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## Briefs

### CATS scores to be released

Floyd County schools and their counterparts across the state will get another dose of test scores this week.

The state Department of Education will release results from Commonwealth Ac-countability Testing System on Thursday. The scores are from testing conducted during the spring.

- Data to be released includes:
- School and district accountability indices.
  - School performance classifications.
  - State and regional average content area scores by grade level.
  - State and regional non-academic data.

A full report on the scores will appear in Friday's edition of The Floyd County Times.

### Two Day Forecast...



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## Woman jailed over illegitimate initials

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

County Attorney Keith Bartley has signed hundreds, if not thousands, of arrest warrants during his stint in office. But the one he signed on Friday was his first as the complaining witness, rather than as county attorney.

Bartley was joined by District Judge James R. Allen in filing

charges against Bonnie Shepherd, 56, of West Prestonsburg for her alleged involvement in a bizarre forgery at the Justice Center on Friday.

Shepherd's husband, Donnie Shepherd, who had previously been reported as missing, was arrested July 31 on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol. He reportedly had a blood-alcohol content of 0.12, higher than the 0.10 legal

limit.

On Friday, Bonnie Shepherd allegedly presented personnel at the circuit clerk's office with the envelope in which the paperwork relating to her husband's case had been stored in. On the envelope was written "8-25-00 recended K.B." and "amended reckless + cc J.R.A."

Bartley said Friday that Bonnie

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8-25-00 recended K.B. Amended Reckless + cc J.R.A.

Bonnie Shepherd, left, is accused of forging the initials of County Attorney Keith Bartley and District Judge James R. Allen on an envelope containing the paperwork for her husband's DUI charge.

### Marking half a century...



photo by Kathy J. Prater

State Rep. Greg Stumbo was among the dignitaries on hand to deliver memories and promises in respect to the Dewey Dam Flood Control Project, which commemorated its 50th anniversary on Saturday.

## Speakers celebrate Dewey Lake's 50th, point toward the future

by KATHY J. PRATER  
STAFF WRITER

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hosted a dedication ceremony held at 1 p.m. at the Dewey Dam spillway on Saturday in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the completion of the Dewey Dam

Project.

A day of gorgeous sunshine welcomed those who attended the event, resulting in a good turnout. Rodney Holbrook, resource manager at the lake, emceed the ceremonies and opened with the introduction of Ron Vanover, recreational and interpretive director of Jenny

Wiley State Resort Park, who delivered a glorious rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the crowd stood at attention. The invocation was offered by Reverend Johnny Ross.

There were many notable speak-

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## Schools receive environmental education grants

Times Staff Report

Four Floyd County schools will share in \$16,725 in education grants from the PRIDE program.

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers announced the awards, saying the money would be used to support activities to help young people understand the importance of a clean environment and promote both personal responsibility and community pride.

"The PRIDE education grant program reaches thousands and thousands of young people across our region every year, teaching them the importance of clean lands and waters and giving them new insight to scientific studies," Rogers said in a statement released by his office. "With these grants, we are building outdoor classrooms, teaching young people about the environment and even supporting student recycling programs. This is a significant investment in the education of our young people and the future of our region."

Three of the schools will use their grants to construct outdoor classrooms. Allen Central High School received \$4,000 to purchase materials for its classroom, which will serve about 450 students.

Betsy Layne Elementary received \$5,000 and May Valley Elementary received \$4,675 for their classrooms, which will serve 230 and 275 students, respectively.

Prestonsburg Elementary received \$3,050 from the PRIDE program. That money will be used to purchase environmental education materials for more than 500 students.

Kentucky PRIDE — which stands for "Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment" — was created by Rogers and state Natural Resources Secretary James Bickford in 1997.

Under PRIDE's environmental awareness programs, schools, educators and other organizations from across eastern Kentucky compete for grants of up to \$5,000 each. Since the program began, grants totaling \$876,502 have been awarded to 201 education projects.

## Group calls for wider availability of natural gas-powered vehicles

Times Staff Report

A dinner and meeting sponsored by the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association and the Appalachian Association of Professional Landmen was held at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn on Thursday, Sept. 14. Rep. Greg Stumbo appeared as the featured guest speaker.

The focus of the meeting was to assist in bringing together an increased awareness of natural compressed gas as an alternative fuel source to the general public.

On hand for inspection and display were several written sources of informational material, a sample of natural compressed gas and a natural gas-powered vehicle.

Proponents of compressed natural gas (CNG) list among its advantages a potential to decrease use and reliance upon imported liquid fuels while at the same time improving the quality of the environment by lowering the total exhaust gas emissions in the atmosphere.

A CNG vehicle can of a dual-fuel nature or one that operates entirely on CNG. Many gasoline vehicles can be converted to allow for the use of CNG in a relatively simple manner by a trained mechanic.

The price of natural gas could range between \$0.95 to \$1.10

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photo by Willie Elliott

From left, Jerri Potter, Lavonne Johnson, Angie Wiley, Tora Redford and presenter Gail Lincoln (standing) were on hand Tuesday at the Floyd County Library to take part in a parent workshop entitled "Parents as Advocates." The three-hour workshop identified strategies that utilize parents as advocates in schools. Parents learned how to be more effective as student advocates and ways to remove barriers that block positive parental involvement. The program was conducted by Region 8 Service Center under the direction of Nancy Price.

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# KCTCS colleges enroll record number; PCC is down

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) has achieved record enrollment this fall. KCTCS enrollment is up more than 4,200 students from a year ago and has passed 50,000 for the first time.

Enrollment figures for

Prestonsburg Community College, however, are down by 3.49 percent. It is the only community college in the system to experience a decrease in students. Preliminary figures show 2,376 students enrolled this fall, while 2,462 were enrolled last fall.

Enrollment at Mayo Technical College is up by 7.02 percent, with 701 students this fall. Enrollment at Hazard Community College (2,371) is up by 5.66 percent and Hazard Technical College (396) has increased by 2.59 percent.

According to preliminary figures, the 28 colleges in KCTCS are enrolling 50,215 full- and part-time students in credit programs in the fall 2000 semester. That figure represents an increase of 9.2 percent from the fall 1999 official enrollment of 45,988. The enrollment numbers released September 20 include students who are taking baccalaureate-transfer courses and those in technical and occupational programs.

By November 1, the colleges expect to enroll additional students in for-credit workforce training programs. This is the first semester in which students in short-term workforce training programs can get credit for such classes.

To keep comparisons with fall 1999 consistent, those students are not included in the aforementioned fall 2000 preliminary enrollment of 50,215.

"These record enrollment numbers demonstrate that our colleges

truly are changing the lives of thousands of students," said Dr. Michael B. McCall, KCTCS president. "This is our mission — to raise the quality of life and standard of living of Kentuckians by offering accessible, responsive and affordable education and training."

McCall attributed the enrollment increase to several factors:

- More options for students. Since January 1998, the KCTCS Board of Regents has approved 232 new programs that lead to certificates, diplomas or associate degrees.

- Some of the most popular new programs focus on information technology. Systemwide, 12,871 students are enrolled in computer or information technology courses this fall. Some 1,079 students are enrolled in programs that teach students to design, build and maintain computer networks.

Also, before KCTCS was created in 1997, technical colleges could

not confer degrees. Now all 15 technical colleges and 13 community colleges in KCTCS have degree programs, creating more choices for students.

"With all of the options available to students, we offer education and training just in time, just enough and just for you," McCall said.

- Increased access. KCTCS has entered into a statewide partnership with the Kentucky Virtual University (KVU) and enrolled 1,770 students in Internet-based courses this fall. Some 635 students enrolled in a new on-line associate in arts degree offered in cooperation with the KVU.

"This partnership highlights our baccalaureate-transfer option — the on-line AA degree transfers to most business programs at Kentucky universities," McCall said.

Also, KCTCS has opened new facilities in the last couple of years, including buildings in Hazard,

Hopkinsville and Pikeville.

Enrollment management. KCTCS is continuing a systemwide enrollment management project, which focuses on recruiting new students and retaining existing students. KCTCS established a goal of enrolling 5,000 additional students by fall 2002. "These enrollment numbers show tremendous growth in one year," McCall said.

McCall praised the colleges' increased focus on marketing to attract students. Besides general marketing efforts, KCTCS has concentrated on specific populations as well, such as welfare recipients.

On a percentage basis, these KCTCS colleges achieved the largest enrollment increases this fall: West Kentucky Technical College, 44 percent; Elizabethtown Technical College, 33 percent; Somerset Technical College, 32 percent; Central Kentucky Technical College, 31 percent; Rowan Technical College, 23 per-

cent; Jefferson Community College, 18 percent; Northern Kentucky Technical College, 17 percent; Bowling Green Technical College, 15 percent; Madisonville Community College, 12 percent; Jefferson Technical College, 11 percent; and Owensboro Community College, 11 percent.

McCall described enrollment management as the top priority of KCTCS. "Governor Patton and the General Assembly have established an ambitious agenda for Kentucky to reach the national average in standard of living and quality of life by the year 2020," McCall said.

"The role of postsecondary education in achieving that objective is to raise Kentuckians' educational attainment to the national average. To get there, Kentucky must enroll an additional 80,000 students in postsecondary education over the next 20 years. We expect that most of those new students will enroll in our programs."

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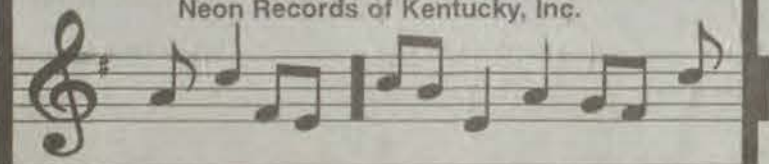
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# Baptists hold blood drive

by KATHY J. PRATER  
STAFF WRITER

A blood drive was held at the Irene Cole First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg on Thursday.

"Operation Cooperation" is a Kentucky Baptist Cooperative Program in which 71 churches throughout the state will participate in, in conjunction with the Central Kentucky Blood Center as a part of their mobile blood drive

program. "Operation Cooperation" began on Sept. 10 and concluded Saturday.

Chairperson Glenda Blackburn was on hand to meet and greet donors in the First Baptist annex. Available to donors was a wide assortment of treats, among them homemade barbeque and pimento cheese sandwiches, chips, cookies and cakes along with juices and soda. T-shirts, mugs, sun visors and bracelets were given to those

who donated.

County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, who earlier in the week had signed a proclamation concerning the event, was on hand to donate a pint but was refused during the medical screening on the basis that he had visited the Mayan Ruins in Mexico recently and was therefore considered at risk in regard to possible malaria infection. He was informed that he would again be an eligible

blood donor after one year from the date of his reentry into the country.

Another notable donor was Seldon Horne who appeared to donate a pint of blood that would establish him as a 13-gallon donor. Horne is referred to affectionately by CKBC staff as "Mr. Blood".

In all, a good turnout was experienced and volunteers, staff and donors alike were pleased with the events of the afternoon.

## Dewey

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ers, among them Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, State Rep. Greg D. Stumbo, Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge David Barber, Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, Secretary of Tourism Ann B. Latta, retired Resource Manager Dean Murray, park manager Mark McLemore, visiting Commanding Officer John Reynoldsburg of Huntington, W.Va., Sarah Combs, widow of the late Gov. Bert T. Combs, and Suzanne Hyden, founder of the clean-up program, "Friends of Dewey Lake."

Fannin recognized audience member Winston Ford as one of the original contractors who helped build the facility.

Rep. Stumbo spoke admirably of Hyden's litter control program and in reverence to the work of former Governor Bert T. Combs in his efforts to improve the Floyd County area. Stumbo declared, "What Bert Combs started, I pledge to finish."

Latta highlighted her speech by pointing out that Jenny Wiley State Resort Park brings in approximately \$38 million a year to the local economy in revenue originating from tourism trade. She hailed the park

and the Dewey Dam area as "the greatest spot in Kentucky".

Park manager Mark McLemore gave a brief history of the beginnings of the state park and brought to focus a reminder that the Dewey Dam Project's primary purpose was that of flood control. Recreation was secondary and began with the opening of a single marina. As the area grew in popularity, it earned the distinction of becoming a resort with the addition of May Lodge. The area now hosts the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center and has plans for even further growth and expansion upon the completion of a championship golf course.

Each speaker was presented with a certificate of appreciation by Holbrook for their participation in the event, and Holbrook himself was presented with a Commander Coin of Excellence by Reynoldsburg.

Refreshments were made available by organizations such as the Dewey Dam Fish & Game Club and there were equipment displays by the Prestonsburg Fire Department and HealthNet Inc.

An antique car show was present on the grounds and entertainment was scheduled throughout the day to include performances by singer Robin Tackett, the Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats and Dance Etc.

## Gas

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per gasoline-equivalent gallon after highway taxes and the investment price of refueling stations are considered.

Natural gas stations are becoming increasingly more prevalent in neighboring West Virginia and some local companies, Kinzer Drilling among them, are interested in seeing an expansion into eastern Kentucky.



Martin's Department Store of Prestonsburg held a bicycle give-away on Sept. 2. The event was sponsored by Lee Pipe jeans. The winner of the \$300 Haro bike was Derek Adam Scott Thompson, 6 months old, grandson of Lori Ousley of Martin and Cara Ann Thompson of Melvin. His parents are Adam Thompson and Shanna Ousley. The child is shown with his mother after the win.

## Forgery

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Shepherd had allegedly attempted to have the DUI charge against her husband reduced to reckless driving by forging Bartley's and Allen's initials on the envelope.

When Bonnie Shepherd tried to give the case jacket to a deputy clerk at the Justice Center, employees realized something was amiss and contacted the county attorney's office, Bartley said.

Bonnie Shepherd has now been charged with second-degree forgery and second-degree possession of a forged instrument and is being held in the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$50,000 cash bond.

The case against Bonnie Shepherd has resulted in a few technical problems for Bartley's office. The charges, which are felonies, must travel through Floyd

District Court before being sent to a grand jury, during which time they would be prosecuted by the county attorney's office.

Instead, Bartley said he will ask Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, who would normally assume the case once it reaches circuit court, to assume the district court responsibilities, as well.

The case will also appear before District Judge Eric Hall instead of Allen.

This is not the first time Bonnie Shepherd has been at the center of an unusual case.

In March 1998, she pleaded guilty to a shoplifting charge after taking a package of Armour Beef and a can of smoked oysters from Food City in Prestonsburg. At the time, she was a Democratic candidate for county clerk.

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# EKU sees 59 new or readmitted students

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The number of new students and students restarting their educational careers at Eastern Kentucky University this fall increased significantly, up 755 from the 1999 fall semester. That number includes 59 first-time freshmen, transfer students and readmitted students from Floyd County.

The number of first-time freshmen, transfer students and students returning to ECU after delaying their studies for at least one semester totals 4,671, compared with 3,916 for the same group last year. Total fall semester enrollment will not be available until early November, when the university submits its final report to the Council on Postsecondary Education.

"Eastern Kentucky University is becoming a school of choice for

many students," said Stephen Byrn, director of admissions. "Students and their families recognize and appreciate the university's campus-wide emphasis on student success."

Dr. Aaron Thompson, executive director of ECU's Student Success Institute, agrees.

"Eastern has earned its reputation as a 'school of opportunity' for generations of students, including both high achievers and under-prepared students," he said. "Students and their families know that an ECU education will provide practical and marketable skills that will lead to a rewarding career."

"But the word is out that ECU is more 'student friendly' than ever before, thanks to the campus-wide effort to empower students to succeed in all facets of their lives," Thompson continued. "Our week-long orientation program for

new students last month was an overwhelming success, and we have developed new programs to help students make the most of their college experience."

ECU's Student Success Institute addresses the three basic variables known to predict student success: family background, community environment and college environment. Rejuvenated advising, mentoring and tutoring programs have been combined with new freshman interest groups, parent support groups and other initiatives to help students succeed at the university.







Faculty members Hassan Saffari, left, and William Loftus flanked Dr. Paul Brown Thursday evening at a reception at Prestonsburg Community College. Brown is the fourth and final candidate for president of PCC and Mayo Technical College to visit the area. He is chief operational and academic officer for Ohio Community College's Findlay campus.

## Pre-teen girls caught in 'age compression' crunch, new Girl Scout study shows

What does an eight-year-old girl in third grade know about boys and relationships? Unfortunately a lot more than adults realize.

New research, conducted on behalf of Girl Scouts of the USA, confirms that although preteen girls are growing up faster than ever, emotionally they are still children being pressured to deal with typical teen issues before their time. A first of its kind study, "Girls Speak Out: Teens Before Their Time," combined in-person focus-group interviews with girls ages 8-12 with an online survey, in order to determine the needs and concerns of pre-teen girls. The research concludes that today's pre-teen girls are suffering greater stress as a result of this 'developmental compression,' and need trusted reliable sources of information to address their many questions about relationships, body image, sexuality and the future.

Girls Speak Out: Teens Before Their Time is the first project conducted under the auspices of the new Girl Scout Research Institute (GSRI). Both were unveiled recently during a news conference and panel discussion in New York City, where the national Girl Scout organization is headquartered. The GSRI

is slated as a center for research and public policy information on the healthy development of girls as they mature toward adulthood.

"Our goal is to help today's girls grow into tomorrow's strong and confident leaders," said Marsha Johnson Evans, National Executive Director of Girl Scouts of the USA. "We need solid information from girls to help them build a solid foundation for their future—whatever they choose to do."

The Girl Scouts-Wilderness Road Council, serving Central and Eastern Kentucky, continues to provide a safe and nurturing environment for girls to gain the self-confidence and self-respect they need to succeed. The Council recently developed a set of questionnaires to study the experiences of Brownie, Junior and Senior/Cadette Girl Scouts. The questions were designed to assess the material covered by each of the six most commonly earned badges in the Wilderness Road Council.

The findings of the study indicate that Council members are working with Girl Scouts of the USA to solve the problems uncovered in "Girls Speak Out." The Council study shows that the experiences of a vast

majority of girls in Girl Scout troops are not only fun, but also socially positive. The study showed girls in troops experienced a willingness to lead and to help others, a sense of assertiveness and a greater sense of belonging.

These groundbreaking studies conclude that it is vital that girls have caring and supportive adults who not only listen, but also encourage girls to speak out about issues of concern to them.

"Girls want caring and supportive adults to encourage them in expressing and addressing their concerns," said Evans. "Girl Scouting is all about the adult-girl partnership—and putting the needs and concerns of the girls first."

Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.6 million girls and adults. Today, as when founded in 1912, Girl Scouts help cultivate values in young girls, while also teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults. In Girl Scouting—and its special girls-only environment—girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together. Girl Scouts—Where Girls Grow Strong.

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# Viewpoint

## QUOTE OF THE DAY...

It is always easier to believe than to deny. Our minds are naturally affirmative.

John Burroughs—

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## Editorial

### Knowledge for the future

When it comes to the intellectual capital needed to compete in a future economy that will turn on knowledge, Kentucky still lags.

Despite gains, the commonwealth still ranks in the bottom tier of states in educational attainment — both in the percentage of adults with high school diplomas or equivalency certificates and in the increasingly critical category of the percentage of adults with a college degree.

But all of the news is not bad. A recent Census Bureau study shows that the commonwealth has made some gains.

It found an estimated 78.2 percent of Kentucky adults age 25 and older had earned high school diplomas or equivalency certificates as of March 1999. That is an improvement over the 76.8 percent estimated in 1995.

Additionally, the study found that as of 1999, the percentage of Kentuckians who had earned at least a bachelor's degree stood at 19.8 percent, up from the 19.3 percent recorded in 1995.

So there is something to celebrate.

But while the state has eked out modest gains in educational attainment, educational attainment elsewhere also has climbed. What that means is Kentucky remains woefully behind.

Nationwide the study estimated 83.4 percent of adults have attained a high school education — an all-time high. Kentucky tied Texas in its percentage of adults with a high school education with only Mississippi and West Virginia behind.

And as for college, nearly 25 percent of Americans age 25 and older now have a college degree compared with Kentucky's 19.8 percent. In fact, Kentucky is one of only six states that have an adult population with less than 20 percent college graduates.

Of course, with higher educational attainment one can expect to receive higher income. But increasingly, as knowledge becomes the most valuable currency, the success of a state in competing for the jobs of the future will hinge on educational attainment.

For policy makers and educators, the challenge is twofold. First, they must make sure the reforms in education — those enacted for elementary and secondary schools and the more recent ones for higher education — are working and are on track. Secondly, they must find new ways to reach those who leave high school and new ways to assure that more high school graduates go on to college and succeed there.

And all Kentuckians must support education all the while demanding high standards and accountability.

Too much is at stake to do otherwise.

— Kentucky Post



## Letters to the Editor

### Applications for tobacco trust are in the mail

My fellow Kentuckians: I am taking this opportunity to alert all Kentuckians that individuals or entities who produced tobacco in 1999 are eligible for compensation from the National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust.

Last year was a great success, as over 250,000 checks totaling more than \$109 million were distributed by the trust to Kentucky farmers.

The 2000 trust fund, like last year, will be divided equally into thirds, with the quota owner, the individual or entity that controlled the land, and the individual or entity that provided the labor to produce burley tobacco in 1999 each receiving a third. The 2000 distribution is based on the 1999 burley tobacco crop.

Applications were mailed to farm operators on Monday, September 18. The Application is different in appearance, but much easier to fill out this year. Like last year, only one form may be completed for each farm that produced burley tobacco in 1999 (which are identified by the USDA by a specific serial number).

Only one form per USDA farm serial number has been sent to farm operators. In other words, tenant-growers, quota owners and those who controlled a particular growing farm in 1999 all have to sign the same application for the same farm to receive compensation from the trust.

Quota owners were mailed a letter advising them to whom the application was mailed, but tenant farmers will not receive direct communication because there are no complete records on them. It is critical that all three groups get together to complete the application.

It's worth repeating that all three groups will share equally in Kentucky's share of the trust, which for 2000 is approximately \$84 million, and will likely be

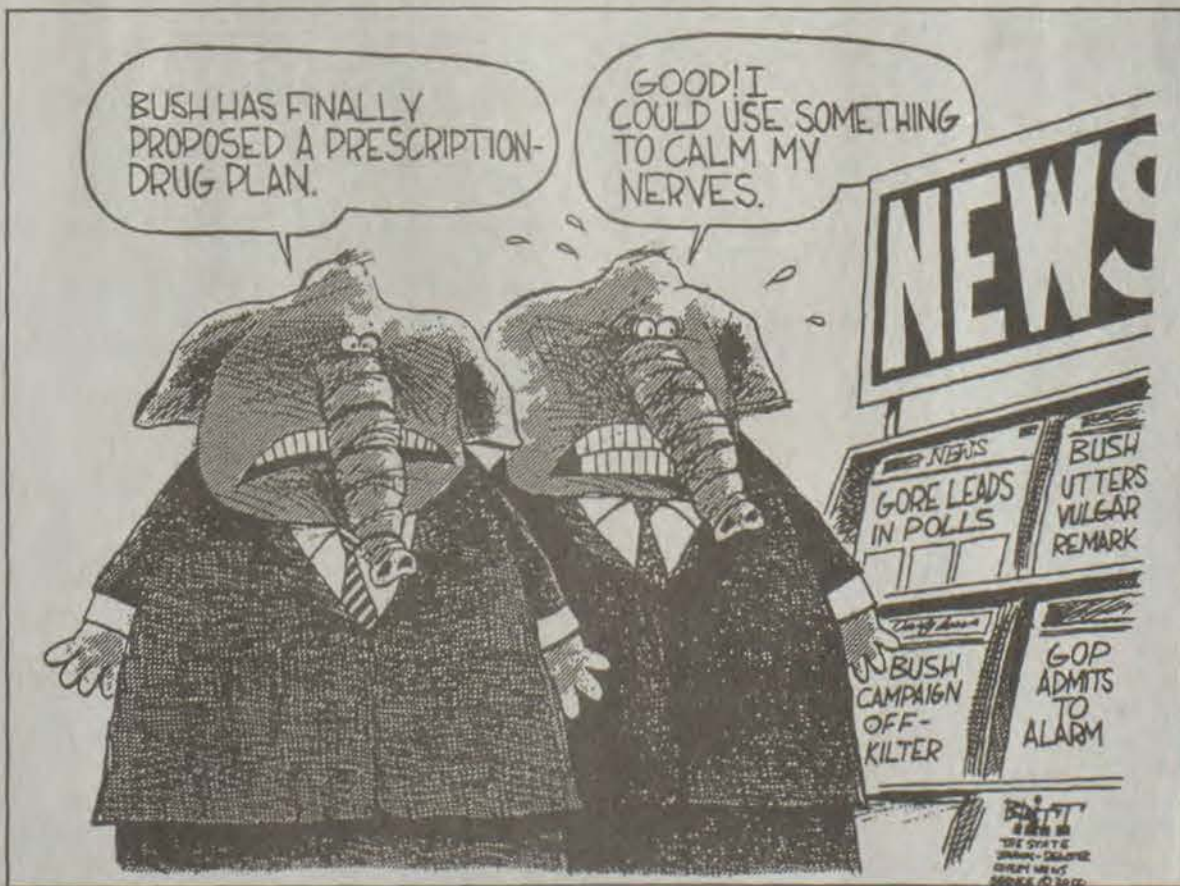
reduced 12 percent by adjustment factors built into the trust. An additional \$40 million was allocated by the General Assembly to supplement Phase II payments this year. These additional funds during this year's total amount available for disbursement to \$114 million, roughly equal to the distribution last year. The quota owner's share is based on their 1999 basic quota, while the growing farm and growers/tenant's share is based on payment pounds, an average of a farm's effective quota and actual marketings for 1999.

The applications must be completed, signed and postmarked for return to the Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation no later than October 31. There will be no extensions.

Some technical terms need to be addressed. Those who are eligible to receive funds from the trust will have "shared in the risks of production." These are the people who had financial gain from tobacco production only if the crop was sold. There are other particulars about completing the application and help is available by calling 1-877-549-2537, and information is available on the internet at [www.kytobaccostrust.state.ky.us](http://www.kytobaccostrust.state.ky.us).

We estimate that there are 130,000 Kentuckians who participated in tobacco production in 1999 and shared in the risks of production. We ask all of our citizens to help us ensure that those who were involved in producing tobacco during 1999 learn about this financial opportunity and work together to get applications in on time. If we work together, we can make sure that this important segment of Kentucky's economy receives its fair share of funds from this national trust.

Gov. Paul Patton  
Frankfort



## Letters to the Editor

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## Guest Column—Lynching

by SHELDON RICHMAN

The most refreshing reporter on television, ABC's John Stossel, is the target of nothing less than the modern equivalent of a lynching.

Stossel is the popular investigative reporter who focuses on scientifically dubious consumerism and environmentalism. On a recent 20/20 segment he took up — and debunked — the widely believed proposition that organic foods are safer than conventional foods. Unfortunately, his report contained an error.

He erroneously believed and stated that an independent lab had tested organic and conventional produce. It turned out that the test had not been done. Instead, tests had been done on chicken. (The report was limited to produce.) It was a case of confusion, which persisted so long that ABC rebroadcast the segment.

As a result of the error, ABC suspended the segment's producer and Stossel apologized on the air. Although conceding the error, he did not withdraw his conclusion that organic produce is no safer than other produce. He didn't need to — it is true.

As Steven Milloy, a biostatistician affiliated with the Cato Institute, points out, all produce — including the organic variety — has traces of pesticides, but none present a health risk. The traces, he writes, are "within levels set by the Environmental Protection Agency — and the EPA standards are set many hundreds of times below levels at which noticeable effects may be observed in laboratory animals." Milloy cites Mt. Sinai School of Medicine physician Philip Landrigan — a critic of pesticides — who says no one has found an actual case of any disease caused by the legal use of pesticides.

This has not kept the Environmental Working Group from demanding that Stossel be hanged metaphorically from the nearest oak tree. EWG wants ABC to fire him forthwith. Luckily, ABC knows better. Stossel's reports are not only refreshingly different from any other reporting in the major media today, they are also popular with viewers.

The irony is that if an environmentalist were fired every time he falsely alarmed the public, there'd be no one to run the multimillion dollar lobbying monolith. Stossel made one error. In contrast, the environmental movement has a long record — long exposed — of pushing junk science as a way to empower bureaucracy and themselves.

What's revealing about this story is how it has been reported. Nowhere is the major media more biased than when they deal with environmental issues. A CNN bigwig has said that there is only one side to the environmental story.

Most reporters operate from a presumption in favor of environmental activists, "consumer advocates," and government control, and against private enterprise and free markets. (The very label "consumer advocate" is laden with question-begging bias. Spokesmen for the environmental lobby are generally assumed to be objective, having only the welfare of the public at heart. They apparently have no career ambitions or desire for attention, not to mention higher incomes.)

In contrast, industry spokesmen are assumed to be lying to defend the profits of reptilian businessmen, while independent researchers who disagree with environmental orthodoxy are treated like prostitutes.

The bias is bad enough. What's worse is that reporters, editors and producers have been at it so long that they don't even see it. In a New York Times article on the Stossel controversy, reporters Jim Rutenberg and Felicity Barringer wrote, "Mr. Stossel is an anomaly in television journalism. Reporters are generally forced to keep their ideologies to themselves. Mr. Stossel is allowed to make his views known."

Do they honestly believe that most reporters "keep their ideologies to themselves"? When was the last time one of them confessed error after reporting an environmental alarm? And where is the evidence that Stossel subordinates his reporting to his personal beliefs? It's a mistake to assume that because Stossel is the only one honest enough to own up to having a point of view, he's the only reporter who has one.

If a reporter begins by distrusting capitalism and echoes any environmental scare, taking the activists' statements at face value and permitting rebuttals only by people who can be characterized as greedy — that's considered fair reporting. But if John Stossel marshals evidence to debunk bogus claims, clearing businessmen of charges that they knowingly and with malice aforethought try to kill their customers — that's ideological bias.

It's a mad, mad, mad, mad world. Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Va. ([www.fff.org](http://www.fff.org)), and editor of Ideas on Liberty magazine.

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## CHARGES FILED

Susan Jessica Shorridge, age unknown, Prestonsburg, terroristic threatening.

Harry Fogle, age unknown, McDowell, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

Darnell Scott, 43, Martin, second-degree criminal mischief.

Diane Kidd, age unknown, Harold, fourth-degree assault.

Sheila Hamilton, 38, McDowell, custodial interference.

Austin Shepherd, 18, Allen, second-degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking.

Mark W. Isaac, 37, McDowell, fourth-degree assault, spouse abuse.

Anita Glaser, 39, Allegan, Mich., fugitive.

Ricky Turner, 43, Garrett, alcohol intoxication, criminal littering.

Brian Norman, 23, Fishtrap, alcohol intoxication.

Kathy M. Thacker, 30, Phyllis, DUI, leaving scene of accident, attempt to elude police, reckless driving.

Scott E. Verley, 38, Prestonsburg, criminal littering, alcohol intoxication.

Tena R. Bentley, 20, Shelbiana, alcohol intoxication.

Charles J. Porter, 21, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Jessie Sammons, 18, Prestonsburg, public intoxication, possession of marijuana.

Jeffrey Iricks, 36, Betsy Layne, fourth-degree assault.

Tony Bari, 40, Prestonsburg, first-degree alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Doff Justice, Jr., 31, Beaver, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Ralph Jay Lykins, 38, Salyersville, alcohol intoxication.

Gabriel A. Shepherd, 19, David, alcohol intoxication.

Samantha M. Bradley, 18, Wayland, alcohol intoxication.

Joyce A. Foley, 41, McDowell, alcohol intoxication, second-degree criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.

Randy Sizemore, 33, Stinnet, fourth-degree assault, minor injury, alcohol intoxication.

Jamie Pennington, 35, Prestonsburg, fleeing or evading police, second-degree assault, spouse abuse.

Ronald A. Greenleaf, 51, Pikeville, violation emergency protective order.

Jamie Pennington, 35, Allen, terroristic threatening.

Terry Sturgill, 39, Dema, DUI, operating on DUI-suspended license, endangering welfare of a minor.

Debra Sturgill, 41, Dema, public intoxication, endangering welfare of a minor.

Christine Lemartz, 37, Minnie, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.

Benjamin Morgan Akers, 51, both of Harold.

## HEALTH DEPT. INSPECTIONS

Wayland Quick Mart, regular inspection, violations noted: Dog food stored on same shelf (directly beside) dishwashing detergent and other chemicals, no test kits provided to check sanitizing levels of chlorine, inside of microwave oven heavily soiled, outside garbage dumpsters not provided with lids or drain plugs and are in bad repair. Score: Food service-96, retail-95.

Redi-Mart #32, regular inspection, violations noted: Food stored on floor in walk-in freezer, bottom of reach-in cooler beside soda dispenser in disrepair, inside of microwave lightly soiled, soda dispenser nozzles in need of cleaning, mop sink at present time is inaccessible, ceiling tiles in storage and food preparation areas show signs of water standing on them, hole in wall behind hot water heater beside of walk-in freezer. Score: Food service-94, retail-93.

Double A Carryout & Grocery, regular inspection, violations noted: No conspicuous thermometer in reach-in freezer, back reach-in cooler has bottom vents in disrepair, garbage dumpster is not provided with lids. Score: 96.

P&H Packing Co., regular inspection, violations noted: None. This is a clean and well-maintained establishment. Score: 100.

Big J Meat Processing, regular inspection, violations noted: No test kits to test chlorine levels in sanitizing solution. This is a clean and well-maintained establishment. Score: 99.

## BANKRUPTCIES

PIKEVILLE DISTRICT

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Jeffery Miller and Virginia Kay Miller, Jackson, chapter 13.

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Linda Lou Parsons and Roger Dean Parsons, Prestonsburg, chapter 13.

Jamie Lynn Walls and Susan Ray Walls, Hazard, chapter 13.

Judy Von Mollette and Roy Garland Mollette, Tomahawk, chapter 13.

Bobby Joe Hall and Diana M. Hall, Wheelwright, chapter 13.

Ima Regina Hess, Wittensville, chapter 13.

# Professional development days help maximize student learning

From Floyd County Schools

We expect more from our students today than ever before, and as the standards for students increase so do the standards for teachers. That's why the "professional development" days you notice in your child's school calendar are so critical to this process.

This year we have four days set-aside for staff development in our district. These staff development days do not compromise the number of learning days your child receives. With the addition of new technology, yearly revisions to our curriculum, and new policies and procedures, these training sessions are critical to the success of our children.

Today's schools have the most diverse group of students we have ever had, with greater ranges of abilities, disabilities, and cultures. Preparing our teachers to serve this diverse population takes more time and more preparation than was needed in the past.

Continuing education has always been an important part of every educator's career, and Floyd County Schools will continue to provide quality professional development for all certified and classified personnel.

Teachers spend a great deal of their own time earning advanced degrees, and taking additional college classes updating their teaching certification. Competency in their fields is the key to being able to impart information to students.

We know that knowledge is doubling every five years and our teachers need help to increase their competency in many professional areas in their subject matter, teaching techniques, motivation, discipline, classroom management, grading, testing, communication, technology, and much more.

Professional development is not limited to the teaching staff or administration; staff development includes everyone. Clerical staff must know what policy changes have been made that affect their work, as well as what software changes they need to master. Custodial personnel continually receive training on the management and use of chemicals and equipment involved in maintaining school facilities. Even volunteers are trained on school policies and procedures in addition to their specific duties.

Teachers and staff all need sessions in which they can feel comfortable asking questions and discussing any problems they may have experienced in the process of assimilating new information, methods, or technologies. Professional Development days provide teachers and staff with resources on specialized topics unique to individual schools or districts.

This year our Professional Development will focus on curriculum, instruction, assessment, school climate, school safety, and technology. Parental support of these professional development

days helps assure that we have vibrant and successful schools. Continuous learning for everyone engaged in the education of young people is vital to giving students the best possible education. The more we know as education professionals, the better we are able to help all children reach their potential. Educators are committed to the learning process, and that process must begin with us if the children in our care are to become

successful.

## PARENTING TIPS:

• If you have questions concerning Professional Development days at your child's school, ask your child's principal.

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## MSU sponsors job fair

More than 50 employers are expected to visit the Morehead State University campus for the Fall Job Fair and Graduate School Day on Tuesday, October 3. Several other businesses have job listings available on the Internet.

Any person interested in full-time or part-time employment, co-ops, or in enrolling in graduate school may participate in the job fair, which runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

Among the employers scheduled to attend the job fair are representatives from the service industry and health-related fields, and various firms in Kentucky and surrounding states.

The registrants include the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America Inc.; State Farm Insurance; Radisson Plaza Hotel; and Walgreens. A number of governmental agencies will be represented, on campus or via the internet, including the U.S. Navy, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Kentucky State Police.

For those seeking additional schooling, information on the graduate programs at Northern Kentucky University, Murray State University and MSU will be provided as well as admission requirements for the Salmon P. Chase School of Law.

"Employers will be available to provide information about their companies and to accept

## Web page class begins

Prestonsburg Community College's Community Center for Lifelong Learning is offering a community education class on creating a web page.

Students will learn how to create and design a personal web page using tools available on the Internet. The instructor, Dr. Robert Perry, created a web page to promote the May House project in Floyd County.

The classes will meet on eight consecutive Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., in room 144, the Workforce Training Center, in the Johnson Administration Building on the Prestonsburg campus, beginning on Wednesday, October 11, and concluding on November 29.

For more information, or to register for the class, call the Community Center for Lifelong Learning, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at 606/886-3863, ext. 258.



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# Regional Obituaries

## Pike County

Billy Joe Luster, 54, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, September 20. He is survived by his wife, Irene Dixon Luster. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 23, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Michael Foster Thompson, 27, of Pikeville, died Monday, September 18, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 21, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Pearlie Smith, 76, of Kimper, died Wednesday, September 20, at

Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Emzy Smith. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 23, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Allie Mae Hatfield Maynard, 82, of Forest Hills, died Wednesday, September 20, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 23, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Bert Mullins, 86, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, September 18, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Phillistine

Sawyers Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 21, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Gary William Mounts, 44, of Freeburn, died Monday, September 18, in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Mounts. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 21, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Home.

Mabel Alley Branham, 74, of Varney, died Tuesday, September 19. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 22, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

# Obituaries

## Woodrow Smallwood

Woodrow Smallwood, 69, of Bevinsville, died Wednesday, September 20, 2000, at Glasgow State Nursing Facility, following an extended illness.

Born on March 28, 1931, in Bevinsville, he was the son of the late Perry and Lois Hall Smallwood. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include one daughter, Joan Johnson and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, September 23, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial will be in the Smallwood Cemetery, Jacks Creek, Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Ollie Lewis

Ollie Lewis, 78, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, September 22, 2000, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center Hospital in Prestonsburg, after an extended illness.

Born on January 19, 1922, at Endicott, he was the son of the late Lee and Maudie (Jervis) Lewis. He was a veteran having served in World War II, a retired coal miner and a member of U.M.W.A.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nora (Simpson) Lewis.

Survivors include three brothers, Richard Lewis Jr. of Inez, Charles Lewis of Emma, Troy Gene Jarrell of Prestonsburg; three sisters, Mary Alice Goble of Allen, Norcie Jarrell and Charlotte Powers, both of Prestonsburg, and one grandson.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 24, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Troy Poff officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

## Annette Hunt Hall

Annette Hunt Hall, 59, of Tram, died Thursday, September 21, 2000, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Born on October 18, 1940, in Ivy Creek, she was the daughter of Harvey Hunt of Tram, and the late Polly Lewis Hunt.

She is survived by her husband, Bert Hall.

Other survivors include three sons, David Hunt, and Roger Hunt, both of Tram, and Darrell Hunt of Martha; three brothers, Charles Ed Hunt, and Randolph Hunt, both of Martha and Ralph Hunt of Tram; four sisters, Ernestine Lewis of Endicott, Janice Jarvis, and Georgia Hunt, both of Tram, and Peggy Lewis of Banner; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, September 23, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Virgil Hunt and Jack Hunt officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## George Bennett Cox III

George Bennett Cox III, 52, of Phelps, died Friday, September 22, 2000, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson.

Born August 3, 1948, he was the son of the late George B. and Canary Simpkins in Beech Creek, W.Va.

He was a disabled coal miner and a member of the Majestic Church of Christ. He was also a member of the United Mine Workers of America.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Jimmy Dale Cox.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Cox of Phelps; one son, Bennett Dale Cox of Phelps; one daughter, Angie Cox of Meador, W.Va.; one brother, Randall Cox of Suffolk, Va.; two sisters, Nina Goad of Meador, W.Va. and Glenna Hager of Charolett Hall, Md.; two nieces and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, September 26, 2000, at 1 p.m. at the R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home Phelps Chapel.

Visitation will be Monday, September 25, 2000, after 6 p.m. at the chapel with services at 7 p.m.

Burial will be in the Kennedy-Simpkins Cemetery at Beech Creek, W.Va.

Officiating will be ministers Tennis Daniels, Claude Sanders Jr. and Bob Thompson.

*The "Word" for the Week*

**The service of angels**

by DR. DENNIS J. PRUTOW  
STERLING, KANSAS

Angels are messengers with a clear job description. They are "ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation" (Hebrews 1:14).

The devil tried to tempt Jesus with the ministry of angels. He took Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple, told Him to jump, and quoted from Psalm 91. "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You'; and 'On their hands they will bear You up, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone'" (Matthew 4:6).

Actually, the devil misquoted Psalm 91:11-12. The promise is one of daily care in the midst of everyday life. "He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, that you do not strike your foot against a stone." Angels have the job of keeping those who will inherit salvation, from stumbling.

Jesus is the great and precious stone presented to us in Scripture (1 Peter 2:7). To those who disbelieve, Christ is "a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense" (1 Peter 2:8; Isaiah 8:14). Angels have the extraordinary work of assisting those who will inherit salvation. They keep them from stumbling over The Rock, Jesus Christ. What a service!

**Windows class offered at PCC**

Prestonsburg Community College's Community Center for Lifelong Learning is offering an Intermediate Windows community education class.

Students will learn to use tools in the Windows program beyond those taught in introductory classes. Tommy Horn, program facilitator for the CCLL, has been a community education instructor for four years.

The classes will meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m., in room 144, the Workforce Training Center, in the Johnson Administration Building on the Prestonsburg campus. Classes will meet on Tuesdays, October 10 and 17, and Thursdays, October 12 and 19.

For more information, or to register for the class, call the Community Center for Lifelong Learning, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at 606/886-3863, ext. 258.

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**MOLLY BURCHETT**  
 (10) WENT for a loose ball against Herald-Whitaker Thursday night

A Look at Sports

Remembering how it used to be



I am amazed at the number of new baseball stadiums being built around major league baseball. Looking at the present day facilities, you can easily see that most stadiums are half empty during most of the baseball season.

Of course, a contending team for a post-season spot is still drawing the big crowds but for the majority of teams, they are just getting by with the smaller turnout.

Cincinnati will have a new stadium in the year 2003 but I don't know what is wrong with Cinergy Field. Why build a new one? I know, I know. A more modern facility may attract more fans. No so! The stadiums today are adding all the interactive games. Well, when you go to the ball park you go to watch a baseball game, not play games.

Reflecting on all of this, I sort went back in the past here in Floyd County and thought of what we had to play basketball in, baseball on and cow pasture like facilities for football.

Standing out in my mind was the old "cracker box" gyms that dotted Floyd County. They were anything but up to date. All the county school gyms were built from the same design and if you were in one, you were in all of them (with the exception of the old Wayland gym).

Betsy Layne had the infamous fan shaped backboards, but so did all the gyms. I recall Betsy Layne's because one was just barely hanging and seemed ready to fall.

The gym had bleachers upstairs as well as down. If 200 people crowded into the facility, it was a packed house.

Of course, my best memory was of the old Martin gym where I spent a lot of time. The old scoreboard that turned red to let the teams know it was the final minute. The upstairs seats that were so uncomfortable. The far end of the gym (upstairs) was reserved for the band. The band then didn't show up in street clothes, but full band apparel.

Dead spots! The old gyms had them. On a break down the floor, if the ball hit the wrong spot, then it stayed behind while you ran upcourt.

Garrett, Maytown, and McDowell gyms were on the same scale. They were all small, fan shaped backboards, funny looking scoreboards and the concession stands never stayed in the same location.

Another thing I remember was the great players who came out of those small gyms. I recall some great games between rivalries. There was the yelling from respective cheering sections, but when it was over, it was over and everyone was still friends. How unlike today!

In 1957 Prestonsburg, who's gym had burned, received the first "modern day" gym when the field-house opened with a doubleheader between county schools. The present day facility is still one of the best gymnasiums in the mountains today. They can update all they want to, but there is not a bad seat in the Prestonsburg gym.

I remember the first time I walked into the new gym and I thought, "we have finally arrived!" It was beautiful and a great place to play basketball.

Later, Betsy Layne received the dome gymnasium as progress seemed to have come to the mountains. Later Martin, Wayland, Maytown and Garrett would consolidate and form Allen Central and the great J.E. Allen Fieldhouse that stands on the campus today.

McDowell received a new facility but it did not compare with what the other county schools had to play in. A metal constructed gymnasium arrived on the campus of McDowell, but again, the size and style meant little, it was the quality of players and teams who played there.

The most recent addition to our upgrade of gymnasiums was South

(See **SPORTS**, page three)

Adams at Magoffin Co., Girls

**Burchett's arrival a little too late**

**Lady Blackcats fall 57-49 to Magoffin**



ADAMS DARCY HICKS (30) took the ball to the basket against a Herald-Whitaker player during girls' basketball play Thursday night. Adams suffered a 57-49 setback.

by ED TAYLOR  
 SPORTS EDITOR

What appeared to be an embarrassment in the making turned out to be a nail-biter in the second half between Adams Middle School and the Herald-Whitaker Lady Hornets.

The two teams met at the Magoffin County gym in the second game of the season for the Adams girls basketball team Thursday night.

Whitaker pulled out a 57-49 win over the Lady Blackcats.

Molly Burchett, a seventh grader, danced into the gym just as the two teams were leaving the court at half time.

Adams trailed by 11 points, 26-15 at the half, but was down at times by 20 points.

Burchett led all scorer's with 20 points while Meghan Slone added 11. Darcy

Hicks and Megan Patton netted eight points apiece.

Burchett made her presence in the gym known when the whistle sounded to start the third period. She rallied her team from the 11 point deficit to a 34-34 tie before

**Burchett led all scorer's with 20 points while Meghan Slone added 11. Darcy Hicks and Megan Patton netted eight points apiece.**

Whitaker scored the final five points of the third period to lead 39-34 after three quarters.

Burchett hit the first basket of the sec-

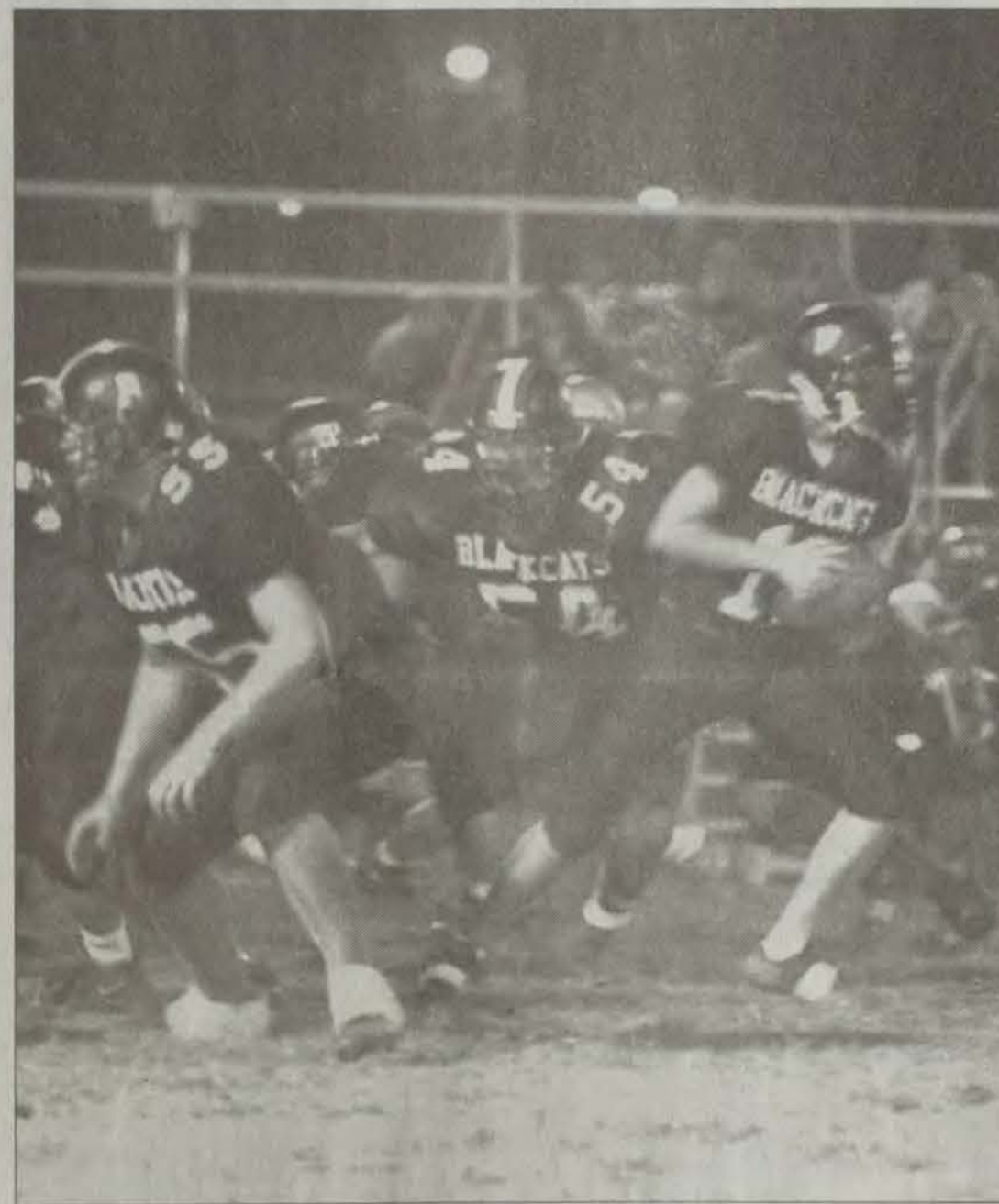
ond half and a free throw. Whitaker extended their lead to 32-19 before Burchett did it on the defensive end of the floor as well as the offense.

She scored on a lay in, stole the ball and scored, and beat the rest of the field up the floor for an easy lay in. She led a 13-0 run that tied the game at 32-32, and it was tied again at 34-34.

Turnovers hurt the Lady Blackcats in the fourth quarter as they had seven mistakes in nine possessions. The shaky ball handling allowed Whitaker to pull out to a 52-46 lead. Adams had 10 turnovers in the fourth quarter alone.

While turnovers plagued the Lady Blackcats late, lack of rebounding on the defensive end was a nightmare in the first half.

(See **ADAMS**, page three)



Prestonsburg sophomore quarterback Joey Willis gets set to hand-off against the Whitesburg defense.

Whitesburg at Prestonsburg

**Blackcats sweep past visiting Whitesburg**

**Jervis seals district win with 80-yard TD**

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS WRITER

An 80-yard toss sweep left touchdown run by Kevin Jervis sealed up a district win for the Prestonsburg Blackcats over the visiting Whitesburg Yellowjackets.

With the win the Blackcats improved their record to 2-3 on the season and, more importantly, 1-0 in the district.

Whitesburg won the pre-game coin toss and opted to receive the ball to begin the second half.

The Blackcats struggled on their first drive of the game and failed to get anything going.

(See **PRESTONSBURG**, page four)

Matewan vs Allen Central

**Short-handed Allen Central comes up short against Matewan**

by ED TAYLOR  
 SPORTS EDITOR

If there were a bright spot in Allen Central's 52-15 loss to Matewan, W. Va. Friday night, it was the outstanding play of sophomore Dusty Hammonds and junior running back D.J. Hoover. Bright spots for the undermanned Rebels wasn't many as they suffered their fourth loss of the 2000 season having won once.

Allen Central could do very little against the bigger front line of the Tigers and really strug-

gled early. But, give the Rebels credit, they did not quit as they played Matewan even in the second half.

It was the first quarter that did Allen Central in as they watched as the visitors put 24 points on the scoreboard in the first 12 minutes and trailed 38-7 at the half.

"This is a group of players who doesn't quit," said Allen Central coach Kevin Spurlock. "We are so-outmanned. We shouldn't be playing teams

(See **ALLEN CENTRAL**, page three)



Support for the Prestonsburg Blackcat football team is definitely high as these Blackcat supporters are shown backing their gridiron Blackcats.



photo by Ed Taylor

**BRITTANY CRUM** and her horse Fancy have brought home some nice hardware after competing locally in horse shows. This is Crum's first season of competition.

**Brittany Crum finds success early in local horse shows**

by ED TAYLOR  
 SPORTS EDITOR

Brittany Crum, 10-year-old daughter of Jimmy and Karen Crum of Prestonsburg, is only in her first year of competition on the horse show circuit and already she has reaped the spoils for her efforts.

Crum recently showed at the Coldwater Horse Show Revival arena in Inez and took home four awards including three first place finishes.

She captured a first place ribbon in the Beginner Rider's series. Also, she won first place in Juvenile Pleasure class and Spotted Horse Pleasure. Crum took home a second place finish in Juvenile County Pleasure.

Most recently, she competed at the Triple H

arena where she won a first place trophy in the Juvenile County Pleasure and took second place in the Beginner Rider's class.

"I have always like horses and just wanted to show horses," said Crum.

Crum, a fifth grade student at Clark Elementary, rides Fancy, a registered Tennessee Walker.

"We have other horses but Fancy is the only one I show," said Crum. "I enjoy it. It is fun."

The Crums, who operate Crum Mobile Home Sales, has other horses as well. Brittany's dad, Jimmy Crum also travels the horse show circuit with his horse Bob, also a blue ribbon winner. He won first place at the Coldwater Horse Show.

(See **CRUM**, page three)



# The Scoreboard

## H.S. FOOTBALL

Anderson Co. 24	Grant Co. 7	Hopkinsville 35	Marshall Co. 28
Apollo 20	Daviess Co. 15	Johnson Central 72	Perry Central 0
Ballard 39	Southern 18	Lincoln Co. 32	Madison 12
Beechwood 19	Bardstown 0	Lloyd Memorial 20	West Carter 12
Berea 27	Frankfort 0	Madison Central 36	Scott 7
Bourbon Co. 46	Western Hills 6	Matewan (W.Va.) 52	Allen Central 15
Boyle Co. 16	Lex. Cath. 14	Mayfield 25	Pad. Tilghman 0
Breathitt Co. 48	Leslie Co. 0	Meade Co. 21	Central Hardin 7
Bullitt East 27	North Bullitt 7	Mercer Co. 41	Henry Co. 17
Campbell Co. 47	Newport 14	Middlesboro 49	Pineville 18
Campbellville 33	Russell Co. 20	Mason Co. 74	Bath Co. 6
Caverna 22	Metcalfe Co. 12	Nelson Co. 42	Bullitt Central 21
East Jessamine 55	Marion Co. 7	Nicholas Co. 50	Fairview 8
Elizabethtown 26	Wash. Co. 6	North Hardin 39	South Oldham 6
Eminence 44	Carroll Co. 8	Paintsville 28	Phelps 0
Everts 63	Elkhorn City 18	Paris 34	Trimble Co. 8
Fairdale 26	Doss 13	Pikeville 31	Belfry 14
Fleming-Neon 42	South Floyd 0	Prestonsburg 21	Whitesburg 7
Fort Knox 40	DeSales 13	Rowan Co. 36	East Carter 6
Garrard Co. 41	Owen Co. 8	Russell 27	Fleming Co. 14
Glasgow 21	Bell Co. 20 (OT)	Ryle 3	Bry. Sta. 0 (OT)
Graves Co. 55	Fulton Co. 21	Sheldon Clark 34	Lawrence Co. 15
Greenup Co. 42	Magoffin Co. 0	Somers 48	Knox Central 0
Greenwood 30	Ohio Co. 0	Tates Creek 21	Dixie Heights 14
Hazard 74	Jenkins 6	Wayne Co. 15	Hart Co. 14
Heath 25	McLean Co. 0	Whitley Co. 63	Lewis Co. 0
Henry Clay 38	Simon Kenton 26	Williamsburg 14	Harlan 8
Highlands 63	Dunbar 25		
Holmes 35	Woodford Co. 12		

## NFL Standings

AFC East		NFC East	
N.Y. Jets	3	0	0
Buffalo	2	1	1
Miami	2	1	2
Ind. Colts	1	1	2
N. England	0	3	2

AFC Central		NFC Central	
Baltimore	2	1	0
Jacksonville	2	1	3
Cleveland	2	1	0
Tennessee	1	1	1
Pittsburgh	0	2	2
Cincinnati	0	2	3

AFC West		NFC West	
Oakland	2	1	0
Denver	2	1	1
Seattle	1	2	2
Kansas City	1	2	2
San Diego	0	3	3

## NASCAR

2000 Official Standings  
After Chevy Monte Carlo 400  
Richmond International Speedway  
Race No. 24 / September 9, 2000

Pos	Driver	Pts
1	Bobby Labonte	3761
2	Dale Earnhardt	3603
3	Dale Jarrett	3597
4	Jeff Burton	3578
5	Tony Stewart	3353
6	Rusty Wallace	3307
7	Ricky Rudd	3297
8	Mark Martin	3287
9	Ward Burton	3281
10	Jeff Gordon	3170
11	Mike Skinner	2772
12	Matt Kenseth	2766
13	Steve Park	2754
14	D. Earnhardt Jr.	2674
15	Johnny Benson	2642
16	Ken Schrader	2622
17	Sterl Marlin	2552
18	Terry Labonte	2506
19	Chad Little	2461
20	Joe Nemechek	2416
21	Bill Elliott	2397
22	Jer. Mayfield	2308
23	Jerry Nadeau	2295
24	Jimmy Spencer	2292
25	John Andretti	2254

## Boater testing idles into off-season

Kentucky's boating season idles down quickly following Labor Day. While thousands of visitors flock to the Bluegrass State's abundant waterways to combat the summer heat, as fall days become cooler and shorter, boating trips to the lake become more and more infrequent. Beginning in September and throughout early spring, Kentucky state wildlife and boating officers will be giving boater certification tests by appointment only. Throughout the summer months, testing for boater certification was offered monthly at a standard time in each Kentucky county. Most

testing was held at the county courthouse, or other local government facility during boating season.

Persons ages 12-17 who need boater certification during the off season should contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to arrange a test appointment. Those needing certification may also contact the Kentucky State Wildlife and Boating Officer assigned to their county to set up a test time and location.

For more information, call the KDFWR toll-free, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at (800) 858-1549.

## Barren River duck blind drawing time clarified

The drawing for blind assignments to hunt waterfowl on Barren River Lake will be held the morning of October 7 at the Barren River Lake Corps of Engineers office on Highway 252.

Registration for the drawing will begin at 7 a.m. CST, and the drawing will follow at 9 a.m. Central. The drawing and registration time previously announced indicated Eastern time, instead of Central time. The drawing will be held on Central time.

All hunters who wish to participate in the drawing must possess a Kentucky hunting license, state waterfowl permit and federal migratory bird hunting stamp at the time of the draw. Blind drawings determine the location of hunting sites for waterfowl during the upcoming season this fall.

# SportsBoard

## SPORTS CALENDAR

### SOFTBALL

**Softball Tournament to be held at Hazard**  
A softball tournament will be held at Hazard High School Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. The tournament is ASA approved, will have .47 core softballs and will allow five home runs each game. T-shirts will be awarded for first place and second place. For more information call (606) 642-3866 or (606) 439-0945, after 4 p.m.

### RUNNING

**OLW Hospital to sponsor 5K run**  
Our Lady of the Way Hospital will be sponsoring a 5K Autumn Run, 1-Mile Fun Walk and the Fastest Kid in Town on Saturday, October 21. Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. For more information or to pre-register, contact Neva Francis, (606) 285-5181, extension, 3420.

### BASKETBALL

**Kings of the Court 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament set for Oct. 14-15**  
The Kings of the Court 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held October 14-15 at the Prestonsburg City Park in Lancer during the Jenny Wiley Festival. Teams can be male, female, or co-ed. For more information or for applications contact Randall Reno at bryanatoms@hotmail.com for applications. Entry fees are \$25 per team.

### HORSE SHOW

**Hazard baseball team to sponsor horse show**  
The Hazard High School baseball team will sponsor a horse show at the Perry County Park Oct. 7 beginning at 6 p.m. Cash, trophies and ribbons will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners. For more information call (606) 642-3886.

## District Standings, Class A

Region 4, Dist. 7, Class A

	Dist.	Overall
Harlan	1-0	2-0
Pineville	3-1	1-0
Cumberland	3-1	0-0
Everts	3-2	1-1
Lynn Camp	1-4	0-0
Williamsburg	1-4	0-1

Region 4, Dist. 8, Class A

	Dist.	Overall
Pikeville	3-0	5-0
Hazard	1-1	3-1
Paintsville	1-1	4-1
South Floyd	1-1	2-2
Fleming-Neon	1-1	2-2
Phelps	0-1	1-2
Elkhorn City	0-2	1-3

## District Standings, Class AA

Region 4, District 8 Class AA

	Dist.	Overall
Whitesburg	0-0	4-0
Belfry	1-0	3-1
Shelby Valley	0-1	3-2
Pike County Central	1-0	2-2
Prestonsburg	0-0	1-3
Betsy Layne	0-1	1-4

Region 4, District 7 Class AA

	Dist.	Overall
Middlesboro	0-0	3-1
Breathitt County	0-0	2-2
Powell County	0-0	1-3
Morgan County	0-0	1-3
Lestlie County	0-0	1-3
Estill County	0-0	1-4

## MLB Standings

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### EAST DIVISION

	W	L	GB
Atlanta	90	63	-
New York	87	67	3 1/2
Florida	71	81	18 1/2
Montreal	67	86	23
Philadelphia	63	90	26

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	GB
St. Louis	90	64	-
Cincinnati	80	74	10
Houston	69	85	21
Milwaukee	68	85	21 1/2
Pittsburgh	64	89	26
Chicago	61	92	28 1/2

#### WEST DIVISION

	W	L	GB
San Francisco	92	60	-
Los Angeles	81	72	11 1/2
Arizona	79	72	12 1/2
Colorado	77	75	15
San Diego	74	79	18 1/2

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### EAST DIVISION

	W	L	GB
New York	85	67	-
Toronto	81	72	4 1/2
Boston	80	74	6
Baltimore	68	86	18
Tampa Bay	62	90	24 1/2

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	GB
Chicago	92	61	-
Cleveland	83	68	8
Detroit	75	78	18
Kansas City	71	82	21
Minnesota	66	87	25

#### WEST DIVISION

	W	L	GB
Seattle	86	67	-
Oakland	83	68	2
Anaheim	78	75	8
Texas	70	84	16

# Sports Briefs...

## Football

### TROY STATE TO DEBUT AT NEBRASKA

Troy State will make its NCAA Division 1-A football debut next season at top-ranked Nebraska. The Trojans, ranked No. 1 in Div. 1-AA, are moving up to 1-A after this season. They will receive \$475,000 for next year's game and the 2002 season opener, also in Lincoln.

### GEORGETOWN RANKED 2ND IN NAIA FOOTBALL POLL

The Georgetown Tigers are currently ranked second in the latest NAIA College Football poll. The 2-0 Georgetown Tigers sit second behind 3-0 Northwestern Oklahoma. Northwestern Oklahoma received 16 first place votes of the possible 17 first place votes. St. Francis College of Indiana ranked third in the latest poll, received the other first place vote.

## Volleycats

### VOLLEYCATS REMAIN UNDEFEATED

The Prestonsburg Volleycats are still undefeated on the 2000 high school volleyball season. Coach Russell Shepherd's Prestonsburg Volleycats boast an impressive undefeated 15-0 record.

### PERRY CENTRAL GIRLS FINISH THIRD IN EKC TOURNAMENT

The Pike County Central volleyball team finished third in the recent East Kentucky Conference Tournament. Perry Central opened the tournament with a win over Hazard. A loss to Letcher then bumped Perry Central to the losers bracket. The Lady Commodores then defeated the Allen Central Lady Rebels and a good Breathitt County team. The Perry Central Commodores then fell to Whitesburg for a third place finish.

## NASCAR

### KENTUCKY SPEEDWAY RELEASES 10-RACE SCHEDULE FOR 2001

Kentucky Speedway will host four weekends of racing in 2001, highlighted by a new NASCAR Busch Series race and the return of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and Indy Racing League Northern Light Series. The 10-race schedule also will include new stops by the United States Auto Club (USAC) and the NASCAR Goody's Dash Series, as well as stops by the NASCAR Slim Jim All-Pro Series and the Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA).

### BODINE TO REPLACE WALTRIP

Todd Bodine will drive for Haas-Carter Motorsports next season, taking over the Winston Cup car currently driven by Darrel Waltrip. Bodine, fourth in the Busch Grand National points has driven on and off on the Winston Cup Series since 1993. He drove full-time in the series from 1994-96, but in a limited role since then. He has no Winston Cup victories.

### CHARLOTTE TRACK GETS SOFT WALL

Lowe's Motor Speedway will use a newly developed "soft wall" for its October race to lessen the trauma on drivers when their cars hit the retaining wall. The energy absorbing wall will be installed in the inside retaining walls of Turns 2 and 4 before the Oct. 8 UAW-GM Quality 500.

## Basketball

### INDIANA COACH HIRES ASSISTANTS

Dan Panaggio, a three-time coach of the year in the CBA, and Julius Smith were hired as assistants by Mike Davis, Indiana's new basketball coach. Panaggio compiled a 313-191 record in nine seasons with the Quad City thunder, the most victories of any active CBA coach. Smith was an assistant at Southeastern Louisiana last season.

## Baseball

### CLEMENTE'S PLAQUE TO BE REPLACED

Roberto Clemente's plaque at the baseball Hall of Fame is being changed to correct an inaccuracy in his name. Following the Latin American custom where a person's given name is followed by his mother's maiden name, Clemente was born Roberto Clemente Walker. The names were reversed on the plaque, however.

## NASCAR in Kentucky

by AMANDA VINCENT

It was a sweet homecoming for Brewco Motorsports driver Kevin Grubb. Grubb finished fifth in front of friends and family in the Busch race at Richmond International Raceway on Friday night.

"It feels good," Grubb said. "I got to sleep in my own bed last night, and that always helps."

Grubb lives in Mechanicsville, Va., less than 10 miles from RIR.

Grubb brought back "Hunter," his favorite car, for the race. "Hunter" was destroyed in a fiery crash at Richmond in May and was completely rebuilt.

"Hunter" was named after David Hunter, a close friend of team owner Clarence Brewer, Jr. who died last year.

Casey Atwood, Grubb's Brewco teammate, had a much tougher time Friday night, bringing back a 34th-place finish. Things looked brighter for Atwood Saturday night. He moved up from a 35th starting position to finish 19th in his Winston Cup debut Saturday night in a Bill Elliott owned Ford. Atwood plans to compete in a few more Winston Cup events this season before moving up full-time to pilot a Ray Everham owned Dodge in 2001.

It's the same old story for Jeff Green. If he doesn't win, he at least finishes in the top five, building even more on an already astronomical point lead in the Busch Series championship race.

Green finished second to Winston Cup regular Jeff Burton Friday night. Going into the race Green already had a 604-point lead; after the race the lead was stretched to 649 with six races remaining.

"This is a dream come true for me to have a season like this," Green said.

Green could just sit out of three races and still capture the championship if he really wanted to, but I really doubt that would happen. The question is no longer, "Who will be the 2000 Busch Series champion?" Fans are watching now to see who will be the 2000 Busch Series runner-up.

Friday night was a good night for the Green family with two brothers in the top-25 and all three in the top-20. David Green finished the race in 10th and Mark, 23rd.

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**GIRLS' BASKETBALL** tipped off Thursday night when Adams Middle School Lady Blackcats traveled to Herald-Whitaker. Megan Patton (20) went up for a shot under the goal.

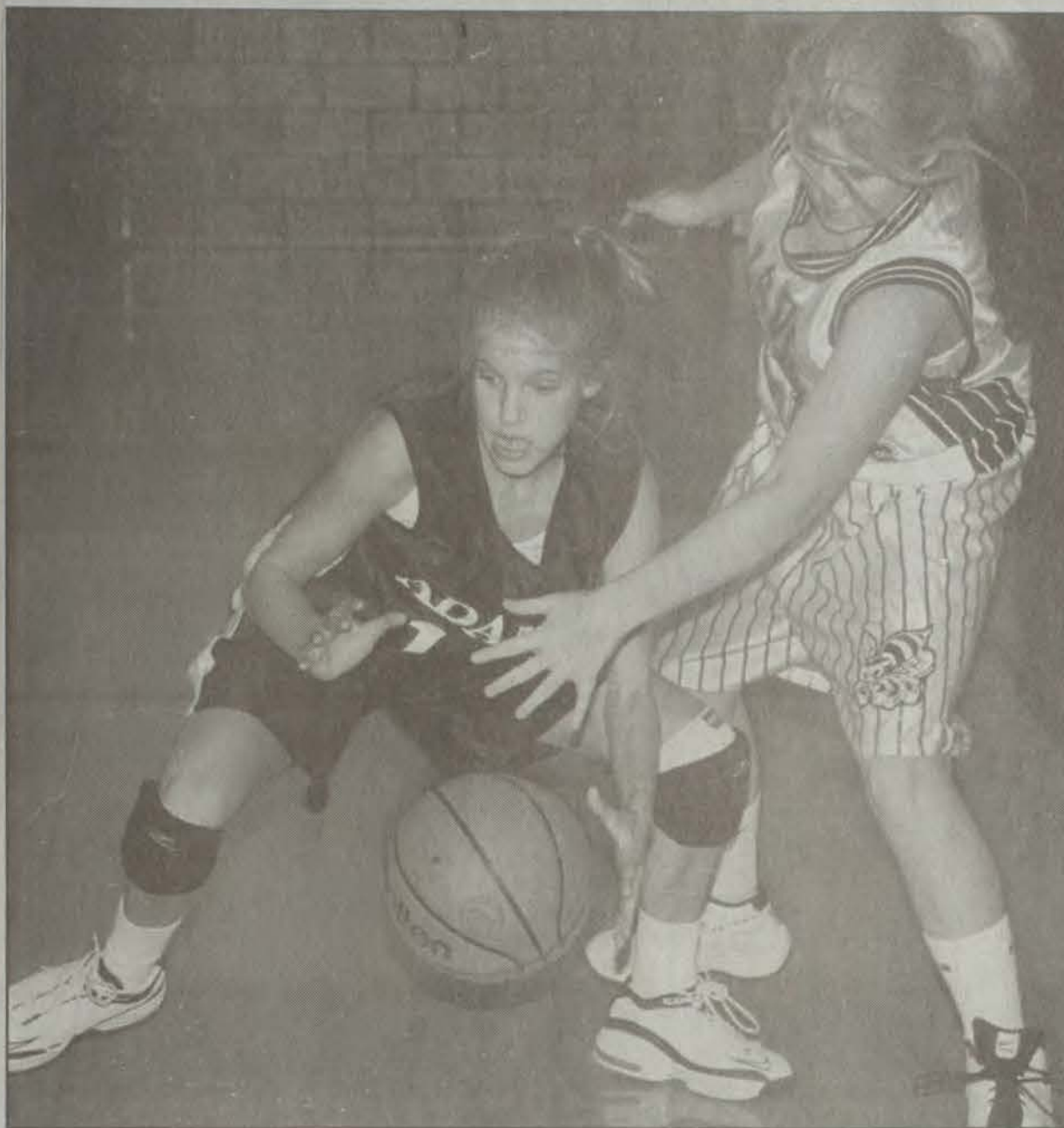


photo by Ed Taylor

**MOLLY BURCHETT (10)** WENT for a loose ball against Herald-Whitaker Thursday night. Burchett, who arrived at halftime, scored 20 points in a losing cause.

## Allen Central

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like this."

Allen Central, after Pikeville voted to not let them rejoin the district this season, had to find what games they could and Matewan was one of them.

Hammonds caught five of quarterback Jonathan Ellis' passes for 112 yards and a touchdown. Patrick Martin pulled in one touchdown pass, he had two receptions for a total of 9 yards. Alex Patton had one catch as did James Prater.

But Hammonds was a terror on the defensive side of the football with an interception, his sixth of the season, one of the tops in the state. He also had seven first hits and two assists. Jerry Bailey had a solid game with five first hits.

Hoover led the ground game for Allen Central finishing with 49 yards.

Allen Central total only 60 yards rushing for the game. Ellis completed nine of 16 passes for 139 yards. The Rebels had 199 total yards on offense.

Matewan went to the air for their yardage and passed for 227 yards. They carried the football 15 times for 87 yards.

The Tigers took little time getting on the scoreboard. On first possession and a first down play, Matewan struck with 10:49 to play on a 7-yard run and a two point conversion.

In the first quarter, Allen

Central could never get across the mid field line and never advanced past their own 18 yard line, with 8:16 to play in the first, Matewan led 16-0.

Third possession of the game, again it took only two downs for Matewan to strike pay dirt and lead 24-0 at the 4:15 mark.

As the first quarter ended, Matewan had the ball and was knocking at the door of the Rebels. With only 11 ticks off the clock, Matewan went in front 30-0 as the Rebels struggled on defense.

On their fifth possession of the game, the Tigers ran around, through and over the Rebels defense en route to a 38-0 lead. Allen Central picked things up on offense as Ellis found Hammonds three times for completion's of 12, 36 and 9, the latter being the first Allen Central touchdown with 5:19 to play.

Allen Central's defense even got more aggressive as they held the Tigers on their seventh possession and took over the football on downs.

However, the Rebels trailed 38-7 at the half. Matewan opened the third period much like they did the game and it took only five plays to light up the scoreboard again for a 44-7 advantage.

Coach Spurlock's team put together a nice drive of their own, marching

65 yards on nine plays that con-

cluded when Martin hauled in a Ellis pass and Hoover ran the two-point conversion for the final Rebel score.

Matewan put their final eight points on the board with 10:51 to play in the fourth quarter on a 52-yard touchdown pass.

On the final play of the game, Ellis hit Hammonds with a 26 yard pass completion as the clock expired.

Allen Central (1-4) will travel to Hazard next Friday night.

### REBEL NOTES

- Allen Central was without the services of Jarod Harlowe, Z.W. Chaffins and two other starters.

- Officials from the 16th Region made the trip to call the game.

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## Sports

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Floyd's Raider Arena and what a fine facility it is.

In recent years, there has been talk of a new gymnasium at Betsy Layne but who knows where that will lead. For those who remember the old "cracker boxes" you can easily see that progress has come our way. But, I still liked the old facilities. No, they were not that comfortable and most of the time you had to stand if you arrived late, but what great basketball was played between those walls.

How about sharing some of your memories with us.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports! See you in church today!

## Crum

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The Crum's stock recently had an addition to the farm when a colt was born two months ago.

Brittany and her parents plan to continue to travel the local circuit of horse shows and returned to Inez this past Saturday night.

## Adams

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Meghan Slone hit a 18-foot jumper to give Adams the initial lead at 2-0 but a three point basket by Heather Auxier put Whitaker in front 3-2. The lead went to 7-2 and the Lady Hornets led 13-8 at the first stop.

Whitaker built a 20-8 lead in the second quarter but a three-point basket by Slone and baskets from Patton and Hicks put the margin to seven points.

The taller Whitaker team was getting three and four shots at the basket as Adams failed to block out on the boards.

Adams dropped to 1-1 on the season and will host Paintsville Monday evening.

### B TEAM GAME

Meghan Slone scored 11 points

to lead the Adams junior varsity team to a 30-20 win over Whitaker. Brittany Collins added seven points with Darcy Hicks netting six. Elizabeth Chaffins tossed in four and Hughes scored two.

Adams led 6-4 after the first quarter on Slone's five first quarter points. She hit a trey in the opening period.

It was an 11-5 halftime score with Adams in front. Hughes and Slone each had field goals. Collins and Hicks scored four points each and Chaffins netted two in the third period to give Adams a 21-9 lead after three quarters.

Whitaker rallied in the fourth but Adams staved off the spurt to pull out the win.

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# Allen Eagles roll over visiting Stumbo

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

The Allen Elementary Lady Eagles volleyball team entertained the visiting John M. Stumbo Elementary Lady Mustangs Thursday night and came away with a solid two-set win.

It was a two-player show in the first set as Allen eighth-graders Brittany Zimmerman and Tina Wakeland accounted for all of Allen's scoring serves.

Stumbo's Misty Tackett put the lone Lady Mustang tally on the scoreboard with a serve past the tight Allen interior.

Zimmerman took the reins off the Allen scoring machine, putting points on the scoreboard. Zimmerman's running mate Tina Wakeland came on after a blown serve by Stumbo and put the game away with seven points.

The Allen Lady Eagles had momentum on their side following the sound 15-1 first set win.

Zimmerman started the second set much the same way she had the first. The strong serving Lady Eagle tallied 10 points for the game en route to an Allen win.

Stumbo put up a stout fight early on in the second set but fell behind midway through the contest.

Sherree Lee and Ashley Hall accounted for all six of the Lady Eagles' winning serves.

Zimmerman had a strong supporting cast to go along with her above pace performance for Allen. Ashley Collins and Chanel Music each had two points for the Lady Eagles. Amanda Keathley rounded out the Allen scoring with a single tally.

The Allen Lady Eagles will be back in action Monday.

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Sept. 25, when they travel to South Floyd Middle School to take on the Lady Raiders. Junior varsity action gets underway at 6 p.m., followed by varsity action shortly after the conclusion of the JV game.

John M. Stumbo is also back in action on Monday. The Lady Mustangs travel to Adams Middle School to face the Lady Blackcats. Junior varsity will take center stage at 6 p.m., followed by varsity action at the conclusion of the JV game.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Joey Willis roll out for a pass. Willis led the Prestonsburg Blackcats to their first district win of the season, a 21-7 victory over the Whitesburg Yellowjackets.

# Pikeville College to host Cumberland JV on Belfry field

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

Pikeville College football began with a thrilling game with the Georgetown College JV team less than three weeks ago. The Bears didn't just go out and play a good game, they went out and played sound football, nearly upsetting the Georgetown College Junior Varsity contingent.

Freshman quarterback Scott Branton guided the Pikeville College offense, along with tailback Derrick Dewberry.

Branton launched an all-out air attack against the Georgetown junior varsity. The Maryville, Tenn., native was very impressive in his first collegiate outing. He completed 16 of 35 passes for 262 yards to go along with his three touchdown strikes.

On the receiving end of Branton's offerings were Terrance Price with five catches for 109 yards, while Tommy Parker Jr. hauled in three receptions for 106 yards.

The Bears rushed for 133 yards on the ground to give them 395 total yards for the game. Dewberry led the ground game with 83 yards.

Pikeville College did everything except win the Georgetown game. The Bears outgained the Tigers both on the ground (133-130) and in the air (262-250).

The Pikeville College defense also played well against Georgetown. Freshmen Charlie Miller and Travis Washington each had 12 tackles to lead the Pikeville College defense.

The Pikeville College gridders fighting back and getting themselves back into the game is something Coach Zak Willis sees as a good sign that his team will remain competitive in this inaugural season.

"The thing I was the most proud of in the Georgetown College game was the fact that our players fought back and never gave up," said Willis. "If we can go into every game with the kind of intensity we had in the Georgetown game then I'm almost certain that we can be competitive every time we take the field."

Cumberland College, like Georgetown, is a member of the prestigious Mid South Conference. The Cumberland College football program has suffered in recent seasons but has also had some NAIA collegiate football success.

"All of the Mid South Conference schools are gonna put good football teams on the field," said Coach Willis. "We came out in

the Georgetown game and we got goin' and played some pretty good football. The layoff of over two weeks has allowed us to get some more practice time in preparation for the Cumberland game. Our defense is ahead of where we thought it would be at this time in the season. We had a real balanced game out of our offense the last time out. Branton led the offense well under center and our receivers ran good routes and made some good receptions. Dewberry led the running game and we expect a lot of the same out of him in the Cumberland College game."

Although Cumberland has been down in recent seasons, the future does look bright for the Indian program. Many of the same players on the Cumberland College JV team also suit up for the varsity.

Coach Zak Willis likes the challenge that this season's games against Mid South opponents present for his young squad.

"Every time against a Mid South Conference opponent of any kind your gonna have to be ready to play," said Willis. "The first home game over at Belfry High School will be special for a lot of our kids. We expect a big crowd turnout of Pikeville College football fans."

Cumberland will bring a good team in here and we'll have to be ready to play."

The rabid fans of Belfry High School just might make their way out to the Pikeville-Cumberland game. Fan support is always good, especially for a young football program.

Sophomore Adam Bailey, of Prestonsburg, is slated to start his second game at right offensive tackle. Fellow Floyd Countian Hank Mullins saw playing time against Georgetown in the Bears' defensive secondary and will likely see playing time against the Cumberland College JV team. All indications have Branton again starting at quarterback. Another freshman quarterback, Jonathan Wright, hails from Belfry and was a two-sport star for the Pirates, excelling in both football and basketball.

The Cumberland College junior varsity will more than likely not be the caliber of team that the Georgetown College JV was. Nevertheless, Coach Willis and his staff will have his troops ready for the visiting Indians.

Kickoff for Monday's Cumberland College-Pikeville College JV game is set for 5:30 p.m. at Belfry's Vipperman Stadium.

# Lady Rebels pound Lady Bobcats in two

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

First-year high school volleyball coach Larry Maynard got a solid overall performance from his Allen Central Lady Rebels this past Thursday night. The Lady Rebels traveled to Betsy Layne and took a two-set win from the host Lady Bobcats.

The Lady Rebels saw the score knotted at 1 for a brief time in the first set but stormed ahead of the host Betsy Layne Lady Bobcats and cruised to an easy win.

Allen Central's fearsome foursome of Amanda Potter, Johnna Ison, Leslie Martin and Shannon Sizemore paved the way for the Lady Rebels in the first set. Potter, Ison and Martin each tallied three Lady Rebels scores,

while a versatile Shannon Sizemore served up five scoring points. Kari Osborne rounded out the Allen Central scoring with one scoring serve.

Betsy Layne faltered throughout the first part of the first set. Senior Denise Jones put up Betsy Layne's first score but was not heard from afterwards. The Bobcats got a scoring surge late in the first set only to be turned away by the Allen Central defense.

Shannon Sizemore put the first set in the record books when she served a ball past the Betsy Layne interior. A 15-5 win set up a second set — one in which Coach Larry Maynard's Lady Rebels would find even more success.

Allen Central jumped out ahead early in the second set and posted a quick win over the Lady Bobcats.

Every Allen Central starter served up winning scores in the second set. Becky Smith and Kari Osborne each had strong games for the Lady Rebels. The veteran player contingent of Amanda Potter, Leslie Martin and Shannon Sizemore came up big for the Lady Rebels in the second set.

Coach Maynard saw his Lady Rebels reel off six points before Betsy Layne got on the scoreboard. Once the Bobcats did get going they could muster very little. Allen Central posted a 15-3 game two victory to stake the win.

The Betsy Layne Bobcats will be back in action on Monday night as they travel to Feds Creek. Betsy Layne and Feds Creek net action is slated to begin at 6 p.m.

The Allen Central Lady Rebels travel to Inez on Monday to take on the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals. The Allen Central-Sheldon Clark showdown is also slated for a 6 p.m. start.

# Pikeville start time changed

The Pikeville College Bears have waited 111 years to host their first-ever college football game. Now the game will have to wait one hour longer.

Pikeville, who will host Cumberland College Monday night at Belfry's Vipperman Stadium, announced the start time for their first home game will be one hour later at 5:30 p.m.

"We are hoping that moving the opening kickoff back an hour will be beneficial to our community and students," said Ron Damron, Athletic Director. "Hopefully, starting at 5:30 will allow people to work Monday and still attend the game."

Pikeville is in its first season of intercollegiate football and stands 0-1 on the season. The Bears lost to Georgetown 34-26 on September 7. Pikeville is playing a club, junior varsity schedule this season in preparation for next fall when it will compete as a varsity team in the Mid-South Conference.

"We're very appreciative of the folks at Cumberland College for agreeing to this change," said Zak Willis, head football coach. "Everyone we've dealt with in the Mid South Conference has been first class and this is another example of that."

## Steve's Sideline Shots...

# Are we halfway through already?

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

The 2000 high school football season is halfway into the record books and now I find myself wishing it wasn't so far gone.

High school football, well, just football in general, has a very special place in my heart. The day Kentucky high school football overtakes Kentucky high school basketball in the popularity category may never come but until then I'll still be supporting the pigskin sport.

Don't get me wrong, I love Kentucky high school basketball and I'm a fan of the sport of basketball. However, football is my favorite sport although baseball was my first. Isn't baseball the first love of every young boy?

The coaches we have coaching high school football in the state of Kentucky, as with the coaches we have coaching basketball, are for the most, exceptional teachers and are inclined in the sport(s) they coach.

The area is full of very talented gridiron coaches. All four of our county coaches, Kevin Spurlock of Allen Central, Ted George of Betsy Layne, John Derossett of Prestonsburg and an upstart first-year coach, Nathan Jones of South Floyd High School, are all coaches who have their teams more than well-prepared for battle week in and week out.

Our neighboring counties also boast some very talented coaches. Philip Haywood of Belfry and Chris

McNamee of Pikeville lead a talented group of head coaches in Pike County. David Lemaster to the north of us at Paintsville High School and Bill Musick at Johnson Central are also more than capable head football coaches who have their teams in the playoffs year in and year out.

Just for the record I still say the upcoming Paintsville-Pikeville football game could give way for a Tigers upset win over the Panthers.

Paintsville's Matt Brown running against the Panther defense and the Tiger defense stepping up to stop the multi-weapon Pikeville offense will be the deciding factors in the game. Who knows how that game will go? A Paintsville-Pikeville game in any sport is always considered a showdown. Can't wait to see how it ends!

But what a season it's been. It's halfway over and Lawrence County's Michael West is on pace to surpass his 2,000-plus yardage mark of last season.

A young man here in Floyd County who is one of my personal favorites to watch when he's running the football is Allen Central sophomore James Prater. The fleet-footed Prater is a speedy scat back who doubles over on defense as a safety.

Prater also does very well returning punts for the Rebels. He is one of those real athletic kids who you pull for to succeed both on the gridiron and in life.

### All-County Team

One thing worth looking forward to at the end of the gridiron season here in Floyd County is The All-County Football team selections.

As you watch these young men all season long and you see the ones who are really giving their all, it's nice to know that you can have a hand in helping to reward them.

Players are just like anyone else, they need motivation, they set goals and they most often have or should have high hopes of attaining them.

Good luck to all of the area coaches and their teams as they begin this second half of the 2000 high school football season. It's a nice ride, boys, but just like coach says it's over before you know it. It's the time of your life! Have fun!



photo by Ed Taylor

Prestonsburg running back Matt Slone seen here running down field in the Grundy game earlier this season, scored two big touchdowns for the Blackcats in their district win over Whitesburg.

## Prestonsburg

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Whitesburg returned a Blackcat punt back to their own 47-yard line, where they set up shop and mounted their first and only scoring drive of the game.

Cannan Pennington's runs set up the first-quarter Whitesburg touchdown — a 1-yard John David Setzer plunge into the end zone. A Chris Tolliver PAT kick made it a 7-0 Whitesburg lead early in the first quarter.

Sophomore quarterback Kevin Willis worked out of the shotgun for most of the Blackcats' second drive.

Michael Fannin broke out on a long run following a big pass play from Willis to Kevin Jervis. Fannin's run put the football on the Whitesburg 13-yard line.

The Blackcats were set to punch their first score in before a Matt Slone fumble of a slippery football gave the ball back to the Yellowjackets as they recovered the ball at their own 15-yard line.

Coach Tony Sergeant's Whitesburg Yellowjackets were stopped by the young Prestonsburg

Blackcat defense on their third drive of the game following the fumble recovery.

Matt Slone returned the favor to the Yellowjackets by returning a Whitesburg punt 45 yards and back to the Whitesburg 18-yard line.

It was a Matt Slone show to begin the second quarter, as it had been for the most of the first stanza.

With the ball on the 12-yard line, Slone posted identical gains of 5 yards to put the Prestonsburg Blackcat offense on the goal line. Slone found his first payday of the game on a 2-yard plunge. A missed PAT kick left Whitesburg with a 7-6 lead going into the half.

Possibly the most deteriorating factor in the game for Whitesburg was the fact that starting quarterback Justin Chandler was knocked from the game midway through the second quarter of play and failed to return in the second half.

Whitesburg received the ball to begin the second half, but it looked like a different set of Yellowjackets out on the field. These Yellowjackets looked to have had

their wings clipped.

Whitesburg got nothing going on their first drive while Coach John Derossett's Blackcats took over the game and the lead on theirs.

Prestonsburg marched 48 yards for their second score of the game. Matt Slone scored his second touchdown of the game on a toss sweep left past Whitesburg's Charles Sexton. Sophomore QB Kevin Willis hit receiver Matt Clay in the end zone for the conversion score to make it a 14-7 P'burg lead.

Sophomore Kevin Jervis tucked the win away for the Prestonsburg Blackcats when he broke free on an 80-yard toss sweep play around the left side of the Whitesburg defense. A Matt Slone PAT put the finishing touches on a brilliant game for the Prestonsburg Blackcats.

The win gives Coach Derossett's Blackcats much-needed momentum headed into the beef of their district schedule.

Prestonsburg will be back in action this Friday night when they host Coach Ted George's Betsy Layne Bobcats.

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## Coming home:

The old Wayland schools, Wayland Community Center, Wayland United Methodist Church, private homes, and other community locales were abuzz over Labor Day Weekend. Former residents and former students and their families came home to share memories of hard and happy times and to renew friendships.

Photos by Rebecca Derossett

# Wayland

## This Town That World

*Editor's Note:* For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1960.

Want to get the first look at 1961? See the new automobiles...Which reminds us that a fellow, reading about Automobile Row, pronounced "row" to rhyme with "how."

Is this fair weather? Maybe an umbrella exhibit would go over big this week...Whatever the weather, don't miss this, the only Fair that is all Floyd County.

### AN OLD FRAGRANCE RETURNS

Two round, bright-yellow objects decorated the litter on this desk on a recent morning, and when I investigated the aroma wafted me back a good 40 years to a one-room school where these things became so popular the teacher forbade all and sundry to sniff at them during "books." Brought back to me, too, was the recollection of how disappointed I was when, tantalized beyond endurance by its fragrance, I bit into one. For eating purposes, I am here to state, plumgrannies just don't qualify. But for smelling, they have it all over My XSin.

My thanks to Police Judge Dick Feiler for what, I-grannies, I call plumgrannies.

### TO MR. ANON

It isn't often that we print anonymous letters, but since this one refers to a recent editorial of ours, we do that just now:

"Your editorial of September 8, which slaps at Senator Morton for displaying loyalty to President Eisenhower rather than to the people of eastern Kentucky is not in order, and I believe, politically motivated. I think we now have the two best representatives in the Senate that Kentucky has had for many years. You jump to criticize Morton, but may I ask how many times did our supposedly great Senator, Alben Barkley, put the Democratic Party first before considering the people of eastern Kentucky. I suspect that your biggest gripe against Morton is that he is a Republican.

"YES, I AM A REPUBLICAN."  
(Two facts we would like for the writer to consider: (1) We were too kind in that editorial to Senator Cooper, a Republican, to suit some Democrats; (2) either Cooper or Morton is wrong about this matter of loyalty to the President rather than to the people of eastern Kentucky. (Signed) NORMAN ALLEN.)

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

A standard of life is more important even than this high standard of living of which we are so proud.

### SHORT, SAD STORY

Because my fishing partner has been sick, I went 13 days—yes, I counted 'em—without wetting a line. I went fishing on the 13th day. I should have waited till the 14th.

### THIS COULD BE SERIOUS

There has been considerable talk about the United States switching to the metric system of weights and measures. That bothered us not at all until the National Geographic Society pointed out what the change would do to some of our time-honored expressions. For instance:

A miss is as good as 1,693 meters.

I wouldn't touch that with a 8,049-meter pole.

All Texans wear 37,853-litre hats.

God's little .4047 of a hectare. It's all wool and .9144 of a meter wide.

And, says the society: "Your wife or girlfriend isn't going to like it when you refer to her fascinating measurements as 92-61-92! She probably will hold fast to the old measurements and doubtless you couldn't budge her 2.54 centimeters."



Emma Lou Martin, wife of Charles Ray Martin, Class of '47, was among the registrants.



Tommy Robinson and Teresa Hall cooked soup beans and ham hocks for the Wayland Volunteer Fire Department.



Margaret Edwards helped register homecomers at the Wayland Community Center. Her husband Cecil is a graduate of Wayland High School.



Eva Collins and Herman Harman were classmates at Wayland High School in 1940. He said she was known as "the prettiest girl" in the school.



Ed and Pat DeCoursey are members of the WHS Class of 1947. He was one of 13 World War II veterans who returned to school and graduated together. A star basketball player, he was recruited by former University of Kentucky Coach Adolph Rupp, but he chose to go to Eastern, along with Pat.



Bruce Fraley, '49, and Cecil Edwards, '54, shared WHS stories.



Bill Honshell manned the counter in the recreated soda fountain at the Wayland Community Center, which is operated by the Wayland Historical Society, of which he is a board member. The counter came from the old Fraley-Deering Motor Sales.



A Saturday morning breakfast filled the United Methodist Church for several hours.

## PostScript

by Pam Shingler  
Editor

### A garden of earthly delights

One of the delights of a garden is that, no matter how good a gardener you are, how well you plan, how often you tend, nature will ultimately have her way.

And there will always be something utterly delightful in the harvest.

For instance, I bought several eggplant plants in late spring and took them to my cousin on Middle Fork in Johnson County to set out in her large garden. I knew, from experience, that she would keep careful watch over the stout little plants. That's just the way she is.

As the summer progressed, we marveled at the rich purple of the fruits — a blessing to behold in itself. Every plant held a bounty of blossoms that turned into fruit.

In mid-August, we cut the biggest eggplants before they toppled the stems and shared the early harvest.

A couple of weeks ago, noting that the plants were dying, my cousin cut off all the fruits, some not much bigger than an actual egg and others more the size of a cantaloupe.

One had a growth about a third of the way from where the stem was attached. The node swooped down and then turned back up. Set on the counter in my cousin's house, the odd eggplant looked, for all the world, like a cartoonist's caricature of the late President Richard Nixon in profile.

Like all proud farmers, my cousin insisted I take a picture, which should be among these words somewhere. I could not resist running it,



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## Things to Ponder

### Children: To give or not to give medications?

by DR. MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PHD

Since I have a major interest with educational and clinical background of working with children and their families, a study described this winter in the Journal of American Medical Association caught my attention. The results reportedly found that an increasing number of parents were accepting "putting their toddlers on psychiatric drugs."

Of the more than 200,000 children followed across the United States, there had been more than a 50 percent increase in the use of these drugs between 1991 and 1995. What do you think about the question of "should children of any age be given medication?" Should youngsters with symptoms such as hyperactivity and anxiety be treated with drugs like Prozac or Ritalin or do parents try to cope with these problems through therapy, communication and a lot of patience?

Of course, experts gave different reactions to the outcome of the study. The chairman of the psychiatry department of Harvard Medical School felt that the study revealed "a troubling trend. There is no empirical evidence to support psychotropic drug treatment in very young children." Plus, he expressed valid concerns that such treatment could impair brain development.

In contrast, the response of the chairman of the American Psychiatric Association's Council on Adolescents and Their Families was, "(medications) can be extremely helpful for some children, even quite young children," as long as they are prescribed only after a comprehensive evaluation and are used in conjunction with other therapy.

The researchers suggested that the increase is partly due to a growing acceptance of psychiatric drugs and also to the fact that more children are attending day care, where care providers often do not have time or patience to give special attention to children who repeatedly misbehave. In turn, parents are likely to be under pressure to do whatever is deemed necessary to get their children to conform to school standards of good behavior.

The psychiatrist involved with children and families felt that the use of the drugs is increasing in part because doctors are getting better at diagnosing behavior disorders at an early age.

The discussion of this study's outcome reminded me of a couple of kids that have been seen over the past year. One is Toby, a real cute, blonde-headed, big talker, about 2-1/2 year old. He was so bright and his level of mental functioning seemed to be a miracle, since his biological mother had used various drugs while pregnant with him. A hypothesis was that his general lack of behaviors related to the probable impact of his mother's substance abuse on his brain and nerve development while he was in the womb. Toby had been taking Ritalin for about a year, due to his extremely significant acting-out behaviors.

However, his child psychiatrist felt that he and his adoptive mother would benefit from following a behavioral modification program, focusing on increasing his impulse control. They both did so well. He still comes by occasionally to play with things from the magic closet and to visit with Dr. Mable.

Another child, a 6-year-old boy who comes to mind, is Derrick. His mother called for an appointment because his kindergarten teacher insisted that he was "hyperactive and just had to take medication." Although his parents felt there was a problem, they did not accept automatically that he "had to have" medication. They were very willing to follow the behavior modification plan based on controlling his acting-out behaviors and concerning his parents' lack of adequate parenting skills.

An effort was also made to include his teacher. However, his teacher apparently could not accept that he did not "have to have" medication and did not always follow through.

Based on his behaviors at home, Derrick showed that he responded well to the principles for behavioral change and did not need medication. He was not "hyperactive."

That is not to say that teachers are not helpful in recommending that a young child have professional psychological services. An excellent example is Tyrone, a 10-year-old boy who had been threatening and displaying very aggressive behaviors at this elementary school. Even though his older brothers had a history of Attention Deficit-Hyperactive Disorder and had taken Ritalin for years, Tyrone revealed multiple indicators of clinical depression.

He responded well to an anti-depressant medication prescribed by a child psychiatrist. His parents gradually learned to follow a behavioral modification program and really learned to change their inappropriate parenting techniques. Another factor for this family was the parents' difficult marital relationship.

You may recall the 8-year-old boy who had Tourette's Disorder and depression and responded well to medications. Typical of such families, it was very difficult for his mother to accept that there was a possibility that HER son needed medication. However, after several weeks of following the behavioral modification program with minimal positive results and continuing complaints from his teachers about his behaviors, Jeremy's mother reluctantly "gave in" to his seeing a child psychiatrist, who prescribed medications.

You cannot imagine the delight they displayed that Jeremy is now doing satisfactorily in school this fall and their home environment does not have the chaos that it did before. Typical of children who have been in therapy, Jeremy had big tears in his eyes the other evening when mention was made of his eventually not needing to come for any more sessions.

Needless to say, it is very difficult for any of us to accept that OUR child is not perfect, much less is in need of a medication and especially for one that is intended to alter the child's behaviors. Then there are the issues of "identifying and labeling" the child as having "something" wrong with him. It seems to me that it is much more harmful for parents not to do what the child needs so that he is not labeled as the "trouble maker" or the "class problem."

If your child were identified as having juvenile diabetes, would you not give him the necessary treatment such as insulin, because you did not want him labeled as a diabetic? But, as stressed by the national expert, all family members usually need to actively participate in the family's treatment of behavioral problems. So often, everyone is part of the solution.



#### Five generations

Five generations of the Everett Hall family gathered recently at their family home at Bevinville. Represented are Hall, 86; his daughter, Jo Ann West; granddaughter, Elizabeth Wendler; great-granddaughter, Amber Miller; and great-great-grandson, Matthew Miller, four months. Hall's descendants live in Michigan. The patriarch, who is the widower of Carrie Hall, has eight children, 20 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He is retired from Island Creek and Inland Steel and is clerk at Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church at Melvin.



### Family Medicine

John C. Wolf, D.O.  
Associate Professor  
of Family Medicine



## Rx for depression: Your love and doctor's care

**Question:** My son-in-law has been sad lately and he often gets angry. He seems to sleep a lot, too. All of these symptoms have been going on for about two months. My daughter and I think he is depressed, but he won't go to the doctor.

**Would you give us some information about depression?**

**Answer:** Depression afflicts about five percent of the adult population at any one time, and about 30 percent of individuals have it at some time during their lives. Therefore, I'd call depression a very common problem.

All of us have episodes when we are sad for a few days and "mope" around. Sometimes we can be irritable as well. These episodes are usually triggered by a specific event such as the death of a pet, a "best friend" moving away, or problems at work. After a few weeks, the person adjusts and returns to his/her normal disposition.

Perhaps something like this is the cause for your son-in-law's change in mood. On the other hand, he may actually have depression as you suspect. The following may help you decide if he is actually depressed.

A depressed person will have some or all of the following characteristics:

- a sad or irritable mood most of the day nearly every day, for the past two weeks or more;
- a markedly diminished interest or pleasure from most activities;
- a significant weight loss or weight gain;
- difficulty sleeping or sleeping much more than usual;
- general fatigue and a loss of energy;
- feelings of worthlessness and/or feelings of guilt;
- diminished ability to think or to concentrate; and/or
- recurrent thoughts of death or suicide.

Many medical problems, although seemingly unrelated, can be associated with depression. At times, the only outward sign of depression may be a headache, backache or indigestion. The depressed person tends to focus his or her attention on those little signals our bodies constantly send and blow them out of proportion.

Depressed people often complain of constipation or diarrhea and stomach pains. They might say: "My stomach growled and I have some gas. Oh, no! Am I going to die from stomach trouble?" The real message is: "I feel really bad about myself. I want attention to help me feel less worthless."

Unfortunately, about 70 percent of depressed individuals don't get treatment for their disease. This results in unnecessary suffering for the individual, as well as stress in the family.

I hope you will encourage your son-in-law to see his doctor about his mood because there is effective treatment for almost everyone with depression. Most treatment centers on the use of medicine, and there are currently more than 20 different types available.

Unfortunately, none of them gives instant relief. It can take from one to six weeks before the depression starts to improve.

It is also often helpful to have some short-term supportive counseling, in addition to taking anti-depressant medicine. The important first step is letting him know that you care for him and about him. The second step is getting him to the doctor.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at [www.fhradio.org/fm](http://www.fhradio.org/fm).

## Attend ball

Several persons with local ties attended the University of Kentucky Fellows Dinner and Ball on September 15.

Among them were former Prestonsburg Community College President Dr. Deborah Floyd and guest Lyle Howard, formerly of Paintsville, former PCC profes-

sors Leo and Laura Weddle, and PCC professor Robert McAninch and guest Jamie Bray.

Entertainment was provided by the Platters and Sensations.

Anyone interested in becoming a UK Fellow may contact McAninch at 606/886-7036, after 8:30 p.m.

## Reunions

• Jarrell/Riddle reunion, Saturday, September 30, starting at 11 a.m., Dewey Dam Shelter #1, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Bring a covered dish and \$5 wrapped gift for white elephant auction to raise money for next year. Call Estill Jean Endicott, 606/874-9324.

• Prestonsburg High School class of 1980, 20-year reunion, October 7, Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg. Call 606/886-6140, 886-0749, or 886-9820.

• The Wayland High School class of 1941 annual reunion, September 28-29, May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Contact Lois Hobbs Gault, 101 Joyce Ave., Apt. 1C, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37415.

• Johnson reunion, descendants of Mifford and Minnie Johnson of Teaberry, October 7, all day,

Dewey Dam Shelter #3, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Call 606/889-9624.

• Descendants of Elkaner Martin reunion, October 14, home of Thomas E. Martin on Turkey Creek, Langley. Bring covered dish, family pictures. Call Gaylord Martin, 606/285-9003.

• Nathaniel Mosley/Mary Polly Moore family reunion, October 21, 11-6 p.m., Shelter No. 2, Carr Creek Lake, Knott County. Call Danny Huff, 606/785-9734; Judy Faultner, 606/368-2381; or Shelly Studer, 606/437-7514.

(\*\* New to list)  
The Reunion Calendar is a free service. Send reunion announcements to Pam Shingler, Floyd County Times, PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; fax 606/886-3603; e-mail [ftimes@eastky.net](mailto:ftimes@eastky.net).

## Laynes have reunion

The 2000 Layne Family Reunion was held Sunday, September 3, at the Tom's Creek Baptist Church at Ivel. The Laynes are descended from early pioneer settlers James Shannon Lane and his wife Katherine Hager. Most family members who attended are descended from Moses S. Layne and his wife, Sarena Clark.

Wanda Hicks Fletcher opened the reunion with a prayer. After dinner, a few moments of silence honored those family members—Della Layne Stratton and Wilbur Layne—who had passed away during the past year.

Everett Adkins and Bertrum Layne were the two oldest men attending and Dolores Layne Hicks was the oldest lady. Charles and Ruth Layne of Phoenix, Arizona, who were celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary, traveled the farthest. The youngest child attending was Aaliyah Paine.

Family entertainment was provided by singers James D. Hinchman, Alexandria Hansford, Bertrum Layne, and Dolores Layne Hicks. Joe Hinchman was master of ceremonies, and Kevin Hinchman provided the sound system.

Layne family members and guests were as follows: Betty Montgomery, Porsha Payne, Florene Wallen, Katrina Montgomery, Bertrum Layne, Lila L. Maynard, Harry G. Maynard,

Patty Smith Hill, Dolores Layne Hicks, David and Susan Boyd, Ashley Boyd, Kristin Boyd, Beverly Smith Walker, Tisha Boyd, Kimberly Smith Walker, David and Norma Hinchman, William and Tillie Hinchman, James Hinchman, Joe and Mary Hinchman, Kevin Hinchman, Misty Boyd, Cody, Selena, and Dawn Boyd, Bobby Adkins, Linda Adkins, Angela Maynard, Kimberly Adkins, Megan Branham, Cody Maynard, Courtney Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Pat Hinchman Derossett, Dr. Aaronda Derossett Wells, Morgan Wells, Byron and Pam Hansford, Alexandria, Amanda, and Alivia Hansford, Tom and Bonita Hinchman Porter, Maxie Avenell Damron Patrick, Carol Sue Patrick, Chris Wright, Lorraine Wright, Glenna Layne Salmons, Everett and Tiny Adkins, Tannis Layne Adkins, Clifford Pearce, Vearlie Adkins Pearce.

Also, Charles and Ruth Layne, Phoenix; James and Loretta Smith, Morehead; Melvin and Wanda Fletcher, Salyersville; Debra Leisure, Garfield Heights, Ohio; Janice Sue Byrd, Albion, Michigan; Claude Damron, Hamilton, Indiana; Lisa Piper, Todd Case, and Alyssia and Cade Piper, Battle Creek, Michigan; Gale and Alpha Omega Conn Thompson, Melbourne, Florida; Nelson and Gailenna Randolph, Birmingham, Alabama.

## Fall harvest time

by BONNIE ERICKSON  
RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Thoughts of gardens, cooking and canning don't necessarily always start visions of grandeur dancing in one's head; they're more likely to conjure visions of work. We think back on the old wood cook stoves, women in bonnets, men in straw hats and washing jars from daylight to dark. The work is not always easy, and the sun can take its toll on the body.

However, according to one associate with the Appalachian Regional Studies Center at Radford University, the rewards are so great the work is worth it. Jim Minick, also an instructor of English at RU, says, "There is something phenomenal about seeing seeds sprout. People say it's therapeutic, and it is."

Respected in the local area for his knowledge of blueberry gardening, Minick believes gardening is "using energy to supply your body energy. It just makes a circle in our lives."

Growing and canning a family's food is the most economical means to feed a family, and those harvesting and preparing the food for preservation know what's in it. A garden is the cheapest food source, and it's better for you. You know what went into the plants in the garden and you know how they were cared for.

Minick also believes that organic gardening is certainly not anything new to society. "I had an 81-year-old farmer tell me the way I did my gardening was the way they did it 50 and 60 years ago."

Less or no use of chemicals, fertilizers and pesticides is how the older generation gardened. "I believe there was less cancer being reported back then, too," Minick says.

Gardening, like everything else, requires commitment to the product. The one commitment nobody likes to think about is that of spending time weeding the garden. Minick doesn't believe there is a miracle cure for weeds but has found that mulch placed around the plants and in the rows, cuts tremendously into weed growth.

When it comes time to harvest the

fruits of your labor, families may also want to think about actually starting their gardens over in the fall, Minick says. "You don't necessarily need to burn the garden off, you can plant garlic or even a cover crop of winter rye."

Winter rye is a grain product that protects and enriches the soil. Garlic is something that will grow year-round and can serve several purposes, both food-wise and health-wise.

"You can plan your garden and it can work for you all year," Minick says.

Beginning gardeners may not realize there are foods that can even be grown in dimly lit spots of the garden or yard. Lettuce, raspberries, spinach and the Shiitake mushroom all can be grown in the shade, Minick has found. "All of your space can be used wisely and with productivity," he said.

Barbara Chrisley, professor of food and nutrition at RU, has done research through the Virginia Cooperative Extension offices and offers additional pointers and tips on harvesting the garden.

• Harvest vegetables at their peak. Check garden often, pick vegetables when ripe and use as soon as possible.

• When canning, make sure equipment is clean. Wash jars and ring bands in hot, soapy water. Do not use cracked jars. Do not reuse lids.

• If canning fruit, select only the best of the crop. Use firm but not overripe fruit.

• Freezing foods slows the growth of bacteria that cause food spoilage. Select only containers especially made for freezing food (i.e., freezer bags, plastic freezer containers or special freezing jars.)

• Tomatoes can be cooked, pureed or juiced before freezing. Choose young, tender tomatoes.

• Always wash, peel and trim away bruised areas on any foods.

Minick concludes that when it's time to start thinking about next year's crops, people could actually plant lettuce or greens in September. This would allow families to have a salad through most of the winter season.

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partly in homage to all those farmers whose gardens render peculiarly shaped specimens, 40-pound cushaws and 200-pound pumpkins.

These oddities generally aren't planned and they aren't asked for,

but they are a joy to receive.

Here's to your bountiful harvest.

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Greetings to subscriber John C. Osborne of Miamitown, Ohio. Thanks for reading the Times.





### Five generations

Della Carroll Kidd of Honaker, who celebrated her 78th birthday on August 30, 2000, poses with five generations of her family. She is great-great-grandmother to Zachary Rose, great-grandmother to George Markus Rose of Grethel, grandmother to Avanel Case Rose of John's Creek, and mother to Julievene Kidd Case of Honaker.

## Land O'Lakes shares secret of holiday baking

Preparing a secret family recipe during the holidays is a tradition for many Americans.

In fact, nearly 66 percent of Americans believe that most families have a secret recipe, according to a recent survey by the Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline, a toll-free hotline that shares baking tips and scrumptious holiday recipes with thousands of people each holiday season.

The survey also revealed that 72 percent of respondents have a time-saving secret for creating that special treat during the holidays.

This year, the Holiday Bakeline has extended its hours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (CST), to help more Americans than ever before bake successfully throughout the holiday season.

To kick-off the opening of this year's Holiday Bakeline, from November 1 through November 10, Americans can visit the Land O'Lakes Web site at [www.landolakes.com](http://www.landolakes.com) and enter the national online contest, "Share Your Secret for Successful Holiday Baking."

Winners will receive a holiday prize package that includes two Waterford crystal serving pieces, \$100 cash for baking supplies and coupons for 10 pounds of LAND O LAKES® Butter.

#### NEW RECIPE LEAFLET

The 27 baking experts at the Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline 1-800-782-9606, will be available for questions or suggestions from November 1 through December 24. Phone lines will be open, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (CST), seven days a week.

All callers will receive a free recipe leaflet filled with five easy recipes and secrets for making delicious home-baked goods. Recipes include Raspberry Truffle Wreath, Caramel Nut Logs, Sparkling Butter Toffee Cookies, Holiday Orange Nut Bread and Double Dip Chocolate Slices.

Bakers also are encouraged to

visit [www.landolakes.com](http://www.landolakes.com), where recipes can be downloaded and questions can be asked via email with a response from a home economist.

"The Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline has been sharing holiday baking secrets with hundreds of thousands of Americans for more than 10 years," said Lydia Botham, director of consumer affairs and the Land O'Lakes Test Kitchens.

"The Holiday Bakeline and the Web site are excellent resources to help with everything from questions about baking your grandma's pumpkin pie, to creating a new family recipe, or even altering a recipe that has been handed down for generations. Our baking experts are available to share new recipes and time-tested secrets for successful baking this holiday season."

#### ONLINE CONTEST

To enter the "Share Your Secret for Successful Holiday Baking" online contest, contestants need to answer, in 50 words or less, "What's your best kept secret for holiday baking?" Online contest entries will be judged on originality and importance of baking advice. One winner will be selected each day from November 1 through November 10, for a total of 10 winners. For more information, see the enclosed contest rules sheet.

#### THE BAKING EXPERTS

Land O'Lakes has been helping families bake delicious treats since 1921, and since 1990, has helped Americans with their baking questions through its Holiday Bakeline. This toll-free hotline has helped more than a quarter of a million callers over the past 10 holiday baking seasons. Holiday Bakeline headquarters is in Arden Hills, Minnesota.

Land O'Lakes Inc., a Minnesota-based food and agriculture company, is a leading supplier of quality dairy products, and has been helping families bake traditions for more than 75 years.

# A personal case: One attorney's story of serving the law

by FREDERICK M. BARON  
& PENNY GOLD

## ATLA Consumer News

This week we want to share with you a compelling story written by attorney Jim M. Perdue Sr. In a world where lawyers are criticized as being self-serving and consumed with greed, it is refreshing to share with you one man's story that shatters those myths.

"Mark and Lisa Alexander had been married three years when his right shoulder started giving him problems. Mark's doctor recommended a routine arthroscopic repair at a day surgery facility.

"The morning of the surgery, Mark and Lisa met with the doctor-anesthesiologist. She told them she would be giving Mark his general anesthetic, but a nurse anesthetist was left to intubate, induce, and monitor Mark's anesthesia while the doctor lounged in the break room.

"The surgeon was about two-thirds through the procedure when he saw the nurse anesthetist fiddling under the surgical drapes, saying, 'I can't hear air in one lung.' The surgeon stopped and pulled back the surgical drapes. Mark's face, chest, and upper thighs were blue. He had no pulse. After an electroshock, Mark's heart returned to a normal rhythm.

"The surgeon told the family he

didn't know what had happened, he didn't even know the name of the nurse anesthetist who had gone home after the operation but was to return to the clinic a few days later to give a full report. She never came back.

"Mark Alexander lay in a coma for two weeks after the surgery. His family was at his bedside every day. They were there when Mark took his last breath.

"His family wanted answers.

"We got the medical records and learned the name of the nurse anesthetist. We had a hard time getting other evidence about the surgery, though. Most modern-day anesthesia monitors have a memory function. Recall functions of the monitor's computer will retrieve and print out vital signs that were displayed during a procedure; we requested this data.

"But the defendants refused to produce it, saying it was protected by 'peer review privilege.' This legal privilege is meant to protect the academic discussion of medical procedures that go wrong. But some defendants abuse the privilege by trying to use it to keep records from being discovered.

"The court ordered the data we requested to be produced. Using

this information, we determined that Mark was without a measurable heartbeat for 10 minutes before the nurse alerted the surgeon.

"Then something unexpected in my own life happened. We were just getting started on the case in February 1998 when my fiancée, Joan Alexis Latch, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She underwent an eight-hour operation that found the tumor had spread into her pancreas and her spleen. In the following months, she underwent a rigorous course of chemotherapy.

"Although we were engaged, Joan didn't want to get married until she had beaten the cancer. I knew after my first visit with her oncologist, that day would never come.

"Joan went to the hospital just as the case was called for trial, October 15, 1999. 'Go get that family justice,' she told me from her hospital bed. I have never known any greater champion of people who are abused by arrogant professionals than this courageous woman.

"I was with Joan every weekend and most nights during the trial. The second weekend of trial, Joan collapsed into a coma. She died on November 1, All Saints Day.

"Trying a case while the person I loved more than life itself lay dying in a hospital was the hardest thing I have ever done.

"On November 4, as I was driving some family members back home from Joan's funeral, I got a call from my son and law partner Jim, who had gone back to the courtroom after giving Joan's eulogy.

"'Dad,' he said, 'We've got a verdict.' We had won."

"When I got to the courthouse, I looked at Mark's fine family. They all smiled and gave me a thumbs-up. We had gotten justice for Mark and his family. It had been almost two years before when they had been at Mark's bedside for two weeks and then watched him die.

"Being a plaintiff lawyer is all about caring. All the trial skills in the world accomplish little if your heart holds no compassion and is hardened to mercy."

Well said, Jim.

For more health and safety information and tips, please visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <http://familysafety.atla.org>.

Frederick M. Baron, president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, is a partner in the Dallas law firm of Baron & Budd, P.C.

Penny Gold, is the executive director of the Kentucky Academy of Trial Lawyers.



### Tyler Brian Martin

Tyler Brian Martin was born to Lenville and Beverly Martin, of Martin, on Thursday, August 10, 2000, at 12:14 p.m., at the Cabell-Huntington Hospital. He was 21-1/2 inches long and weighed eight pounds and three ounces. Maternal grandparents are Edward and Florence Reed of Winchester, and paternal grandparents are Clara and Buckley Ellis of Wellington and Demoris and Teresa Martin of Monticello. Paternal great-grandmother is Edith Martin of Minnie. Uncles of the new baby boy include Kevin Reed of Winchester and Derrick and Mathew Martin of Minnie.

## NEW ARRIVALS

#### PIKEVILLE METHODIST HOSPITAL

September 7: A son, Gabriel Andrew Kenneth, to Kendra and Andy Moore; a son, Cameron Keith, to Alisa D. and Brian Howell.

September 8: A son, Evan Cody, to Teresa Kimberlain; a son, Nicholas Ryan, to Sheila and Terry Tackett.

September 9: A son, Gary Trent, to Kristie Laron and Gary Dewayne Watkins; a son, Ethan Fate, to Crystal Carol and Chad Daniel Wells.

September 11: A daughter, Juanita Paige, to Angelina D. and Bobby Ray Hamilton.

September 12: A son, Drew Weston, to Melissa and Joey Stumbo; a son, Matthew Devin, to Tina and Lonnie Martin; a daughter, Jordyn Elizabeth, to Lorie Ann and Eric Christopher

Conn; a son, Kyle Alexander Tackett, to Jessica Smith and Jamie Tackett; a son, Dewayne Lee, to Stephanie and Buddy Hall.

September 13: A son, Shawn Gregory, to Peggy Renee and Gregory Salisbury; a son, David Keith Belcher, to Sabrina Fleming and Michael Belcher; a son, James Henry, to Carolyn and Matthew Adams.

September 14: A son, Ryan Heith Causey, to Tina Reanea Miles; a daughter, Alexis Lashea, to Stephanie Ann and Clyde Lee Lawson; a daughter, Icie Sierra, to Vickie Lynn and Eddie Dwayne Tackett.

September 16: A son, Mark Laurence II, to Amanda Kareen and Mark Laurence Bernardo; a daughter, Jillian Hope, to Jerri L. and Robert T. Taylor; a daughter, Morgan Jade, to Amanda J. and David Francis.



### Dakota Ryan Wells

Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Ryan Wells of Palm Harbor, Florida, formerly of Prestonsburg, announce the birth of their second child, a son, Dakota Ryan. He was born on July 23, weighing 10 pounds, 3 ounces, and measuring 20.5 inches long. Dakota was also welcomed by his big sister, Madison Rose, age 3.

## Floyd County retired teachers association

The Floyd County Retired Teachers' Association met at May Lodge on Thursday, September 7.

Daniel Branson, president, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

In the absence of the secretary, Delphia Hicks was asked to take the minutes of the meeting.

The Invocation was given by Leo Watts and the pledge to the flag was led by Alice Martin.

The secretary being absent, there were no minutes to be read. Judy Birchell, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.

Branson recognized former presidents of the Association as Ruby Akers, Delphia Hicks and Roberta Fugate.

Ruby Akers presented a check in the amount of \$50 in memory of Madelyn Heinisch for the scholarship fund.

Branson reported on Insurance Legislation that will cover mental health treatment and will be in line with physical health conditions.

The legislative committee chairman, Gene Davis, reported that the death benefit had increased to \$5,000 effective July 1, 2000, and the retired teachers had received a raise in their annuity of 2.3% this year and 2.0 percent for the next year.

Membership chairman, Jim Reynolds, gave the report stating that the committee had mailed 422 cards to remind retirees that it is time to pay annual dues which are \$5. The dues are to be sent to Judy Birchell.

Alice Martin, notification chairman, reported on steps taken each time to notify members of upcoming meetings.

Betty Porter reported for AARP, announcing that there will be a "55 Alive" class September

27 and 28, 11-3 p.m. Cost of the class is \$10 per person.

The speaker was introduced by Branson as our newly elected Senator Johnny Ray Turner who is a retired teacher, having taught and coached in Magoffin, Johnson and Floyd counties. Turner began his teaching career at Drift Elementary and finished as coach and assistant principal at Johnson Central.

Branson recognized newly retired members of the FCRTA as: Janice Allen, Sharon Jervis, Beth Martin Jones and Johnny Ray Turner. These members were treated to lunch at the lodge.

An announcement that the Health and Insurance meeting for those under age 65 and wishing to change insurance carrier need to attend a meeting at May Lodge on September 11, 3-6 p.m. This is open enrollment time.

Alice Martin made a motion, seconded by Jim Reynolds, for the Floyd County Retired Teachers to host a reception for the State and Big Sandy KRTA Officers on Wednesday, September 13, at 4 p.m., at Jenny Wiley State Park.

Door prizes were presented to Judy Music; two tickets to the Ty Herndon show at the MAC, donated by the Mountain Arts Center; and to Elmer Martin; a floral arrangement donated by Add-A-Touch Florist.

Gene Davis gave the benediction. The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Those registering at the September meeting were Leo Watts, Roberta Davidson, Andrew J. Crider, Lloyd Wells, Pearl Watts, Larry Jarvis, Alice O. Martin, Jim Reynolds, Johnny Ray Turner, Roberta Fugate, Bobby Allen, Judy Burchell,

Annis C. Clark, Pauline Conley, Etta C. Scott, Delphia J. Hicks, Judith P. Music, Doris A. Robinson, Sarah Laven, Ruby Akers, Danny Branson, Janice B.

Allen, Sharon Jarvis, Betty Porter, Gene Davis, Beth Jones, Louise Howard, Adrian Hall, June Hall, Elmer Martin and Eileen Martin.

## MSU prof talks to historical group

by PAM SHINGLER  
SENIOR EDITOR

The Big Sandy Valley Historical Society marked its 30th anniversary with a meeting in Paintsville on September 16.

The organization was formed in September 1970, according to co-founder Edward Hazelett. It is open to persons interested in the history of the Big Sandy River watershed area, which includes Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia.

Dr. Donald Flatt, professor of history at Morehead State University, was the guest speaker.

"The Appalachian area has been treated as if it had no history," Flatt said. "No region has been more victimized by stereotypes than this region."

Ignorance about the area is not confined to the Northeast and other parts of the country, he said.

"Some people in Louisville think there's nothing beyond the city's eastern border, and some in the Bluegrass think everything of historic importance that's ever happened in Kentucky happened there," Flatt said.

The historian, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from MSU and a doctorate from the

University of Kentucky, drew a comparison of immigrants to this country and Appalachians.

Immigrants, he said, progress through three stages. In the first stage, they stay to themselves, mingling as little as possible with people unlike them.

The second stage involves the immigrants' denial of their heritage and the adoption of the lifestyles of the majority population.

In the third stage, the people begin to accept their heritage, to be proud of it, and to want to know more about it.

"We're stuck at stage two," Flatt said, referring to a denial of heritage by many Appalachian people.

Flatt, the author of a history of MSU, urged area residents to find out more about their region and their families.

"Every family, every human being has a story to tell," he said. "How could any human being get bored with all these stories?"

Dr. John Ryan of Louisa, vice president of the society, presented an honorary membership to Flatt.

Elsie Jones of Louisa presented the musical portion of the program, singing a medley of traditional Negro spirituals. Certificates of appreciation were given to Ronnie Blair and Finetta Mullins.

## BIRTHDAYS



### 93 years

Annie Stumbo of McDowell celebrated her birthday recently. She is 93 years young.



### Turns 16

Shaun Micheal Shelton celebrated his 16th birthday recently at the home of his grandparents, Fred and Brenda Shelton of Martin. He is the son of Regina Salisbury of River, and the great-grandson of Fred Sr. and Lizzie Shelton, Hazel Lester and the late Hershell Lester.



### Miss Olivia is 3

Olivia Anderson turned three on September 20, 2000. She is the daughter of Phillip Anderson of Martin, and Tonia Anderson of Morehead. She is the granddaughter of Freddie and JoAnn Samons of Martin; Ralph Anderson of Michigan; and Larry and Patty Vance of Prestonsburg. She is the great-granddaughter of Floyd and Irene Hughes of Martin; Ralph and Thelma Anderson of Michigan; Juanita and Ezra Amburgy of Prestonsburg and Gene Carter of California.



# Youth News

## How to make fundraisers more fun and less work



A Kentucky State Policeman came to help the kids in Cindy Allen's room at Betsy Layne Head Start learn about police cars and how a police officer can help anyone in need. The students are Tiffany Adams, Kennedy Bias, Kyle Bradley, David Campbell, Peyton Case, Robert Crum, Zachary Edmonds, Emily Holbrook, Jordan Isaac, Danielle Kendrick, Scott Lawson, Austin Lawson, Porcha Payne, Dustin Rogers, Blake Stewart, Cody Ratliff, Samara Stevens, Christopher Bias, Jeremy Denney and Jessey Denney.



The children at Karen's Kare Learning Child Care Center on Army Road recently received gifts of toothbrushes and toothpaste while enjoying a lecture about brushing their teeth from Randi Jarrell of the Community Outreach Program of the Floyd County Health Department. Among those participating were Austin Blanton, Blake LeMaster, Adam Castle, Garrett Hammonds and Zack Blanton.

(NAPSA)-Back to school can mean back to raising money for school trips, uniforms and equipment. A few tips from the experts can help you make the grade when it comes to fundraising safety.

"The rules for safe fundraising are no different than the rules you follow every day to protect your children," said Judy Raddatz, president and chief operating officer of FundRaising.Com.

Raddatz suggests the following fundraising pointers:

- DOOR-TO-DOOR FUNDRAISING**
  - No child should be allowed to go alone to the houses of people not known to your family.
  - What is your neighborhood like? If there are mostly families, known to you through neighborhood events, social activities, church or community organizations, and if the area is generally safe and tranquil, you may feel comfortable with the door-to-door option. Otherwise, there are alternatives.
  - Going door-to-door to people you do not know is the least effective and most time-consuming form of fundraising.
- NEW ALTERNATIVES**
  - Many tech-savvy schools, churches and other charitable organizations have turned to the Internet's online fundraising malls



and fundraising bars to help them with long-term fundraising needs. These are safe lucrative alternatives, but be sure to do your homework. Not all online fundraising malls and bars offer the same percentage return to the group.

- The online shopping mall lets people who wish to earn money for their group log onto a fundraising mall Web site, select their group, and then link to different e-commerce sites to make purchases. The e-commerce site awards affiliate fees—a sales commission on the total purchase—to the site through which their site was accessed. The fundraising site then gives a percentage of its affiliate fee back to the selected organization.

FundRaising.Com, for example, offers a "Shop" feature at [www.fundraising.com](http://www.fundraising.com), with more than 140 stores and gives 100 percent of

its sales commission back to the individual's school, group or charity.

- Fundraising bars are customizable ad bars that let consumers earn money in the form of returned ad revenues. Surfers download a charitable ad bar, which scrolls banner advertisements and earns money for every hour of surfing. A good example is FundRaising.Com's "FundRaising Bar," which is accessible at [www.fundraising.com](http://www.fundraising.com).

**MORE ALTERNATIVES TO DOOR-TO-DOOR**

- In-school fundraisers are particularly effective for sub-groups, such as the soccer team selling to other students during the day. Easily portable, non-perishable items like lollipops are inexpensive and popular in this situation.
- Parent workplace. If it's not against company policy, you can

leave a product brochure in a common area for people to browse through.

- Church or other religious center may be the place to raise money for something that has a positive impact on the collective life of the community. Check with your minister.
- Fairs, carnivals and community special events offer many opportunities to set up a booth and sell items.

Presentation is important. Have the children wear outfits to identify the group and set up a table with signs explaining who the group is and what the purpose of the fundraiser is. While parents should be there for safety reasons, children should do the signs and the selling.

For more information, call FundRaising.Com at 800-443-5353 or visit [www.fundraising.com](http://www.fundraising.com).

## PHS band at MSU

Prestonsburg High School will participate in Morehead State University's annual Blue and Gold Festival of Marching Bands on Saturday, September 30. The activity will be held at MSU's Jayne Stadium from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Mike Bell is the band director at PHS.

Approximately 40 Kentucky high schools are participating in this fall's showcase. MSU's Marching Band will give an exhibition performance that day.

Sanctioned by the Kentucky Music Education Association, the Blue and Gold Festival features a non-competitive format. Each band will receive a rating from a KMEA panel of adjudicators, as well as an individual mini-clinic.

Tickets to the festival, available at the gate, are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under, and free to those under five.

Additional information is available by calling MSU's Office of Bands at 606/783-2486.



### Selected for scholarship

David Reffett, son of Harrison and Connie Reffett of Blue River, has been offered a four-year scholarship to attend the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston. The 17-year-old guitar player attended the Summer Guitar Session at Berklee with 379 musicians from around the globe. He was among 17 invited to audition and among seven chosen to receive the scholarship. He formerly attended The David School and is completing his senior year of high school in Colorado. He plans to enroll at the Massachusetts college in September 2001. (photo by Joe Seamans)

### Local UK student wins scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship has been awarded to Andrea Griffith of Allen, by the publishers of the National Dean's List.

Griffith attends the University of Kentucky and has received many awards for academic and leadership achievements.

She is one of 50 students selected by a scholarship committee to receive this award, on the basis of academic achievements, leadership accomplishments, extracurricular activities and an essay.

The 120,000 students featured in the National Dean's List were recommended by their deans or academic vice presidents from more than 2,500 colleges and universities nationwide. It is the largest publication in the country recognizing high-achieving college students.

Educational Communications Inc., publishers of the book, also publishes Who's Who Among American High School Students and Who's Who Among America's Teachers. The publishing company provides more than \$250,000 each year to qualified students through its varied scholarship programs.



Participating in a car wash in the Pizza Hut parking lot on August 19 were Piarist School seniors, from left, Matt Goeing, Tommy Greene, Nora Traum, Emily Meyer, Joel Castle, Will Duty, John Layne and Tabitha Nunemaker. They are raising money for a trip to France.

## Students hustle to raise trip money

Eighty pounds of soup beans, 1,000 large and small containers, six hours of final preparation. That's part of the recipe for the Piarist School's senior class soup bean lunch, which was delivered to local businesses on August 9.

With the earliest students and parents arriving at the kitchen of St. Martha's Catholic Church (the class' base of operation) at 7 a.m., it

was a wonder there were no complaints of tiredness and lack of summer sleep.

The lunch sale was one of the several fund-raisers the senior class has been working on over the summer in an effort to raise \$14,000 for an 11-day trip to France in November.

Through several projects, such as bake sales, lunches, yard sales, car

washes and donations from businesses and parents, the students are now within \$3,000 of their goal.

No one can tell them they haven't worked for the experience, either. The nine seniors raised \$1,555 from the soup bean lunch alone.

When they are not actually raising money, the students have been planning their entire trip from the moment they leave the USA until

the moment they return.

Included in their plans is a week-end trip to a little town called Neufchateaux where the students will stay with a French family and attend school on a Monday with French students.

No doubt, the seniors will put their four years of French to good use and have many interesting stories when they return home.

## Annual art competition

Arts and Kids has announced that \$38,000 in prizes and scholarships will be awarded this year in its annual Art Competition. Students from the Floyd County area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of more than 115 prizes.

The deadline for the contest is December 31. The contest is open to everyone 17 years of age and younger, and entry is free.

"Everyone will enjoy an equal chance of winning the contest since entrants will be judged using age-appropriate standards," stated

Deidra Hampt, contest director. "Many of the artists who enter this contest will gain national recognition through the publication of their artwork."

In addition to the 115 scholarships and prizes that will be awarded to young artists, a \$1,000 grant will be awarded to the schools of the five finalists for art education, or to provide supplies or art-related technology.

To enter, send one original work of art, any style and any medium. All entries must include the child's

name, address and age on the back. Artwork should be sent to: Arts and Kids, Suite 101-2112, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

Artwork cannot be returned.

Arts and Kids is an organization dedicated to bringing the work of young artists to the public's attention. In the last 10 years, they have awarded more than \$100,000 to talented artists, most of whom have never before entered—or expected to win—any type of artistic competition. You can visit their website at [www.ArtsandKids.com](http://www.ArtsandKids.com).

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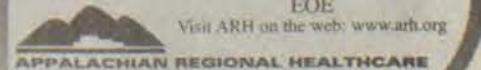
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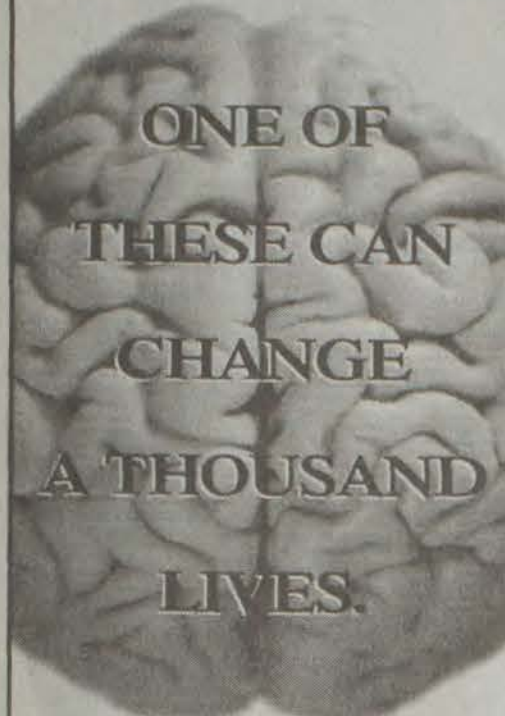
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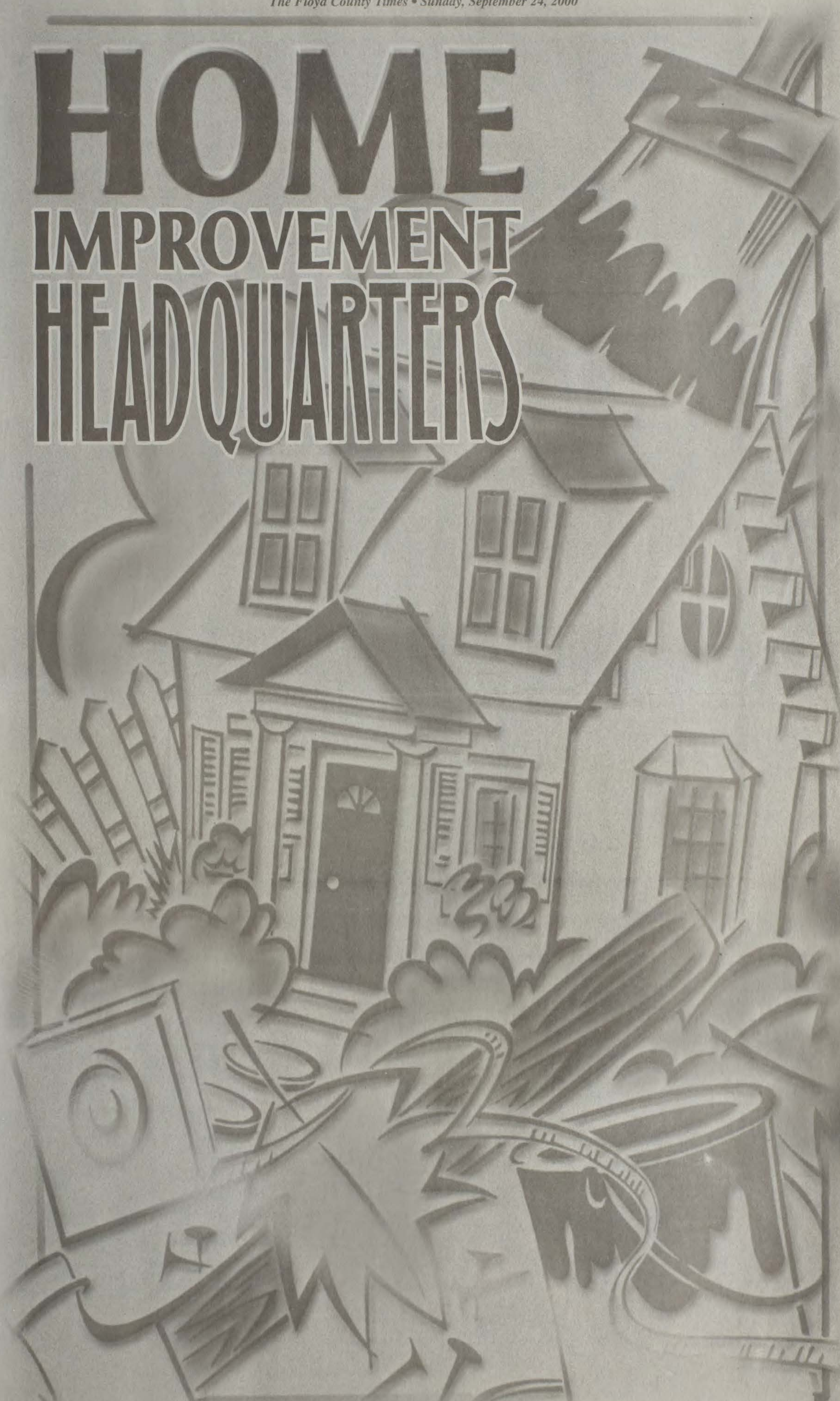
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# HOME IMPROVEMENT HEADQUARTERS





## Think it's time for a new roof?

Here are five telltale signs that your roof is ready to be replaced. Remember to check your roof's condition from the ground; walking on a roof is dangerous. If you have trouble seeing the shingle surface, use binoculars.

- **Granule Loss.** Those tiny granules play an important role in weatherproofing your roof by protecting it from the sun's ultraviolet rays and improving the

roof's water-shedding capabilities. Excessive loss of protective mineral granules can be confirmed through visual inspection. If there are black spots on your roof due to the loss of granules, it is time to re-roof.

- **Missing Shingles.** A roof tends to age evenly, so if you have several shingles that are missing or broken, the uniformity of your roof's protective value has probably been lost. Missing or torn shingles leave the roof structure exceptionally vulnerable to water damage and rot, and can expose nearby shingles to a domino effect of wind and rain damage.

- **Curls or Cracks.** As shingles near the end of their useful life, they may noticeably curl, split and lose their water resistance. A quick scan of your roof is usually all it takes to detect these obvious signs of aging.
- **Because the sun's ultraviolet rays** cause the most damage to roofing surfaces, signs of deterioration are likely to first show up on the western and southern exposures of your roof.
- **Leaks.** If your roof is relatively

new and a localized leak has suddenly appeared, you probably only need to have the roofing repaired, not replaced. But if you notice several leaks or stains and wet spots on the underside of the roof deck or rafters in the attic space, a new roof is definitely in order.

- **Overall Age.** In general, asphalt shingles have a service life of 20-40 years, depending on their composition, local climate conditions, quality of installation and regular maintenance.

Once a roof is approximately 20 years old, it should be visually inspected each autumn for telltale signs of deterioration.

Because asphalt shingles age gradually, homeowners have plenty of time to consider replacement options once it comes time to re-roof. The key is to replace the roof before it is worn out and you are forced into a hasty decision.

To Re-cover Or Not

Once you've decided to re-roof your home, the next question is whether to remove the old shingles, or to place the new roof over the old.

In general, your old shingles can be left in place if the existing deck is in good shape and the shingles are not warped or curled.

However, local building codes often set the maximum number of roofs that may be installed before it becomes mandatory to tear off the old and start anew. Roofing experts usually suggest that no more than two roofing layers be placed on a home.

An excellent publication on selecting and installing a new roof is available from the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association. Entitled Reroofing: Protecting the Value of your Home, this informative pamphlet can be purchased by sending \$1 to ARMA Publications, HP Department, P.O. Box 2532, North Babylon, NY 11703.

## A new Web site lets you buy unique items for your home

(NUE) - Are you looking for new and exotic ways to decorate your home? If you travel a lot, you know that other cultures provide a great place to get ideas and unique furnishings. Unfortunately, if you're like most people, you don't have the time or the money to take a trip whenever you want to spruce up your home.

In the meantime, you're stuck with boring home furnishings from chain stores or expensive, second-hand items from antique stores. The good news is that there's an exciting new Internet company that let's you sample art from all over the world.

NOVICA.com is building bridges between people who create unique decorative objects and the people who appreciate them. It is the first Web site to offer an extraordinary collection of handmade art, crafts, textiles and furnishings direct from the artists in their

native regions.

The company searches nations around the world for the most creative talents and displays artists and artisans, along with their work. The Web site also gives consumers a culturally rich, one-of-a-kind alternative to mass-produced products.

"Our mission is to create a system for artists and artisans in developing nations to access global consumers through the Internet," says Founder and President, Roberto Milk. "We want to move people away from the assembly lines and back to the creation of the artistic, cultural, creative works."

So if you can't travel to Brazil, visit with Brazilian artists on the Web. You can read the biography of the artist and learn what inspires their creations. And by selling directly over the Internet, NOVICA.com cuts out the middle-

man's high mark-up. Plus, about 75 percent of the price of the item goes directly to the artist.

- From the Andes to Zimbabwe, no one else can provide the selection, quality and prices like NOVICA.com.

If you would like to find unique home decor, visit [www.NOVICA.com](http://www.NOVICA.com) on the Internet.

## Poor attic ventilation often the cause of roof problems

Building experts report that a prime cause behind premature failure of residential roofs is a lack of proper ventilation in the attic area. Usually this type of ventilation is provided through louvered vent openings in the gabled area of the roof, or through a combination of eave and ridge vents.

### Moisture problems:

Excessive moisture accumulation due to inadequate attic ventilation is often the culprit behind roof deterioration and attic mold growth. If moisture settles in the attic before air movement can guide that water vapor to the outside, condensation can occur on the underside of a roof deck.

As the condensed water vapor drips off the underside of the roof deck, it can soak insulation and encourage mold growth. Left unchecked, this can lead to the rotting and warping of wood in the roof cavity, as well as peeling paint, cracking plaster, and unhealthy air quality in the home's interior.

A common cause of moisture accumulation in the attic space also occurs during home remodeling. Ill-fitting or improperly installed kitchen and bathroom exhaust pipes and fixtures can allow moisture to leak directly into the roof cavity, rather than venting through the attic to the outdoors.

Homeowners may unknowingly hamper ventilation by closing gable vents during the winter months or placing items in the attic that block the flow of air through the vents.

Because venting is needed during both warm and cold weather seasons, be sure to keep every attic vent open and unobstructed at all times.

### Heat problems:

Inadequate ventilation can also cause heat-related problems. In summer months, or in hot sunny climates, inadequate airflow in the attic cavity can cause excessive heat build-up, leading the roof decking to quickly reach extremely high temperatures.

Within a few hours this heat buildup will not only permeate the attic space, but will penetrate into the home's living spaces.

In addition to decreased cooling efficiency and increased utility bills sustained, heat build-up can accelerate the aging of roof shingles.

### What to do:

Homeowners who have noticed signs of inadequate attic ventilation should probably contact a professional roofing or ventilation contractor to evaluate the adequacy of their attic ventilation.

For additional information on proper roof ventilation, write for a free copy of ARMA Technical Bulletin 209 (Ventilation and Moisture Control for Residential Roofing).

Send your request to the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association, Department HP, 4041 Powder Mill Rd., Suite 404, Calverton, MD 20705.

## Getting into a sticky situation may be good



Get ready to take the online trip of a lifetime! Grab your suitcase and visit [www.ducktapeclub.com](http://www.ducktapeclub.com).

(NAPSA) - More and more online surfers are getting stuck on one Web site...an entire Web site devoted to duct tape. Ducktapeclub.com inspires visitors with animated characters, sound effects and content as it spreads the duct tape story to diehard fans and those who are newly converted to its uses.

Duck Tape brand duct tape has been transformed from sticky silvery tape to electronic bytes to form the Duck Tape Club. Jim and Tim, the famed Duct Tape Guys, offer their highest praise to this web site devoted entirely to duct tape.

"People use duct tape as a quick fix for almost anything you can imagine," say Jim and Tim. "Because duct tape comes with no instructions, it doesn't limit one's creativity, and allows folks to do some pretty wacky stuff with it. At Ducktapeclub.com, you can be entertained by that creativity. Duck Tape is the only tool in our toolbox! As we say, 'It ain't broke, it just lacks duct tape.'"

Developed to be the center of the duct tape world, the Duck Tape Club blends fascination with inspiration and technology. Regardless of the visitor's interest in adhesive tapes, the animation and sounds will impress even the most casual user of duct tape.

The Duck Tape Club offers a variety of fun activities and features several animated characters that come to life with Flash 4 software:

- Choose to explore the site on your own or pick a tour guide-vikings, ghosts, hippies, chimney sweeps and jungle people are there

to lead you.

- Meet Rock Tapewright, the original Duck Tape hero, and his sidekick, Major Stickwell. Read their adventure comic strip and even submit your own ending. The most original becomes part of the strip. You can even post your own duct tape stories.

- The Duty Free Shop doesn't have lousy T-shirts... yet. But, you can remember your trip by picking up screensavers, videos, desktop wallpaper, and postcards.

- View the world's finest collection of Duck Tape inspired art, music, literature, performance, and fashion all submitted by visitors to the site's Palace of Culture.

- Check out Duck Tape Around the World and find out where other Duck Tape enthusiasts have taken their tape. You can even submit photos from your own adventures.

The site blends adhesive humor with amazing technological features. The Duck Tape Club is on a roll and visitors are bound to get stuck. It's fun for all ages and computer skill levels and does not require advanced knowledge of duct tape, just a good sense of humor. Enjoy the Duck Tape Club by visiting [www.ducktapeclub.com](http://www.ducktapeclub.com).

## Tips for installing new vinyl tiles

by JIM NEIDNER FOR NEWS USA

(NUE) — New flooring can make you feel like you're in a whole new room. These days, it's easy to do it yourself. Try vinyl tiles for a great look.

First, consider the current floor. If it is in poor condition, a new subfloor may be necessary. You can do that by covering the floor with 1/4-inch plywood, nailing it every four inches.

If a subfloor is not necessary, prepare the base by removing dirt, grease and wax. Make sure the floor is level and smooth. Fill in low spots or rough areas with floor leveler. Then screw down squeaky boards and fill holes. Replacing base molding will make it easier to install the floor and give it a professional touch.

Now plan the layout of the tile. Make your own paper template as a pattern to cut around oddly shaped objects such as pipes and vents. Using a tape measure, find the center point of the room. Draw a chalk line in each direction forming a cross at the center point. You should test fit a row of tiles from the center point to each wall. Adjust the center point so that the tiles against the opposite walls are the same width.

If you're laying self-stick tile, peel off the backing. Set the tiles carefully - once placed, they are difficult to adjust. Press the tiles tightly against each other. Starting at the center point, lay the tiles one piece at a time, working toward a corner. Repeat from the center toward other corners.

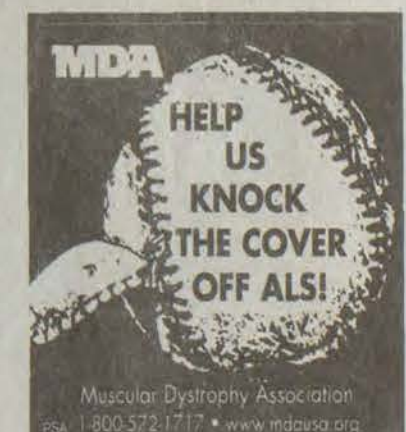
If your choice is dry back tile, you will need vinyl tile cement. Apply the cement in a four square foot area at a time, using a notched trowel. Allow the cement to partially dry until it is tacky to the touch. Then begin laying tiles, starting at the center point. Again, lay the tiles

tightly against each other.

Finally, it's time for trimming and clean up. Cut tiles to fit into the spaces near walls and around pipes. Clean up any excess cement. Now you're ready to move furniture back into your "new" room.

For more tips, check out [www.iHomeline.com](http://www.iHomeline.com). The site was designed to bring together everything needed for home improvement except the tools and materials. It connects to FAQs and estimates how long jobs will take depending on your level of experience. The site also provides links to vendors and shopping lists of the necessary materials, step-by-step instructions and pictures.

Jim Neidner is a national radio home host and award-winning builder/remodeler. You can talk to him online at [www.iHomeline.com](http://www.iHomeline.com).



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# Décor ideas to click on

(NAPSA)-Fed up with staring at bare walls? Selecting the right print for a home can now easily be done from home.

Today, web sites such as [www.barewalls.com](http://www.barewalls.com) let you browse through a large selection of prints and posters and offer some hints to

make shopping simple:

- Prints should reflect personal style. On [Barewalls.com](http://Barewalls.com), you can search through the prints by artist's name, title, subject, style or medium to find something that fits your - or a friend's or relative's - personality.
- Have a particular bare wall in

mind. Knowing which wall you want to decorate will help you select the right image.

■ Don't let covering bare walls leave you with a bare wallet. Purchasing prints and posters can be an affordable way to decorate.

■ Don't go from bare walls to

barely showing walls. Prints and posters should complement a room - not overpower it.

■ Order your prints ready to hang. Save even more time and money by ordering your prints already framed, mounted or trans-

ferred to canvas.

■ Find out how others are covering their bare walls. Take a look at the [Barewalls.com](http://Barewalls.com) Voyeur to see what's popular.

For more information, visit [www.barewalls.com](http://www.barewalls.com).

## Furniture stores furnish online options



(NAPSA)-An increasing number of furniture shoppers are feeling at home buying home furnishings from their computers.

As a result, many furniture stores and manufacturers are considering ways of going online to bring home the best buys-and offer furniture shoppers even more choices.

In the early days of e-commerce, leveraging web technology automatically meant staking out a site of

one's own.

Now new developments in business-to-business e-commerce offer retailers, manufacturers and their customers all the benefits of a buying experience streamlined by technology, without some of the pitfalls associated with a "virtual-only" store.

Many brick and mortar retailers are signing up with the HomePoint Advantage Network, an extranet system which links them to the country's best furniture manufacturers and all of their merchandise.

This means a small store in a sleepy town has access to the same range of merchandise that stores in the big cities may have, without having to pay for the floor space, large inventory and expensive address.

There are other advantages to signing on with this type of network. Retailers will find it easier to order through this network's electronic ordering system.

Signing on to a network helps

retailers gain access to thousands of items not previously available. They can also bypass the minimum order requirements imposed by some home furnishing manufacturers that can often lead to a smaller selection for consumers.

Delivery time is also cut down from six to eight weeks to as little as seven days due to Homepoint's large inventories and regional warehouses.

Retailers tap into a greater range of products and improved ordering and inventory management. Manufacturers gain access to a larger customer base.

Consumers ultimately benefit in several ways. Shoppers can look at furniture in their favorite store, where they get the kind of personal service they like and they can see a wider range of products, either in the store or on screen via the extranet system.

For more information on this service, retailers and manufacturers can visit [www.homepoint.com](http://www.homepoint.com).

## Step-by-step guide to hanging drywall

By JIM NEIDNER  
FOR NEWS USA

(NUE) - Installing drywall is inexpensive, and when properly done, it yields a first-rate interior surface. Drywall installation isn't easy, so here is a step-by-step guide to make what may seem an impossible task a fun reality.

Plan to install all of the panels perpendicular to the direction of the framing members, and to start with the ceiling, not the walls. For ceilings, a drywall lift is almost a necessity and can be rented for about \$25 a day.

The best place to start is the ceiling. Begin at one corner and measure to the centerline of the appropriate joist. Mark the panel along the top and bottom edges of the panel face. Connect

marks with a line. Cut along the line with a sharp utility knife using a metal straightedge or a large drywall square.

Stand the panel on edge. Place your knee on the backside just behind the cut. Break the panel by pulling it toward you. Separate the pieces by cutting the backing paper with a sharp utility knife.

Tip the support platform of the lift into the vertical position. Fold down both support brackets. Position the lift near the panel and engage the brake pads on the bottom of the main shaft. Place the panel on the brackets.

Tip up the support platform until the panel is resting flat. Fold back the support brackets and turn the lift wheel clockwise.

Move the panel into position and elevate it with the lift wheel. Attach it by driving screws into the joists. Once in place, release the brake handle and turn the lift wheel down.

With light fixtures and other obstacles, measure the distance from the adjacent panels to the center of the opening and transfer these dimensions onto a new panel. Mark the center and any other pertinent dimensions. Then cut the openings with a cutout tool.

For the walls, lift the panel to within one inch of the ceiling and tip its top against the wall. Drive at least six screws along the top edge. Let the bottom of the panel swing against the wall, then fasten it in place. You can cut openings in the panel before or after it's installed. Doing it afterward is best accomplished with a cutout tool.

To learn more, log on to [www.homepoint.com](http://www.homepoint.com), an online resource guide for homeowners, or visit its parent company, JWEB at [www.jweb.com](http://www.jweb.com).

## Tile roofing considered to be top choice

(NAPSA)-If you want to protect the value of your home, it may pay to start at the top.

An increasing number of homeowners are finding that choosing the right roofing material can make an enormous difference.

The most durable-and many say the most attractive-of all man-made roofing materials is said to be tile.

Tile manufacturers offer a minimum 50-year limited warranty on their products, which for most consumers would cover their home for as long as they own it. In Europe, it's not unusual to find structures bearing concrete-composition tile that is hundreds of years old. And in some countries, tile roof covers the homes of nearly 90 percent of the population.

Homeowners can get the best of two worlds by installing tile. They get a roof that is beautiful, durable and serviceable and manufacturers guarantee that their products will not burn, be damaged by vermin, and will maintain their physical properties over time.

One of the best attributes of tile roofs is their resistance to severe

storms and hurricane-force winds. Because of tile roof systems' high air permeability, extensive testing has shown that with proper attachments, tiles can sustain winds in excess of 125-miles-per-hour, winds that could strip off most other roofing materials long before the industry standard 100-mile-per-hour threshold is reached.

In a cost analysis done by the Committee of Firesafe Dwellings, when the warranty of a tile roof is computed with its long, serviceable life and installation costs, the estimate of its expense per year can be as little as one-fifth that of other roofing materials.

A tile roof will perform to its expectations, but it is only as good as the contractor who installs it and the hardware used to properly fasten it to the structure.

For more information, contact the National Tile Roofing Manufacturers Association at 1-888-321-9236 or [www.ntma.org](http://www.ntma.org).

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## House painting has become easier and longer-lasting

by BOB VILA

(NUE) - Painting the exterior of your own home can save money while protecting your property from the elements and dramatically improving its appearance.

A good paint job is said to be 90 percent preparation and 10 percent painting. This is where modern paint technology has come to the rescue.

Sears, for example, has introduced Weatherbeater Ultra which is warranted for as long as you own your home. Its new polyurethane-added Superbond formula grips through chalk and dirt to provide superior adhesion and eliminates the need for washing or

sanding on sound surfaces.

You'll still need to scrape loose, peeling, "alligatoring" or blistering paint. Also remove and replace rotted wood, and prime bare surfaces. Caulk cracks in siding, around doors and windows, as well as open joints in building materials.

Mildew can be removed by scrubbing with a solution of one quart household bleach and three quarts water. Rinse the surface and allow it to dry before painting.

Most exterior paint jobs require two sizes of brushes: a 1- to 3-inch straight or angled sash brush for trim and a 3- to 4-inch brush for larger areas.

Nylon and/or polyester bristles are considered best for latex paints, while natural (hogs hair) bristles are intended for oil-based paints. Some premium brushes, such as the Weatherbeater Paint Brush, combine the virtues of all three.

Nylon provides durability; polyester adds stability in hot, humid weather; and natural bristle improves overall brushing quality.

Solid paintbrush bristles are more durable than hollow ones. For best coverage and precise edging, the ends of the bristles should be tapered, not square-cut. Wooden spacer plugs should separate the rows of bristles. These spacer plugs form reservoirs to hold paint. A shaped, hardwood handle provides the best grip and balance.

Here are some paint application tips:

- Apply paint liberally. Load the brush bristles by dipping them to half their length and remove excess paint by tapping (not wiping) the brush

against the side of the can.

• Because moisture damages fresh paint film, don't paint late in the day or when heavy dew is likely.

• Don't paint in temperatures below 50 degrees (45 degrees for Weatherbeater Ultra) and above 90 degrees.

• Paint wood trim and frames around doors after the main body of the house is painted.

• For latex paint, clean brushes and pad applicators with dish soap and warm water before the paint has dried. Use paint thinner for oil-based paints.

By following these basic guidelines, you can obtain excellent results in painting your home as a do-it-yourself project.

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# How to accessorize your new deck

(NUE) - You finally built the deck in back of your house. It's beautiful, and you're envisioning the good times you'll spend there this summer. But something's missing.

Suddenly, it hits you: You need to furnish the deck — just as you would the inside of your home — to make it more beautiful and comfortable.

With just a little thought and a few finishing touches, you can make your deck really come alive.

To help you with the process, www.iHomeline.com, an online resource guide of "how to" information, has these helpful tips:

■ Even before you begin adding accessories, take time to clean and brighten wood surfaces. There are many products for cleaning the

wood — many require no scrubbing.

■ After a thorough cleaning, seal the deck to prolong its life and to bring out the natural beauty of the wood. Penetrating sealers are available for protecting the wood. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to apply the sealer.

■ Determine what kinds of activities — dining, relaxing, grilling — you plan to be doing on your deck, and how much space you have. Select your furnishings and accessories accordingly.

■ No matter what type of furniture you choose, look for styles and colors that blend with those of your house to achieve a unified look with your home's exterior decor. Select accessories that are large and heavy enough to remain stable under

heavy winds or storms.

■ If you like birds, hang bird houses in strategically located spots to attract them. Add planters heavy enough to withstand the wind, and plant your favorite annual flowers. Or put in a tomato plant or two.

■ Hang a wind chime from an eave or a nearby tree branch. The chime's gentle tinkling will provide a relaxing melody that becomes soothing background music while you're outside.

■ One of the most important elements of furnishing your deck — and the one that ultimately determines your comfort level — is the kind of seating you choose. Gliders,

rockers and swings are wonderful for just sitting or relaxing.

■ Along with your choice of seating, choose side tables to complement or contrast. Well-chosen cushions and covers can add comfort and at the same time color, pattern — and punch.

For more information on accessorizing your new deck or for simplifying jobs around the house, go to the Web and click on www.iHomeline.com and/or send Jim Neidner, national radio home host and award winning builder/remodeler, your home questions online. Also, visit parent company JVWEB at jvweb.com.

## Hedging your bets when it comes to hedge care

(NAPSA)-There's no need to hedge around when it comes to keeping hedges in shape.

The latest gardening equipment makes hedge care easier than ever. Not only do some of the latest gardening tools come in convenient combination kits but some of these easy-to-use tools are battery-powered. That means easier starts and there's no cord for gardeners to accidentally cut or trip over.

A good example of the newest cordless tools is Ryobi's new 12-volt cordless rechargeable hedge

trimmer and grass shears combo kit (HT12VS), which lets gardeners keep hedges neat and trim without trimming their gardening budget.

The sleek Ryobi battery powered hedge trimmer features dual-action 18-inch replaceable blades, which means efficient and controllable cutting through even the toughest hedges.

The trimmer can run for up to 45 minutes on a battery, which is enough time to trim foundation hedges in most small yards.

The cordless grass shears have single action 4-inch replaceable blades of super-strength steel. The corrosion-resistant blades provide force and durability.

The combo kit, available for \$99, has a hedge trimmer, grass shears, one battery and a charger.

It uses the same battery as Ryobi's 12-volt HP series cordless drill which means homeowners can easily switch batteries from one 12-volt rechargeable Ryobi product to another. Supplementary batteries can also be purchased for \$39.

To learn more about this useful combo kit, you can visit Ryobi's Web site at www.ryobi.com or call 800-345-8746.

## Tips on how to buy the right appliances

By JIM NEIDNER  
For News USA

(NUE) - At last, you've saved up the down payment, secured the loan and purchased the home of your dreams. You've even gotten the kids excited about their new neighborhood. But you and your family need a host of new appliances.

With all the different brands, models and warranties to choose from, where do you begin?

The easiest choice — although potentially more expensive is to completely replace the kitchen. For example, a critical place to start may be a new dishwasher. You can spend as little as \$150, but you will need to prewash the dishes by hand before loading them in the machine. For \$350 - \$600, however, your unit will be able to clean dishes even with the most stubborn dried-on food.

If you need a new refrigerator, note that most new models are noisier than older units. The foam thermal insulation used to increase energy efficiency makes a poor sound barrier. Installing carpet or sound-absorbing ceiling tile on the wall, however, can go far to reducing the bangs and shimmies your new eco-fridge might be producing.

When purchasing a new appliance, make sure to pay attention to the manufacturer's warranty. The longer the warranty, the longer you won't have to face any unexpected bills.

You also can save money by repairing appliances instead of replacing them. Before tossing that old appliance, you should have it inspected and get a written estimate on repairs. Some appliance retailers will offer to pay part of an inspection charge if you purchase a replacement unit from them.

If your washer and dryer are on the fritz, you might also want to investigate buying new and used parts. It might even be in your best interest to buy parts before you need them. For a Sears or Whirlpool electric dryer, you might want to purchase a heating element and a drum support roller. When these parts fail, you can repair your appliance quickly.

Remember, it's often true that they don't make things like they used to. Even Grandma's old appliance may have been made with extremely sturdy materials - much stronger than some sold today. With a little tune-up, they'll last a lifetime for you, too.

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Family

## MAKE Ordinary Days Special

by KATHY PEEL

### These are hectic times.

More than ever, families need a "Home Sweet Home" to offer rest, renewal, and fun, so try some of these creative ways to celebrate each day—making memories and creating a home that's a haven.

- Have a family awards night. Give personalized awards for silly categories such as Best Sport When KidDED, Fastest Dishwasher, Quickest to Answer the Phone, and Most-Improved Laundry Folder.
- Make a big deal out of finishing a monumental task, such as putting up a basketball net, building a treehouse, or cleaning the house from top to bottom. Make a special dessert and enjoy it together.
- Pack an extra-special sack lunch on the day a student has a difficult test.
- Surprise your spouse and children by turning back their beds, fluffing up the pillows, and placing a chocolate candy or treat on their pillows.
- Hide affectionate notes throughout the suitcase of someone going on a trip.

• Make a young child feel special when baby brother or sister comes home from the hospital. Since babies usually receive a lot of attention and presents, buy your child a big-brother or big-sister present.

• Make a "Welcome Home" banner for a family member who has been out of town. Place it in the front of your house to celebrate his or her arrival.

• Draw a warm bath for a family member who's had a hard day. Warm and fluff a towel in the dryer.

• Toast different family members regularly. It can be as simple as holding up a glass of lemonade and saying, "To Jimmy, the best kickball player in kindergarten" or "To Dad, the best hamburger griller this side of the Mississippi."

• Have a first-things celebration. Make a big deal out of a child's first bicycle ride without training wheels, first tooth lost, or first day at a job.

• On a wintry day, get out last summer's vacation pictures and reminisce. Discuss where you want to go next summer.

• Kidnap someone who's had a hard week, and take him or her to a favorite restaurant. Use a bandanna as a blindfold, and travel in a roundabout way to your destination. Have the person try to guess where you're going.

• Turn an ordinary weekend into a mini-vacation at home. Choose a weekend and put it on the family calendar. Stock up on groceries and snacks. Get out board games, rent a few family movies, unplug the phone. Keep chores and cooking to a minimum. Plan some fun Saturday outings everyone will enjoy.

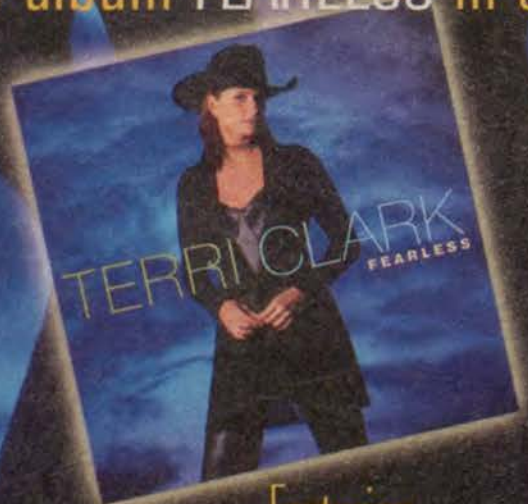
• Decorate your dining room with streamers and balloons for a special dinner on an ordinary day. ✨

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# Outdoors

by LEIGH FORTSON

## PACKING for a Day Hike

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### Fall's cool temperatures make

it an excellent time for day hiking, and a little preparation can make the activity even nicer. And safer.

A hike's length and difficulty determine what supplies you should take, says Bill Greer, a 25-year hiker and founder of *Gorp.com*, an outdoor enthusiast and adventure travel website. If you're going for at least three hours, take about two quarts of water per person, fruit, bread, cheese, or other snacks.

"You'll probably be hungrier than usual since you're burning calories," he cautions. "So take extra food in case you end up taking a wrong turn and covering more ground than expected."

Packing for the unexpected is also essential, says Katie Miller, an avid hiker and librarian for the New River Gorge National Park in Glen Jean, W.Va.

"Everything you take should be something you can use if you aren't able to get back home when you planned," she says. "Always take a flashlight. It will pick up your spirits if you're stranded overnight," she says, speaking from experience. "And take toilet paper. You'll be more comfortable, and it can also start a fire."

Matches, a whistle, extra shoelaces, a first aid kit, knife, and a small mirror are essential, Greer advises. "The signaling power of a mirror is amazing," he says.

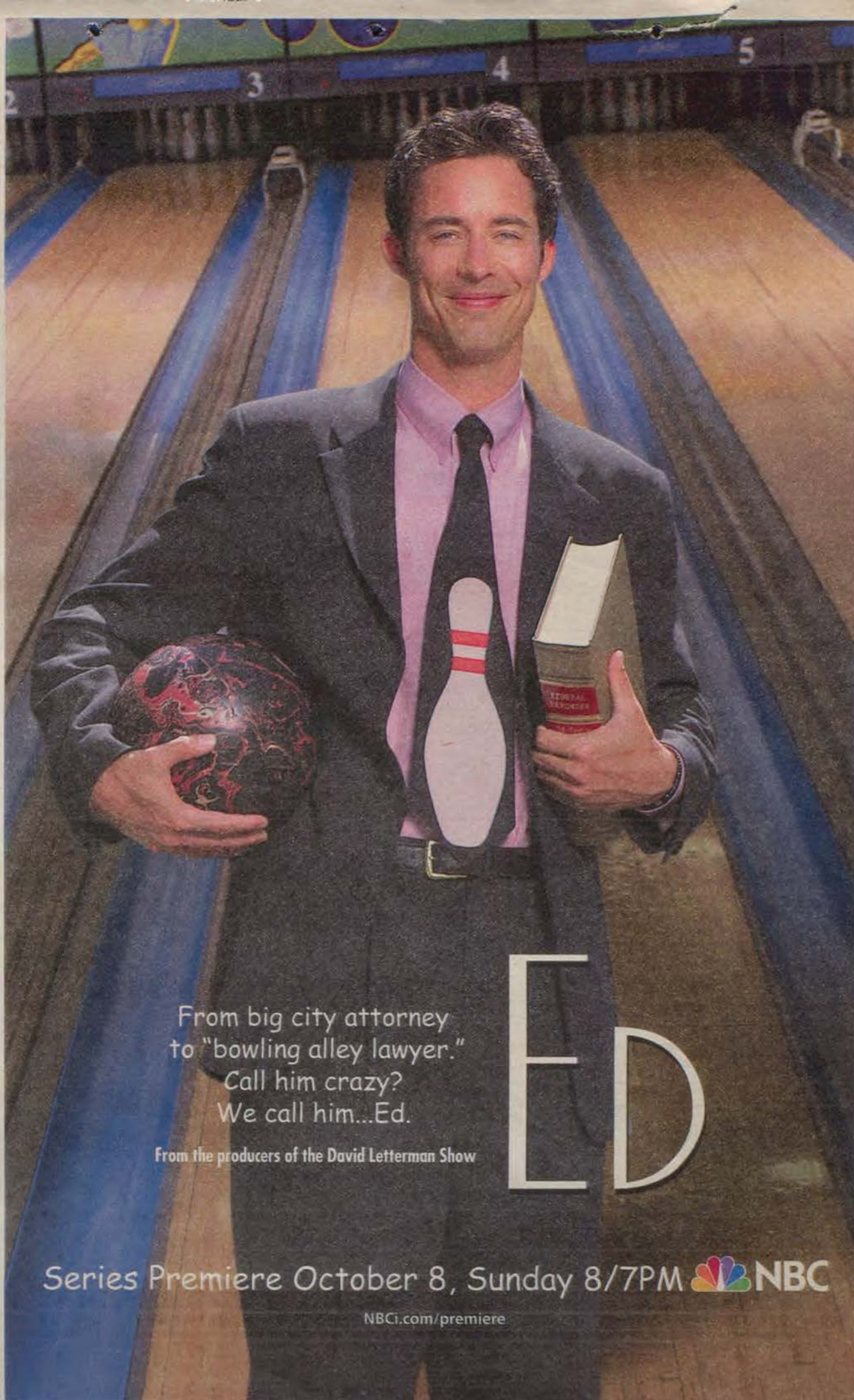
Both experts urge taking an ample supply of sunscreen and bug repellent, a rain jacket, appropriate hat, and sunglasses. Miller also advises hikers to wear blaze orange vests or hats during hunting season. "A map and compass can be helpful," says Greer, "but only if you know how to use them together."

Cell phones may not be the lifesaver you think. They can be a lifeline in dire circumstances, but people take unwise chances because the phone offers a false sense of security, Miller says.

"Take it with you, but don't be surprised if it doesn't work from your location, or that you could be so lost that you don't know your location," she says. Greer agrees that it's a good safety backup, but should be used only in emergencies.

Finally, all supplies should fit comfortably into a good-sized fanny pack or small daypack. ✨


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### FLORIDA

**Florida Forest Festival**—Perry, Oct. 28. This 45th annual festival features equestrian trail rides and canoe/kayak trips through the pristine wilderness of north Florida, a 5K run, fine arts show, the self-proclaimed world's largest free fish fry, a carnival, fireworks, free concerts, arts & crafts, and more. (850) 584-8733.

### GEORGIA

**Tour of Southern Ghosts**—Stone Mountain, Oct. 14-31. This storytelling festival attracts fun-loving people of all ages to Stone Mountain Park's Antebellum Plantation. Costumed storytellers spin tales of famous Southern ghosts along candle and lantern-lighted paths. (770) 469-1105.

### KENTUCKY

**Colorfest**—Clermont, Oct. 21-22. Breathtaking scenery and color highlight Bernheim Forest's annual celebration of fall colors, which also features storytelling, live music, learning activities, pumpkin carving, guided hikes, and exhibits. (502) 955-8512.



### LOUISIANA

**International Rice Festival Arts & Crafts Show**—Crowley, Oct. 20-21. The so-called "Rice Belt" pays homage to this grain with live entertainment, dances, parades, a livestock show, and cooking contest. (337) 783-3747.

### MISSISSIPPI

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### NORTH CAROLINA

**Seaboard Festival**—Hamlet, Oct. 28. Have fun celebrating Hamlet's heritage. This festival features a five-mile race, live music, handmade crafts, food, and more. (910) 582-3398.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

**Lee County Cotton Festival**—Bishopville, Oct. 20-21. In honor of the county's largest crop—cotton—this festival features a 10K road race, parade, food vendors, arts & crafts, antique car show, live entertainment, tennis tournament, and storytelling in the pines at Lee State Park. (803) 484-5145.

### TENNESSEE

**On Cosby Festival**—Cosby, Oct. 20-22. Celebrate the history of the area. Features food, handmade arts & crafts indigenous to the region, live music, a parade, games, antique car show, and free scenery of the Great Smoky Mountains. (423) 487-5700.



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**27th Annual Blue Ridge Folklife Festival**—Ferrum, Oct. 28. Festival showcases regional traditions: folk crafts, music, food, and the skills of working dogs, mules, and horses. (540) 365-4416.

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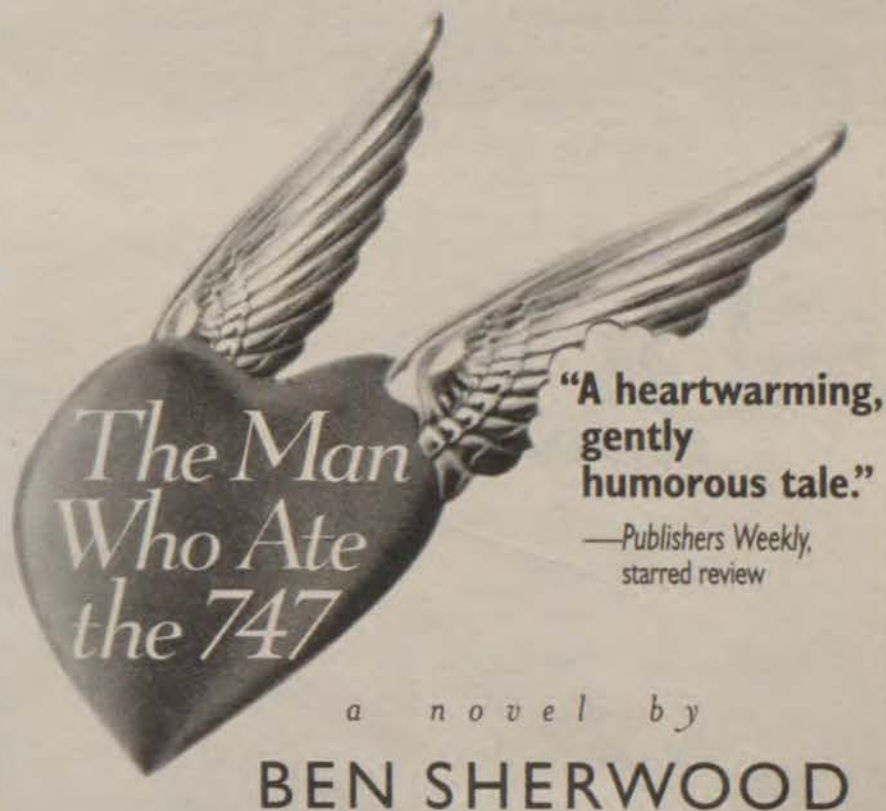
**Mountain State Apple Harvest Festival**—Martinsburg, Oct. 19-22. The festival includes agriculture tours, an apple pie contest, a queen's coronation, a celebrity sports breakfast, the 5K Apple Trample, a parade, arts & crafts, plus much more. Fireworks follow a Friday evening concert in the park. (304) 263-2500. ☆

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# Grittles cakes

by JANET FOSSEL

The problem with flapjacks and pancakes, as any mother knows, is by the time you cook and stack enough to feed the whole family, the pancakes on the bottom have the consistency of ... well ... not what you intended.

I discovered the solution by accident one morning. Having run out of corn meal for flapjacks, I tried grits instead—and found the results not only stayed crispy all morning, but had such an indescribable taste that I've never cooked them any other way since. Griddlecakes became *Grittles cakes*. (Grits is a dry meal made from hull corn kernels; a favorite in the South.)

You can use any recipe, but here's mine: ☆

*Janet Fossel is a painter in Goodlettsville, Tenn., who puts up her own jellies and preserves.*



## RECIPE:

1 cup grits  
1 teaspoon salt (or to taste)  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1 cup boiling water  
1/2 cup milk  
1 large egg  
2 tablespoons melted butter  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder

Combine:  
1 cup grits  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons sugar

Slowly add 1 cup boiling water.  
Cover and let stand for 10 minutes.

Beat together:  
1/2 cup milk  
1 large egg  
2 tablespoons melted butter

Combine all ingredients above.

Combine separately:  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder

Stir flour mix into batter.

Heat 2 tablespoons soybean-based cooking oil in a 10-inch iron fry pan on medium heat. Cook two griddlecakes at once, 1/4 cup batter per cake. Turn over when the surface is bubbly. Serve with butter and warm maple syrup. Or you might try your favorite jam or honey. For variety, add blueberries or apple pieces to the batter. Extra griddlecakes can be refrigerated for up to a week, reheated in the oven, and served. Or, they can be frozen for later use.

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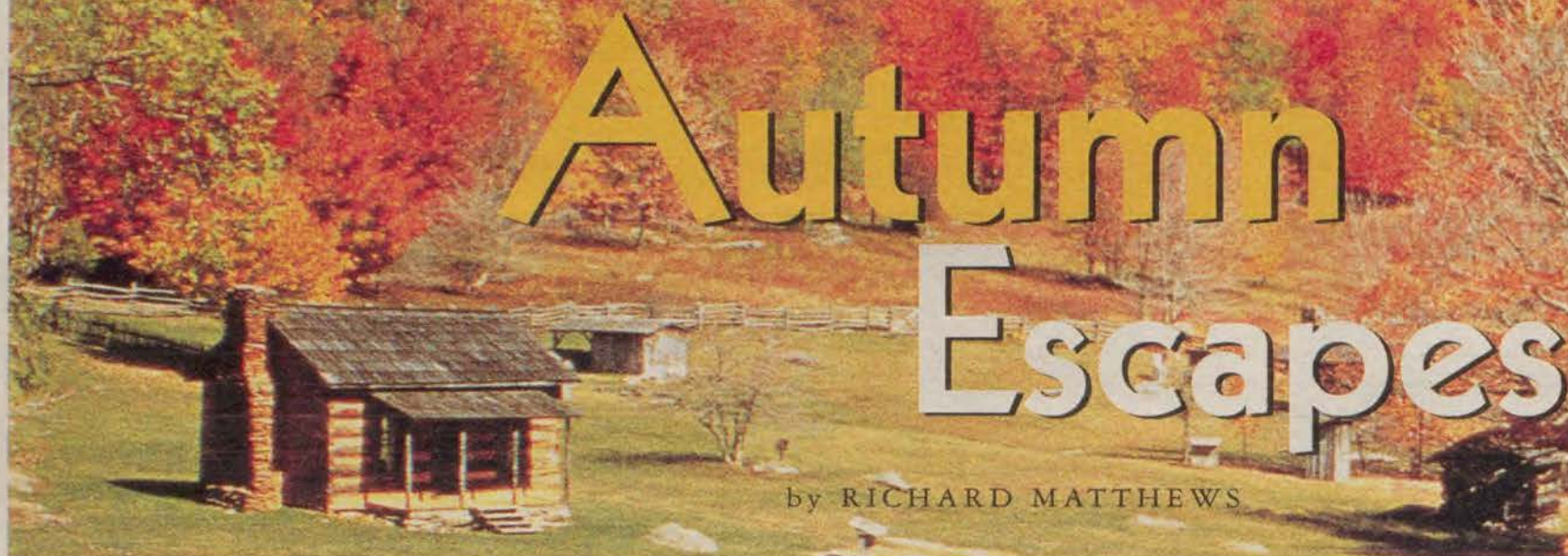
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# Autumn Escapes

by RICHARD MATTHEWS

Discover  
the joys of  
getting lost.  
This is your  
chance to plan  
a day or a  
weekend to  
drive and  
explore.

Fall is the time of year when nature decides to stage a riot, outdoing itself in a tumultuous display of color and cool weather that can leave one breathless. Nature cuts loose as in no other season.

It begins, gradually at first, high in the Rockies and the mountains of New York and New England in early September—then spreads out and down across the hills and valleys, ending in the lowlands and coastal regions of the South and East in late October to early November.

For the largest part, foliage season concentrates its most brilliant colors in late September through early October. In New England, upstate New York, and the upper Midwest, it often peaks around Columbus Day weekend—a perfect time to get away to enjoy what comes naturally. Farther South, foliage peaks later, in some regions extending into late October and early November. The fun lies in knowing when, where, and how to savor it fully.

At least half the states in the nation can boast a foliage season, though, as a general rule, the higher the elevation, the more vivid the hues. The East explodes with reds, oranges, and bronzes of the mixed deciduous woodlands. The West is painted in bright yellows of aspen stands and larches contrasting with the dark green of the conifers. In the Southeast the colors are no less lovely, running to spectacular shades of rich gold, yellow, and brown.

Keep in mind that nature is no more predictable with foliage than with anything else. The intensity of autumn's colors depends on many factors, principally the shortening of days, but weather also plays a role. In general, foliage is better when trees have had plenty of rain, and day-night temperature swings are greatest.

## GETTING THERE ...

An excellent website on fall foliage, listing tours in various states, is run by the University of Illinois at [www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/fallcolor/tours](http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/fallcolor/tours). It's a good bet, too, to check out the inn and bed & breakfast directory at [www.1000inns.com/bbinns](http://www.1000inns.com/bbinns). If you're using a website search engine, simply type in "fall foliage" and a host of possible sites will pop up. Follow the links as long as you like.

Where you travel to wallow in autumn can be guided by two suggestions.

One is a willingness to roam. Wandering through the countryside with no particular goal in mind can be enormously rewarding. To drive over a rise and come upon a hillside aflame with red or gold maple leaves is a treat of the first order; to discover, unexpected, a valley awash in scarlet, gold, and green is worth any amount of uncertainty as to where exactly you are. Discover the joys of getting lost. This is your chance to plan a day or a weekend to drive and explore.

Second, do your best to escape the crowds. Stay away from main traffic routes and as close to nature as possible. That means using the interstates only to get to a general location, then looking on a map for lesser-known and slower roads, leading to smaller towns, inns, general stores, farms, perhaps a covered bridge, and life on a gentle scale.

Those traveling in New England, for instance, should try the Mohawk Trail (Route 2) running east and west through Massachusetts' Berkshire Mountains (don't miss the Bridge of Flowers in Shelburne Falls), or the Molly Stark Trail (Route 9) running parallel to Route 2 but 30 miles north, just over the Vermont border.

Both byways offer splendid vistas and natural snapshots of fall color, but even those roads can become heavily traveled during peak season. In Vermont, consider turning north off the Molly Stark onto Route 100. From there, you can drive as far north as you like, skirting the knees of the Green Mountains, all the way to the Canadian border. Or explore the White Mountains in northern New Hampshire and scenic Route 112. This is backpacking and day-hiking country, so give a thought to strolling up some trails.



In Virginia, poke around the Shenandoah Valley, and drive (or walk) through one of the passes of Massanutten Mountain, which divides the valley. Skyline Drive above Front Royal, Va., is one of the loveliest day trips you'll find, but it can be crowded during autumn color, so look for alternatives and seek out uncrowded paths. West Virginia is another treat. Or extend your trip along the Blue Ridge Parkway stretching south—all the way to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Smokies, renowned for their beauty, offer spectacular foliage in carefully preserved forests.



Wandering through the countryside with no particular goal in mind can be enormously rewarding.

But also look for excursions into less heavily traveled areas. For those who want to walk, the Appalachian Trail winds directly through this area, and the Appalachian range in eastern Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina offers many driving and day-hiking opportunities.

In Michigan, the Upper Peninsula is an excellent choice. South of the lakes, Route 37 from Grand Rapids to Traverse City takes you through the heart of thickly wooded Manistee National Forest. (Consider a canoe trip on the Manistee River while you're in the area.) A drive along the eastern shore of Lake Michigan will be rewarding as well. In Minnesota, Route 2 through the Chippewa National Forest is a lovely drive, as is the area north of Duluth, especially Superior National Forest. But each state is different. Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio—all have regions of high color wherever there is forest cover.

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Again, wherever you go, leave room for adventure and the unexpected. Often the most memorable part of a trip is an unplanned turn down a tree-lined country lane, or a foray along whatever promising route beckons with a sudden blaze of color.

Not to worry about places to stay: you may find the perfect bed & breakfast on your way, or a delightful country inn tucked in among the hills. If the place you find is full, make a note to return another time.

During foliage season it can pay to call ahead, but even that can fit into a ramble. One trick is not to put your nights' lodgings too far apart. Once you reach color country, you'll find it best to dawdle. ✨

*Richard Matthews is Northeast editor of American Profile.*

Wherever you live, or will be visiting, study a map before leaving. Look for scenic drives (most road atlases designate these with markings) or roads whose chief function is to connect one small town to another.

For help in finding a route, the U.S. Forest Service maintains a Fall Color Hot Line at (800) 354-4595, and virtually every state with a notable foliage season has toll-free numbers to call. Each state varies in its message, but the information commonly includes where and when colors are likely to be at peak. Most messages are

## The Best and the Brightest

In the search for the best of fall foliage, up-to-date information is helpful, and some states with foliage seasons provide hot lines. Updated at least weekly, they provide data on where and when the brightest colors can be found. In most cases, the information is recorded, but some hot lines put the caller in touch with a real person. Some numbers are not activated until mid-September or later.

### MIDWEST

Indiana (800) 289-6646  
Michigan (800) 644-3255  
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Missouri (800) 898-8895  
Ohio (800) BUCKEYE  
Wisconsin (800) 432-8747

### NORTHEAST

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# Hometown Heroes

by NANCY MORELAND

## MOSCOW to Mandeville

The odyssey of Constantin Apetrei

One of the most intriguing ingredients in America's melting pot is that of culture in unlikely places. Example: Constantin Apetrei, who trained with the Bolshoi Academy in Moscow, now runs his own ballet school in southeastern Louisiana. Immigrant-turned-entrepreneur stories have the power to restore appreciation of our country; Apetrei's story is no exception.

Apetrei's future in America began in Romania when he showed promise as a dancer. One of four in that country chosen to train with the Bolshoi Academy in Moscow, at age 16 he left behind his only other option—life as a factory worker.

After graduating with honors, Apetrei toured America in 1982 with Fantasio Ballet, the first Romanian ballet company allowed that privilege. Encounters with the freedom of Western Europe and the United States altered his course, and at tour's end in Seattle, the 23-year-old slipped into a cab—leaving country, family, and fans behind.

"Romania was too depressing, too much to bear after that," he recalls.

Apetrei lacked two survival tools in his adopted country: cash and command of the language. Determination and humility enabled him to accept his Bolshoi-to-busboy transition, and he learned English from television and immersion.

"You learn fast when you're put into situations where nobody understands you," he recalls.

Adapting to American culture came easily to the Eastern European. He was treated kindly, especially in the South where he met his future wife, Kelly, in the fall of 1982 while both were dancing with a New Orleans ballet company. Apetrei had auditioned for that role at a large Los Angeles dance studio, paying his way to New Orleans from what he'd earned as a busboy.

Constantin and Kelly spent four years dancing with Ballet Dallas, but health problems at age 30 prompted the artist to pursue choreography and full-time teaching. In 1988, with a newborn in their arms, the Apetreis returned to Louisiana and embarked on a dream.

If creating a serious ballet school and ballet company is difficult in a metropolitan area, then accomplishing this feat in a small Southern town like Mandeville, La., is remarkable. Apetrei, however, skilled in leaps of faith, opened Ballet Apetrei's doors with \$80 in bake sale proceeds.

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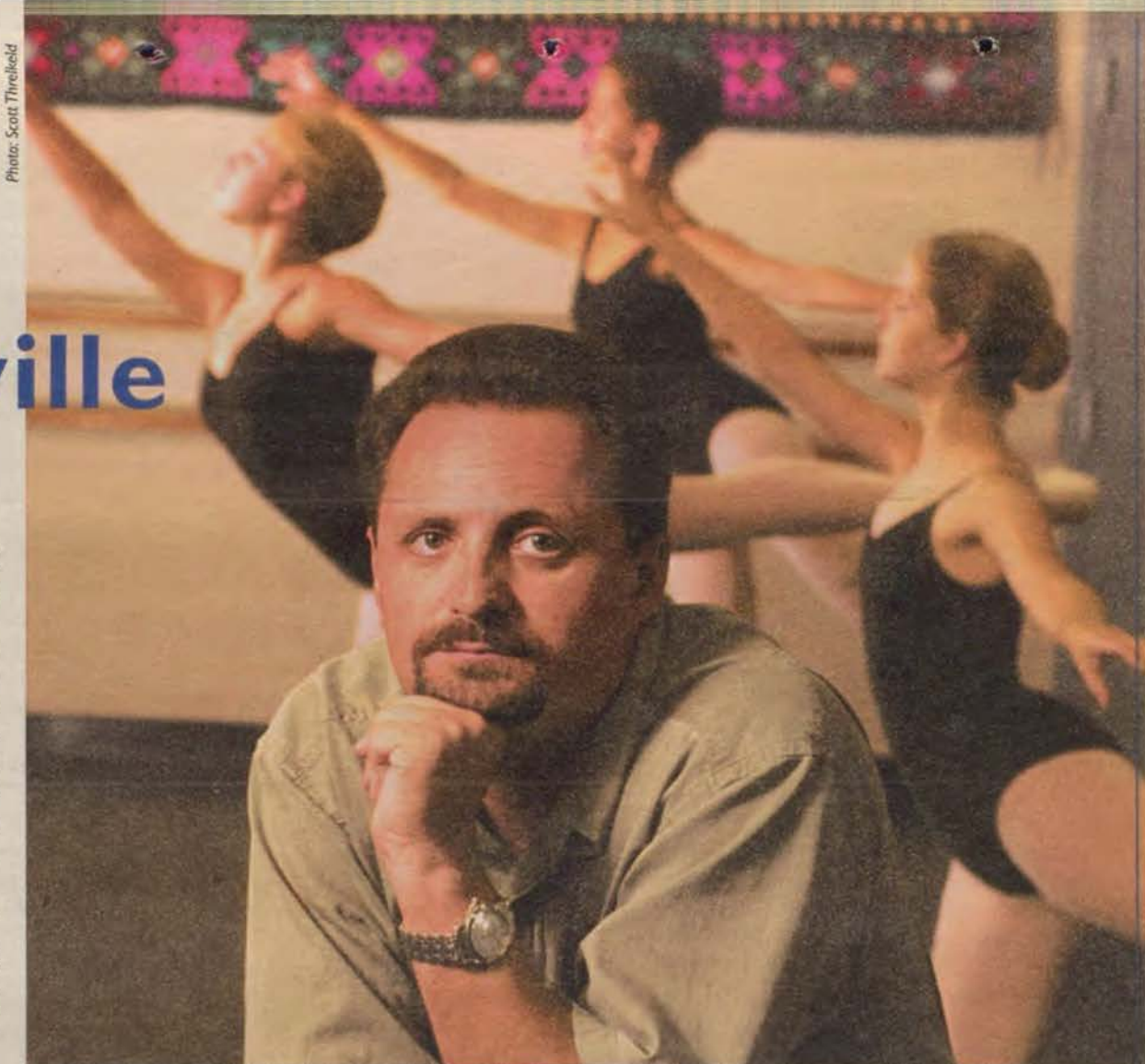


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Trained at the Bolshoi Academy, Apetrei defected to America, worked as a busboy, then opened his school.

"Some classes had only one or two students ... but you stick with it and put your heart in it," he says.

Determination and love paid off. Apetrei Dance Center's current enrollment is more than 300, with students aged 3 to 18—and a waiting list. Ballet Apetrei, a company comprised of 30 dancers, gives students a performance avenue.

Four years ago, the company was accepted into Regional Dance America Southwest, an organization of nonprofit dance companies.

"Their annual festival gives nonprofit companies a chance to shine and exposes them to the world of dance," Apetrei says, adding, "Students experience performances in greater venues than those available in their hometowns. And they get an opportunity to audition for scholarships."

"We chose Ballet Apetrei because they were progressing toward refinement," says Lynette Mason Gregg, the organization's founding artistic director. "We were seeing just the tip of the iceberg of what they could accomplish and produce."

Mandeville, situated on Lake Ponchartrain's north shore, has long lived in New Orleans's cultural shadow. But Ballet Apetrei changed that.

Kelly Apetrei, company business manager, explains their success: "We believe in what we do, and we're good at it. Audiences see that on stage and they're sold."

The company produces three shows a year and dances at outdoor festivals. Principal dancers from professional companies such as Ballet Austin regularly share the stage with Ballet Apetrei students.

The Apetreis teach the Vaganova method. Based on the teachings of Agrippina Vaganova (1879-1951), its blend of influences from French and Italian ballet masters produces the strength and flair characteristic of Russian dancers. "It's not a coincidence Russians are the finest dancers. There is a time-honored method," Constantin says.

Many Apetrei students earn college dance scholarships, and by the time they graduate from high school and the center, three out of every 10 pursue dance careers.

To be sure, teaching kids a centuries-old tradition rooted in discipline and practice isn't easy in an instant gratification society, but Apetrei's love of teaching comes from watching students grow.

"It's very satisfying to see someone dancing well, when five years ago they wanted to quit," he says. "Some of our students have been with us 12 years. We have videos of their earliest performances—they were mere babies. If they stick with dance that long, you know you gave them something they couldn't live without." ✨

Nancy Moreland writes from her home in Woodstock, Ga.



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**Q** I think I recognized Kathie Lee Gifford on reruns of the old television show *Hee Haw*. If that was her, how old was she then, and how long was she on the show?

— Violet H., Indiana

Kathie Lee Johnson, as she was then named, appeared as a guest several times on *Hee Haw*, but it was the show's musical sitcom spin-off, *Hee Haw Honeys* (1978-1979), in which she was a regular. Kathie Lee was born in 1953, so she would have been in her mid-20s during her acting run on *Hee Haw Honeys*.



Kathie Lee Gifford, a *Hee Haw Honeys* regular in the late 1970s.

Wayne's movies have been released on video, including many of his 1930s "B" westerns, but several, including *The High and the Mighty*, still are unavailable due to copyright legalities. The films rarely are seen on television.

**Q** What ever happened to Stefanie Kramer from the television series *Hunter*? She was a sweetheart.

— Don S., Florida

Kramer, best known for her role as Dee Dee McCall in *Hunter*, moved to Denver nine years ago to marry a local businessman. They now live in Los Angeles. Her few films include *The Dogwalker*, billed as a quirky, dark comedy. She is a spokeswoman for Starlight, a Denver-based foundation that helps children suffering from pain and depression. A singer and songwriter, she has recorded and released her debut CD, *One Dream*. Kramer and her husband have a young daughter, Lily. ✨

**Q** What can you tell me about Steve Finley, the Arizona Diamondbacks center fielder?

— Julie R., Kentucky

Steven Allen Finley, 35, was born in Union City, Tenn., into a family of educators. He graduated from high school in Paducah, Ky., earned a degree in physiology from Southern Illinois University, and declined chiropractic school to play professional baseball.

Finley and his wife, Amy, live in Del Mar, Calif., with their three sons and are community minded. They toured Hungary in 1992 and Indonesia in 1995, conducting youth baseball clinics and providing equipment to help form leagues. The family also formed the Steve Finley Charitable Youth Fund in 1993, encouraging kids to stay in school, earn a degree, and live drug free.

**Q** I really miss the Statler Brothers on Saturday night television. Any chance they'll be doing another show? Also, the other members teased Jimmy Fortune

about his large family. How many children do he and his wife have?

— Vivian D., West Virginia

The Statler Brothers' television show is in limbo, says Ann Peters, office manager for the country/gospel quartet. "The Nashville Network didn't pick up the contract, but we are pursuing other networks," she says. Jimmy Fortune, the tenor who has contributed to the continued success of the Statlers by writing such songs as *Elizabeth* and *My Only Love*, lives in Staunton, Va., as do the other group members. He and his wife, Nina, have seven children.

**Q** Why has the movie, *The High and the Mighty*, starring John Wayne, never been available on tape? If I recall, the title song won an Academy Award.

— Tom L., South Carolina

*The High and the Mighty*, in which the Duke plays a commercial co-pilot who takes control of an airplane when the chief pilot cracks under the pressure of an impending emergency landing, received several Academy Awards in 1955, including one for its title music. Most of



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## Hometown Spotlight

# SWAMP GRAVY: The Play That Renewed A Town

by FRAN SEVERN

You won't find swamp gravy in any recipe book; it's a dish served in Georgia fish camps. Fry up the day's catch, then toss in whatever else you have on hand. The result is as individual as the person who made it, but recognized by everyone else.

That's the spirit of the play, *Swamp Gravy*. It's the dramatization of the oral history of Colquitt, Ga. (pop. 2,000); a reservoir of memories and incidents that make up life—all individual, but somehow, all familiar.

The production is the brainchild of Joy Jinks and Richard Geer. Jinks was a resident of Colquitt, unhappily watching her rural town dwindle and become dispirited 10 years ago. Geer is a producer who uses theater to revitalize communities. The two met in New York City in 1991 at a conference on community development, where Geer encouraged Jinks to tap into her town's history. Together, they convinced the residents that a play would help reestablish civic pride.

"The theory was that you tell the stories of a place and its people, and through that process the community is bonded, and people are empowered,"

explains Karen Kimbrel, executive director of the Colquitt/Miller Arts Council. Like other townspeople, she thought recruiting local residents to stage a professional-quality performance about Colquitt

was as unrealistic as planting a tropical rain forest in the sun-baked red Georgia clay.

Gathering subject matter was the first and greatest challenge. Colquitt has more than a few resident



Colquitt's oral history is re-woven yearly into a production that tours the state.

storytellers, but many were suspicious about how their oral histories would be treated. As they realized their life stories were handled with respect, the words began to flow, giving life to *Swamp Gravy*.

And the results proved Jinks and Geer right.

*"Swamp Gravy is a family. It's all about togetherness, family, and pride."*

The most obvious impact is economic. "In five-and-a-half years, we've sold 50,000 tickets," Jinks says.

"Most of those are to out-of-town visitors. These people have a meal, buy gasoline, or stay at lodging establishments." She estimates the play has brought \$1.5 million to the town.

But economics are of the least importance. "It's brought together people who you would normally not have given a second glance at," says Veronica Haire, a cast member. "*Swamp Gravy* is a family. It's all about togetherness, family, and pride."

Those friendships led to dynamic off-stage community projects. Haire and fellow cast member Gayle Grimsley joined forces to start *Bounce*, an after-school program. "We tutor (students) with homework and the arts, and in alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention."

And the play's cultural impact continues: The Museum of Southern Cultures recently opened in the converted cotton warehouse that serves as the *Swamp Gravy* theater; a children's theater and museum are being built; and the drawing power of the play inspired the formation of a regional tourism initiative, focusing on the arts, heritage, and ecology in Colquitt's Miller County as well as Early, Seminole, Decatur, and Calhoun counties.

The show runs four weekends each spring and fall and is rewritten each year. Although the theme of the play changes—last year, it was "Brothers and Sisters"; this fall, "Love and Marriage"—the basic design of weaving together stories into a theatrical tapestry remains the same.

Debra Jones took over as playwright last spring

and considers herself a custodian of the stories and of the lives of the people who tell them.

"It's really challenging to make it stageworthy and still remain true to those stories. I may take one person's story and overlay it on somebody else's, but I try not to turn someone into something they're not."

From the first uncertain performance, *Swamp Gravy* has become a Georgia fixture. Named the state's folk life play in 1994, it now tours the entire state, and vignettes from the show are performed throughout the country, including a showing at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

The Swamp Gravy Institute, established in 1997, holds workshops on storytelling, gathering oral histories, and helping other communities create their own productions.

"We give people the tools, inspiration, and knowledge to be able to do their own project," explains Bill Grow, the institute's director. He's visited groups as diverse as a Hispanic center in El Paso, Texas, a support group of independent, disabled adults in Denver, and the Hurricane Floyd-ravaged town of Tarboro, N.C.

"There is something about the stories that hits a chord in so many people," Jones says. "It's a miraculous process." ✨

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## GETTING STARTED...

The Swamp Gravy Institute is the consulting arm of *Swamp Gravy*. Director Bill Grow and his team hold workshops on gathering oral history, storytelling, and laying the groundwork for creating a community play. Grow can be reached at (912) 758-3707.

Richard Geer heads Community Performance, Inc. in Chicago. Working with award-winning playwright Jo Carson and a team of directors and theatrical designers, he's developed more than 10 projects in rural and urban communities. He can be reached at (773) 728-3999.



A vignette from the show once played at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.



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