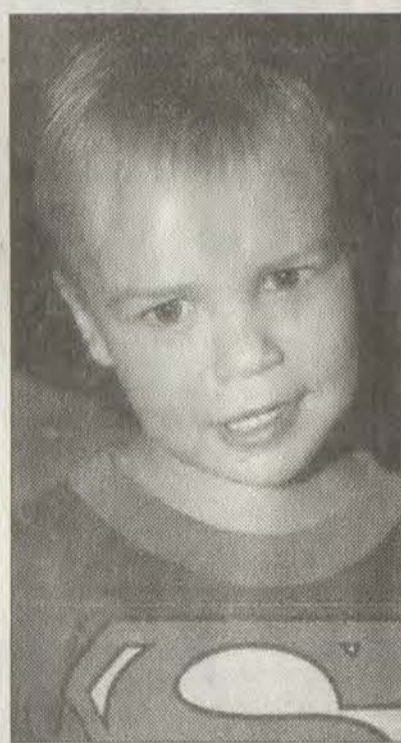
Weddings



Porter-Adams

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Porter, of Allen, and Ms. Rhonda Harris, of Lexington, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Andrea Elizabeth Lynn, to Thomas Wesley Adams, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Adams, of Hazard. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Friday, December 20, at 6:30 p.m., at Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Prestonsburg. All friends and family are cordially invited to attend.

Happy Birthday



Nicholas turns 3!

Nicholas McDonald celebrated his third birthday on November 23, 2002, at Archer Park Skating Rink with a "Bob the Builder" theme party. Nicholas received many nice gifts from family and friends who helped him celebrate his special day. Nicholas is the son of Ted and Stephanie McDonald, of Prestonsburg. He has one older sister, Kateland. He is the grandson of Mary and Jeff McDonald, of Town Branch, and Calvin and Ann Sizemore, of Martin. He is the great-grandson of Helena Nelson, of Cow Creek, and the late Ted Nelson, and Merle and Deanna May, of Martin.

School

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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 Family Resource Center or its programs.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FRYSC

The Bridges Project is located in the school, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Resource Center hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Center Coordinator, Darren Newsome, 587-2233.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Walking track open to public (except during special event).

Center has a one-stop career station satellite station that is available to the community, as well as students.

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

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. 153.

THE DAVID SCHOOL

Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

*Monday

McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.

Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.

MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Instructor: Chrissy.

*Tuesday

Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.

St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.

Auxier Family Learning

Center, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

*Wednesday

McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.

Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.

MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Instructor: Chrissy.

*Thursday

Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.

St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.

Auxier Family Learning Center, 1-4:30 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

School is participating in Food City "Apples for Students" program. Please send your register receipts to school with your student, or drop them off or mail them in to school office at: P.O. Box 454, 103 Methodist Lane, Allen, KY 41601.

Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

TBA- Recycling program, all grades.

Anyone interested in receiving cleaning supplies for the 2002-2003 school year may visit the center and fill out an application to see if they qualify.

"Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

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. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

Yesterdays

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begin Friday...President Roosevelt has requested an end to the WPA program, the elimination of which will affect only 135 men in this county, presently employed on road projects...With Floyd county residents having been asked to buy \$409,500 worth of Victory Bonds before December 18, as their part in the nation-wide Victory Loan drive to obtain \$9,000,000,000, the Floyd fiscal court and two Prestonsburg banks have purchased \$50,000 worth of Bonds each...Burned by an explosion of gas in her home at Glo, Thursday of last week, Mrs. Hattie Williams, 64 years old, died four hours later at the Martin General Hospital...The Prestonsburg City Council, in complying with a suggestion of the federal government for fewer traffic lights in an effort to economize on electricity, decided to have the Mayo Trail-Dingus street traffic light removed...Mothers of soldiers have been asked to assist, next Tuesday, in the sewing of surgical dressings...Married: Miss Grace Mitchell, of West Prestonsburg, and Mr. S. P. Bland, Jr., of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, at Louisville, Kentucky, November 28; Miss Florence Crook, of Meridian, Mississippi, and Mr. Dick Mayo Allen, of Prestonsburg, now serving at Camp Puckett, Virginia, at Meridian, Mississippi, November 19; Miss Opal Salisbury, of Hunter, and Mr. Meredith Spurlock, of Huntington, West Virginia, at Fleming, Kentucky, November 21; Miss Patricia June Kelly, of Boston, Massachusetts, and Mr. Hershel Begley, of Prestonsburg, at the Union Congregational Church, Boston, November 30...Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Jess Howell, of Newport News, Virginia, Mrs. Howell formerly of Maytown, a son, Thomas Everett, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, Thanksgiving Day; to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Hall of McDowell, a daughter, December 6; to the Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Hahn, of Maytown, twin sons, Richard Donald and Charles Ronald, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, Tuesday; to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spencer, a daughter, Gloria Jean, at the Paintsville Hospital, Sunday; to Mr. and Mrs. Brady Shepherd, a

daughter, Edna Arnold, December 2...There died: Samuel Beecher Hamilton, 49, formerly of Honaker, at Detroit, Michigan, November 26; Ed Stephens, 74, Floyd native, at his home at Salyersville, Wednesday; Delbert Hall, 39 years old, of Weeksbury, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, Wednesday; Sam Jarrell, 64, at his home at Cracker, Wednesday.

Seventy Years Ago

(December 9, 1932)

The sentence of death pronounced Saturday upon Ishmael Scott, condemned slayer of Martin Stephens by Circuit Judge C. B. Wheeler, will be carried out March 9 at Eddyville...Kentucky's Congressional redistricting act was held valid Monday by the United States Supreme Court...After their attempt at the robbery Wednesday morning of the Floyd County Bank at Allen had been thwarted by a lone fighting cashier, W.K. Allen, two would-be robbers fled for the hills, with one, Leffie Hobson, 34 years old, formerly of Auxier, being captured a few hours later and one remaining at large...Pastorate of the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church here has been assumed by the Rev. B. R. Lakin, Fort Gay, West Virginia, who succeeds the Rev. C. H. Nicholls...The Kentucky Relief Commission, in assisting needy families, has allotted \$25,000 to Floyd county to be expended before January 1, and has found employment for 1,000 Floyd men...Bill Webb, 40-year-old miner, of Auxier, was instantly killed when struck by mine cars running wild down the slope in the North-East Coal Company mines at Auxier...Robert Lafferty, 15 years old, of Bull Creek, was electrocuted when he touched a live wire at the Turner-Elkhorn mines at Drift...There died: Mrs. Eliza Jane Mullins, 85 years old, at the home of her daughter, at West Prestonsburg, November 20; Mrs. Louise Thomas Smith, 37, at her home in Prestonsburg, Sunday.

Korner

enough. "Filthy" would be more appropriate in my opinion. "That girl has lost her ever-lovin' mind," I commented. That video is more porn oriented than music oriented, and if I were her mother, why she'd be so grounded she wouldn't make another video till the cows come home. I don't care how old she is. How on this earth they get by with showing such profound disgusting things such as that is beyond me. X-rated is an understatement.

Dance moves sure ain't what they used to be, and poor ol' Elvis got blasted for swivel hips? Give

me a break! When our oldest became involved with the Dance Team there were some moves during those days that even made me have opinions to which I got to hear, "Mother, 'The Twist' is out, get with the times." Once they were incorporated into a routine and 21 girls were performing in synchronized moves it didn't compare to Miss Christina's.

The very next episode that flashed on screen was none other than the newest most infamous family, "The Osbornes." As in Ozzy and definitely not Harriet, but Sharon.

My good heavens, it's no wonder our youth today are full of turmoil, strife and confusion. One look at how this family unit behaves and normal is tossed out the window.

Poor ol' Ozzy Osborne can't even speak halfway clearly, and the only unbelievable word you can remotely understand is the hideous f-word, which he uses every other second. But, then so do his children and even his wife. Talk about eyeballs about popping out of your head, mine did.

The episode I caught, this family was having a meeting to discuss (and I use that term "discuss" reluctantly), the behavior of Jack (their son) and Kelly (their daughter). During this gathering, best I could understand from Ozzy, was that Jack was partaking in the nightclub life at the ripe age of 15 years old, as well as smoking marijuana. Ozzy proceeded to tell him that, his children were not going to nightclubs until they became of age to go, nor was he going to allow "pot" to be smoked in his home.

"Umm, way to go Ozzy," I thought, keeping in mind he didn't say it as nicely as I just did.

His way of getting across to Jack on why he shouldn't do these things blew me away. He says to the child, "Look at me!" Yep, there sure ain't no better example of what drugs and alcohol can do to a person than Ozzy himself. That old saying, "Do as I say, not as I do — or have done" just doesn't get it when it comes to your children. Examples speak louder than words sometimes and I have my doubts it made the slightest impact on the child whatsoever.

Can you imagine, having your father sitting across from you so burnt out he can only mumble words, move like a turtle, take what seems like an eternity to even think of his next word, and have the audacity to "tell" you right from wrong? If only Jack and Kelly could SEE the clarity of Ozzy's results with drugs and alcohol staring them right in the face, but then again, they've lived with it their entire lives and it's what they know and I suppose it's their definition of normal.

Just when you may think your family unit is as abnormal as it could possibly be, MTV comes out with The Osbornes, and abnormal takes on a whole new meaning.

Mike and Carol Brady way back when took on the task of abnormal, blending an extended family. Extended families are

more common today and more normal today than those that actually stay together until death do they part.

Lord, times have definitely changed. Sometimes I think we'd be much better off, if the only channel we received was Nick at Night.

Now there's some good fami-

ly entertainment! Yep, give me Andy Griffith, Bill Cosby, The Bradys, and The Beaver anytime over Ozzy Osborne.

Our daughters have often referred to their father as Mr. Rogers. They've said numerous times, "all Daddy needs is a sweater and a pair of loafers." Thank God I married Mr. Rogers!

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photo courtesy of David Gardner

Jacob Marley, played by Ronnie Dee Blair, of Paintsville, gets Scrooge's attention in Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center's presentation of "A Christmas Carol." The part of Ebenezer Scrooge was played by Don Meehan, from New York City.

Carol

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and Pinocchio. In addition, the show was a feast for the eyes with beautiful costumes designed by staff designer, Corey Martin, innovative lighting by Jenny Wiley Theatre Board member, David Gardner, and an understated but effective set design by Paintsville native, Brad Coleman.

Jeremy Hatfield's sound design was most effective in creating the scariness of each particular ghost, especially, Jacob Marley. Scott Bradley, Director, along with Jonathan Goble, Assistant Director did a wonderful job of putting the production together with only ten days of rehearsal.

Some responses include Jerry Waddell, Principal at Pikeville Elementary, "Wonderful reviews from the folks here at PES who saw the show. One teacher told me the guy who played Jacob Marley was outstanding." From Mark Gooch, President of Community Trust Bank, "My family and I saw A Christmas Carol Saturday evening and thoroughly enjoyed the show!" From Glenda Rhea, Pepsi, "Kudos to the JWT staff and actors on a great performance from all of us at Pepsi!" and Lisa Blackburn, Pikeville Methodist Hospital, "My family and I saw your Charles

Dickens', Christmas Carol performance. It was outstanding! I have bragged to everyone on how wonderful it was. The sound effects were great too, especially the dead ghost in chains. A person can't brag enough on the gentleman who played Scrooge — he was outstanding."

With an overwhelming public response to this production, JWT and the MAC are negotiating future plans for more year round productions at the state-of-the-art Mountain Arts Center. Both organizations thank the public for their support of the arts!

Jenny Wiley Theatre would like to thank corporate contributors Pikeville Methodist Hospital for sponsoring the production, Jim C Hamer Companies for sponsoring the scenery, Audiology Associates for sponsoring the nightly programs, and Eastern Kentucky Cardiology Services for sponsoring the educational packages for students. Thanks to the staff of the Mountain Arts Center for their accommodations and commitment to this project, and last, but not least, a special thanks to all our local volunteers, actors and parents for their relentless commitment to the theatre.

Oak

upright and blow imaginary smoke from the barrel.

In those days, however, we didn't restrict our shooting to four-legged critters; just like we'd seen our cowboy heroes do every Saturday at the Sipp and Royal theatres, we also spent many a round knocking dirty low-down, black-hatted rustlers from their saddles, as they tried to stampede the herd.

But not once, not even for a second, did we ever think that what we or those guys on the big silver screen, were doing, was anything other than make

believe. We knew that the whole deal was...well, just a movie.

In the first place, the main crook that Gene Autry brought to justice, was the same guy that Hoppy shot last week, and Roy had tossed in the jail the week before that.

Perhaps that's why I have difficulty now, more than fifty years later, in believing that TV shows and movies are a major cause in teenagers being involved in so many violent crimes. I mean, if a bunch of coal camp kids in the mid-

1940s knew the difference between fantasy and reality, there's no reason on earth not to think the same isn't true today.

One thing we did have, however, and it's pretty obvious they still exist today, are mean people. Something else we had were parents who didn't hesitate to administer a good swift kick to the seat of the pants if we strayed from accepted behavior. But when I was growing up, not once did I ever hear anybody attempt to defend the actions of some wayward juvenile by saying he'd seen too many Rocky Lane movies.

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Critter

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became a bully, chasing the smaller dogs away from their food, and fighting with the big dogs. We brought him back into the clinic, where he got along fine with the inside dogs, but we immediately discovered that he loved to jump. He went over half-doors to greet new dogs, terrifying clients. Worse yet, he could clear the reception desk in a single bound, turning over dog treat displays, breaking candy dishes, and sending appointment books flying. When he almost flattened a little old lady and her Chihuahua, we had to confine him. Given the run of a spare room, he almost chewed through the door. In desperation, we banished him to a large cage during business hours, where he barked nonstop.

He desperately needed training, but it started off slow; I could have put an obedience title on most dogs with the effort it took to teach Chester a simple "sit" command. Everything turned around the day he snapped at Kelly for removing an empty, stolen dog food can from his snout. Next thing I knew, Chester was

wearing a Gentle Leader halter, and a crash course in manners was going on in the back hallway. At the end of half an hour, he was not only sitting on command, but performing a picture perfect three-minute down-stay off lead. So much for my dog training skills. He hasn't questioned authority much since then.

So what did we do with this one-dog wrecking crew? I moved all the breakable items and took him home. After one night, the house is still intact, he's had one minor accident, and one skirmish with Gunner (which would have been minor, except that it took place on top of my head, while I was trying to sleep). Desi, Punkin, and Lacey seem to like him, and Whitney tolerates him (she isn't overly friendly with anyone). Molly immediately let him know she is the boss, and like Kelly, I don't think he wants to push her. So far, so good.

I'll keep everyone posted from time to time about our adventures in "hound-keeping"; I'm sure Chester has more surprises for us.



Andrew Stambaugh



Michael Tackett

Factory

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ing to Greathouse. Andrew Stambaugh, age 8, of Van Lear, also had a dream come true courtesy of the Dream Factory this past summer.

Andrew, the son of Mike and Karen Stambaugh, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia at the age of three. He was treated with standard chemotherapy, which he completed in 1999. Although his leukemia is now in remission, Andrew is evaluated every 1-2 months and will remain closely monitored for the rest of his life. Additionally, Andrew suffers from asthma and allergies for which he receives daily treatments.

Andrew's dream was for his family to own a camper unit that would sleep 6-8 persons and that contained a bathroom. His dream was for "his whole family to be able to go on camping trips together."

The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky was again happy to make a child's dream come true when they presented the Stambaugh family with a Coachman "Clipper" camper.

"We hope Andrew and his family enjoy their time together in their new camper," Greathouse said. Andrew has one sister, Kimberly.

If you know a child who might be eligible to receive a Dream Factory dream, contact Jerome Greathouse, president, The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, at 886-0556, or write to: The Dream Factory, P.O. Box 47, Auxier, KY 41602.

The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky is a non-profit organization dedicated to making the dreams of chronically ill or terminally ill children come true. Donations are happily accepted and appreciated.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Donna Bailey, shown in background serving banquet attendees, says that she is "thrilled" to be involved in helping the Dream Factory make their Christmas banquet a success. Bailey, who is employed by Reno's, says "we do it for the kids."

Dream

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and Cindy Hackworth, community involvement coordinator, Prestonsburg Wal-Mart, who sponsored the Dream Factory's most recent recipient, Mark Holbrook.

Along with Reno's Roadhouse, other sponsors who contributed to the banquet event were: Pepsi, Inc., the Mountain Arts Center, First Commonwealth Bank, Action Petroleum, Highlands Regional Medical Center, and Music-Carter Chevrolet.

The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, Inc., wishes to extend a special thanks to Terry Fitzer, Donna Bailey, and Kenni Gambill, of Reno's, Mayor Fannin, Pat Bradley,

Executive Director of the Mountain Arts Center, Linda Wright, and Tony Caudill for their continued support of the organization and its goal to grant dreams to chronically and terminally ill children of the eastern Kentucky region.

For more information on the Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, or to make an application for a dream for a child you may know, contact Jerome Greathouse, president, at the following address: P.O. Box 47, Auxier, KY 41602; or telephone to (606) 886-0556; or fax to (606) 886-9828; or email to: jgreathouse@setel.com.

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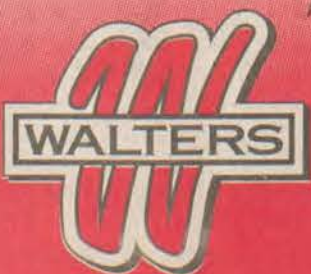
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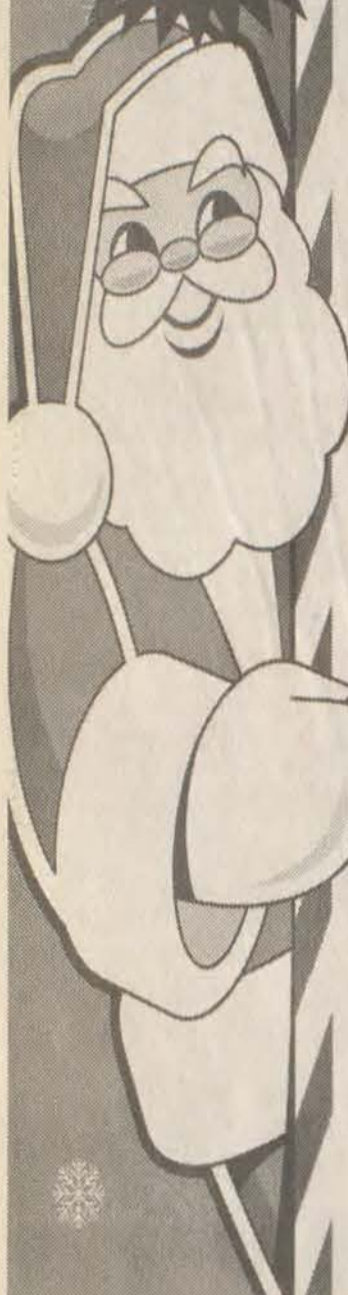
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Rachel, 6th Grade

Yes, people do say that America is a free country. No, everything should not be free. To me a free country means that we have the right to do stuff that other countries can't. For instance, we have freedom of religion. We can also wear what we want. That is what a free country means to me.

Kelcie, 6th Grade

A free country means to me that everyone has rights. There is no prejudice, you can live where you want and anyone can vote. Also, there is no job that a man can do that a woman cannot do. That is what a free country means.

Hal, 6th Grade

A free country is when people are not slaves and they are not ruled by a king and they are not being pushed around. It means be free, live life, don't hold everything in, let it out. Be free!

Nina, 5th Grade

I think the USA is a free country because we are not slaves. Being free doesn't mean that you can walk around and kill people. It doesn't mean that you can do whatever you want because if you could, kids could skip school.

Gardner, 5th Grade

In this country we are all free to express our opinions and to speak openly about issues that need to be discussed. It is true that there are laws that restrict certain freedoms, but they are made to protect us and to protect our many other freedoms. Freedom means we are allowed many rights, but we should hold on to such rights responsibly.

April, 8th Grade

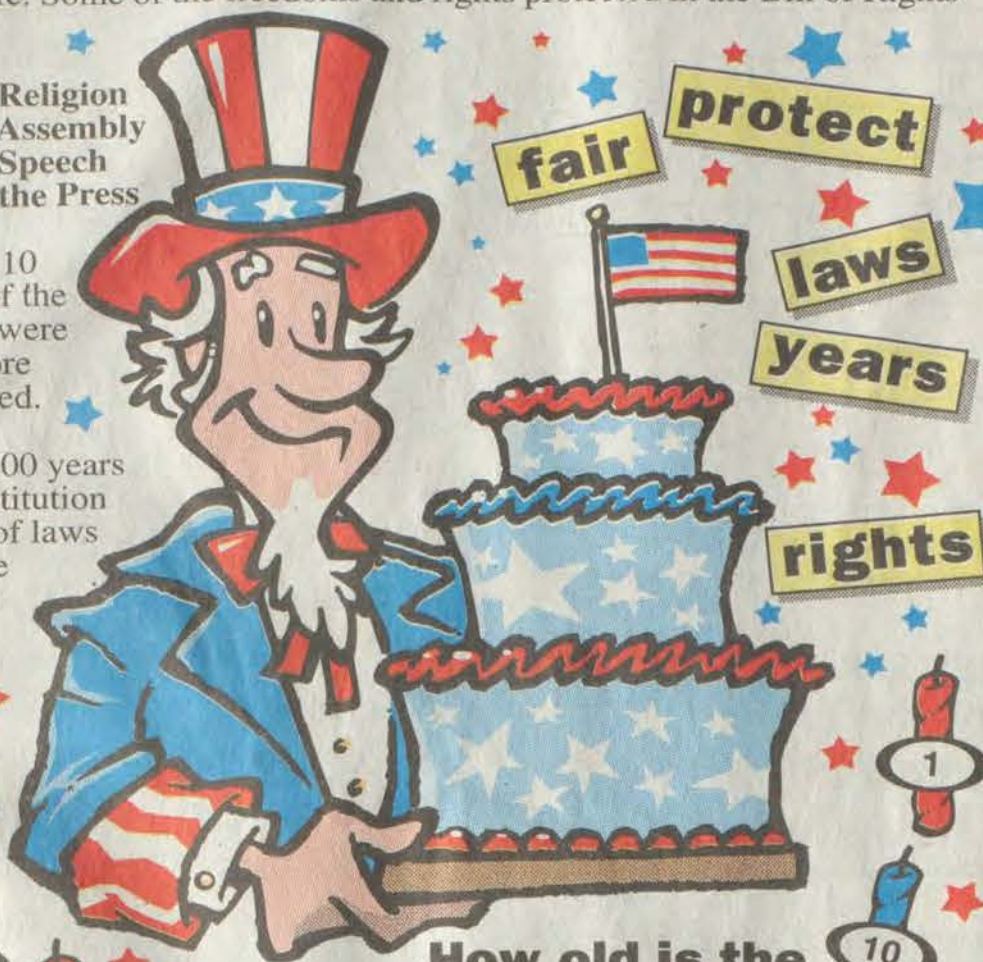
Happy Birthday, Bill of Rights!

On December 15th 1791, the 10 amendments known as the Bill of Rights were added to the Constitution. The Bill of Rights protects the freedoms that are part of American life. Some of the freedoms and rights protected in the Bill of Rights include:

- Freedom of Religion
- Freedom of Assembly
- Freedom of Speech
- Freedom of the Press

Since the first 10 amendments of the Bill of Rights were written, 16 more have been added.

Today, some 200 years later, the Constitution is still the set of laws that govern the United States.



Find the missing word for each blank line in the following story. The words are located next to the birthday cake.



Fair Rights

Imagine you could make up the laws for a country. Would you want the laws to be _____ for everyone?

This is a question the people thought about over two centuries ago when they wrote the set of laws that are used to govern the United States.

It took many _____ and lots of talking, thinking and writing to finally come up with a set of _____ that the leaders of all of the original colonies could agree upon.

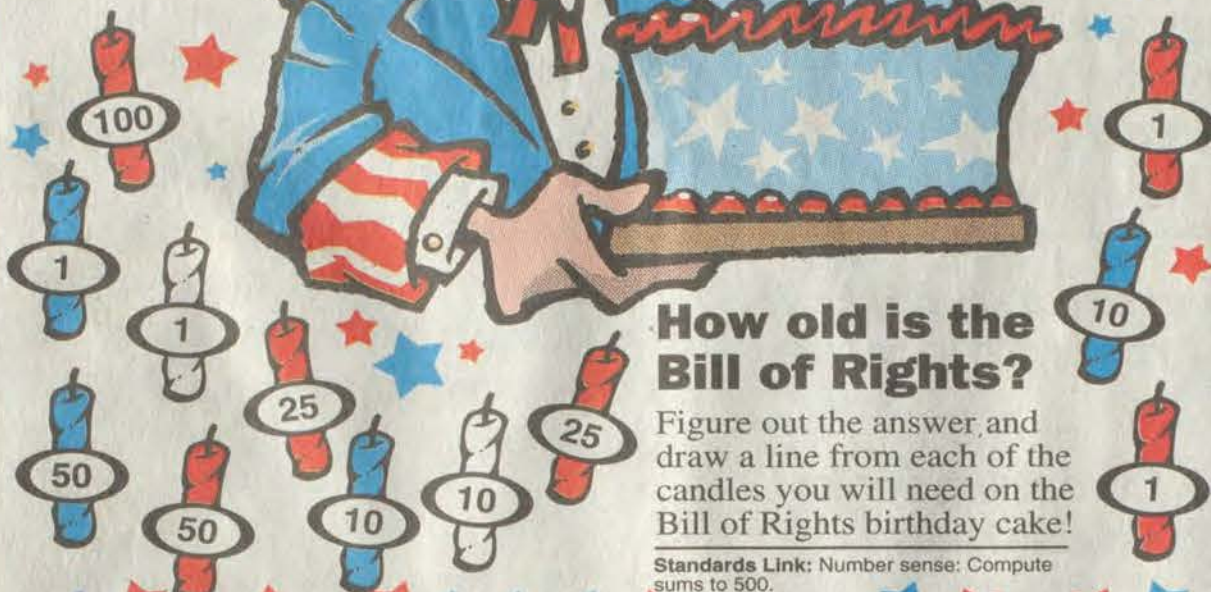
First they wrote a set of laws called the Constitution. But even after it was written, some Americans worried that the Constitution did not _____ important _____. The writers of the Constitution made some additions, or amendments, to ease people's worries.

Standards Link: History: Understand the reasons for the addition of the Bill of Rights; enumerate the fundamental liberties ensured by the Bill of Rights.

How old is the Bill of Rights?

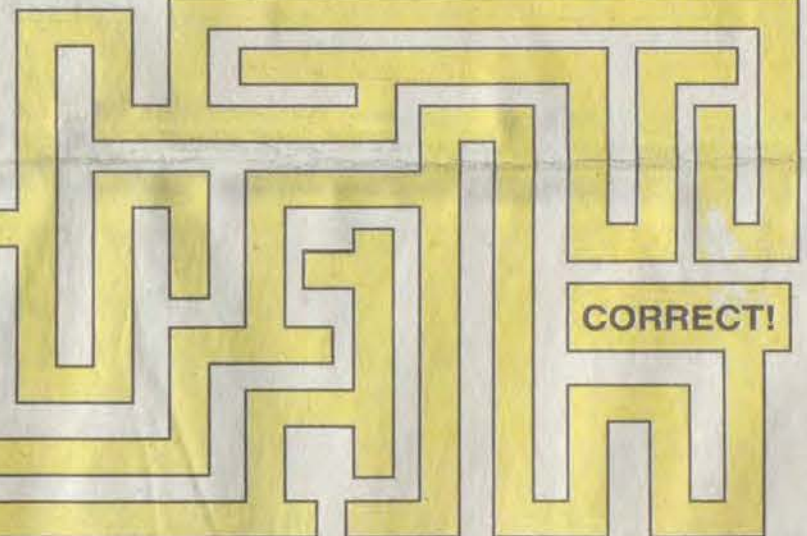
Figure out the answer and draw a line from each of the candles you will need on the Bill of Rights birthday cake!

Standards Link: Number sense: Compute sums to 500.



Meet the Father of the Constitution

Known as the Father of the Constitution, this man spent long days, months and years writing down all of the ideas discussed by the creators of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Circle the person you think is the Father of the Constitution. Use the maze to find out if you are right!



Standards Link: History: Understand the roles and impact of such leaders as Washington, Franklin and Madison.

The First States

Today there are 50 states in the United States. But when the United States first became a country there were only _____.

To find the answer, color all of the odd-numbered squares RED, and the even-numbered squares BLUE.

2	8	2	8	6	6	2	8	4	2	6	6
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Extra! Extra!

How Old is Your Newspaper?
 Newspapers are important in a free society.

Look through the paper to find the year the newspaper was first published. Subtract that year from 2002. The answer is the age of your newspaper!

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate differences using regrouping.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

BIRTHDAY	E K A C A N D L E S
MADISON	E I D E A S E M Y H
RIGHTS	F T R A P A D A W T
FATHER	I R F E L P D D R C
FREEDOM	L P E A S H A I I E
SPEECH	Y C W E T B G S T T
LAWS	H S M R D H I O E O
IDEAS	R A I T T O E N R R
PROTECT	J B H S D A M R S P
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JAMES	
PART	
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CAKE	
LIFE	

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Write On!

Tall Tale News

Turn your favorite tall tale story into a news story. Your first sentence should tell **who, what, when** and **where**. The rest of the article should tell **how** and **why**.

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BEYOND Kid Scoop

Bill of Rights Today

Look through the newspaper to find a person or group of people exercising or enjoying one of the rights protected by the Bill of Rights. Explain which right. Do you think it is important that this right is protected?

Standards Link: History: Identify and explain the rights ensured by the Bill of Rights as they apply to students' lives today.

What did they wear for the Boston Tea Party?



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Answer: "I ought naught to owe for I ate nothing."

A CREEPY CRAWLY QUESTION!

"A little bug, alert and alive, climbed up a door ninety inches and five. If every day it climbed up eleven, and every night it dropped back seven, How many days, without a stop, did the little bug travel to reach the top?"



Answer: 22 days

YOUR "NOONTIME" PUZZLE BREAK! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid B.

1. Fit together in a stack.
2. To get dirty.
3. A formal occasion.
4. A sharp edge.

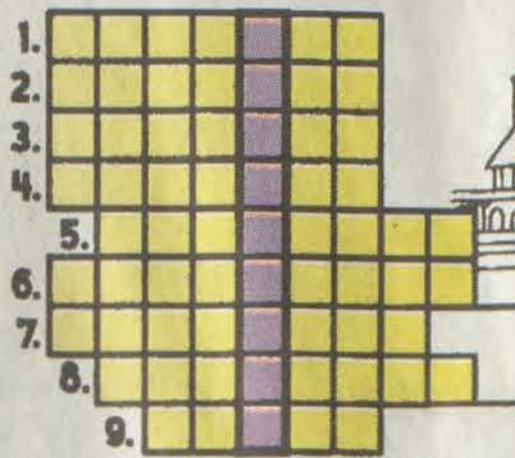
GRID A				GRID B			
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1. Our counting system.
2. A missile shelter.
3. To win easily.
4. A joint.

Answers: 1. Nest-tens. 2. Soil-silo. 3. Prom-romp. 4. Keen-knee.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



A "CAPITAL" CHALLENGE!

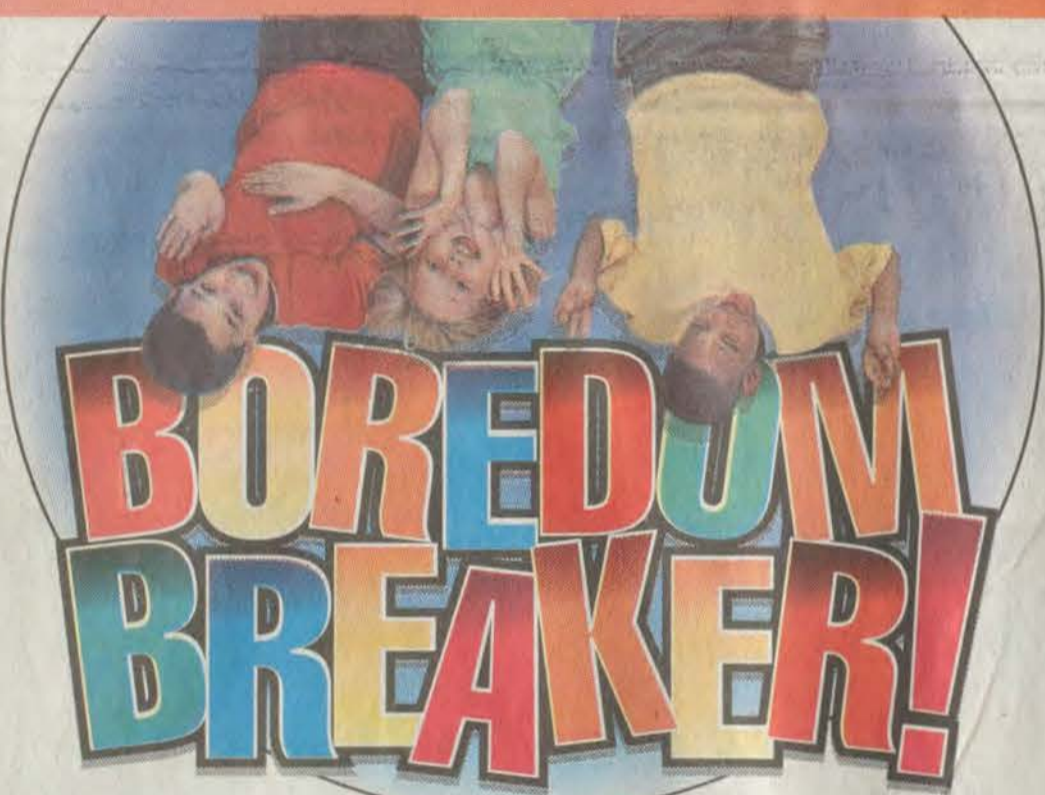
In our puzzle grid, there is room to list nine state capitals. Below are the names of the states. Can you furnish their capitals?

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| 1. Maine | 6. Maryland |
| 2. New Mexico | 7. North Dakota |
| 3. North Carolina | 8. Ohio |
| 4. Arizona | 9. Oregon |
| 5. Connecticut | |

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in the grid. If you correctly name the nine state capitals, the letters in this frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a 10th state capital.

Answers: 1. Augusta. 2. Santa Fe. 3. Raleigh. 4. Phoenix. 5. Hartford. 6. Annapolis. 7. Bismarck. 8. Columbus. 9. Salem. The state capital's name in the dark frame is St. Paul (Minnesota).

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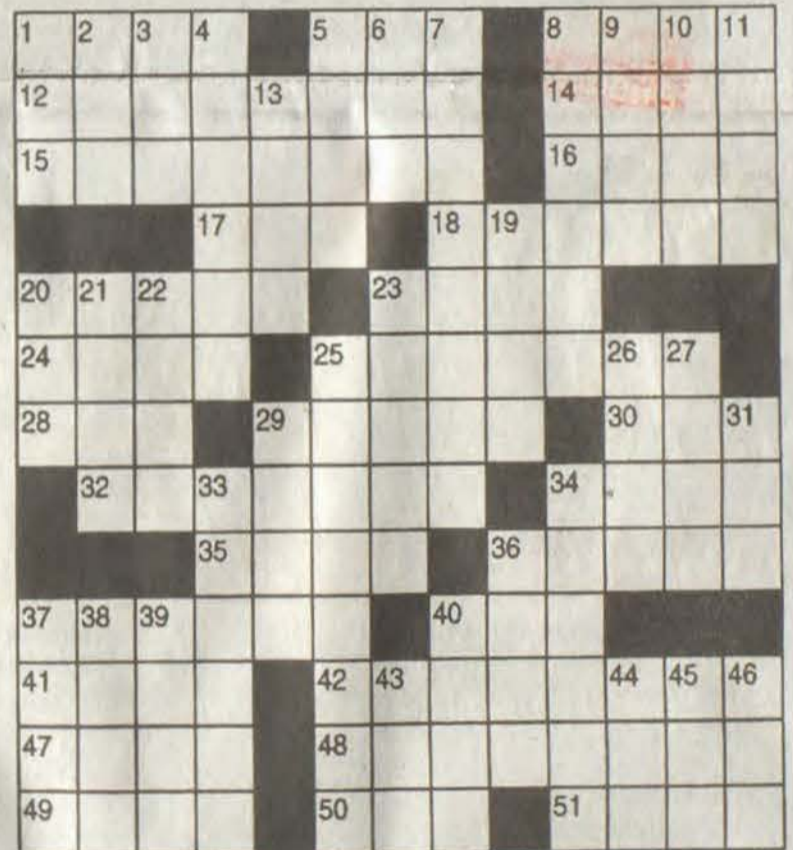


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ACROSS

- 1 "Come again?"
- 5 French friend
- 8 Wan
- 12 Of a golden age of Latin literature
- 14 Type of market
- 15 Nottingham forest
- 16 Hit the ground
- 17 Aries
- 18 Fit for consumption
- 20 Seraglio group
- 23 Wound souvenir
- 24 Leave out
- 25 Atlanta marcher
- 28 Spasm
- 29 Alternative to wallpaper
- 30 Color
- 32 Summertime dessert
- 34 Prepare a casserole
- 35 Set up for a drive
- 36 Potato, e.g.
- 37 Gentle wind
- 40 Cranberry territory
- 41 Do nothing
- 42 Sleuth
- 47 - about (roughly)
- 48 Atmosphere
- 49 Oppositionists'



- | | | |
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| 50 Great dismay | 11 New Haven campus | 34 One might get GIs aroused |
| 51 Risque | 13 Emulated Leander | 36 Actress Spelling |
| DOWN | 19 Pub missile | 37 Utah national park |
| 1 Existed | 20 Stolen | 38 Writer Ferber |
| 2 "Wha'dja say?" | 21 Writer Kingsley | 39 Stratagem |
| 3 Census statistic | 22 Affluent | 40 She played Lillith on "Cheers" |
| 4 Mini-tower | 23 Recoiled | 43 Health care setup (abbr.) |
| 5 Teensy particle | 25 Portable electric cutter | 44 - budget |
| 6 Noted chairman | 26 Moby's pursuer | 45 A dozen XXVs |
| 7 Hardly G-rated | 27 Micro-wave, jocularly | 46 Cryptographer's aid |
| 8 State positively | 29 Quarry | |
| 9 Thick slice | 31 Always | |
| 10 War, to 25- | 33 Numbing | |

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My name: _____

Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

Get Dressed!

Jamie is going to play in the snow. Circle the clothes she will need to wear.



My Letters

J is for Jacket
j is for jacket



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter J. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter J makes in the word jacket?

My Numbers

How many ?



How many ?

Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Rhyme Time

When clouds appear
Like rocks and towers,
The earth's refreshed
By frequent showers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



My jacket is _____



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter J in jacket.	Math Play Point to the number 4 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	Jacket Search Look through the newspaper with your child for pictures of jackets and people wearing jackets. Count to find out how many you find.	Weather Check Show your child the part of your newspaper that tells the weather forecast. At the end of the day talk about whether or not the forecast was correct.	Jacket Weather? Look at the weather forecast in the newspaper. Talk about what clothes you should both wear based upon the weather forecast. Do you need a jacket today?	Weather Reporter Have your child check the weather forecast in today's newspaper. Cut out the symbols that tell what kind of weather is predicted. Let your child use the symbols to give a weather report to the family.	Winter Wear Draw a stick figure to represent your child. Then go through the newspaper with your child and select clothing for him/her to wear. Cut out the different articles of clothing and let your child mix and match clothes for the stick figure.



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Phamiliar phrases

"in cahoots"

During medieval times, in the great Black Forest of Germany, there once roved bands of thieves. Some shared small, tumbledown shacks called *kahtetes*, and to this day any group banded together in nefarious purpose are said to be "in cahoots."

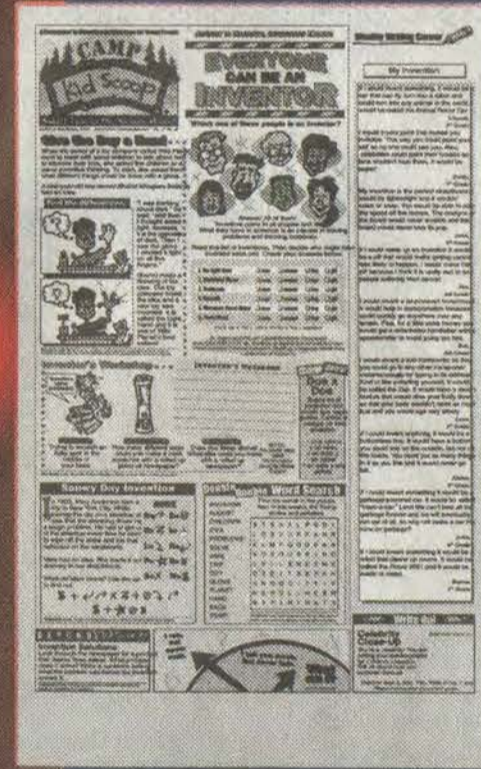
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The little princess

Elizabeth Tudor was the daughter of King Henry VIII and his second wife, Anne Boleyn. Her father had annulled his marriage with Catherine of Aragon and broken with the Catholic Church to marry Elizabeth's mother, Anne. (Henry VIII went on to have six wives.) Elizabeth was born in 1533. When Elizabeth was 2 years old, her mother was falsely accused of adultery and was beheaded. Henry declared his daughter Elizabeth illegitimate (Elizabeth's half-sister, Mary (daughter of Queen Catherine), was also disinherited). The king married Jane Seymour two weeks after the execution of Elizabeth's mother. Queen Jane died shortly after giving birth to a son, Edward.

In 1540, Henry married Anne of Cleves for political reasons, but he found her too ugly and quickly had the marriage annulled. Henry then married Catherine Howard, who was kind to Elizabeth and tried to befriend her. But Queen Catherine was also beheaded on the grounds of adultery (this time, the charge was true). In 1543, he married Catherine Parr, and she managed to outlive him.

Elizabeth was deeply affected by her father's many marriages and the violent fates of her mother and Queen Catherine. She may also have feared childbirth, which claimed the lives of many women in this period. At the age of 8 she declared, "I will never marry." She kept this vow and was never married, eventually becoming known as the "virgin queen."



King Henry VIII



Princess Elizabeth at the age of 13 (1546). Painting attributed to William Scrots.

Baby brother

Elizabeth's brother, Edward VI, became king of England in 1547 when he was 9 years old (though a council ruled for him). Edward and Elizabeth got along well, but their friendship was short-lived. Edward died of consumption (tuberculosis) at the age of 15. Henry VIII's will declared that Elizabeth's older half sister should become queen if Edward died without children.



Edward VI

Bloody Mary

Elizabeth's older half sister, Mary Tudor, had been raised a devout Catholic and she was determined to restore Catholicism to England. She married King Philip of Spain. Mary's reign (1553-1558) was a dangerous time for Elizabeth. Elizabeth was popular with the people of England and Mary distrusted her sister because she was next in line for the throne. She imprisoned Elizabeth in the Tower of London, and later banished her to the countryside. Queen Mary became known as "Bloody Mary" because of her violent persecution of her Protestant subjects (many were buried at the stake). Mary died in 1558 and Elizabeth became the Queen of England.



Mary Tudor

When King Henry VIII died, his daughter Elizabeth was third in line for the throne of England — it was unlikely she would be queen. But fate or destiny had other plans, and Elizabeth was to become one of the greatest monarchs Britain has ever known. During most of Elizabeth's reign, England enjoyed a time of peace, economic growth and great creativity. This period in history became known as the Elizabethan Age, or, the Golden Age.

QUEEN ELIZABETH I



Queen Elizabeth toward the end of her life.



Young Queen Elizabeth I

Accomplishments

When Elizabeth came to the throne, England was almost bankrupt due to an expensive war with France. Elizabeth's chief adviser was Sir William Cecil. With his help, Elizabeth was able to end the war with France, restore economic prosperity and settle her country's religious conflicts by re-establishing the Protestant Church of England and promoting religious tolerance. During her reign, England developed a strong navy and became a very powerful nation.

Elizabeth was a Renaissance woman who supported literature and the arts. Her court became a center for musicians, writers and scholars.

Marry me!

Even before she became queen, Elizabeth was quite the catch and a variety of courtiers wooed her. After she became queen the pressure to marry and produce an heir was extreme. Elizabeth was proposed to by kings and princes from Spain, Sweden, Germany and France.

But having decided never to marry, the virgin queen became very good at using her single status as a political tool.



Sir Robert Dudley



The English flagship **Ark Royal** led the battle against the Spanish Armada. The red-and-white flags represent the cross of St. George, the patron saint of England.

At a glance

Full name: Elizabeth Tudor
Born: Greenwich Palace, September 7, 1533
Succeeded to the throne: November 17, 1558 (age 25)
Crowned: Westminster Abbey, January 15, 1559
Height: Estimated between 5-foot-3 and 5-foot-5
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Curly, golden red
Died: Richmond Palace, March 24, 1603 (age 69)
Buried: Westminster Abbey, London
Remembered as: The Virgin Queen, Good Queen Bess, Gloriana



Sir Francis Drake

Elizabeth commissioned "sea dogs" and sea captains to attack Spanish ships. **Sir Francis Drake** is one of the most famous of her privateers (hired pirates). Drake was the first Englishman to sail around the world and his attacks on the Spanish helped England become a major sea power.

Spanish woes

Elizabeth's troubles with Spain had some of their roots in the religious conflict between the Catholics and Protestants, both in England and abroad. She sent soldiers to help Protestants in the Dutch Netherlands fight against a Spanish take over and encouraged English ships to loot and destroy Spanish ships. After the execution of Mary Stuart, King Philip II of Spain assembled a huge fleet called the Armada and sent them to attack and invade England. This war continued even after Elizabeth's death.



The Armada's strategy was to form a crescent or half circle around the English navy and bombard them with cannon fire.

In 1588, the **Spanish Armada** (130 ships) set sail for England. They planned to defeat the English navy, meet up with troops stationed in the Netherlands and then conquer England. The battle took place in the English Channel. England's ships were smaller and faster than the Spanish vessels and they were able to inflict great damage. The Armada split up and fled north where storms wrecked what was left of the fleet. England emerged as a formidable sea power that would rule the seas for the next 200 years.



William Shakespeare

SOURCES: World Book Encyclopedia, World Book Inc.; Encyclopedia Americana, Grolier Inc.; Queen Elizabeth, Robert Green; Cultures of the Past: Elizabethan England, Ruth Ashby; Elizabethan England, William W. Lacey; Elizabeth I and Tudor England, Stephen White-Thomson; The Armada, Mary Connolly

1510	1519: Magellan leaves Spain on first round-the-world passage.	1520	1533: Henry marries Anne Boleyn and Elizabeth Tudor is born.	1530	1537: Jane Seymour dies shortly after giving birth to Edward.	1540	1540: Henry marries and separates from Anne of Cleves. He then marries Catherine Howard.	1542	1542: Catherine Howard executed.	1543	1543: Henry marries Catherine Parr.	1547	1547: Henry VIII dies. Edward becomes king.	1550	1553: Edward VI dies. Lady Jane Grey is queen for nine days. Mary I is crowned.	1558	1558: Mary I dies. Elizabeth begins her reign.	1564	1564: William Shakespeare is baptized.	1565	1565: Mary Stuart (Queen of Scots) marries Lord Darnley.	1573	1573: Michelangelo Buonarroti is born in Caprese, Italy.	1587	1587: Mary Stuart (Queen of Scots) is beheaded for conspiracy.	1588	1588: The Spanish Armada is defeated.	1594	1594: The Globe Theater is built.	1599	1599: William Shakespeare	1600	1603: Elizabeth I dies. James VI of Scotland becomes ruler of England and Scotland.
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A bright pupil

Elizabeth had the best education available in her time. By all accounts she was a clever and excellent student. She enjoyed and excelled in a variety of topics, including history, geography, science, art, literature and philosophy. She could read, write and speak French and Italian, and had also mastered Greek and Latin. These skills proved valuable when the Queen negotiated with foreign envoys.

Favorites

Elizabeth had her favorites at court. Many believe she was in love with **Sir Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester**. Court gossip suggested that the Earl had his first wife killed, hoping to be able to marry the queen. Elizabeth was furious when Leicester (secretly) married again.

Later in life, Elizabeth became very fond of **Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex**. He was charming and good looking, but also very ambitious. The Earl of Essex led a rebellion against the Queen's adviser, Sir William Cecil. Essex was convicted of treason and executed in 1601.

The Scot

Mary Queen of Scots was Elizabeth's cousin and ruler of Scotland. She was also heir to the English throne if Elizabeth died without having children (Mary Stuart was a descendant of King Henry VIII's sister). Mary came to England in 1568, seeking protection from a rebellion in Scotland. But because she was Catholic and next in line for the throne, Mary was seen as a threat. The Queen of Scots was kept in England as a guest/prisoner for almost 20 years. During those years Mary was involved in several plots. Elizabeth eventually relented to political pressure and had her cousin executed.



Mary Queen of Scots

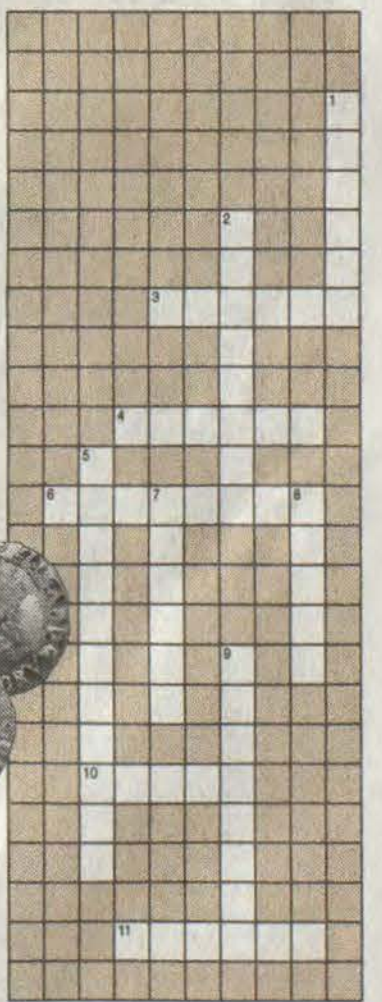
In the end

Elizabeth reigned for 44 years and four months. She died after catching a cold at the age of 69 in 1603. Her death marked the end of the Tudor line. She was succeeded by **James I** (James VI of Scotland), the son of her enemy Mary Queen of Scots.

What do you know?

- ACROSS**
- Elizabeth's half sister Mary was sometimes called this
 - Mary Queen of Scot's surname
 - Two of Henry VIII's wives were _____
 - Surname of Queen Elizabeth I
 - Spanish fleet sent to attack England

- DOWN**
- A court favorite of Elizabeth's
 - Country of Mary Stuart
 - Abbey where Queen Elizabeth was buried
 - Elizabeth's little brother
 - Elizabethan explorer
 - One of Elizabeth's nicknames



- ANSWERS**
- ACROSS**
- 3 BLOODY
 - 4 STUART
 - 6 BEHEADED
 - 10 TUDOR
 - 11 ARMADA
- DOWN**
- 1 DUDLEY
 - 2 SCOTLAND
 - 3 WESTMINSTER
 - 5 EDWARD
 - 7 DRAKE
 - 8 GLORIANA

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Elementary

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Academy

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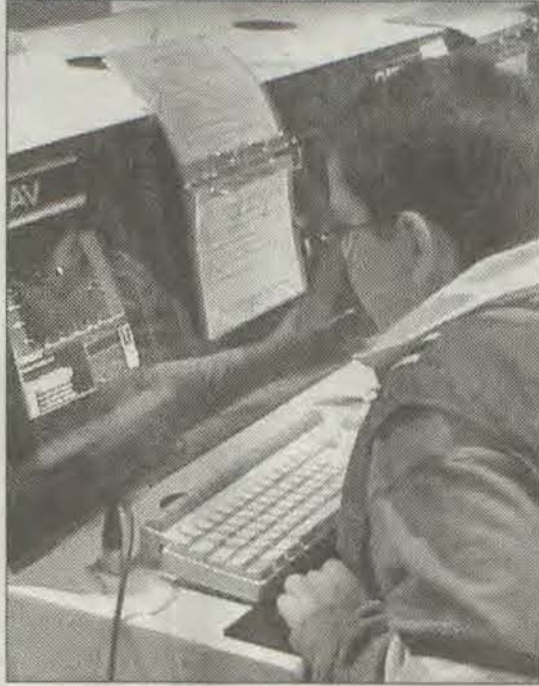
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ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL



Students at Adams Middle School traveled to the Challenger Space Center in Hazard, for a day of learning and fun. The students shown here are participating in a radio control exercise.



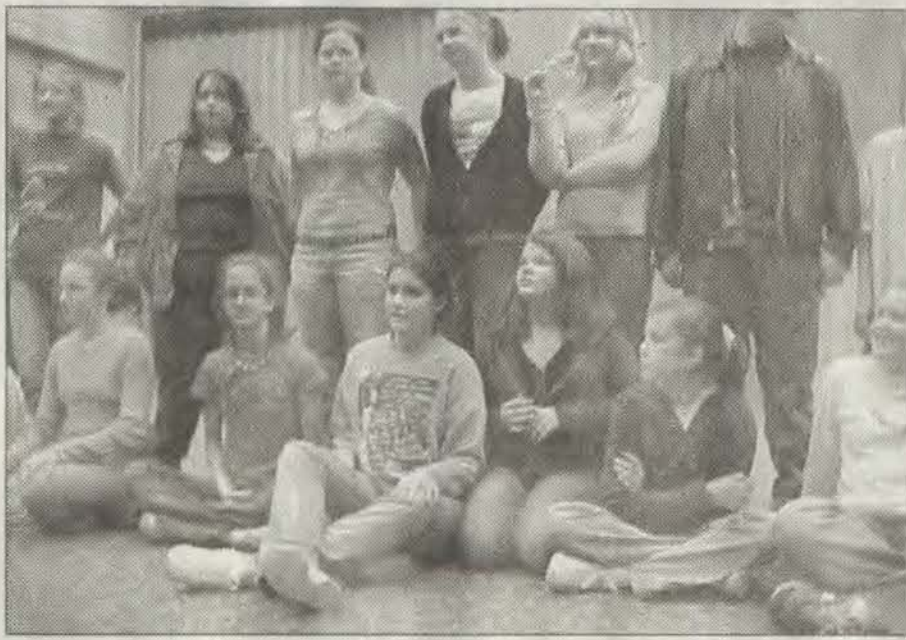
Dustin Campbell, a sixth-grade student, participates in a learning activity at the Challenger Space Center.



Ms. Cooksey helps sixth-grade student Reannah Johnson with a science experiment.



Leanne Newsome and Stephanie Slone, eighth-grade students, work on graphing equations in Mrs. West math class.



Several of AMS Drama TAG students are participating in a radio station activity with guest speaker Phillip Cherry at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.



Jenna Gearheart and Lauren Ward are participating in a mirror activity at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park during a TAG trip for drama students.

ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



Students, teachers take part in arts workshop

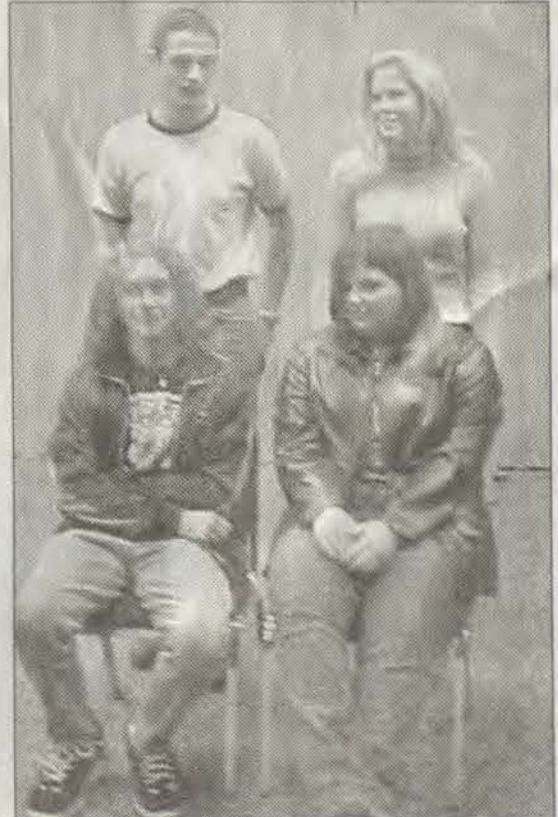
ACHS TAG students identified in the arts areas recently had the opportunity to experience a performance by Richard Cherry, working through the Theater Arts Education Program.

Richard Cherry is well known for his work in arts education across the state, serving the needs of students and teachers in kindergarten through high school with assembly and workshop programs focused upon giving children the creative toolbox necessary to their understanding and appreciation of theatre arts.

In addition, Mr. Cherry promotes the integration of theater arts with the curriculum as a whole, giving teachers the confidence to take hold of the theater and to infuse their teaching, both in form and content.

During the presentation in the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park,

students were introduced to elements of performance (storytelling, character/characterization, acting, listening), a Freeze Frame/Tableaux, The Fox and the Crow, and Integration of the Elements of Performance.



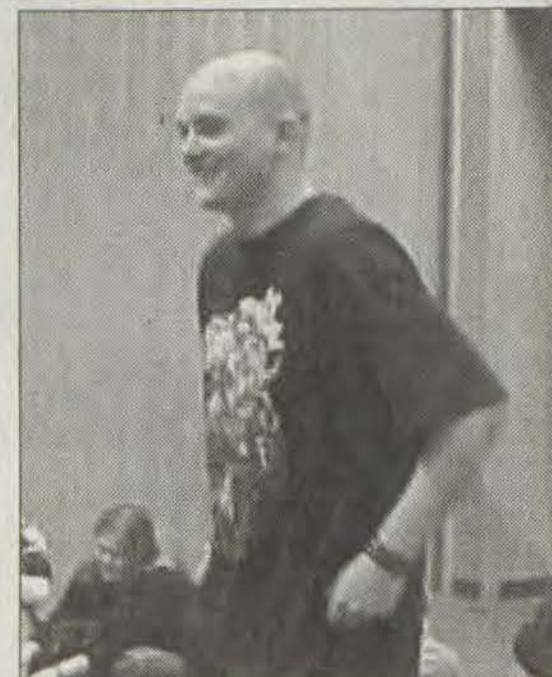
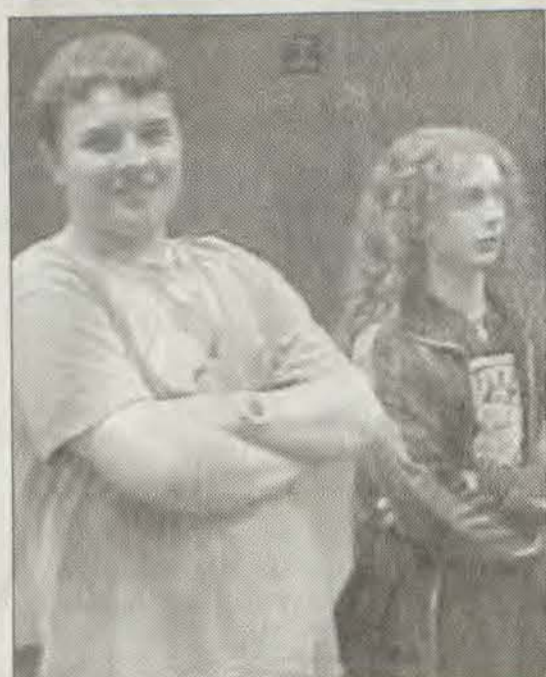
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ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL



8th Grade Visits the Aquarium

Allen Central Middle School 8th Grade students recently visited the Newport Aquarium. Mr. Greg Nichols scheduled the trip to the aquarium where the students enjoyed multiple exhibits of various marine life. After a tour of the aquarium the students then visited the I-MAX Theater where they watched a 3-D movie, giving a more in-depth look at the animals in their natural habitat.



Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child

Allen Central Middle School students recently participated in a writing competition pertaining to their views or memories of Christmas. This contest is sponsored by Floyd County Schools, WMDJ, McDonalds and Wal-Mart. The top 12 students chosen as school winners will have their stories recorded and played on WMDJ on December 16. The top 12 students from ACMS are overall school winner Matthew Amburgey, Christina Blevins, Ashton Frasure, Brittany Frasure, Brittany Hancock, Krista Howard, Melissa Noble, Jessica Nunley, Tiffany Owens, Ariel Robinson, Cindy Samons and Tyler Slone. Mrs. Angela Coleman-Mullins serves as Allen Central Middle School coordinator.



Seventh grade



Eight grade

REBEL Pride Cards

Allen Central Middle School honored those students receiving a proficient or distinguished on the CATS test from the 2001-2002 school year by presenting them with a Rebel Pride

Card. This Card will allow the student free admittance to all events held by the school and a homework pass (one per subject per month). After each student was recognized in front of

the student body, they were rewarded with ice cream. These students will continue to be recognized through out the year in various celebrations.



Spotlight Ceremony

Allen Central Middle School celebrated the students of the months for September and October. Seventh grade teacher, Mr. Brad Short and 8th grade student Josh Martin entertained these students and their parents. Each student was given a certificate a goodie bag in recognition of their accomplishment.

- Elizabeth Dingus
- Ashton Frasure
- Brittany Hunt
- Scott Little
- Josh Wright
- Amber Meade
- Jessica Martin
- Chris Murphy
- Lamikka Pratt
- Andrew Sparkman
- Jerlissa Stamper

6th Grade Students

- Chelsie Cordial
- Sammy Crisp
- Josh Davis
- Evan Lawson
- Lauren Lawson
- Samantha Lucas
- Brianna Castle
- Jordan Duff
- Elizabeth Hughes
- Randall Jones
- Evan Lawson
- Terry Whitt

7th Grade Students

- Ron Barnett

8th Grade Students

- Megan Bailey
- Corey Click
- Brittany Frasure
- Pricilla Greer
- Terri Hall
- Michael Lucas
- Dagan Bickford
- Savannah Burchett
- Stephanie Gray
- Ben Moore
- Melissa Noble
- Ariel Robinson





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Football Homecoming

Ariel Robinson was named Allen Central Middle School 2002-2003 homecoming queen. Ariel is the daughter of Faye Wright of Prestonsburg and Rodney Robinson of Prestonsburg. Ryan Collins, son of Mitsy and James Collins, was escort.

Ron Nobel of Garrett, with Ben Moore as escort; Erica Osborne, daughter of Leatha and Gary Osborne of Eastern, with Corey Click as escort; and Kate Robinson, daughter of Bill and Vennessa Robinson of Langley, with Colby Tackett as escort.



Ariel Robinson
named Allen Central Middle School 2002-2003 homecoming queen

Eighth grade court included: Angel Branham, daughter of Becky and Paul Branham of Langley, with Todd Hudspeth as escort; Candice Halbert, daughter of Jennifer Halbert of Hueysville, with Eric Crum as escort; Melissa Nobel, daughter of Tena and

Seventh-grade attendant was Brittany Hunt, daughter of Gregory Hunt of Stanville and Lisa Caudill of Garrett, with Kyle Hicks as escort. Sixth-grade attendant was Summer Moore, daughter of Karen Moore of Martin and Terry Moore of Left Beaver, with Nick Halbert as escort.

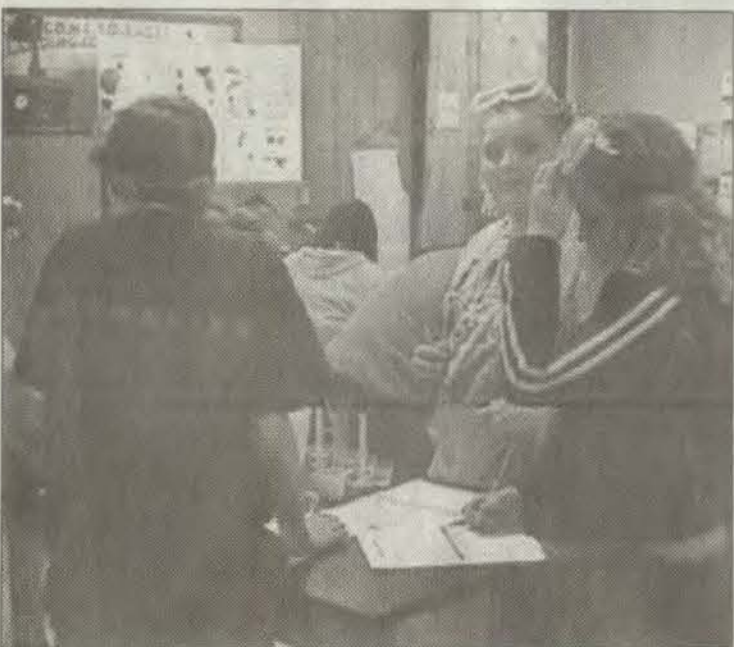


Bragging Rights

Dr. Paul Fanning presented Allen Central Middle School a plaque recognizing ACMS as the top scoring middle school in the county. This "Bragging Rights" program began last year as an incentive program where the top scoring elementary, middle, and high schools are given the plaque to keep for the year. Allen Central Middle School students have taken the challenge of keeping the plaque secure at ACMS for years to come.



ALLEN ELEMENTARY



Students in Mrs. Isaac's sixth-grade science class are testing acids and bases in preparation for their visit to the Challenger Center in Hazard.



Courtney Endicott, far left, was chosen to play a drum for the "Hands on with Zig" show at the Mountain Arts Center. Courtney is in Donna Collins' primary class at Allen Elementary.



Allen Head Start attended the Morehead State University health fair Oct. 28



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Students and staff at Allen Elementary look on as Dr. Paul Fanning, superintendent, and Dr. Chandra Varia, Floyd County board member, present Mrs. Linda Gearheart, principal, and Mr. Tony Childers, assistant principal, the Bragging Rights Plaque for the second consecutive year. The school earned this honor for having the highest test scores in the K-8 division, having six grade levels that are accountable during CATS testing.



The Allen Head Start had a visitor on Thursday, Oct. 24. Dustin, Tonys and Dakota Conn brought a pony for the Head Start students to pet. Each student got to take a picture sitting on the pony. The students enjoyed this day. They talked about the pony throughout the day.



Mrs. Skeens' seventh-grade Cells Heredity and Classifications class used edible treats to construct a model to show phenotype of offspring whose parents have either homozygous or heterozygous genotype.



Allen Elementary "Christmas through the Eyes of a Child" school winners.



The eighth-grade students at Allen Elementary were studying a unit on colonial homes. They were asked to do a diorama and they were put on display in the foyer so that the entire school might be able to see.

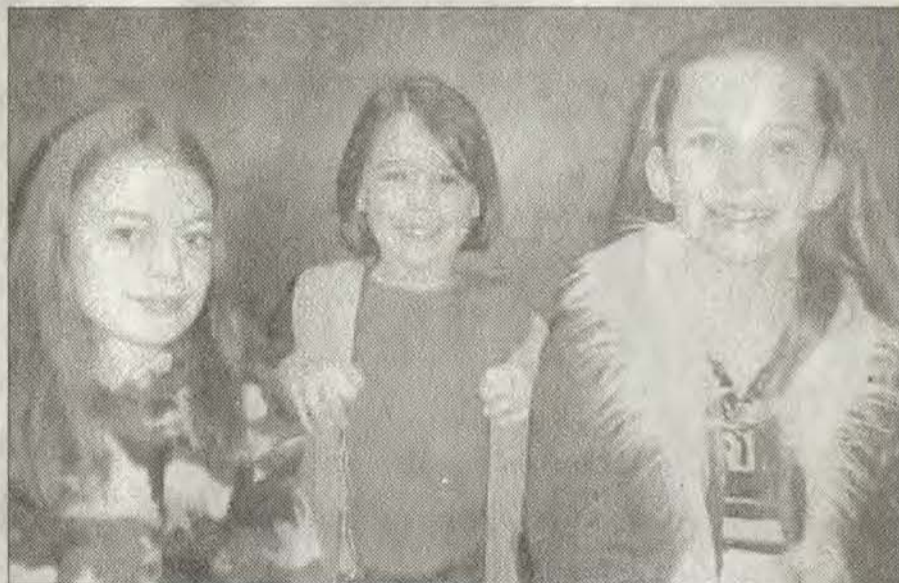


Students in Mrs. Wallen's first-grade class at Allen Elementary were joined with their grandparents. The grandparents did a craft with the children or talked about how it was back in their day when they were children. The grandparents were then served refreshments by the students.

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY



Betsy Layne students enjoyed a "birds of prey" demonstration by Jay Rose.



"Christmas through the Eyes of a Child" overall winners.



"Christmas through the Eyes of a Child" county winners.

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Some of my thoughts as I prepare to leave the Floyd County Board of Education after 5 years of service...

"Some go first, and others come along afterwards. God blesses both and all in the line, and replaces what has been consumed, and provides for those who work the soil of helpfulness..."

- Jelaluddin Rumi, 13th Century Persia -

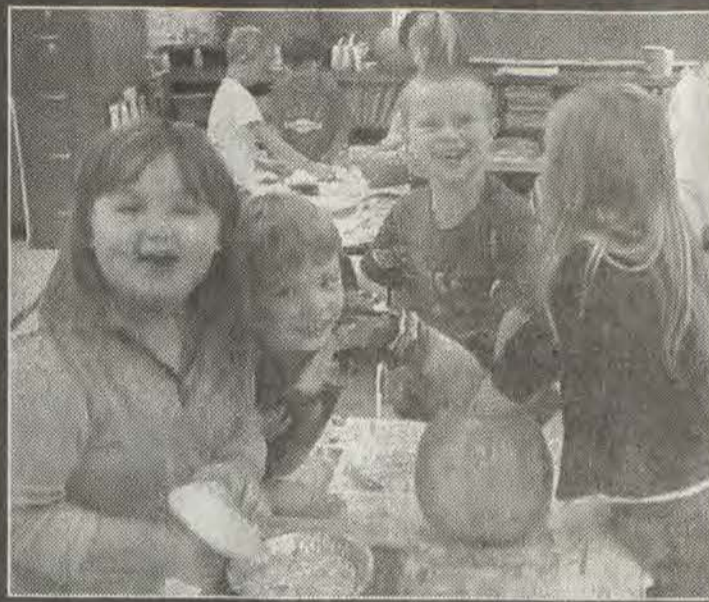
I have only a limited knowledge of those who served before me, but I am a product of their service and I am grateful to them for it. To those who will serve after me, I offer you my prayers, presence, and support, for it's a tough job if done alone. To those who felt "consumed" under my watch, I offer my sincere apologies and seek your understanding and forgiveness, for it was never my intent to make you feel something less than important to us all. To those who will continue to "work the soil of helpfulness" in service to our children, God Speed, for this is difficult and important work. To our children, work hard to know God and to get a good education, for these are two things no one can ever take from you. Finally, to Carol, Chandra, Don, Glenna, Jimmy, Jody, Mike, Paul, Terry, Woodrow, Zella and Glen, THANKS for all the lessons you have taught me!

(The Reverend) Johnnie E. Ross, Chairman • Floyd County Board of Education



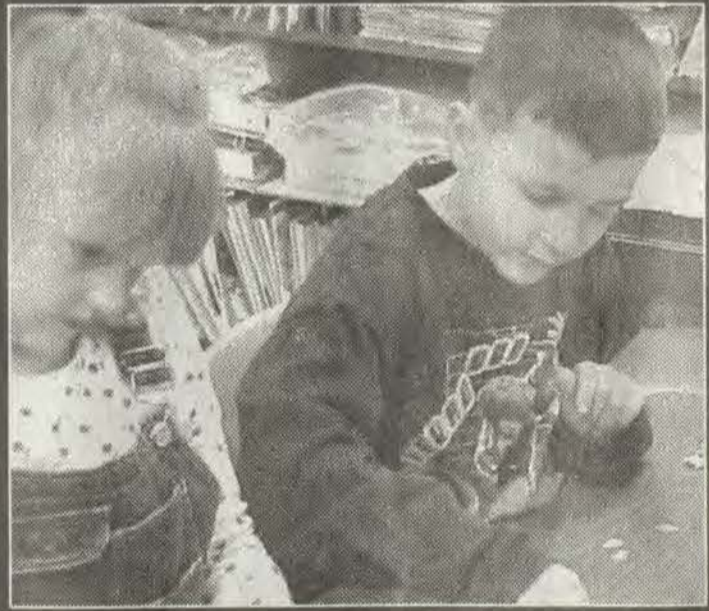
Literacy night had a patriotic theme. Students read interviews with veterans. Members of the DAV attended.

Mrs. Case's social studies class sampled food from other countries and dressed in native costumes.



PUMPKINS

Mrs. Sherry Tackett and class completed a math/science project using pumpkins. The students had to predict, observe, measure, weigh pumpkins, count seeds, read pumpkin books and research on the internet to find the world's largest pumpkin. Students decorated pumpkins at the end of the project.



Veterans Day at Betsy Layne Elementary, with Commander Larry Roberts.



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BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL

Ghosts and goblins haunt BLHS hallways

by Ashley Stevens
BLHS SENIOR
CO-EDITOR, THE BOBCAT JOURNAL

Halloween crept upon us again this year, but students of Betsy Layne High School decided to make the best of it by dressing up for the occasion.

While walking down the hallways on Halloween, it was not uncommon to see the "uncommon." Witches, nurses,

babies, and even a leather-face serial killer haunted the hallways.

Seniors Charlie Mullins and Jerrod Flannery took it upon themselves to tastefully mimic the school's administrators. Flannery looked as if he could be Assistant Principal Sean Ousley's twin brother. To take the role even further, Flannery could often be heard throughout the hallways voicing such comments as, "Lets go! Get to class!"

Miss Mullins, on the other hand, hastily moved from class to class with a prompt and professional similarity to BLHS Principal, Ms. Margaret Vaughn.

During first period, students were asked to choose the two best costumes from their class. These students then crowded the library for a 'most creative' costume contest. The creative and, no doubt, time-consuming costumes were quite the sight to see. The students were

asked to state their name and what they were 'supposed' to be dressed as.

The winning costumes were sported by sophomore, Ashley Ousley, elaborately dressed as a lion, and senior Blake Frasure, who was proudly dressed as a woman. He wore "his best dress" and styled his "less-than-perfect" flowing blonde hair for the event.

It was a little strange to walk into class and see your respected teacher

dressed as something silly. But not only did the students have their contest, but the faculty did also.

Mr. Frank Martin, who teaches Career Development, was reluctant to reveal his identity, but he won the contest with his slightly confusing costume, the "Troll King." Students were congratulated on their good behavior and given the last ten minutes of the day to Trick-or-Treat.

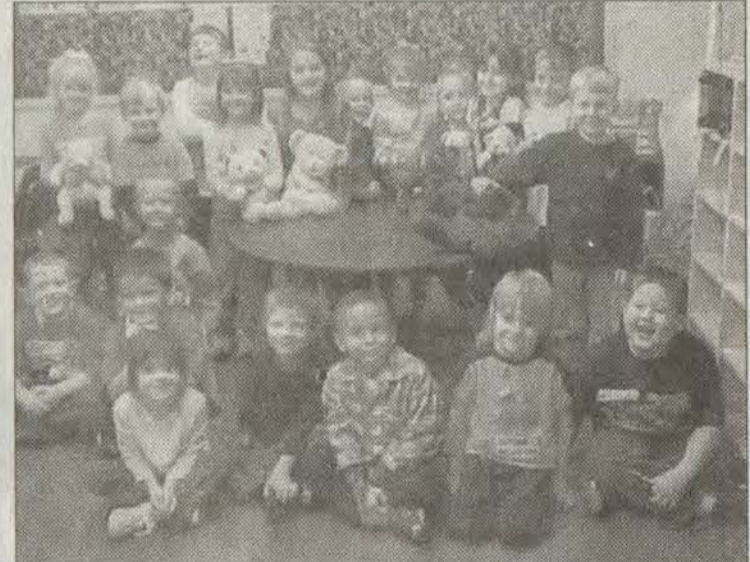
CLARK ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Warrix's P-4 homeroom had 92 percent attendance for the second month of school.



Students in Mrs. Madden's homeroom were winners of the "Beef Stew Food Drive" at Clark.



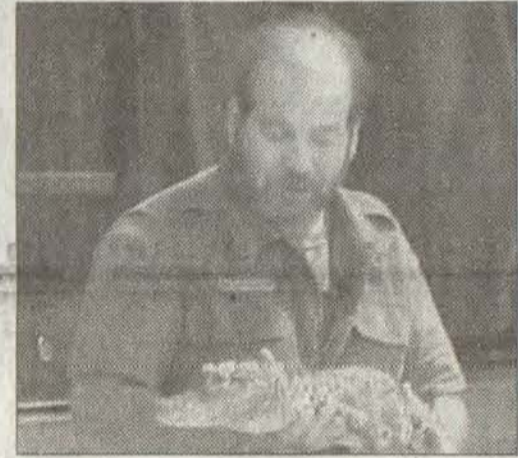
Ms. Key's kindergarten class celebrated a special day — Teddy Bear's 100th birthday. On Nov. 16, student did various activities and brought their teddy bears to school, where they sang "Happy Birthday" and ate cake.



Mrs. Campbell's P-4 class has been reading a lot of books. Tori Hammonds, a newspaper staff reporter for the school, reports their class has a bookworm. The students write book reviews and put them on the worm.



Mrs. Madden and Mrs. Goble, along with some brave Clark students, pet "Banana Boy," a 14-foot python.



Clark Elementary got a treat when Mr. Bruce Shwedick brought his reptiles for a visit. Above, Mr. Shwedick is holding a three-foot Chinese alligator.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

My Hunter Safety Course

by AUSTIN PATTON
and TYLER CONLEY

We recently completed a course on hunting and firearm safety at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. First we went to fill out an application. Then we went down to the lodge and watched hunting videos.

We also watched a video on safety with firearms.

We learned that we should always wear orange when we go hunting. Don't wear white or brown when you go deer hunting. When you go turkey hunting, do not wear red, blue or black.

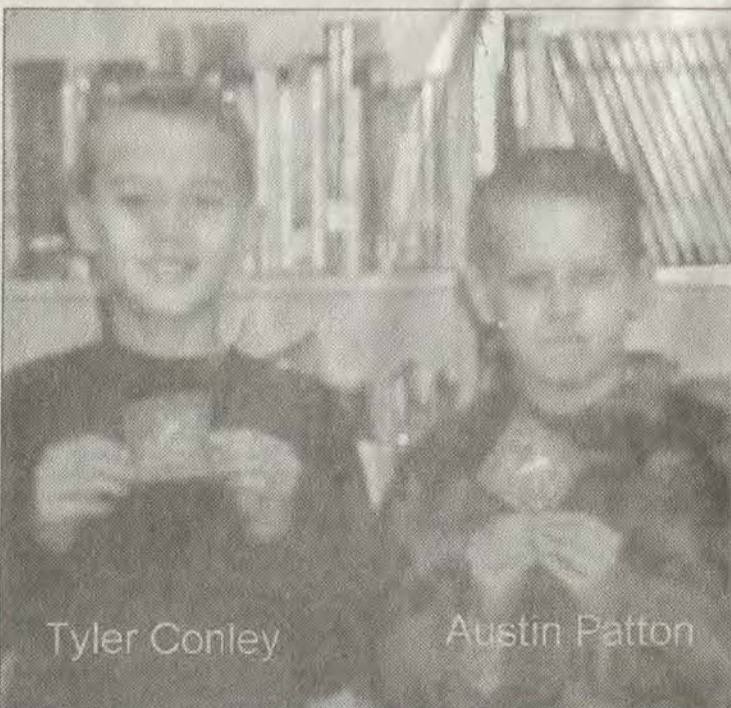
After the video, we were

taught how to safely handle a firearm. They taught safety on how to load a firearm. We learned that you should never point a firearm at anyone. Also, you should always assume that it is loaded. You should always keep your firearm pointed down. Always be sure of what you are shooting and what is behind your target.

They told that you should take a survival kit with you. If you take a compass, you should also take a topographical map along. If you get lost, the first thing you should do is to admit that you are lost. Also, if you get lost, you could signal with a mirror during the day.

Later in the day, we took a test that had 80 questions on it. They were about firearm and hunting safety. It was hard, but we passed it.

At the end of the day, we were taught about the different types of firearms. We were taught how to safely load the firearms. Then we got to shoot the firearm to show that we knew how to safely handle and fire the gun.



Tyler Conley

Austin Patton



Conservation Office Visit

On Thursday, Oct. 17, Ms. Michelle Goble, from the Conservation Office, came to speak about this year's contest. Her presentation consisted of the topic of "soil" (composting, organic gardening and earthworms). The students LOVED the live earthworms she brought! Shown in the picture are students in Ms. Kitty's P-4 class observing the earthworms.

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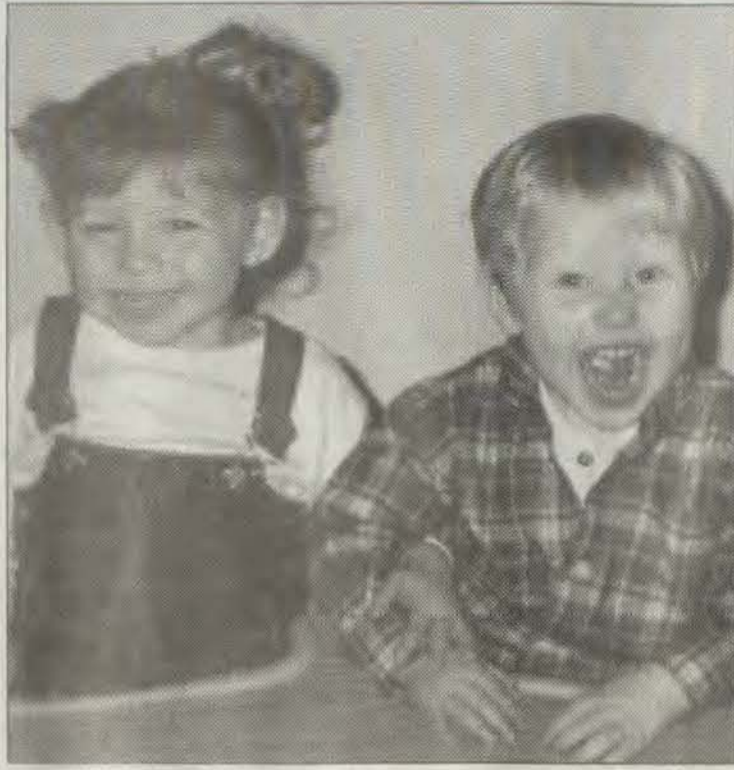
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Haley and John T. enjoy a party.



These children had a good Halloween party.



Meet our preschool teacher, Ms. Melinda.



Timmy turns 1 year old.



Dora and Superwoman visit day care.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY



The Floyd County (Martin) Community Center sponsored a pizza party for Mrs. Farmers Fifth grade classroom that designed the winning Drug-Free Poster.



John Cantrell presented May Valley Elementary with the items purchased with last year's Food City receipts Nov. 8. They included a DVD player, two CD/radio players, a digital camera, a cassette recorder and playground equipment. A special thanks to FRC, students and community for supporting the school by collecting the receipts.



Quality Kids performing a special personal hygiene program for May Valley Elementary.



Time Out for Parents program at May Valley with Lola Ratliff, Title IV. This month's topic, "School violence prevention".



Canned Food Drive: A Pizza party for the most canned food brought in by Mrs. Kim Reed's class for the second week of the canned food drive (206 cans).



The Family Resource Center and students collected a total of 1,749 cans of food to be distributed to local churches to help in fixing Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for needy families in the community.



Staff and students released red balloons with drug-free messages into the air Oct. 28. On Friday, Nov. 15, a deer hunter from Wolfe County, W.Va., called to let us know that he had found a balloon with a message from Mrs. Kathy Shepherd's class, and he supported the idea of being "drug-free."





Jane Bond of the Floyd County Health Department and Mrs. Lisa Thornsberry's class at May Valley Elementary enjoying a physical fitness program.



Jane Bond of the Floyd County Health Department and Mrs. Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary enjoying a physical fitness program.



"Hands on with ZIG" shows May Valley that there is little difference in Hip Hop and South African music as well as the instruments.



Jane Bond of the Floyd County Health Department and Mrs. Tiffany Burke's class at May Valley Elementary enjoying a physical fitness program.

WESLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Mr. John Cantrell of the Prestonsburg Food City visited the school and spoke to the students about the "Apples for Students" program and how it can benefit their school.



Congratulations to our basketball team for bringing home the team free throw trophy during the Right Beaver Classic Tournament. Pictured left to right are, front row, Mason Haywood, Zak Key, Kyle Gearheart and Cameron Tincher; and, second row, Bobby Hughes, James Michael Lafferty, Josiah Reno, Matt Doyle and John Turner. Not pictured are Nick Akers, Chris Baker, Coach Randy Tincher and Coach Randy Gearheart.

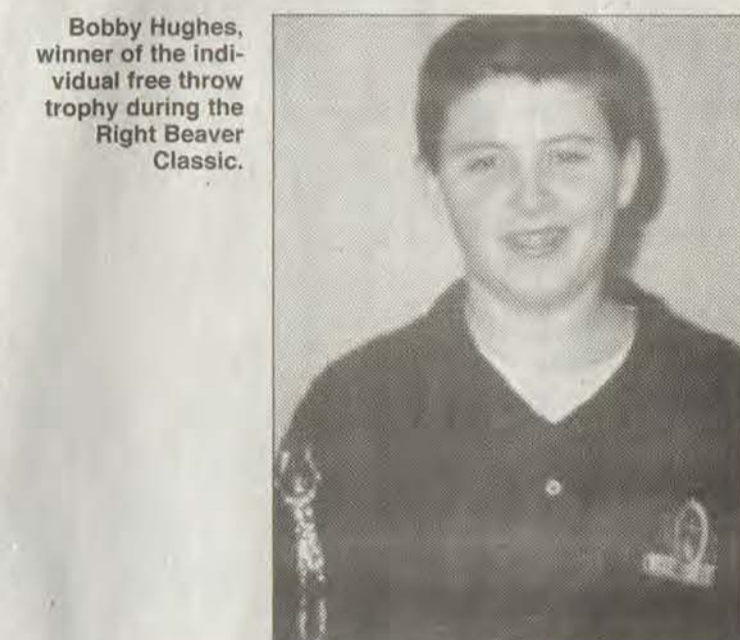


On Nov. 4, the seventh and eighth grades took a field trip to Centre College, where they viewed an original portion of the Declaration of Independence.



Royalty Court Winners

Prince and Princess, Jesse Baker and Victoria May; Queen and King, Chelsie Madden and Dalton Fulks; Duchess and Duke, Katie Justice and John Wesley Cooksey.



Bobby Hughes, winner of the individual free throw trophy during the Right Beaver Classic.



2002 Fall Festival Royalty Court

Olivia Davis, Emily Dillon, Hunter Brown, Kaylee Collins, Zack Clark, Clay Slone, Danna Slone, Adam Castle, Kristen Fitch, Jesse Baker, Victoria May, Chelsie Madden, John Turner, Elizabeth Howard, Dalton Fulks, Katie Justice, John Wesley Cooksey and Isaiah Boyd. Not pictured, Faith Howard and Austin Justice.



Kindergarten Conservation Art Winners

Haleigh Johnson, John Dillon and Katie Justice.



Conservation Art Winners

Victoria May, Hunter Brown and Kasey Funk.



Conservation Writing Winner Kristy Hyden



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MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY



Parents enjoyed a chill supper during McDowell's open house.



Mrs. Shirley Vanderpool and Mr. Michael Rodriguez judged McDowell's "Christmas through the Eyes of a Child" entries.



Ronnie Bryant presented a coal program to Mrs. Wanda Johnson's primary class.



Parents and grandparents visited classes during McDowell's celebration of Grandparents Day.



Students participating in a program on manners, given by the ladies from Quality Kids.



Margaret Baldrige and Tammy Lance, of McDowell ARH, with a student while they perform free sports physicals at McDowell Elementary Family Resource Center.



Student/parent 4-H training with Chuck Stamper and special guest speaker Debbie Daniels.



McDowell began a new program called "McDowell Reads" with the support of some volunteers. The volunteers work with students individually two days a week on reading and reading skills. A special thanks to Terri Mosley, Jackie Akers and Amy Dye.



On Thursday, Nov. 21, McDowell Elementary students attended the "Rendezvous with a Comet" activity at the Challenger Learning Center in Hazard. The students attended two sessions both in the space station and in mission controls. The students greatly enjoyed the activities.



Some of the 6th grade students performed to "My Boyfriend's Back." They enjoyed dancing and performing for the audience.



Casey Johnson performed to the all-time favorite "Everybody Needs Somebody" by the Blues Brothers.

Douglas Newman, a P3 student, greatly enjoyed the performances of the night. He gave the entire show a "two thumbs up."

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On Nov. 1, McDowell Elementary hosted their 3rd annual Puttin' on the Hits Show. There were 22 acts throughout the night. Jesse Osborne began the night by singing the national anthem. The flag was presented by Kassidy Hinkle and Stacy Fraley.



McDowell Elementary's Red, White and Blue representatives: Sarah Akers, P4 student, and Stephanie Conn, sixth-grade student.

MTN. CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Thanks to Jeff Markland, former Pittsburgh Steelers tight end, and Sportsworld Ministries for the inspirational program held at MCA. Jeff shared his testimony with grades 4-8.



Students, parents and guests enjoyed a night of food, fun and fellowship at MCA's annual Fall Festival. A silent auction and carnival games were enjoyed by all.



MCA's preschool enjoyed a day of dress-up games and refreshments for their fall holiday party.



In the month of October, the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders at MCA visited an authentic Mexican restaurant, "El Azul Grande" in Prestonsburg. As part of their learning experience, each student ordered his or her own meal strictly in Spanish. The waiters were instructed to speak to the students only in Spanish and not to provide anything to them unless they asked for it in Spanish. It worked like a charm! It's amazing what hungry kids will do for food!



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During Red Ribbon week students decorated classroom doors, wore red, and participated in daily contests. The finale event of the week was a volleyball tournament in which the students and faculty competed. Students were victorious in the event. Pictured from left to right, front row, Amanda Collins, Joey Lewis, Jamie Hall, Dena Gibson, Kenneth Spurlock and Kim Cole; and, back row, Andy Osborne, David Conn, Dustin Hancock and Brenda Hall



October brought thoughts of Halloween activities, but Opportunities Unlimited student Josh Dalton displayed his talent as he took the opportunity to remember freedom and display the Statue of Liberty with the carving of her image on a pumpkin.

OSBORNE ELEMENTARY



"I won! I won! I got more apples than the children!"



Drug awareness program presented by Leo Mudd.



"Birds of Prey" school assembly, presented by the National History Educational Company.



Primary classes welcomed fall.



OES cooks remember Sept. 11.



Students shop in the school store, spending "Eagle Bucks" earned through academic success and class participation.



Students recognized for academic achievement in grades 1-3.



Bobbing for Apples

The kindergarten classes at W.D. Osborne bobbed for apples during the "good old days" unit.



Students are given the "Eagle Bucks" that they earned for the month of October, based upon their academic success and class participation.



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Kindergarten classes enjoyed a trip to the farm.



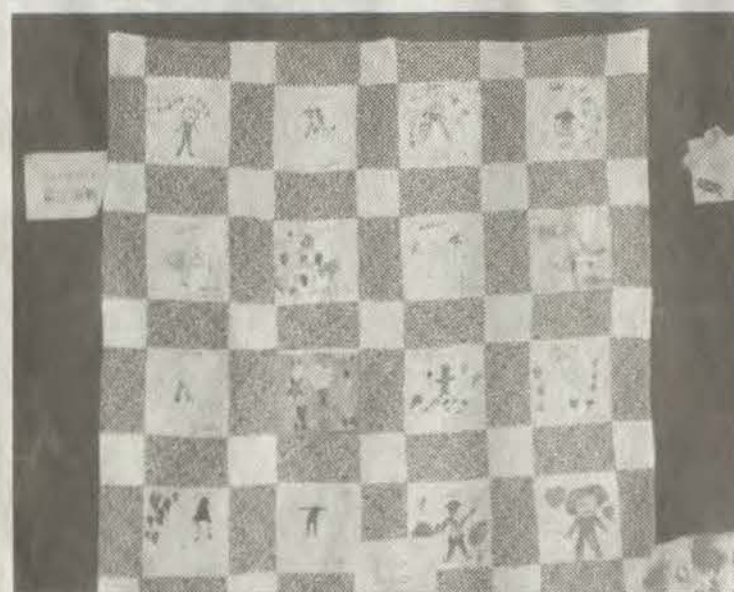
Mrs. Robin Hall's class was served cake and pop by the family resource center for their successful participation in the food drive.



In the kindergarten classes at W.D. Osborne Elementary, Shelia Vance, Carlotta Jones and Sandy Daniels planned units on the "good old days" and "farm" activities for the month of October. The students learned about milking cows and milk, as well as how to make ice cream with milk. The students would also like to thank Mrs. Pack for this opportunity and activity.



Mrs. Robin Hall's fourth-grade students enjoyed cake and pop provided by the family resource center for their efforts in the canned food drive.



The P1 students of Osborne Elementary enjoyed making a classroom quilt in celebrating "the good old days." Parents, teachers and students contributed to the display. Mrs. Shelia Vance's class made a friendship quilt, Mrs. Jones' class made a nursery rhyme quilt and Mrs. Karen Johnson's class made a holiday quilt.



Ronald McDonald spoke with students about reading while also giving them coupons for free French fries.



Ronald McDonald visited students at Osborne Elementary and stressed the importance of reading.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY



Chalmer Howard is shown with students at Prestonsburg Elementary. Mr. Howard shared his arrowhead collection with the third-grade students at the school. The students holding part of the collection are Jessica Lafferty, Danny Conn, Cheyenna Jude and Jamie Wallen. Students learned of the uses of arrowheads and other Native American tools as part of a unit of study on cultural regions of Native Americans.

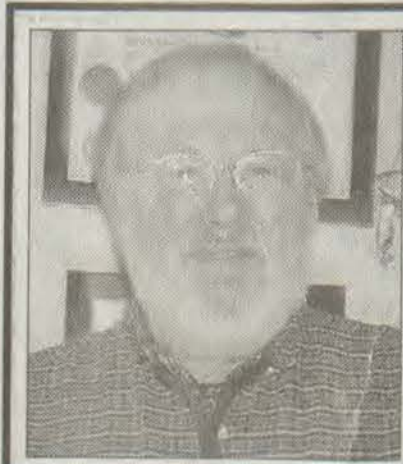


Logan Hunt in measuring the dissolved oxygen in the water while Jeffery Searls identifies invertebrates from a water sample taken from the Prestonsburg Elementary wetland area.

Students in Mrs. Allison's kindergarten class at Prestonsburg elementary show off their noodle necklaces they made while learning to make patterns. The students are, front row, Steven Little, Kaitlyn Fraley, Miles Goodman, Jeffery Goble, Andrew Goble, Megan Mosley, Caitlin Johnson and Sidney Hale; middle row, Taelor Blevins, Leia Peppi, Kennedy Conley, William Wallen, Lauren Davis, Alexis Younce, Emma George and Cody Hackworth; and, back row, Brandon Blackburn, Tyler Bays, Brennan Goble, Matt Blackburn, Gabriel Walker and Verlon Rackey.



Logan Hunt and Stephanie Gibson are conducting a dissolved oxygen test on a sample of water taken from the wetland area at Prestonsburg Elementary. The wetland is a project funded through PRIDE.



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Stephanie Yuhas, Jamie Hall and Kayla Hall participated in a campus cleanup at Prestonsburg Elementary. These girls are part of the PRIDE Club that meets twice a month at Prestonsburg Elementary.



The staff and students of Prestonsburg Elementary would like to wish Mrs. Clydia Heintzelman the very best. She has been substituting in art since Sept. 9 and has done a wonderful job. We feel very fortunate to have had such an artistic person filling in for our art teacher while she was on maternity leave. Mrs. Heintzelman has used her abilities to help prepare the PES students for the CATS assessment in the spring of 2003. Thanks and good luck!



The top sellers for the 2002 fundraiser at Prestonsburg Elementary were treated to a limousine ride and dinner at the May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park on Nov. 14. Thanks for all you hard work during this fundraiser.



Mrs. Phyllis Allison, Mr. Scott Tackett and Mrs. Deborah Walker were named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers. This is such a great honors because these teachers have been chosen by their community as the most influential educators within their school. Mrs. Allison teaches kindergarten, Mr. Tackett teacher P2 and Mrs. Walker teacher P4 at Prestonsburg Elementary.



Janet Meade is amazed with the different "critters" found in the wetland area on the campus of Prestonsburg Elementary School. The wetland is a project funded by PRIDE. It allows students to do various projects related to water and water quality.



Jamie Hall is showing Clark Allison some "critters" she found in a water sample taken from the wetland area at Prestonsburg Elementary.



Kindergarten through second-grade perfect attendance winners.

PERFECT PERFECT PERFECT

Winners of the perfect attendance drawing at Prestonsburg Elementary included:
 First month: Lauren Click, Thomas R. Thacker, Salena Coeburn, Ashton Sizemore, Hailee Hall and Samantha Stephens.

Second month: Megan Mosley, Jared Lewis, Nathaniel Armstrong, Emily Hammonds, Taylor Tackett and Cady Rice.
 Third month: James Moore, Jordan Marcum, Tate Goble, Raymond Burgess, Spencer Newsome and Bradley Shepherd.

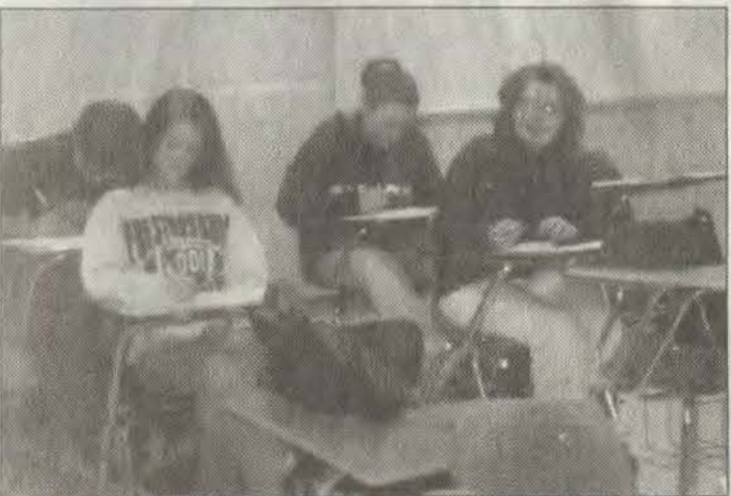


Third- through fifth-grade perfect attendance winners.

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Students in Ms. Conley's biology class studies leaf structure during their discussion of photosynthesis.



Students in Mrs. Slone's U.S. history class are studying immigration and finish the unit and test their knowledge of America's history and government by taking the U.S. citizenship test given to immigrants seeking naturalization.



Mr. Price's psychology class.



Students in Mrs. Slone's "Introduction to Social Studies - Geography" are creating climate region posters that highlight and detail a major climate zone.



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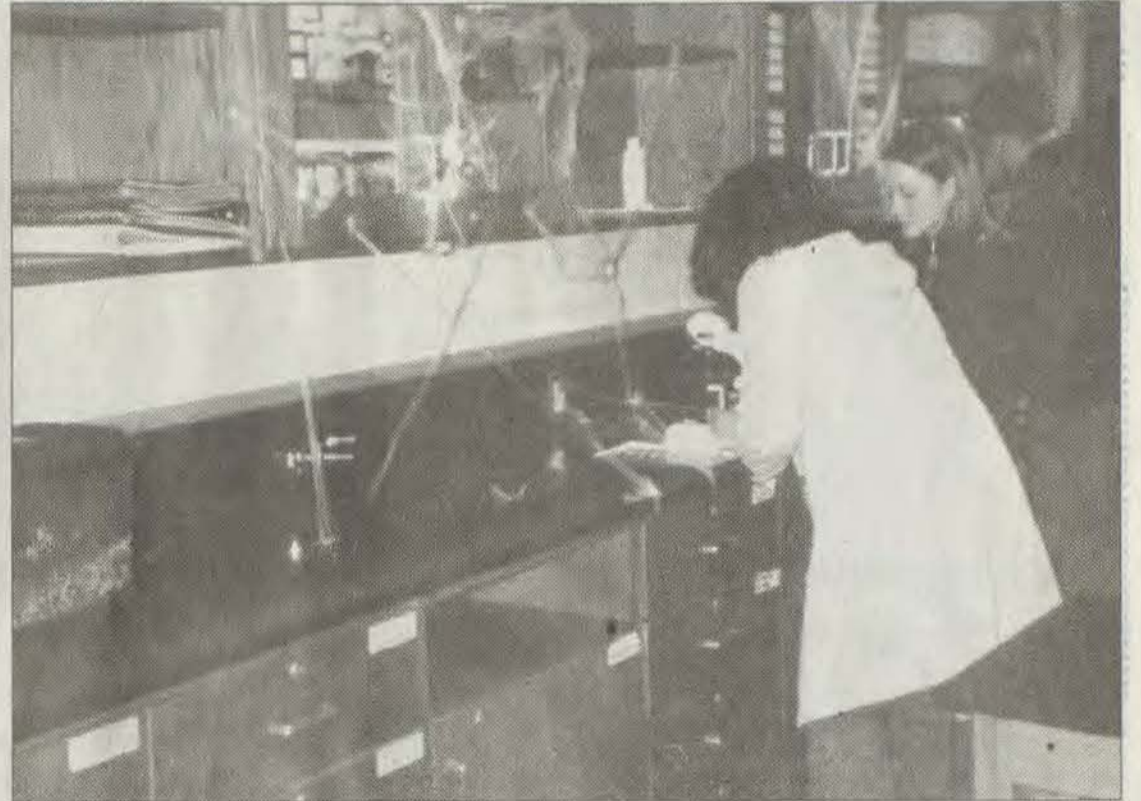
Ms. Parson's biology classes are finishing up a unit on the cell with a hands-on lab. Students are preparing slides of animal and plant cells and viewing them under a microscope for comparison.



Treva Risner, Chris Osborne, Jessie Owens, Sabina Slone, Jessica Ramey, Jennifer Prater and Brandon Peters.



Trevor Compton and mentor Kristi Barrowman.



Andrea Campbell, Treva Risner, Chris Osborne, Jessie Owens, Sabina Slone and Jennifer Prater.



Mr. Hamilton's world civilization class.



Heather Leslie, Miranda Morris, Amber Marsillett and Celina Rowe.



Andrew Burchett and Nick Chaffin.



Melissa Slone, Leslie Heinze and Nick Chaffin.



Geography students working on climate posters in Mrs. Slone's class.



Students in Mr. Crisp's U.S. history class engaged in a group discussion of the Progressive Era.




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SOUTH FLOYD HIGH SCHOOL

Pathways Making Strides Once Again

Mrs. Jackson's Pathways to Careers is making some major strides in helping seniors prepare for their future. Mrs. Jackson's class has been filling out scholarships, having guest speakers, and is now starting the shadowing program. Some students will get the opportunity to be a shadow careers in the community and throughout the region. Matt Slone, a senior, will shadow Jim Caldwell, WYMT Weatherman, on Nov. 21. Matt is currently interested in becoming a meteorologist.

CATS Assessment Results

by JENNIFER HURST

South Floyd High School has increased its overall scores once again.

The Commonwealth Accountability Testing System is given each year during April and May to test the achievement of each individual student and to rate each

school based on that performance.

Over a two-year period, South Floyd is still the highest achieving high school in the county. However, Betsy Layne scored higher in the one-year period, qualifying that school for the "Bragging Rights Award."

South Floyd High School has increased 4.5 points this to reach its goal.

All school are expected to be at 100 percent by 2014. Many factors contribute to scores. Some include portfolios, testing and attendance.

South Floyd encourages parents to help keep scores high by making sure students are in school every day and to encourage them to strive for excellence.

SOUTH FLOYD MIDDLE SCHOOL



South Floyd Middle School Miss Red, White and Blue Megan Po and escort T. Matt Hall.



The Giant Human Atom

Ms. Little's seventh-grade science classes dressed in red, blue and gray to represent the particles of an atom. Red represented electrons, gray represented neutrons, and blue, protons.



Book reports are no longer a boring task for eighth-grade students in Brenda Hamilton's English classes at South Floyd Middle School. Students in her eighth-grade English classes have been introduced to a different method of doing book reports. They now present their books to the classes by using an ordinary bag, drawing their favorite scene from the book on the front, summary on the back, and main characters and setting on each side. The students are also required to place three objects in the bag that relate in some way to the story. As students pull the objects from the bags, they explain the importance of the objects to the stories. No more humdrum book reports for their eighth-graders!



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Back row: Kevin Vanover, Morgan Johnson and T. Matt Hall. Middle: Jeremie Spillman. Front: Leeann Day.



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Back row: Lyle Johnson and Ethan Johnson. Front row: Jessical Howell, Tiffany Hall and Mary Williamson.

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Red, White and Blue Representatives

Miss Krista Flanery was selected to represent John M. Stumbo Elementary in the Miss Red, White and Blue Pageant Monday night, Oct. 14, at Martin. She is the daughter of Annet and James Flanery of Craynor. Krista was escorted by Kory Henry, son of Keith and Karen Henry of Stanville.



Football Banquet

A football banquet was held at John M. Stumbo Elementary Friday night, Oct. 18, 2002 to honor the team and eighth graders. Former football coach Gerald Newsome was the guest speaker.

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