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Briefs

Prestonsburg named 'Enterprise City'

Times Staff Report

The city of Prestonsburg has joined 11 others across the state in being recognized by the Kentucky League of Cities during that organization's annual convention in Louisville on Friday.

Prestonsburg joined Bardstown, Bowling Green, Danville, Dawson Springs, Hazard, Nicholasville, Owensboro and Radcliff, along with a collaboration of Newport, Bellevue and Covington, in being named Enterprise/Cities by the KLC.

Cities are selected for the award "based on their creation of public/private partnerships and encouragement of citizen involvement, development of innovative ways of delivering government services, creation of programs that could be easily duplicated by other cities, illustration of how program goals were successfully achieved, and implementation of new or improved approaches to defined community need," a release from KLC said.

"The Enterprise Cities Award provides an excellent opportunity to not only showcase the successes of Kentucky cities but to also encourage other local governments to find innovative ways to enhance their own communities," said Sylvia L. Lovely, executive director and CEO of KLC.

The cities and their winning projects will be featured in an eight-page spread in the October issue of The Lane Report.

Two Day Forecast...

Today
Showers likely
High: 74 • Low: 53

Tomorrow
Partly sunny
High: 78 • Low: 55

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Making a decision...



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Members of the Prestonsburg Community College Board of Directors gathered together Friday to select their choice for the school's new president. Kentucky Community and Technical College System President Dr. Michael McCall listened in to the meeting by speaker phone, then approved the board's decision afterwards.

Edwards is new PCC-Mayo president

by PAM SHINGLER
SENIOR EDITOR

The man selected Friday to head Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College has two qualities important to higher education in this area: An academic background in business and a familiarity with the Appalachian region.

Dr. George D. Edwards, dean of instruction and student services at Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown, Virginia, has three academic degrees in business and has worked as a real estate appraiser and consultant.

Plus, he formerly worked at Mountain Empire Community College in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, just south of here on US 23, and he is a graduate of Berea College, which focuses on serving Appalachian students.

In a special meeting of the PCC Board of Directors Friday at noon, attorney and board member Barkley Sturgill of Prestonsburg made the motion to recommend Edwards as the advisory group's top choice, out of four candidates for the position.

Board chairperson Jean Hale of Pikeville said the consensus of the group after a two-hour discussion last Monday was that Edwards was the number one candidate, but no formal decision was announced at that time.

At the Friday meeting, the call was made to Dr. Michael McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, to inform him that the local board was making a formal recommendation.

McCall, who was present at the Monday meeting, told the board, via phone on Friday, that he accepted the recommendation and that he had talked with Edwards, who had agreed to accept the appointment.

McCall said Edwards will start work on November 15. However, McCall said he is "planning to bring (Edwards) in to introduce him to faculty, staff and students and to the community."

Edwards was one of five persons brought to campus for interviews during the presidential search. One

Edwards was here for the formal interview he began making a list of things he would do if he were chosen president.

In addition to being president of PCC, the new administrator will serve as chief executive officer of the KCTCS Big Sandy district, which includes PCC, two campuses



Times file photo

During a visit to Prestonsburg last month, Dr. George D. Edwards, PCC's new president, right, spoke with John Rosenberg, left, and faculty member Dr. Bill Loftus.

candidate subsequently withdrew from consideration.

According to Dr. Doug Herman, faculty representative on the board, Edwards and his wife visited Prestonsburg privately before his official interview visit.

"He said he walked around campus in t-shirt and shorts on a weekend," Herman said, "and he was impressed to see a maintenance worker at work on the grounds and a motorcycle workshop going on."

Herman added that while

of Mayo in Johnson County, and the Pikeville Campus shared by PCC and Mayo.

According to a news release from KCTCS, Edwards will manage the Prestonsburg campus directly and will supervise the director of Mayo and the coordinator of the Pikeville Campus.

Other community and technical colleges are administered together in Hazard, Louisville and

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Pike official sides with union, asks others to do the same

Times Staff Report

A prominent eastern Kentucky officeholder has lined up on the side of union workers in a brewing labor dispute at Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company.

Pike County Judge-Executive Karen Gibson, in a letter to The Floyd County Times this week, is calling on her counterparts in government to join her in supporting members of the Paper, Allied Industries and Chemical Employees Union (PACE) Local 5-512 during the union's efforts to negotiate a contract with Kentucky West.

Gibson's comments come on the heels of an announcement by Kentucky West that, after having lost a well tending services contract with Equitable Production, its largest customer, the company would seek to reduce its workforce by as many as 110 employees November 15. In a notice given to PACE, the company said it would first try to accomplish the cutbacks by offering an enhanced retirement and voluntary severance package before resorting to layoffs.

Union officials later charged, however, that they believe Kentucky West's announcement is part of an effort to dismantle the union and replace employees with contract labor. Officials pointed to record profits by Kentucky West's parent company, Equitable Resources, and the fact that Kentucky West and Equitable Production are both owned by Equitable Resources in making their claim.

Gibson apparently agrees with the union. "I believe we are beginning to hear this tune played too often in Eastern Kentucky," Gibson wrote in her letter.

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Another Indiana fugitive captured

Times Staff Report

Forget about gold, there's fugitives in them thar hills!! Yet another fugitive has been found hiding in Floyd County, bringing the count over the past few weeks up to three, with each being arrested during the month of September and each wanted by the state of Indiana.

Anita Glaser, 39, of Allegan, Mich., was discovered in the Goble-Roberts area by local law officials on Sept. 16. She was wanted by the state of Indiana on narcotics and nuisance charges.

The following weekend, Ronnie D. Terry, 45, was arrested in the Wayland area on domestic violence charges. While lodged at the Floyd County Detention

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Deadline to register to vote draws near

Times Staff Report

Voters take note! The deadline to register to vote is October 9.

October 9 falls on Columbus Day this year, but the Floyd County Clerk's office will be open until 4 p.m. for the hand-delivery of voter registration cards. Voter registration cards that are mailed must be postmarked by no later than October 9.

The deadline for requesting a mailed paper absentee ballot is October 31. Call locally 886-3816 for information guidelines.

If you will be out of the county during all hours the polls are open on Election Day and you do not qualify for a mailed paper absentee ballot, you may vote in the county clerk's office on a voting machine. This voting may take place at least 12 working days prior to the election.

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Martin puts old refrigerators to good use

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

The city of Martin is doing its part to make sure that their residents are storing foods safely.

On Wednesday, September 27, the city gave away 19 refrigerators to needy area residents. Mayor Thomasine Robinson helped to coordinate the give-away by working in conjunction with the Housing Authority of Martin.

The Board of Directors of the Housing

Authority had voted to replace some older existing refrigerators in their complexes with new ones. The board then agreed to donate the old refrigerators to the city of Martin and the mayor's office worked to pinpoint needy area residents and supply their homes with the older, but still useful refrigerators.

"It makes me feel so good to be able to help our area residents," said Mayor Robinson. "The first woman we gave a refrigerator to had three small school age children and no refrigerator at all in her

home. She had been making do by placing her perishables in ice coolers. Her children attended school every day and it made me feel grateful and appreciative to the Housing Authority that my office was able to help this family. I think our surrounding communities would be surprised to know just how many of our families are in need of what many of us take for granted, especially those families with small children and the elderly who are living on fixed incomes. These families look to us for assistance and I'm thankful to be able to help."

The mayor's office will be giving away more refrigerators on Oct. 3 and 4, although supplies are limited and a waiting list exists.

The office is seeking to fill the needs of the immediate Martin area families first, even though they have had requests from residents of neighboring communities and counties.

If you know of a family that could benefit from this assistance, or if you are in need of assistance, contact the mayor's office at (606) 285-9791. All requests are kept confidential.

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Public Service Commission to hold hearings on natural gas prices

The Kentucky Public Service Commission has announced it will hold public hearings regarding rising natural gas prices.

The PSC has opened a case that will be a formal investigation into the recent increase in gas prices being charged by the five major local natural gas distribution companies in Kentucky, and whether there should be concern about the availability of their supplies or their procurement practices.

Because the PSC does not have jurisdiction over other heating sources, (such as propane or heating oil), and cannot authorize special rates for low income customers, the PSC will be working in cooperation with the Natural Resources Cabinet, and the Cabinet for Families and Children to investigate the situation.

"This is a great example of our

state agencies working together to address a serious issue facing Kentuckians," said Gov. Paul Patton. "This is an issue affecting citizens nationwide, and I am glad to see our agencies being proactive in searching for Kentucky solutions."

As part of the PSC investigation, the Commission will hold public hearings in Kentucky communities where the five largest natural gas utilities are located.

"We have been watching the gas price issue unfold this summer on a national level," said Ed Holmes, vice chairman of the PSC and chairman of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Gas Committee. "This investigation is an effort for this agency to stay ahead of the issue in the event that prices remain high for a prolonged period of

time." At each of the hearings, the Commission will have an opportunity to hear public comments. Utility representatives will be present to answer questions regarding their increase in gas prices. Low-income representatives and the state Attorney General's office have also been invited to participate.

The recent spike in wholesale natural gas prices has drawn much public attention because of the potential impact on customer bills in the coming winter heating season. The PSC began efforts in July of this year to alert customers to the rising prices, and encouraged customers to prepare for the higher bills.

Early estimates indicate that bills could rise 20-30 percent during the winter months. Wholesale

natural gas prices are not regulated by the PSC, but are set by a competitive market. The recent spike in price has been the result of market forces of supply and demand.

Natural gas utilities recover the cost of the natural gas, but do not make any profit from the sale of the commodity. Instead, natural gas utilities make a profit on the delivery of the gas to the customer's home.

Hearings have been set for the following dates and locations: October 2, Lexington; October 5, London; October 10, Covington; October 16, Louisville; October 19, Owensboro. All meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

Details regarding specific locations in each community will be posted on the Commission web site as they become available. (www.psc.state.ky.us)

PCC

Madisonville. Edwards earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Berea in 1974. He went on to Murray State University, where he received a Master of Science degree in economics and a Master of Business Administration degree, both in 1977.

He received the Doctor of Education degree at the University of Southern Mississippi in 1988, the year he joined Lord Fairfax Community College as chairman of the Division of Applied Science and Technology.

He was promoted to director of instructional services in 1990 and to his present position in 1993. Lord Fairfax is located in northern Virginia, not far from Hagerstown,

Maryland. He was director of continuing education and assistant professor of business administration at Mountain Empire CC in Big Stone Gap and, prior to that, an instructor at Hopkinsville Community College in Kentucky.

He has also participated in a management development program at Harvard University and has extensive grant writing experience.

In his letter of application, Edwards described himself as "a participatory leader," who communicates well. "I seek input and gather data in order to make decisions and I constantly strive to make decisions that are in the best interest of students, even when the decisions may not be accepted by all."

Gibson

ter. "Not too long ago we called this tune the Union Buster."

Kentucky West president Thomas Blake is also responding to the union's allegations, saying charges of a conspiracy are simply false.

"The union's assertion of a 'conspiracy' is an attempt to recycle a discredited theory in order to deflect attention from the real issue: The critical need to improve the productivity of Kentucky West's opera-

tions in the face of escalating competitive pressures..." Blake wrote in a letter to The Times. "The two companies' independence has been challenged by the union before and in each instance those claims have been rejected in arbitration."

Meanwhile, Kentucky West and PACE have returned to the bargaining table in an attempt to hammer out a new agreement before the union's current contract expires in two weeks.

Fugitive

Center, it was found that he was wanted by the state of Indiana on non-support charges.

More recently, James Franklin Osborne, 48, who lists a Minnie address was arrested by Deputy Craig Blackburn on Sept. 28 at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Notice of a governor's warrant originating from the Kosciusko County Sheriff's Office in Warsaw had come through local offices.

The warrant had been issued on charges of felony theft, probation violation and a failure to appear in court on January 20.

Orders were issued to find, arrest and hold Osborne under a \$5,000 cash bond.

Extradition to the state of Indiana has been completed in the first two cases and plans to execute same in the Osborne case are underway.

Election

The 2000 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7.

"This election is so important because it will determine not only the next president but which political party controls Congress," said John Y. Brown III, Kentucky's secretary of state and chief election official. "On a more local note, citizens will also elect state legislative

officials and judges so participation in the election is very important."

By exercising your right to vote, you have the opportunity to cast your opinion about the selection of our governing officials. It is an opportunity to have your voice heard, so if you are not yet registered to vote, our local officials urge you to do so.

Ashland Center to coordinate art program

The Highlands Museum and Discovery Center, in Ashland, has been chosen to coordinate the Crayola Dream-Makers National art education program in the tri-state area. The educational staff from the museum will work with area students to help them investigate design concepts in an interdisciplinary adventure using the new Crayola Dream-Makers teacher's guide, "Dreams, Design and Dimension."

This curriculum resource has been developed to stimulate creative thinking in the classroom, and specifically integrates art and math in its workshop presentations.

The Center was selected to host the program because of its interest in the arts and strong educational programming in the schools and community," said Diann Berry, director of art education for Binney & Smith. "Through the Crayola Dream-Makers program, we hope to draw more attention to the role art plays in the development of

children." Hands-on professional development workshops will be offered at the museum for art and classroom teachers to introduce them to the Crayola Dream-Makers resource guide. These free teacher workshops will be offered Saturday, November 4, from 10 a.m.-noon and repeated, Thursday, November 9 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Student Discovery Art Workshops will be available during the month of March at the museum. An exhibition of representative student artworks will be featured in the spring of 2001, where the public will be invited to attend and view the results.

Since its inception in 1984, more than 14 million elementary school children and tens of thousands of teachers have participated in hands-on art activities inspired by Crayola Dream-Makers program.

For more information, call the office at 606/324-8888.

Governor proclaims October Family Health Month

Gov. Paul Patton has signed a proclamation declaring October, Family Health Month in Kentucky.

Representatives of the Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians (KAFFP) witnessing the event were John A. Patterson, M.D., Irvine, president; Lisa Corum, M.D., Louisville, public relations chair; and Cheryl Myers, CAE, executive vice president.

Every year the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) focuses on a timely health topic each week in October which needs more public attention and education. Issues chosen this year include asthma, allergy and respiratory infections; colorectal cancer; managing medications; and discussing tough subjects with children.

Allergies and asthma affect more than 20 percent of the U.S.

population, with 40 to 50 million people suffering from allergies and 17 million suffering from asthma. About 80 percent of young people with asthma also have significant allergies. Both are long-term conditions which can be triggered by environmental substances such as tobacco smoke.

The AAFP supports TAR WARS in Kentucky, a youth-oriented program designed to educate fourth and fifth grade students about the dangers of smoking. A poster contest encourages the children not to begin smoking and to be aware of the negative consequences if they do.

For more information on TAR WARS or to talk with a family physician in your area about allergies and asthma, contact the Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians, 502/451-0370 or toll free 1-888-451-0370.

AAA advises motorists to 'take five' during October

It's creeping up on us. The winter driving season, that is. And that means Kentucky drivers will again be battling frigid temperatures, ice and snow. AAA suggests motorists "take five" before the onset of the winter driving season.

October is a perfect time to take care of five primary maintenance items that should be attended to this fall:

1. Check all fluid levels, vehicle lights and belts and hoses. Refill or replace, if needed.
2. Replace wiper blades if they are more than six months old.
3. Change the oil if it has been more than 7,000 miles since the last re-lubrication. Older vehicles will require more frequent oil changes.
4. Flush and refill engine coolant if it's been more than three years since the last change.
5. Inspect tires and check brakes if the vehicle has more than 30,000 miles on the odometer, or it has been more than 30,000 miles since the last brake job.

"The best place to learn about preparing a vehicle for the winter driving season is as near as the glove compartment," said Dan Dickson, spokesman for AAA Blue

Grass/Kentucky. "For maintenance information about the vehicle you drive, there is no more authoritative source."

One piece of common-sense advice remains as true today as it did in the early years of the automobile. By taking time to regularly assess the condition of your vehicle, you improve the chances of avoiding a safety or security situation down the road.

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From green to glory: A leafy life cycle

by JEFF CROOKE
RADFORD UNIVERSITY

"Autumn is a second spring
when every leaf is a flower."
Albert Camus

The warblers have lost their identifying colors and started drifting south, leaving admirers scratching heads over futile field guides. Just before the woods fade to gray with winter's pall, fall's brilliant burst of colorful leaves illuminates the hills and covers the earth with gold and crimson.

Coordinating this final fight against the dying of the light is no simple task for the trees involved, however. The mechanism of fall and the minutiae behind the sugar maple's fiery October complexion are a series of processes actually beginning in that springtime moment tender new leaves are pushed forth into the bright world.

According to Dr. Gary Cote, a biologist at Radford University in southwest Virginia, the change process begins very subtly. For all the long summer days, leaves have gathered the sunlight, water, and gases to produce the energy necessary for trees to grow and reproduce.

They act as hundreds of tiny engines, taking in water and gases while producing the sugar needed for the tree to grow and thrive. The sugar is then pumped out of the leaf to the rest of the tree. This process is called photosynthesis and is a tremendous effort.

"Photosynthesis involves handling enormously powerful oxidizers and reducers, just like in chemical factors," explains Cote. Some leaves get damaged by these powerful chemicals and prematurely go through the same color changes that will occur later in their counterparts. These first damaged leaves are cast off, only to be replaced."

After the summer solstice, the longest day of summer, a photosensitive chemical called phytochrome begins to sense the red light from sunsets sooner and sooner as the end of each day happens earlier and earlier. The trees then begin to prepare for cold weather.

"Because the cold slows all chemical reactions, including pho-

tosynthesis," Cote says, "and because leaves lose water to the dry winter winds, those leaves are a real liability in the winter."

A specialized group of cells called the abscission layer synthesizes enzymes that destroy the connection between the leaves and the tree. As the abscission cells begin this process, another is occurring.

The burst of color we associate with fall occurs as the tree is breaking down chlorophyll. Chlorophyll is a green pigment, and the major machinery in photosynthesis.

"Some of the important elements that makeup chlorophyll are nitrogen and magnesium," explains Cote, "and these are very difficult to pull from the soil." Nitrogen and magnesium recovered from the breakdown of chlorophyll in the leaves are stored in the tree.

But there are other pigments which form the yellows, oranges, reds and purples associated with fall leaves. These other pigments are always in the leaf, but simply hidden by the chlorophyll. Having been masked by chlorophyll for the spring and summer months, these pigments get their turn to shine.

"These other pigments differ from chlorophyll in their chemical makeup," according to Cote. "They consist only of carbon, oxygen, and hydrogen, all of which the tree can easily get from carbon dioxide and water through photosynthesis, given enough energy from sunlight.

MCCC in food program

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center announces participation in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program administered by the Kentucky Department of Education.

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Washington, D.C. 20250.

Participants eligible for free and/or reduced price meals must have a complete application with documentation of eligibility information which may include a Food Stamp, SSI, or Medicaid case number, or names of household members and income information.

Participants must be enrolled in one of the Center's Therapeutic Rehabilitation Programs located in Pike, Martin, Magoffin, Johnson, and Floyd counties. For additional information regarding participation in the program, contact Judy O'Bryan at 606/886-8572.

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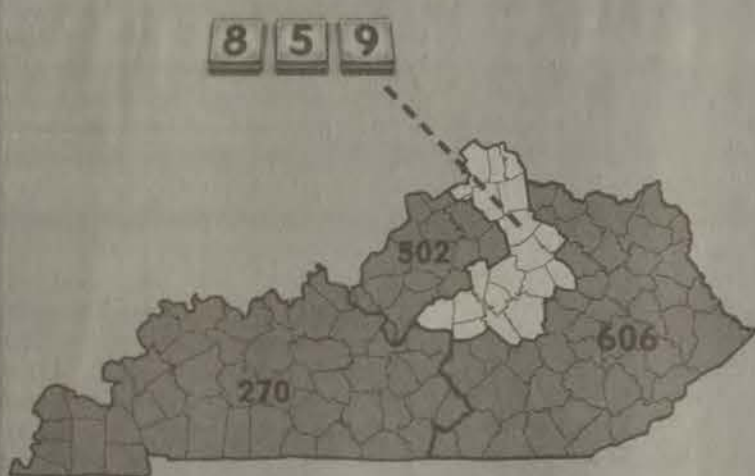
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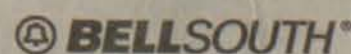
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People ask me what I do in the winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do: I stare out the window and wait for spring.

Rogers Hornsby—

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

—First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution—

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Editorial

Bad news

Following Thursday's simultaneous release of the latest CATS test results and a compilation of non-academic data such as attendance and dropout rates, it is clear that Floyd County schools are in need of work from top to bottom.

For example, Floyd County, as a district, had the eleventh-worst test scores out of 177 school districts statewide, as well as the fifth-worst attendance rate in 1999. Coincidence? We think not, and there is plenty of evidence to support that conclusion.

A quick look at the other school systems crushed along with Floyd County at the bottom of the heap shows similar results. Covington Independent had the worst scores across the state and ranked 154 out of 177 school districts in attendance. West Point had the second-worst attendance and the third-worst scores. And time and time again the pattern holds.

It doesn't necessarily hold up as well at the top of the lists. Pikeville Independent Schools, for example, ranked 12th in test scores, but fell to number 60 in attendance. Likewise, Paintsville was 15th-best in test scores in 2000, but 95th in attendance.

Still, good attendance couldn't hurt. Just ask Anchorage Independent (first in test scores, first in attendance) or Fort Thomas (second in test scores, second in attendance).

However, if test scores and attendance rates were the only areas in which our school system were failing miserably, we would at least have something on which to concentrate. Unfortunately, that's not the case.

In measurement after measurement, statistic after statistic, Floyd County's performance reeks. High dropout rates. High retention rates. Low graduate success rates. Not only is our school system nowhere near the top, it does not even approach the middle in any category. The entire institution is one big, stinking mess and rotten to the core.

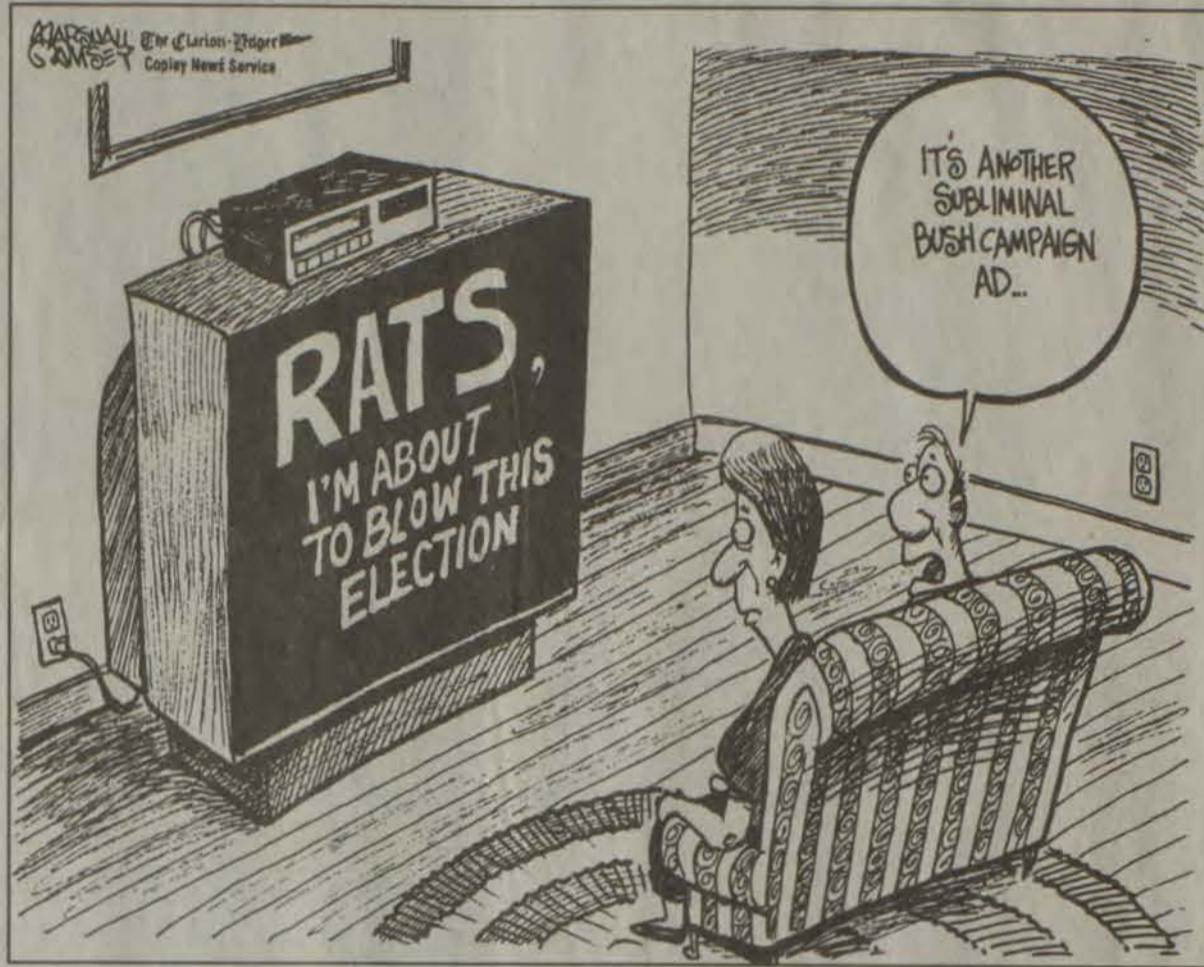
Of course, we cannot overlook Monday's school board meeting, during which the tattered and torn condition of Stumbo Elementary's school books was discussed. Stumbo, of course, is the same school where students earlier this year began pleading with administrators to do something about not only their books, but also their leaking roof and the general disrepair of the school. It also happens to have the lowest test scores of any elementary school in the county. Another bizarre coincidence? Again, we think not.

But perhaps the hardest pill to swallow is the fact that these results come as no surprise. Floyd County schools have been underachieving for decades. Concerned parents and educators have spent lifetimes trying to correct the weaknesses in our school system, seemingly to no avail.

Who do we blame for our school system's lousy performance? It's easy to point a finger at the board of education and school administrators, but each of us must also ultimately turn that same finger back at ourselves. Every person has helped contribute to the problems besetting us, just as every person has a role to play in making positive changes.

But what is the answer to these problems? That is a question which has no easy answer. But one thing is certain — we must never stop trying to find it.

— Ralph B. Davis



Guest Column

The real surplus

by SHELDON RICHMAN

Gov. George W. Bush has a presidential campaign slogan that says: "The surplus isn't the government's money. It's the people's money."

What about the other nearly \$2 trillion the government takes from productive American citizens? Judging from the governor's campaign, that must be the government's money because the people aren't going to keep any of it if he becomes president.

The anticipated surplus — which might never actually materialize, built as it is on unrealistic spending assumptions — has been helpful in revealing how various politicians see the role of government in our lives.

Remember, President Clinton said we can't have the money because we may not spend it right. ("Right" equals his way.) Vice President Gore, as to be expected, agrees with the president. Government has first dibs: The National Taxpayers Union says his proposed new spending would more than exhaust the projected surpluses. He might let you keep some of your money — but only if you do as he says.

Admittedly, Bush's position is the most interesting. The surplus, he says, is our money. That's not quite as clear a position as it sounds. How do we compute the surplus? If the government spends \$1.8 trillion in fiscal 2000, is everything the government takes in over that amount in each of the next 10 years the surplus?

Not quite. The politicians regard a certain amount of growth in government spending as the natural order of things. Spending on "entitlements" goes up automatically without Congress's having to do anything. This is a neat trick. The budget rises on its own. Only some spending is called "discretionary." Of course, since Congress has the power to change the entitlement laws, it's really all discretionary. That's just one of those little ways that government shrouds itself from us, its theoretical masters.

I'm suggesting that the dividing line between the surplus and the rest of the revenue side of the budget is arbitrary. It's all our money. Look at it this way: A few years ago, there was no AmeriCorps, Clinton's boondoggle program that pays young people to do "volunteer" work and whose budget the Republican Congress has increased a mere 248 percent (to \$282 million) in the last five years.

But that money, since it is earmarked for an existing program (however new), is not the people's money, according to Bush. The only money he thinks is ours is some of the money the politicians haven't thought of a way to spend yet. To which, Gore responds: I'll think of a way to spend it.

The fact is, Bush, the "conservative" in the race, proposes to cut nothing from existing spending. He favors eliminating no department, agency or program. In effect, he is saying that the government is just the right size and he cannot stand reducing it by even a single dollar. He may say the surplus is an overpayment for government services, but he's apparently sure that within the individual department and agency budgets there's been no overpayment at all. Government is as efficient as can be.

Actually, Bush doesn't believe all of the surplus is our money. He wants to increase spending, just not as much as Gore. The GOP candidate promises a prescription-drug program for retired people, the only virtue of which is that it might not be as expensive as the Gore plan (but don't bet the farm on it). And he has a host of new domestic and military spending initiatives in mind.

Let it be noted, too, that his plan to let us keep some — about one-quarter — of the total projected 10-year surplus (including Social Security) is on the modest side. Although Bush calls for an across-the-board cut in income-tax rates, he wouldn't eliminate the top rate his father created when he broke his "no new taxes" promise in 1990. That would have been a nice touch. Nor have I heard of any plan to roll back the seven Social Security payroll-tax increases enacted during the 12 Reagan-Bush years.

I've got a better definition of the surplus: Any money over what the government needs to perform the powers enumerated in the Constitution. Looked at that way, we're due a mighty big tax cut.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Va. (www.fff.org), and editor of Ideas on Liberty magazine.

Letters to the Editor

Conspiracy claim not founded

Editor:

Your September 22 story, "Union cries foul over plan to downsize," contains inaccurate and misleading information. The union's assertion of a "conspiracy" is an attempt to recycle a discredited theory in order to deflect attention from the real issue: The critical need to improve the productivity of Kentucky West's operations in the face of escalating competitive pressures.

Although Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company and Equitable Production Company are subsidiaries of the same parent company, Equitable Resources, they have operated independently for the last 16 years. In 1984, following the deregulation of natural gas production, Kentucky West transferred its oil and gas exploration and production business to the company now known as Equitable Production. Kentucky West retained the regulated pipeline business and continued to provide well-tending services to Equitable Production under a well-tending services agreement. Equitable Production recently notified Kentucky West of its intent to cancel this agreement because it cannot compete with other producers while paying Kentucky West for well tending and related services at significantly higher rates than those available in the open market.

The two companies' independence has been challenged by the union before and in each instance those claims have been rejected in arbitration. The union's attempt to bootstrap its claim by producing an attorney-client letter taken from my office is not only unethical (particularly since the same union leaders who presented the letter to you represented to the company and its counsel that all copies had been returned or destroyed) but also ineffective. Rather than supporting the union's conspiracy claim, the letter merely attempts to identify possible issues

that might be raised in order to gather information necessary to prepare a bargaining strategy.

The earnings statistics provided by the union refer to the published earnings of the parent company, Equitable Resources, rather than Kentucky West alone, which made a much less significant contribution to the reported earnings improvement. More importantly, it is not Kentucky West's earnings but rather its high cost of service that is the problem.

The real issues cannot be avoided by diversionary tactics. More than a year ago, the company attempted to engage the union in discussions about the changes needed to be cost-competitive in providing services to Equitable Production and others. These talks resulted in no movement, nor did the company's subsequent attempt to form productivity improvement teams with members of the union workforce fare any better. The company has communicated clearly with its employees on these issues and has indicated repeatedly that it is prepared to bargain on all issues. Whether the company has acted in good faith can be judged on the basis of its conduct at the bargaining table.

Negotiations for a new agreement began on August 14. The second bargaining session was not scheduled until September 14 because the union's bargaining committee was not available until that time. Then, the union cancelled negotiations scheduled for September 15. Negotiations finally resumed on September 26 and the company has offered to meet every day in October before the contract expires on October 15. Kentucky West remains committed to reaching a fair labor agreement with its workers and will continue to negotiate in good faith.

Thomas H. Blake
President
Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, LLC

College personnel grateful for use of field

Editor:

We at Pikeville College would like to thank several people who are responsible for helping us play our first home football game at Prestonsburg High School.

That game was scheduled for a different location, but when that field became unavailable to us the morning of our game, Prestonsburg High School and the Floyd County Board of Education sprang into action to offer us their facilities for the day. They are to be commended for their assistance in helping us put on a first-class performance on such short notice.

We would also like to thank the Prestonsburg Police Department, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and the Prestonsburg Fire Department and Ambulance Service.

Pikeville College prides itself in being a regional institution, and the folks of Prestonsburg and Floyd County have proven their willingness in being partners with us. We couldn't be more thankful and appreciative for your support, both on and off the field.

Ron Damron
Vice-President of Enrollment & Student Services
Director of Athletics

Local officials should support Ky.-W. Va. employees

Editor:

With great interest I read your story by Ralph B. Davis, managing editor, concerning Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company's plan to restructure for the purpose of remaining competitive. I believe we are

beginning to hear this tune played too often in Eastern Kentucky. Not too long ago we called this

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Eastward-ho for KAEE Conference 2000

They're back — the black bears of Kentucky — and they're just one of numerous topics during a three-day environmental conference at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park on October 6-8.

This is the 24th annual conference of the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education (KAEE) and is the first one to be held in the eastern mountains of the state.

Cathy Neeley, outreach program specialist with the East Kentucky Center for Science, Mathematics & Technology (EKCSMT), is chair of KAEE's Conference 2000, "Land, Legacy & Learning."

Neeley said the conference is one of the best ways environmental educators can get environmental teaching techniques, data, lesson plans and inspiration.

"It also provides continuing educational opportunities for people who are involved in environmental education: teachers, scout leaders, 4-H leaders, park naturalists, and corporate representatives," she added.

Pre-conference workshops begin at 9 a.m. Friday, October 6, and include the following sessions:

- Project Learning Tree, presented by the American Forest Foundation. This is a nationally recognized program with hands-on activities for children, preschool through high school. Attendees earn development credits.

- National Wildlife Federation—Habitats, an Animal Tracks educator workshop. Participants receive a copy of Animal Tracks Action Pack, a ready-to-use environmental curriculum unit.

- They're Back! Black Bears in Kentucky, a six-hour workshop that discusses the history and biology of the black bear and what to do to ensure their survival in eastern Kentucky.

- GLOBE Program Atmosphere, an international environmental science and education program. The session features hands-on activities, and teachers will be given codes to log on the GLOBE website.

Evening activities Friday start with the conference registration, the opening of the KAEE Resource Fair and a silent auction at 5 p.m.; a reception at 6; opening ceremonies at 7; and field trips at 8.

On Saturday, October 7, the conference opens with registration at 8 a.m. Twenty concurrent sessions are offered throughout the day, starting at 9 a.m. and include the following topics:

- Working Together to Improve Your Community's Environmental Health. Hands-on activities will demonstrate how a community can improve its environmental health status by identifying, prioritizing and reducing exposure to environmental hazards by capitalizing on the strengths of the community.

- Inquiring Minds Want to Know: Science by Inquiry. The session is designed to help teachers grab the attention of bored students and to utilize the outdoors as a classroom. Participants are encouraged to bring their ideas and help create a resource book for Kentucky's teachers and communities.

- Environmental Issues in the Legislative Process. A brief review

of some environmental issues considered during the recent General Assembly and a discussion of strategies and the pursuit of funding for the 2002 session.

- KY Alive Biodiversity Bus. Participants can visit this traveling display and outreach program for the Salato Wildlife Center to learn about biodiversity and wildlife issues.

- Where in the World is Daniel Boone National Forest? The Daniel Boone National Forest is the largest tract of public-owned land in Kentucky. Participants will test their knowledge of the Forest, its resources and management policies.

An evening cookout and an awards program with Rep. Greg Stumbo as the keynote speaker, night hikes and campfire entertainment are also included in Saturday's schedule of events. EKCSMT director Ray Shubinski will direct conference attendee's attention to the sky Saturday night during a session on stargazing.

At the conclusion of the conference on Sunday morning, attendees can participate in field trips that include canoeing on the Levisa Fork, visits to a surface coal mine or a reclamation site, and an elk viewing tour.

Conference attendees will also be able to participate in Mammalogy Weekend activities conducted by Ron Vanover, a naturalist with Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

For more information or to register, call Karen Reagar at 606/578-0312 or Cathy Neeley at 889-0303. Registration also can be made at the KAEE Web Site: www.kaee.org.

Letters

tune the Union Buster.

In the memo from Equitable Resources, one of the questions they wanted to ask was, "How would the local politicians react." I cannot speak for any elected officials other than myself. I would like to go on record loud and clear that I, Karen F. Gibson, county judge-executive of Pike County, support the employees in their effort to negotiate a new contract with Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company.

The working families of Eastern Kentucky have given their health, their environment, the very air we breathe and water we once had to drink to these large corporations. They earn billions of dollars to put in their New York bank accounts. Now they ask us to give them our jobs.

We can't sit back and let this company destroy the only protection these workers have. What would keep them from going after the hundreds of Kentucky West Virginia retirees in Eastern Kentucky next?

The Kentucky West Virginia employees and Kentucky West Virginia retirees spend their dollars here at home. They educate and raise their families here, buy their automobiles and groceries and build homes here. The employees of this company have always supported Eastern Kentucky. It is time we show them our support.

I challenge all politicians, elected officials, business leaders and the public to join with me in showing our support to Kentucky West Virginia Gas employees. We must send a message from the mountains, "The days of slave wages for our people are over."

Karen F. Gibson
Pike County judge-executive

Family enjoyed visit to city

Editor:
I would like to take this time to thank the citizens of Prestonsburg for the warm welcome my family and I received during our recent stay in your city. It was a very special time for us as we brought our father, Delmon Kendrick, back to Prestonsburg for his 58th high school reunion.

A lot of things had changed since the last time I was in your

city, but the charm of the citizens still remains. Throughout the entire city, everyone made us feel right at home. In just a few short days, we felt as if we had always lived in Prestonsburg and it was not easy for us to pack up the car and head back to Fayetteville, North Carolina, on September 24.

Prestonsburg is a wonderful city and you have a lot to be proud of. The Kendrick family would like to thank you for the wonderful memories you have given us from our recent stay in your city. We plan on being back in Prestonsburg in the very near future.

Mark C. Kendrick
Councilman
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Open house a success; display is great

Editor:
I would like to thank the teachers, staff, lunchroom staff, parents and PTO. Our open house was a success.

The Halloween display in front of the building was donated by the city of Prestonsburg. Thanks for a great job.

Cay Samons
Principal
Ron Hampton
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Prestonsburg High School

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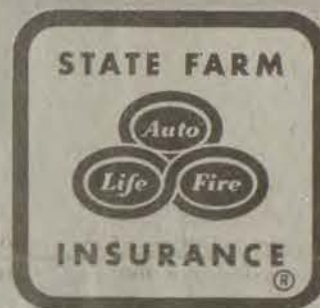


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Medicare handbook is updated

Medicare's largest annual mailing to beneficiaries is taking place in September and October, when more than 34 million copies of the Medicare & You 2001 handbook are mailed to Medicare beneficiaries all across the United States.

The mailing is one part of Medicare's comprehensive effort to help them understand their health care options, whether through original Medicare or Medicare+Choice plans.

The Medicare & You 2001 handbook provides the most up-to-date, comprehensive Medicare information available from the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), the federal agency that administers Medicare.

The handbook is one of the primary tools used by HCFA to inform seniors and people with disabilities about their Medicare benefits, rights and responsibilities. This year, more than 300,000 handbooks are being mailed to physicians who treat seniors and people with disabilities who are covered by Medicare.

"As we celebrate Medicare's 35th anniversary, an important part of our mission is to continue to provide accurate and easy to use information about Medicare," said Nancy-Ann DeParle, HCFA administrator. "This is an important part of our effort to make sure that seniors and Americans with disabilities and their families have the information they need, when they need it, to make informed health care decisions."

The 2001 Handbook includes:
• Updated "Questions and Answers" to help beneficiaries make good decisions about their health care;

- Information about the first private fee-for-service Medicare+Choice plan currently available in selected states; and

- Updated information about managed care, including Medicare+Choice enrollment rates.

"This information should help people with Medicare, evaluate the quality of care and value that both Medicare+Choice plans and original Medicare provides," said Dr. Robert A. Berenson, director of HCFA's Center for Health Plans and Providers. "Along with the 1-800-MEDICARE toll-free line and www.medicare.gov, beneficiaries now have more information at their fingertips to help them make the right choices about their health care."

"The handbook has become the centerpiece of HCFA's information campaign—Medicare & You—to help seniors and Americans with disabilities make the best choices possible about their health care coverage," said Michael McMullan, acting director of HCFA's Center for Beneficiary Services. "This year, the handbook has been updated to be more user-friendly, based upon the suggestions of people with Medicare."

The 2001 handbook continues to contain performance and customer satisfaction information about original Medicare and Medicare+Choice plans, including the percentage of women who received screening mammograms, and the overall rating of care that patients received in their managed care plan.

"In addition to making more information available to beneficiaries and their family members, Medicare now covers more preven-

tive benefits, such as annual screening mammograms, colon cancer and prostate cancer screening and diabetes self-management training," said DeParle. "Beneficiaries can find out more about these preventive benefits by taking advantage of the handbook, website and toll-free information line. As the Medicare population grows, these resources help us get straightforward, helpful information to beneficiaries and their families and caregivers."

Medicare beneficiaries can learn more about Medicare on the Internet at www.medicare.gov, or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. local time, Monday through Friday.

Callers with access to a teletypewriter (TTY) or telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) can call 1-877-486-2048. Medicare information is also available at meetings and health fairs around the nation with State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs), state departments on aging and insurance, and other organizations that work with Medicare beneficiaries.

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 created the "Medicare & You" campaign, as well as the Medicare+Choice program, to help modernize Medicare, and included a wider range of health plan options, similar to those available to other Americans.

Original fee-for-service Medicare, currently chosen by more than 33 million individuals, is available nationwide to all beneficiaries. Today, more than 39 million Americans are enrolled in Medicare. That number is projected to nearly double to 77 million by 2030.

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Magoffin County

Jody Wayne "T-Tom" Pitts, 35, of Guage, died Thursday, September 21, at the Kentucky River Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 25, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Richard Allen, 71, of Bellbrook, Ohio, died Friday, September 8, at the Kettering Convalescent Center, in Kettering, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Norma Jean Farris Allen. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 10, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Myra Mulford Hall, 59, of Salyersville, died Sunday, September 24, at the St. Claire Medical Center, at Morehead. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 27, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Mattie Walters Bailey, 88, of Goshen, Ohio, formerly of Adele, died Monday, September 18, at a nursing home in Goshen. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 21, under the direction of Tufts-Schildmeyer Funeral Home.

Eddie L. Perkins, 65, of Greenup, formerly of Johnson County, died Saturday, September 23, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Betty Arms Perkins. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 26, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Laura Ann Bach Craft, 86, of Stanton, Magoffin County native, died Thursday, September 14, at Clark Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Grover Cleveland Craft. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 17, under the direction of Wells Funeral Home.

Ricky Allen, 36, of Salyersville, died Friday, September 22, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 26, under

the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Norman Howes Jr., 76, of Flat Gap, died Monday, September 18, at his daughter's residence in Wheatfield, Indiana. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, September 20, under the direction of Miller Chapel.

Wayne Howard, 60, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, September 20, at St. Claire Medical Center, in Morehead. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 23, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Thelma A. Burchwell, 87, of Dayton, Ohio, died Saturday, September 9, at Hospice of Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 13, under the direction of Barclay Funeral Home.

Pike County

Wallace "Wally" Marcum, 65, of Nolan, West Virginia, died Wednesday, September 27, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Blevins Marcum. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 29, under the direction of Weaver Mortuary, Williamson.

Jessie "Jay" Hackney Justice Ferrell, 81, of Pomeroy, Ohio, died Tuesday, September 26, at the Ohio State University Hospital in Columbus. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 29, under the direction of Birchfield Funeral Home, Rutland, Ohio.

Willis Prater, 63, of Ruffin, South Carolina, died Wednesday, September 27. He is survived by his wife, Bette Williamson Prater. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 30, under the direction of J. Henry Stuhr Inc. Funeral Home, Charleston, South Carolina.

George Marlin Eagle, 46, of Wilmington, North Carolina, died

Monday, September 25, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Grainger Eagle. Graveside services were conducted Thursday, September 28, under the direction of Coble-Ward-Smith Funeral Service.

Dolores Ruth Ward, three-month-old daughter of Ronald Ward and Nancy Angeline Thacker died Wednesday, September 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 1, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Bobbie B. Mounts, 67, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Thursday, September 28, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 30, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Cliff "Roger" Evans, 50, of Chattaroy, West Virginia, died Wednesday, September 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Harrison Evans. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 30, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Dutch Hatfield, 88, of Newtown, West Virginia, died Wednesday, September 27, at the Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 30, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Cecilia "Sue" Blackburn, 53, of Woodbine, formerly of McCarr, died Wednesday, September 27, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Jack Blackburn. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 1, 1 p.m., under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Jerry Leon Cook, 45, of Louisa, died Wednesday, September 20, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Susan Parham Cook. Funeral services were conducted Friday,

September 22, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

William Cullen Jude, 83, of Columbus, Ohio, died Wednesday, September 20, at Chillicothe Veterans Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Slone Jude. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 23, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Cloma Kelley, 88, of Martha, died Sunday, September 24, at Three Rivers Medical Center Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 26, under the direction of Heston Funeral Home.

Martin County

Wilburn Porter Jr., 40, of Inez, died Sunday, September 24, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann Porter. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 27, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Lacy James, 88, of Inez, died Sunday, September 24, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Mary James. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 27, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

William Cullen Jude, 83, Martin county native, of Columbus, Ohio, died Wednesday, September 20, at the V.A. Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 23, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Shirley Jude, 75, of River, died Wednesday, September 20, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 23, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Services.

Grethel Maynard Cline, 78, of Warfield, died Monday, September 18, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 21, under the direction of

Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Johnny Martin Horn, 50, died Saturday, September 16. He is survived by his wife, Linda Horn. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 20, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Myra Mulford Hall, 59, of Salyersville, died Sunday, September 24, at St. Claire Medical Center, in Morehead. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 27, and burial was in the Kannard Cemetery at Rockhouse.

Herman "Bus" Wiley, 86, of River, died Saturday, September 23,

at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Graveside services were conducted Monday, September 25, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Luther Lemaster, 85, of Paintsville, died Thursday, September 21, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 24, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Opal McKenzie Conley, 68, died Monday, September 25, at her Flat Gap residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 27, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Clyde Osborne

Clyde Osborne, 79, of Grethel, died Friday, September 29, 2000, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on April 21, 1921, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Bryan and Dinah Hall Osborne. He was a disabled coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Bentley Osborne.

Other survivors include three sons, Phillip Osborne of Paintsville, Jimmy Osborne of Elkhorn City, Gilford Osborne of Grethel; two daughters, Peggy Newsome of Teaberry, Glenda Tackett of Grethel; one brother, Bryan Osborne Jr. of Michigan; two sisters, Lexie Jessie of Greenup, Myrtle Tackett of Beaver, 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, October 2, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Joe Reynolds Cemetery, at Beaver, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Thelma "Granny" Goodrich

Thelma "Granny" Goodrich, 78, of Ironton, Ohio, died Friday, September 29, 2000, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Born on March 12, 1922, in David, she was the daughter of the late Early Joseph and Cumine Shepherd Joseph. She was the owner of Granny's Novelties and Gifts and former owner and operator of Goodrich's Grocery, formerly employee of Henrite Corporation and the Marting Hotel.

Survivors include one daughter, Sue Rodriguez of Ironton, Ohio; one son, Mike Goodrich of Ironton, Ohio; one brother, Everett Joseph of Ironton, Ohio; five sisters, Addie McKenzie of Tecumseh, Michigan, Elsie Luokkanen of Jackson, Michigan, Mary Risner of Shelby, Ohio, Lou Lockwood of Haverhill, Ohio, Nora Bailey of Ironton, Ohio.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, October 2, at 2 p.m., at the Tracy Brammer Funeral Home, with Rev. Clell Elliott officiating.

Burial will be in the Woodland Cemetery, Ironton, Ohio, under the direction of Tracy Brammer Funeral Home, Inc.

Shane Coleman

Shane Coleman, 29, of Pikeville died Friday, September 29, 2000, in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.

Born in Pike County on May 12, 1971, he was the son of Jerry G. Adkins of Regina and Doris Jean Epling of Pikeville. He was a heavy equipment operator and a United States Marine Corps veteran, and a lifetime member of VFW.

Other than his parents, he is survived by his former step-father, Vernon Coleman; his step-father, Richard Epling; his step-mother, Jean Adkins; his grandmothers, Dorothy Billiter and Gladys Damron; his grandfather Garfield Adkins; five brothers, Joe Coleman of Shelby, Jerry Reed Adkins of Atlanta, Ga., and Ritchie Epling, Chad Epling and Roger Clevinger, all of Pikeville; four sisters, Belinda Stiltner, Lorie Goff, Tina Kendrick and Melissa Charles, all of Pikeville.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Gene Billiter.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 3, at 11 a.m. at the J.W. Call Funeral Home Chapel. Ministers will be Tim Vice, John Harms and Jerry Redigee.

Visitation will be in the chapel Sunday after 6 p.m., with services on Monday evening at 7 p.m.

Burial will be at the Howard Cemetery at Johns Creek.

Dolores Ruth Ward

Dolores Ruth Ward, of Kimper, infant daughter of Nancy Angeline Thacker and Ronald Ward, died Wednesday, September 27, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Other survivors include her maternal grandparents, Ralph Thacker of Kimper; Dolores Thacker and Bruce Williamson of Kimper; paternal grandparents, Robert and Eunice Ruth Ward of Kimper, and the late Forest and Hazel Bevins; maternal great-grandparents, Matilda and Clarence Thacker of Kimper; Nancy Kathy Thacker of Kimper; and the late Cleveland Thacker; paternal great-grandparents, Jettie Ward of Vinton, Ohio and the late Drewie Ward; two brothers, Justin Ronald Ward and Austin Michael Ward, both of Allen; one sister, Beverly Cheyenne Thacker of Kimper.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 1, 2 p.m., at the J.W. Call Funeral Home, with Chester Ray Varney officiating.

Burial will be in the Bent Ridge Cemetery at Meta, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Donald Mullins, Justin Thacker, David Thacker, Matthew Thacker and Rodney Ward.

Wilkie S. Handshoe

Wilkie S. Handshoe, 59, of Hueysville, died Saturday, September 30, 2000, at his residence following an extended illness.

Born on April 17, 1941, in Mid, Kentucky, he was the son of Sarah Shepherd Handshoe of Garrett, Ind., and the late John Handshoe.

He was a retired factory worker for International Navistar, a member of the Salt Lick Community United Baptist Church at Hueysville, and was formerly in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Bailey Handshoe; one son, Bill Handshoe of Hueysville; three daughters, Tammy Delong of Hudson, Ind., and Vickie Adkins and Ruthie Hicks of Hueysville; five brothers, Edgil Handshoe of Rawlins, Wyo., Carl Handshoe of Fort Wayne, Ind., Delmar Handshoe of Garrett, Ind., Vernis Handshoe of Butler, Ind., and Clyde Handshoe of Waterloo, Ind.; one sister, Alice Martin of Garrett, Ind.; and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, October 2, at 1 p.m. at the Salt Lick Community United Baptist Church at Hueysville, with Carlos Beverly and Bethel Bolen officiating.

Burial will be in the Family Cemetery at Hueysville under the direction of the Nelson Frazier Funeral Home.

Connie Price Hicks

Connie Price Hicks, 45, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, September 29, 2000, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg following a brief illness.

Born March 27, 1955, in Martin, she was the daughter of Russell Price and Verna Fraley Price, deceased.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Hicks; two daughters, Angela Dawn Hicks and Thoni Leann Hicks of Prestonsburg; two brothers, Dennis Price and James Price of Drift; and one sister, Linda Maggard of Drift.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, October 2, at 2 p.m. at the Drift Pentecostal Church, with Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial will be in the Drift Cemetery at Drift.

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Feature:



The Adams Middle School girls' basketball team has been playing good basketball and continues to improve with each passing game.

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A Look At Sports

Sports!
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 Sports!



Rain fell almost all day Monday and wouldn't you know it, it would be the day the Pikeville College football Bears would play their first-ever home game. The Bears hosted Cumberland College, but the game almost did not come off as scheduled.

In a last minute change, the game was moved from Vipperman Stadium in Belfry to Prestonsburg. Belfry did not want the game played on their turf because of the rain and threat of damaging the playing surface.

Once the game was declined at Belfry, officials at Pikeville College had to scramble to find a place to hold the game or cancel it.

A phone call to Coach John Derossett of Prestonsburg solved the problem for the Bears, as far as a place to play went. But it did not stop the rain.

While the rain was heavy most of the day, a crew from Pikeville was busy marking off the field for the big game that Pikeville won 55-0.

How about the rain drenched field?

"It is destroyed," said Coach Derossett. "But their backs were against the wall. They called me and I told them to come on."

Coach Derossett said he had phone calls from both the school's athletic director and president expressing appreciation for the use of the stadium.

Prestonsburg will play on the road this Friday night at Betsy Layne and the following week at Belfry, giving the Blackcats two weeks to get the field in shape.

Prestonsburg sophomore Andrew Burchett, who has been out with a shoulder injury, played in a junior varsity game Tuesday night and is expected to return to the varsity tonight against the Bobcats.

"I told our players that we wanted to extend the season by getting a playoff game at home," said Coach Derossett. "I told them this would be the last year of playing 'in this direction' and next year we would be playing in the other direction."

As soon as the final home game is played, dozers will cut down the middle of the existing field as the whole complex will be turned around for the 2001 season.

In the Mid South Conference, former Prestonsburg standout, Seth Crisp, is ranked eighth in passing for Campbellsville College.

In four games, Seth has completed 14 of 34 pass attempts for 279 yards, an average of 69.8 yards. He has thrown for three touchdowns and been intercepted once.

And to think he wasn't even recruited as a quarterback!

Josh Yates and Shawn Newsome wanted me to photograph them as the "heartbeat" of the Allen Central basketball team this season.

Basketball practice gets underway officially on Sunday, October 15, but teams will not take to the court until Monday, October 16.

Those playing volleyball will go from tournament play to the practice floor. No break here!

I took in the Pike Central/Allen Central volleyball game Tuesday night and noticed Ashley Melvin, sfandout with the Lady Hawks basketball team. Ashley was moving well after knee surgery last year, which cut her season short. It was good to see her doing well.

The Grade School Volleyball Tournament will get underway on Monday, October 2, with the finals played Wednesday, October 4. Betsy Layne Elementary will host this year's tournament.

(See SPORTS, page four)

Raiders roll over winless Jenkins

Cox gets first start under center

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

A good crowd of South Floyd High School fans made their way to Jenkins High School this past Friday night to support their Raiders.

B.J. Bryant and company certainly didn't disappoint as Bryant himself had three touchdown runs to go along with an interception over on defense.

The Raiders came out and jumped on the host Cavaliers early.

Junior P.J. Cox started under center and led the Raiders on a quick scoring drive. Freshman Landon Hall jaunted for a 22-yard score to put the visiting Raiders on the scoreboard. South Floyd's PAT kick attempt was blocked by the Jenkins defense.

Jenkins returned the Raider kickoff to their own 45-yard line where they set up shop and put a quick score of their own on the board. Senior

quarterback Paul Braddock found sophomore receiver Nathaniel Polly for in the back of the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown strike. Jenkins first PAT attempt of the game also failed.

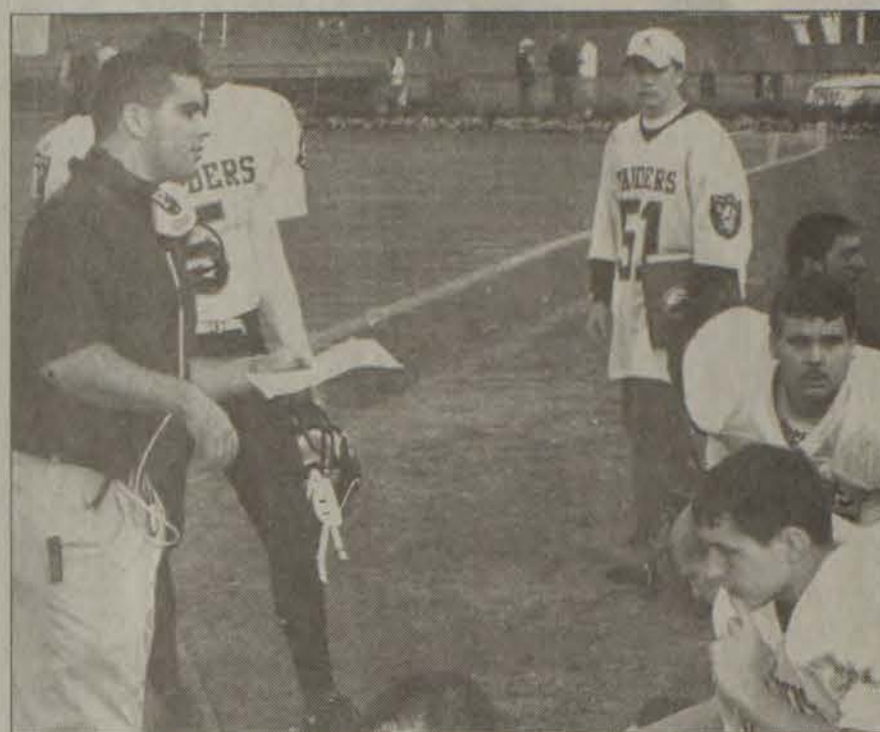
It didn't take the visiting Raiders long to find the end zone after the mild Jenkins threat. Sophomore running back Josh McCray found the end zone, scampering on a 58-yard scoring run. A Matt Tackett extra point kick made it a 13-6 South Floyd lead with 3:58 remaining in the first quarter.

Braddock had his first major miscue of the game for Jenkins when he fumbled the pigskin on a run out into the open field on the Cavaliers second drive of the game. Jeremy Tackett recovered the fumble on the Jenkins 38-yard line and returned it 10 yards up to the 28-yard line.

Jeremy's brother, Matt Tackett, ran the ball down to the goal line before being caught from behind by Jenkins cornerback John Michael Fields. Tackett found the end zone from the 1-yard line and added the PAT to make it a 20-6 South Floyd lead with 1:45 remaining on a first half clock.

Jenkins mounted a decent drive on their third

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South Floyd quarterback Josh Johnson gets instructions from the sidelines during the Jenkins game.

■ Prestonsburg at Betsy Layne

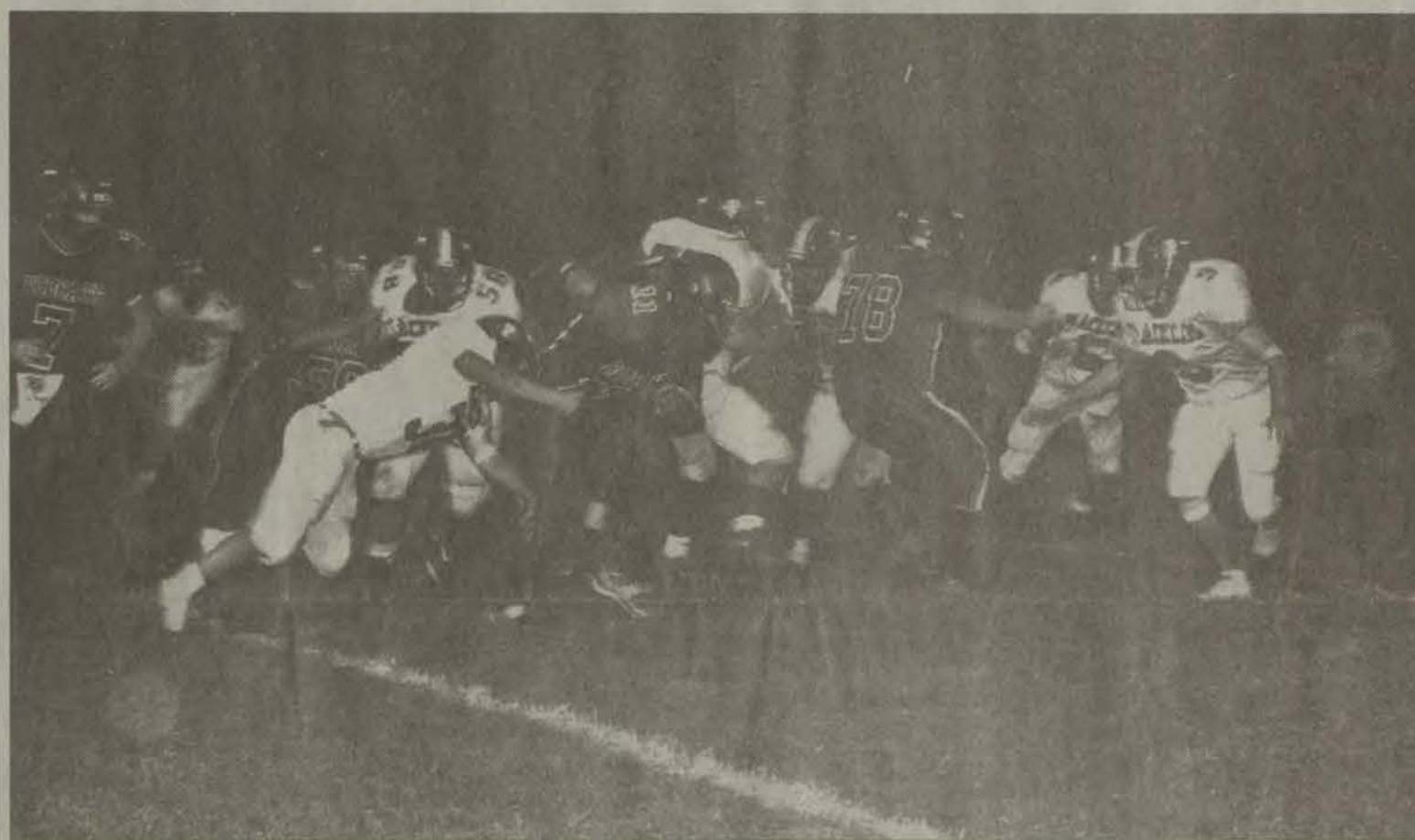


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BETSY LAYNE'S Matt Williams (11) got short yardage against Prestonsburg Friday night. Williams rushed for 33 yards but Prestonsburg posted a 42-8 win over the Bobcats.

County game... Turnovers costly as Betsy Layne falls hard to Blackcats

Slone, Willis lead in 42-8 district win

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

Betsy Layne Coach Ted George could only watch from the sidelines as his Bobcat football team fumbled the ball away five times and had six turnovers in a 42-8 setback at the hands of a good Prestonsburg team.

Prestonsburg improved to 3-3 on the season but more importantly went to 2-0 in district play. Betsy Layne fell to 1-6 on the season and 0-3 in the district.

Credit the Betsy Layne defense as they played Prestonsburg to a scoreless tie after the first quarter. But the Blackcats steam-rolled to a 28-0 lead at the half by taking advantage of some Betsy Layne turnovers in the second period.

Prestonsburg Coach John Derossett showed some class in the final two quarters by playing most of his junior varsity team. In fact, the entire Prestonsburg team saw playing time in this one.

"When we win, we want to win with class," said the Prestonsburg coach. "Ted is a good guy and we are buddies. I think the world of the people at Betsy Layne. Running the score up is not the way to win. You never get anything out of running the score up on anybody."

Coach Derossett acknowledged the good first-quarter defense the Bobcats displayed.

"They came out the first quarter and played the pants off of us," he said. "But our guys sucked it up and got after them in the

second quarter. I am proud of my team and I am proud of Floyd County football. It was a good clean game tonight on both sides."

Matt Slone, who saw limited playing time in the final two quarters, rushed for 113 yards (unofficially) on just eight carries. He scored two of Prestonsburg's six touchdowns. He scored on a 23-yard carry and scored number two on a 1-yard plunge.



photo by Ed Taylor

JOEY WILLIS (17) of Prestonsburg passed for 104 yards against Betsy Layne last Friday night in a district road game.

"We sort of spot-played Matt," said Coach Derossett. "But he did have a great game for us. I thought Michael Fannin turned it up for us. He has a lot of the same attitude that Nathan (Leslie) had about playing football. He plays a little higher level than he does on the practice field. In practice he does okay, but when the lights go on he really turns it up."

Sophomore quarterback Joey Willis found the Bobcat defense very pressing and at times depressing but did complete four of seven passes for 104 yards. He was sacked three straight times for a minus-38 yardage.

"Joey throws a catchable ball," said the Prestonsburg mentor. "He throws them somewhere that the receiver can get it."

Chris Spriggs scored twice for Prestonsburg, once on a 38-yard pass play from Willis and later when he scooped up a Betsy Layne fumble and jaunted into the end zone.

Spriggs made the play of the game when he hauled in what appeared to be an impossible catch deep into Betsy Layne territory. The catch even caught the Prestonsburg coach by surprise.

"I was getting ready to call the next offensive play and he goes and makes a great catch like that," said Coach Derossett. "That was one of the best catches I have seen this year."

Austin Clark had a 46-yard reception and scored on a 1-yard run.

Sophomore John Hunt thrilled the Prestonsburg faithful with his running ability in the second half. Hunt was bouncing off Betsy Layne defenders and rushed for 33 yards in the second half.

"John has been hurt. He has been out three or four weeks," said Coach Derossett. "He is getting back to full strength. On the sidelines he wanted the football. We got the ball to him and he did an excellent job."

(See PRESTONSBURG, page four)

Hazard rolls past Allen Central, 54-6

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

The Allen Central Rebels suffered their fourth straight loss and their sixth of the season this past Friday night at the hands of the Hazard Bulldogs, who recorded a 54-6 win over the visiting Rebels.

Allen Central held the upper hand through the first 12 minutes, leading 6-0 at the first stop. However, it was all Hazard the final three periods.

D.J. Hoover gave Allen Central the first lead completing a good drive by the Rebels in the opening quarter. Hoover scored on a 1-yard plunge for the 6-0 advantage.

But in the second period, Hazard pulled a blitz of their own and rolled out to a 20-6 halftime lead. Jamal Howard, who scored three of the Bulldogs' touchdowns, scored on a 2-yard run and also ran the two-point conversion for an 8-6 lead.

Chris Olinger and Wes Combs scored in the second period for the Bulldogs to give Hazard a 14-point cushion at the half. Olinger's touchdown was the result of a 52-yard pass reception from quarterback Steve Sizemore. Combs scored on a 1-yard run.

The Bulldogs tacked on two more scores in the third period to go in front 34-6 after three periods. Howard scored on a 42-yard run and Derek Combs jaunted 41 yards for a touchdown.

Hazard did not let up in the fourth quarter as they entered the Rebels end zone for three TDs. Paul Hill, Howard and George Panky accounted for the touchdowns. Panky scored on a 11-yard pass play from sub quarterback Parker Carter.

Allen Central (1-6) has three remaining games and will entertain Phelps Friday, October 6.

Prestonsburg too much for struggling Magoffin Co.

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

The Prestonsburg Volleycats improved their undefeated season record to a perfect 18-0 with a win over a struggling Magoffin County Lady Hornet team.

The Prestonsburg junior varsity is almost perfect on the season. The JV team is now 16-2 on the year following a 15-9, and a 15-11 win over the visiting Lady Hornets.

Adams Middle School was the site of the Thursday night contest between the Lady Hornets and the Volleycats. Magoffin County's volleyball team is a relatively new one and thus has struggled this season. Trying to get a win against a very good volleyball team such as Prestonsburg is extremely tough when you're such a young team as Magoffin County is.

Prestonsburg is on a roll and continues

(See MAGOFFIN, page four)

Lowe's grows impatient

by STEVE MICKEY

When Lowe's paid \$35 million for 10 years for the right to change Charlotte Motor Speedway to Lowe's Motor Speedway, the feeling in the

Pikeville cheerleaders to host 5th annual celebrity golf tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Pikeville High School cheerleaders will sponsor their 5th annual celebrity golf tourney on Friday, October 6 at the Mountain Publinks on Lower Johns Creek.

The most unique thing about this celebrity golf tournament could be the fact that the celebrities are the local and area folks who participate.

The format for the golf tournament is a scramble format. A shotgun start will begin the tournament at 9 a.m.

Individual entry fee for the event is \$60. The top three teams will win prizes on selected holes.

Lunch is included with the entry fee.

For more information contact Russ Davis at (606) 437-4506. Jeannie Stone or Lisa Wheeler at (606) 432-0185.

KDFWR to hold hunter education course

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resource will conduct a Hunter Education Course at the Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club on Stratton Branch. The course will be held Saturday, October 14 beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch will be made available.

The course is available to anyone who wishes to take it. For more information, contact Tim Goble at 874-2490 or Barry Fraisure, 285-9183.

series was that Lowe's planned on being a major player in the sport for quite some time.

Lowe's already had a big presence in Winston Cup with their sponsorship of Richard Childress Racing's second team with driver Mike Skinner.

Lowe's had been with Skinner and Childress since the formation of the team and the thought was that, with Childress' vast resources behind the team, a trip to victory lane wouldn't be long in the making. This thought was reinforced even further when Childress moved crew chief Larry McReynolds over to Skinner's team for a similar position with Childress' Dale Earnhardt team.

Skinner's team had the money and resources of a championship organization to propel it to victory lane. When McReynolds came aboard they added the guidance of one of the sport's best crew chiefs, who had visited victory lane with every driver that he had ever worked with.

With all of this in place for Skinner's team, Lowe's no doubt had visions of seeing Skinner in victory lane standing next to the hood of his blue Chevrolet with Lowe's printed

across his uniform.

This is actually the sixth year for Lowe's primary sponsorship in the series (Lowe's sponsored a Ford for Junior Johnson and Brett Bodine two years before it went to Childress) and as of last weekend at Dover, Lowe's officials are yet to get to read their name on a car in victory lane.

Even though they haven't seen their car in victory lane, they still are on the hood of one of the most visible teams in the sport. By being part of Childress' stable they get the added benefit of being associated with Dale Earnhardt's highly successful Goodwrench team.

All of this apparently isn't good enough as they have announced that after this season they will no longer be the primary sponsor of Skinner's car. Car owner Childress said that they still have two years left on their contract and that he expects them to honor it.

Lowe's gave a release to their employees that said they wouldn't be back next year as primary sponsor, but that they did plan on living up to their contract with Childress. That would indicate that the home improvement company may try buying out the

remaining two years of their contract.

An interesting side note to Lowe's decision to leave Childress is that rumors are circulating in the garage area that they are already shopping around for another team for the 2001 season.

One particularly strong rumor is that they will eventually end up on the hood of one of Jack Roush Racing's unsponsored cars. Roush has lost sponsors Valvoline, Exide, John Deere and Northern Light for next season.

Mark Martin's Valvoline team has already inked a new sponsor for next season and that would leave Jeff Burton's team as one that may give them the best shot to finally make it to victory lane. If Lowe's has to buy their way out of their remaining two years with Childress, the price tag to sponsor Burton's team may be too high.

One ironic twist to this whole story is that the real reason that Lowe's is wanting to shop around its sponsorship is due to the success that Home Depot has had with its sponsorship of Tony Stewart.

Home Depot and Lowe's are in competition for the same customers

and with Stewart's seven wins in less than two years in the series, it is apparent that Home Depot is getting more in return than what Childress and Skinner are giving Lowe's.

Even with Stewart's success, the fact is that Home Depot's contract with his owner, Joe Gibbs, has been

up for several months with negotiations still going on about a renewal. A new sponsor in the form of MBNA may be on the hood of Stewart's cars next season that would put both of the home improvement giants out there looking for a better way to spend their Winston Cup sponsorship dollars.

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.

Michael Waltrip came away from the Busch race with a 16th-place finish, but that was the highlight of his weekend. Waltrip finished dead last in 43rd place in the Winston Cup race Saturday night after being involved in an accident around lap 30.

Jeremy Mayfield also failed to finish the race, falling out on lap 172 because of engine failure. The race at Richmond was Mayfield's 200th start of his Winston Cup career.

The big news in NASCAR this week is the use of restrictor plates at New Hampshire this upcoming weekend. After the deaths of Adam Petty and Kenny Irwin earlier in this year at New Hampshire, it's obvious something needed to be done.

Many drivers and fans expressed the desire for the track to install styrofoam barriers. Since that wasn't done at the track, NASCAR decided to go with a one-inch restrictor plate, much like the 7/8 inch plate currently used at Daytona and Talladega. Nobody seems to know what the result will be when restrictor plates are mixed with short-track racing.

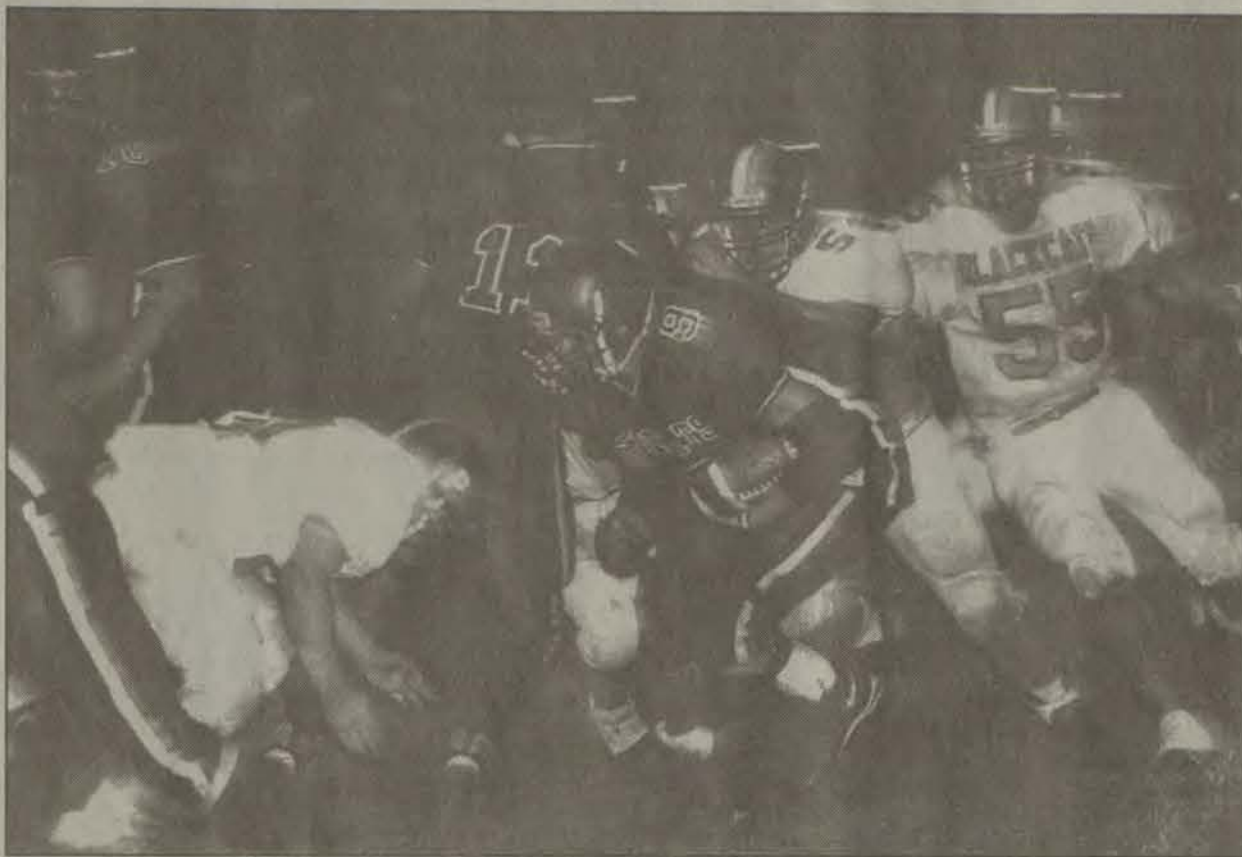


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ADAM COLLINS (9) plowed through the Prestonsburg defense en route to short yardage Friday night. Prestonsburg went to 2-0 in district play with a 42-8 win.

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STEVE'S SIDELINE SHOTS

Hoop daydreams taking precedence over other sports

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

October 1 brings us less than two weeks away from the beginning of high school and college basketball practice.

Remember, this is Kentucky and the state of Kentucky is one hoop crazy state. Do you understand what I'm trying to say? In other words, the state of Kentucky loves their basketball from the pee-wee leagues on up through the collegiate level. The city of Louisville even tried to lure the Houston Rockets franchise into their metropolitan city, to no avail.

While many tradition-rich football schools like Beechwood, Highlands, and Bryan Station are content on finishing up their high school football

seasons in grand fashion, many others are looking very much forward to the high school basketball season.

Ft. Thomas Highlands is one school which had success in both basketball and football. The Bluebirds have made two straight trips to the Sweet Sixteen Tournament.

Here in Floyd County, we have one team, the Allen Central Rebels, which is guaranteed a playoff berth in the eight-man state football tournament while our other three high school continue to battle for a playoff spot.

South Floyd had quite a basketball team last season. The Raiders led the state in scoring per game and were all but penciled in for a likely trip to the state tournament before Coach Danny Adams and the Magoffin County Hornets rained on the Raiders' parade.

It's no secret that the Betsy Layne Bobcats have had a dismal football season. Betsy Layne returns a senior-laden team and will likely be chasing those March hoop dreams.

Coach Johnny Martin's Allen Central Rebels always go on to playing with the intensity that has won Coach Martin so many games over the years.

The Prestonsburg Blackcats and The Piarist School Knights each had disappointing basketball seasons last year. But after all, this is Kentucky and basketball is king.

Everyone can dream can't they? Hoop dreams on deck.

Pikeville football good at every level

If you think the 2000 Pikeville

High School football team is just a flash in the pan and that the Panthers will never be this good again, please think again.

Although the Pikeville Panther roster is loaded with seniors, the cupboard won't be bare once the 2001 PHS graduation hits the Panthers. Many a good player is making his way up through the Pikeville Middle School.

A very good Johnson County Middle School ventured up to Pikeville last week and ending up

falling hard by a final score of 27-6.

"We knew they were gonna be good," said JCMS Coach Eddie Blair. "Nobody else in Pike County will play them, they have to go to Hazard and compete in that conference."

Watch out Class A schools, it looks like the Pikeville Panthers have got some good young talent coming up through the ranks.

Another Derossett in the high school ranks likely

Talking with James Derossett,

Adams Middle School football coach, allowed me the chance to converse with a very knowledgeable young football coach.

James — younger brother of P'burg coach, John — in my opinion would make a very good high school football coach. Maybe at one of the county schools if any head coaching positions become available.

That's all for now. This week is always a special week for me. This is the week of the annual Johnson Central-Pointsville football games or, as it is better known, The Apple Bowl. What a rivalry. Get out and catch a game this week!

Magoffin

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to have no mercy on opponents, including Magoffin County.

Prestonsburg jumped out to a big 6-0 game one lead. Stephanie Adams served up Prestonsburg's first six points en route to the game one route. Magoffin County could manage only 1 point in the first stanza as Prestonsburg rolled to a 15-1 game one win.

The second game wasn't much better for the visiting Lady Hornets. Senior Volleycat Brooke Coleman went to work after fellow senior Stephanie Adams posted the first three points of the game.

Coleman served up 10 straight winning points before losing the serve. Game two ended when the Lady Hornets failed to combat a strong serve from Prestonsburg senior Chrissy Nelson.

Coach Russell Shepherd's Prestonsburg Volleycats were back in action over the weekend as they competed in the Belfry Invitational volleyball tournament. Results of the Belfry tournament were unavailable at press time and will appear in Wednesday's sports.

The Volleycats will be back in action early this week.

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Deer hunters!

The biggest change this season is no bag limit on antlerless deer (does) in Zone 1 counties, according to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Deer hunters holding a statewide deer permit will be allowed to purchase unlimited bonus antlerless deer permits in Zone 1 counties. Bow hunters will be allowed to use up to two bonus and antlerless deer permits statewide.

Happy hunting!

Of course, deer season opens in mid-November (second Saturday in November). We would like to know how you fare during the hunting season. Bring some photos in and we will publish them in our Sporting Times, a regional paper.

Until Sunday, good sports, everyone, and be good sports! Take the kids to Sunday School and church this Sunday!

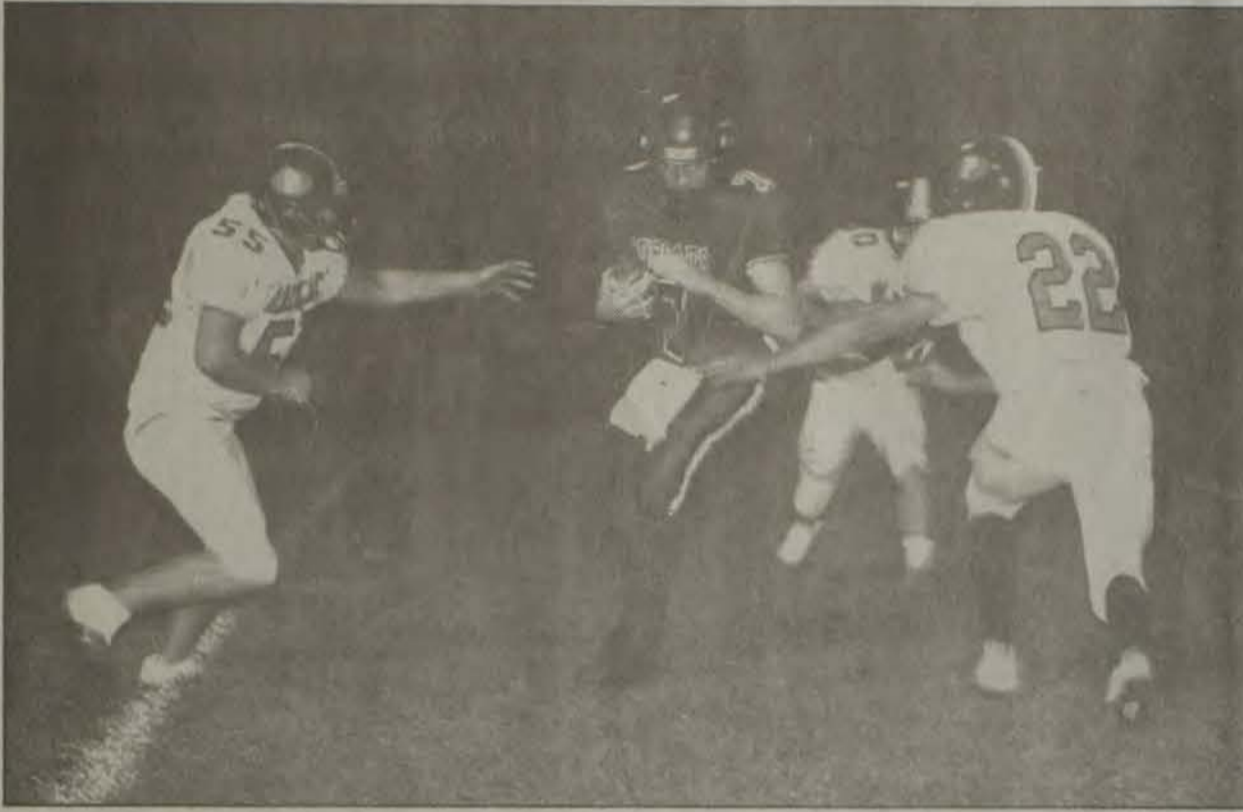


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TRAPPED! Betsy Layne quarterback Brandt Brooks (7) was surrounded by three Prestonsburg defenders when the two teams met on the gridiron Friday night. Brandt passed for 64 yards in a 42-8 loss.



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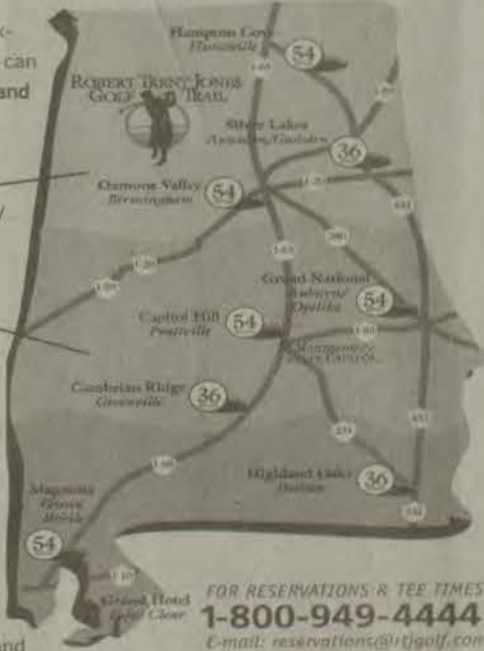
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Johnson Central comes back to beat South Laurel

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The host Johnson Central Golden Eagles rallied back from a 22-6 deficit to defeat district-foe South Laurel. With the win the Golden Eagles remain undefeated at 6-0.

South Laurel went up 14-0 in the first quarter courtesy of a James Sturgill 1-yard touchdown run and a 57-yard punt return for a touchdown by Glenn Doran.

The Golden Eagles got on the scoreboard when senior quarterback Casey Music found Brenton Dials on a 36-yard touchdown strike. Johnson Central went into halftime trailing 22-6.

Bill Musick obviously struck a nerve with his Eagles at halftime. The Golden Eagles came out in the second half of play and held the South Laurel Cardinals scoreless.

Marc Shephard's 4-yard touchdown run with 18 seconds left broke a 22-22 tie. Scott Salyer paced Johnson Central with 230 yards on 24 carries. Shephard finished with 11 carries for 103 yards and two scores. Music finished the game with 12 rushes for 101 yards and a touchdown.

The Golden Eagles face cross-town rival Paintsville this Thursday night in what is known as the Apple Bowl.

Pikeville 55, Phelps 0

Matt Branham threw for four touchdowns and Barrett Rogers ran for two as the visiting Pikeville Panthers rolled over the host Phelps Hornets. Pikeville senior receiver Chase Gibson caught two of Branham's four touchdown passes. The Panthers are now 7-0 on the season.

Prestonsburg

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Betsy Layne's defense was awesome the first 12 minutes of the game as they stopped the Blackcats in the red zone on the first possession of the game.

Tim Akers, who had an outstanding defensive game, came up with a Prestonsburg fumble to stop the drive.

On Prestonsburg's second possession, Adam Collins and Justin Hughes found holes in the Blackcats offensive line and shot through to get to Willis for losses of 14, 8 and 13 yards. Collins had two of the three sacks.

Prestonsburg took possession of the football at the onset of the second quarter and marched from their own 14-yard line seven plays that covered 86 yards with Slone running in from 23 yards out to give Prestonsburg a 6-0 lead at the 9:48 mark.

Betsy Layne had problems moving the football on the ground against the Prestonsburg defense and on a fourth-and-two, the Bobcats fumbled the ball away with Prestonsburg getting the ball at the Bobcat 18-yard line. Two plays later, Slone scored from 1-yard out and the conversion made it 14-0.

After a three-and-out possession by Betsy Layne, the Blackcats were at the Betsy Layne 38-yard line with the ball. Willis hit Spriggs with a pass completion on a great catch. On the catch, Spriggs began to stumble and stumbled right into the end zone. The catch put Prestonsburg up 28-0.

The Blackcats' final score in the first half came when, on the exchange at center, Betsy Layne fumbled the football and Spriggs scooped it up and ran into the end zone from 6-yards out. Prestonsburg led 28-0 at the half.

On a drive that started at the Prestonsburg 33, Clark completed a drive of five minutes and one second with a 1-yard plunge that made it a 34-0 contest.

Betsy Layne quarterback Brandt Brooks had a pass picked off by Prestonsburg's Andrew Howell, setting up the next score for the Blackcats. Fannin carried for a 17-yard gainer but was hauled down at the Betsy Layne 1-yard line. On a first-down play, Fannin carried the ball into the end zone. The conversion on a pass play from Willis to Matt Clay gave the Cats a 42-0 lead.

Betsy Layne avoided the shutout in the fourth quarter on a drive that covered 78 yards and culminated when Matt Williams scored from 4-yards out. Adam Collins ran the conversion to make it a 42-8 game.

Williams carried 14 times for Betsy Layne for 53 yards and scored the lone Bobcat touchdown. Collins had 27 yards on 12 carries. Brooks picked up 35 yards on five attempts.

Brooks also completed eight of 12 passes for 64 yards. Brent Hamilton had two catches for 35 yards with Collins pulling in three for 18 yards. Williams had one catch for 10 yards.

Prestonsburg will travel to Belfry this Thursday night for a big district game.

"We will be going to the Valley to play Thursday night," said Coach Derossett. "We did not want to look past Betsy Layne but in the back of our heads we know that is where it lies. We have to get Kevin Woods healthy, get everyone healthy and go to the Valley and pull one off."

Prestonsburg fans will want to note the date change in the district game.

Betsy Layne will enjoy a week off this weekend and return on October 13 to host Shelby Valley.

Tim Akers and Collins led the Bobcat defense with eight first hits each. Akers had four assists (unofficially).

Rudy Pennington, a sophomore, had six first hits and two assists (unofficially) for Prestonsburg. Mike McDonald, Dusty Scott came up with five and four solos (again, unofficially).

Raiders

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possession of the game before Braddock failed to reach the first down marker on a scramble around the left end.

South Floyd's workhorse of a running back B.J. Bryant carried the ball 28 yards and then ran it in for a score for 11 yards out.

South Floyd senior offensive lineman John Spears was inserted into the lineup on the conversion and ran in the two-point score. The Raiders lead was extended to a 28-6 advantage with more than 11 minutes remaining on a first-half score clock.

B.J. Bryant added touchdown runs of 14 and 46 yards during the second quarter.

Previously benched quarterback Josh Johnson was inserted into the South Floyd lineup in the second half. Johnson found Jeremy Tackett on a 4-yard TD strike, making it a 48-6 South Floyd halftime lead.

The Jenkins Cavaliers playing under first-year Coach Todd Neace had no quit in them whatsoever as they came out in the second half and put a quick score on the scoreboard. Braddock had a 13-yard touchdown run but failed on the follow-up conversion try.

Braddock put up Jenkins' final 6 points when he hit paydirt on a 6-yard run, bringing the score to South Floyd 55, Jenkins 18.

Junior P.J. Cox and freshman Landon Hall split quarterbacking duties throughout the second half. Cox barreled into the end zone with a 3-yard run at 1:09 in the third

quarter. South Floyd seniors Travis Adams and B.J. Bryant each had second half interceptions.

Josh Johnson hooked up with Matt Tackett on an 18-yard touchdown throw-catch play.

With the Jenkins offense pinned in at their own 2-yard line the smothering South Floyd defense brought Braddock down for a safety. The safety of the Jenkins quarterback was virtually icing on the cake as the Raiders rolled to a very easy victory over a struggling Jenkins team.

GAME NOTES

- South Floyd's starting full-back, Joe Platkus, was out with a severely sprained ankle.
- Sophomore wide receiver/linebacker Leon Brown was out with an ACL injury. Both players are expected to back in time for the Hazard game.
- Sophomore running back Robert Preston saw some quality playing time in the second half of the Jenkins game. Preston ran the ball from a tailback position and also played some cornerback.
- The Jenkins game should be in the back of the South Floyd players minds as they now face an extremely tough Hazard team. Hazard's only loss of the year came to third-ranked Pikeville way back in the third week of the season.

South Floyd will host the visiting Bulldogs in a crucial district game.

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PostScript

by Pam Shingler
Editor



A good read

If you've ever needed to change your pants in a situation that is less than ideal — for instance, standing in water — you might be interested to know that there is a right way to do it.

You don't take one pair of pants off all at once. No, that would leave you exposed to cold, not to mention potential embarrassment.

For the sake of simplicity in explanation, let's say you're right-sided. So you take off your right shoe and sock and then step out of your right pants leg. Then, you pull on the right replacement pants leg and put your shoe and sock back on.

Repeat this process with the left side.

The instructions are much more detailed and entertaining in the latest edition of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, page 251. The article is called appropriately "How to Change Your Pants in the Woods."

This is just one of the many articles — in addition to the weather and growing guides — that have made the almanac a joy to read for more than 200 years.

The new 2001 version gives you the 12 steps to follow to give your cat a pill. Anyone who has ever lived with a cat (You don't own one.) will appreciate this tongue-in-cheek advice. Just a couple of teasers: Step 2. "Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Repeat (Step 1)." Or, Step 8. "Carefully sweep shattered figurines from hearth and set them aside for later gluing. Remove third pill from foil wrap."

If you are a cat person, you can also pick up some ideas on cooking for your feline friend. There's Sparrow Soup, which is actually made with chicken, and Better-Than-Grass Salad, which contains, among other ingredients, alfalfa sprouts and catnip.

An article on collard greens tells how to grow them and how to cook them. One recipe relates the old, cook-'em-for-hours method, where you sop up the juice with cornbread, and another offers a gourmet version that includes white wine and sweet red pepper.

You can learn how to fish for bass by "jigger-poling" and "doodlesocking." And, if that's the kind of thing that interests you, you'll probably be interested in the list of the best fishing days in 2001.

You can reduce facial wrinkles, for a few hours, at least, by brushing egg white on them and then putting on your makeup, so another article says. However, the author admonishes, "Try not to get caught in the rain."

What's the longest word you can spell without repeating a letter? It's "uncopyrightable." That's just one of several brain teasers in the almanac.

Here's one for deer hunters: Not orange and not red, but shocking pink is the best color to wear when hunting. Deer can see orange and red, but they can barely see pink, "because it is a blend from opposite ends of the rainbow and is not found in nature." Other hunters, however, can see it.

Interested in blowing a really big bubble gum bubble? Chew five pieces of gum mixed with a teaspoon of peanut butter. This, we're told, comes from the Adult Peanut Lovers Fan Club of Tifton, Georgia. Those folks ought to know, because that is peanut country.

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PCC exhibit focuses on Africa, cooperation

STORY AND PHOTOS
by PAM SHINGLER
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

The current exhibit at Prestonsburg Community College's art gallery is decidedly exotic, but it came together because of plain old cooperation.

Dr. Phyllis Puffer, a former foreign area analyst for the federal government, is the creator of the exhibit, although she is quick to credit her collaborators, principally, Sharon Welch, a PCC student, and Mike Froman, an instructor at Mayo Technical College.

Two of the pieces in the exhibit are particularly timely. They are replications of antelope

masks and costumes used by dancers in the African country of Mali in honor of the harvest.

On display are two authentic chuwara — antelope — headpieces, carved from wood. Both are from the African Art Museum in Washington, DC, a part of the Smithsonian Institution. Puffer got one of them while she worked in the Central African Republic in the 1980s.

Froman, a carpentry instructor and an artist, carved replicas of the headpieces from Styrofoam and painted them to look like wood. He also built the frames of the costumes that Mali farmers would put on for the dance of the antelope, which, according to tribal myth, taught the Malis to farm.

Welch got the black fabric from a diaper factory in London, Kentucky. She fashioned a covering on the frames with the fabric and raffia, a fiber from African palm leaves.

Welch and Froman used photographs furnished by Puffer to create the display.

The exhibit also includes a funerary re-creation. Froman built a shelter from small tree saplings, tied together with natural rope.

Welch replicated funeral figures from the country of Gabon.

The actual figure on display is an antique, since none has been made for 50 years. It is

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Dr. Phyllis Puffer, foreground, and Sharon Welch pose with the chuwara costumes on display at the PCC art gallery. The costumes honor the antelope, which taught Mali tribesmen about agriculture, according to legend.

Garrett School style

by TENNYSON TURNER
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To those who had attended the one held in 1997, the Garrett School Reunion, on September 2, at Prestonsburg, was very special, because they got to see former students who were not present at the previous reunion.

This was especially so to me and my two brothers as everything was new and also very exciting. In fact, because it had been quite a while since I had been home, everything about Floyd County was exciting. It must have been so, because I was only supposed to be there for two days, but I stayed five. So, for the last two or three days, I was content just to drive around and see the sights and talk to friends I had not seen in many a year. Then, too, I got to take a ton of pictures that will always mean a lot to me.

As for the reunion itself, how happy I was to see my former classmates and those whom I had grown up with in good old Stone Coal and Garrett. As I wandered around in the dining area and in the lobby, my mind raced back in time to the days of yesterday, to the day when I was in school at Garrett High, and to other precious memories.

I talked to Gene Mullins, and had visions of him pitching baseball for Garrett, when they were in the Big Sandy League. He was also a member of the Garrett Black Devils in 1948 when they won the regional tournament and went on to the State.

Other members of that team who were there were Dewey Duff,



Among those attending the Garrett School reunion on September 2 at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park were, seated, Tennysson Turner and Virginia Mae Hall, and, standing, Franklin Turner, left, and Gene Mullins. Tennysson and Franklin are brothers and Gene and Virginia are brother and sister.

Jim Rice, Eddie Hicks, and Jackie "Cougar" Slone, to name a few. What a team that was! Other notable former Black Devils that were there were Mack Slone, Don Hughes, Rondell Lawson, Harry James Wallace, Sterling Francis, Frankie Francis, Jackie Stevens, Herman Vanderpool, Edgar Rister,

Carlos Higgins, Adrian Lovely and many, many more.

From the beginning of the program, which began at 4 p.m., and ended at midnight, the jokes, laughter, and storytelling never stopped. Everyone seemed to be in a good mood, and the atmosphere was great as well. Former

students, who wanted to capture the moment, did so with their cameras and camcorders.

Of course, no reunion would be complete without the ladies, and they all came out smiling and dressed in their best. How nice they looked as they took the reunion in stride, as they danced to the music provided by a local DJ.

It is said that when you are having a good time, time itself passes too fast. Such was the case at the Garrett School Reunion. With such a large crowd, and the many activities going on, it was almost impossible to talk to everyone, but a lot of people had fun trying. Yes, it was a great reunion, and we all had a great time.

We could not turn back the hands of time, to the days at Garrett High, when we were young, but we could pretend, and to many, like myself, pretending was enough.

Among those who were in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Don Hughes, Patty Burdine and daughter Paula, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Ruther Turner, Charles Scott, Rondell Lawson, Richard Martin, Dickie Scott, Artie Bell Martin, Eddie Hicks, Winchester Francis, Margie Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Slone, Tennysson Turner, Christine Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scott, Eugene Mullins, Virginia Hall, Peggy Graves, Margie Scott, Margie Gayheart, and many, many others. Limited space does not allow for everyone to be listed.

Be with us at the next Garrett Reunion. Time is getting short.

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.

EVEN SO, NOT BAD

Life may be in the sere and yaller leaf for some of us, business may have that certain offensive odor, and the whole shebang may go to pot any minute—but, man and boy, I've never seen the hills greener at this time of year...And we still have the glory of autumn's colors to anticipate.

THIS IS IT, FELLOWS!

This Russian pagan, Mr. K., has little to commend him to an American. For he has nothing good in mind for us. But one trick he pulled the other day, which we found amusing. He strode outside to announce to waiting newspaper reporters that he was about to make a momentous announcement. The newshawks perked up their ears and held their breath till he let them down with the announcement: "I am going to dinner."

A man who isn't worth more dead than alive has missed it all. And we're not plugging life insurance, either.

23 YEARS

This column has an idea that Prestonsburg's May Ford Hyden deserves more than a little pin and a mere mention in a newspaper for her 23 years of perfect Sunday School attendance. If you don't think that is something worth memorializing, just take a peek at the spotty records of most of the rest of us.

CORRECT, SIR!

We have an inquiry about the subscription price "of your weakly newspaper." And now we are wondering if our correspondent is guilty of faulty orthography or if he is a keen judge of the state of our finances... When folks ask us how the newspaper business is, we invariably reply, "Weakly," and, if necessary, spell the word for them.

OF THE WORLD SERIES

We are reminded that this World Series now under way is the first for the Pittsburgh Pirates in 33 years. I thought it was 35. But I remember that 1925 series so well because it was the first I heard via radio, also because I was so keenly disappointed when my nonpareil, Walter Johnson, got his ears pinned back in the opening game... That radio we listened to in Lexington was a contraption put together by Neil Plummer from parts bought at Kresge's and he and I alternated with the ear-phones, the one with the headpiece relaying the information on to the other... This guy Plummer is now Dr. Plummer and head of the University of Kentucky's Department of Journalism. He was a pretty handy man with screwdriver, pliers and tape in those days. Me, my talent ran more to scissors and paste... Who remembers when we would congregate in a vacant lot—at the rear of Henry Fitzpatrick's store, I believe it was—and listen to the marvel of radio as one World Series was being played?... Gosh, how old am I, anyway?

EASY—AND WHY NOT?

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown upon their recent return here from Excelsior Springs, Mo., reported that it's easy to get a check cashed in the Show-Me State. And here's why:

Issue a cold check there, and you're as deep in the clink as if you'd stolen a car; in fact, the offense is the same as grand larceny. Mr. Brown brought along a newspaper as proof, and that worthy publication told of one man drawing 60 days for issuing a no-funds check, of another being sentenced to six months in jail (but later probated) for signing his name

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Things to Ponder Gray matters: The teenage brain

by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PH.D.

It seems that we just don't know what they are going to study next. Can you imagine the investigating of the developing minds of adolescents? My sister has been interested in brain research for years, such as how we can impact positively on the brain to increase the likelihood of further positive development for all ages. She ran across an article summarizing the rebroadcast of a program on National Public Radio that discussed how biological differences in the adolescent's brain might be responsible for strong gut responses in adolescents when compared to adults.

Some other areas discussed were how biological changes in the adolescent's brain may be responsible for altered sleep patterns and some of the factors that may be responsible for shaping aggressive teenagers. Here we thought that teenagers were younger versions of the adult—body and soul—and were growing to be a good version of the "real thing."

The first major area discussed was that teenagers might have a greater emotional response than adults to emotional stimuli. This sure gives some insight into all of the dramatic moments of teenagers and especially when they are feeling wronged, for whatever reason. It was very enlightening to know that a small almond-shaped region of the brain, the amygdala, is activated when an individual feels threatened or is frightened—the old "fight or flight" reaction. When it gets stimulated, the person can rapidly identify and respond to danger without making a conscious decision.

We must remember that ancient cavemen had only "foot power" to protect themselves, whether they were angry or scared of the attacking animal. Scientists studied adults and adolescent's responses to fearful faces in order to assess the amygdala. Different results were revealed in response to the pictures: (1) for adults, the left side of the amygdala and regions of the brain's frontal lobes were activated. Areas of the frontal lobes are associated with reason and judgment, which were thought to assist adults in tempering their emotional responses; and (2) since the young teenager's frontal lobes are not fully developed, this area of the brain is likely to not be as active in stressful times. Therefore, adolescents may have a greater tendency to have a "gut response." Another study revealed that both the right and left regions of the teenager's amygdala are stimulated.

Sleep patterns were additional ways that were found to be different for adolescents and influenced by differences in brains, according to development. Of course, many of us recall the Saturday mornings and lazy summer days that we experienced the sheer joy of sleeping all that we wanted. Now, the significant scientific evidence suggests that biochemical changes in the brain contribute to the adolescents' changes in sleep.

Reportedly, the biological clocks of children tend to shift, as they become teenagers. It seems the basis of teens not wanting to go to bed is related to their bodies delaying the release of melatonin, a hormone released to prepare the body for sleep. Now, we know why adolescents fight going to sleep at the "regular time, but do not know why nor how or why it returns to "normal" in adulthood. Studies are being done in several states, one in our Fayette County, Lexington area, of the benefits of high schools beginning class later in the day, instead of during the time that many teens belong in bed.

The hypothesis is that adolescents are frequently sleep deprived, which may lead to poor performance and behavioral problems. Teachers in some Minneapolis schools felt that there was significant improvement in the demeanor and attention of their first period classes, after the teens were brought to class later.

Some other researchers have been interested in comparing the brain activity in violent teens and violent adults. Results have shown that environmental factors can adversely impact upon brain development and lead to aggressive behavior. In contrast, a one-to-one link between brain activity and aggression has not been identified. The experts have recommended that a multitude of social factors can contribute to developing violent adolescents. Studies with hamsters exposed to stressful situations at a young age found that these creatures are more prone to display aggressive behaviors as adults. Furthermore, aggressive behaviors were likely to be the result of altered brain chemistry. Some specific environmental factors may include neglect and the presence of lead, which are damaging to developing brains and contribute to violent behaviors.

One study found that aggressive teenagers often display an inability to focus on tasks, which, in turn, may lead to problems in learning and poor communication skills. So, it is not surprising that as a result, teenagers adjust to the situation of needing to express their frustration by being aggressive. Another interesting tidbit had to do with the many parts of the brain that regulate attention spans, with one such area being the prefrontal cortex. It has been found that the prefrontal cortex is less active in some murderers.

How do you think this research relates to:

- an over-stimulating, stressful environment for infants;
- a rushed—"hurry, hurry, hurry"—environment for toddlers;
- only "canned"—TV, video tapes and games, and movies—for children and pre-teens;
- schools with large populations for teens; and
- constant bombardment by media and popular culture aimed at teens as to what they "should" look like?

Exhibit

made of copper and wood, but the copies are made of Styrofoam.

In baskets in the shelter are bags of bones, reflecting the custom of the nomadic tribe of carrying their deceased family members with them.

"They (the bones) were there to help you out," Puffer said of the nomadic custom. "You could even complain to them if they were not doing their job."

The extra touches of the exhibit contribute to the overall effect. African violets, for instance, fill glass cases around the gallery. They are on loan from Puffer's neighbor, Eula Stumbo of Prestonsburg.

A nook of the gallery is set up like a reading area in a home. A comfortable chair, a book on Africa, and a light are clustered with the authentic art works.

Darlene Honeycutt, who operates the switchboard and plans social events at the college, arranged the reading area.

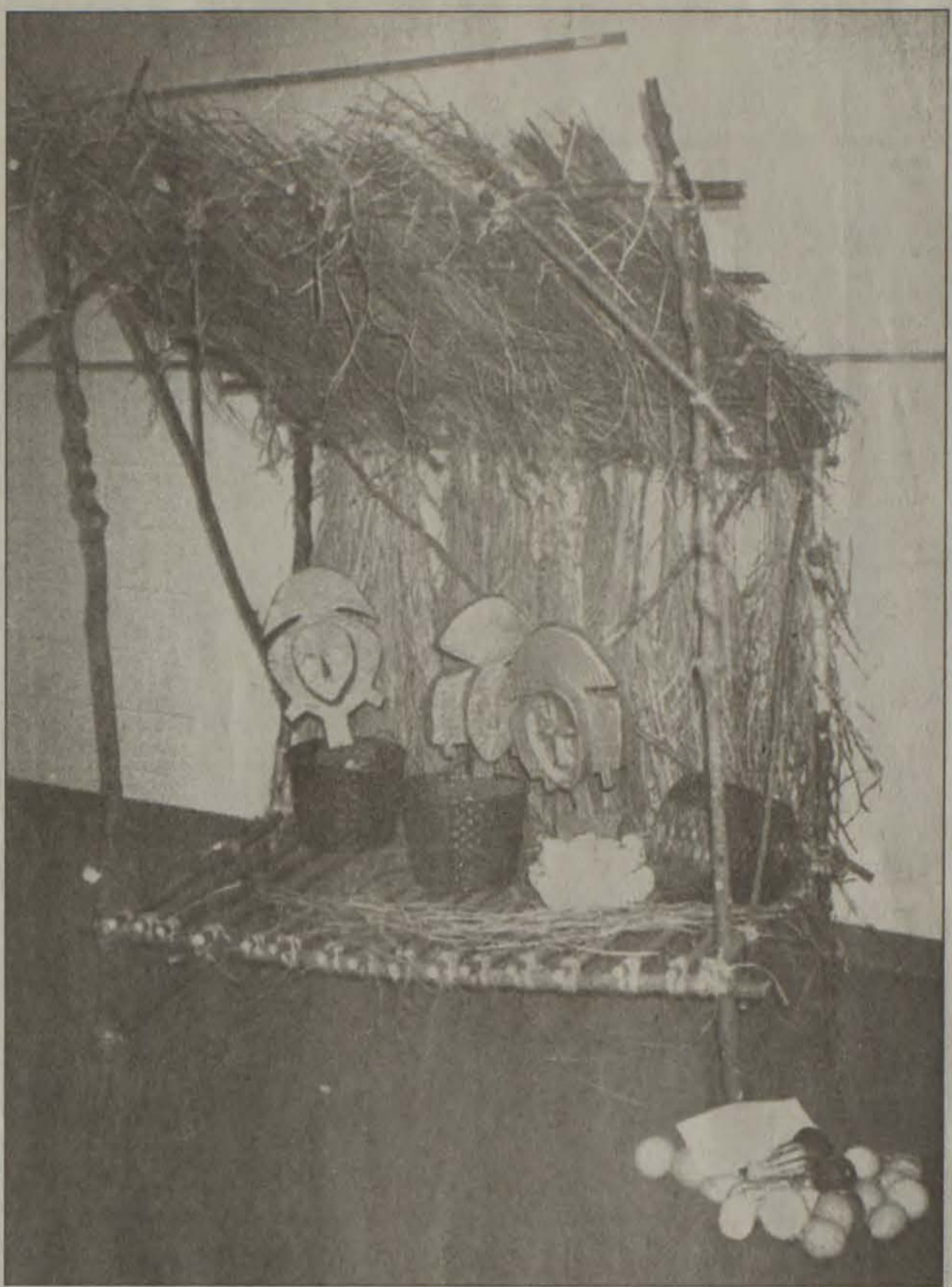
Another student, Glenna Woods, brought in a variety of gourds, which are African in origin. These are arranged near the funerary display.

"This has been a very rewarding experience," said Puffer, who earned a PhD at Michigan State University. "I like to work cooperatively."

Puffer, who is in her second year of teaching at PCC, has taught in Europe and has traveled extensively. She holds bachelor and master's degree from the University of Michigan.

Welch, who is from Whitehouse in Johnson County, is a long-time costume maker. She is a former hairdresser, with a diploma from Mayo. A sophomore at PCC, she hopes to transfer to Morehead State University and major in social work.

The exhibit will be up through October 10. Hours for the gallery, which is located in the Magoffin Learning Center, across from the PCC library, are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information about the gallery, call 606/886-3863, ext. 342.



The recreation of a funerary shelter, of Gabonese origin, was constructed by Mike Froman, a Mayo instructor. The PCC exhibit is the work of several people.

Physicians should do more to educate patients about gun safety



Family Medicine

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Question: I am saddened, angered and enraged by the amount of gun violence that occurs in our country. The tragic death of the Florida teacher, Barry Grunow, is an example. My doctor doesn't know if I have guns in my house or not, because he has never said anything to me about them. Shouldn't he and all doctors take a more active role in addressing the serious risks that firearms pose to our health?

Answer: Firearms do certainly pose a significant risk to our collective health. In 1997, the most recent year for which the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention have statistics available, there were 32,436 firearm-related deaths in the U.S. That averages out to about 89 deaths every day. Certainly the death of teacher Barry Grunow was tragic, but so were the other deaths.

I think it is important to keep this senseless loss of life in perspective with other preventable causes of death. There are more than 40,000 deaths each year from motor vehicle accidents and also 20,000 each year from influenza.

We physicians almost never address motor vehicle safety, seat-belt use, or firearm safety during usual adult health-care visits, although we may ask about medically related preventive measures such as immunizations.

There are a number of reasons this is so, but the most important is that the majority of us will die of disease — most likely stroke, heart attack or cancer — rather than from gunshot wounds or automobile accidents.

Certainly, all of us would like to eliminate accidental deaths from firearms, as well as purposeful murders. We physicians could take a more active role in educating our patients about these health risks.

Many, and I hope most, pediatri-

cians talk about firearms in the home when they speak with parents about safety issues for their children. This is important because individuals age 15-24 have a substantially greater risk of being killed by this form of violence. And, young black men have a 10-fold increased risk when compared to the general population. Obviously, lots of changes are needed to improve these dismal statistics.

I think there are several areas in which we physicians can help reduce the risks of firearm related deaths — and I don't think any of them involve the current "feeding frenzy" of legislation proposed by the anti-gun politicians.

What it involves is education. Physicians should tell their patients who own a firearm to keep it secured in a locked cabinet when it is not in use. This is not to simply protect children in the home, but also to reduce the risk of theft and subsequent use in crimes.

It is best if the weapon is additionally made inoperable, if practical, to further reduce the risk of accident. As an example, the bolt from a rifle should be stored in a different locked cabinet from the rest of the weapon. In addition, the ammunition should not be stored with the gun.

Most gun-related injuries don't result from accidental discharge of a weapon. Instead, these injuries are inflicted as part of the commission of a crime. The most important preventive measure for this type of violence is vigorous prosecution of all those committing crimes with firearms.

I think stiff sentences for first offenders — regardless of age — when no injury occurs, and life in prison for second offenders or any time there is personal injury would drastically reduce the problems

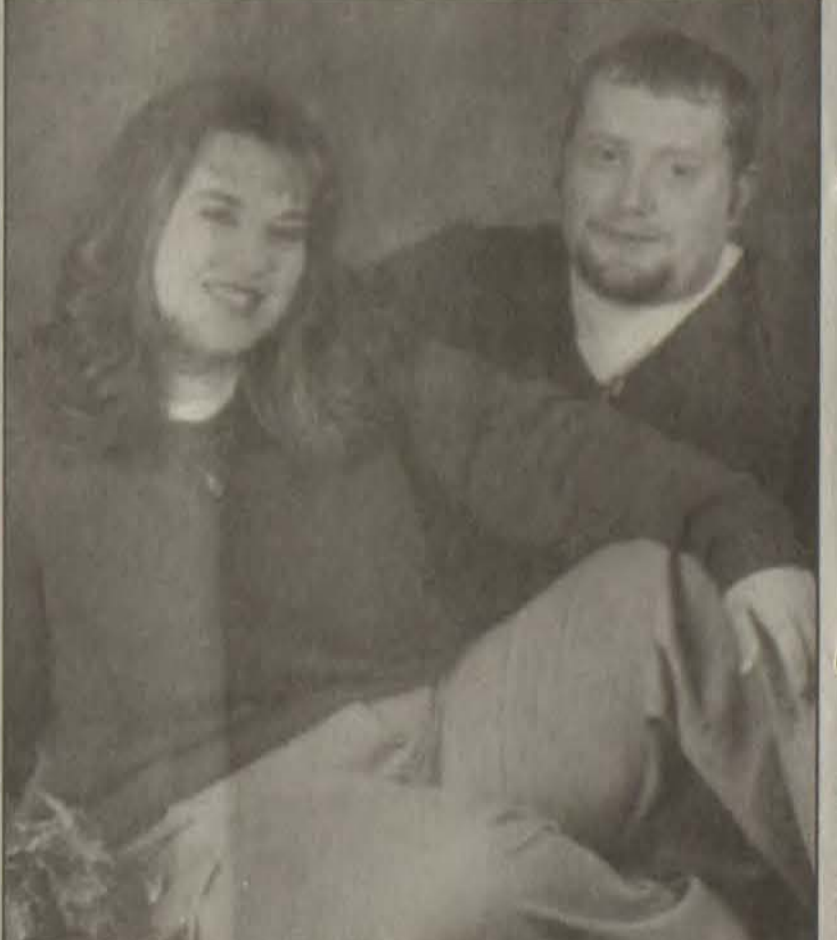
with firearm violence. Obviously, there are many social, cultural, economic and legal issues involved in gun-related violence. The ultimate success of any potential solution is dependent on taking all of these factors into consideration.

Personally, I'm convinced that a solution can be found to this epidemic if we as citizens talk to one another and, if our prosecutors and legislators will debate this issue

without resorting to the emotionally charged and highly polarizing rhetoric of the "must have" and "can't have" zealots.

"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.

WEDDINGS/ ENGAGEMENTS



Brooks-Stanley

Bridgett Ann Brooks of Prestonsburg and John Andrew Stanley of Pikeville have announced their plans to marry on October 14, 2000, at 2:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Pikeville. The prospective bride is the daughter of Pamela and Paul Brooks of Paris. She is a 1998 graduate of Betsy Layne High School and a 1999 graduate of Mayo Technical College, and is employed by Sykes Enterprises of Pikeville. The son of Phyllis and Floyd Stanley of Pikeville, the groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Pikeville High School. He is also employed by Sykes. A reception will follow the wedding ceremony at the church fellowship hall. The gracious custom of open wedding will be observed.

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to a check when it was not backed up with enough money in the bank to cover.

HINT, HINT

The Kentucky Press Association reminds us that Oct. 15-21 is National Newspaper Week. That's when we newspaper people are sup-

posed to do some chest-thumping and pointing with pride if we can get by with it. Incidentally, if anybody wants to remember this "honoree" of this coming Newspaper Week in some way other than cracking the horse whip, why not invite me to go fishing with you? And bring along with you an excuse

Postscript

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This is the year we may be able to see the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights. The sun turns up the juice enough every 11 years or so to electrify the atmosphere so, that even this far from the Pole we might get in on the show.

The almanac says the lights are more likely to be seen on nights with muted moonlight and in rural areas away from city lights.

The \$4.99 yearbook also has articles on Civil War re-enactments, sleep, the famous Rock

City, tin roofs and cursive writing. That's all, of course, in addition to the skinny on which crops should be planted when the signs are in the bowels and which in the head, or when the sun will rise and set and what will be the phase of the moon on March 5.

I can't think of a better bargain, especially for us trivia buffs.

Greetings to subscriber Bonnie Reynolds of Stanville. Thanks for reading the Times.

Reunions

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

• 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 Faltner, 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 fctimes@eastky.net.

Hunter family gathers



The 33rd Hunter reunion was celebrated at the Martin Senior Citizen Center on Saturday, September 2. Attending were the descendants of Isaac, John Lee, Harrison, Saul, Kate Hunter Risner, and Mary Hunter Risner. Everyone had a great time talking over old times and just being together.



Among those attending were four direct descendants of the reuniting Hunter family: Myrtle Hunter Skeans, daughter of John Lee Hunter; Polly Hunter Justice, daughter of Isaac Hunter; Mae Hunter Goodman, daughter of Harrison Hunter; and Woodrow Hunter, son of Isaac Hunter.

NEW ARRIVALS



Kinsey Ryan Hall

Kinsey Ryan Hall was born September 14, 2000, the son of David and Linda Hall of East Point. He weighed six pounds and was 19 inches long. He has a brother, Casey Hall, and a sister, Melinda Lafferty. He is the grandson of Rose Hall of McDowell and of Timothy Fairchild and Fay Parker, both of Johnson County.

Highlands Regional Medical Center

September 6: A daughter, Destiny RaShawna Hope, to Riena Maynard of Prestonsburg; a son, Caleb Scott, to Jimmy and Jamie Johnson of Bypro.

September 7: A daughter, Emily Kathryn, to Linda Kay and Jeffery Mullins of Leburn.

September 8: A son, John Michael, to Valerie and Homer King of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Sierra Annafaye, to Charles and Robert Bowen of Inez; a son, Wesley Joel, to Ruthie and Roger Voth of Clayhole; a daughter, Alexis Michelle, to Michelle and Gary Cantrell of Tutor Key.

September 9: A son, Coet Richard, to Virginia and Richard Gibson of Garrett.

September 10: A son, David Lee, to Valerie and Homer King of Prestonsburg.

September 12: A daughter, Madison Brooke, to Andrea and E. H. Scott of Swamp Branch; a son, Joshua Scott, to Tammy and Windell Dyer of Salyersville.

September 13: A daughter, Courtney Michelle, to April and James Collins of Denver.

September 14: A daughter, Rhianna Brooke, to Charles and Leslie Wallen of Denver; a son, Kinsey Ryan, to Linda and David Hall of East Point.

September 15: A daughter, Samantha Laura Perkins, to Jennifer Kay Ratliff of Salyersville; a son, Ryan Keathley Hall, to Lisa Hall of Dwale; a daughter, Makayla Minnie Nicole, to Johnny and Juanita Faye Owens of Garrett; a son, Jeffery Lukas Tate, to Paul and Stephanie Hill of Staffordville.

September 16: A son, Byron Taylor, to Heather Renee and Wesley Breck Hammond of Stanville.

September 17: A son, Trevor Austin Clyde, to Angela and Gary Adkins of Langley; a son, Aaron Lee, to Denise and Charles Scarberry of West Van Lear.

September 18: A son, Jackie Jerome, to Brenda and Jackie Allen of Salyersville; a son, Jonah Gary Lee, to Chasity and William Parsonsof Dana; a son, Trenton Bryce, to Crystal and Steven Tackett of Salyersville; a daughter, Grace-Ann Marie, to Mandy and Virgil Hicks of Paintsville.

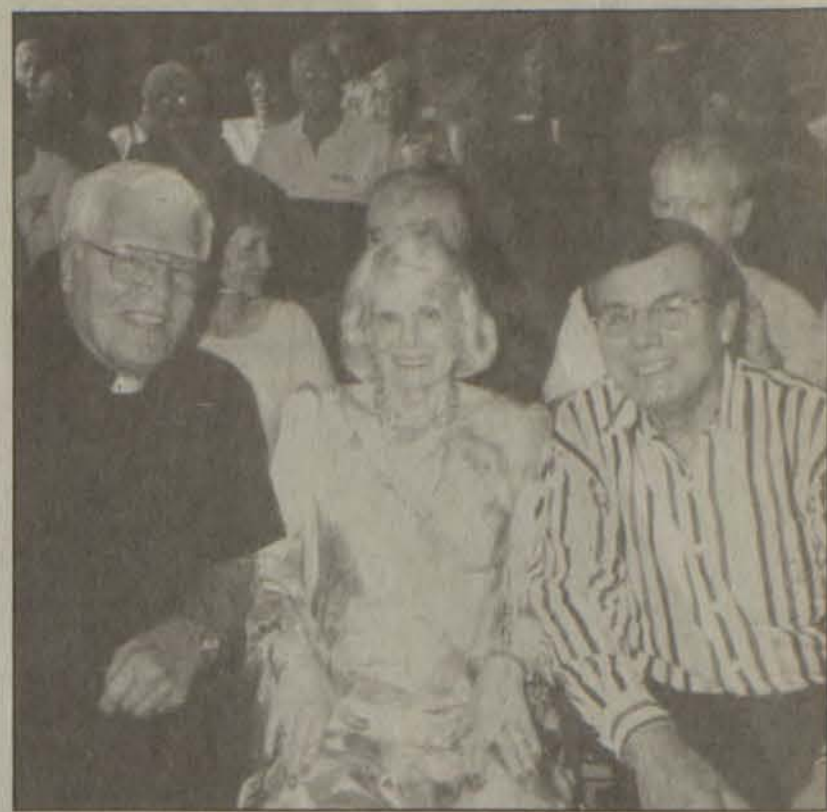
Justice family reunites



Sim, Hager, Will, George, Lizzie and Julie (Reffitt) Justice were born and raised in the Eastern area in Floyd County, and today their children are scattered all over the states. The ninth annual reunion was held July 8 in Lima, Ohio, at the Lions Club Shelter House at Heritage Park. Sim and Gracie Justice had 10 children, and nine of them attended the 2000 reunion. They are, back row, Paul Justice of Allen; Jerry Justice of Auxier; Kenneth Justice of Oklahoma Hollow, Allen; Shirrell Justice of Milford, Indiana; Charles Justice of Martin; front row, Marie Justice Ward of Criderstown, Ohio; Marlene Justice Hayes of Ypsilanti, Michigan; Elizabeth Justice Jarrell of Dana; and Henry Justice of Warsaw, Indiana.



Among those attending the Justice reunion from Floyd County were Kenneth and Wanda Justice and children, Rachel and Travis; Charles and Cassie Justice; Jerry and Debbie Justice; Paul and Elizabeth Justice Jarrell and her granddaughter, Madison.



Photos by Patty Post, Shawnee Mission, Kansas

Father Ralph Beiting, who purchased and is renovating the old Maytown School for community use, talked with Minnie and Frank Irizarry during the Maytown reunion over Labor Day Weekend. The former Minnie Allen is a 1950 graduate of Maytown High School. She and her husband live in Bay Shore, New York.



Five members of the Maytown High School Class of 1943 got together for the reunion over the Labor Day holiday. They are, from left, Pauline Ousley (May), Shirley Stumbo (Martin), Ronnie May, Thelma Turner (Cassidy) and Billie Marie Trimble (Allen).

McDowell seniors list activities

The McDowell Senior Citizens Center has set its schedule of activities for October, according to director Ellen Brown.

Exercise is set for each Monday and Friday, and Bingo is planned for Wednesdays, October 4 and 18. Work on the quilt is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, Wednesday, October 11, and Tuesday, October 31.

Liz Hamilton will speak at the Pacesetters meeting on October 17, and blood pressure will be checked on October 19.

A trip to Isom, with lunch out, is planned for October 24. A Halloween party, with costumes, is on the schedule for October 26. On October 27, the seniors will visit the school to give out Halloween treats.

Brown has also listed the menu for the month, which includes milk, a bread and dessert each day:

October 2: Hot dogs, potato chips, cole slaw.

— 3: Ham, green beans, potato salad.

— 4: Baked spaghetti, garden salad.

— 5: Chicken casserole, mashed potatoes, peas.

— 6: Vegetable-beef soup, peanut butter sandwiches, cole

slaw.

— 9: Breaded chicken patty, lettuce and tomato, potato salad.

— 10: Fish, home fries, creamed corn.

— 11: Baked spaghetti, garden salad.

— 12: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas/carrots.

— 13: Beef stew, cole slaw.

— 16: Pepper steak, mashed potatoes, peas/carrots.

— 17: Pork chops, yams, green beans.

— 18: Butter beans, greens, home fries.

— 19: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, peas.

— 20: Goulash, cole slaw, cooked carrots.

— 23: Cheeseburgers, potato chips, baked beans.

— 24: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots.

— 25: Baked chicken, tiny sliced potatoes, peas.

— 26: Halloween party, finger food

— 27: Chili, cheese sandwiches.

— 30: Hot dogs, potato chips, cole slaw.

— 31: Ham, green beans, potato salad.

BIRTHDAYS



Celebrates sixth birthday

Cody Shepherd celebrated his sixth birthday on Wednesday, September 27, with a party at the Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church at Garrett. He is the son of April and Tim Shepherd of Vest. He is the grandson of Freeman and Beulah Patrick of Eastern and of Claudine Shepherd of Garrett.

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Following the purpose road

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Deciding what college to attend is one of the most important, yet difficult decisions one can make. There were many factors that played a part in this decision process for me: tuition costs, degrees offered, location, and campus life. After researching several colleges and universities, I found that there was one college that met all of my needs, right in my own backyard—Alice Lloyd College.

Alice Lloyd College is quite unique in many ways. The Student Work Program allows each student on campus to gain valuable work experience that employers will be looking for after graduation.

I have been afforded the opportunity this year to work closely with the students at Alice Lloyd College as their Resident Advisor. This position allows me the chance to sharpen my communication, leadership, and time management skills.

Also, Alice Lloyd College students from Floyd and 107 other Appalachian counties are guaranteed tuition. Room and board is provided at no cost if those students qualify for an oppor-



tunity grant. Essentially, ALC students can graduate debt free. This is important to me, because I want to begin my teaching career after graduation and concentrate on my students, not on my debts.

Campus life at ALC has been a wonderful experience. The classes are quite small which provides me with a lot of one-on-one contact with my professors. The student-to-faculty ratio is much smaller than that of a larger university. We are treated as a person, not just a number. While attending ALC, I have been blessed with many special friendships—friendships that will last a lifetime.

"The Leaders are Here"—Alice Lloyd herself believed that the mountains held special people with a special purpose. This belief still holds true today. I have been given so many opportunities to prove my leadership ability since my letter of acceptance to Alice Lloyd College. I was recently elected president of the Kentucky Education Student Organization Program, and I look forward to working with my peers and the community on special events.

With the academic year underway, I feel great about my choice to become a part of the ALC family.



The Floyd County Alumni Chapter of Alice Lloyd College has established the Purpose Road Scholarship to help local students continue their education and find their purpose in life. The scholarship provides direct assistance to an incoming Floyd County ALC freshman for books, supplies and other school fees. Jessica Pack of Hi Hat and Josh Howell of Honaker are the 2000-01 recipients. "The chapter is proud to be able to give back to Alice Lloyd College what we have gotten in the past," said chapter president Chuck Stammer. "One of the goals of our chapter is to help bring new students to ALC, and we hope these scholarship recipients will continue to give back to Appalachia."

National Business College summer 2000 dean's list

Tina W. Adkins, campus director of National Business College, announces the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the summer term.

They are Sabrina Akers, Joy Bigler, Kimberly Branham, Mallena Briggs, Mary Campbell, Angela Collier, Janey Dameron, Brenda Dotson, Melissa Manock, Leigh Ray, Beverly Smallwood, Terry Thacker, Debra Thomas and Margaret Wolford.

Duke TIP Program offers opportunities

With the school year in full swing, parents and educators alike are searching for ways to challenge students and engage them in their studies. TIP, the Duke University Talent Identification Program, can help. TIP is a non-profit educational organization designed to identify and develop the academic talent of bright students.

"The Talent Search provides an opportunity for highly able students to pursue an out-of-level testing experience which is diagnostic in nature," said Patricia Hege, TIP's Coordinator for Identification and Support Services. "When compared to their grade peers, most of these students consistently rank in the highest percentile ranges. However, SAT and ACT testing provides a unique tool for measuring aptitude and abilities which far exceed grade level expectations."

TIP's 21st annual Talent Search is currently underway. The Talent Search is intended for bright stu-

dents who want to learn more about their abilities and about programs and services available to students like themselves.

Interested students apply to TIP's Talent Search, and TIP registers them for their choice of the SAT I: Reasoning Test or the American College Testing Assessment (ACT). Talent Search participants take one of these tests along with high school students at selected sites nationwide in December, January, and February.

About one-fourth of the Talent Search participants score as well or better than the average college-bound student on at least one of the scales of the tests. High scoring students are invited to recognition ceremonies in their home states and at Duke University.

To apply to the Talent Search, students must be in the seventh grade attending school in TIP's Talent Search region and have scored in the upper five percent on sections of a nationally normed

achievement test. The Talent Search region covers 16 states in the south, southeast, midwest, and southwest. Application deadline for the Talent Search is November 1.

Talent Search participants receive a variety of educational materials and publications. A results summary and counseling guide help students interpret their scores and provide suggestions for using their ability more effectively.

TIP's publications help students find out more about academic opportunities and the needs and interests of people like themselves. These publications include a guide of educational opportunities, newsletters, and a magazine on college choices mailed to TIP students in the tenth grade.

TIP sponsors challenging educational opportunities for the students who qualify by their SAT or ACT score; summer residential programs which offer fast-paced courses across the liberal arts cur-

riculum and weekend educational programs throughout the academic year.

For qualified 4th and 5th grade students in TIP's 16-state region, TIP offers the Motivation for Academic Performance (MAP) program that provides younger students with information on educational resources. To qualify for MAP, students must achieve at or above the 90th percentile on a nationally normed achievement or aptitude test.

MAP information will be mailed to schools in January with an early March registration deadline. Home schools that have eligible students for either MAP or the Talent Search may call the TIP office for application materials or visit TIP's website at www.tip.duke.edu.

TIP is one of the largest of the four programs of its kind in the nation. Since 1980, more than one million students from all parts of the world have taken part in a TIP program.



Randi Jarrell of Floyd County Health Department's Community Outreach Program recently demonstrated and explained hand washing to the children at Karen's Kare on Armory Road in Prestonsburg. With Jarrell here are, from left, Zack Blanton, Garrett Hammonds, Cheyenne Clifton, Adam Castle, Austin Blanton and Blake LeMaster. Karen's Kare is a learning child car center with programs on health, nutrition, phonics, Spanish and other topics.

New science site inspires curiosity and travel

(NAPSA)—A new website may serve as a launching point for those interested in science and technology. With information about science centers throughout the world, the site inspires curiosity and vacation plans.

TryScience (www.TryScience.org), the first worldwide science and technology center, is a collaboration of the New York Hall of Science, IBM, and the more than 400 member institutions of the Association of Science-Technology Centers.

"All children are natural-born scientists, and TryScience-like the museums it links—enables young people to put their sense of curiosity and wonder to work to explore all kinds of phenomena through a scientific lens," said Paul Horn, head of worldwide research for IBM. "Because of changes in technology, we can now recreate much of the interactive experience that makes an onsite visit to the New York Hall of Science and other hands-on museums so interesting."

The site features a fun, interactive search that permits visitors to locate science centers by navigating an on-screen globe. Each science center lists vital information such as street address, hours of operation and



Online scientific activities can entice people to experience it all by taking the next step and visiting science centers in person.

exhibits.

In the Adventure section, cadets can master a number of scientific topics by fulfilling "missions" based on experiences from museums across the Earth. The missions center around four clusters of activities modeled on the hit series Star Trek: Voyager.

Beyond Adventure, there are three other clusters of exhibits:

- Monthly field trips take visitors to the best exhibits from science centers worldwide. IBM technology permits visitors to experience animated tours and direct their own panoramic explorations of exhibits.

- Experiments—Visitors can build a treetop walkway to observe tropical rainforests through interactive animation or perform hands-on experiments with household items.

- Curious—This ear links visitors to the hottest science topics in the news. It helps visitors make sense of those stories by relating them to personal experience.

Seeing the science-rich activities going on around the world can inspire people to experience it all by visiting the center in person. For more information, visit www.tryscience.org.



Every 20 days, a drawing is held for those students with perfect attendance at Prestonsburg Elementary School. A \$10 gift certificate is awarded to one student in each grade level. Winners for the first month are: K-Robbie Thacker; 1-Chad Ousley; 2-Elaina Calhoun; 3-Stephanie Yuhas; 4-Amanda Miller, and 5-Barbara Brown. With the students are Gwen Harmon, principal, and Daniel Branson, Floyd County truant officer. About 294 students will be rewarded with a Dilly Bar for the first month. The activity is sponsored by the PTA.

New book features 1,200 ways for teen-agers to explore different careers

By the time teenagers graduate from high school and are ready to enter the workforce or attend college, many do not have any idea of what they "want to be when they grow up." Experts emphasize the importance of beginning career preparation early when students are able to try things out and explore different interests or job options.

High school students have the freedom to intern at a professional theatre, learn Spanish while living with a family in Central America, sail as an apprentice aboard a sloop, dig up dinosaur fossils in Wyoming, have a summer job at NASA, or start their own compost sales business.

A new book, "Testing the Waters: A Teen's Guide to Career Exploration," contains information about these opportunities as well as detailed profiles of more than 1,200 other career exploration activities available for teenagers throughout the United States and around the world. These exploration activities include volunteer work, internships, businesses teens can start themselves, and exciting travel and educational opportunities.

Indexing by location, area of interest, and cost/compensation makes it easy for teens to target opportunities. This new book fills a niche by focusing exclusively on opportunities for high school students. Taking advantage of any of these activities will help high school students try out a career before graduating from high school or declaring a college major.

In addition to being a career exploration guide for teenagers, "Testing the Waters: A Teen's Guide to Career Exploration," provides the tools necessary for high school students to seek out even more opportunities. The book includes descriptions of more than 150 websites for teens to explore, more than 30 special focus pages providing detailed information about exceptional programs, and an extensive resource listing featuring books, websites, magazines, camps, and organizations.

"Testing the Waters: A Teen's Guide to Career Exploration" was written by Alice N. Culbreath and Sandra K. Neal. Culbreath is the owner of JRC Consulting and the former managing editor of Florida Funding Publications. She has a degree in psychology and is an experienced supervisor of student interns. Neal has a degree in education and is a veteran teacher with 18 years experience. As an educator and parent, Neal has extensive experience in helping young adults explore career options and "test the waters."

Copies of "Testing the Waters: A Teen's Guide to Career Exploration" are available for \$24.95 from Resource Media Group Inc., P.O. Box 450297, Miami, Florida, 33245-0297, 305/858-7595, or 305/858-1043 (fax). Quantity discounts are available and credit cards are accepted. Copies are also available online from Amazon.com or at your local bookstore.

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