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Lawrence court sues designer of center

The Associated Press

LOUISA - The Lawrence County Fiscal Court has sued the architect who designed the county's \$2.2 million community center.

Construction workers discovered last month that the center was too Jarge for the land selectd for it. The local school board gave the county an extra 1,500-squarefoot parcel needed to complete the project.

The suit, filed in Lawrence County Circuit Court, claims that architect Randall Burchett of Prestonsburg failed to properly test the soil or determine whether the soil would support the building. He also failed to make timely inspections and to draw up proper plans, the suit said.

The county asked for a jury trial, monetary damages and attorney fees and costs.

Burchett could not be reached for comment Friday.

Lawrence County Judge-Executive Phillip Carter said the lawsuit will not affect construction of the center, which is proceeding but is several months behind schedule

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photos by Sheldon Compton

Locals gathered at the Blackcat

honor those who lost their lives

in the terrorist attacks on Sept.

11 two years ago. Inspirational

Mountain Arts Center performers just before an opening

prayer, which was followed by a presentation of the flag and

third of its kind. Locals began

the tradition on the evening of Sept. 13, 2001, two days after

more than 3,200 people lost

their lives in the attacks.

music was offered from

military guest speakers. Thursday's gathering was the

Stadium Thursday evening to

ping \$100,000 have been secured that

by SHELDON COMPTON

STAFF WRITER

included into the already exiting 260 acres that make up the Middle Creek Battlefield, state Sen. Johnny Ray

Battlefield receives \$100,000 grant

The \$100,000 land acquisition will

lizes federal dollars for historic perservation projects.

Turner said the historic battlefield is a "fine example" of Prestonsburg's

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hazing in that program, that a decision to appeal was not rational.

"If this is only an issue of whether or not someone can play football ... if the family has a legitimate claim, then there's just no sense in dragging it out," McGuire

(See CONTROVERSY, page three)

Board member alleges 'cover-up'

Board erupts over abuse case

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN - Fireworks erupted during the Floyd County Board of Education's meeting Thursday night - with one board member stating he would not participate in a "cover-up" - shortly after the board met behind closed doors to discuss litigation.

Upon their return to open session, to expend district funds to contest a cur-District I board member Earl M. "Mickey"

McGuire voiced his opposition to agreeing to any decision in support of continued litigation procedures, one in regard to an appeal and the other in regard to a decision the team following an investigation into

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rently pending lawsuit.

McGuire said of the one case, presumably one filed by two Prestonsburg High School football players suspended from

Agreement

reached on

tax rates

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN - The Floyd County school board unanimously voted to adopt a "compensating" property tax rate for the 2003-2004 tax year. The board had been deadlocked on the matter for the past several weeks.

Matt Wireman, board finance director, once again submitted his recommendation that the board accept a compensating tax rate of 60.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value, plus 0.5 cents, added in order to recover losses from prior year exonerations.

Before voting, McGuire requested that each of his fellow board members offer comments in regard to their vote. Afterwards, he chose to support the recommendation of accepting the compensating rate and thanked the other board members for supplying comments that helped him to make his decision.

(See TAX RATES, page three)

Hazing hearings remain closed

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - For the second time this week, a circuit court hearing in the case of two Prestonsburg High School football players who were suspended for the remainder of the season after an alleged hazing incident during the team's preseason football camp was closed to the media.

The two players, one of whom is a juvenile, were suspended by the school board following an investigation into the incident at the team's football camp in Blaine. Allegations surrounding that investigation were that underclassman players were photographed nude as a hazing ritual.

Thursday morning an initial hearing, which was closed to the media, was held in Circuit Judge Danny

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PRESTONSBURG - Funds top-Turner announced Friday. will see an additional 35 acres of land

be funded through a program that uti-

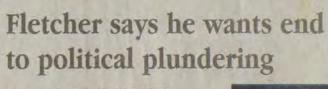




A look at the men who want

Last week: A look at the candidates'

This week: The candidates' backgrounds. Next week: On the campaign trail with the



by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Ernie Fletcher was approaching camp after a day of fishing with his family in the Alaskan wilderness when he first realized something was wrong.

The tent was flattened, backpacks ripped open, and garbage scattered across the ground in the Matanuska Valley. A marauding black bear had



helped himself to what food he could find and was clumsily sniffing for any overlooked morsels.

Fletcher, then an Air Force pilot stationed in Alaska, first tried to chase the bear away by yelling and banging a boat paddle against trees. When that failed, he fired a couple of shots into the air. The bear reluctantly gave up his smorgasbord and

(See FLETCHER, page three)

Chandler following grandfather's career path



Ben Chandler

FRANKFORT - The saying is like father like son.

In the case of Ben Chandler, however, it is more like the legacy of his famous grandfather, A.B. "Happy"

by JOE BIESK

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chandler, that he would fulfill if elected Kentucky's next governor. In fact, the late Happy Chandler, a former governor, senator and baseball

commissioner, discussed with friends years ago his political aspirations for his namesake grandson. A Woodford County Democrat, Ben Chandler is but one win

away from achieving the office for which he's spent much of his adult life preparing. "His grandfather dreamed of Ben being governor," said

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Odds and Ends

The Associated Press

HOUSTON - A former corrections officer at a boot camp has been ordered to scrub his way to redemption.

Manuel Vera was found guilty of misdemeanor official oppression for manhandling a probationer and plunging his head into a toilet. A judge ordered Vera to serve two years probation, pay a \$1,000 fine and spend 10 weekends scrubbing toilets at Harris County's boot

"It was an appropriate sentence," prosecutor Vic Wisner

Vera, 23, started working at the boot camp in March 2001 and resigned in December because he refused to undergo polygraph tests related to the accusations, Wisner said.

Vera's lawyer told jurors that probationers at the boot camp falsely accused his client after investigators threatened them with another stint in boot camp

if they didn't file complaints. Vera is appealing his convic-

OSHKOSH, Wis. -

Four men vying to claim a record for the longest continuous drum roll spent 12 hours wielding their sticks.

Patrick Flanigan, Namiah Tribolin and Mark Powers, all of Oshkosh, and Peter Buxman of St. Paul, Minn., started drumming at 8 a.m. in the New Moon Coffee Co. shop downtown and finished at 8 p.m.

They said the effort topped the mark of 9 hours, 11 minutes, I second listed in the Guinness Book of Records. That time was accomplished March 26 by 11 students at Maple Street School in Contoocook, N.H.

Arrangements were made to have five people witness the entire 12 hours, and to videotape

Each drummer drummed for 10 minutes at a time. A massage

therapist was present to keep the drummers hands and wrists in

The Guinness Book of Records still must verify the record before it can be listed.

■ WARREN, Pa. — A contractor preparing to take down a building began removing vinyl siding and ended up discovering what could be one of Warren County's oldest buildings.

"I never gave it much thought. ... I looked in a cubbyhole and spotted these logs. I thought, 'What have we got here?' I started to tinker around

worth something," said Ed Yaegle, who wants to build a house on the property.

While a deed search found the cabin on record as early as 1827, Rhonda Hoover, director of the Warren County Historical Society, said it could be even older because deeds before that time where recorded elsewhere.

Yaegle wants to donate the cabin to the city of Warren if the city will pay to move it. The city is looking into that possibility.

People from as far away as Arizona have expressed an interest in the 20-foot-by-30-

and I saw it was all logs. It's foot cabin, but Yaegle said he'd like to see it stay in the north-

western Pennsylvania county. Hoover said the caoin could be a tourist attraction.

■ ANCHORAGE — What might be the largest Pacific halibut ever documented was pulled from the Bering Sea off St. Paul Island by the crew of the fishing boat Miss Mary.

The 8-foot, 2-inch behemoth was estimated at 533 pounds based on its length, according to

(See ODDS, page three)

Appeals court upholds dismissal of 'priest abuse' lawsuit

by CHARLES WOLFE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - The Kentucky Court of Appeals on Friday upheld the dismissal of a onetime altar boy's lawsuit alleging that a Catholic priest in Lexington sexually abused him and that diocesan officials cov-

A three-judge panel split 2-1 in siding with a lower court ruling that Will L. McGinnis III waited too long to sue the Covington and Lexington dioce-

McGinnis claimed the Rev. Bill Fedders abused him in 1983 or 1984 at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington and that diocesan officials concealed information. Lexington was part of the Covington Diocese at the time.

McGinnis first discussed the allegation with then-Bishop J. Kendrick Williams and hired an attorney in 1993. He suggested a \$200,000 settlement in 1994, but the diocese offered only to pay for counseling, which McGinnis rejected in 1995. McGinnis sued, representing himself, in 2002.

Writing for the appeals court, Chief Judge Tom Emberton of Edmonton said lawsuits over child sexual abuse or assault usually must occur within five years of the crime or the victim's 18th birthday.

"McGinnis filed his action well beyond the time periods specified" in Kentucky law, Emberton's opinion said.

The last act of alleged abuse occurred in 1984, and McGinnis turned 18 in 1987. "At the time McGinnis filed his action he knew, or should have known, of the abuse as evidenced by his 1993 letters sent to Bishop Williams and the hiring of counsel," the opinion said.

Senior Judge John D. Miller of Owensboro joined in the opinion. The dissenter, Judge Wilfrid A. Schroder of Covington, said he would send the case back to Fayette Circuit Court to at least allow a hearing into whether diocesan officials knew of other abuse by Fedders and concealed it.

Also Friday, the appeals court upheld a disciplinary case in which the former police chief of Lawrenceburg was demoted to patrolman for incompetence and an accumulation of minor

(See APPEALS, page three)

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Sept. 14, the 257th day of 2003. There are 108 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner" after witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry in Maryland during the War of 1812.

On this date:

■ In 1847, U.S. forces under Gen. Winfield Scott took control of Mexico City.

In 1901, President McKinley died in Buffalo, N.Y., of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded

■ In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in Nice, France, when her scarf became entangled in a wheel of her sports car.

■ In 1940, Congress passed the Selective Service Act, providing for the first peacetime draft in U.S. history.

■ In 1948, a groundbreaking ceremony took place in New York at the site of the United Nations' world headquarters.

■ In 1959, the Soviet space probe Luna II became the first manmade object to reach the moon as it crashed onto the lunar surface.

■ In 1963, Mary Ann Fischer of Aberdeen, S.D., gave birth to four girls and a boy, the first surviving quintuplets in the United States.

■ In 1972, the family drama series "The Waltons" premiered on CBS.

■ In 1982, Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly actress Grace Kelly, died at age 52 of injuries from a car crash the day before.

In 1982, Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel was killed by a bomb.

Ten years ago:

Israel and Jordan signed a framework for negotiations, a day after the signing of a PLO-Israeli peace accord. British tourist Gary Colley was shot and killed, his female companion wounded, at a highway rest stop in Florida. Two suspects later received life sentences; two oth-

ers received lesser sentences.

Five years ago: President Clinton, struggling to regain his footing from the Monica Lewinsky scandal,

pledged during a speech in New York to work with America's allies to deal with the "biggest financial challenge facing the world in a half-century."

One year ago:

President Bush said the United States was willing to take Iraq on alone if the United Nations failed to "show some backbone" by confronting Saddam Hussein.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Zoe Caldwell is 70. Actor Harve Presnell is 70. Feminist author Kate Millett is 69. Actor Walter Koenig is 67. Actor Nicol Williamson is 65. Singer-actress Joey Heatherton is 59. Actor Sam Neill is 56. Singer Jon "Bowser" Bauman (Sha Na Na) is 56. Singer Barry Cowsill is 49. Rock musician Steve Berlin (Los Lobos) is 48. Country singer-songwriter Beth Nielsen Chapman is 47. Actor Joe Penny is 47. Actress Mary Crosby is 44. Singer Morten Harket (a-ha) is 44. Country singer John Berry is 44. Actress Faith Ford is 39. Actor Dan Cortese is 35. Rock musician Craig Montoya (Everclear) is 33. Actress Kimberly Williams-Paisley is 32. Rapper Nas is 30. Actor Adam Lamberg is 19.

Thought for Today: 'Keep your mouth shut, your

eyes open." - Japanese proverb.



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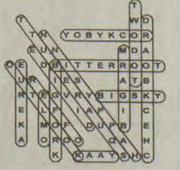
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Fletcher

disappeared into the woods.

Some 25 years later, Fletcher said he can't help but see some similarities between that confrontation and the one he's involved in now as the Republican nominee for Kentucky governor.

Liberal politicians, Fletcher says, have plundered Frankfort and need to be sent packing.

"They've spoiled the camp," he said. "They want to keep coming back, but you eventually have to run them off."

Fletcher, 50, a physician turned politician, is touted as the GOP's best hope in decades of reclaiming the governor's office. The last Republican governor was Louie Nunn, who served from 1967-71. Democrats have won every race since.

"We've had a bear in the camp

for a long time," said Stan Cave, a Lexington attorney who served with Fletcher in the state legislature in 1994. "It's going to take some doing to get the mess cleaned up, and it's going to take somebody from the outside to do

Cave, a longtime friend, said he saw Fletcher's interest in politics grow in the wake of Boptrop, the federal code name of an undercover investigation in the early 1990s that sent a long list of legislators to prison for bribery and influence peddling.

Cave said Fletcher, then a physician and a Baptist preacher, entered politics because he felt people of integrity should be seeking office. He ran for a seat in the state legislature in 1994. He won the race, but was gerrymandered

out in a legislative redistricting.

The Democrats drew new boundary lines that put Fletcher in the same district as Cave. The two decided that Cave should keep the legislative seat and that Fletcher would run for Congress, a race that he won on his second attempt.

"He turned a lemon into lemonade," Cave said. "One term in the legislature, redistricted out, then became a congressman. It's not just politics to him. It's about values which have been demonstratively missing in the state capital for the past several years."

Fletcher was born in Mount Sterling and grew up in Lexington, the son of conservative Republican parents who made him go to church every Sunday. When he saw Neil Armstrong step on the moon, a wide-eyed 17-year-old became enamored with the idea of becoming an astronaut.

After he graduated from the University of Kentucky with a mechanical engineering degree in 1974, Fletcher became a fighter pilot in the Air Force, a first step toward his ultimate goal of going into space. Based in Alaska, his job was to intercept Soviet jets that tested U.S. defenses during the Cold War. But amid military cutbacks during the Carter Administration, Fletcher left the

Air Force, returned to Lexington, enrolled in the UK medical school, graduated in 1984, and became a family practice physician.

Fletcher was ordained and served as a pastor at a Baptist church in Lexington from 1989 to 1994. It was during that time that his interest in conservative politics grew, and he began supporting candidates who shared his conservative fiscal and social views.

Fletcher contends that Kentuckians are overtaxed by a state government that spends too much and that could be run more efficiently by eliminating waste and fraud. As a congressman, he has supported President Bush's tax relief plan.

On major social issues, Fletcher opposes abortion and holds to the traditional definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman, not same-sex couples

His voting record during three terms in Congress has been consistently conservative. He voted to allow states to decide whether to post the Ten Commandments in state buildings and schools, supported a bill to make it a crime to transport a minor across state lines for an abortion to evade parental-consent laws, and voted in favor of amending the Constitution to pro-

hibit the desecration of the American flag.

"I remember a statement he made years ago that if good people don't get into politics, we won't have good politicians," said his

brother, Harold Fletcher.

Harold Fletcher said his brother not only has the right ideas to be a good politician but also has the

work ethic to get them implement-

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As boys, the brothers had a paper route in Lexington. Harold Fletcher said he saw his brother's dedication one wintery day, temperatures below freezing and snow covering the streets. Harold

(See FLETCHER, page five)

Battlefield

heritage.

"The Battle of Middle Creek changed the course of the Civil War," Turner said in a statement Friday. "The acquisition of this historic land is a great way for our community and the state to perserve its legacy."

The additional acreage brings the total land mass of the landmark to a little over 295 acres.

With more funding and expansion, priorities now move ahead to further perservation of the battlefield, said Frank Fitzpatrick, president and founder of Middle Creek National Battlefield Foundation Inc., a nonprofit organization that owns the land.

"The preservation of this land is extremely important for Eastern Kentucky and will hopefully bring more tourism to the area," Fitzpatrick said. "Tourists visiting



the Mountain Arts Center or Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, coupled with a visit to the battlefield, will encourage visitors to spend more time in the area and learn of our Civil War history."

The battlefield can also serve as an outdoor classroom, giving local and state educators a chance to "bring history to life" for their students, Fitzpatrick said.

The 1862 Battle of Middle Creek, also known as the battle that launched a presidency, pitted a then unknown college professor, James A. Garfield, from northern Ohio, and his volunteer regiment against a Confederate stronghold on the ridges overlooking the forks of Middle Creek, two miles west of Prestonsburg. Garfield successfully defeated the Confederates in that battle and went on to become the country's 20th president in 1881.

The battlefield will be open this fall to visitors, weather permitting.

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Some of those comments included noting that the Floyd County school district has managed to make significant strides in the past few years, to the point that state management has been ousted from the board table, and that the district currently has several large-scale projects in the making — projects that will require significant funding dollars

The members were in agreement that the district should continue to make steps forward, not ■ Continued from p1 backward.

"We have come this far," said board member Jeff Stumbo. "We need to give the taxpayers of Floyd County all we can for their children and for their money."

A proposal by Stumbo to amend the policy by adding a provision that would allow the board to form a panel composed of two board members, the superintendent and the finance director, with the express purpose of examining the budget for possible ways to trim costs and to most effectively provide for the use of district funds, was also supported.

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Hearings

P. Caudill's chambers. Caudill informed the media at that time that, because the case involved a juvenile, that the hearing was closed.

Later Thursday evening, the Floyd County Board of Education held a special-called meeting and retired to closed session, presumably to discuss the

When the board returned, District I representative Mickey McGuire chided his fellow members for agreeing to file an appeal, saying the board should not have spent the money to do so.

Reports were that shortly after the two players were suspended, plans to file an appeal to Fanning's decision were likely.

Floyd Schools Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning, along with board attorney Mike Schmitt and assistant attorney Jonathan Shaw, were in circuit court again Friday morning for a second hearing

Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf and attorney John Earl Hunt appeared for Friday's hearing on behalf of the football ■ Continued from pt players. Pillersdorf said he had

been hired the night before.

After a 30-minute break to tend to other cases, Judge Caudill called both parties into his chambers, but stopped the media.

Members of the media requested to sit in on the hearing, but were told that because a juvenile was involved, they could not.

"Because I don't think you should be here," Caudill said, responding to questions as to why a hearing in a civil case would be closed to the public and why a juvenile case wouldn't be heard in juvenile court. "And because there is a juvenile involved. Also the case involves matters I don't think should be open to public scrutiny."

When pressed, Caudill advised members of the media to return with counsel with further requests and that he would "deal with them".

The players had reportedly been seeking a temporary injunction that would enable them to participate in games until further court proceedings produced a ruling.



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Odds

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crewman Barry Davis of Anchorage. He provided photographs of the fish taken aboard the long liner skippered by his brother, Pat, from Seattle.

No official records are kept on the size of commercially caught halibut in Alaska, but the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Wildlife Notebook Series says the "largest ever recorded for the Northern Pacific was a 495-pound fish caught near Petersburg."

The International Pacific Halibut Commission, which manages halibut in the North Pacific, pegs the largest fish at an estimated 500 pounds.

The fish caught on Sept. 5 was two inches longer, at 98 inches. It outweighs by almost

75 pounds the sport-fishing record, set by Jack Tragis of Fairbanks near Dutch Harbor in 1996. That halibut tipped the scales at 459 pounds.

The Alaska Fisheries Science Center of the National Marine Fisheries Service claims halibut grow to more than 600 pounds but there is no evidence of anyone ever having seen such a fish in the Pacific. In the Atlantic there are reports of 9-foot-long flatfish weighing 700 pounds.

The fish was eventually delivered to a processor, or most of it was delivered.

"We're going to get the tail mounted," Davis said. The tail alone measures 24 1/2 inches across.

Appeals

infractions.

Jimmie Lee Hawkins, who had been hired as a police officer in 1982 and elevated to chief in 1999, sued the city and Mayor Gary Chilton for "wrongful discharge," among other things, in

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Hawkins tried and failed to stop a disciplinary hearing before the City Council, which demoted him and suspended him without pay for six months. The Anderson Circuit Court upheld the council.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

The sad reality of college sports

When it comes to student athletes at the state's two largest universities, A's, B's or even C's have never been the highest priority — not for the fans, and not for the administrations.

The two letters that matter the most are W's and L's wins and losses.

That sad but true reality is evident with the near hysteria that follows every UK or UofL win and near depression with every loss. It's evident in the fact that the two schools pay their athletics directors and basketball coaches obscene salaries, particularly in comparison to what professors, or even university presidents earn.

And it's evident in looking at graduation rates, which show the schools care a great deal about getting athletes on campus and not so much if they ever leave with a degree.

A report released recently by the NCAA showed that 62 percent of all student athletes who entered college in 1996 graduated - compared with 59 percent of overall student populations. That rate is an all-time high for Division I universities.

The universities of Kentucky and Louisville, however, aren't keeping pace. Each school had a graduation rate of 48 percent. At least UofL can say its athletes graduate at a higher rate than the rest of its student population, which is 32 percent. UK, on the other hand, has a graduation rate for athletes that is 8 points lower than the overall student

The numbers are even more disturbing in basketball and football, the two highest-profile and biggest revenue-generating sports. No basketball player who entered either university in the 1995-96 class graduated, while the national average was 44 percent.

For the freshman football class of 1996, only 24 percent graduated at UK, and 35 percent at UofL, with the national average being 54 percent.

Sadly, Morehead State and Murray State universities did only slightly better, and Eastern Kentucky University graduated only 40 percent of its athletes.

Perhaps the rest of the state should look to Bowling Green for an example of how to do things right. WKU was the lone bright spot, equaling the national graduation rate of 62 percent. President Gary Ransdell and the rest of WKU's leadership continue to be a pacesetter, whether it be in fund raising, growing enrollments, or in this case, showing that athletes can and should be successful both on and off the

It goes without saying how important the annual UK-UofL football and basketball games are to people throughout the commonwealth. The games, it's said, make one team's season and breaks the other's. But the only real make-or-break scenario comes from the fact that more than half those who take the field will never graduate unless these statistics improve.

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MEANWHILE, BACK IN AFGHANISTAN ...





−Jim Davidson

Out of the mouths of babes

The other day I heard a cute story that gave me a good chuckle. Perhaps it will you, as well.

It seems a Sunday school teacher was talking with his young pupils about how to get to Heaven. He asked the question, "If I sold my home and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into

"No!" the children all answered. Then he said, "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again the answer was, "No!" "Well then, if I was kind to animals

and gave candy to all the children and loved my wife, would that get me into

Again, they all answered, "No!" "Well," he continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A 5-year old boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead!"

Make no mistake, kids have a way of cutting to the chase. If we will just take

the time to observe and listen, kids can Here is a wonderful true-to-life illus-

tration of what I am saying. It seems a frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law and his 4-year-old grandson. He trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his steps faltered. The family ate together at the table, but the elder-

ly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon and onto the floor. When he grasped the glass. milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about

Grandfather," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating and food on the floor."

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled

The 4-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?"

Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I

> The four-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for

some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

Here is a clear-cut case where Out of the mouth of a babe came words that

made a difference in this family's life. My friend, regardless of your age, if that does not touch you, you are pretty insensitive. I am grateful to David Hankins, my 86-year-old friend who shared this with me. Fortunately, he has a wonderful family to take care of him,

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uest column

Space travel isn't worth it

by DONALD KAUL

That was a brutal report by the board investigating the Columbia shuttle disaster. It charged that our space agency virtually ignored warnings that the pieces of foam that kept breaking away and banging into the shuttles on liftoff just might be causing ruinous damage, damage that did, in fact, cause the Columbia to disintegrate on re-entry, killing its seven-person crew.

The overall conclusion was that NASA had learned little or nothing from its previous cataclysmic disaster - the Challenger explosion of 1986 - and that the organization still clung to the same arrogant, "keep-it-flying" approach that 17 years before had caused it to disregard the significance of the O-ring flaws that eventually led to the loss of that shuttle and its seven crew members.

Unless NASA repairs its "broken safety culture," said the report, the Columbia and Challenger disasters will be repeated.

Our President, George (Top Son) Bush, was quick to respond. "Our journey into space will go on," he said. "The work of the crew of the Columbia and the heroic explorers who traveled before them will continue."

That's good news. Almost nothing President Bush promises comes to pass, maybe this won't either.

I find myself in agreement with Professor Bruce Murray, a geophysicist at Caltech and former director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, who told the New York Times: "The problem is, the program is worthless. It doesn't involve anything worth dying for.'

Amen, brother. The shuttle is a gaudy gimerack in the nation's space program but the science performed on shuttle flights tends either to be negligible or easily adapted to unmanned flights.

That, unfortunately, is not the prevailing opinion in Washington. Not even the investigating board, as critical as it was, was willing to write off the shuttle program entirely.

"None of us has come to the conclusion that it is not worth the risk and not worth the money," said board member Prof. John Logsdon, director of the Space Policy Institute at George Washington University. That's what it comes down to - money. The chairman of the investigating board, Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr., said that the

time has come for an honest debate on the future of human space exploration. "Are you willing to resource that vision?" he asked. "Because this stuff is not cheap."

Our weathervane politicians, of course, have planted themselves firmly on both sides of the issue.

"I prefer to continue manned space flight," said Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, Republican chairman of the House

> Science Committee, "but not at any price and not at any risk." It's not as though we don't have enough things to spend our money on, after all. Our president has committed us to the occupation and rebuilding of Iraq, a task that is costing us \$4 billion-amonth and which critics say is

not enough We have similar plans for Afghanistan, a bargain at \$1

billion-a-month, but since the Taliban seems to be coming back there, that may not be enough either.

Closer to home, our power grid is badly in need of rebuilding and who knows how much that's going to cost? I won't even mention our decaying roads, bridges and water systems. Help for the poor and elderly in buying prescription drugs? Everybody's for that, although everybody has a different idea how to go about it, none of which comes cheap.

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Faith Extra

THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES

* Era of the uneducated, country preacher fading

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

PINEVILLE - Jim Norman wasn't always the articulate wordsmith who now shines as a Southern Baptist pastor.

Not so long ago, Norman was just another high school dropout from Appalachia who had gone on to earn a living for his wife and children.

By his own admission, the 37-year-old carpet installer was unable to match subjects and verbs in simple sentences. He stumbled clumsily over many of the words in his Bible.

So when he began sensing God's call to ministry, Norman felt he had to go to school.

"I needed an education," he said. "I needed to be able to communicate, to relate to people. I needed to be able to understand the Bible, to interpret Scripture correctly.'

Like Norman, a growing number of country preachers across Appalachia are opting for higher education, despite a pervasive mountain belief that those whom God calls to ministry should not seek a formal theological education.

Norman said some friends in his mountain community suggested he attend Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, a small school outside Pineville that trains ministers for rural churches. Others, he said, warned that preachers who go to school are showing a lack of faith in God's ability to equip ministers for ser-

He wasn't the first young preacher to encounter such opposing views.

"There has been a mind-set that preachers get in the pulpit and God will fill their mouths with the right words," said Cathie Canary, an administrator at Appalachian Bible College in Bradley, W.Va. "Our response to that is: Would you go to a doctor who has not been educated and expect he'll just know where to cut you open?"

Enrollment in existing Bible hools is rising and new schools are sprouting up to help meet the demand, said Randall Bell, associate director of the

Controversy

McGuire cast a lone "no" vote

In regard to another legal issue,

in regard to the decision to appeal.

However, a 4-1 vote supported the

McGuire said that he "strongly"

opposed any decision not made in

the interest of "protecting" Floyd

and physical abuse in this case are

horrendous," he said, said during

the meeting, presumably speaking

of a lawsuit filed against the board

last week by parents alleging phys-

ical and verbal abuse by a May

Valley Elementary teacher's aide.

"We need to be protecting our stu-

dents ... I think it's nothing more

than a cover-up to hire an attorney

to represent people who may be

guilty. It is a poor expenditure of

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a can and get down to the truth of

chair Carol Stumbo in regard to

possible violations and repercus-

sions that could come about from

openly discussing matters that

were previously discussed in

"What we should do," he con-

Amid cautions from board

school money.'

what really happened."

"The allegations of emotional

County students from "abuse."

"There has been a mind-set that preachers get in the pulpit and God will fill their mouths with the right words,"

- Cathie Canary, an administrator at Appalachian Bible College in Bradley, W.Va.

Accrediting Association for Bible Colleges in Orlando, Fla.

Bell said his agency accredits 110 such schools - up from 50 in 1973 — with total enrollment of about 36,000 students. He said some 1,200 other Bible colleges, most of which are unaccredited, serve an additional 36,000 students.

With 300 students, Appalachian Bible College, which was established in 1950, has doubled in enrollment in the past 20 years. Enrollment at

Clear Creek Baptist Bible believe in educating ministers. College has grown from 135 to 205 over the past 10 years.

Those schools, along with the Kentucky Mountain Bible College at Vancleve, are turning out about 100 new graduates a year, most of which are serving in central Appalachia:

"This area has been known for strong feelings against educated ministers," said Bill Whittaker, president of the Clear Creek school. "We still have churches in our area who do not But we don't run into that as much anymore."

Charles Lippy, a religion professor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, said Bible colleges were popularized by church leaders who were suspicious of the religious doctrines taught at traditional colleges and seminaries.

"It's not an opposition to education," Lippy said. "It's an opposition to the wrong kind of education. There was a belief

that seminaries were infected by liberal thought."

Hiram Adkins, a soft-spoken Old Regular Baptist pastor from Pikeville, said his objection goes beyond that. He said preachers who go to school simply don't have the faith to trust God to prepare them for min-

Adkins, 72, said he has never stepped into the pulpit with a prepared sermon in his 46 years as a minister.

"I have found for me to try to study up a message just don't work," he said. "I just turn my heart over to the Lord."

Adkins, one of staunchest holdouts on the education issue, said only people who are truly called by God can do that.

"We believe in a divine call-

ing," he said. "A lot of times when you get into school, you have to take somebody's theory or you won't graduate. That's the problem."

Adkins concedes, however, that the number of people who share his view is shrinking.

"There still are some people who have what I believe to be the mistaken notion that there is incompatibility between academic excellence and spiritual zeal," Bell said. "They're fearful that much learning would diminish spiritual fervor."

However, Bell said educational levels of the general population, and therefore congregations, have increased to the point that preachers also must be educated to effectively minister the gospel.

"If you're going to minister to an educated congregation, you must be educated so that you hold their respect," Bell

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Chandler

Fontaine Banks, a longtime political adversary and friend of the late governor. "Gov. Chandler and I did not ever talk about the Senate for Ben. It was always governor."

Ben Chandler, 43, has spent more than a decade in public office, building on his family name and political pedigree. He's served as state auditor, and is finishing his second term as the state's attorney general.

On the campaign trail, Chandler rarely fails to mention his ties to his famous grandfather who served as commissioner of baseball, U.S. Senator and

His grandfather's legacy has been part of what has brought people like Banks to rally around him in his bid for governor. By spending his days working for Chandler's campaign, Banks says he's making good on a promise he made to his grand-

Around the time Ben Chandler started his run for auditor, Banks spoke with the late governor for the last time. It's one of his more lasting memories of him, Banks said.

The two were at a gathering in Lexington when "Happy" Chandler called him over.

"He said, 'Will you watch out

closed session, McGuire said, "I

don't care. I think more should be

said. If children are being hurt, we

ought to be protecting them ... I

think this is nothing more than a

matter of 'defend the lawsuit.' I

will not participate in a cover-up of

district at risk with your com-

ments," said Stumbo, who further

maintained that the allegations of

officials had not uncovered any

substantial evidence showing that

the alleged abuse had not, in fact,

occurred "because the people at

that school are scared to death to

of what really happened,"

"We need to get to the bottom

According to documents filed

with the lawsuit, the state Cabinet

for Families and Children in its

own investigation of the allega-

tions found evidence to support the

claims of abuse, and ruled the

McGuire's fellow board mem-

bers voted, again 4-1, to support

further litigation in the matter.

claims "substantiated".

McGuire attested that board

"Mr. McGuire, you place this

the abuse of children."

abuse were unfounded.

say anything."

McGuire said.

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for and help my grandson?' And I said, 'I'll do it," Banks recalls proudly. "He looked at me real straight and said, 'Will you do it?' And I said, 'Governor, I will do it."

Ben Chandler's name has also worked against him at

When they first met at the University of Kentucky, Chandler's wife, Jennifer, said it was difficult for her to look past her husband's family name.

One of her roommates introduced them, but as Jennifer Chandler says, "It didn't take.

"I remember looking at him and thinking, 'Oh, Happy Chandler's grandson,' he's probably got an attitude," she said.

Even though she saw his sense of humor when he wore an asparagus costume - "green tights and all" - to a Halloween party. Jennifer says at first she didn't give him a chance.

"I was completely wrong,"

Friends and family say Ben Chandler is more than just Happy's grandson. Over the years he's carved his own reputation, they say, as an independent public figure bent on improving Kentucky.

As attorney general, he sought indictments against members of his own party, most recently against members of the sitting governor's staff.

"He's got his own record to run on, and he doesn't have to use his granddaddy's coattails," Ben's father, Ben Chandler II,

Still, Chandler's father said he never expected his son to get into politics. He always thought his son, an avid baseball fan with two fantasy teams, would work in professional baseball.

Perhaps it's a mother's intuition, or just plain mother's love.

Either way, Lucie "Toss" Dunlap Chandler, said she always thought her son would 'do something that mattered." Being exposed to behind-the-

scenes politics as part of the Chandler family helped him get to where he is, she said.

"He's going to do good things," she said. "I always knew he would."

Seeing different well-known faces filter in and out of his grandfather's home may have helped spark young Ben's desire for public service. But it was during his time abroad, working for a member of the British Parliament, where a young Chandler got a firsthand taste of politics, Ben Chandler said.

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"It just fascinated me. I saw first hand, really for the first time in my life as a participant, what you could accomplish," the gubernatorial candidate said.

A history buff - he majored in it in college — Chandler lives with his wife and three children on land that's been in his mother's family nearly as long as Kentucky's been a state. Supporters say it's his love for history, combined with his family's place in Kentucky that will help him lead the state out of economic doldrums.

Former Gov. Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt first met Chandler in Washington when, as an intern at a law firm, Chandler stopped by Breathitt's office for a surprise history lesson. Chandler wanted an account of the 1963 Democratic gubernatorial primary in which Breathitt defeated his grandfather for the nomination.

"He said, 'I love history and I love the political history of Kentucky," Breathitt said. "It was obvious that he didn't come in with a chip on his shoulder, he just really wanted to hear it."

Before being elected state auditor. Chandler was an attorney at a small law firm, headed by Hank Graddy.

Graddy, a member of the same church as Chandler, said Chandler's knowledge of history helps him make decisions.

"He uses the history of good decisions and bad decisions made in the past to help decide what are the right decisions today," Graddy said. "That to me is an asset."

David MacKnight, a deputy attorney general, has been Chandler's friend since law school, and has worked with him since he became state auditor. During that time, MacKnight says. Chandler has shown he wants to do what's best for the

"Ben is independent, and he is not hesitant to speak out in support of what he believes is the right course of action," MacKnight said. "Even if it is not popular among the other powerful interests in Frankfort."

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Fletcher

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Fletcher said his brother was late getting home from the route, and he went looking for him.

There he was, trudging through a deep snow, his numbed hands and cheeks glowing red with cold. He refused to go home before he delivered to the last few homes. That is the kind of commitment Ernie Fletcher brings to public office, his brother said.

"He was bound and determined to finish that route," Harold Fletcher said. "He was nearly frozen, but he finished it. He just wouldn't quit until he was done."

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Belle Adkins, 92, of Hephzibah, Georgia, formerly of Langley, died Tuesday, September 9, at the Youngs Personal Care Home, Hephzibah, Georgia. Graveside services were conducted Friday, September 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Elder Jack Akers, 64, of McDowell, died Friday, September 5, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Mary J. Adams Akers. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gustava Dean Alley, 85, of Trenton, Michigan, formerly of Grethel, died Friday, August 29, in Applewood Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Glenna Brown, 60, of Garrett, died Thursday, September 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Thomas Cecil Jr., of Harold, died Wednesday, September 10, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Magdaleen Hunt Cecil. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 12, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Damon Chaffins, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, September 10, at the Riverview Care Health Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Jan McKinney Chaffins. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mary Belle Childers, 70, of Banner, died Friday, September 5, at her residence. Funeral ser-

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Dan Anderson, president of

Appalachian Bible College, said

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less and less of a factor as time

the Clear Creek school who

served as pastor of the 3,000-

member Binghamtown Baptist

Church in Middlesboro until his

retirement, said he has always

stayed clear of the argument

over whether preachers should

"You're going to get educat-

Then there's the Star Wars

missile defense program, which

the Republicans insist on build-

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lions on to our bill; all of this on

top of a federal deficit that the

Congressional Budget Office says will be \$480 billion next

year and every year thereafter

for the foreseeable future, unless

it's higher. But our President

tells us we're not to worry; we'll

pay for it all with a tax cut for

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Ralph Neil Clark, 62, of Sugar Land, Texas, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, September 6. Graveside services were held Tuesday, September 9. under the direction of Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home.

Bobby Joe Click, 66, of Martin, died Friday, September 5, in Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. He is survived by his wife, Pina Bowling Click. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 8, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Burns Conley, 82, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, a native of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, September 7, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Faye Maynard Conley. Graveside funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 9, under the direction of Young Funeral

Donald Ray Goble, 74, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, died Tuesday, September 9. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 13, under the direction of Eisnaugle-Lewis Funeral Home, Jackson, Ohio.

James Lewis (Jimbo) Griffith, 61, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, September 8, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Joyce Bradley Griffith. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Georgie Hamilton, 85, of died Monday, Melvin. September 8, at his daughter's residence at (Abner Mountain), Melvin. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

"You're going to learn from

somebody, whether it's in a

school or from someone individ-

pastor of McKinney Baptist

Church in Lincoln County, said

he resisted God's call to become

a minister, primarily because of

his lack of education. When he

first went to the Clear Creek

school, he said his language

skills were so poor that he

flunked his first English gram-

with the gospel," he said. "Without that education, I

would not be able to minister to

everyone. To me, if God calls

you, you need to be at your

any case, I think we ought to

forget about space travel for

now. We should try to find intel-

ligent life on earth before we

start looking for it in rest of the

Donald Kaul, recently retired

as Washington columnist for the

Des Moines Register. He has

covered the foolishness in our

Nation's capital for 29 years,

winning a number of modestly

coveted awards along the way.

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"The goal is to reach people

mar course.

universe.

Norman, who now serves as

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Anna Belle Collins Howell, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, September 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, John Scott Howell. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 11, under the direction of Carter Funeral

Samuel Jarrell, 76, of West Portsmouth, Ohio, native of Dana, died Friday, August 29, at Southern Ohio Medical Center. Services were 11 a.m., Tuesday, September 2, under the direction of Don Wolfe Funeral Home in Sciotoville.

Dr. Walker Porter Mayo Jr., a native of Prestonsburg, died. He is survived by his wife, Helen Pat Mayo. Services were Thursday at W.R. Milward Mortuary-Broadway. A committal service followed Thursday, at the Mayo Family Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

Johnnie Mullins, 86, of Hueysville, died Thursday, September 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Vanessa Marie Newsome, of McDowell, infant daughter of Rudolph (Boochy) Newsome and Wendi M. Slone, died Tuesday, September 2, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Loyd "Claude" Shepherd, 75, of Kendallville, Indiana, a native of Hueysville, died on Sunday, September 7, at the Cameron Hospital in Angola. He is survived by his wife, Vada F. Edwards Shepherd. Funeral serconducted vices were Wednesday, September 10, at 1 p.m., at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, under the direction of Funeral Home. Kendallville, Indiana.

Knott County

Dean Jacobs, 44, of Pippa Passes, died Monday, September at the Baptist Hospital. Northeast at La Grange, Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Leada Meade, 57, of Mallie, died Wednesday, September 3, at Appalachian Whitesburg Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Pike County

Geder Barnett, 79, of Zebulon died Friday, Highway, September 5, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mae Maynard Barnett. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 7, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Ireson Leo Blankenship, 60, of Stopover, died Wednesday, September 10, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Ernest Chatman, 73, of Thursday, Phelps, died September 11, at Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

George Dotson, 69, of Ransom, died Friday, September 5, at South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Dotson. Funeral services conducted Monday, September 8, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Truby Holland, 80, of Regina, died Tuesday, September 9, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 13, under the direction of Bailey Funeral

Herbert Dale Hunter, 45, of Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida. Pikeville, died Wednesday, September 10, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Collins Stapleton Hunter. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 13, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Ada T. Johnson, 81, of Somerset, a native of Pike County, died Wednesday, September 3, at the Sunrise Manor Nursing Home, Somerset. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, September 6, under the direction of Lange and New Brothers Funeral Home.

Marilyn Keene, 66, of Cowpen, died Fiday, September 5, at Samaritan Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Keene. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 8, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Curtis Eugene "Gene" Little, 74, of Hellier, died Saturday, September 6, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, He is survived by his wife, Fayetta Blair Little. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 9, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Florine Little, 79, of Leesburg. Florida, formerly of Pikeville, died Thursday, September 4, at the We Care Nursing Center in Wildwood, Florida, Private funeral services were held at the Florida National

Obituaries

Marie Crider Goble

Prestonsburg, passed away,

Thursday, September 11, 2003, at

the Prestonsburg Health Care

Center following an extended ill-

She was born December 25,

1916, at Edgar, a daughter of the

late Bill and Laura (Harris) Crider.

Woodman Crider, and later to Ted

Goble; both preceded her in death.

having worked for Jenny Wiley

Lodge in Prestonsburg, and was a

member of the Brandy Keg

She is survived by two sons,

William J. Crider and Charles A.

Crider, both of Prestonsburg; one

daughter, Joann Livingston, of

Prestonsburg; one sister, Mrs.

Willie Cooley of Auxier; nine

grandchildren and 16 great-grand-

ducted Sunday, September 14, at

2 p.m., from the Burke Funeral

Home in Prestonsburg, with Rev.

Burial will be in the Crider

Visitation is at the funeral

All arrangements are under the

direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Birkey Lewis officiating.

Family Cemetery at Auxier.

Funeral services will be con-

Freewill Baptist Church.

She was employed as a cook,

She was twice married, first to

Marie Crider Goble, age 86, of

Arrangements were under direction of Page-Theus Funeral Home. Margaret (Love) Cather

Moore, 77, of Belfry, died Friday, September 5, at Logan General Hospital, Logan, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 8, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Lucille Damron Mullins, 64, of Phyllis, died Monday, September 8. at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Bruce Mullins. Funeral services were conductd Saturday, September 13, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

June Ratliff, 85, of Little Creek, died Wednesday, September 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 14, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral

Florene Ferrell Robinett, 89, of Stopover, died Wednesday, September 10, at Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 14, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Woodford Woody Estep, 90, of Volga, died Sunday. September 7, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 10, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Dixie Daniel Grim, 85. of River, died Thursday, September 4, at Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 7. under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

James Richard "Jim" Preston. 74, of Paintsville, died Friday, August 30, at Highland Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Marda Joann Kirk Preston. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 2, under the direction of JonesPreston Funeral Home.

Kenneth Alton Schroyer, 95, of Paintsville, died Sunday, August 31, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Dixon Schroyer. Funeral services were Wednesday, conducted September 3, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Virgil Vanhoose, 59, of Thealka, died Wednesday, September 3, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Glendora Clouse Vanhoose. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Lydia Walters, 92, of Boons Camp, died Monday, September 8, at Salversville, Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 11, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Ethel Mae Power Flint, 91, of Catlettsburg, formerly of Salyersville, died Wednesday, September 3, at Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 6, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral

Lawrence County

Franklin D. Crum, 70, of Louisa, died Saturday, September 6, at his residence. Graveside funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 9, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

John Curtis Pigmon, 73, of Louisa, died Sunday, September 7, at Three Rivers Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Billie A. Maddy Pigmon. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 10, under the direction of Young Funeral

Mertie Ferguson West, 93, of Louisa, died Sunday, September 7, at her residence. Funeral serwere conducted Wednesday, September 10, under the direction of Wilson Funeral

"Come Walk With Us"

Davidson

along with his wife, Hazel.

As I write this, Hazel is in the hospital suffering from a broken neck she suffered from a fall in their apartment and David must have dialysis, three times each week to prolong his

In these days when people in our country are living much longer, it would be wise for each of us to access our situation with regards to our parents, grandparents and other loved ones and do

our best to assist them in meeting their needs. In the case of the grandfather in the story, his physical needs were being met, but what he also needed was understanding, love and com-

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passion. If we live long enough, we will all be there.

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photo by Steve LeMaster The Betsy Layne running game had its bright spots against the Magoffin County defense.

H.S. FOOTBALL

Magoffin Co. 30, Betsy Layne 12 Magoffin County 16-0 early on

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - The firstquarter scoring was enough to put Betsy Layne's second victory of the season out of reach Friday night when the Magoffin County Hornets paid a visit to the Bobcats. Betsy Layne trailed

and couldn't make up enough ground. In the end, the Hornets left Floyd County with a 30-12 triumph and win No. 3 of the season.

Betsy Layne (1-3) came into Friday night's matchup with a 1-2 record after back-to-back losses to Jenkins and Phelps. Magoffin

County was on a slightly different turn after holding off visiting Allen Central, another Floyd County team, the week before in the Founders Bowl.

Betsy Layne's problems of late on both sides of the football continued Friday against

(See FOOTBALL, page three)

PROFILE

Ky. lineman can entertain on the stage or field

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Whether it's returning from a scary injury or singing in front of his Kentucky teammates, offensive tackle



Antonio Hall

Antonio Hall knows how to put on a show.

"It's good to be versatile," Hall said, a comment that refers to his playing abilities but also

could apply to his non-football interests. Hall is equally comfortable on the field, where he'll make his 37th straight start at right tackle on Saturday when the Wildcats visit Alabama, or on stage, where

the senior music major from

Canton, Ohio, plays the piano or

H.S. FOOTBALL

Little one of state's leading rushers

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

When state high school football statistics were released by the Kentucky High School Athletic



Brandon Little

Association Thursday, one player from Floyd County ranked among the top rushers in the state. South

Floyd senior running back

Brandon Little ranked 15th in the state with 458 yards in three games prior to he and his team's Friday night district matchup against Phelps. Law-rence County running back James Storts, a play

(See RUSHERS, page two)

P-BURG VS. LAWRENCE CO.



The Prestonsburg defense converged on Lawrence Co. quarterback Bryan Short as the Blackcats went on to rack up a win against the Dawgs.

Prestonsburg races past Lawrence Co

Cats put up 30 straight points in second half

by JAMIE HOWELL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

LOUISA - The Prestonsburg Blackcats opened the 2003 season at Lexington Catholic and came away on the losing end of the scoreboard by a final of 49-6.

Oh what a difference three weeks can make in a football team. On Friday

(See RACES, page three)



Nick Jamerson heads for open field against Lawrence Co. on Friday evening.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

ALC hands out baseball awards

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College baseball program, under the direction of head coach Scott Cornett, handed out base-

ball awards at the conclusion of the 2003 season.

ALC Baseball award-winners for the 2003 season follow MVP - Doug Clark; Golden Bat -Doug Clark; Golden Glove KW Sexton; Pitching Award Bryan

Worley; Rookie(s) of the Year David Hatfield, Josh Todd, Jason Smith; Coaches Award Michael Marcum Eric Helton.

One ALC senior became the

(See AWARDS, page two)

H.S. BASKETBALL

HOOPS CLASSIC moving smoothly

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Big-time high school basketball tournaments are available throughout the winter months all-around the country. And locally, the city of Paintsville and the Paintsville High boys' basketball program will host a tournament of their own in December.

All teams have been set for the inaugural Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic. The tournament will run December 26-29.

High school teams from across Kentucky and Tennessee have confirmed for participation in the first-ever tournament.

Teams that have confirmed for participation in the event as announced last week were Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Chattanooga Christian, Tenn.; Campbell

(See CLASSIC, page two)

Browning, Johnson on ALC coaching staff

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES - Alice Lloyd College men's head basketball coach Gary Gibson has completed his staff for the 2003-04 season. Gibson, who played point guard at Alice Lloyd back when it was a junior college, will be assisted by Eddie Browning and Jeff Johnson.

The ALC men's team finished the 2002-03 season with an 11-20 record. The Eagles were most efficient at home as they finished with a 9-

In addition to a varsity men's basketball team, Alice Lloyd also fields a junior-varsity men's hoops team. The ALC varsity is scheduled to open the upcoming season at home on Wednesday, Oct. 29 against Kentucky

For Gibson, this is his third season at the ALC helm. The third time just may be a charm

(See ALC, page two)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

* Mynatt Era begins at Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - A new sheriff is calling the shots in the Pikeville College football program. A new era in Bears Football began yester-

Jerry Mynatt made his head coaching debut yesterday afternoon. A 1992 graduate of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., Mynatt was a member of

the 1989 NAIA national championship club. The following season the Eagles finished the regular season undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the country. Prior to that, he played two seasons as a wide receiver at East Tennessee State University, where he lettered as a freshman.

After graduation, he signed a draft contract with the Birmingham Fire of the World League of American Football and

played the 1992 season with the Orlando Predators of the Arena 1

Mynatt's coaching career began in 1991 as wide receivers/defensive backs coach at Seymour, Tenn., High School. After playing professionally, he was wide receivers coach and director of athletic performance at Charleston Southern University from 1993-95.

(See PIKEVILLE, page two)



East Point co-angler Tee Watkins, a veteran fisherman, was competing in an FLW Tournament at press time. More information on Watkins and the tournament will appear in Wednesday's edition.

NFL Week One: 49ers dominate

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dennis Erickson was nervous before his first game as coach of the San Francisco 49ers. There was no need to worry.

San Francisco beat Chicago 49-7 Sunday in the season opener for its most lopsided victory since 1989. Erickson and Steve Mariucci were the only coaches to win in their debuts with their new teams. Cincinnati's Marvin Lewis, Dallas' Bill Parcells and Jacksonville's Jack Del Rio lost.

Erickson took over for Mariucci, who joined the Detroit Lions after getting fired in San Francisco.

'To be honest, you can't ask for a better start," Erickson said. "We blitzed a lot, we came after them ... and everybody did their job. It was a great team effort."

Jeff Garcia passed for 229 yards and two touchdowns, and Garrison Hearst caught a TD pass and rushed for another score. Ahmed Plummer returned an interception 68 yards for a score, and Terrell Owens caught seven passes for 112 yards.

Mariucci, who also had a big win as the Lions beat Arizona 42-24, has created excitement after returning to his home state. Detroit was 5-27 under Marty Mornhinweg for the worst twoyear mark in team history.

'This is the beginning of what I have spent the last seven months waiting for," Mariucci said. "It's great to be home."

safeties at Elon (N.C.) College,

he moved back to ETSU, where

he was side receivers coach and

passing game coordinator until

The Bears will return to

Hillard Howard Field Saturday

to play host to Georgetown

College. The Tigers have played

in four consecutive national

championship games, and were

runners-up last year after win-

ning two straight titles. This sea-

son, the Tigers are ranked second

with the Tigers. Last year,

Georgetown stifled the Bears

offense in a 23-6 win. The Bears

Pikeville has lost both games

in the nation.

signing on at Pikeville.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Pikeville

for 195 yards, four touchdowns and no turnovers, Rookie Charles Rogers had four receptions for 38 yards and two

Falcons 27, Cowboys 13

At Irving, Texas, Doug Johnson threw two third-quarter touchdown passes to lead the Falcons over Bill Parcells and the Cowboys.

Johnson, filling in for the injured Michael Vick, drove the Falcons to 17 unanswered points, then responded to a late Dallas touchdown with a 1-yard

He finished 16-of-27 for 228 yards with one interception, while Troy Hambrick had 53 yards on 14 carries in his debut as Emmitt Smith's replacement. Titans 25, Raiders 20

At Nashville, Tenn., Steve McNair threw two touchdown passes and punter Craig Hentrich kicked three field goals. Hentrich was doing double duty because Joe Nedney sprained his right knee on the kickoff after making a 50-yard field goal.

It was a messy opener that doubled as a rematch of last season's AFC championship game. The teams combined to commit 28 penalties for 284 yards, but it was the Raiders who hurt themselves over and over. Their share was 17 for 173.

Panthers 24, Jaguars 23

At Charlotte, N.C., Jake Delhomme threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Proehl Joey Harrington was 17-of-30 on fourth-and-11 with 16 sec-

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offense. Mid-South tough Conference schedule awaits the

Following a season coaching managed only 51 yards of total

"The Mid-South Conference is very good, top to bottom," said Mynatt, a longtime assistant at East Tennessee State University. "And when you top it off with a Georgetown program that has played in the last four national championship games, it lets you know there are no easy ones on

Editor's note: A recap of yesterday's Pikeville College season-opener against Concord College will appear in Wednesday's edition.

our schedule."

Delhomme replaced an ineffective Rodney Pecte at the start of the second half and rallied Carolina with three touchdown passes. Seth Marler attempted a 55-yard field goal as time expired, but Mike Minter blocked it.

Broncos 30, Bengals 10 At Cincinnati, Clinton Portis

ran for 120 yards and two firsthalf touchdowns.

Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer had a shaky start, throwing three interceptions and was 12-of-25 for 115 yards. Jon. Kitna was 10-of-20 for 86 yards in the first three quarters, and finished with two interceptions, two fumbles and four sacks.

Texans 21, Dolphins 20

At Davie, Fla., Kris Brown kicked his fifth field goal, a 35yarder with 25 seconds left, as the second-year Texans gave the Dolphins an 0-1 record for the first time in 12 years.

Houston's David Carr went 17-of-31 for 266 yards, including a 78-yard touchdown to Corey Bradford. The Texans limited Ricky Williams to 69 yards rushing and forced the game's only three turnovers, including an interception by Marcus Coleman that set up the winning

Seahawks 27, Saints 10

At Seattle, Matt Hasselbeck threw two touchdown passes and Shaun Alexander ran for 108 yards and scored twice.

Seattle scored 21 straight points in the second quarter, reaching the end zone on each of Deuce their possessions. McAllister had 99 yards rushing on 22 carries and Aaron Brooks was 29-of-47 for 274 yards with one interception for the Saints.

Giants 23, Rams 13 At East Rutherford, N.J., Kurt Warner had six fumbles and was sacked six times, then went to the hospital after the game with a concussion.

New York forced four turnovers, and each started a drive that led to points.

Halfback Tiki Barber, who dislocated a finger in the first quarter, led the Giants with 146 yards rushing on 24 carries. Warner finished 34-for-54 for 342 yards.

Bills 31, Patriots 0

At Orchard Park, N.Y., Drew Bledsoe engineered scoring drives of 80 and 90 yards on his first two possessions and threw for 230 yards against his former

Bledsoe and safety Lawyer Milloy savored the win. The Bills snagged Milloy, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, on Wednesday after the Patriots released him for salary cap rea-

Vikings 30, Packers 25

At Green Bay, Wis., Randy Moss caught nine passes for 150 yards and a touchdown as the Vikings won in front of a record crowd of 70,505 at remodeled Lambeau Field.

The Vikings forced four turnovers, including three interceptions by Brett Favre, who hadn't been picked off that many times in the first half since 1995.

Chiefs 27, Chargers 14 At Kansas City, Mo., Priest Holmes showed no ill effects of

Knott County school during the

here at Alice Lloyd College by

hitting a single season record 9

home runs. In that same amaz-

ing freshman season he was

named conference freshman of

the year, named a member of the

all conference team, and fin-

ished second in conference play-

er of the year voting. A lot has

changed around the baseball pro-

gram since then but one thing has

remained the same Sexton is still

hitting bombs! He used the first

series of his 2003 senior season

at conference foe Bryan College

Sexton hit a three-run blast in the

top of the seventh inning that

gave the Eagle's a 5-4 lead and

proved to be the difference maker

as the Eagle's went on to take a

7-4 victory. This home run was

not only the game winner but

also the 18th long ball of his site at www.alc.edu.

In the first game of the season

It has been three years since KW Sexton burst onto the scene

Awards

2003 season.

to prove it.

hip surgery, running for two touchdowns and 159 total yards in the first half.

Steelers 34, Ravens 15

At Pittsburgh, Tommy Maddox threw three touchdowns passes and Pittsburgh roughed up Baltimore rookie quarterback Kyle Boller in his NFL debut.

Colts 9, Browns 6 At Cleveland, Vanderjagt kicked a 45-yard field goal with 1 second left.

Peyton Manning threw two interceptions in the first half and didn't look sharp until late. Marvin Harrison had nine catches for 44 yards.

Today's Games

all-time home run king at the career tying him for the school

Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m. Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m. Washington at Atlanta, 1 p.m. Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1

record. KW didn't wait long to

take sole possession of the

the series finale with one on and

two out Sexton hit a no doubter

over the center field fence which

gave him the school mark and

replaced at the top of the homer

list was Bob Braden who played

at ALC from 1983-86. When

asked his thoughts on being the

new home run king for Alice

Lloyd College Sexton had this to

say, "I'm happy to achieve this

personal goal with two game

winners. I could not think of a

better way to do it. I hope that I

may help my team to continue to

win with my contributions."

Everyone involved with Alice

Lloyd Baseball is hoping this is a

sign of things to come for Sexton

as he looks to cap his career with

staff for the ALC baseball team

is now up on the school's web-

The fall roster and coaching

In the top of the 6th inning in

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Buffalo at Jacksonville, 1

Cleveland at Baltimore, 1

Houston at New Orleans, 1

San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 1

Seattle at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.

Carolina at Tampa Bay, 4:05 Denver at San Diego, 4:15

Cincinnati at Oakland, 4:15

New England at Philadelphia,

4:15 p.m. Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30

Monday's Game

Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.

Kansas City at Houston, 1 New Orleans at Tennessee, 1

N.Y. Jets at New England, 1

Jacksonville at Indianapolis,

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1

St. Louis at Seattle, 4:05 p.m. N.Y. Giants at Washington,

Green Bay at Arizona, 4:05

Baltimore at San Diego, 4:15 Cleveland at San Francisco,

Buffalo at Miami, 8:30 p.m. Open: Dallas, Philadelphia, Chicago, Carolina

Monday, Sept. 22 Oakland at Denver, 9 p.m.

ALC

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in this case.

Entering his third season at the helm of the Alice Lloyd College men's basketball program, Gibson knows competition in the Appalachian Athletic Conference is both fierce and very competitive. The conference boasts many top-notch men's basketball teams.

"This is a super-tough conference," said Gibson. "Teams are good up and down the confer

"He's been the best asset to The latter is not something myself," said left-handed quar-

sings anything from 1980s top lineman. songs to show tunes to opera.

Lineman

one would normally expect from a 6-foot-5, 302-pound lineman who earned second-team All-Southeastern Conference honors last season. Hall even chuckles about that perception.

'It's not what you'd expect, but that's what I do," he said. "Everybody in my family sings. I've always been around music. I grew up with gospel, the gospel choir at church. I listened to a lot of '80's music with my mom. The opera I got in high school.'

Hall, a baritone, is a member of the Lexington Singers, a community choral group, and even did an impromptu performance at a recent Kentucky football function.

"He's not the kind of singer our players are used to. I can figure that out," Kentucky offensive coordinator Ron Hudson said.

Hall was dubbed "Mr. Wildcat," the top overall male student-athlete at Kentucky, during an awards banquet earlier this year. That honor came not only for his athletic prowess, but also for his academic achievements and participation in various community service projects. Hall organized the "Complete Collegiate Experience" in July 2002, a seminar which introduced 10 local middle-school students to various aspects of college life. He still visits those students regularly.

"I just realized that I was blessed with the opportunity when I was in middle school to be on a college campus one time, and that's pretty much how I ended up being a student-athlete," Hall said. "I realized that I didn't go at it alone. I had people backing me. So I try to back (the middle-school students), just so they can have it in the back of their minds, that (attending college) is something they want to get to do."

In the meantime, they can watch Hall play football, which he's done well enough to be named to the preseason watch lists for the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Awards, both of which are given to the nation's ■ Continued from p1

a big senior season.

terback Jared Lorenzen, whose blind side Hall is charged with protecting. "I've been blessed with a lot of God-given abilities, but they ain't worth a dang if you don't have anybody protecting you. In the three years I've been here, he's started 36 games. That's incredible. Out of those, he's had arguably one bad one, and that was just one of those (in which) he had a 112 temperature and everything

Hall's streak, which started with the first game of his freshman season, seemed in peril for a few moments on Sept. 2. During a routine practice drill, Hall was caught at the bottom of a pile of players and was accidentally kicked in the neck.

Hall never lost movement in his extremities, but he did have slight numbness on one side of his face, which doctors later attributed to a bruised nerve, he said. Still, Kentucky trainers took every precaution and carted Hall off the practice field on a backboard and stretcher.

"You could have heard a pin drop during practice," Hudson said. "It really bothered some of the kids."

Hall was taken to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center, but was released later that night. He rebounded quickly enough to start in the Wildcats' 37-6' win over Murray State last Saturday, but Hall acknowledged a few moments of fear as he lay on the ground after the practice injury.

"Our doctor and training staff kept reassuring me everything was fine, all my vitals were good," he said. "But, still you think in the back of your head, what if they're wrong?"

Hall said it will take more than a sore neck to keep him off the field.

"As an offensive lineman, you pride yourself on being tough," he said. "You don't like anything or anybody to beat you. That streak is just saying that no matter what happens to me, I'm still going to be on that field. That's all I have to hold on to right now."

Classic

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County; Louisville Seneca; Louisville Holy Cross; Shelby Valley: Johnson Central: host Paintsville; Rowan County; Silver Grove; Prestonsburg; Morgan County; Bullitt East; East Carter; Greenup County, and Bourbon County.

Tournament organizers, Paintsville High School, Paintsville Tiger coaching staff and administration reserve the right to include teams in this tournament.

A 12 player All-Tournament team, best defensive player, best rebounder, best free-throw shooter, academic award, a scholarship, plus numerous additional gifts will be presented to players and coaches.

All teams must commit for minimum of 3 games, during pool play. Winners must commit to Monday's championship round.

Rushers

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er Prestonsburg faced Friday night in Louisa, ranked below Little. Storts came into Friday night's game against the visiting Blackcats with 364 yards rushing on the season to go along

with a pair of touchdown scores.
Williamsburg signal-caller Andy Greer was the state-leader in passing with 18 touchdowns on the season and an average of nearly 400 yards passing per game. Hazard senior QB Stephen Sizemore ranked eighth.

Hazard receiver Lamar Williams, Pike County Central receiver Sonny Buckley and Perry Central pass-catcher Justin Lamb made the list of the top receivers.

For a complete look at the list of KHSAA leaders, go online to www.khsaa.org.

TEAMS OF YESTERYEAR

The 1946 Prestonsburg Semi-Pro State Championship Baseball Team featured many talented players. The Prestonsburg Independent basketball team photo shared with The Times is circa 1930-35. Both photos are courtesy of Delmas Sanders.

Lewis makes Dillon deal with media

Lewis makes Dillon deal with

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Corey Dillon stood to the side of the lectem, visibly displeased to be taking questions from the media. The Cincinnati Bengals' most reluctant interview made it clear he wasn't there voluntarily.

Coach Marvin Lewis made

The Bengals' most accomplished player met with the media Thursday, giving a rare glimpse of what's going on inside of him. The moody running back rarely gives interviews, preferring to keep to himself.

One of Lewis' goals is to make Dillon more of a team leader. Part of the plan is getting Dillon to talk.

Instead of playing video games in the players' lounge at lunchtime Thursday, Dillon met reporters across the hall in an interview room. He was not thrilled to be

playing PlayStation and eating my

lunch, but (Lewis) came in there, drug me out of there, and now I'm here talking to you guys," Dillon said. "He's the Boss. If I mind or not, I've got to do what he says to

The seventh-year running back generally keeps to himself. He was involved in a conference call with Denver reporters before the Bengals' season opener against the Broncos - the first time in his career that he'd talked to out-oftown reporters before a game.

He refused repeated requests to talk to reporters who cover the Bengals last week. He hadn't met with the local media since last April, when Lewis ordered him to talk about why he refused to attend a voluntary minicamp.

Dillon, who ran for an NFLrecord 278 yards against Denver in 2000, said he's not interested in publicity or celebrity.

"I don't like it," he said. "I'm not here to try to blow up and be this great movie star."

Lewis has talked to Dillon "I could have been over there about the responsibilities attached on 14 carries against Denver as to being a team's most famous the Bengals' offensive line col-

player. Lewis seemed puzzled by Dillon's reluctance.

"He doesn't seem to be looking for the media-type attention," Lewis said after Dillon's interview. "It's different, But I don't think he's being two-faced about it. He's sincere in not wanting the

"That's better than the other side, the guy who wants it but doesn't deserve it.'

Although Dillon is still a reluctant interview, he has become a little more vocal with teammates. Receiver Chad Johnson said Dillon lashed out in the locker room at halftime of a seasonopening 30-10 defeat at Denver.

"That's not CD, though," Johnson said. "That's not even his persona. He will do it every once in a while when things get bad. But this past Sunday, he was mad. He said, 'Look here, I'm going to show you all what I'm going to do. You all are either going to fol-

Dillon managed only 34 yards

lapsed. On half of his runs, he was held to one yard, no gain or a loss.

Lewis thinks that if the Bengals start winning, Dillon will emerge from his shell and start enjoying the attention. The Bengals haven't had a winning season since 1990, stamping them as the NFL's worst team in that

Until then, Lewis is trying to manage his hesitant star by having him talk to the media once a week and encouraging him to be a

"Corey would like to come here, do his job, be with his guys and kind of go home and do his thing," Lewis said. "That's what he'd really like to do."



Nick Jamerson (6) looked for running room behind the blocking of Joe Blackburn (32) against Lawrence County.

Races

night, the Cats traveled to Louisa to tangle with Garry McPeeks' Lawrence County Bulldogs. Prestonsburg trailed early 20-6 and things looked bad for the Blackcats as the Bulldogs racked up first down after first down in the first half. Midway through the second quarter the cats made some defensive adjustments and that as they say was that. Lawrence County led 20-6 on the strength of James Storts bruising running when something began to click for Prestonsburg.

After a 44-yard touchdown run from Storts gave the Bulldogs a 20-6 lead, Trevor Compton took the ensuing kickoff and raced 80 yards for a Prestonsburg touchdown. The two point conversion pass from Compton to John Mark Stephens brought the Blackcats within six at 20-14 with 10:00 remaining in the first half. Lawrence County would punch the ball into the endzone again with only 5:26 remaining in the first half to take a 26-14 lead with 5:26 left in the half, but the Cats would answer just before the half on a 15-yard touchdown pass from Compton to Tyler Burke and the two-point conversion made it County Lawrence Prestonsburg 22 at the half.

Prestonsburg would take the second half kickoff and in only two minutes would take the lead on a 37 yard touchdown pass on' third and long from Compton to Nick Jamerson. The conversion

■ Continued from p1 attempt was no good and Prestonsburg had it's first lead at 28-26 with 9:32 left in the third quarter. Lawrence County was unable to move the football against a swarming Blackcat defense and on second and seven from the Lawrence 30, James Storts coughed up the football and Brandon Peters picked up the football and took it in for Prestonsburg. The cats led 36-26 after only three minutes of play in the second half and the Bulldogs looked shell-shocked.

The following possession for Lawrence County found more trouble as the Blackcat defense forced a safety to take a 38-26 lead after three quarters of play. Prestonsburg got some help from Jeremy Carr and Michael Morrison on the defensive side of the ball, both seeing their first playing time of the year. Prestonsburg tacked another six on the board midway through the final quarter as Trevor Compton took it in from six yards out and after the two point conversion the cats put it in cruise control as they led 46-26 with only 5:10 left in the game. Lawrence County looked to go to the air late and it proved to no avail as Chad Allen hammered Bryan Short on the Lawrence County one-yard line on fourth

Prestonsburg would take over first-and-goal at the Lawrence County one and two plays later Compton would find pay dirt to help the cats pull away by a final of 52-34. Trevor Compton went 6/7 through the air for 106 yards and 2 touchdowns. Joe Blackburn had 8 carries for 68 yards and a

Prestonsburg improves to 2-1 on the year while Lawrence County falls to 2-2. The Blackcats will be on the road again this Friday at Ashland Blazer with kickoff set for 7:30 at Putnam

Football

Magoffin County. But the Bobcats weren't completely out of the game until very late.

After 16 unanswered Magoffin County points to begin the game, Betsy Layne answered with a touchdown. Each team struggled with penalties in the first half as both squads were

flagged for 60 yards or better. Brandon Shepherd put the Hornets on the scoreboard first in the first quarter at the 11:39 mark with a two-yard scoring run. A successful two-point conversion gave Magoffin County an 8-0 advantage. Bradley Marshall hauled in a 16-yard pass from pressure that goes with the job. Robert Bailey for the Hornets' Steve LeMaster, who covers second score of the game. Another successful conversion put Magoffin County ahead 16-

> A Magoffin County drive was stalled when the Bobcat defense picked off a Bailey-thrown ball to end the second quarter. The Hornets led 16-6 at halftime and built the advantage up to 30-6 before Betsy Layne put up its second and final score of the

■ Continued from p1

Betsy Layne freshman Jim Roberts caught an 18-yard

touchdown pass in the fourth quarter for the other Bobcat score. The Bobcats' two-point conversion try following Roberts' score failed.

Both Magoffin County and Betsy Layne are back in action in the fifth week of the season. The Hornets have their toughest challenge of the season when Belfry visits Friday night. Betsy Layne will be on the road against Knott County Central.

Both games have 7:30 p.m.

While playing a non-district schedule, Betsy Layne has five consecutive games ahead before an open date on Friday, Oct. 24. Other upcoming opponents the Bobcats will play in addition to Knott County Central and prior to the open date on the schedule include Eminence, J.J. Kelly, Va. Va., Hurley, Cumberland.

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touchdown.

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RUNNING

Locals run well in Gingerbread 5K

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN - A 5k run was again held in Knott County this September in conjunction with the annual Gingerbread Festival. The Gingerbread Festival 5K Run featured several area runners. Jeffrey Cornett won the event in a time of 18:02. He finished ahead of Randall Watts (18:21), John McCracken (19:21), Les Ramsey (19:21) and Mike Montgomery (19:32),

the other top-five finishers, The race-time temperature and humidity level were bothcomfortable. Nearly 50 runners took part in the 3.1-mile run.

Results follow.

Gingerbread Festival 5K Run Results Top-15 Overall Finishers

Jeffrey Cornett (18.02) Randall Watts (18:21) John McCracken (19.21) Les Ramsey (19:31) Mike Montgomery (19:32) David McGuire (19:59) Charles Pike (21:17) Don Fields (21:38) Bryan Stidham (22:37) Shawn Huff .(22:40) Byron Jacobs .(23:31) Greg Frasure (24:29) Blake Williams (24:29) Kevin Pike .(24:37) Kenneth Henry (25:15)

. A time to remember

by ED TAYLOR SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

On September 11, 2001 our nation felt a blow that has changed our society and the way we do things.l It made us realize just how accessible we are to terrorism. I can remember where I was when the attack on America took place.

I had just came from my office to the house for dinner when Nancy informed me that "America was under attack!"

Watching the news stations I, like most Americans, was totally shocked at what was taking place on our soil. We needed something to keep us occupied that we could show those who are determined to hurt us economically, that America was still going on with

Baseball was winding down their regular season and the World Series was much on baseball fans mind. Football was in preseason and college basketball was ready to begin practice on the hard-

It would be safe to say that I was mad at what happen. Without reasoning, I was just totally upset that anyone would want to do this to our country. It was hard to really understand, and really, I cannot explain it yet.

Last Wednesday we commorated the second anniversary of the attack and I am glad that we are keeping alive those who died, those who performed during the crisis and those helped us through

SEPTEMBER 11

Sept. 11 remembered in sports ceremonies

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports marked the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks with moments of silence and poignant reminders, from American flags on the greens at the PGA Tour's John Deere Classic to the names of victims displayed on the scoreboard at Tampa's Tropicana Field.

Each hole on Tournament Players Club golf course in Silvis, Ill. flew an American flag instead of the traditional yellow numbered ones. At Tampa, two message boards read "We Remember" and "9-11-01" and the names of all the victims slowly scrolled over a waving American flag as patriotic music

The New York Yankees planned a moment of silence with color guards from the New York City Police Department and Fire Department. Manager Joe Torre reflected on the anniversary.

"It's a sad day, yet it's a proud day," he said. "You never want to forget what happened two years ago. I'm sure our lives will never be the same again."

All major league teams displayed baseball's red, white and blue ribbon logo and had special commemorative decorations on the four sides of each base.

In Cincinnati, the Reds and Pittsburgh Pirates observed a moment of silence. Both teams wore caps with United States flags sewn onto the left side. The American and POW-MIA flags were lowered to half-staff. A Marine Corps division based in Terre Haute, Ind., provided a color guard. Cincinnati firefighter John Winfrey sang the national anthem.

In Milwaukee, the Brewers and Houston Astros held a moment of silence and wore caps with United States flags on the side. Police officer Dennis Hood of Elgin, Ill., sang the national anthem.

In Kansas City, the Royals offered their best available seats

free to police, firefighters and emergency workers. A pregame ceremony included a 21-gun salute by a Marine Reserves unit and Kansas City Fire Capt. Larry Young threw out the first pitch and Kansas City Fire Capt. Frank Favoroso performed the national anthem.

In Chicago, a video was shown of U.S. Naval Capt. David Johnson raising a flag outside U.S. Cellular Field that had flown above the Pentagon earlier Thursday. Johnson, director of intelligence in the oversight division of the office of the Naval Inspector General, was at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. Four Marines presented the flag, and a moment of silence was

In St. Louis, the flag was at half-staff for the game between the Cardinals and Colorado Rockies. There was a video replay of a poem read by the late Jack Buck on the day baseball returned in September 2001. "God Bless the USA," was played and a moment of silence was observed. The 399th U.S. Army band from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., played the national

At Tampa, Air Force Maj. Gen. Victor E. Renuart Jr., director of operations at U.S. Central Command, threw out the ceremonial first pitch. Servicemen and women who recently returned from the Middle East presented the 50 state flags. A 21-gun salute was followed by a moment of silence. Air Force Master Sgt. T.J. Williams sang the national anthem.

■ In Oakland, a brief video tribute featuring interviews with A's players was shown on the scoreboard, and both the A's and Anaheim Angels stood along the baselines while a bagpiper played "Amazing Grace" and placed a single baseball on the mound. A large flag was unfurled in center field by emergency service personnel. Firefighter Larry Sampson sang the national anthem.

Sports has always been a big pressure release tactic for me. When I feel a lot of stress or pressure coming on, I like to take in a sporting event or watch one on television. Through this I have learned to appreciate all sports, even ice hockey, which I have never liked.

Sometimes I think maybe I watch too much sports. But with the television programming today. I find very little on the tube to really enjoy and look for all the sports. I am looking forward to the start of the baseball playoffs, the World Series, the start of the high school and college basketball season, especially the Kentucky season.

I will always remember what happened to us on September 11, 2001 and I will remember it was the sporting world that help me through the events.

I appreciate those who cover the sports scene at all levels. I read all the sports pages I can find. I remember when I covered the local high school scene and those who really never understood the work of a sports editor nor the sports for this paper, has a lough

job. I know, I have been there. Steve, I appreciate your coverage of the Floyd County sports

news. Thank you! Sports fans, let us never forget the tragedy of September 11. Let us forever hold what the enemy is trying to do our great land.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports.

photo by Justin Holbrook South Floyd's Sabrina Reed served it up against Betsy Layne. The host Lady Raiders came up short in the match, falling

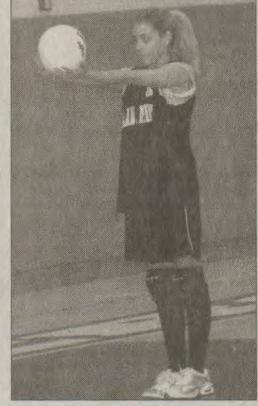
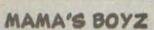




photo by Justin Holbrook Betsy Layne volleyball coach Harold Tackett gathered his team around during a timeout of Thursday night's match against host





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JERRY CRAFT











by Mike Marland

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INTERESTING **TOWN NAMES** MAGIC MAZE IN MONTANA

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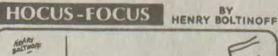
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