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#### Threat charges heard

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

A Weeksbury man has been charged with two counts of terroristic threatening and first-degree wanton endangerment for allegedly threatening to kill a Melvin man with a gun.

According to court records, Danny McCown, of Melvin, alleges that on Nov. 8, Jerry Maynor, 46, pulled a gun and told him that he would kill him.

Maynor was served with a warrant containing charges of terroristic threatening and first-degree wanton endangerment on Nov. 20 at the Floyd County Detention Center

Maynor is also charged with a second count of terroristic threatening pursuant to allegations made by Shane McCown. Maynor was also served with this warrant at the jail.

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### Audit urges tighter controls at school level

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - The Floyd County Board of Education met in regular session Monday evening, at Betsy Layne Elementary School. The board approved

several consent agenda items and received tests found that Floyd County schools and the conclusion of audit test results, via Matt Wireman, board finance director.

In regard to that audit report, Wireman reported, via letter from White & Associates, that the conclusion of the audit

a report from White & Associates PSC on offices "performed well in all areas of financial reporting.'

The accounting firm reported that "no noncompliance" was detected at either the state or federal levels and, additionally, that "no reportable conditions in the internal control of the district" were found.

However, the firm did report that it "became aware of a few matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency." Some

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### Second kidnapping case sent to grand jury

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The case of a second man implicated in an Oct. 14 incident in which Jeffrey Young alleges he was kidnapped and shot at has been waived to a grand jury by his attorney, Stephen W. Owens.

Neil Ratliff, 33, of Pikeville, was scheduled to appear in Floyd District Court for a preliminary hearing on Monday to face charges of first-degree wanton endangerment, kidnapping and terroristic threatening. However, Owens appeared before court and had the case waived to the grand jury, at which time he made the confident statement, "I already heard all I needed to hear."

Ratliff is accused of chasing Young with a knife and restraining him in the vehicle of Paul Roberts, who, as previously reported, allegedly shot at Young and threatened to kill him. Ratliff is also charged with terroristic threatening pursuant to allegations from Judith Short, a witness in the incident, that he threatened her life.

Judith and Larry Short testified Nov. 20 against Roberts, in the case in which he is charged with attempted murder, kidnapping and terroristic threatening.

Roberts is accused of posting a \$5,000 bond to get Young out of jail, returning him to jail later for fear of losing his money if Young jumped bail, and upon finding out that offices were closed and he couldn't get his bail money back, he

(See KIDNAPPING, page three)



Thelma Crider, owner and operator of TLC Child Development Center in Paintsville, led children in a prayer of thankfulness during the center's

### Man accused of stealing dead woman's checks

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Appearing in Floyd District Court on Monday to face charges in regard to forging checks was Steve Ousley, 31, of David, who will face a grand jury on charges that he cashed checks belonging to a dead woman.

Testifying on behalf of VanHoose Lumber was Jackie Mandola, credit manager, who said that Ousley had written three checks in three days that totaled over \$5,000. He is accused of writing two checks on August 13 and 14 in the amounts of \$846.10 and \$1,850.40 and on August 15 he allegedly wrote a check for \$2,452.62. All three checks had been stolen and issued on a deceased Judy P. Vanderpool. Mandola testified that she had received two of the checks from Ousley, while a coworker had received the other.

Judge Eric Hall found sufficient evidence in the two cases to refer them to a grand jury, which will determine whether to indict Ousley on charges of theft by unlaw-

The other case involved another alleged acount of theft by unlawful taking less than \$300 and also a charge of first-degree forgery, in which Ousley is accused of stealing checks from Diana Sparks. Sparks testified that Ousley allegedly took the

checks from her home and wrote several checks on an

(See FORGERY, page three)

### Small plane crash causes only minor injuries

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

Thanksgiving dinner Monday.

OFFUTT - A plane crash in Johnson County on Saturday resulted in only minor injuries to the pilot, Stanley D. Haddix, 46, of Hager Hill, and a 14-year-old passenger, Aaron Taylor, of Paintsville.

According to Corporal Tom Hitchcock, the Johnson County Sheriff's Department, he and Deputy Jason Arm, along with the Williamsport Volunteer Fire Department, responded to the scene Saturday around 3 p.m. He said that Haddix had reported that he had experienced engine failure in the 1969 single-engine Cessna and was forced to make an emergency landing in a cow pasture near a fishing pond.

According to Paintsville radio station WKYH, Haddix radioed Larry Short for

When the plane crashed approximately two miles up Kentucky Route 2040, its landing gear was broken and the nose crashed into the ground, damaging the tail section and the propeller. Hitchcock reported that the plane had ascended from Combs Airport.

Hitchcock reported that both Haddix and Taylor were treated and released from Highlands Regional Medical Center. Haddix received lacerations to his nose and Taylor suffered injuries to his foot, but it did not appear to be broken.

The crash is under investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration.

### Police step up patrols for holiday

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, law enforcement agencies are preparing to step up monitoring of the state's roadways.

The Kentucky State Police began the "Buckle Up Kentucky" enforcement on Monday with an increased emphasis on the proper use of safety belts and child safety seats.

According to KSP, if a motorist is observed with a child under 40 inches tall not properly secured in a child restraint system, the driver will be cited with no warnings and no excep-

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department will also be watching the roads closely for the holi-

"We will have a maximum effort for this holiday," said Sheriff John K. Blackburn.



Osborne

### Osborne recognized nationally

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

Billie Jean Osborne, founder of the Kentucky Opry, is one of eight people who have won Grit magazine's "2002 True Grit Hero" award.

An article in the Nov. 24 edition of the magazine describes how Osborne created the Mountain Arts Center and briefly touches on her history in the music business.

Grit is a nationally distributed biweekly publication with a circulation of approximately 130,000. The magazine emphasizes home and family issues to readers who live mainly in the rural Midwest and South areas.



Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn displays marijuana, cocaine and prescription medication taken Tuesday afternoon during a drug bust. Fontaine Young, of Tram, was arrested during the bust. The Floyd County Drug Task Force is still investigating the case.



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On this date:

■ In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington D.C.

■ In 1942, during World War II, the French navy at Toulon scuttled its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of the Nazis.

■ In 1945, Gen. George C. Marshall was named special U.S. envoy to China to try to end hostilities between the nationalists and Communists.

In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65.

■ In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a

■ In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who had resigned.

In 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

■ In 1983, 183 people were killed when a Colombian Avianca Airlines Boeing 747 crashed near Madrid's Barajas Airport. In 1985, the British House

of Commons approved the Anglo-Irish accord giving Dublin a consultative role in the governing of British-ruled Northern Ireland.

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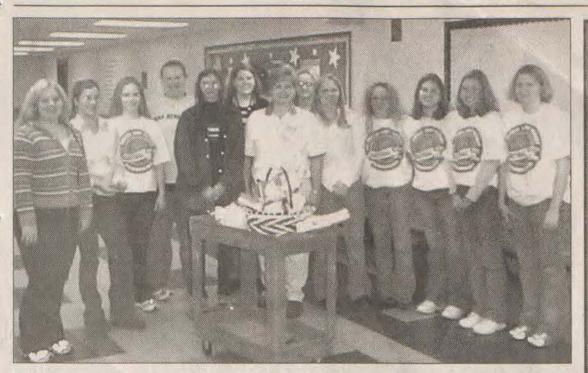
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The South Floyd High Lady Raiders girls' basketball team made two Thanksgiving baskets and gave them out to two families in the community earlier this week. "In appreciation of all that the community has done in support of the South Floyd Lady Raiders, we wanted to give something back this Thanksgiving," said South Floyd girls' basketball coach Melinda Osborne.

#### Audit

of those findings requiring clos- contain verification signatures er monitoring, as reported by the audit, were:

- Ensuring that purchase order agreements are approved prior to purchase each time a purchase is made or an obligation of funds is expended.
- Consistent use of required multiple receipt forms by teachers or activity sponsors when collecting money from students, and ensuring that teachers and sponsors turn in money collected from students on a timely
- Ensuring packing/shipping slips and original invoices have consistent confirmation signatures.
- Ensuring that required forms are utilized at events in which admission fees are charged and during fundraising

of at least two people.

- Ensuring that inventory control worksheets are completed on school bookstores, pencil machines, concessions and vending machines.
- Ensuring that receipts are deposited on a timely basis, especially those deposits of \$100 or more.
- Ensuring that all checks written contain the signatures of two approved people.
- Ensuring that money spent on staff and faculty in the form of gifts, dinners, etc., be paid for out of the proper fund account.
- Ensure that booster club annual financial reports are submitted on a timely basis by each school booster club.
- Ensuring that monthly financial reports are submitted to the superintendent or finance Ensuring that deposit slips officer at the close of each

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month, as well as formulating advanced budget plans for upcoming school years.

The audit report recommends that efforts to reinforce policies and procedures be an ongoing process and also states that any corrective action necessary will be the responsibility of the board finance officer.

In other business, the board recognized Clark, Duff, May Valley and Prestonsburg elementary schools as having met the criteria to receive recognition as "Reward" schools in regard to their academic successes and school improvements during the last school accountability cycle.

Also, a request for additional funding to ensure full-time band instruction at Adams Middle School was referred to the district budget committee; a request to nominate current board member Jeff Stumbo to the KSBA (Kentucky School Board Association) Board of Directors was approved; and, posthumous high school diplomas were for former approved Prestonsburg High School students Josh Francis and Brandi Lynn Ousley, both of whom were expected to graduate with

the upcoming class of 2003. Board member Glenna Slone was absent from the meeting.

#### Forgery

account that had been closed for two months. She testified that she had not seen him take them, but was confident that he was the guilty party due to the fact that checks had been issued in Lexington where Ousley had resided and her number had been replaced with Ousley's father's number on the checks. She said that she had been contacted by Wal-Mart in Paintsville and Pikeville, as well as Super America, Marathon, Home



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Depot, a hair salon and a garage in Lexington.

Judge Hall did not find probable cause to refer the case to the grand jury at this time, but suggested that as merchants pursued the case, then probable cause may appear.

#### Kidnapping

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allegedly threatening to kill Young and holding him at gunpoint.

The chaos allegedly heightened when Roberts took Ratliff by to see Young's pickup truck, which was parked at the Shorts' home, where Young was employed. Young previously tes-

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tified that he escaped from the vehicle in which he was being held captive and ran to the Shorts' for help. He testified that he was chased by Ratliff, who allegedly had a knife, and that he was shot at by Roberts.

Judith Short testified that she saw Roberts allegedly fire a gun toward Young from her upstairs balcony. Larry Short testified that after the chase, the men ended up on his porch, where he pacified Ratliff by telling him that Young would return the bail money the next morning. The Shorts testified that Ratliff was picked up by Roberts and the two left together.

The case against Roberts was referred to a grand jury on Nov. 20. Owens will be representing

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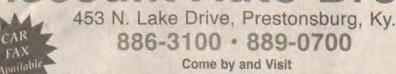


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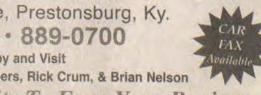


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Worth Repeating ...

The thoughts that come often unsought, and, as it were, drop into the mind, are commonly the most valuable of any we have.

-John Locke

### Beating drugs will require new attitudes

Leaders from across Eastern Kentucky gathered in Paintsville last week to share war stories and exchange ideas concerning their shared efforts to combat illegal drugs in Appalachia.

What appears clear from the many perspectives offered during the daylong meeting is that, while there has been some isolated success in fighting drugs, but the scourge is far too large and growing far too fast for our small mountain communities to keep up.

For example, figures from the "Operation Oxyfest" investi-gation into prescription drug abuse in Eastern Kentucky show more than 800 arrests over the 10-month effort. Meanwhile, prescription drug abuse has increased 163 percent. Obviously, this is a good example of how arrests have not made a dent in

And while law enforcement agencies have been preoccu-pied by the explosion in prescription drug abuse, illegal drug use and trafficking continue as ever. Kentucky ranks 13th nationally in marijuana use, while the plant itself remains the state's number one cash crop.

The problem, it seems, is the almost exclusive focus on interdiction over other methods of battling drug abuse. While it is clear that law enforcement must maintain a key role, perhaps the predominant one, in fighting drugs, it is just as evident that not enough attention has been paid to education and

Of the two, education has perhaps received greater lip service over the years, but even that has failed to achieve its goals. Two high school students last week told delegates what study after study has concluded: DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) "does not work."

The commitment to treatment has an even worse track record, as politicians have chosen to designate drug abuse a legal problem rather than a health problem. As a result, the treatment centers which have shown they are successful getting people to quit drugs are few and far between - and filled to capacity.

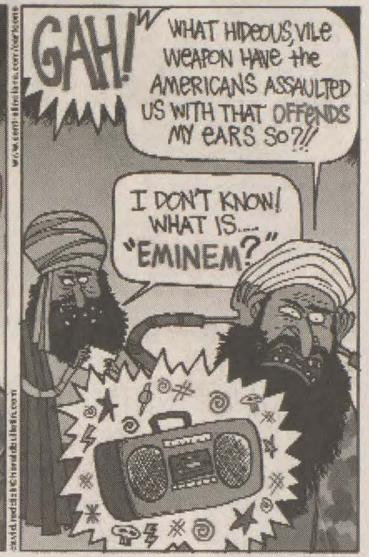
Making matters worse, it appears that interdiction is on its way to becoming less of a deterrent than it already is. With the state facing serious budget troubles, the idea of turning loose the least serious, non-violent criminals - 29 percent of whom are in jail for drug offenses — in order to save money is already being floated.

Obviously, if the state cannot afford to keep its current prisoners behind bars, it cannot afford any effort to put more

If significant headway is to be made in tackling the drug problems of Eastern Kentucky, priorities must change. Communities must focus their efforts in a multi-pronged attack, rather than concentrating on the expensive task of trying to lock up an ever-growing number of offenders.

- The Floyd County Times

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#### Program coupling arts with business

by TIM GLOTZBACH HAZARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

One of the most often debated topics in craft circles and especially academia is the need for artists/crafts people to have a balanced education. By this I am referring to training both in technique and the aesthetics of design, as well as the principles of business ownership.

Many craftspeople having completed

a university degree program will attest that they felt wonderfully prepared to discuss design and technique, but woefully under-prepared to venture into the business world. Business plans? Quarterly sales taxes? Accountants? Inventory control? Marketing? Pricing? How does one deal with topics seldom if ever discussed in class and of which they know little?

There also exists the person who is interested in developing the technical skills of a particular craft, while remaining in a different profession. What avenues exist for them to continue in their profession and still develop the necessary elements to begin a successful cottage industry?

The answers to these questions are being addressed with a new program now offered by Hazard Community College through which a student is provided a valuable new approach to craft education and entrepreneurship develop-

The Kentucky School of Craft in Hindman, offers studio and business training for people interested in developing a sustainable business in the craft industry. Each student will enroll in business classes that include offerings in accounting, writing a business plan, developing markets, self-promotion, etc.

This classroom time provides the student with what many artists would call the "dark side" of private ownership.

In addition, students enroll in numerous studio and design classes in any of five media areas - jewelry/metalsmithing, wood, ceramics, blacksmithing or fibers. These courses provide the essential design and technical skills to begin working as master artisans.

Essential as these tools may be, the craftsman often resists the realities of business, i.e., the need to create a sustainable income and then keep it. What Hazard Community College does through the Kentucky School of Craft model is equip a student with a strong concept of design and product development (technical skills, marketing skills, etc.) coupled with the knowledge to take this product to the marketplace.

The long-range goal is to create a new economy by giving people the tools

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Not going to take it

This is an open letter for all citizens of Floyd County. My name is Merlene Dingus and I am an educator in the Floyd County School System. It has become apparent that folk believe my family and I have moved or passed away. Chattie Martin Dingus, Frank Martin, Junior and myself are alive and paying taxes.

This is an open document to notify all concerned citizens of Floyd County that I will not tolerate damages or neighboring property owners believing they can take or destroy anything belonging to my family. My ancestors were some of the original landowners that settled this county. This can be supported by deeds recorded over hundreds of years ago.

I have listed to fictitious tales about surveys being done without any verification of such documents and hallucinations of ownership of my properties. I have witnessed bulldozers and backhoes making landfills and changing

drainage on my property without permission. Also, I have watched trees being stripped from my land. This inexcusable conduct has come to an

I want to thank my many friends who have been concerned about such misdeeds taking place. Also, thanks to the many witnesses who have come to me with names and information about others misusing and trashing my proper-

Merlene Dingus Printer

#### Been there. seen that

I can still remember when: Everyone I knew was proud to be an American; everyone I knew was upbeat and optimistic about the future; and this was during the depression. I remember when we celebrated each holiday with pride and gusto; when the flag was displayed everywhere. The community activities during the 4th of July took on a carnival-like atmosphere.

That's the way I remember

America during the late 1930s and 1940s. And the patriotism of the war years was first priority. I had three brothers who all gladly served their country during WWII; and when my time came in 1951, I likewise served without any qualms-it was my turn.

I remember during my school years (1937-1949) when we macho kids - to the chagrin of our teachers would throw spitballs in class when he/she wasn't watching or the paddling we received when caught running in the hallway.

I remember the kid in my class whose parents - due to their religion - would not allow him to pledge allegiance to the flag. Some of us thought this was kind of weird, but they were no less a part of our community. He and his brother both served in the Army when their turn came. I remember when many classes opened the school day with prayer, and this same family wouldn't allow their kids to participate - "no big deal."

I remember when the local preacher came once a week and most everyone attended to listen and watch as he told

Bible stories and showed illustrations on his felt board. I remember when dating girls - during the school years a girl was considered loose if she allowed you to kiss her on

the first date. Oh! The years of innocence today's teens have been denied.

I have heard it said that, "If there was no God, man would have to invent one." Man needs someone to chasten him when he is mean, and to reward him when he is good; and I don't believe we will ever outgrow this philosophy. If the United States is a secular nation, then we should change and become a Christian nation; we thought we were a Christian nation for more than 200 years and were the envy of the world. Our children attended school with relative impunity; illiteracy and VD were practically extinct. It is only since we kicked God out that we had our 9-11, became a third world country and commenced our freefall to the gutter.

So, we have a history, we know both, to believe and not to believe; which will it be?

Glenn Fraley Prestonsburg

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### Health Extra

### Don't forget safety during holiday season

after Thanksgiving marks the busiest shopping day of the year for Americans purchasing Christmas presents such as toys and holiday decorations.

The state Cabinet for Health Services is urging shoppers to take a few minutes during this busy time to think about safety for themselves and their loved

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the holidays are safer and happier if people take time to follow some simple safety guidelines about toys, trees, lights and decorations.

Toy Safety

Follow recommended age ranges on toy packages. Toys that are too advanced could be a safety hazard for younger chil-

Home Owners

by Stan Stumbo & Voncel Thacker

A NICE RING TO IT

When your doorbell stops ringing

there are four potential culprits

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suspect, followed by the chime unit

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the easiest to fix. Doorbell buttons

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tion with this repair. Begin by remov-

ing the screws that hold the button in

place. If the push button is not con-

nected with screws, pry it out with a

putty knife. Then, disconnect the two

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wrapping, like bags, paper, ribbons and bows. These items can pose suffocation and choking hazards to a small child.

Be aware that children under age 4 can choke on small parts contained in toys or games and balls with a diameter of one and three-quarters of an inch or

Remove strings and ribbons from toys before giving them to young children. Children under age 8 can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Watch for pull toys with strings that are more than 12 inches in length, which is a strangulation hazard for babies.

Annually, hospital emer-

gency rooms treat about 10,800 people for injuries, such as falls, cuts and shocks, related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees. In addition, there are 11,000 candle-related fires each year, resulting in 150 deaths and 1,200 injuries each year. Christmas trees are involved in about 400 fires annually, resulting in 20 deaths, 70 injuries and an average of more than \$15 million in property loss and damage.

#### Trees

■ Look for "Fire Resistant" labels when purchasing an artificial tree. Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.

■ Check live trees for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between

your fingers, needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many nee-

Place trees away from fireplaces, radiators or portable heaters. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.

■ Cut a few inches off the trunk of your tree to expose the fresh wood. This allows for better water absorption and will help to keep your tree from drying out and becoming a fire haz-

■ Check all tree lights before hanging them on your tree, even if you've just purchased them. Make sure all the bulbs work and

of peanut butter on top of every-

thing else that you're eating," said

Funnell, who also happened to be

one of the nurses studied.

educator.

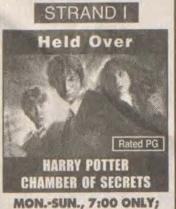
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#### check the label, said Martha Funnell, head of health care and education for the American Diabetes Association and a University of Michigan diabetes Funnell said the study's message should be that nuts and peanut butter can be beneficial if they are eaten instead of - rather than in addition to - lots of refined grains and foods high in saturated "That doesn't mean that you need to go out and start eating a jar

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### Nutty diet may help ward off diabetes, study says

by LINDSEY TANNER AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO - Eating lots of nuts or peanut butter may help ward off diabetes, a study of more than 83,000 nurses suggests.

Women who reported eating the equivalent of a handful of nuts or one tablespoon of peanut butter at least five times a week were more than 20 percent less likely to develop adult-onset, or type 2, diabetes than those who rarely or never ate those products.

Researchers from Harvard University's School of Public Health analyzed data on 83,818 women ages 34 to 59 who were followed for up to 16 years. The researchers said the findings would probably apply to men as

The findings appear in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Nuts in the past have been considered as an unhealthy food because of the high-fat content," said Harvard researcher Dr. Frank Hu. "Conventional wisdom says that high-fat foods will increase obesity and type 2 diabetes."

But research in the past decade has shown that nuts generally con-

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tain good kinds of fat as well as other nutrients that can help keep cholesterol at healthy levels.

They also contain fiber and magnesium, which help maintain balanced insulin and glucose levels. Insulin helps the body convert sugar into energy. Diabetes happens when the body cannot produce or properly use insulin.

During the government-funded study, 3,206 women developed diabetes.

Women who ate lots of nuts led slightly healthier lifestyles than other women, which could have reduced their risk of developing diabetes. But Hu said the results held up even when the researchers compared nut consumption in subgroups of women, such as among smokers or those who

The researchers did not determine what kinds of nuts women were eating. Most nuts contain unsaturated fats, which can help lower cholesterol levels, and relatively small amounts of saturated fats, which can raise levels of the bad kind of cholesterol.

Nuts and peanut butter peanuts are actually classified as legumes but have many of the same qualities as nuts - are among foods sometimes recommended for diabetics, who are prone to cardiovascular disease.

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### Odds and Ends

#### RICHMOND, Va. -

Winners of a \$9.7 million Virginia Lotto jackpot 11 years ago, Clyde and Edith Shinault could afford to spend \$60 a week on lottery tickets.

Now they can afford to spend

The Shinaults, who won a big jackpot in 1991, bought a scratch ticket last week that will provide them \$1,000 a week for life.

They are the largest two-time winners in the history of the Virginia Lottery," said Lottery Director Penelope Kyle.

'When she said 'whoopee,' I had thought she had a hundred



dollar winner," Clyde Shinault said Monday.

The odds of winning were 1.2 million to one.

Edith Shinault will receive quarterly checks worth \$13,000 before taxes as long as she lives. She is 59.

The couple continues to receive a \$335,000 check each

While they have used those winnings to travel and purchase a larger house, their good luck will benefit their three grown sons and their families, they said.

"We have all the money we need, what with our savings and investments and the yearly checks," Clyde Shinault said.

They haven't given up on playing the lottery, though. "We could hit it again," he

OLYMPIA, Wash. -Washington state doesn't have

Mississippi to kick around any State Transportation Secretary Doug MacDonald discovered that the hard way after he told state transportation commissioners that Washington will soon

tal spending on highways. We are the Mississippi of roads." McDonals declared.

rank 49th in the country for capi-

But MacDonald made a quick U-turn when he learned that Mississippi's Legislature recently approved a multibillion-dollar transportation plan.

According to Mississippi Transportation Commissioner Dick Hall, the \$8.7 billion, 20year program will use state and federal money to widen high-

"When Mississippi can fund transportation, perhaps there's hope for all of us," MacDonald said. "But for now, I guess maybe I should have said, 'We are the Bosnia of roads.' Except that would probably just get me in trouble, too.'

Last week, MacDonald sent a letter of apology to the Mississippi Department of

Transportation, along with a basket of Washington goodies, including smoked salmon and

■ PORT ST LUCIE, Fla. — The finicky shoplifter known as

"Champagne Bandit" because he stole only pricey bottles of the bubbly has been arrested, officials said.

Kimani Alphonso Young is the shoplifter videotaped by supermarket security cameras along central Florida's east coast sticking bottles of Moet & Chandon White Star down his pants, sheriff's deputies said.

Witnesses also saw him stuff into his jeans the \$30-a-bottle champagne, described as "extradry with an aroma of flowers, hazelnuts and biscuits."

One Publix store security agent noted the license tag of Young's rental car and investigators tracked him down through a Miami car rental agency.

"We toasted his capture with diet soda," joked St. Lucie

County Sheriff Ken J. Mascara. Young, 37, appeared in court Thursday, a day after he was jailed. He faces up to five years in prison. A call to the public defender's office was not immediately returned.

He is charged with felony theft for allegedly taking four champagne bottles from a Publix on Nov. 8.

■ MILWAUKEE — Before Santa can distribute any toys in a downtown mall, chances are some folks have tried to find out if he's been naughty or nice.

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Transtar Ambulance service has opened an office in McDowell.

### Transtar opens McDowell office

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL - Transtar Ambulance has opened a new office in the McDowell area after an increase in call volume from the Left Beaver area.

Transtar, which has been active since February 1999, now has 23 employees and five ambulances for the service.

'We want to be able to assist the local agencies and offer quicker and more efficient service to the area," said Allen Lafferty, president and direc-

According to Lafferty, Transtar plans to add more staff in order to better serve Floyd County.

"We will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Lafferty said.

Lafferty also said that the new location has met with some opposition.

"The day before we opened, someone took our sign,' Lafferty said.

Both Transtar and Respond ambulance services are planning an opposition of their own Monday, when they will protest Left Beaver Fire and Rescue's proposal to offer countywide ambulance service.

### Association Figure Healthful Foods

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#### Spanish, not Pilgrims, celebrated first Thanksgiving, researcher invited the native Seloy tribe aboard their five ships. by RON WORD If the Seloy Indians con-ASSOCIATED PRESS who occupied the site, he said. tributed food, then the menu "It was the first community ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. -

Michael Gannon is known in Massachusetts as "the Grinch who stole Thanksgiving" for his opinion that the Spanish, not the Pilgrims, celebrated the first Thanksgiving in the New World.

Gannon, a University of Florida history professor, said the first Thanksgiving in a permanent settlement occurred Sept. 8, 1565, in St. Augustine. Pedro Menendez de Aviles and 800 Spanish settlers, celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving and

act of religion and Thanksgiving in the first permanent 'European' settlement in the land," Gannon wrote in his 1965 book, "The Cross in the Sand." The Pilgrims did not have their first Thanksgiving meal until 1621, 56 years after the Spanish.

Menendez and his followers probably dined on cocido - a stew made from salted pork and garbanzo beans, laced with garlic seasoning - hard sea biscuits and red wine, said Gannon, based on what the Spanish had

could have included wild turkey, venison, gopher tortoise, mullet, corn, beans and squash, Gannon

Father Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales celebrated the first Mass on that day and he reflected in his personal chronicle that "the Indians imitated all they saw done."

The first Thanksgiving is recounted by Gannon in "We Gather Together," an article published in this month's St. Augustine Catholic, the publication of the Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine.

The 1565 celebration wasn't the first Thanksgiving, Gannon said. Numerous Thanksgivings for a safe voyage and landing had been made in Florida by such explorers as Juan Ponce de Leon's in 1513 and 1521; Panfilo de Narvaez in 1528; Hernando de Soto in 1529; Father Luis Cancer de Barbastro in 1549; and Tristan de Luna in 1559.

The French, who came to the St. Johns River near Jacksonville in 1562 and Rene de Laudonniere in 1564, also offered prayers of Thanksgiving well before the Pilgrims, Gannon said.

In Texas, some claim that Spanish explorer Don Juan de Onate celebrated the first Thanksgiving in America in

"By the time the Pilgrims came to Plymouth, St. Augustine was up for urban renewal," Gannon said.

So, if the Spanish were first, why do Pilgrams and Plymouth get all the credit?

"It is the victors who write the histories." Gannon "England won out over Spain for the mastery of the North American continent, so the early English ceremonies achieved wide currency in history books and eclipsed our knowledge of the earlier Spanish celebrations on Thanksgiving."

Kathleen Curtin, a spokeswoman for the Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth, Mass.,

#### Guest

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to develop their own, sustainable studio business, or to give them the skills that would make them attractive employees for existing studios. Most artist/crafts persons never reach a comfort level in their business, failing to demographics, understand developing markets, or new technologies that would aid in production. In short, they never develop a sense of complete ownership.

There is little doubt of the empowering force that successful cottage industry can have on sustaining a rural community. Programs such as this create a win-win-win situation for college, craft school and artisan. not to mention the community which now has a valuable asset in the craftsperson. The idea of very different agencies partnering in this sort of development is going to be essential to the future of helping to develop viable new craft businesses, by bringing together diverse interests to support common goals.

said she has no arguments with anyone wanting to claim the first Thanksgiving on the North American continent and has no problem with Gannon's claim.

"They have a good leg to stand on," she said, adding that it was the American Indians who probably had the first Thanksgiving celebrations.

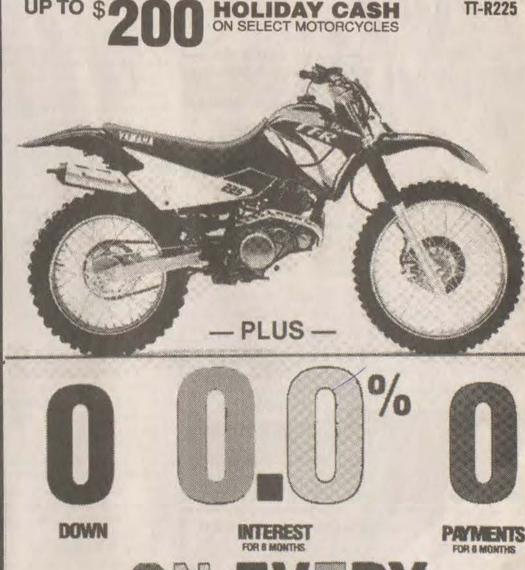
The museum's Web site states, "The event we now know as 'the First Thanksgiving' was in fact neither the first occurrence of our modern American holiday, nor was it even a 'Thanksgiving' in the eyes of the Pilgrims who celebrated it. It was instead a traditional English harvest celebration to which the colonists invited Massasoit."





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#### History

■ In 1989, 107 people were killed when a bomb blamed by police on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian jetliner.

#### Ten years ago:

President-elect Clinton met for more than an hour with former President Reagan in Los Angeles. Rebel forces in Venezuela tried but failed to overthrow President Carlos Andres Perez for the second time in 10 months.

#### Five years ago:

A day after saying it would open its presidential palaces to international observers, Iraq declared that U.N. weapons monitors were not included in the invitation. Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York was marred when a gust of wind knocked part of a lamppost onto a 34-year-old woman, fracturing her skull and leaving her in a coma for almost a

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One year ago: Afghan factions opened power-

sharing talks outside Bonn, Germany.

#### Today's Birthdays:

Actor James Avery is 54. Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg is 45. Rock musician Charlie Burchill (Simple Minds) is 43. Rock musician Charlie Benante (Anthrax) is 40. Rock musician Mike Bordin (Faith No More) is 40. Actor Fisher Stevens is 39. Actress Robin Givens is 38. Actor Michael Vartan ("Alias") is 34. Rapper Skoob (DAS EFX) is 32. TV personality Rachel is 30. Actor Jaleel White is 26.

#### Thought for Today:

"Nothing is more despicable than a professional talker who uses his words as a quack uses his remedies." - Francois Fenelon, French theologian (1651-1715).

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#### Tannie Jones

Tannie Jones, 94, of Allen, died November 22, 2002, at her residence.

Born March 11, 1908, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Phil May and Jane Conn May. She was a retired store owner for Mary Carter Paints, and was a member of Pikeville Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was first married to Birl Akers, who preceded her in death, and later to Paul Jones, who survives her.

Other survivors include one daughter, Betty Jane Shepherd of Allen; one grandson, Randall C. (Sherry) Shepherd of Allen; great-grandsons, Michael and Austin Shepherd, both of Allen.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Noah May. Harvey May, Jeff May, Dan May, and Bennie May; three sisters; one infant sister, Dolly Sturgill and Della Brewer.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 25, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Edgar McKinney officiating.

Burial was in the Johnson Memorial Park, at Pikeville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral (Paid obituary)

#### Odds

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all Santas undergo a criminal background check and drug test-

"It's just a sign of the times for all businesses that provide services to families and children," said Barbara Sacco, vice president of marketing for Faison & Associates,

Nancy Conley, marketing director at Mayfair Mall in Wauwatosa, said background checks and drug screening have become common place when hiring Santas.

"Even the elves are fingerprinted and drug-tested," Conley

Pre-employ.com specializes in background checks for job applicants. It found that about 70 of 1,000 shopping mall Santa and Santa helper applicants had committed misdemeanors or felonies in the last seven years.

The offenses included indecent exposure, soliciting prostitution and drunken driving.

Santa Plus, of O'Fallon, Mo., scrutinizes the backgrounds of more than 500 Santas it places in 250 malls in 46 states, including Mayfair and Bayshore mall in Glendale.

That goes for Mrs. Claus and Santa's helpers, said Jerry Helton, vice president of marketing at Santa Plus, a division of Eastman Kodak.

#### ■ MIDLAND, Mich. — It's not easy being Santa Claus.

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The session begins with classroom work on St. Nicholas traditions worldwide. Then comes instruction on makeup, wigs and beards, wardrobe, music, even sign language.

Santa students also learn a few dance steps and observe each other interacting with local students, Booth News Service reported Sunday. A special education teacher offers tips on communicating with special-needs children.

Annual field trips to toy stores Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth highlight what's new for each

season. Tuition is \$260, or \$130 for returning students, but that's just

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### Obituaries

#### April Lynn (Mullins) Dean

April Lynn (Mullins) Dean, age 31, of Jupiter, Florida, passed away on November 23, 2002, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. April was born on August 15, 1971, in Columbus, Ohio. April is the daughter of Rosa Lee and Virgil Mullins Jr. of Topmost.

April is survived by her husband, Christopher Dean and one son, Patrick Drew Dean, both of Jupiter, Florida. April is also survived by one sister, Jessica Nicole Slone of Martin, She is also survived by her paternal grandmother, Hamie Mullins of Dry Creek, KY along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends of which are too numerous to name individually.

April was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Ishmael and Effie Hall, both of Topmost, KY and her paternal grandfather, Virgil Mullins of Dry Creek,

Memorial services are planned for Wednesday, November 27, 2002, in Jupiter, Florida. However, funeral arrangements are being planned for Topmost, KY as well, but are incomplete at press time. The public may call Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home obituary line in Martin, KY for complete details.

#### Edward L. Manuel

Edward L. Manuel, 83, who resided at 20611 State Road 331, Tippecanoe, Indiana, passed away Saturday, November 23, 2002, at 4:18 p.m., at Life Care Center of Rochester, in the presence of his family. He had been in failing

He was born on March 6, 1919 in Prestonsburg, the son of Mander Manuel and Geneva Harless. He had been a resident of the Tippecanoe area since 1967. He married Polly Anna Adams in November of 1938, she passed away August 26, 1995.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of the United Mine Workers. He was a Regular Baptist with the Northern Little Dove Church in Sidney, Indiana.

He is survived by his four sons, Dallas Manuel of Bourbon, John and Patty Manuel of Warsaw, Sammy and Linda Manuel of Tippecanoe, and Robert Manuel of Warsaw. He also has nine grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.

Other survivors include his sisters, Lucy Pratter of Packerton, Indiana, Molly Holland of Salyersville, and Mary Adams of Prestonsburg; and his brother, Sam Manuel of Nancy Prestonsburg.

He was preceded in death by his son, Roger, and granddaughter, Sandy; one sister and two broth-

Visitation was November 26, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., in the Deaton Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon, Indiana

Funeral services will be Wednesday, November 27, at 10 a.m., in the funeral home with Clifford Newsome and Charles King officiating.

Burial will be in the Tippecanoe Cemetery, Tippecanoe, Indiana.

Deaton Funeral Home of Bourbon, is entrusted with the funeral arrangements.

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#### Lisa Ann Vanover

Lisa Ann Vanover, age 25, of Printer, passed away Sunday, November 24, 2002, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born October 25, 1977, in McDowell, the daughter of Michael Blackburn of Beattyville, and Levita Delores Walters of Drift.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her stepfather, Chillis Meade; one daughter, Sarah Kelsey Jade Vanover of Drift; one brother, Robert D. Walters of Lexington; and three sisters, Jamie Meade of Hueysville, Leslie Meade of Drift, and Miranda Blackburn.

Funeral services for Lisa Ann Vanover will be conducted Wednesday, November 27, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial will follow in the Drift Cemetery, at Drift, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home. Visitation is at the funeral

Hazel Ratliff

Hazel Ratliff, age 84, of Hueysville, widow of Worley Ratliff, passed away Thursday, November 21, 2002, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

She was born September 14, 1918, in Magoffin County, the daughter of the late Harrison Vanderpool and Eliza Shepherd Vanderpool. She was a homemaker and a member of the Rock Fork United Christian Baptist Church, at Garrett.

Survivors include two daughters, Alta Sparkman of Willard, Ohio, and Delphia Noble of Shiloh, Ohio; one brother, Frank Vanderpool of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters, Mable Timmons of Prestonsburg, and Wanda Hicks of Hueysville; two grandchildren, Derek Sparkman and Rita Waterbeck, and two greatgrandchildren, Jason Waterbeck and Derek Shannon Sparkman.

In addition for her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Marion Vanderpool and Charlie Vanderpool; and one sister, Lexie Vanderpool.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 24, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Sterlin Bolen offici-

Burial was in the Vanderpool Cemetery, at Hueysville, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral

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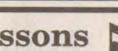
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announces his retirement from the practice of Obstetrics and Gynocology, effective November 30, 2002. The practice will be assumed by Dr. James R. Pigg, at 685 Hambley Blvd., in Pikeville, Ky., effective on that

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Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short circuit and start

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The bankruptcy filing last

- estimated at \$8 million.

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ardous if ingested by children. Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles where they will not be knocked down.

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#### Odds

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"There's always new ideas floating around," said William Sadowski, who's been a Chicago-are Santa for seven Christmas seasons.

school's founder, Charles W. Howard, was technical adviser for the Christmas classic "Miracle on 34th Street." After his death in 1968, longtime student Nate Doan moved the school moved from Albany, N.Y., to Bay City. Valent and his wife began assisting Doan in the 1970s and moved the school to Midland in 1987

"The toys have changed," Valent said, "but the children are the same."

■ ROGERS, Ark. — Even all the librarians at Rogers Public Library couldn't put Humpty Dumpty back together

A vandal sliced the head of the doll, and also damaged a stuffed wolf and a stuffed bear, though the stuffed animals were expected to be repaired.

"They slashed Humpty Dumpty's head, cut a leg off the wolf and whacked an arm off a bear," said Fran Levine, the library's assistant director.

"We were not able to put Humpty Dumpty back together again," Levine said. "He was not cut on a seam."

The vandal apparently also either stole 20 hand puppets or hid them so well that librarians cannot find them, Levine said Friday.

The "malicious incident" caused about \$550 damage to the puppets, library director Judy Casey said.

The library has anywhere from 700 to 1,000 visitors each day, with 588 people in the children's section on Nov. 7, when the damage occurred during library hours.

DESERT HOT SPRINGS, Calif. - Nearly a year after the city became California's first government entity to file for bankruptcy in seven years, Mayor Matt Weyuker said he's declaring bankruptcy, too.

Financially crippled by a legal dispute involving a former employer, Weyuker confirmed in a letter to residents that he has filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection.

In the letter, Weyuker, 69, said he was wrongly fired from his position at a university and a subsequent lawsuit coupled with a weakened stock market have sapped him and his wife of their savings.

"We are, of course, deeply embarrassed by this turn of events," wrote Weyuker, who has been mayor since 1999. "We simply ran out of money and

other assets ..." Last year, the city filed for protection under Chapter 9 of the federal bankruptcy code. Continued from p8

worked at Western University of Health Sciences, based in Pomona, for 21 years and was serving as director of government relations when he was elected mayor in November 1999. After being fired in July 2000, he filed a wrongful termination lawsuit, alleging age bias. The case is set for trial in

A call Sunday to a Western University spokeswoman was not immediately returned.

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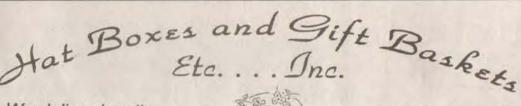
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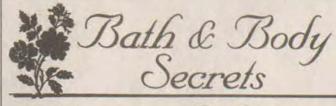
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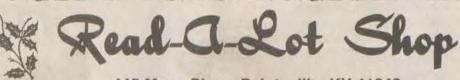




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COMMENTARY

### Stuffing the mouth of sport's biggest gobblers

by BILLY REED HERALD COLUMNIST

In honor of Thanksgiving, we're serving and carving the year's 10 biggest turkeys from the sports world. It's difficult to pick only 10, considering all the fat-headed gobblers who are

regularly featured on TV and quoted in the newspapers.

Our turkeys should be stuffed, all right, but only in their mouths. They routinely embarrass themselves and their sport. Nevertheless,

they battle fiercely

for the coveted Golden Gobbler award, a bronze likeness of Dennis Rodman, that always goes to the biggest turkey of all.

Let the feasting begin. 10. The French judge who was bribed to fix the figure-skating competition at the Winter Olympic Games. It might take awhile to thaw her out, but she goes very well with a nice

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#### SIDELINE SHOTS

### It's time to give thanks

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Kentucky football team heads into a game this weekend which is being dubbed the "Knoxville Bowl." The opponent is none other than rival Tennessee.

Kentucky has no shot at a bowl game due to penalties enforced by the



NCAA. Wildcat Coach Guy Morriss had no other choice heading into the season but to get his Wildcat team ready to play without the chance of a bowl game in its immediate future.

Prestonsburg High graduate Jeremy Caudill has had a great season for the Wildcats. Morriss, Caudill and all of the Wildcats have given fans a team worthy of watching and worthy of following and cheering on this season. And for that, UK football fans can be very thankful. ■ Tubby's Basketball Wildcats

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**■** Watson

### Watson wins 100th as head coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The only Sunday afternoon home game of the season is one Pikeville College Lady Bear coach Bill Watson will not soon forget.

In the beginning of his sixth season. Watson recorded his the win list for women's bas-

100th win as a head coach in an 85-69 win over Midway College. Watson's record is

"It's a tribute to all the young ladies who have played here in the last six seasons," said Watson, who is second on ketball and third on the overall basketball list. "We've had some great players here, but most importantly our players have been terrific people who are interested in getting an education. I'm proud of this

honor, and thank them for it." One of those great players turned her game up a notch in the second half to help her coach reach the milestone. Senior Teccoa Gallion had only four points in seven minutes of play before halftime, sitting because of foul trouble.

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#### H.S. GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

**Knott Central** Panorama

Girls' Pikeville 60 Cordia 35

Whitesburg 71 South Floyd 44

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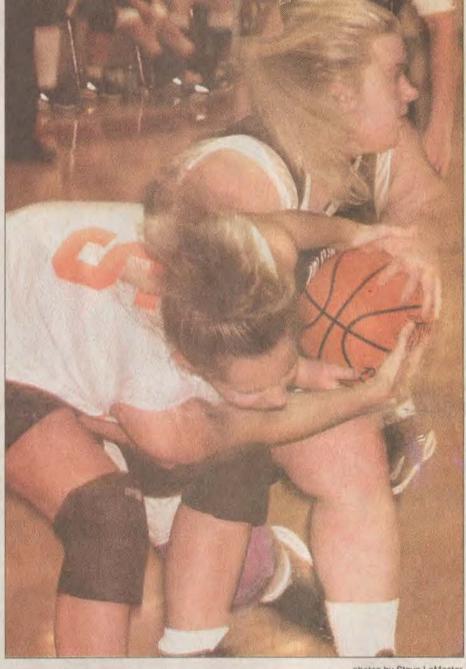
Magoffin County 59 Jenkins 42

Tabitha Caudill (5)

readied for a team-

Saturday's win over Breathitt County.

mate's pass in



photos by Steve LeMaster

Stephanie Skeans tried to get the ball away from a Whitesburg player.

### Osborne, Halbert see promise in scrimmages

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN - South Floyd and Allen Central were two of 10 high school girls' basketball teams playing Saturday in the Knott County Central panorama. South Floyd played in the second game of the event, falling to Whitesburg 71-44 in a game which saw the Lady Raiders trail by just seven points at the half, 26-19 in a closer game which the final score indicated. The game got away from the Lady Raiders toward the end against a big physical Whitesburg unit. Following

the scrimmage, South Floyd head coach Melinda Osborne put the exhibition into

"I thought we played with them pretty good considering their size compared to ours," said Osborne. "We ended the game with 32 rebounds. I thought that was great!"

Tabitha Trammell scored nine points and pulled down 12 rebounds for the Lady Raiders. Megan Ousley had a team-best 11 points for South Floyd. Sharee Hopkins had four points

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#### **JCHS PANORAMA**

### **Host Lady** Eagles win pre-season opener

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Coach Philip Wireman, returning all five starters from last season's 15th Region championship team, took to their home hardwood Saturday in search of an impressive win over Fleming County. Senior Ashley Wireman, the daughter of the Johnson Central head coach, signed with Pikeville College on Friday morning and on Saturday proved she was worthy of her college scholarship, scoring a game-high 23 points. Forward Rhonda Adams flipped in 12 points and Melissa Murphy, Wireman's back court mate, finished with

Starting center Michelle Music tossed in five points and reserve Tiffany Howard finished with four. Brianne Daniels and Jayme Dials

(See OPENER, page four)

#### Bears run past Wise

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Five Pikeville College Bears reached double figures in the scoring column as they held off U.Va .-Wise 75-58 Monday night.

The win makes the Bears 7-I at the quarter pole and gets the team back on the winning track after Saturday's loss at Martin Methodist College.

"This wasn't the prettiest game tonight, but we'll take it," said Coach Randy McCoy. "We had a lot of turnovers (20), but we survived and got a win. That's really all that's important.

Senior forward Charles

(See BEARS, page three)

#### HONORED

### Ortega named all-conference for second season

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

DANVILLE - For the second straight season, former Prestonsburg High School standout athlete John Ortega has been named to the All-SCAC football team.

Ortega is a first-team selection on

(See ORTEGA, page three)



A trio of South Floyd Lady Raiders got together for a picture following Saturday's panorama game with Whitesburg at Knott County Central High School. The girls, pictured from left to right, Ashley Johnson, Sharee Hopkins and Carla Hall, are wearing shirts from the panorama event. The South Floyd girls play again on Saturday at Belfry.

A LOOK AHEAD

### Rivals could meet earlier than expected

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

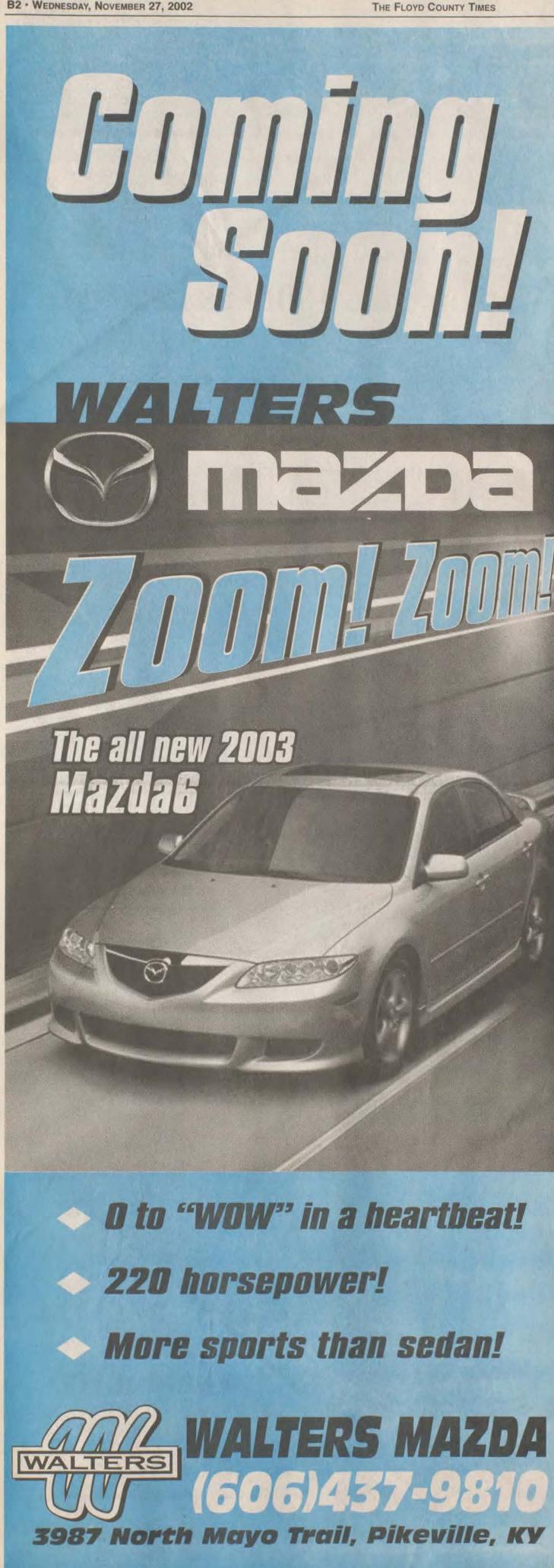
HAZARD - For the first week of the high school girls' basketball season next week, Perry County Central High School offers up the Queen of the Mountains Tipoff Tournament. The tournament will run Dec. 5-7.

Two 58th District rivals - Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg - could meet

in the tournament, if each advances to the championship game or winds up in the consolation game, vying for thirdplace instead of the top prize.

The Betsy Layne Ladycats will open the tournament with a game against Whitesburg on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. The Ladycats are 15th Region runners-up from last season.

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#### Panorama

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and six rebounds in the pre-season setback. Stephanie Skeans also had four points. Junior Ashley Johnson chipped in eight points.

The Lady Raider head coach saw some good things from her team in the exhibition-opener against another team

"I saw a lot of good things against Whitesburg," added Osborne. "It made Coach (Gary) Hopkins and I get even more excited about the upcoming season. Most all teams have about 10-15 games on us because we didn't get to play at all in July. We expect to see some big things from our girls as the season goes

Allen Central was able to squeak by and win its panorama game, beating Breathitt County,

"We played well enough to beat a good team at the end," said Allen Central head coach Cindy Halbert. "We are going to have to get better defensively because 59 points is way too many to give up. We need to eliminate unforced turnovers and do a better jobblocking out."

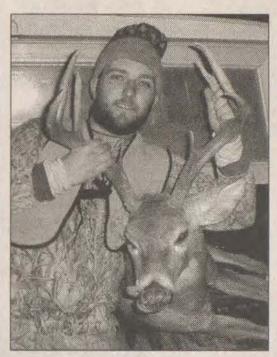
The always competitive Breathitt County, like the

Whitesburg team South Floyd faced, figures to push teams like Knott Central, Perry Central and Hazard for the top spot in the 14th Region.

"I was pleased overall and thought all nine girls that playedcontributed positive minutes," added Halbert. "I was pleased with our clock management and clutch play at the end. We have a lot of room for improvement but I see a lot of things I really like."

Amber Scott came in off the bench and hit six three-pointers en route to 25 points for the Lady Rebels. Center Becky Thomas had 15 points and Megan Harris added eight. Point guard Terri Mullins and Tiffany Turner, a senior, added five points each. Tabitha Caudill and Jackie Martin rounded out the Allen Central scoring with two points

South Floyd and Allen Central will both be back in action this weekend in the Border State Shootout at Belfry High School. South Floyd plays Logan (W.Va.) in the nightcap at 6:30 and Allen Central takes on Tug Valley (W.Va.) in an earlier game at 3:30



Denny Justice, Melvin, killed an 8-point buck this past weekend in Carter County. He is an avid deer hunter and has killed several deer in the past, but this is his biggest kill.

#### Reed

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American wine and a Canadian

9. The three former Drexel students who tried to fix the Breeders Cup Ultra Pick Six wager. They come from the same school that the University of Louisville once played in the opening round of the NCAA tournament. Asked what he knew about Drexel, Milt Wagner of the Cards said, "That's one of them academic schools, isn't it?"

The three computer cheaters will have plenty of time to ponder that statement while they're breaking big rocks into little ones.

8. Baseball commissioner Bud Selig for the usual laundry list of transgressions, the most egregious of which was letting the extrainning All-Star game end in a tie, presumably because the managers had run out of players.

Turkey, this Bud's for you. 7. Wide receiver Terrell Owens

of the San Francisco 49ers, who celebrated a touch

down by reaching into a sock, pulling out a Sharpie, autographing the football, and giving it to a business associate seated in the front row of the end zone.

Just when you think today's players had taken egotism and poor sportsmanship as far as they can be taken, doggone if they don't come up with something new.

6. The following NBA players, who all got in trouble during the summer: Zydrunas Ilgauskas of Cleveland (DUI); Derrick Coleman of Philadelphia (DUI), Stephon Marbury of Phoenix (DUI), Clifford Robinson of Detroit (marijuana possession and drunk driving), Glenn Robinson of Atlanta (domestic battery, assault and unlawful possession of a firearm), Ron Artest of Indiana (harassment and criminal contempt for violating an order of protection), Allen Iverson of Philadelphia (beat charges of domestic violence), Damon Stoudamire (beat charges of felony drug possession), Chris Webber of Sacramento (charged with perjury), Jayson Williams of the Net (murdering his chauffeur), and former Detroit Piston Bison Dele (murdered at sea).

Sure makes you sorry that Louisville didn't land an NBA franchise, doesn't it?

5. Martha Burk, the feminist who attacked the Augusta National Golf Club for not having any female members. She has drawn so much attention to her "cause" that the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who knows a good chance to get on TV

when he sees it, has weighed in

against the club that's home to the

Masters. What's Burk going after next? The Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue? The Harlem Globetrotters? Personally, I think she and her sympathizers should be sent to Iraq to annoy Saddam Hussein.

4. Maybe Burk could be convinced to go after the Bowl Championship Series. Not only does it not have any women in leadership roles, it's the most unfair, discriminatory, un-American idea to ever hit college football. It's a caste system within NCAA Division I that helps the rich get richer.

Obviously, Rush Limbaugh and Newt Gingrich have to be the geniuses who devised this cockamamie system.

3. The father and son who charged the field during a Chicago White Sox game and attacked the first-base coach. Of all the examples of bad fan behavior, this was the worst. Jail is too good for these guys. They should be sentenced to spending next season watching every inning of every Montreal Expos game.

2. A tie between former University of Kentucky basketball players Jason Parker and Rasheed Carruth.

Parker missed last season due to an injury suffered during a locker-room celebration, was less than diligent in his classes and his rehab programs, and finally got himself kicked off the team for undisclosed violations of team rules. Carruth set an NCAA Division I record by getting himself kicked out of two programs (UK and Oklahoma) in a four-month span.

The NCAA for not allowing the Valley Sports team, international champions of Little League baseball, to be introduced by name before the UK-Louisville football game, and the NFL for not allowing quarterback Peyton Manning of the Baltimore Colts to wear hightop black shoes in honor of the legendary Johnny Unitas the week Unitas died of a heart attack.

This makes absolutely, positively no sense, unless the NCAA and the NFL are going out of their way to make people despise them.

I welcome your nominees, provided they don't involve anybody who's photo appears in this sports

Happy Thanksgiving, every-

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### A Look At Sports: Pelphrey gets initial win, then falls to LSU

by ED TAYLOR SPORTS WRITER

Former Paintsville standout, former University of Kentucky player, former Florida Gator assistant coach John Pelphrey picked up his first win of the 2002-03 college basketball season when his University of South Alabama (USA) knocked off Southern University 82-61. By the way, the Jags do not like to be known as just South Alabama. It is USA!

Coach Pelphrey has come a

after a stint in professional basketball overseas. Pelphrey, who got a break when he signed on Eddie Sutton's Oklahoma State team, has been part of the Billy Donovan coaching package at Florida before taking the USA

This past Sunday, Pelphrey's team dropped a close 71-62 decision to SEC foe LSU. The Jags led at halftime, 34-30, only to be outscored 15-2 at the onset of the second half.

Pelphrey has employed the on-court tactics of his former long way in the basketball world coach, Rick Pitino, by playing

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Hazard and Rose Hill Christian Academy each got byes in the tournament. In the nightcap on the first night of the tournament, host Perry Central will play Prestonsburg in a game scheduled for an 8 p.m. tip. Hazard will meet the Betsy Layne-Whitesburg winner and

Rose Hill will take on the winner in the Perry Central-Prestonsburg game. A loser's bracket is also included in the tournament.

The consolation game is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. The championship contest will follow at 7 p.m.

#### Sideline

Rivals

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scored an 82-65 win in the season-opener against Arizona State. Following a rocky preseason, UK basketball fans can be very thankful for that impressive win. Kentucky was scheduled to be back in action last night against Virginia.

Each and every football player who has played under Coach John DeRossett and went on to play on the collegiate level can be thankful for the Blackcat coach. DeRossett helped Nathan Leslie on his way to Marshall some seasons back, and now the junior defensive linemen is headed to yet another bowl game as Marshall has accepted an invitation to the GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Ala.

If this season's Marshall bowl game is anything like last, I will personally thank both squads. Last year's bowl win over East Carolina for the Herd was the stuff that dreams are made of. It was nothing short of amazing. Hey, it was an ESPN Instant Classic!

Basketball fans have a pre-Thanksgiving treat to be thankful for tonight when Allen Central boys' basketball coach John Martin plays the role of head chef. The Allen Central panorama happens this after-

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noon, beginning at 5 p.m. Be sure to get out and take in some of the action as all four Floyd County boys' high school basketball teams are in action along with some other area squads.

It's no secret, the Allen Central girls' basketball got a nice shot in the arm with the transfer of Floyd County resident Amber Scott, The Lady Rebels have plenty of talented players, and enough ball on the team to go around. Lady Rebel fans have many reasons to be thankful this holiday.

■ Breathitt County head coach Mike Holcomb can give a big thanks to his defense instead of offense for a change. Holding on to a slim 7-0 advantage in the region finals Friday night on the road against the Belfry Pirates, the Breathitt defense came up big late in the game. The Bobcats won 21-0 fueled by a shutout performance by the

Thanksgiving takes on different meanings for different people. For me, it's a time to eat some of my favorite foods, but that comes only second to being a time to spend with beloved family members and friends. For you, it may be playing football with family members. I like that

Regardless of what you do this Thursday, give thanks and family and friends.

spend some quality time with Happy Thanksgiving every-*IS SPREADING* D DOWN! D PAYMENTS! O INTEREST! AND UP TO \$200 TO ALL THE 6000 BOYS AND GIRLS! On select models. Not all buyers will qualify. See dealer for deta For a limited time, D down, D interest and O payments for 6 months is available on select Suzuki off-road bikes and ATVs. along with up to \$200 in Suzuki Bucks good for parts and accessories." Call for lowest prices in Kentucky! 6340 U.S. 460, between Salyersville & Paintsville New sales only, call: 1-800-682-1207 · 297-1202

"in-your-face-defense." In the opening win, the Jags forced Southern into 28 turnovers. In game two, LSU had 17 miscues against the USA defense.

I will predict that Pelphrey will not remain long at USA. Not that he won't do a good job. Quite the opposite: he will do too good of a job and a larger university will come knocking on his door and hire him away. Maybe, UK!

Coach Tubby Smith and the Cats were booed after they fell to Team Nike in their second exhibition game of the season. Are UK fans tiring of the way Tubby is running the once proud UK basketball program? Seems they are. Many are questioning his recruiting manners.

#### REDS NOTES:

Cincinnati Reds utility player, Russell Branyan will undergo shoulder surgery and will miss the start of the 2003 season after being out for four months. But the hot hitting Branyan will be joined by Willy Jo Pena who will be out for six months and first round draft pick Chris Gruler. Guler is expected to be ready by spring

Ruben Maeto is having a good season in winter ball where he is batting over .400. Maeto is projected as a utility outfielder for the Reds this coming season. The Reds are hoping Maeto can become the player he was thought to be until he broke a leg in June of 2001.

Reds players are looking forward to taking their game to Puerto Rico next summer where

they will play the Montreal Expos in a three-game series.

(See SPORTS, page four)

#### Bears

Sanders came off the bench to have six assists and five lead the Bears with 19 points. Senior Jairus Michael had 13 markers and paced the team with nine rebounds, as Pikeville dominated the glass 48-33.

Junior guard Greg Davis had 13 points as well, thanks to hitting half his six three-point bombs on the night. Junior center Teon Knox had 10 points and eight boards for the Bears.

Senior guard Kevin Gaines didn't score in the game, but did

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rebounds.

Junior Tony McDonald turned in a double-double to lead the Highland Cavaliers. The Gate City, Va., native finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Bobby Hedrick, a junior from Hampton, Va., was the only other Cav in double figures with 11 points.

The Bears return the court on Friday, hosting Ohio-Southern at

U.Va.-Wise slipped to 6-2.

#### Ortega

defense as a defensive back. He is joined on the team by Sewanee's Wes Bradley. Trinity's Kenny Burnette and DePauw's Man Stahley, all dbacks. Ortega, a junior, played as a freshman on the now defunct University of Kentucky

■ Continued from p1 junior varsity grid team. He was injured and unable to play in Centre's season finale. This past season, Ortega also returned punts for the Colonels. In the spring he will also play in his second season with the Centre College baseball team.

#### Watson

But the Grayson native finished the game with 27 points, thanks go 9-of-11 shooting from the free throw line. She also had seven rebounds, matching Amanda Collins for the team high as the Lady Bears won the

rebounding battle 37-31. The Lady Bears also got an outstanding effort from freshman point guard, Jessica Lovell. The Belfry product had 10 assists and four steals to go along with seven points in only 24 minutes of action.

Collins added 14 points, while Caitlyn Ryan contributed ■ Continued from p1

II and six rebounds. Sophomore Amelia Cody came off the bench to score 10. Freshman Tia Garrett led the

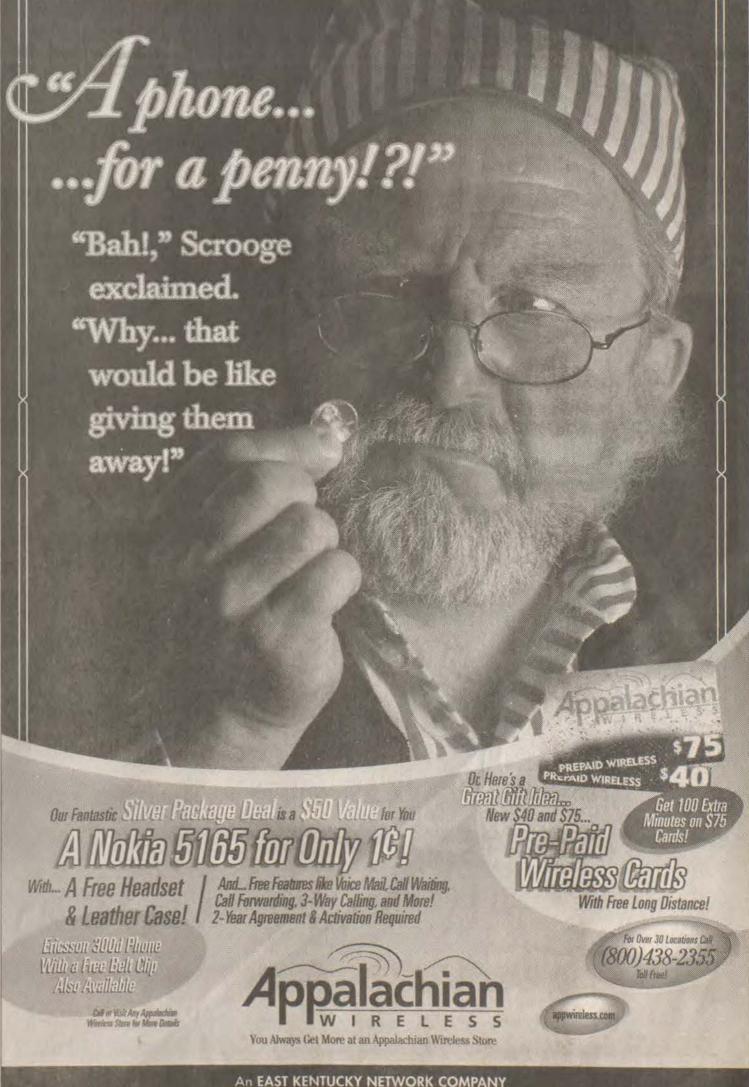
Lady Eagles in scoring and rebounding, flipping in 17 points with seven boards. LaChae Churn, a senior from Louisville, came off the bench for 10 points.

Pikeville improved to 7-1 on the season, and will be back at home on Tuesday night to play Virginia-Intermont College. The Lady Bears opened the season with a 63-53 win over the Lady Cobras on Nov. 2.

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### Wildcats don't see Tennessee as bowl game

by JOSHUA HAMMANN ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — As much as Kentucky's season-ending show-down with Tennessee resembles a bowl game, it's not, and coach Guy Morriss has stopped trying to sell it to his players as such.

"We had said earlier in the season when the sanctions came down and we couldn't go to a bowl game, let's make Tennessee the bowl game and at that particular

time it seemed like the way to approach it." Morriss said at his weekly news conference Monday. "But from a mental standpoint, it's better for us just to approach it as a big game. Our kids don't really handle change that well, so I thought let's just make this a normal week."

The NCAA banned the Wildcats from a bowl game this season and forced to slash scholarships over the next three years as punishment for various recruiting

violations.

But bowl game or not, the Wildcats should have all the incentive needed heading into Neyland Stadium on Saturday.

Kentucky is looking for its first win in Knoxville since 1984, and its first eight-win season since 1998.

"It would just put us in the right frame of mind heading into the offseason," Morriss said of a possible win over the Volunteers. "We were only supposed to win 2-3 games so this has been gratifying."

Instead of playing to dash Tennessee's national championship hopes, as Kentucky has done over the years, the Wildcats and Volunteers will meet on more equal footing than they have in the

Unranked and sporting the same 7-4 record as Kentucky, Tennessee has seen its season falter as a host of players sat injured during critical games.

Junior quarterback Casey

Clausen missed the Georgia game with a sore shoulder and large portions of the Miami and Mississippi State games with other injuries. He

Clausen missed the Georgia game returned for the 24-0 shutout of with a sore shoulder and large por-

(See MORRISS, page five)

### Paintsville edges MCA, 50-48

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Coach Jeff Riley has the Mountain Christian Academy boys' basketball team where it should be - competing against some of the top middle school programs in Eastern Kentucky. Friday night, the MCA Falcons traveled to Paintsville to take on the host Tigers. Visiting MCA came out red-hot and posted an 18-7 lead in the first quarter. However, Paintsville was able to hold the Falcons to just five points in the second quarter, outscoring the visitors 21-5 to go into the half with a 28-23 lead. Paintsville, coming off recent wins over rival Johnson County Middle, Inez and Herald Whitaker, in the end went on to score a 50-48 win in very close fashion.

MCA outscored Paintsville

14-12 in the third quarter and 11-10 in the final period before coming up two points short of even.

MCA's Landon Slone led all scorers with 25 points.

Seventh-grader JD VanHoose led Paintsville in scoring with 16. Daniel Pugh finished with 14 and Shane Cantrell added eight. Another seventh-grader, Blake Bundy, chipped in seven points, while Shane Grim and Jared Keaton each finished with two points apiece to solidify the win for the homestanding Tigers. Paintsville still remains undefeated on the season.

Lincoln Slone finished with 10 points and point guard Lincoln Slone five for MCA. Josh Ousley and Mike Bednarz each had four points for the Falcons. Jeremy Pack ended the game with two markers for MCA.

#### Sports

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Montreal will play 22 of their home games in Puerto Rico.

Right-hander Barry
Basham continues to impress the
Cincinnati brass in the Arizona
Summer League. Basham is
expected to make the jump from
Single A to Triple A this coming
season.

With all the area teams out of the state football playoff picture, it is time to get the roundball out and best of everything to all the teams in Floyd County.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

#### Opener

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round out the scoring for Johnson Central with three and two points, respectively.

A breakdown of the other panorama games follows.

#### Ashland 57, Belfry 34

No scorer broke into doublefigures for Belfry, and the Lady Pirates fell 57-34 after trailing 24-15 at the break.

Ashland had two players combine for 36 points. Anna Bevins had nine points and Vicki Hall added eight for the Lady Pirates. Mary Johnson finished with five for the Lady Bucs.

#### Pike Central 64, Paintsville 40

Ten different players scored, led by Ashley Russell's teamhigh 13 to lead the Pike Central Lady Hawks to the 64-40 win. Kim Coleman had 12 points and Charla Hall and Mishay Weddington each chipped in nine points apiece. Taylor Brown and Joanna Theis both had six points for Pike Central.

Ashley Hall paced Paintsville with 15 points. Andie Music, Chelsee Jarrell and Whitney Reynolds all had five points apiece for Paintsville. Stacy Music chipped in four points. Savannah Moore, Shanna Preston and Alex Hierynmus each had two points to round out the scoring for the Lady Tigers.

#### Greenup County 63, Prestonsburg 54

Kim Hilton hit for 32 points to lead Greenup County past Prestonsburg, 63-54. Danielle Adkins finished with 18 for the victorious Lady Musketeers.

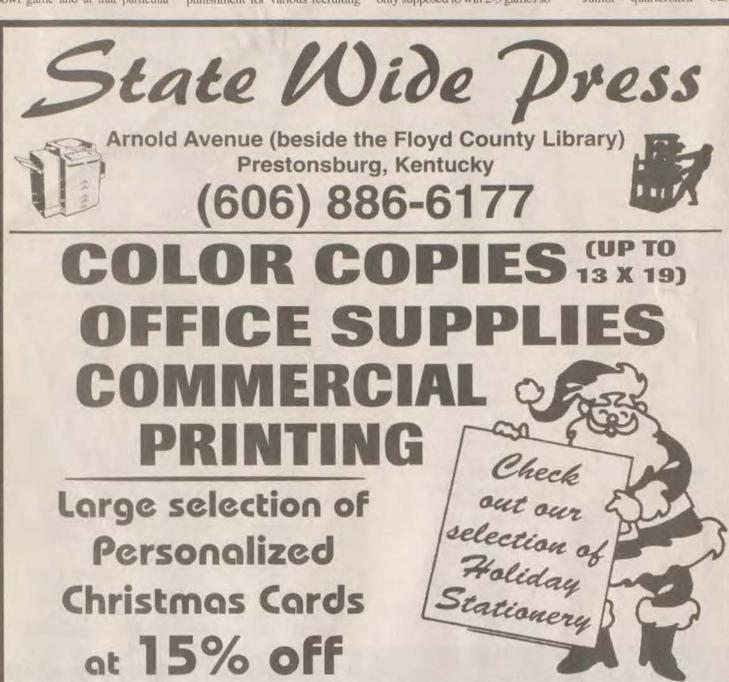
Taryn Harris was the leading scorer for Prestonsburg with 18 points. Sophomore Chanel Music added 12. Darcey Hicks finished with eight points and Amber Whitaker, an eighthgrader, chipped in four. Meaghan Slone and Kelly Key both had three points. Brittany Collins, Lakole Ousley and Meagan Patton edged the scoring for the Lady Blackcats with two points each.

#### Magoffin County 59, Jenkins 42

Calloray Howard scored 13 points and teammate Amanda Shepherd added 10 to vault Magoffin County to a 17-point win (59-42) over Jenkins, a team out of the 14th Region. Ashley Howard chipped in nine markers for the Lady Hornets.

Kayla Bentley led Jenkins in scoring with 11 points. Beth Branham had eight and Jenkins teammates Ciera Pittman and Veronica Short finished with six each. Kara Curry, a reserve in off the bench, had three points on a second-half trey for the Lady Cavs.







### Bentley's Comments: Belfry hands Bobcats scare

by RICK BENTLEY TIMES COLUMNIST

BELFRY - Talk to most coaches and they'll tell you when the playoffs start, two

things are important: special teams and field position.

On Friday night, it was never more obvious.

In the first half, Breathitt County's average starting field position was its own 43. Two of its six drives began in Belfry's half of the

field. Meanwhile, Belfry's six drives usually began at its own

And yet Belfry paid the price only once before halftime, going to recess behind 7-0.

The Pirates came out of the athletics complex to begin the

third quarter secure in the knowledge their backs were no longer against the goal posts. Perhaps this half, they could control the field.

Um, not so much.

While Breathitt again was past the 40 when beginning its normal drive, the Pond Creekers average was its own 27 and that includes a drive that started on the Breathitt 39!

Truth be told, it's a miracle Philip Haywood's club was still within a touch-

down with 1:31 to play.

Yes, Breathitt turned two late interceptions into 14 points and won the Double-A, Region IV crown by a 21-0 final, but in all honesty, this was a seven-point

A muddy seven-point game.

Lady Eagles

suffer Carolina

crush, fall

105-75

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Lloyd had three players score in

double figures, but it wasn't

enough to even slow down host

Montreat in the second half

Saturday. The host Lady

Cavaliers, after leading 46-42 at

the half, outscored the visitors 59-

33 in the second half en route to a

105-75 rout. The loss dropped

Coach Tim Rice's Alice Lloyd

women's basketball team's record

Eagles in scoring with 17 points.

Erica Webb finished with 16

points and Leah Whitley added

10. Floyd County natives

Andrea Kelly led the Lady

MONTREAT, N.C. - Alice

his end of the slop. "We were so backed up all

Friends, this was football.

Haywood agreed that far too

much of the game was played in

After the game, Coach

A muddy, nasty, seven-point the time, and we always came up a dollar short," Haywood said, barely able to contain a note of frustration. "We'd have them tied up and let them go or miss an assignment."

(See BENTLEY, page six)

### Wisconsin moves into Top 25

by JIM O'CONNELL ASSOCIATED PRESS

The top six teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll held their spots from last week, and the only change in the rankings came at the bottom with Wisconsin moving in at No. 25.

Arizona, Kansas, Texas, Alabama, Pittsburgh and Duke were Nos. 1-6 for the second straight week.

The Wildcats (1-0) opened the season with a 107-68 victory over Western Kentucky, a loss that dropped the Hilltoppers out of the Top 25. Arizona received 60 first-place votes and 1,740 points from the national media panel.

Kansas (2-0), which beat Holy Cross and North Carolina-Greensboro advance to the semifinals of the Preseason NIT, had nine first-place votes and 1,679

Pittsburgh, which beat Duquesne 82-67 in its opener last week, was the only other team to receive a No. 1 vote.

Florida, which also advanced to the semifinals of the Preseason NIT, and Oklahoma traded places from last week and were ranked seventh and eight, respectively.

Michigan State and Oregon were again ranked Nos. 9 and

Maryland moved up one spot to lead the second ten and was followed by Connecticut, Marquette, UCLA, Kentucky,

Xavier, Georgia, Missouri. Indiana and Gonzaga.

The last five ranked teams Cincinnati, Tulsa, Mississippi State, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

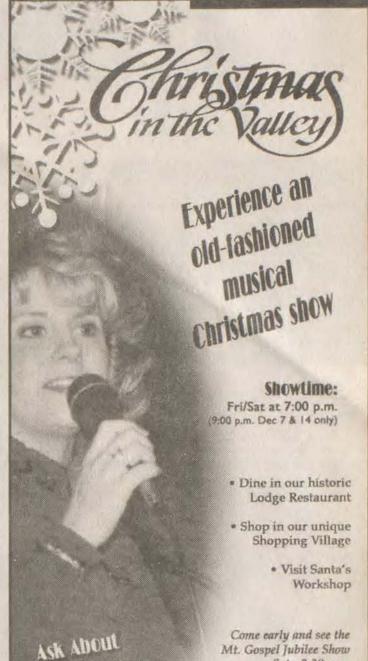
Wisconsin (3-0), which beat Wisconsin-Milwaukee 83-72 in its only game last week, is ranked for the first time since being in the poll for the entire 2000-01 season. The Badgers, who have won their three games this season by an average of 21.7 points, reached as high as 10th that season.

Western Kentucky dropped out of the rankings from 19th after the loss at Arizona.

The only other ranked teams to lose last week were Xavier, which dropped from 11th to No. 16 after losing 63-62 at Stanford in the second round of the Preseason NIT, and Mississippi State, which fell from 12th to No. 23 after a 79-76 loss to Louisiana-Lafayette. The Bulldogs played without Mario Austin, who is still awaiting an eligibility ruling from the NCAA.







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### Montreat beats ALC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MONTREAT, N.C. - Host Montreat led visiting Alice Lloyd 42-39 in the first half Saturday and outscored the visiting Eagles 46-36 in the second half to post an 88-75 victory.

Nick Samons scored a teamhigh 20 points and Tommy McKenzie added 15 in the setback. Kent Campbell tallied 10 points and Matt Spencer finished with a double-double of 12 markers and 10 rebounds.

Matt Hurt and Shannon Akers each had five points and Jeremy Daniels and Jimmy Stumbo flipped in four apiece in the setback for Alice Lloyd.

Ryan Cook led the way for Montreat with 21 points. The host Cavaliers also won the rebounding battle, 46-29.

#### Morriss

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Phil Fulmer says his star quarterback is still not completely healthy.

"In this day and age, with scholarship limits, so much depends on a few key guys," Fulmer said.

Despite their sub-par record, Morriss doesn't see this Tennessee team as anything less than elite squads they've fielded in the past.

"Tennessee is still the Tennessee of old," Morriss said. "All you have to do is put in a tape

Kentucky's key players, quarterback Jared Lorenzen, running back Artose Pinner and offensive juggernaut Derek Abney, seem to all be peaking simultaneously and will have two weeks' rest after a 41-21 victory at Vanderbilt on Nov.

Pinner throttled Commodores for 224 yards and four touchdowns, both career

Morriss expects even more from his team on Saturday.

"I really expect us to play our best football game of the year," he

### Shannon Sizemore and Devon Reynolds each had two points apiece in the loss. This Row

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#### Martin downs **Pikeville**

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PULASKI, Tenn. - Pikeville College suffered its worst shooting game of the young season while falling to Martin Methodist College 76-50 Saturday.

Coach Randy McCoy's squad could connect on only 31.6 percent (18/57) of their field goal attempts and 26.3 percent (5/19) from behind the arch.

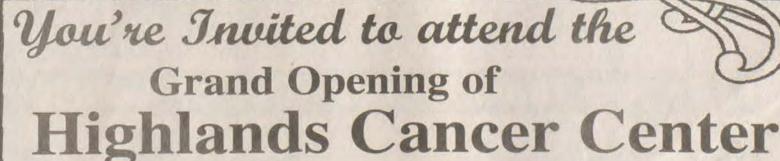
The winners was busy connecting on 49.1 percent (26/53) of their shots from the floor and an even more impressive 46.2 percent (6/13) from beyond the three-point

Martin out rebounded its visitor 53-25.

The Bears were able to place only two players in double figures. Teon Knox was the leading scorer with 12 points, while Toni Anderson added 11. Charles Sanders led Pikeville rebounders with six pull-downs.

Cori Tiggs paced the winners with a double-double. He scored 11 points and pulled down a whopping 19 rebounds.

The game's leading scorer was Martin's C.J. Hill, who tossed in 19 points. Marcus McNair was next for the Redhawks with 15.



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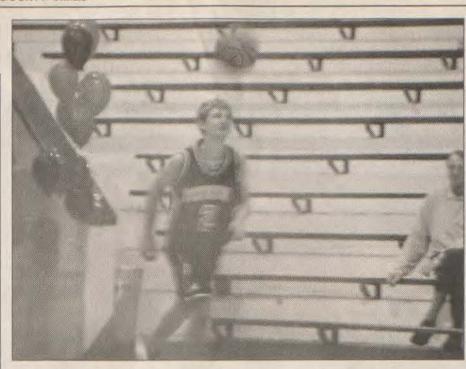
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Meet the Blackcats Night was held Saturday at Prestonsburg High School. Sophomore Kris Bentley was among the Blackcats taking part in the event. The Prestonsburg boys' basketball team will be in action tonight in a panorama at Allen Central High School.

### Allen comes up short against MCA

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN - Mountain Christian Academy Coach Jeff Riley had seven players break into the scoring column, led by 11 points from Landon Slone and 10 more from Lincoln Slone, all in a 52-44 win over Allen on Monday night.

Jeremy Pack scored nine points and teammate Taylor Clark chipped in seven. Josh Ousley netted six points for the Falcons. MCA's Mike Bednarz and Steven Slone finished with five and four points, respectively.

Allen's Tyler Hamilton was the game's leading scorer with 17 points. He was the only Eagle to score over 10 points for head coach Martin Newberry.

Brennan Case, a leader for the Allen football team this past season, had nine points. Thomas Samons and Jim Bradley both had five points apiece, and Nick McManus chipped in four. Justin Robinson scored three points while teammate Josh Rodebaugh rounded out the scoring with a free-

MCA led after each quarter, winning the first 14-11. MCA led 30-17 at the half and 46-27 after three

#### Bentley

Time of possession was another major factor. "They had the ball all night, and that's something we normally do," he

Still, Haywood had a reason to brag on his defensive unit. Senior quarterback Justin Haddix is solid; he's the real deal. Through 12 games this season, he'd thrown 55 touchdowns and one - count 'em lonely interception.

But Belfry is a tough place for highly-regarded signalcallers. Former No. 1 draft pick Tim Couch threw five picks his whole senior season, but three of them came on one autumn Friday in Death Valley.

So it was no surprise that Haddix struggled throwing the ball Friday night. The hog trough of a playing surface and Belfry's stellar defensive unit combined to hold him to these unofficial numbers: 6-of-15 for 106 yards with no touchdowns and two interceptions.

"The field conditions probably hurt their offense, but we played well defensively,"

Haywood correctly noted.

Haddix is also known for his running ability, and while Belfry couldn't stop him, it did contain him most of the night. He had 151 yards on 21 carries on the night, but on closer inspection, he was held to 45 yards on 19 of them. But he did manage to break free twice, and should be credited for his success.

Meanwhile, the domination of Belfry's offense must have looked familiar to the hoards of Angry Red fans who packed Vipperman Stadium on Friday - it's just that it's usually the other team getting its lunch handed to it.

Belfry chalked up a mere 64 yards on 32 carries on the night, had only seven yards on 1-of-8 passing, and managed only (gulp) two first downs all night. Meanwhile, four of its passes were caught by the guys wearing blue and white under their mud.

While the field conditions slowed down his offense, Haywood

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Breathitt's defense "obviously did something right." Still, though, with a mere 3:56 remaining in their season, the Pirates had a golden oppor-

tunity fall into their laps.

They'd battled all night long

with nothing coming easily and nothing going their way, until a 4th-and-8 situation changed everything. When Breathitt's punter caught the low snap, his knee touched the mud. He was

downed at his own 39, firstand-10, Belfry. But before it could become second down, a false start and delay of game combination

had it 1st-and-20. Even when something seemed to go right, it was all wrong on this filthy So another historic season

of Pirate football complete, and the numbers 10-3 will be beside of this one in the record books. A slew of seniors will point to this one and be proud, while many underclassmen will be able to build off the positive momentum of the last several months.

As for the 5000 or so who ventured out in the bitter cold to watch this mud-spattered event, it is surely one they'll never forget. It was simply a site to see, as the players wallered like pigs in slop all night, most of it while the numbers "7" and "0" shone from the scoreboard.

Now, the field crew at Belfry faces the most daunting task. While the uniform cleaners will be hard at work trying to salvage what used to be the red mesh shirts with white numerals, the coaching staff and school officials face the daunting task of getting the Vipperman Stadium surface dried out and in some semblance of shape in time for next season.

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I am thankful for Mommy and Daddy. I am thankful for Kitty, my cat, I am thankful for my Pa-paw, Nana, Mommy, Daddy, Mary, Laurel, and my Mommy and Daddy. for all the babies at Day Care.

-Annelise Small

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-Seth Hammonds

-Justin Hackworth

I am thankful for baby birds, all the teachers at Day Care, Mr. Turkey to eat, Mommy and Daddy, and Xavier my bubby. I am just thankful.

-Niah Andueza

Annelise, Daddy, Gran-dad, Nana, Ms. Melinda, and my baby doll, Ms. Gail, baby Timmy, and baby Cameron, and Ms. Recilla.

-Mary Small

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-Haley Wright

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This story was told by Ms. Melinda's Preschool Class: Bailey Hall, Haley Wright, Lauryn Stumbo, Annelise Small, Mary Small, Justin Hackworth, Niah Andueza, and Seth Hammonds.

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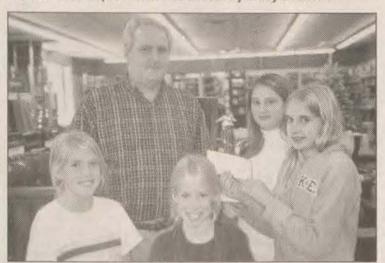
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Rick Layne, owner of Layne's Ace Hardware, is presented with a turtle trophy and prize money on behalf of "Ace," the turtle who raced his way to a first place win at the annual Jenny Wiley Festival Turtle Trots race event. The event is sponsored each year by Our Lady of the Mountains School. OLM students pictured with Layne are, from left to right: Rachel Sanders, Allison Sanders, Reagan Coburn, and Laryssa Cybriwsky.



Ronald Adams, owner of Ronald Adams Auto Sales & Parts, was pleased to receive a check and turtle trophy for his turtle, "Kayleigh," who placed second in the Jenny Wiley Festival Turtle Trot race event. Shown with Adams are, from left to right: Reagan Coburn, Laryssa Cybriwski, Allison Sanders and Rachel Sanders.

#### **New study uses a variety** of indicators to pinpoint best and worst conditions

Frankfort - In 2002, Kentucky ranked 48 out of 50 states and the District of Columbia in terms of women's political participation. This represents a slight improvement since Kentucky ranked 50th in 2000, according to "The Status of Women in the States 2002

"That women are registering and exercising their right to vote, and running for political office, are certainly gains we needed to make. However, we have still not come far enough, especially when you consider that, on the whole, Kentucky is now the thirdworst state for women, ranking 49th overall," said Betsy Nowland-Curry, Executive Director of the Kentucky Commission on Women. "This report is a wake-up call to the policymakers, educators and activists alike since Kentucky has dropped from the 6th worst state for women, in 2000, to the 3rd worst state for women in 2002."

The Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) today released the 2002 edition of The Status of Women in the States, the fourth in a series aimed at measuring the quality of life for women in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. These benchmark studies are compiled using government and original data that reveal how women in each state stand economically, how the states stack up nationally in reproductive rights, women's political participation, health risks, domestic violence legislation, and child support among other indicators.

Kentucky's rank has worsened in the employment and earnings index (falling from 38 to 43) and the reproductive rights index (moving from 29 to 33). The Commonwealth ranks 50th in health and well-being, and gained one spot to 47 in the social and economic autonomy index.

As a result of the 2000 edition of The Status of Women in the

States, the Kentucky Commission on Women laid the foundation for what is now the Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women. The Task Force met for the last time on November 15, 2002, bringing to a close the year-long work of 47 Task Force members and over 300 citizen volunteers from all areas of the state. At the upcoming press conference on December 4, First Lady Judi Patton will unveil the preliminary findings of this groundbreaking project. The final report will be released at the first Summit on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women on June 20-21, 2003.

"Kentucky's continued perseverance on evaluating and improving the status of women economically, politically, and socially will ultimately benefit ourselves, our daughters, and our society," says Dr. Heidi Hartmann, President and CEO of IWPR. "Women have made tremendous progress, but there is a lot more to do and we need to keep working on it."

Dr. Hartmann founded IWPR in 1987 as a nonprofit public policy research organization dedicated to informing and stimulating debate on public policy issues of critical importance to women and their families. IWPR focuses on issues that affect women's daily lives including employment, earnings, and economic change; democracy and society; poverty, welfare, and income security; work and family policies; and health and safety. IWPR is located in Washington, DC

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Registration for the ring begans in all stores and via www.samuelsjewelers.com, November 1, and will continue through the holiday shopping season with the deadline to register December 31. All of the entries will be sent to the corporate headquarters in Austin, where the random drawing for the winner will be held January 15, 2003. There is no purchase necessary to register.

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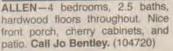
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NOTICE INTENTION TO MINE to

Pursuant Application No. 836-5276, Major Revision No. 3

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.070 notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., 1045 Arnold Fork Road, Kite Kentucky 41828, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 0.78 mile southwest of Weeksbury, in Floyd County. The major revision will not add any surface or underground acreage

to the permit area. is approximately 2.20 miles southwest from Route 466 KY Junction with Route 122, and located 0.02 mile west of Left Fork of Left Beaver Creek. The Latitude is 37°19'09", The Longitude is

Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 1/2 minute quadrangle The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Clifford Tackett.

(4) The major revision proposes an experimental practice Section 2, for an A.O.C. variance to change the post mining land use from dential

(5) The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Drive. Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601

#### **PUBLIC BID** ADVERTISEMENT

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will accepting bids on approximately used utility (telephone) poles; 35'-40' tall; recovered from Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Utility

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Kentucky. Bids must be taken for the entire lot. Bids must be sub-

mitted by December

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7765 (fax line only). If you have any questions, please contact Eric Stephens at the District 606-433-Office,

> Dan'l Hall Chief District Engineer 109 Loraine Street Pikeville, Kentuck y 41501

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 02-CI-00515 BANK ONE, NA PLAINTIFF VS. TOMMY CASTLE

UNKNOWN

SPOUSE, IF ANY,

OF TOMMY

CASTLE, HAROLD CASTLE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HAROLD CASTLE, COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY, **COUNTY OF** FLOYD DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSION-ER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF (2) The permit area Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of October, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in above styled action, in the princisum of \$77,867.79, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall pro-(3) The permit area ceed to offer for sale is located on the 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 5th day of December, 2002, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the followto 405 KAR 18:190 ing described real estate, located at 476 Caleb Fork Road Weeksbury, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being Lot No. 1, Section No. 8, House No. D408, of the property of Kelly Development Company at Weeksbury, Kentucky, on Left Beaver Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky, as shown on a certain map entitled "Map of CORPORATION Weeksbury, Kentucky Subdivision of surface tracts," of record in File Box No. 3, Map No. 142, Floyd filed with the Director, County Court Clerk's records, to which reference is made for more complete description of the property hereby conveyed, together with all rights and easemon with the owners of the other lots, the

> ways on said map set forth. Being the same property conveyed to Harold Castle and Tommy Castle, both single persons, by deed dated April 15, of record in Book 432, Deed Page 649, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: At the time (a) of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for ninety (90) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners there-

The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kenttaxes for the year 2002, and all subsequent years which and the center line of are not yet due and Highland payable. Any and all thence north 25 45

delinguent Floyd Kentucky, County, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale rod and thence in a proceeds.

In the event (d) the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take corner of Irvin Harris, a credit against said lien for the amount of Howard, and thence the bid and no bond an extension of the shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes asse- right angle and prossed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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

> WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-00298 KENTUCKY HOUSING PLAINTIFF VS. THOMAS M. ORF, ET AL. **DEFENDANTS** 

#### NOTICE OF COM-MISSIONER'S SALE

OF BY VIRTUE thereto, including the Circuit Court, entered twelve percent (12%) right to use in com- on the 14th day of per annum from the October, 2002, in the date of sale until Floyd Circuit Court, in streets, alleys and the above styled and action, in the principal sum of \$65,135.96, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse

Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentbidder, at public auc- of. tion on Thursday, the 5th day of December, chaser 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more

particularly described as follows: Being the same property conveyed to Thomas M. Orf, single, from Stallard Martin and Betty Martin, his wife, by deed dated September 6, 1996, of record in Deed Book 398, Page 360, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract of parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more

particularly described as follows: Beginning at a shall be required of fence post in the the Plaintiff, and it edge of Westminister Street six (6) feet north, marked by an iron rod, south of an pin in the center of said extension of Westminister Street, said iron pin being 967 feet northeast ucky, real property from the intersections of the center line of Westminister Street

estate.

Any

matter

PLAINTIFF'S

Avenue;

northwesterly direction with the present line of Irvin Harris, a straight line, a distance of approximately 75 feet to an iron rod marking the Johnny Ellis and Ray same course a distance of 75 feet with the line of Johnny Ellis to a point on said line to be marked by an iron rod thence turning at a complete ceeding in a northeasterly direction, a straight line, a distance of 147 feet, with the line of Johnny Ellis to a point on the line of said Johnny Ellis to be marked by an iron rod and thence turning a right angle and proceeding in a southeasterly direction a distance of 75 feet to a point to be marked by an iron rod, a corner with Johnny Ellis and Irvin Harris, and thence an extension of this same course, a distance of 75 feet in a straight line to a point, being the corner of Irvin Harris to be marked by an iron rod and thence turning a right angle and proceeding in a southwesterly direction with the line of Irvin Harris, a distance of approxi-

minutes, West 35 feet

to a fence post to be

marked by an iron

2002 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the mately 150 feet in a above styled action, straight line to the in the principal sum point of beginning, so of \$79,623.26, togas to include all land ether with interest, in the said boundary. costs and fees, I shall TERMS OF SALE: proceed to offer for At the time (a) sale at the Old Floyd of sale, the success-County Courthouse ful bidder, if the other Door, 3rd Avenue, than the Plaintiff, Prestonsburg, Kentshall either pay cash ucky, (behind the new or 10% of purchase Floyd County Justice price, with the bal-Center) to the highest ance on credit for bidder, at public aucthirty (30) days, and tion on Thursday, the required to execute a 5th day of December, bond with good sure-2002, at the hour of ty thereon for the 9:30 a.m., the followunpaid purchase ing described real price of said property, estate, located at 60 Judgment and Order if any, bearing inter-Tanyard Hollow in ments appurtenant of Sale of the Floyd est at the rate of Harold, Floyd County, particularly described paid, having the force effect of Northwest corner of

Judgment. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the ucky, (behind the new United States of Floyd County Justice America and/or the

Center) to the highest record owners there-(C) The purshall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2002, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

Wade Morgan Boyd and Katie Lynn Boyd, his wife, by Deed In the event dated May 5, 2000, the Plaintiff is the purand recorded in Deed chaser of the above Book 446, Page 596, described property in the office of the for an amount equal Clerk of County Court to, or less than, its of Floyd County, first lien, it shall take Kentucky, and also a credit against said being the same proplien for the amount of erty conveyed to the bid and no bond Wade Morgan Boyd and Katie Lynn Boyd, his wife by Deed shall only be obligatdated May 25, 2000, ed to pay court costs, and recorded in Deed the fees and costs of Book 447, Page 402, the Master Commin the Office of the issioner and any real Clerk aforesaid. estate taxes asse-TERMS OF SALE: ssed against the real

At the time (a) of sale, the successannounceful bidder, if the other ments made on date than the Plaintiff, of sale take preceshall either pay cash dence over printed or 10% of purchase contained price, with the balance on credit for

thirty (30) days, and KRS 231.070, the COUNSEL: Hon. James E. Stierle 410 West Chestnut St., Ste. 617 Louisville, Kentucky unpaid price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of WILLIAM S. twelve percent (12%)

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SYSTEMS, INC.

PLAINTIFF

VS.

WADE MORGAN

BOYD,

KATIE LYNN

BOYD, AND

COMMON-

WEALTH OF

KENTUCKY,

COUNTY OF

FLOYD

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COM-

MISSIONER'S

SALE

BY VIRTUE OF

Summary Judgment

and Order of Sale of

the Floyd Circuit

Court entered on the

14th day of October,

Beginning at the

mouth of Tanyard

Branch, thence 251

feet straight North-

west direction to an

iron pipe, 3 feet to the

right of Tanyard

Branch Road, thence

107 feet Northeast-

erly direction to an

iron pipe on the edge

of Tanyard Branch

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Westerly direction

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Branch

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Commissioner P. O. Box 268 and effect of a Prestonsburg, Judgment. Kentucky 41653 (b) The property shall be sold sub-(606) 886-2812 iect to any easements and restric-COMMONtions of record in the WEALTH OF Floyd County Clerk's KENTUCKY Office, and such right of redemption as may FLOYD CIRCUIT exist in favor of the United States of DIVISION NO. II America and/or the C.A. NO. 02-CIrecord owners there-

per annum from the

date of sale until

The (C) purshall chaser be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2002, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate from the sale proceeds.

(d) chaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond utive shall hear evishall be required of dence in support of or the Plaintiff, and it in opposition to the shall only be obligat- granting of the pered to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. PLAINTIFF'S

COUNSEL: Hon. Lee W. Grace Hon. Marian B. Hogan Mapother & Mapother, P.S.C. 801 West Jefferson St. Louisville, Kentucky 40202

> WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

Seeking bids to repair and install storm drains. must be in December 15th. Send bids to: David Community Development Corporartion P.O. Box 129

David, KY 41616

For more information call 886-2583, after 9:00.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been Kay Spurlock of P.O. Box 56, Harold, KY 41635. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Final Frontier. The nature of the business will be Bar, Beer by The Drink, D.J., Pool Tables and Jukebox. Pursuant to

required to execute a Floyd County Attorbond with good sure- ney shall investigate ty thereon for the whether the applicant purchase lacks good moral character, or whether applicant will the obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether paid, having the force the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than December 19, 2002, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing

information. Pursuant to 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for December 19, taxes will be paid 2002, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same In the event can be heard before the Plaintiff is the pur- the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor. Prestonsburg, Kentu-

The cky. County Judge/Exec-HON. KEITH

BARTLEY FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010. Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Divi-Enforcement, sion of Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

> MOTTS BRANCH COAL INCORPO RATED 836-5429 ISSUED021009 AEP KENTUCKY COAL LLC 836-5431 ISSUED021029 CZAR COAL CORPORATION 858-5064 ISSUED021023 KENTUCKY MAY COAL COMPANY INCORPORATED 860-5258

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

ISSUED021004

Notice is hereby given that Charles and Saundra Mutzner of Piqua Clayton Rd., Piqua, Ohio 45356, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and

Environmental Protection Cabinet to build a residential building. The property is located five miles south of Martin. on Rt. 122, at Drift, KY 41619 Any commade by Ramonia ments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch. 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Ky. 40601 Phone 502-564-3410

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886-8506

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE **PURSUANT TO** APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5437. TRANSFER

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Levisa Fork Company, Mining South Lake 544 Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, intends to transfer permit number 836to Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541. The new permit number will be 836-5437. The operation disturbs 11.98 surface acres and will underlie 591.50 acres. No new acreage is affected by this trans-

The operation is located 2.5 miles northwest of Minnie in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.74 mile southeast from KY State Route 80's lunction with KY State Route 680, and located along Gosling Branch. The operation is located on the Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle, at latitude 37° 29' 08" and longitude 82° 47'

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prest-onsburg Regi-onal Office, 3140 South Lake Suite 6, Drive. Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. South, 127 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-0 0841 BANK ONE, NA PLAINTIFF VS. MICHAEL CRUM.

WEALTH BANK

OF PRESTONS-BURG. COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY, **COUNTY OF** FLOYD DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COM-MISSIONER'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:

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 to Sam Davidson line; thence up the ridge with said 152 to a small dog-

by

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S 32 25 W 75 feet to the beginning.

Deed tain tract or parcel of Jones by Deed of record owners there-Conveyance dated of November 17, 1976, by Lennie Peters, chaser shall be ed in Deed Book 227, and pay all Floyd Page 312, of the County, Kentucky, Floyd County Clerk's real property taxes Office, and more par- for the year 2002. ticularly described as and all subsequent

Peters line a distance taxes will be paid of approximately 150 feet to Burns Jarrell line; thence with to an iron stake; thence with Burns approximately 199

feet to an oak tree; Beginning at stake a rock marked x a ssed against the real distance of approxi- estate. mately 261 feet to Johnny Hall's line; ments made on date 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: At the time (a) Davidson line 74 E of sale, the successful bidder, if the other wood; S 79 E 18 feet than the Plaintiff to an ash; thence shall either pay cash down the hill with Lot or 10% of purchase No. 2 N 31 30 W price, with the bal-1335 feet to a gate ance on credit for post in the barn lot; Ninety (90) days, and thence around the required to execute a bar lot N 70 E 37 feet bond with good sureto a fence post; N 7 ty thereon for the W 90 feet to a stake unpaid purchase in the branch wit- price of said property, a if any, bearing intersycamore and elm; est at the rate of JENNIFER CRUM, thence down the twelve percent (12%) FIRST COMMON- branch with Lot No. 2 per annum from the N 87 15 W 243 feet to date of sale until paid,

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> Any announce-

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL

Morgan & Pottinger 601 West Street

> WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice to hereby given that Lawrence Craft. 1094 Fords Gap, Auxier, Ky, has filed an application In the event with the and ction Cabinet to set up a Mobile Home. The property is locat-23, along the Big Sandy River. Any distance of 150 feet the bid and no bond comments ot objections concerning this Lennie Peters line; the Plaintiff, and it application shall be thence with Lennie shall only be obligat- directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Resources Water Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Off-Kentucky Phone: (502) 564-3410



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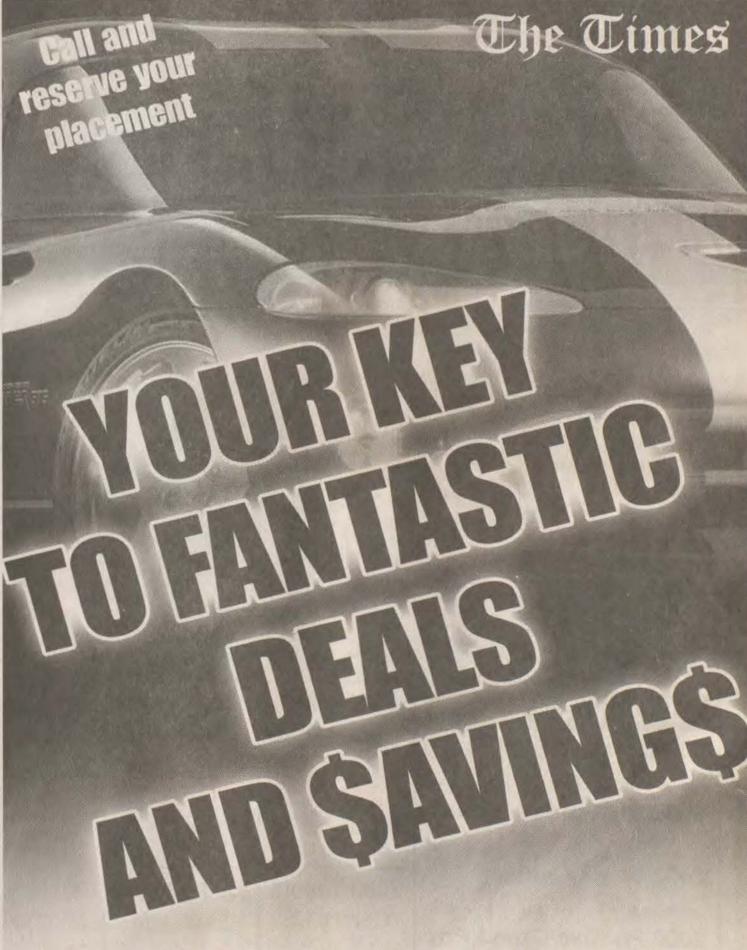
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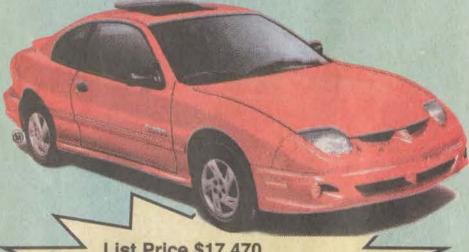
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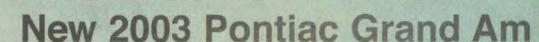
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#### POISON OAK

### Thanksgiving holidays

Believe it or not, tomorrow is Thanksgiving and Christmas is only a month

Ever since I was a kid, I've heard older folks talking about how fast time flies



Clyde Pack

cept. which I now accept as pure fact, was terri-

older.

bly hard to grasp; seemed like Christmases and birthdays were years apart.

But Wilma is already pulling burned-out mini lights and rolls of tangled tinsel from the attic and has even filled out most of her Christmas cards. Is that possible? Wasn't it just last week that we were watching the Fourth of July fire-

But the good news as it regards the swiftness with which the world goes by these days, is that now that the leaves have fallen, it won't be long before the snow does likewise. Then, faster than a country boy can pick a banger, we'll start hearing the frogs sing their little springtime refrains and the grass will start turning green again. Fragile dandelions will literally take over our lawns and we'll bemoan the fact that the hedge is about to need another hair

(See OAK, page six)

#### Teens need to control 'down time'

Today's teens increasingly find themselves spending more time in front of the television or the computer. But they and their friends should take advantage of extra time by becoming more physically active.

Regular physical activity will help them feel better and give them more energy. It will help them think and concentrate better. Plus, activity can decrease boredom, ward off depression and help you handle stress.

Basketball, swimming, rollerblading, biking or mowing the lawn are great activities, but whatever they do is up to each individual. Just pick something that you like to do and stick with it. You don't have to give up instant messaging - just make sure that you also fit physical activity into your day.

Along with being active, healthy eating is important to feel your best. Examine your eating habits. As a teenager, you need to eat a variety of foods that will help your body grow properly.

If you eat a lot of burgers and fries or

(See CONTROL, page three)

photo by Robin

Patricia Goodman, who also teaches accounting and computer science at PCC, serves as a model for "Sophisticated Country." Dr. Puffer says that Goodman is an amazing person who not only looks very good in my skirts, but serves as a member of the National Guard, rides motorcycles, and has applied for helicopter school as well." Here, Goodman has paired the handcrafted skirt with a basic turtleneck and riding boots for

a very sophisti-

cated look.



by Kathy J. Prater FEATURES EDITOR

Combine, if you will, Grandma's softest afghan with today's sense of style and the result of the equation will be the dream business venture of a local college professor.



photo by Kathy J. Prater Edmonia Snyder, who met Dr. Puffer in a physician's waiting room, works on her most recent crocheted pattern.

"Sophisticated Country," which specializes in handmade knit and crocheted skirts, is the result of a bold pursuit by Dr. Phyllis Puffer, sociologist, Prestonsburg Community

According to Dr. Puffer, who hails from the great state of Michigan, where winters are both long and exceedingly cold, said she learned to . knit as a young girl. "It's just something that I've always pretty much known how to do," she said. Additionally, for quite some time now, Dr. Puffer has been hand-fashioning

knitted skirts which she reaches for

time and again once the outside temperatures begin to fall.

Dr. Puffer, who came to Floyd County in 1999, has become increasingly more aware of eastern Kentucky culture with each year spent in the region. Being a sociologist, she is very aware of trends, both past and current. "One thing I soon began to notice," said the college professor, "is that crafting skills are slowly beginning to vanish in the area. The older generations are dving out and the younger ones have not really taken

(See COUNTRY, page three)



These skirts represent only a small sampling of the wide variety of patterns and colors available from Sophisticate d Country.

#### HOLIDAY SERIES

SECTION

as one gets Back then, however. that con-

### PHS Class of '72 celebrates 30-year reunion

ARTICLE SUBMITTED by CAROL JO MAY

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1972 graduated on May 29, 1972. Diplomas were presented to the 157 graduating seniors by Ronald Hager, Principal, and Woodrow Allen, Director of Instruction for the Floyd County Board of Education and former principal of the school.

The Class of '72 came together again this past October 18 and 19, 2002, to celebrate their 30th class reunion. The class met in a reserved section at the P.H.S. Homecoming football game on Friday night where they enjoyed their own "homecoming." The class was warmly recognized by Roy Roberts, program announcer, throughout the game and the City of Prestonsburg marked the occasion by placing "Welcome P.H.S. Class of 1972" messages on business marquees.

Though the stadium is new and the school building has been totally renovated since 1972, the class was still "at home" during the football game, many classmates in attendance having been band members, football players, cheerleaders, and the 1972 Homecoming Queen and court.

Those classmates who attended the football game but were unable to attend the Saturday dinner were: Linda Gunnel Spradlin, Bobby Joe Spencer, Sally Music Skinner, and Cindy McNally Burchett.

On Saturday night, October 19, the class enjoyed a dinner and dance at the Jenny Wiley State Park Convention Center. Special guest, former Principal Hager, shared some wonderful memories with the class, much to everyone's delight.

"Brutis the D.J.," supplied hits from the 60's and 70's for the dance and many found themselves "twisting the night away." Door prizes awarded throughout the evening were donated by Citizens National Bank, Prestonsburg Tourism Department, Country at Heart, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, The

Class of 1972, and Nails by Jessica. Class members traveling from

(See REUNION, page three)

### John W. Hall Lodge to hold Christmas party

The John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, is planning an annual Christmas party and dinner, which will be held on Sunday, December 1, at 4 p.m., at the lodge hall in Martin. Everyone is invited to attend. Santa Claus will attend the party, providing for the enjoyment of the children, and dinner will be served. Please attend and please bring a toy or gift for Santa to distribute to the chil-

### Kim's Korner: Generation of danger



Received an email over the weekend that made a trip down memory lane interesting at best. Couldn't resist sharing it with you.

The title is extremely fitting, "How Did We Survive," and goes as follows:

"As children we would ride in the back of pickup trucks on a warm day. Our houses were covered with bright colored lead-based paint. We had no

childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets. We slept without flame retardant pajamas, without air conditioning, with doors and windows open. Raced around our neighborhoods without parental guidance on Halloween collecting treats we ate as we received without having them X-rayed first.

"We drank water straight from the garden hose, not from

some fancy bottle. Built gocarts from scrap metal, only to realize after heading downhill we'd forgotten the brakes. We'd hit the hills and be gone for hours, and not once did our parents seem to worry nor have to call the National Guard. We used cans tied together with string to communicate with one another instead of cell phones and pagers. We ate biscuits made from lard

lathered in butter, cow butter to be specific, fried fatback, drank soda like water and never seemed to be overweight.

"We took snakes, frogs, lizards, Barbies and make-up to school, but never guns or knives. We waded barefoot through muddy water in ditch

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### School Happenings

#### HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

- No school Nov. 27,28, 29

#### ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

\*\*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

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

\*\*Collect Food City receipts and turn them in to home room teachers.\*\*

#### ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

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

■ Dec. 2 - SBDM Council meeting, 6 p.m., school audito-

\*PES is collecting Food City receipts. Have your child turn in receipts to their homeroom teachers. Community

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# YESTERDAYS

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

#### **Ten Years Ago**

(Nov. 25-Nov. 27, 1992)

The Bank Josephine, headquartered in

downtown Prestonsburg, this week,

yields control to Paintsville entrepreneur

James R. Pelphrey. Pelphrey, owner of such area enterprises as Pelphrey Supply and Jim's Stop and Shop convenience stores, has acquired 1,025,662 of the bank's two million outstanding shares of common stock, representing 51.28 percent of total shares. Pelphrey filed his notice of acquisition of control of the bank with the Memphis Regional office of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in mid-August, and his acquisition was approved...Forgery charges against two Prestonsburg sisters who were accused in a money order scam were dismissed October 30 in U.S. District Court in Lexington. Donna DeRossett, a/k/a Donna Stumbo, and Ella Compton were charged with conspiracy to present and pass forged money orders in several eastern Kentucky counties. The pending indictments were dismissed by U.S. District Judge Karl Forester on the recommendation of Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Self...An Ohio man was arrested Wednesday morning walking along the road at Stone Coal, near Garrett, while allegedly carrying a duffel bag filled with marijuana. James E. Rice, 40, was arrested by Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson, deputy Gary Blankenship and Constable Bob Hackworth and charged with possession of marijuana, over 5 pounds, a class C felony...Plans to bring live horse racing to eastern Kentucky entered the home stretch Wednesday, when the Floyd County Development Authority and the Floyd Fiscal Court began plans to ensure financing of the track. Currently, the Prestonsburg-Floyd County Properties Corporation plans initially to purchase the Rt. 3 property, jointly-owned by Jack Absher, and Hobart Potter for \$1.7 million, which includes the price of the property and site preparation. This will expedite construction on the site, enabling the project to be completed by the July, 1993, opening day deadline...There died: Rhoda Elliott Samons, 72, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center; Elizabeth "Betty" Archer Davis, 60, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Riley Tuttle, 67, of Eastern, Tuesday, at his residence; Bertha Alley Newman, 73, of Grethel, Thursday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Frank A. Rudder, 77, of Martin, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Oscar Ritchie, 62, of Fisty, Friday, at his home after an apparent heart attack; Robert "Bob" Pitts, 95, of Blue River, Friday, at the home of his daughter

at Martin; Rusha Collins Coleman, 78, of Wayland, Thursday, at her residence; Wayne Preston, 71, of Springfield, Ohio, native of Johnson County, Tuesday; Cathy Jean Young Blankenship, 46, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Joe Everage, 77, of Martin, Friday, in the Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; Lunda Poe, 68, of Cridersville, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, Monday, at his residence; James Earl Ratliff, 56, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 13; Pauline Dingus, 83, of Richland Township, Ind., native of Magoffin County, November 6; Rev. Raymond Jarrell, 59, of Cow Creek, Saturday, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington; Theodore "Ted" Meade, 70, of Printer, Sunday, at Jenkins Community Hospital; Genist T. Akers, 48, of Galveston, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Richard P. Hall Sr., 68, of Soda Springs, Idaho, native of Craynor, November 16, in Yuma, Arizona; Roger Dale Luster, 18, of Inez, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Elder Lewis Hall, 77, of Melvin, Wednesday, at his residence; Wes Campbell, 73, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

### Twenty Years Ago

(December 1, 1982)

State and city police were investigating, this week, the theft of \$13,000 from Maloney's Store at Martin last Saturday..."Highly unethical and a breach of the public trust," is how County Attorney Arnold Turner Jr. characterized irregularities disclosed by a recent audit of the county's financial records...Robert Cleary, 65, who sued Big Sandy Wholesale and one of its drivers, Arnold Hamilton, for a total of \$2,100,000 as a result of an accident, was awarded \$325,000 in the verdict...Prestonsburg's bid to annex a section on its southern perimeter ran into a snag this week, apparently because of objections from some of the property owners involved...Declarations made by disappointed anglers there "ain't no fish in that lake" to the contrary, there are fish, plenty of fish, in all of Kentucky's many lakes...There died: Robert E. Lee Spencer, 102, of Floyd County, last Wednesday, at Paintsville Hospital; Bryan Howard, 59, of Pyramid, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; George A. May Jr., 80, of Langley, died Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Precilla Tackett Webb, 77, of Bays Branch, Thursday, at Paintsville Hospital; Pearlie Collins Patrick, 83, of Quicksand, Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Charles E. Dingus 74, of Martin, Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Mattie Sammond, 71, of

Auxier, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Maggie Lee Sheffield Irvin, 94, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Donald Chatman Foster, 44, of Garrett, Tuesday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; and Bessie W. Cooley, 82, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

#### **Thirty Years Ago**

(November 29, 1972)

On what Congressman Carl D. Perkins termed "a great day for Eastern Kentucky," the Highlands Regional Medical Center, near here, was dedicated Sunday...A coal truck that at least temporarily was not hauling coal, yielded 150 cases of beer last Thursday morning when it was searched by State Trooper Gary Rose, on Mud Creek...Bell Engineers, Lexington, told the Prestonsburg Water & Gas Commission recently that the proposed doubling of the capacity of its water plant will cost approximately \$860,000...Handel's "Messiah" will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday at Pike Auditorium, Prestonsburg Community College...Floyd County Democrats, along with those of all other Kentucky counties, will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, at their respective voting precincts to elect three committeemen for each of the county's precincts...Prestonsburg's annual Turkey Bowl football fiasco ended with a final score of East 6, West, 0...Coach Gene Frazier's newly-formed Allen Central Rebels won the Jenny Wiley Invitational, the first tournament the team had entered...Born: a son, John Christopher, to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Dean Robinson, of West Prestonsburg, November 20; twin sons to Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Francis, of Garrett, November 22; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Potter, November 26...There died: Cledis Whittaker, 57, of Marion, O., formerly of Prestonsburg, Sunday; John (Bear) Osborne, 68, of West Prestonsburg, Thursday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Shade W. Ward, Jr., 81, of Van Lear, Friday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Bennie Banks, 84, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at his home; McKinley Smallwood, 66, formerly of Bevinsville, November 17, in St. Mary's Ohio; Henry Dewey Stratton, 74, of Stanville, Friday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Duran Pope, 83, of Penny, native of Floyd County, Friday, at Pikeville Hospital.

### Forty Years Ago

(November 28, 1962)

Except for an incident resulting in the arrest of two men, reportedly aligned with the small coal operators and continued

picketing, the Floyd County mining area was quiet this week, markedly so in contrast with last week's turbulence, which saw one man wounded, two homes shot into, and dynamite blasts set off. The second mass assault on polio, with the Sabin oral vaccine used as the offensive weapon, will be staged in this county, next Sunday afternoon...Persistent rumors that a railway will be constructed into the almost untapped coal reserves of Big Mud Creek were given a degree of credibility two weeks ago when a group of engineers completed running lines in the area...Perfect weather reigned along with Miss Sharon Frye, of Martin, Snow Queen, at Saturday's Christmas parade here, which drew one of the largest crowds ever to line Prestonsburg streets...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Holbrook, of Allen, a daughter, Lisa Jean, November 16, at the Paintsville Hospital...There died: Mrs. Maude Ryan Hale, 73, Thursday morning at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; John W. Cooper, 88, of Lancer, Monday, at home; William Byrd Walker, 72, of Lancer, Thursday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Sallie Griffith, 74, of Garrett, last Wednesday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Hiram Hall, 92, of Melvin, Monday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Miss Armina Patton, 85, Saturday, at her home at Langley; Miss Hattie Gilliam Bevins, 69, of Printer, last Tuesday, at McDowell Memorial Hospital.

### **Fifty Years Ago**

(November 27, 1952)

Governor Lawrence Weatherby, at a civic meeting in Ashland, said that possibilities of developing a state park at Dewey Lake are excellent, but that, as yet no one had asked for it ... Two of the top federal jobs, one of which, that of U.S. District Attorney, is currently held by Claude P. Stephens, of Prestonsburg, and the other, U.S. Marshal, held by John Moore, of Pikeville, will not be sought by Floyd Countians upon their vacancies when Dwight Eisenhower is inducted to the presidency...The draft threatens to dig into the ranks of Floyd County teachers, said Superintendent V.O. Turner this week. Two teachers are already slated for induction, and State Selective Service headquarters have declined to defer others, soon to be called...Robert F. Harlowe, of Prestonsburg, a representative of the Remington Arms Co., was a featured speaker recently at a session of the National Safety Congress Chicago...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. William O. Goebel Jr., their first child, Deborah Kay, November 21, at the Prestonsburg

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### Critter Corner: No "Christmas Pets"



photo by Kathy J. Prater "Spuds" McKenzie. Spud is a black toy poodle owned by Rodney and Lora McKenzie, of the Mountain Parkway. His owners say that his favorite things to do are to eat and play with his toys.

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

We see them throughout this season, but how realistic are the ads that feature a cute puppy or kitten wearing a red bow, perched among the Christmas morning paper and ribbons? Probably about as much as those that show the happy family gathered around the table for Christmas dinner. You and I know that in the real world, there's a different story: half the kids are arguing over a broken toy, the other half won't leave the video game in the living room, there's been a grease fire in the kitchen, and Mom has just discovered the unbaked sweet potato casserole in the refrigerator behind the mayonnaise jar. The pictureperfect family Christmas is gradually melting down into the chaos of real life.

Is this any place for a confused and frightened new puppy or kitten? Lots of folks seem to think so, but in reality, Christmas is the worst possible time to introduce a new pet, for several reasons.

First off, you want your new family member to get the hang of the household routine as quickly as possible-feeding schedules, potty times, etc. If your holiday schedule is as hectic as most, any pretense of routine has been flung to the four winds until after New Year's. This is not going to do anything for your attempt to housebreak a puppy, or teach a kitten where the litter box is.

Next, everyone knows you need to do some puppy-or kitten-proofing to prevent accidents. At what other time of year are there as many opportunities to encounter broken glass, open flames, extension

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cords, and frequently opened doors? There is ready access to lots of potentially dangerous things to chew, from small decorations and doo-dads to toxic plants and forbidden foods. Adults are notoriously distracted by other responsibilities this time of year, and otherwise well-behaved children may resemble Tasmanian Devils on speed. Christmas can be a perilous time for an established family pet, and it is an accident looking for a place to happen for a curious kitten or pup. (When I was growing up, my mother always tied the Christmas tree to the wall to keep the cat from knocking it over-I honestly thought that everybody did that before they started decorating!)

One final caution. During the first few weeks of life, puppies and kittens go through various "sensitive periods"

where they form their lifelong opinions and reactions to people and situations. Being exposed to the commotion of the holiday season during one of these periods-especially if they are in a fearful stage-can adversely affect the animal for the rest of its life.

Children need to see that the family takes a pet as a serious and long-term responsibility, not just another gift that they can put away and forget when they tire of it. Many animals that enter the nation's shelters each year are the previous season's Christmas gifts that grew up into unwanted baggage. Many shelters suspend adoptions during the Christmas season, and most truly responsible breeders refuse to sell animals at this time of year. Of course there are always exceptions, but animals that are bought and sold as a commodity are more

likely to be treated like a commodity instead of a living

The only thing worse that Ican think of is when someone is given an animal as a "surprise". Even if it is someone who dearly loves animals, the lack of planning can cause

major problems. I can remember once thinking that we should get some sort of bird, maybe a parakeet or cockatiel, for my grandmother (this was in my younger and more foolish days). She dearly loved the wild birds that hung around her porch and made nests in her potted plants and under her awnings, and her house was filled with pictures of birds. Fortunately, she got wind of my scheme and nipped it in the bud. Yes, she loved birds. Yes,

#### Country

hold of some of these crafts that are so unique to the area."

The idea began to formulate in her mind that she could share her knitting talents with others and perhaps even begin a

business venture based on the hand-crafting skill. As she began to investigate the prospect, Dr. Puffer says that she began to find that "most people either knit or they crochet, but they rarely do both. I think it has something to do with the fact that once you learn one skill, the other seems to be harder, which isn't actually the case, it's just that the techniques vary and you get used to the one and so the other seems more difficult,"

No matter, for as Dr. Puffer soon found out, the art of crocheting also turned out beautiful, and wonderfully warm, skirts. As her network of skilled crafters increased, Dr. Puffer's dream of offering the beautiful, as well as functional, works of art for sale also became more of a reality.

To this date, Dr. Puffer has worked with 15 crafters in producing the handmade clothing items. One local crafter, Edmonia Snyder, of Goble

pizza loaded with greasy top-

pings, your diet is probably not

balanced. There's nothing

wrong with eating these foods -

just eat them in smaller amounts

and try to balance them with

If you eat in places such as

your room or in front of the TV, you may want to change that

habit. Eating while doing other

things makes it easy to lose track of how much you've

already eaten. By eating meals

Control

healthier foods.

Roberts, said that she met Dr. Puffer as they both were waiting in a physician's office. "She was sitting there, waiting. just like me," Snyder said, "and she was working with some yarn. I thought she was crocheting and

I asked her and she said, no, that she was knitting. Then I told her that I crocheted and we just started to talk. That's when she asked me if I might be interested in working up a skirt

for her. At first, when I found out that she meant a skirt for a woman to wear, I told her that I couldn't do that, that I thought she meant a table skirt. She just wouldn't take no for an answer, she kept telling me, Oh, yes you can,' and finally, I found a pattern in a book and I understood what she wanted and I thought to myself that I could do that," she said.

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#### Korner

es catching tadpoles and crawdads. We cut the grass with push mowers, climbed trees and walked along the top of fences like they were tight ropes. We

would pet a stray dog or cat and then take it home to see if we could keep it. We rode bicycles or school buses to school instead of driving Mustangs and Mercedes. Seatbelts and airbags were not an issue, which was probably a good thing for packing 10 in a Volkswagen was our

way to travel. "There were try-outs for cheerleader and Little League, and not everyone made the

and snacks at the dinner table,

you can pay more attention to

what you're eating so that you

don't overeat. If you want to

snack while watching TV, take a

small amount of food with you,

such as a handful of pretzels or a

couple of cookies - not the

health by making small changes

in your physical activity and eat-

ing habits. Give it a try. You will

feel and look better, and be

You can take charge of your

whole bag.

Continued from p1 teams. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. And get over it, and move

"Yes, this generation produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers of our time. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it

If you are one from this generation, say a big thank you, Lord, for surviving! It is truly a blessing we made it through those days.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and

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visiting

healthier for the rest of your life. For more tips on ways to be active and eat well, order the free booklet "Take Charge of Your Health! A Teenager's Guide to Better Health" by contacting the Weight-control

946-4627 www.niddk.nih.gov/health/nutri

t/nutrit.htm. WIN is a national information service of the National Institutes of Health.

Information Network at 1-877-

Or

#### School

members may also turn in receipts to the school office or Family Resource Center.\*

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ 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:

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

\*Monday

-Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy. Prestonsburg -MSU Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Instructor: Chrissy.

\*Tuesday -Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 Call 874-0621. p.m. 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 Call 377-2628. a.m. Instructor: Theresa.

-Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call

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478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy. -MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call

\*Thursday

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

886-2405. 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,

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#### Reunion

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Anyone interested in out of town for the event were: Riehm, Bowling Green; Cindy Marcella Cleaver Clark, Pleasant Grove, Alabama; twin sisters, Sarah and Betty Jo DeRossett, Atlanta, Georgia; Debra Blackburn Burns, Columbus, Ohio; Sally Ann Goebel, Louisville; Teresa Hall Snapp, Berea; Janie May

McNally Burchett, Winchester; Sally Ann Music Skinner, Williamstown; Mary Shepherd Marsillette, Salversville; and Terri Alvarez Tackett, Lana Sturgill Rovinell, and Wayne Worrix, all of Lexington.



The P.H.S. Class of 1972 enjoyed attending the 2002 football Homecoming game this past October. The class sat together in a section of the new stadium reserved especially for them.



Members of the P.H.S. Class of 1972 met in October for 30-year class reunion. From left to right, front row, class members attending were: Debra Blackburn Burns, Helen Delong Keathley, Dena Bartley Patton, Ramona Blackburn Aiken, Linda Hatfield Blevins, Marcella Cleaver Clark, Vicki Burke Brown, Teresa Alvarez Tackett, Sarah DeRossett, Cheryl Godsey Leslie, and Janie May Riehm. Second row: Carol Jo Clark May, Sally Ann Goebel, Patty Carr Goble, Teresa Hall Snapp, Cathy Elkins Campbell, Mary Jo Shepherd Marsillette, Peggy Gibson Compton, Linda McGuire Cox, Betty Jo DeRossett, Carolyn Wells Walters, and Brenda Hicks Maynard. Third row: Gordon Hunter, Steve Haywood, Greg Campbell, Donald Goble, Wayne Worrix, George Hale, Larry Dotson, Tim Sizemore, Johnny Huffman, Larry Prater, and Lana Sturgill Rovinell. Fourth row: Ricky Goble, Henry Risner, and Belinda Branham Risner. Absent from picture: Ronald Hager, Kaney Goble, and Mary Wright.

#### Yesterdays

General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Harris S. Howard of Lexington and Prestonsburg, their first child, a son, Harris Stephens, November 19, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington...There died: Mrs. Bert Crisp, 40, Monday, at her home at Wheelwright; Morgan Clark, 81, of Johns Creek, at a Paintsville hospital, November 19; Ray Ferrell Williamson, 55, of Betsy Layne, November 21, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Pharoah Deal, 51, Sunday, at her home at Grethel.

### **Sixty Years Ago**

(November 26, 1942)

Gasoline rationing will begin December 1, and rationing of coffee, November 29, the Floyd County War Price and Rationing Board said this week... After having had two U.S. merchant ships blasted from beneath him by torpedos, Seaman Carl F. Roberts, 24, has returned to his home at Osborne, on leave, before returning back for more sea duty...Secretary of State Morgenthau has asked each American worker-thirty million in all-to invest at least ten percent of their wages in U. S. Savings Bonds...Re-organization of the Floyd County Fish & Game Club was affected Thursday night, at Maytown, with the following officers elected: Paul F. Jarrell, Langley, president; Carl Horn, Prestonsburg, vice-president, and V. O. Turner. Langley, secretarytreasurer...Married: Miss Thelma Jean Africa and Mr. Bernard Tackett, both of Prestonsburg, at Pikeville, November 21... There died: Mrs. Virgie Hopson Fraley, 49, of Prestonsburg, at her home, Sunday; Miss Ella Morrell, 68, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at the

Prestonsburg General Hospital; Oscar Prater, 15, of Hueysville, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, Saturday; Frank Burchett, 76, of Sugar Loaf, Monday.

#### **Seventy Years Ago**

(November 25, 1932)

A serious rift in the Floyd County Democratic party was avoided this week, when the opposing factions for party leadership agreed in naming Congressman A. J. May as county chairman...The Supreme Court, Monday, announced it would decide whether the 137 producers of bituminous coal in Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky, violate the Sherman Anti-trust Act, when they organized Appalachian Coals Inc., as their selling agent...Relief work among school children of Floyd and 19 other Kentucky counties will be taken in charge by the American Society of Friends of Philadelphia, it was announced, Monday, by Harper Gatton, director of the Kentucky Relief Commission...Jurisdiction of the Prestonsburg police court was redistricted by an order of the city council, Tuesday night, the council directing law violators arrested by Prestonsburg police to be taken before Magistrate R. L. Spradlin, instead of Police Judge E.P. Arnold...An examination will be held in the office of County Attorney J. P. Tackett, November 25, for applicants for the office of Tax Commissioner of Floyd County, rendered vacant by the slaying of Tax Commissioner Ellis Howard, a few weeks ago...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hunley, of Prestonsburg, a son, Joseph Russell, November 18... There died: C. H. Castle, 55, of Martin, at home, Friday; Bascom Damron, 56, Floyd native, at his home at Coal Run, November 10.

### Community Calendar

#### Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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 : 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 skilburn@floyd.k12.ky.us, or, solomonkilburn@hotmail.com.

#### 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 accomodate 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. Tuesday Wheelwright 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 To donate, make check payable to: Big Sandy Mended Hearts, Chap. 220, P.O. Box 1821, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. More information, call 606-886-

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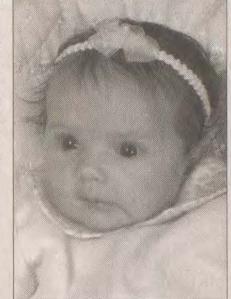
### Happy Birthday



Tamara Rayelynn Nicole Burchett celebrated her third birthday on November 18. Tamara is the daughter of Jon and Kim Burchett, of Slick Rock, Cow Creek. Tamara enjoyed her special day with a "Power Puff Girls" and "Scooby Doo" theme birthday party that was held at the Prestonsburg Pizza Hut. Many family members and friends attended and Tamara received many nice gifts. Tamara is the granddaughter of Imajean and Kenny Robinson, of Martin, Eddie Burchett, of Slick Rock, and the late Tamara Ann Burchett. She is the great-granddaughter of Josephine Scarberry, of Langley, and the late Junior Scarberry, and the late Sam and Ella Robinson, formerly of Martin.

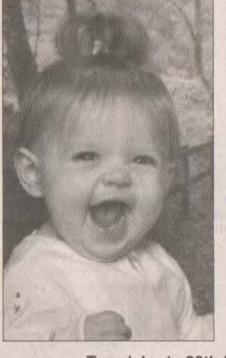
#### Heaven Sent

Emma MaKaylee Justice, the daughter of Melissa Ann and Bobby Randal Justice, was born on September 19, 2002, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She weighed 9 lbs., 13 oz., and measured 21 inches in length.



#### Tiffani turns 1!

Tiffani Amber McCoy, the daughter of Billy and Delphine McCoy, of McDowell will celebrate her first birthday on November 28, 2002 -Thanksgiving Day. Tiffani will have a "Sponge-Bob" theme birthday party (and lots of good holiday food!). Tiffani's maternal grandparents are Ray and Isabelle Parsons, of Hueysville, and the late Delbert Prater. Her paternal grandparents are Bob McCoy, of Printer, and the late Glendia McCoy.



#### To celebrate 80th birthday

A birthday reception for Lurlie Howard, the wife of Dr. Richard D. Howard, will be held on Saturday, November 30, from 2-4 p.m., at the Day's Inn Motel, off highway exit 84, Winchester. Mrs. Howard is formerly from the community of Lackey, in Floyd County. All are cordially invited to attend this 80th birthday celebration. No gifts, please - allow your presence to be gift

#### School

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each Wednesday morning, 10

#### 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

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 Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

#### Critter

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she did appreciate the beauty of birds. And yes, she would enjoy the company of a pet bird. She made it clear, however, that she would not enjoy vacuuming seeds and other debris out of the carpet every day, and that she far preferred the wrens, cardinals and jays that she could watch going about their business outdoors. Had Mother not been quite so outspoken, and had I gone ahead with my plan I have no doubt that she would have taken excellent care of her pet, but I am equally sure that it would have been an extra burden on her that she neither needed nor wanted.

My point here is not that you should never get a pet for someone else, but that it should be done only when you know the animal is wanted and preparations have been made to care for it properly. If you were considering a puppy or kitten as a gift this year, especially for a child,

here are some suggestions for making the transition into a new home easier for everyone. You can still surprise the recipient with a bundle of gift wrapped pet supplies, a book on pet care and selection, or even a gift certificate for a future visit to the groomer, trainer or vet. Take a picture or video of the pet you have selected, so the new owner can have some time to think about how to make it comfortable in its new home, and to think of a name. You could also tour the local shelter to look at all the sizes, shapes and colors of animals available (no falling in love on the spot allowed until after Christmas!)

As much fun as seeing your child's eyes light up over a new pet on Christmas morning might be, it could be even more fun to look forward to that really special gift after the excitement of the holidays is over when it can be properly appreciated!

### Miller completes specialized Army training



Edwynna H. Miller, the daughter of Ms. Bobby Jean Hale, of Blue River, and the late Edgar Hale, became a commissioned officer in the United States Army Dental Corp in 1991, under the rank of captain. Dr. Miller spent her first five years as a general dentist with the 101st Airborne Division, at Ft. Campbell, Ky. At that time, she was selected among a group of her peers and promoted to the rank of major. Dr. Miller then decided to pursue specialty training in oral and maxillofacial pathology and was accepted

into the class of 1996 at the National Naval Dental Center, in Bethesda, Md. While pursuing her studies in pathology, she also received a master's degree in oral medicine from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Upon completion of her training program in 1999, she was transferred to Ft. Bliss, TX, where she became Chief of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology and mentor to the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Training Program at William Beaumont Army Medical Center. While stationed at Ft. Bliss, Dr. Miller decided to further her army career by successfully completing the Command and General Staff College by attending night classes. In January of this year, Dr. Miller was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. In October, she successfully mastered her boards in oral & maxillofacial pathology, which were given in Tampa, FL. Currently, Dr. Miller is serving as Chief of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, WA. As lieutenant colonel, she serves as mentor to the training programs in oral and maxillofacial surgery, general pathology, and advanced education in general dentistry. Dr. Miller is married to Jared Miller, of Morristown, SD. They have two children, a daughter, Bobbi Jo (6 yrs.) and a son, Jacob Edward (4 yrs.).





Fannins celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary Ben and Rosceine Fannin, of Nancy, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 22, 2002. The Fannins, original-

50th Wedding Anniversary

A celebration will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2002, in

honor of Ray and Georgia Akers' 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration will be hosted by the couple's family and will take place between 2:00-5:00 p.m., at the Little Salem Church

Fellowship Hall, at Dana. All family and friends are cordially invited to attend. Ray and Georgia were united in marriage on December 24, 1952. Soon after they began a family and were

blessed with three beautiful daughters, Roma, Jeannie, and

Janet. Being blessed with three daughters eventually brought

them the added gifts of three sons-in-laws, Tim Newsome

(Roma), Dean Nelson (Jeannie), and Virgil Slone (Janet). When

they thought God could not give them more, six grandchildren

were brought into their lives: Chris Newsome (Tessa), Heather

Nelson, Nick Newsome, Wesley Nelson, Kelly Slone, and Justin

Sione. God has blessed them with 50 wonderful years together,

please come join in the family's celebration of this special cou-

ple who are so truly blessed and loved.

finalized this coming spring.

ly from Pikeville, have three daughters - Benie Lynn Hammond, of Pikeville, and Tami Kintz and Misti Nobert, both of Knoxville, Tennessee. They have one grandson, two granddaughters, and one great-grandson. A reception for family and friends will be held in July of 2003, in Pikeville. Exact location, date, and time of the reception will be announced in this paper as plans are more respect. Which is very

deserving, by the way, because

the crafters around here are

very good - very good. I have

"Beginning 'Sophisticated

seen lots of very good work,"

Country' has been a major

experience for me in how very

much you do not work alone

and how much you have to deal

with others when undertaking a

business venture. You have to

depend on others to get things

done. You aren't as much of a

sole individual as you think.

No one person can do every-

thing to make a business go.'

she said. "I have worked with

15 different crafters, four mod-

els, and one photographer, plus

I have taught knitting to four

people. It's been time-consum-

ing, but it's been a worthwhile

she continued.

#### Country

Currently, Snyder is doing the crochet work on the skirts, and another crafter, Aggie Fink, of Pike County, who has served as Dr. Puffer's primary crafter, adds the finishing touches. Fink puts in the skirt linings, sets the waistbands, and adds the definitive touches such as leather strap belts, hidden zippers, hidden pockets, and decorative finishes that make the skirts each a one-of-a-kind uniquely designed classic fashion staple.

"Aggie made the first skirt, which she created with her own design, she didn't use a pattern. Later she just decided that she'd rather just sew, so she now does the linings, belts, pockets - all the finishing touches," Dr. Puffer said.

Fink, who teaches sewing classes as a master volunteer for the Pike County Extension Office, has won numerous awards for sewing and has had winning contest entries auctioned for sale on a national level. One of her creations, a winter coat, is now owned by a resident of Alaska.

"Production costs for the skirts can be rather high, " said Dr. Puffer, "not one, but several individuals work on them. The crafters live in different areas and I frequently travel to Lexington to buy my yarn, because that's the closest place I've found that I can buy the type I need. And, of course, they are hand-crafted, unique items."

Dr. Puffer believes that crafters should be paid as well as possible for their work, "which of course, never really equals the skill and time involved," she said.

Dr. Puffer says that several individuals in the area have been very helpful to her in her quest in launching her business, among them, Sister Ruth Ann Iwanski, of David Appalachian Crafts, Theresa Scott, Floyd County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, Kathy Strouth and Novella Froman, of

the Pike County 4-H office.

"Sister Ruth Ann knows a lot about the business of crafting and about how to get started, and, how to get noticed. Theresa Scott gave me my first set of informational materials on how to start a business, which were very helpful to me. Kathy Strouth, who attends PCC as a student, has been extremely helpful by traveling to crafts shows with me and helping me set up attractive displays," Dr. Puffer said.

"One goal of mine," she continued, "in establishing 'Sophisticated Country," is that it will help get crafters, most notably women crafters, to think in terms of beginning businesses of their own."

"However," she continued, "so far, most of the crafters tend to want to concentrate on their craft and prefer that someone else take care of the business things."

"One thing I've noticed much more often than I have liked is that the families of many of the crafters have told them that they are 'wasting their time' when they knit or crochet or work on their craft," she said. "They don't seem to value the skills that are required to complete the craft. But once someone came along me - that was willing to pay for the skill/craftwork, things began to be seen in a different light. When these same family members realized

that the crafter was being paid, the crafter was then given ■ Continued from p3

effort and one that I hope to see continue. I think of myself more in terms of a 'facilitator' or 'coordinator,' rather than an 'owner'. I guess because I work so much at coordinating all the different skills and crafters. It's been a wonderful experience bringing it all together," she said.

If you would like to see the hand-crafted fashions of "Sophisticated Country," visit the PCC Art Gallery on December 14, when they will be on display between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Additionally, for information on how you may acquire a hand-crafted "Sophisticated Country" fashion, contact Dr. Phyllis Puffer at 886-3863, ext. 6270.

WEDDINGTON PLAZA

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Child Care Center collects donations

The Mother Goose Playland Daycare Center recently participated in a fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Organization. The child care center collected \$389 to be donated to the organization. The highest donations were collected from Jasmine Horn, the daughter of Sherry Griffey and Nick Horn; Zoe Daniels, the daughter of Reba and Paul Daniels; and Kayla Dames, the daughter of Rebecca Swanson.

#### Calendar

#### "LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"

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

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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-

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.

Narconon—Free assessment, evaluation and referral services can help you to overcome your drug addiction problems. Call 1-800-468-6933, or visit www.stopaddiction.com.

■ Domestic Violence—24 hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence Counselors—Call 1-606-886-6025, or out-of-the-area 1-800-649-6605. "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

■ Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children—Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

Prostate Cancer Support Group—Group is for all men with prostate cancer and their ■ Continued from p4

families. Group meets every third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. For more information, contact Susan Campbell, Kentucky Cancer Program, P.O. Box 1208, Hazard, KY 41702, or call (606) 487-8360, or 1-800-401-4287.

■ MS Support Group - Meets
3rd Monday of each month, at 7
p.m., at the Seton Complex,
Martin. Offers group support
for MS patients and their caregivers.

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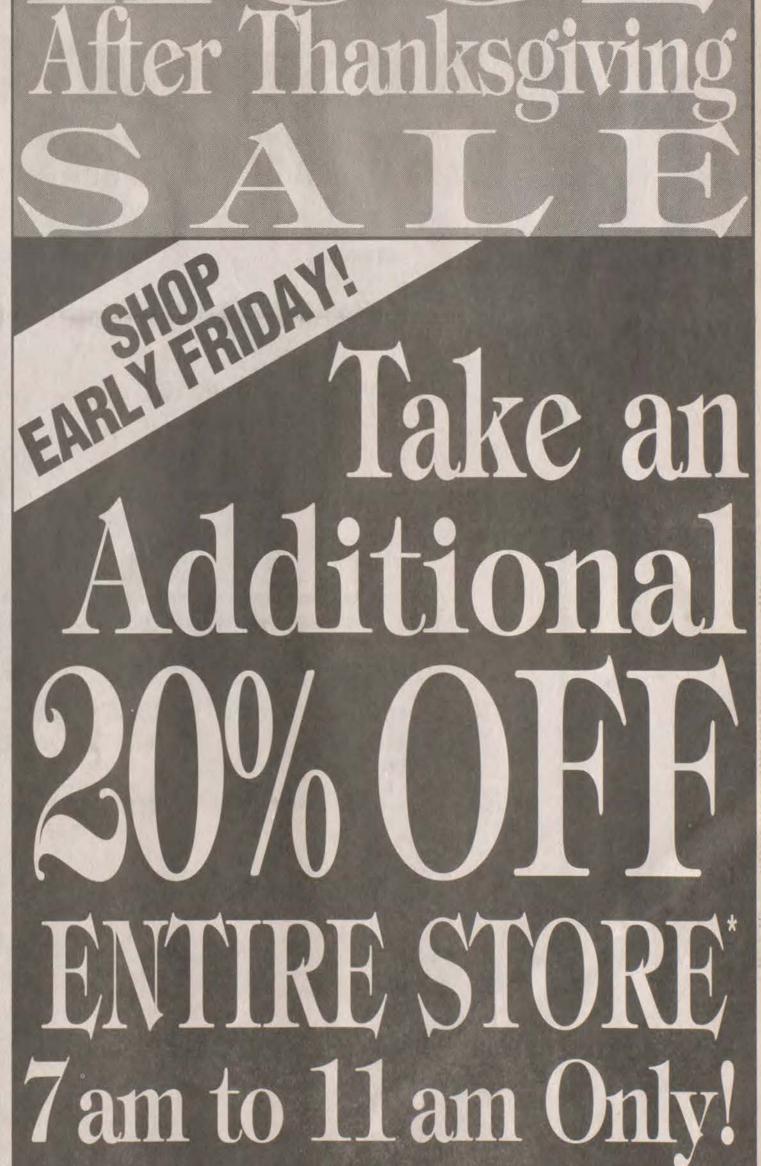
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Big 'taters

These men recently visited the Times office to show off this collection of enormous sweet potatoes grown in the Bull Creek area. The sweet potatoes weighed a whopping 13.86 lbs., collectively. From left to right, the three farmers are: Jess Wallen, Roger Wallen, and Dean Wallen.

### Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation announces 2002 payment rates for Tobacco Trust

2000. Individuals will receive a

payment that corresponds to

their level of production activity

in each crop year. The payment

rate for the Growing Farm will

pound for crop year 1998, 3.87

cents per payment pound for

crop year 1999, and 7.63 cents

per payment pound for crop year

Settlement Trust Corporation, chaired by Governor Paul Patton, announced today the payment rates for the 2002 distribution of the National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust. Otherwise known as be 3.17 cents per payment Phase II of the tobacco settlement, the Trust compensates tobacco quota owners, growers and tenants for income losses they incur as the tobacco industry changes. This distribution represents the fourth of the scheduled twelve annual payments from the Trust.

"This help comes at a critical time for our tobacco farm families," said Governor Patton. "I'm pleased that we were able to negotiate this trust fund on behalf of our tobacco growers." In the first three years, over \$328 million has been distributed through the Trust. This year alone, Kentucky's tobacco farm families will share a total of \$134,261,964.30. Compensation is provided equally for three factors of tobacco production: quota, land and labor. Quota compensation is based on crop year 2001 basic quota. Land and labor compensation is based on an average of crop years 1998, 1999, and 2000 effective quota and actual marketing. This average is referred to as payment pounds.

The payment rate from the National Trust is 19.66 cents per basic quota pound. Payments to the individuals or entities that control land and employ labor used to produce burley tobacco

#### Oak

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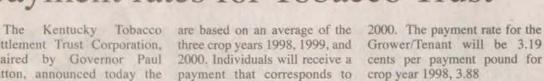
cut. It's always been that way, of course, but in the old days, it just didn't all happen so ... so all

In a 1940's coal camp, however, this time of year not only forced us to once again start wearing our shoes, but, much to Mom's chagrin I'm sure, also drove us indoors. Fortunately, I had a little brother with whom to share those long, late-fall and winter afternoons. Older siblings Mary Jean and Hubert kept us supplied with a ton of funny books and one of them had bought us a card game called Authors. (That's where I first heard of Louisa Mae Alcott, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Charles Dickens.) We had a Monopoly game, too, and spent hours on end buying hotels and passing goal without collecting \$200.

Nevertheless, even with those distractions, in those days before TV, we still got bored from time to time, and, as would be expected, had a difficult time staying out of trouble.

For some reason, Mom would get all excited when a wrestling match would get out of hand and a perfectly executed flying mare resulted in our turning over the churn she had set next to our open fireplace to clabber, or when an aggressive re-creation of the cowboy Saturday-matinee movie's saloon-brawl scene ended up with a tablecloth filled with dirty dishes crashing to the

The winter holidays were great, though, and Mom always seemed to make a special effort for Thanksgiving dinner. She had a super recipe for dressing that has been extremely difficult to duplicate. Of course, she did equally well on Christmas, and what with her cooking, topped with the presents we'd get which more often than not included two new sets of Hopalong Cassidy cap busters which we were only allowed to shoot outdoors - managed to hold our attention while giving Mom a brief respite from chaos. Happy Thanksgiving.



cents per payment pound for crop year 1999, and 7.63 cents per payment pound for crop year

The National Trustee, the JP Morgan/Chase Bank, will issue checks from the National Trust on December 30.

### American Heart Association. Foods









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

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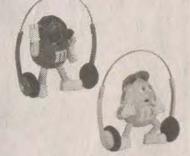


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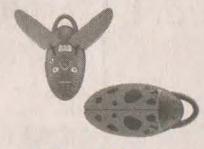


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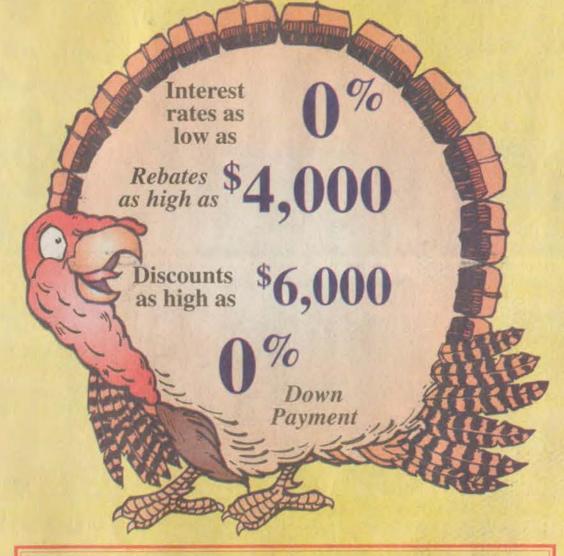
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Eagle or Turkey? What do

of the United States - a bald eagle or a

More than 200 years ago, the Founding

Fathers wanted to choose an animal for

the great seal of the United States. They

what the newly formed United States of

which animal would be the country's

symbol. Finally in 1782 the bald eagle

bitterly debated

Tim Turkey

removed

some of the

words in this

story. Can you

figure out

where each

one belongs?

symbol N

outspread

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Which would make a better

wanted an animal that would

America was all about.

For six years, \_

was selected.

turkey?

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turkey would look ugly on our flag. The turkey would leave feathers all over the place when they run and it would, of

Virginia,

I don't think the bald eagle is a great national bird. The turkey, on the other hand is well, foolish. Honestly, we eat turkey! We would eat our nation's bird on Thanksgiving. Let's keep the bald eagle!

5th Grade

Joe,

The bald eagle is a better national bird because it can fly

The turkey cannot fly and that represents freedom. The turkey is not very good looking, so we wouldn't be proud. I think the bald eagle is a perfect national bird because it represent freedom and bravery and

I think the turkey should have

3rd Grade

I think the bald eagle is a better national bird because it is brave and the turkey is

Ryan,

An eagle has a lot better qualities than a turkey. Eagles look great on quarters. Can you imagine a turkey head on

Mark

#### **Weekly Writing** Corner

Turkey or eagle?

I vote for the eagle because a course, make a lot of noise.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Shannon,

If we chose the turkey as the national animal, the Thanksgiving turkey we've grown to love would probably be nonexistent. How American is it to eat your national bird? How American is it to raise your national bird on a farm, so fat that it can hardly walk. The bald eagle is a bird of prey. Like America, it doesn't depend on anyone else. Its head is white, like on the Star Spangled banner, which represents purity. I believe our founding fathers made the right decision.

8th Grade

Tanner, 3rd Grade

it is an amazing bird.

6th Grade

been the country's symbol because turkeys taste good. Brian.

chicken.

3rd Grade

a quarter?

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Do all turkeys gobble?

answer (four words).

Look at these quarters. Find each matching pair.

Unscramble the letters in each leaf pile to discover the

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

As the national symbol of the United States, the

bald eagle appears in many government buildings and on official

documents, making it the most pictured bird in all of America. The eagle also appears on the President's flag and billions of bills and

hat does a national bird do?

Not everyone thought the bald eagle was the right animal. Benjamin Franklin thought the turkey was a better symbol. Franklin wrote to his daughter, referring to the eagle's "bad moral character," saying, "I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country! The turkey is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America."

The bald eagle supporters finally had their way and it has been the national bird of the United States since 1782, when it was placed with \_ wings on the great seal of our country.

But, Ben Franklin's words remind us that the turkey is also a special creature. In truth, if someone calls you a turkey, take it as a compliment!

Standards Link: History: Students recognize national symbols such as the baid eagle.



Look through today's newspaper to find:

- · the word Thanksgiving · something you are thankful for
- · the word turkey or a picture of one
- · an interesting news story to discuss
- at Thanksgiving dinner

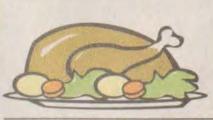
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension. Follow simple written

#### Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Sort objects that are similar and different. **Turkey Tidbits**

Nice try, turkey!

#### **Turkey Puzzle**

In 2001, about 272 million turkeys were raised. About 46 million of those turkeys were eaten at Thanksgiving, 22 million at Christmas and 19 million at Easter. How many were eaten during the rest of the year?





#### **Space Turkey**

When Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin sat down to eat their first meal on the moon, their foil food packets contained roasted turkey and all of the trimmings.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences to millions. Tirkey Puzzle Answer: 185 million

### Double

TURKEY EAGLE NATIONAL COINS SYMBOL ROASTED BILLS GREAT GOBBLE WINGS SEAL BALD MOON DEBATE THANKFUL

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

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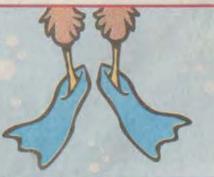
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns

#### **Giving Time**

Look in the newspaper for information about people helping others in your community. Is there something you and your friends can do to help others?

Standards Link: Social Science: Students recognize the importance of public virtue and the role of citizens.

# ANSWER: A turkey in scuba gear.



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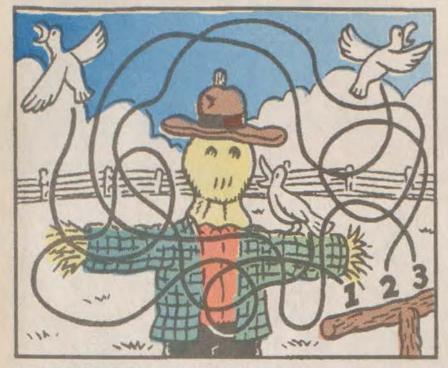
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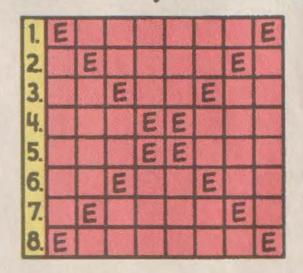
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CAN YOU GUESS which one of these birds is not a chicken when to comes to scarecrows?

Answer: Crow number 2 is the brave one.

# by Charles Barry Townsend



#### **FIND THE BIG WORDS!**

Can you find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left? A definition for each is provided below, and the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word for the grid.

ANAGRAM:

hope + near

ribs + feel

serb + lend

need + veer

teed + seem

fees + bite

yeas + deed

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## FIG.1

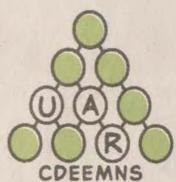
#### THE FIVE-WILL-GET-YOU-EIGHT WAGER!

Draw figure 1 on a sheet of paper. Then challenge your friends to add five straight lines to the drawing so that the result will give you eight equal-size triangles. Our solution is shown in figure 2.



CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Scud, scum, scam, scar, seam, sear,



#### **DEFINITION:**

1. A sports announcer wears one.

Where birds and bells hang out.

Great mixers.

4. Concealed with a decorative overlay.

5. Favorably regarded.

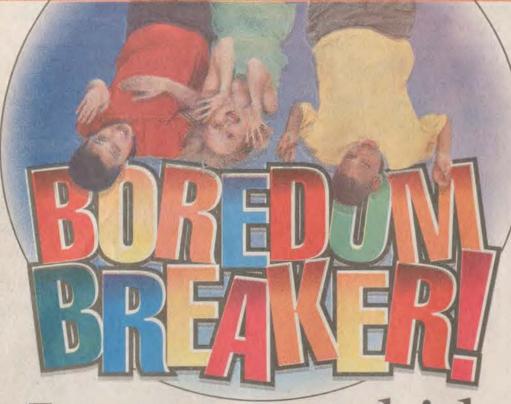
6. The winning burger was \_ 7. Toast and egg dishes (sl).

8. To twist into a confusing

gent + lane mess.

5. Esteemed. 6. Beefiest. 7. Deadeyes. 8. Entangle. 1. Earphone. 2. Belfries. 3. Blenders. 4. Veneered.

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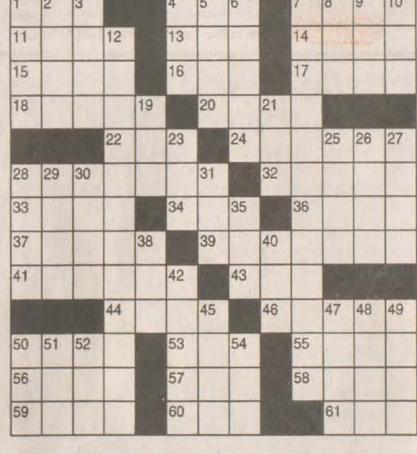
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- 13 Furrow
- 14 Sutherland
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- 16 Scratch
- 17 Benevolent
- 18 "Horse in striped pajamas"
- 20 Gas-station iob
- 22 Under the weather
- 24 Hoboes
- 28 Might they tie up loose ends?
- 32 Ongoing 33 Reed instru-
- ment 34 Computer acronym
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- 43 Illustrations
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- 56 Opposite of

### King Crossword



crumb

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23 Got the ball

27 Command to

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26 Survey

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DOWN

1 Mercedes partner

- 2 Sheltered 3 Thick chunk
- 4 Get ready to rumble
- 5 Two-way
- 6 Walk proudly 29 Touch
- 7 Hit the jackpot 30 Soft-drink fla-VOI
- 8 Spoon-bender

- Geller 31 Brillo rival 9 Half a saw-35 Hot tub
- buck 38 Pod dweller 10 Craze 40 Clumsy boat
- 12 Hit the jackpot 42 Bullock/
  - Reeves movie 45 Genealogy chart
  - 47 "- M for Murder"
  - 48 Aware of
- 25 Double agent 49 Back talk 50 Pugilistic ploy
  - 51 Eggs
  - 52 Bottom line
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# Lights on! Lights off! Look closely at each row of pictures. One of the lightbulbs in each row is different. Put an X on that lightbulb.

#### **My Letters**

L is for Lightbulb l is for lightbulb



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter L. 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 L makes in the word **lightbulb**?

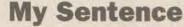
#### My Numbers

How many

How many How many

Learning Buddies:

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



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 Rhyme Time** 

Little drops of water,

Make the mighty ocean

And the beauteous land.

Little grains of sand



#### Sunday

#### Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter L in lightbulb.

#### Monday

#### Math Play

Point to the number 3 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

#### Tuesday

#### Open and Shut

Play a game using two pages of the newspaper. Ask your child to put a hand between the open pages when you say 'open." Then ask your child to pull the hand out of the pages when

you say "shut."

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#### Wednesday

#### Where's the Light?

Look at pictures in the newspaper. Talk with your child about the light source in each picture. Is the light coming from the sun? From a lightbulb? From the moon? From a fire?

#### Thursday

#### Day and Night

Look at pictures in the newspaper. Ask your child if the pictures show daytime or nighttime. Ask, What makes you think this shows daytime (nighttime)?"

#### Friday

#### Following Directions

Say, "I am going to ask you to do some things. Listen and then do what I say." Then tell them to "Touch a picture in the newspaper, then clap your hands." Give them other directions to follow.

#### Saturday

#### Same and Different

Point to two uppercase Ls in the newspaper. (Use headlines with large type in ads.) Ask, "Are these two letters the same or different?" Repeat with other letters.



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· Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.

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Time

Minutes Seconds

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	9			32
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26	25	24	21	25

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#### Phamiliar phrases "pulling my leg"

Thieves often employed the use of a helper called a"tripper-up," who would tug on the leg of a passing pedestrian, causing him to fall. While he was down, the thieves moved in to steal any valuables. The use of the phrase today still refers to some kind of trick or deception. © 2002 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

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For the past 25 million years, the land has rested on top of two moving tectonic plates: the Indo-Australian plate and the Pacific Continental plate. The plate activity causes New Zealand to continue to drift away from Australia. It is moving northward toward the equator at a rate of about 1.2 inches (30mm) a year. Frequent earthquakes and volcanic activity (usually not severe) are another result of tectonic movement.

Hongi is a traditional

Maori greeting where

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two people press noses.

#### The people

The Maori are believed to have arrived in New Zealand from the Polynesian islands northeast of the country around 700 A.D. To survive, they fished and hunted, and later began to farm. The Maori were sometimes called the moa hunters because they relied on this large flightless bird for food — it was hunted to extinction by 1700. Around this time, Europeans began to settle in the country. The Maori call the white men, pakeha (pronounced PAH khu hah or PAH kee hah). Today, 10 percent to 15 percent of New Zealand's population is Maori, and the rest are descendants of early settlers or more recent immigrants.

About 80 percent of the people live in or near the cities. The North Island is home to about 75 percent of the country's population. Disagreements over land rights between the Maoris and the European settlers have continued since the 1840s. Maori political and professional leaders would like to be better represented in the government and would like to have improved housing and more employment and education opportunities for the Maoris.

The silver fern is a popular New Zealand icon. Its name comes from the fact underside of its leaves are silver.

New Lealai Aotearoa, land of the long white cloud

Early Maori settlers named the country Aotearoa for the fluffy mass of white clouds that consistently hover over the land. The clouds were a sign to sea travelers that land was near. Today we can fly to New Zealand, but for centuries the only way to get there was by boat. Because it is so isolated, New

Zealand developed unique plant and animal life. To this day, the islands are rich with untouched forests and an abundance of marine and bird life.

> Because New Zealand is in the Southern Auckland has over a million inhabitants and continues to grow rapidly. It is a culturally diverse city with shops, museums and marinas It is home to the famous Sky Tower. Yachting is very popular in New Zealand and Auckland claims to have more pleasure boats per capita than any city in the world. The 1999-2000 America's Cup Auckland ... race had its home base here in the Viaduct Basin. Manukau-

The tuatara is a living fossil, the last remaining species related to an order of reptiles called Rhynchocephalia that existed 220 million years ago. Tuataras live in burrows and eat mostly insects, particularly the

Hemisphere its seasons are opposite of what we have in North America - our winter is their summer. The climate is generally moist and temperate due to ocean winds and is prone to sudden change. It is coldest in July, ranging from 35°F (2°C) to 55°F (13°C), and is warmest in January and February, with temperatures from about 65°F (18°C) to 86°F (29°C). The tip of the North Island tends to be subtropical year-round, while the mountains of the South Island can reach almost subarctic temperatures. Tauranga

Rotorua North Island Mt. Taranaki ▲ Mt. Tongariro

> Mt. Ngaurance , Napier Hastings

Wellington

Wellington is the national capital in

The kiwi is

the national

bird of New

Zealand, This

flightless bird

uses its long

food and is

mostly noc-turnal. The

lived on the

islands for 70

million years.

thought to have

species is

beak to dig for

There

are four

of kiwi.

Pukeko

The manuka flower is prized by bees for its poller and nectar

**ACROSS** 

2 Only mammals native

to New Zealand

5 Reptile that lives in

large insects

to extinction

in the world

burrows and eats

6 This bird was hunted

Southernmost capital

8 New Zealand was the

first country to give women the right to ..

The yellow-eyed penguin is one of several penguins found in New Zealand.

Pohutukawa



The Huia is believed to be extinct. None has been observed since 1907. The Maori chiefs used the tail feathers for decoration.

#### Flora and fauna

There are only two mammals native to New Zealand and they are bats. The Maori and, later, the Europeans introduced rats, dogs, cats, pigs, goats, opossums, rabbits, weasels, ferrets and deer to the landscape, with disastrous effects on the original environment. The people of New Zealand are very aware of how rare and valuable their natural forests and animals are and they work very hard to conserve what they can.

The kea is a South Island parrot.

They are not afraid of humans and have an inquisitive. bold nature.

1 Flower prized by bees

3 Bold parrot that is not

4 Legendary Maori hero

6 This people settled in

7 One of the world's

largest insects

New Zealand around

afraid of people

for its pollen

700 A.D.

Tuatara

Test your knowledge

#### Just the facts

Capital city	Wellington		
Language	Maori and English  104,454 sq. miles (270,534  Highest: Mount Cook, 12,31 feet (3,754 m) above sea let Lowest: Sea level along the coast  3,930,000 (estimate)  New Zealand dollar apples, barley, beef, kiwi frui milk, onions, potatoes, lamb wheat, wool, forestry		
Area			
Elevation			
2002 population			
Monetary unit			
Agricultural products			
Manufactured goods	food products, footwear, clot		

machinery, beer, paper, textiles, wood products

#### In days gone by

The Maoris arrive in New Zealand from the Polynesian islands.



km)

Maori native

South Island Dunedin Invercargill

▲ Mt. Aspiring

The kowhal blooms in spring, with long yellow blossoms.

The flightless, nocturnal kakapo is the largest, heaviest and most endangered parrot on Earth. Only about 50 remain.

The moa was a giant flightless bird that grew up to 10 feet tall. By 1700, all 13 species of moa were extinct.

1300

The weta is one of the world's heaviest insects. It is a harmless, flightless cricket that can grow as large as an

Mt. Tapuaenuku

Christchurch



Found only on the coasts of New Zealand, the New Zealand fur seal has visible ears and two layers of fur.

1400-1500: The Maoris and colonists hunt the moa almost to extinction. It will be completely extinct by 1700.



sights New Zealand.

Abel Janszoon Tasman

2000: New

Zealand

wins the

Cup.

America's

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#### A.D. 100

1769: Captain James Cook explores the main islands, the first of three visits to New Zealand.

1840: Maori chiefs sign the Treaty of Waitangi, giving Britain sovereignty over New Zealand. This document continues to be controversial because the English version and the Maori version translate with different meanings.

#### 1860-1872:

1200

penguin

European settlers on the North Island fight the Maoris in the New Zealand Wars.

First New Zealand gold rush begins.

1893: New Zealand is the first country in the world to give women the right to vote.

becomes a dominion (selfgoverning body) within the British Empire.

New Zealand

1907:

1936-38: A social security program is established that includes health care for all citizens.

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