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Dwale man arrested for being AWOL

A military deserter has been located within Floyd County during the past week. Jason S. Rice, 21, of Dwale has been determined to be away without leave from the United States Navy by Kentucky State Police Trooper Chris Collins. A verification of Rice's status as a military deserter was confirmed by entry of his statistics into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Information was entered into the files of NCIC by the U.S. Navy Absentee Collection and Information Center. Instructions are given that Rice falls under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Naval courts and that he is to be detained in Floyd County facilities until his release to sanctioned military personnel. Rice was brought for arraignment before District Judge Eric D. Hall on November 27. Hall gave orders for Rice to be held with no bond pending further instructions from naval officials.

Two Day Forecast...

Today Cloudy
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Tomorrow Partly cloudy
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Getting ready for the season...



Alice Cole, forefront, and Lilia Nyberg find themselves among a crimson sea as they inspect a greenhouse full of poinsettias located on the site of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's greenhouse training program located at Auxier. The program's purpose is to provide essential job training skills to persons who have developmental disabilities. The holiday poinsettia sales are offered as a direct result of the training services.

Program fills a need while adding color to the holidays

by KATHY J. PRATER
 STAFF WRITER

It is around this time of year that special details are given to holiday home decorations. Traditionally, a favorite item to display on holiday tables is the beautiful poinsettia plant. The brilliant contrast of the red bracts to the green leaves of the plant literally make Christmas decorating come "alive."

On the grounds of the Auxier Greenhouse Training Program, located on Route 321, scores of these crimson leafed plants can be found. The plants are nurtured to maturity from cuttings that are usually transplanted in the early weeks of the fall season by clients of the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's developmental disabilities program.

The focus of the program is to bring individuals with developmental disabilities into a work setting that provides instructional training on the acquisition of skills that are necessary for successful employment in outside public work settings.

The greenhouse training program was implemented in 1973 through the combined effort of Chalmer Howard, clinical specialist, David Gillespie, horticultural specialist, and Thomas Hummer, then director of the developmental disabilities program.

In the years since, the program has expanded to include similar training programs in Pike and Magoffin counties.

The clients that are served by the program report to work each weekday morning to begin a structured day of work activities supervised by trained instructors.

Throughout the year, the clients are trained in horticultural techniques from the processes of seeding, up to and including instruction on how to maintain healthy mature plants in a greenhouse setting.

In addition to training in horticultural practices, some of the other benefits derived from involvement in the program are the opportunity to learn behaviors and skills that are necessary in relating appropriately to supervisors and co-workers in a job setting; supportive employment services; residential services; personal case management services and, respite care services.

(See POINSETTIAS, page two)

Suspected burglar fails to show

Times Staff Report

A Pike County man failed to appear in Floyd District court on November 22 to answer to charges filed against him in connection with the burglaries of three Floyd County homes.

Phillip D. Sword, 38, of Fishtrap was apprehended and arrested on November 6 at 3:50 p.m. on Route 7, traveling in the direction of Magoffin County. Kentucky State Police Trooper Darren Stapleton was the arresting officer. Sword was charged with three counts of second-degree burglary.

The alleged burglaries are said to have occurred at Middle Creek in Floyd County, on Route 114 at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Sword is alleged to have stolen various items from the homes of Clifford Austin, Flonnie Miller and Janice Henson.

On November 13, Sword posted a cash bond of \$1,000 and was released on the condition that he appear in Floyd District Court on November 15.

On November 15, a preliminary hearing was scheduled for November 22 to be heard before Floyd District Judge James R. Allen.

Sword failed to appear for the hearing, and Judge Allen issued a bench warrant for his immediate arrest with instructions that no bond would be set and that bail would not be accepted.

In addition to sentences imposed against Sword should he be found guilty of the burglary charges, he also now faces additional penalties of a fine of not more than \$500 and imprisonment of not more than one year for his failure to appear.

Arrest made after police find \$11,000 in stolen property

Times Staff Report

An arrest warrant has been served and executed against Corn Fork resident John D. Clark, 23.

Trooper Byron Hansford, of the Kentucky State Police, alleges that on November 11, Clark received and accepted property that he knew had been stolen from the East Equipment Co.

The property had an approximate value of \$11,000. Contained among the stolen items were two citizens' band radios, two space heaters, two generators, and two water pumps.

At a preliminary hearing held on November 22 in Floyd District Court, Judge Eric D. Hall found probable cause to refer the case to a grand jury. Bond was set at \$5,000 cash.

Farm project gets a boost at South Floyd

by PAM SHINGLER
 SENIOR EDITOR

The wind cut into bare faces and hands on the raw side of the hill behind South Floyd High School Friday afternoon, but the enthusiasm was full of heat.

County, state and federal government officials, along with school system personnel, gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony for the aquaponics greenhouse at the Left Beaver high school.

The project, which has been in the works for more than a year, proposes to raise fish and vegetables year-round, in a complementary setting, with the aim of selling them locally. If proven feasible, the school project could translate into economic opportunities for local entrepreneurs.

"The idea is to provide a demonstration project, as well as education," said Clark Allison, resource conservationist with the US Department of Agriculture. He described the project as "innovative" and "hands-on" and added that students would fulfill academic requirements of the Kentucky Education Reform Act through the project curriculum.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said he hopes the school project will lead to the start up of a half-dozen local businesses, eventually supplying fish and vegetables to the new federal prison being built at the juncture of Floyd, Martin and Johnson counties.

Construction on the greenhouse is ready to begin. Materials are already on hand, and a crew from a South Carolina company with experience in building this type of structure is already working.

The project is a collaborative effort, with money com-



Participating in the groundbreaking for the aquaponics greenhouse at South Floyd High School Friday afternoon are, from left, Tony Grubb and Chris Slone of the Conservation District, State Senator-elect Johnny Ray Turner, school board member Carol Stumbo, Clark Allison of USDA, Supt. Paul Fanning, South Floyd Middle School principal Zenith Hall, teacher Jim Staggs, SFHS principal Henry Webb, Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, Commissioner Larry Foster Stumbo, and project coordinator Eddie Patton.

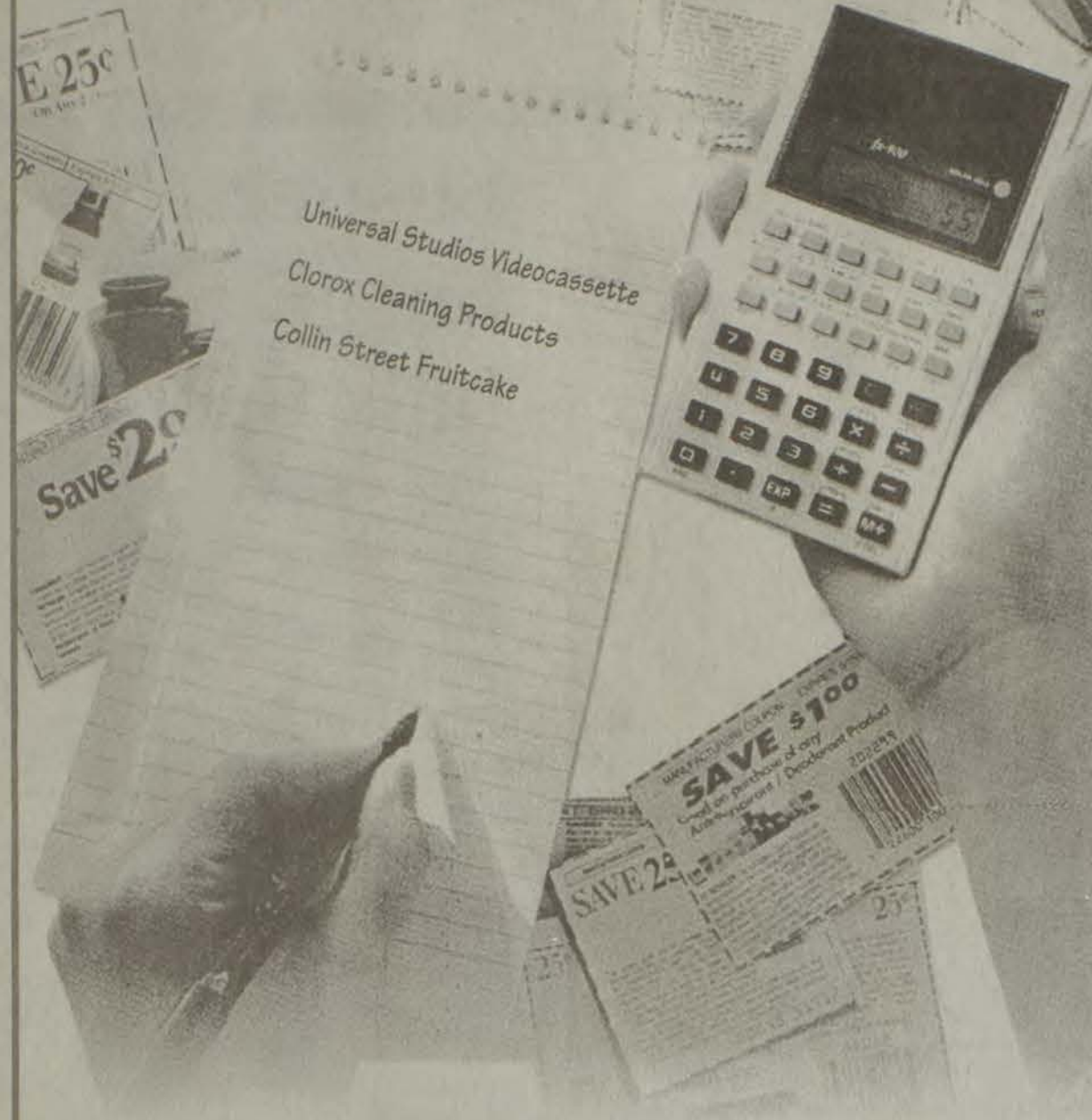
ing from local, state and federal sources. A committee of educators and agricultural experts has worked together to develop the academic curriculum for the project.

The "state-of-the-art" greenhouse will measure 42 x 108', for a little more than 4,500 square feet.

Thompson said. The sides will be made of a material called Lexan, which is supposed to be stronger and safer than glass. It will have a concrete floor.

(See FARMING, page two)

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Deducting the cost of doing good

Perhaps the holiday season finds you volunteering at a homeless shelter or organizing a gift collection, or maybe even dressing as Santa at a party for disadvantaged children. If so, your costs for transportation to and from the shelter, for publicizing the gift drive, and for renting the Santa Claus suit may all qualify as deductible charitable contributions.

According to the Kentucky Society of CPAs, if you do volunteer work, you can generally claim a deduction for unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses you incur when it directly benefits a charity. There are many expenses you can deduct and a few that you cannot. The following information can help you determine if your good deeds qualify for a tax break.

Automobile expenses

You can deduct the cost of driving your car in connection with your volunteer work. There are two ways to take the deduction. You may deduct the actual cost of gas and oil for traveling to and from meetings, fundraising events, and other charity-related work. Or, if you prefer, you can deduct a flat 14 cents per mile for every mile you travel that is directly related to charitable activities. Under either method, you can deduct parking fees and tolls.

You cannot deduct your car's general repair and maintenance costs, depreciation, registration fees, or any part of the costs for tires and insurance.

You cannot deduct car-related costs unless the organization directly benefits from your efforts. If, for instance, you drive several neighborhood children to Girl Scout meetings every week, the cost of driving is not deductible because the children receive the primary benefit and not the organization.

Meal and Travel expenses

You can deduct the cost of airfare or other transportation when your volunteer work takes you out of

town overnight. You may also deduct the costs of meals and lodging while you are away on official charity business. Deductible travel expenses include air, rail, and bus transportation, taxi fares, and reasonable lodging costs and meal expenses. Because these travel expenses are not business related, they are not subject to the same limits as business deductions.

You cannot deduct your expenses if the trip involves only nominal duties or, if for significant parts of the trip, you do not have any duties or responsibilities. The IRS says it is okay to have a good time, but if there is a significant element of personal pleasure, recreation, or vacation associated with the travel, a charitable deduction is disallowed.

Incidental expenses

You can deduct the cost of buying, laundering, and dry cleaning a uniform you are required to wear while volunteering, as long as the uniform is not suitable to every day wear.

You can deduct the cost of stamps and stationery, materials and supplies you purchase to publicize an event, and the ingredients for a cake you bake for your church fundraiser, as well as the cost of long distance telephone calls in connection with your charitable endeavors.

You cannot deduct the value of

your time or your services, childcare costs incurred to enable you to volunteer, or the value of using your home or office to host meetings.

Reporting requirements

Unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses are considered cash contributions and are reported as an itemized deduction on Schedule A. The total of all charitable contributions made during the year is generally limited to 50 percent of one's adjusted gross income. (In rare cases, 20 percent and 30 percent limits apply.)

It is important to keep records, such as canceled checks, to substantiate the amount of your out-of-pocket expenses. To deduct an unreimbursed expense of \$250 or more, such as for a plane ticket or a dinner you hosted on behalf of the charity, you must follow IRS regulations. For example, for each such expense, you need to obtain a statement from the organization that describes the services you provided and shows whether you were provided with any goods or services in return. The acknowledgment must be obtained by the date you file your return, or the extended due date, if you get an extension.

Don't miss the opportunity to get a tax break in return for your volunteer efforts. A CPA can provide you with additional advice for making the most of deductible volunteer expenses.

Farming

Teacher Jim Staggs said he expects to have the project underway in the new greenhouse when school starts in January after the holiday break.

The tilapia, which are sold in many area grocery stores, are to be delivered from Colorado in late January, Staggs said. He and his students already grow tomatoes and flowering plants year-round, selling enough to make the present greenhouse self-sustaining.

In the aquaponics project, the fish will be raised in tanks, and the water from the tanks will be recirculated to the vegetables. The fish waste will be used to fer-

tilize the plants.

Floyd County School Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning offered the school system's gratitude "to the groups and agencies that made this possible." He said the project is "not only an opportunity for students, but also the community."

Funding for the project came from the state Department of Agriculture, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the local school board, with support and coordination by the Floyd County Fiscal Court. Eddie Patton, administrative assistant to Thompson, has been intricately involved with the project.

Poinsettias

Although the work involved in greenhouse plant production can be quite tiring at times, the instructors and clients of the program seem to thrive on the fast pace and busy schedules that they follow. Plentiful time is allowed for socialization and an excellent rapport among greenhouse staff and clients exists.

In addition to the seasonal poinsettia production, staff and clients begin work in January to produce flowering and vegetable crops for spring sale.

Greenhouse facilities on Chloe Creek in Pike County and Burning Fork in Magoffin County are also maintained year-round and poinsettias may be purchased at those sites also.

According to Ralph Frazier, site supervisor of the Auxier facility, the greenhouse training program is another example of Mountain Comprehensive Care's "global service approach" in "augmenting and meeting the needs of MCCC clients."

The Auxier greenhouse is open for business Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Poinsettias are available for sale in lush hanging baskets, priced at \$21, and potted, in 4-inch, 6-and-one-half-inch, and 8-inch pots, ranging in price from \$4.25 to \$15, fully dressed in foil wrap and lightly sprayed with festive glitter.

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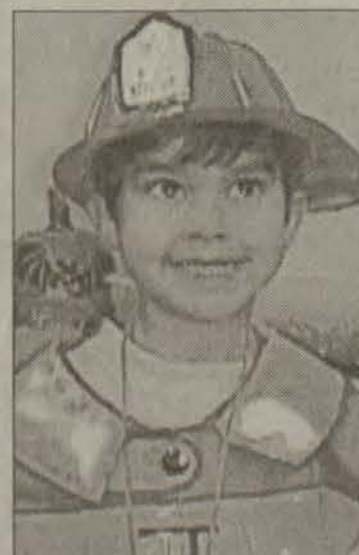
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Ms. Rebecca Watts' primary class from Betsy Layne Elementary.

MSU Heath & Safety Day

Morehead State University at Prestonsburg entertained area students with a day of fun and knowledge in conjunction with Halloween. Health care and safety professionals, along with Smokey the Bear and Winnie the Pooh, provided children with useful health and safety information. The delightful visit ended with a treat bag, a spooky walk through a haunted house, and ice cream for all.



Grayson Harrison, son of MSU professor Lincoln Harris.



Glenda Woods, left, and Malinda Wallen, employees of Morehead State University's Big Sandy campus in Prestonsburg.

Pikeville College's telemedical center, new public library to be dedicated Dec. 2

When the Pikeville College Osteopathic Telemedical Center opened several weeks ago, the event signaled a new era in educational opportunities at Pikeville College.

Among the features of the state-of-the-art center are a medical library, a telemedicine center, a teleconferencing center, offices for Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine's (PCSOM) Division of Clinical Research, a clinical skills lab, and the offices of the Appalachian-Osteopathic Postgraduate Training Institute Consortium (A-OPTIC).

The telemedical center is located on the third and fourth floors of a new building in downtown Pikeville that also houses the Pikeville-Pike County Library, the local office of U.S. Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers, and Big Sandy Telecommuting Services.

On Dec. 2, the community will

gather to celebrate the opening of the building, a project made possible through the combined efforts of federal, state and local government leaders and agencies, Pikeville College, and local citizens.

"This facility will provide our medical school students with many new educational opportunities, including access to some of the most up-to-date medical resources and information," said Pikeville College President Hal Smith.

"The telemedical center is the culmination of more than two years of planning and hard work of so many who believe in the mission of Pikeville College," said Smith. "We are especially grateful for the efforts of Congressman Rogers and Governor Paul Patton. Their commitment to this project will have a lasting and positive influence on our students, and in our communities for many years to come."

"With the completion of the new telemedical learning and resource center, the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine has the ability to provide the latest in medical informatics to the students, area physicians, and interested public," said Dr. John Strosnider, vice president and dean of the medical school.

Dr. Cindy Schmidt, the new librarian for Pikeville College's medical library, is board-certified in clinical pathology and has a master's degree in library and information science. Schmidt said she enjoys research and reference work, and is excited about helping to build the library's collection of materials and its services.

The telemedical center includes twelve study rooms, several of which are located in a 24-hour study area. The 24-hour study area also houses lockers where library materials can be left for students who are unable to check out materials during the

library's regular operating hours. Internet hookups for use with lap top computers are available in the 24-hour study area and throughout the telemedical center.

The teleconferencing center, located in a room on the fourth floor of the new building, will make it possible for medical students, interns, and residents in Pikeville to attend educational programs being conducted at distant locations. Similarly, Pikeville's health care professionals and educators will be able to provide medical consultation and continuing health care education to students and professionals at distant sites. In addition to its state-of-the-art teleconferencing equipment, the teleconferencing center also houses 28 computer workstations. The presence of these workstations expands the range of educational programs that can be conducted in the center.

A separate facility on the fourth

floor of the new building houses PCSOM's Division of Telemedicine. In September, PCSOM formed a partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to provide telemedicine services to federal prisons in Ashland and Manchester. This includes med-

ical consultation in the fields of psychiatry, dermatology, nutrition, infectious disease and neurology. PCSOM will also develop continuing medical education programs for physicians and staff at the prisons.

Dr. Michael K. Murphy, executive director of the A-OPTIC, the organization designed to help medical school graduates acquire internships and residencies at health care facilities in the region, said the new facility will also provide a medical library for all students, interns, residents and faculty who are members of the A-OPTIC partnership.

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The holiday season has a way of bringing out the best in people—particularly in terms of helping others. Each year, in efforts to help the less fortunate, millions of Americans contribute to charities. And those who give are rewarded with tax deductions in return for their generosity, reports the Kentucky Society of CPAs. Here is what you need to know to make the most of charitable contributions.

at www.irs.ustreas.gov/bus_info/eo/eo_search.html, where you can search by charity name or city and state. If you prefer, you may call 1-800-829-3676 to receive a free copy of Publication 78, "Charitable Contributions: A Cumulative List of Organizations."

Because gifts to qualified organizations are tax deductible, your actual cost for the donation is reduced by your tax savings. For example, if you are in the 28 percent tax bracket, the actual cost of a \$100 donation is \$72 (\$100 less the \$28 in tax savings).

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the year you make it. As long as you date your check in 2000 and mail your donation by December 31, 2000, you can deduct your contribution on your tax return for 2000, even if the charity does not receive your check until January. Similarly, a contribution made on a credit card before year end is also deductible on your 2000 tax return, even if you don't make payments to the credit card company until the next year.

Under current tax law, you may deduct up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI) for gifts of cash to most charities. If you give more than 50 percent, the excess may be carried forward into the next tax year. Lower limits may apply to contributions to certain types of organizations or for certain contributions of property.

Donations of property can save more tax dollars

Cash isn't the only way you can help your favorite charities and get a tax break. In fact, when you donate property that has appreciated in value, you stand to save even more. That's because you get a deduction for the full fair market value of property you have held for longer than one year, and you avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciated value. The deduction is limited to 30 percent of your AGI. Any excess amount may be carried over five years.

For example, suppose stock you bought four years ago for \$5,000 is now worth \$15,000. First, you get a deduction for the full \$15,000 fair market value and, second, you are not taxed on the appreciation. In effect, you receive a deduction for an amount you never reported as income. For traditional non-cash donations (i.e., clothing or furniture) you can deduct the market value of the gifts—what you might pay for them in a consignment shop.

A paper trail helps substantiate your donations

For contributions of less than \$250, your canceled check is a sufficient record of payment. However, for contributions of \$250 or more, you will need a written acknowledgment from the charity showing the organization's name and address, the date of the contribution, and the amount of your cash contribution or a description of the property you donated. The letter must state whether or not you received any goods or services in return for your gift.

It is the responsibility of the organization to inform you of the non-deductible portion of your donation. This will be provided in the written acknowledgment from

the charity. For example, when you buy a ticket to a benefit concert or dinner dance, you can deduct only that part of the ticket price that exceeds the cost of the entertainment or dinner that you attend.

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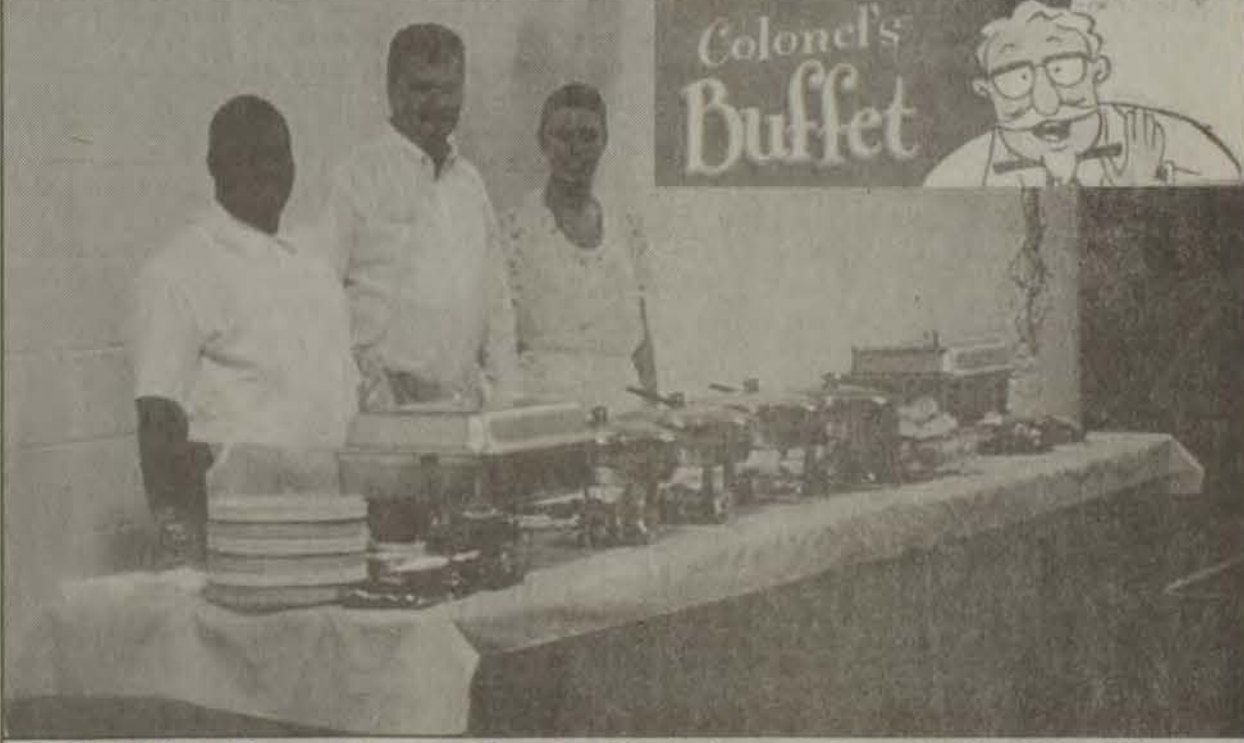
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Viewpoint

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The emphasis in sound discipline must be on what's wrong, rather than who's to blame.

—George Odiorne

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Editorial

No controversy here

The room was packed with reporters from around the world and all the major television networks were on hand to record every word as Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris last Sunday certified George W. Bush as winner of the state's 25 electoral votes.

Meanwhile, the room was nearly empty Monday when Kentucky's Board of Elections certified the Texas governor as the winner of the state's eight electoral votes. There were no cries of protest, and no rush by lawyers to the nearest courthouse to contest the action.

No doubt Secretary Harris is a bit envious of her Kentucky counterpart, John Y. Brown III, and election officials in most of the other states where there is little argument over which candidate received the most votes — even if some of the votes may not have been counted.

Of course, there are vast differences between Florida and Kentucky in this most unusual of elections.

For one thing, while the race between Bush and Vice President Al Gore was extremely close in Florida, Bush easily won Kentucky.

Bush received 872,520 votes, 56.5 percent, to 638,923 votes for Democrat Al Gore, a difference of 233,597 votes. Six other candidates shared the remainder of the 1,544,106 valid cast.

While Bush needed the electoral votes of small states like Kentucky to have a chance of winning an election in which he did not receive the most popular votes, we all know that this election came down to which candidate would receive Florida's electoral votes.

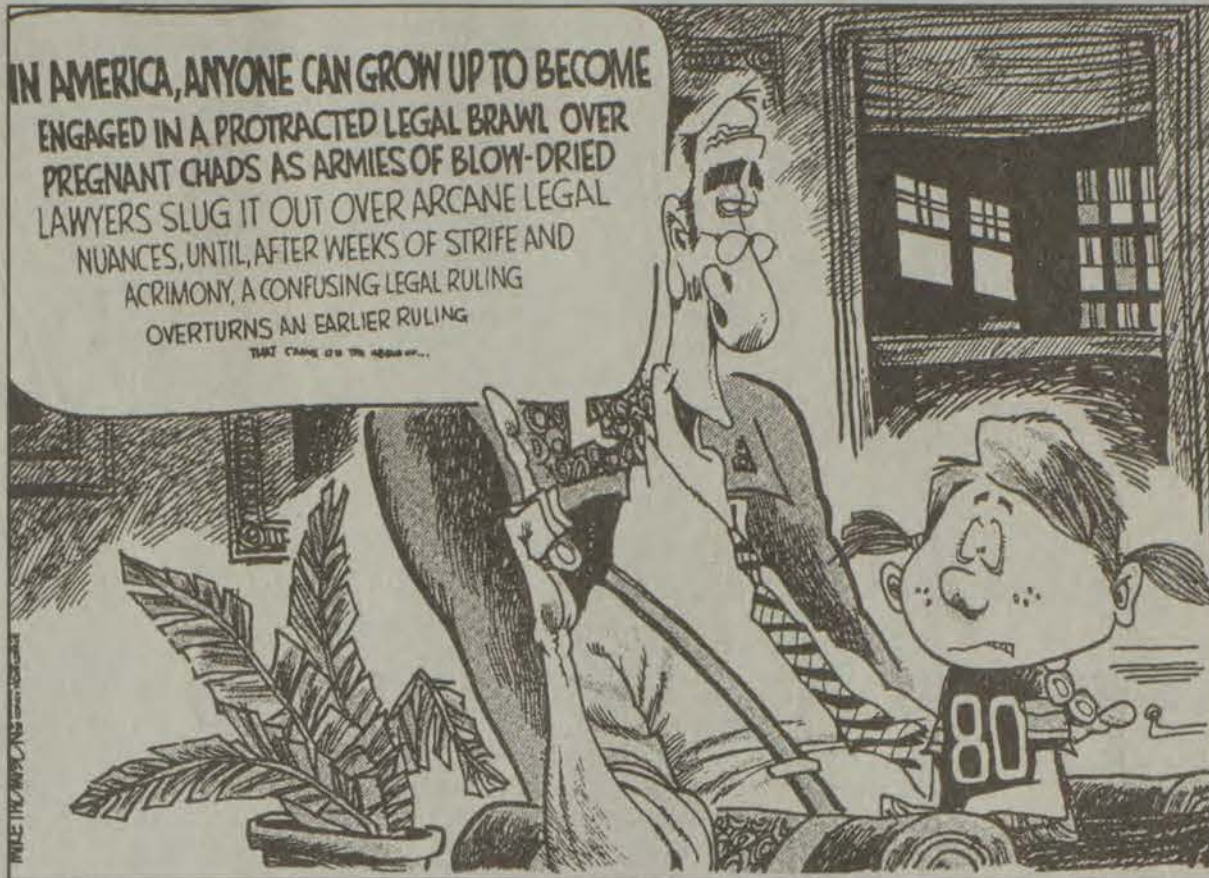
Nevertheless, Florida and other states can learn a lesson from Kentucky from this election. This state leads the nation in the percentage of voters who cast their ballots electronically. Only in populous Jefferson County do some voters still cast paper ballots.

Had Kentucky been as critical to this election as Florida, there would have been no discussions of chads — hanging, dimpled, pregnant or otherwise — and no demands for hand recounts. A recount in Kentucky means rechecking the totals on the voting machines placed in each precinct. Rarely do recounts change the results by more than one or two votes.

The lesson here is that Florida and other states need to modernize their voting system. No system is perfect and, yes, machines do occasionally make mistakes. But the best way of assuring that every vote really does count is to cast the ballots electronically.

Kentucky is not looked on too kindly in the rest of the nation, many thinking we're still running around barefoot and wearing coonskin hats. Isn't it great to know that we're way ahead of the game when it comes to modern voting techniques?

—Ashland Daily Independent



Guest Column

Let the people win the election

by DEAN BAKER and MARK WEISBROT

If Al Gore decides to negotiate a compromise with George W. Bush to settle the question of who will be our 43rd president, he should get something for it. And it is only fair to the public that any settlement will help ensure that this kind of deadlock not happen again, and that every citizen will have the opportunity to vote and have their vote properly counted.

On the first point, eliminating the electoral college is the obvious first step. There is no legitimate justification for an institution that was intended to keep the people from directly deciding who would govern them. And why should a vote from Wyoming have five times as much influence as a vote from California in choosing the president? That is literally what the electoral college provides, simply by allocating one elector for each member of Congress. It also provides for the possibility, now seen to be very real, of a President that did not win the popular vote. The country should directly elect the president, just as it does every other elected officeholder.

But we have to go well beyond this. The confusion in Florida revealed an astonishing degree of voter disenfranchisement through negligence and incompetence. In some counties, nearly ten percent of the people who went to the polls didn't get their votes counted properly. While it is impossible to eliminate all errors, discarding this many ballots makes a mockery of electoral democracy. Not to mention the 68,000 ballots that were missing from the first count in New Mexico.

The nation should implement standardized and simplified balloting forms and procedures that will minimize the possibility that anything like this can happen again. This may involve high-tech solutions such as computer voting, or low-tech paper ballots, but we have to be able to design a ballot that allows people to clearly and simply express their preferences and be counted.

It also should not be an ordeal to vote. It is inexcusable to have lines of three or four hours, which were reported in many precincts across the country, especially in an election in which nearly half the population stays home. If we need a few more dollars to hire election workers, then this would be money well spent. Voting should not be a privilege for those who have time to wait in line.

We should go further on this front. With today's

technology, there is no reason that we cannot have universal, same-day voter registration. If a person shows up at the polls with a valid identification card, they should be able to vote. The 30-day waiting period between registration and the election, which is required by most states, serves no purpose other than denying the right to vote to a large part of the electorate.

In addition to the problems of negligence and faulty procedures, there are also people who are deliberately disenfranchised: At the top of this list are convicted felons, who are prevented from voting in many states. In Florida, this rule has disenfranchised nearly a quarter of the African-American male population. There is no legitimate reason for denying the vote to people who have paid their debt to society, and are otherwise allowed to resume a normal life. If a drunk driver can actually become president of the United States, then someone convicted of a felony should at least be able to vote for president.

It is also long overdue that the people living in Washington D.C. had the same voting rights as the rest of the nation. The United States should not be the only nation in the world that denies the people living in its capital city the right to representation in Congress, and the right to make its own laws.

Finally, the deliberate harassment and abuse that has been directed against African-American and Latino voters must come to an end. If the states can't do it themselves, then we may need federal supervision. Preventing people from exercising their right to vote is a serious crime and should be treated as such.

These basic reforms would not do anything to address the larger problems of money corrupting our politics. They are simply procedural reforms that would bring us closer to the basic principle that every citizen has the right to vote, and have their vote counted. The Republicans would resist these changes, since anything that makes it easier to vote or expands the electorate tends to help the Democrats. But they would be hard-pressed to put forth a legitimate argument against these reforms.

Al Gore could emerge from this mess as a hero, by winning something more important than the presidency: procedurally clean and fair elections in the world's richest democracy.

Dean Baker and Mark Weisbrot are co-directors of the Center for Economic and Policy Research, in Washington, D.C.



Letters to the Editor

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No border debate in the presidential race

by JACOB G. HORNBERGER

When Mexican president Vicente Fox visited Washington last August, he raised an idea that caught presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush totally off guard. Fox suggested that it was time to consider opening the borders between Mexico, the United States, and Canada to the free movements of people, similar to what now takes places among the European nations.

"We may be able to open the borders not just to capital or goods, but also to people," Fox said.

Gore's and Bush's reactions were immediate and negative. Gore found the proposal "very problematic" and said that implementation would take 25 to 30 years. Bush's position was similar: "I believe we ought to enforce our borders," he responded.

Unfortunately, the issue never reached the level of national debate in the presidential campaign. It should have. Fox's proposal raises important moral and economic questions. Why shouldn't a person be free to cross a border in search of work? Would open borders contribute to the economic well-being of the American people?

Let's first consider the moral case for open borders. Let's assume that I wish to hire a Mexican worker and that he wishes to work for me. What gives anyone the moral authority to interfere with the relationship that we wish to establish between ourselves? It's my money, and it's his time and energy. It's our business, not anyone else's. Why doesn't he have the right, regardless of what citizenship he happens to hold, to accept my job offer, and why don't I have the right to hire him?

Think about all the arrests, prosecutions, incarcerations, repatriations, deportations, and especially the deaths of people who have simply wanted to cross a border in search of a better life. All of this would be avoided under a system of open borders because people would be free to cross our Southern border as easily as Americans cross borders between states.

Can all this abuse and mistreatment be reconciled with the moral principles in the Sermon on the Mount? Can they be reconciled with what Jesus referred to as God's second-greatest commandment: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself?

What about the economic consequences of open borders? Would the unrestricted movements of people be an economic detriment to the American people? On the contrary, open immigration would be a tremendous economic boon. After all, think about how open borders between our respective states have contributed to people's economic well-being.

Whenever people are entering into mutually beneficial exchanges, their standards of living are rising, at least from their own individual perceptions. How do we know this? Because if a person does not perceive a benefit from an exchange, he simply doesn't enter into it. Thus the fact that immigrants are entering into business relationships with U.S. citizens is itself strong evidence that standards of living are rising.

Moreover, as everyone recognizes, those who flee the relative comfort and safety of their homeland, including friends, family, and a native language, are usually the industrious ones — those who are willing to take big risks for the sake of economic betterment. They provide an infusion of energy and vitality that every society should relish.

What about the historical case for open borders? I'll bet most Americans don't realize that there were once open borders between Mexico and the United States, from the time that the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed in 1848 until approximately the 1930s. During that period of time, Mexicans could cross freely into the United States to visit, work, open a business, or live here. Hardly anyone gave it a second thought because Americans were accustomed to the idea that human beings had the fundamental human right to travel, work, and visit wherever they wanted without governmental restriction.

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 Larry E. Cross, 49, Hi Hat; fourth degree assault/spouse abuse.
 William R. Hylton, 43, Salyersville; alcohol intoxication; disorderly conduct.
 Rondal R. Owens, 43, Garrett; terroristic threatening; carrying concealed weapon; disorderly conduct; resisting arrest.
 James M. Castle, 46, Martin; violation of EPO; prescription in

improper container.
 Jeana Cline, 24, Inez; public intoxication (c.s.) excluding alcohol.
 Brian E. Jones, 21, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 Terry O'Brian Bentley, 26, Garrett; alcohol intoxication.
 Brian E. Moore, 31, Pilgrim; alcohol intoxication; prescription in improper container; possession of controlled substance; possession of controlled substance, non-narcotic.
 Tammy L. Denton, 26, Langley; disorderly conduct; possession controlled substance.
 Billy W. Bentley, 25, Langley; misc. misdemeanor all other except traffic.
 Jason S. Rice, 21, Dwale; absence w/o leave/state.
 Keith Little, 41, Bypro; alcohol intoxication.
 Teresa Lynn Meyers, 41, Wheelwright; fourth degree assault/spouse abuse.
 Tommy L. Slone, 28, Topmost; public intoxication (c.s.); possession marijuana; use/possession drug paraphernalia.
 Gary Lee Meyers, 47, Wheelwright; fourth degree assault/spouse abuse.
 Danny Ray Stevens, 28, Dwale; criminal littering; drinking alcohol in public.
 Delbert Stephens, 57, Langley; misc. misdemeanor all other except traffic.

James T. Sparks, 42, Paintsville; alcohol intoxication; disorderly conduct.
 Jerry Allen, 47, Hillborough, OH; alcohol intoxication.
 Sterling Hamilton, 18, Prestonsburg, OH; public intoxication (c.s.) excluding alcohol.
 Diane Fairchild, 28, Salyersville, OH; alcohol intoxication.
 Stephen A. Akers, 43, Harold; fourth degree assault/spouse abuse.
 Angela D. Bevins, 19, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 Chris T. Jenkins, 23, Hueysville; alcohol intoxication.
 Carlos A. Honaker, 30, Langley; disorderly conduct; possession controlled substance.
 Annie Handshoe, 77, Hueysville; delivery time/sale malt prohibited.
 Abel Parsons, 61, Eastern; misc. misdemeanor all other except traffic.
 Billy G. Osborne, Jr., 26, Allen; hunt/fish/trap w/o license or stamp; illegal molest/pursue/turkey/deer.
 Crystal Newsome, 23, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication; disorderly conduct.
 Brenda Owens, 41, Langley; alcohol intoxication.
 John Henry Salisbury, age unknown, Harold; harassment.
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 Renee Boyd, 24, Harold; terroristic threatening.
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 Barbara Keathley, age unknown, Harold; parent send child to school.
 Richard Collins, 45, Harold; harassing communications.
 Clare Marie Hackworth, age unknown, Prestonsburg; criminal trespass.
 Clayton Williams, age unknown, Drift; criminal mischief.
 Bobby Hunter, age unknown, Prestonsburg; theft by deception.
 Andrea J. Reynolds, 21, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 George Summers, III, 22, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 Rodney H. Ward, 25, Salyersville; alcohol intoxication.
 James A. Howard, 34, Salyersville; alcohol intoxication.
 William R. Helton, 21, Salyersville; alcohol intoxication.
 William Wilkins, Jr., 52, Prestonsburg; theft by deception.
 Shannon D. Slone, 26, Blue River; theft by deception.

to Mike Johnson, 35, Melvin.
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 Deborah Cooley Conn and Michael Conn and Lisa Cooley Hall and Ray Douglas Hall to David Ray Cooley, property in Prestonsburg.
 William Powers, Roger Collins and Sharon Collins, and Vic Goble and Betty Goble to John D. Ledcke, Sr. and Tamery Bowen, property on Still House Branch.
 Ronald Frasure and Dixie Frasure to Deborah R. Newsome and Vince E. Newsome, property on Caney Fork of Middle Creek.
 Greg Crum, power of attorney for Gwen Gaile, to William Holbrook and Mary Holbrook, property on the Boyd (or Hunt) Branch of Prater Creek.
 Alleen Fitch to James P. Allen and Joyce Short Allen, property lying in Prestonsburg.
 Pocahontas Development Corporation to Penn Virginia Oil & Gas Corporation, a corrective and confirmatory oil and gas deed.
 Harold Hardware & Furniture

Store, Inc. to Elizabeth Hale, property at Harold.
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 Green Berry Spears and Louise Spears to Wanda Frasure, property in Floyd County.
 Danny Mullins and Joan Kay Mullins to Howard Morris Tackett and Debbie Ann Tackett, property on Left Beaver Creek.
 Ray Anthony Stumbo and Debbie L. Stumbo and Transfinancial Bank, N.A. to Citizens National Bank, property in Floyd County.

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 Equicredit vs. Fannin, Wayne, et al.
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 Martin, Brenda vs. Martin, Kristi Tackett, Ken vs. Tackett, Sandy F. Soler, Angela vs. Soler, Alex Newsome, Edith vs. Wakeland, Wanda
 Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. Slone, Kenneth R., et al.
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 DeRossett, Paul, et al vs. Johnson, Bruce, et al.
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What about America's welfare state? Isn't that an insurmountable barrier to open borders? Of course not. All that needs to be done is to prohibit foreigners from going on the welfare dole. In that way, we end up attracting those immigrants who are trying to improve their lives through labor rather than through political plunder.
 Should we continue an immigration policy that has damaged and destroyed the lives of thou-

sands of human beings and lowered our standard of living? Or is Vicente Fox correct in suggesting that the time has come to restore the moral, humane, and economically prosperous open-border policy of our ancestors?
Mr. Hornberger is president of The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Va. (www.fff.org) and co-editor of The Case for Free Trade and Open Immigration.

bid day; all other deposits will not be returned.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than 5% of the amount of the total bid A 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful Bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the Instructions to Bidders and/or the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract.

Bids must be submitted in duplicate originals on Form of Proposal included in the Project Manual. Mailed Bids shall be addressed to the office of the school board at the address listed above. Please indicate the bid package on the outside of the envelope.

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 Submission of a bid shall be construed as confirmation that the bidder has visited the site and satisfied himself as to the extent of work required. No changes to the contract will be considered based on misunderstandings of the scope of the work if such misunderstandings could have been addressed by a site visit.

Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids or any bid which is not submitted in the proper form, shall not be considered.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any formalities in the bidding. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the Owner.

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Floyd County Schools will receive sealed bids for the ATHLETIC FIELDS, PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL, until 2 p.m., local time, December 20th, 2000, at the offices of the school board located at 106 North Front Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1124.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The bid packages being considered at this time are the Rebid of Bid Package #2 - includes furnishing and installing chain link fencing and gates and Bid Package #9 - includes furnishing and installing a PA System and other miscellaneous electrical items. Bids were received on November 16th, 2000, for other areas of work.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following places:

- F.W. Dodge/ABC Planroom, 132 Venture Court, Suite #12, Lexington, Kentucky
- F.W. Dodge Corporation, 303 N. Hurstborne Lane, Louisville, Kentucky
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Deposits will be returned upon receipt of bidding Documents in good condition within ten days after bid opening. If more than one set of Bidding Documents are desired, the cost of \$75.00 per additional set must be remitted by separate check. Deposits for additional sets will not be returned. Deposits of Contractors bidding on the work will be returned upon the return of Bidding Documents in good condition within ten days after bids are opened. Documents must be returned to Lynn Blueprint and Supply, not to the office of the Architect. Deposits will also be returned for documents returned not less than one week prior to the

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PACE Local 5-512 appreciates the continuing support of the people of Eastern Kentucky in its ongoing strike against Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company. The members of this union have contributed to the economy of Eastern Kentucky throughout the various counties in which they live by supporting local businesses, churches, schools, and assisting with various youth programs. The Company listed record profits in its second and third quarter reports before raising consumer gas prices. The union intends to make every reasonable effort to resolve this labor dispute in a manner that is acceptable to the union and company. The prosperity of the company should insure the prosperity of the union and the people of Eastern Kentucky.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, The Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and pub-

lic service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to The Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication, or 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

Masonic Christmas party

John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, and Hadassah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at Martin, will conduct their annual Christmas party at the lodge hall on Sunday, December 3, beginning at 4 p.m. Santa Claus will be there, and there will be food and entertainment. All members and their guests are

encouraged to attend.

Democratic women to meet

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club will meet on December 11, at 6 p.m., at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Agenda items will include club bylaws and finalizing plans for the December 14 "Conversation With Paul Blanchard" to focus on the Top 10 Lessons Learned in Election 2000. The meeting is open to the public.

Vet rep available

A Veterans Benefit Field Representative for the Kentucky Department for Veterans Affairs has an

office on the third floor of the Floyd County Courthouse. He is there to assist veterans and their dependents in filing for state and federal benefits. This service is free and is provided by the commonwealth. Contact him at 606/886-7920. If there is no answer, leave a message and he will return your call.

Gospel sing

The Bluegrass Gospel Boys will be singing at the Faith Independent Freewill Baptist Church on Sunday evening December 3, at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Fibromyalgia support group

Fibromyalgia support group has monthly meetings in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens building, the first Tuesday of every month. Contact Sharon, 606/478-5224, or Phyllis, 606/874-2769.

Christmas project underway

Praise Assembly and Good News Ministry is sponsoring Operation Christmas Blessing 2000, an outreach project to help 1000 needy families in the area with a complete Christmas dinner and a gift for every child under the age of 18 in each eligible household. Food and gifts will be distributed on Saturday, December 23, at the Prestonsburg Walmart Parking Lot.

Applications are now being accepted at the church, located at the Junction of U.S. 23 and KY 80 on Water Gap Road, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All applications must be received no later than December 8. Anyone who would like to contribute to this effort by purchasing food, gifts, and/or by monetary contribution may stop by the church during the listed hours or call 606/874-3650 or 606/874-0825.

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Are drugs affecting your family or a friend? For more information, log onto www.stopaddiction.com or call 1-800-468-6933. Narconon provides answers to drug addiction, and free assessment, evaluation and referral services to internationally recognized alternative and traditional treatment facilities. When continuing relapse is occurring, call Narconon 1-800-468-6933. Don't give up, drug addiction can be overcome. Call Narconon at 1-800-468-6933, or visit the Website at www.stopaddiction.com.

Retired teachers to meet

The Floyd County Retired Teachers' Association will meet in regular session, Thursday, December 7, at May Lodge.

Obituaries

Johnny Mullins Jr.

Johnny Mullins Jr., 52, of Garrett, died Friday, December 1, 2000, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, following an extended illness.

He was born August 22, 1948, in Floyd County, a son of Johnny Mullins of Eastern and Isabell Collins Mullins of Garrett. He was a disabled driller and a member of the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church at Estill.

He is survived by a daughter, Hope Dianna Mullins of Crystal Lake, Illinois; a brother, Joseph (Jody) Mullins of Hueysville; five sisters, Linda Chaffins, Margie Chaffins, and Jemima Ann Thomas, all of Garrett, Betty Dempsey of Hueysville, and Marie Gilbert of London; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday, December 4, at 11 a.m. at the Hueysville Church of Christ, with Clinton Buddy Jones and Chester Varney officiating. Burial will follow in the Castle Cemetery at Hueysville.

Visitation is at the Hueysville Church of Christ. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Rebecca Jane Shepherd

Rebecca Jane Shepherd, 76, of Greenwich, Ohio, died Wednesday, November 29, 2000, at Norwalk Memorial Home after a lengthy illness.

Born on September 2, 1924, in Garrett, she was the daughter of the late Jessie James and Jennie Bell Shepherd Hale. She had lived most of her life in Greenwich.

Her husband, Sage Shepherd, preceded her in death.

Survivors include three daughters, Sheila Pope of Homerville, Mary Wheeler of North Fairchild, Jennie Sweeting of Shelby; three sons, James Shepherd of Ashland, Robert Shepherd of Willard, Wamie Ray Shepherd of North Fairfield; one sister, Lanie Gibson of Kentucky; a stepsister Myrtle; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 1, at 2 p.m., at Eastern Funeral Home, Greenwich, Ohio, with Elders Arthur J. Hale and Bill King officiating.

Burial will be in the Greenwich Greenlawn Cemetery, under the direction of Eastman Funeral Home.

Victoria Johnson

Victoria Johnson, 89 of Edgerton, West Virginia, died Wednesday, November 29, 2000, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born on March 14, 1911, in McCarr, she was the daughter of the late Tom and Elizabeth Blackburn Gooslin. She was of the Protestant faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Perry Johnson.

She is survived by four sons, Robert "Bobby" Johnson of Corunna, Michigan, Perry Johnson of Bean Station Tennessee, Lloyd Johnson of Prestonsburg, and Jackie Johnson of Pikeville; three daughters, Jeanette Mayall of Durand, Michigan, Ruby Hardin of Sargoinsville, Tennessee, and Elizabeth Brown of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, Leonard Gooslin of Hurley, Virginia and Charlie Gooslin of Beckley, West Virginia; one sister, Alice Williams of Newtown, West Virginia; 27 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 2, at 11 a.m., at the Freeburn Church of God with Rev. Gary Fields, Rev. Eugene Ratliff, and Rev. Dewitt Furrow officiating.

Burial was in the Billy Dotson Cemetery at Phelps, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home, Phelps.

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The "Word" for the Week

A Change of heart

by DR. DENNIS J. PRUTOW

Zaccheus was rich. He took a cut of the taxes he collected on behalf of Rome. As a chief tax collector, he was atop the pyramid. Local Jericho residents despised this little fellow.

When Jesus passed through town, Zaccheus scrambled up a sycamore tree to see Him. Jesus invited Himself to dinner. Many grumbled. No self-respecting religious leader would associate with a tax collector. Zaccheus was a sinner. He was full of fraud and deceit. Religiously and spiritually he was a lost man. Heaven was not his destination.

At this point, Jesus uttered astonishing words. "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Jesus Christ is the divine and heavenly Son of Man (Daniel 7:13). He entered the world via virgin birth. His life had a goal. It was the cross. As the divine Son of Man, Jesus Christ died on that cross on behalf of sinners. "He was pierced through for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities" (Isaiah 53:3).

Zaccheus had a change of heart. He confessed Jesus as Lord. "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much" (Luke 19:8). Jesus had one response. "Today salvation has come to this house" (Luke 19:9).

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A Look At Sports

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■ The Piarist School at Martin is still trying to put together a girls basketball program. The school entered competition in the 58th District for the first time but Coach Gary Kidd has been unable to put together more than five girls who want to play basketball.

The Lady Knights had five players and after a meeting recently the numbers dropped to four.

"I had Ancie Casey (15th Region assigning secretary) come in and we brought the girls into the school library and talked to them about school pride."

It is uncertain if the school will dress a team or not. Meanwhile, it has put some county coaches on the spot with the loss of two games on their already completed schedule.

■ The Prestonsburg basketball Blackcats pulled a switcharoo on us by moving their Friday night game back to Thursday night, something we were not informed about. But we understand it was for a good reason. You see, Seth Crisp, son of Jackie Day Crisp, who is head basketball coach at Prestonsburg, was playing in a playoff game for Campbellville and Coach Crisp wanted to go see son Crisp play in the game. So there! Understand.

■ Watch out for Alabama and the Crimson Tide in the SEC! I caught the Tide and Louisville Cardinals on the tube Thursday night and they are for real or the Cards are horrible.

Anyway, Kentucky will be hard pressed to beat either one. Kentucky plays at Alabama on January 23. Oh dear! The Cards will face the Cats on January 2.

Kentucky has Travis Ford and the ECU Colonels to look forward to and a possible win. Also, High Point (North Carolina) is just down the road so that is a third win.

As bad as this team plays, I don't see them winning more than four SEC games this season. I hope Tubby kept the Atlanta Hawks phone number.

■ Ben and Brian Hale are burning the nets for the Paintsville Tigers. Ben and Brian are the son of former Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale.

■ The Belfry Lady Pirates have caught the eye of most of us in the media already. Belfry is rolling behind Jessica Lovell and Samantha Hackney and they could very well surprise others when the regional tournament rolls around. Coach Mark Gannon has his team playing pressure basketball and their full court press is something to behold. Thing about this team, they are not very big but make up for the lack of height with excellent speed.

■ See where Dan Goble, formerly of Prestonsburg, is stepping down as head football coach at Christian County. Dan led his team to two state 4A championships, I believe, in the mid '80s.

■ The boys All "A" regional tournament will be held at Allen Central High School this season. It will be the first time since the tournament began that is has left the Pikeville High School floor.

Allen Central has the new chair-back seats on both sides of the floor and the rest are new bleachers. Coach Johnny Martin and the folks at Allen Central do an excellent job of hosting a tournament of any kind.

■ Next Saturday, at the Prestonsburg fieldhouse, the Q95 Classic tips off with all four county teams playing against outside competition.

It should be a great day of high school basketball and admission is only \$5 which covers all four games.

Betsy Layne will face Millard in game one, scheduled to tip off at 1:30 p.m.. Game two pits Allen Central against Lawrence County in a 3:30 p.m. start. Prestonsburg and East Carter meet at 5:30 in game three while South Floyd goes against Magoffin County at 7:30 p.m.

You will not find a better deal anywhere else. Come on out and enjoy some good high school basketball.

■ Feds Creek at Allen Central



photo by Ed Taylor

ALLEN CENTRAL'S Daniel Sazabo (52) hit a jumper in the lane against Feds Creek Friday night. Sazabo had 12 points in a 86-55 walk for the Rebels.

REBELS RUN PAST FEDS CREEK

Mullins, Hayes combine in win over Vikings

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

It is a new season of high school basketball for coach Johnny Martin and his Runnin' Rebels but it is the same old look as they run and gun their way to a 87-55 win over Feds Creek Friday night.

It was the second win of the season for the Rebels in as many starts. It was the second consecutive blowout as the Rebels had routed the Piarist Knights the night before.

Larry Mullins led the Rebels with 18 points while teammate Jeremy Hayes added 17 points. Daniel Sazabo and Neil Allen tossed in 12 points each.

Jeremy Cantrell led the Vikings with 12 points and John Varney finished with 10. Justin Chaffins netted eight for Feds Creek.

Feds Creek never could solve the full court pressure of the Runnin' Rebs and committed 21 turnovers. The diving, sliding, and hustling Rebels cut down the passing lanes of the Vikings. Coach Johnny Martin said his ballclub did what they pretty

much wanted to do before the game started. The Rebels were playing without two starters in Z.W. Chaffins and Shawn Newsome.

"It was kind of a makeshift defense, really," said Coach Martin. "We didn't know until Thursday that Shawn wasn't going to be playing. His status is a bit uncertain right now. So we had to shift some people in different places."

Coach Martin said he did not like what his team did defensively against Piarist so he made a change by moving Sazabo into the starting line up.

"I thought he did a good job for us," said the Rebel mentor. "That freed up Jeremy to go to the two spot. That helped us a little bit. Brian Paige played well for us. He gives us a little more flexibility on offense."

Allen Central set the tone for the game early by racing out to a 21-6 first quarter lead. The only time the Vikes were in the game was at the onset when they trailed 3-2. Hayes opened the game's scoring by drilling a three from the right side. A 11-0 run by the Rebels made it a 14-2 game and the rout was on.

The lead went to 25 points by half time as the

(See ALLEN CENTRAL, page three)



LARRY MULLINS



■ Kevin Spurlock

Spurlock steps aside from Rebel football

By ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

Saying that the Allen Central football needed someone to lead it to the next level, Rebel football coach Kevin Spurlock stepped aside as head of the program this past week.

Spurlock said he turned in his resignation to school principal Patricia Maynard, making it official. "I just felt that someone else other than myself was needed to take the program to the next level," Spurlock said Friday night. "I felt that I could not do that, it would require someone with a love for the game of football. It is no secret that my passion is with basketball."

(See SPURLOCK, page four)

Meade will look for open man, then shot

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

The South Floyd Raiders lost six seniors from last year's championship team and will only have one returning starter in junior Michael Hall.

But the Raiders will not be short-changed for scorer's this year for they also return two of the best bench players in the state — Rusty Tackett and senior John Meade.

Meade, along with Tackett, were the first off the bench last year for the Raiders and around the three minute mark of the first quarter you would see them enter the game.

Both Tackett and Meade would have been starter's anywhere else but, like Meade said, enjoyed coming off the pines.

"It didn't much matter to me," said Meade. "Everyone needs to know their role. Last year mine was coming off the bench with Rusty."

While Meade will be starting this season, fans can expect his unselfish play to continue. But he said he will play a different role this year.

"I will be looking for the open man but I also will be looking for my shot," he said. "This year I need to pick up my game and score more."

Meade conceded that experience on this year's team will be missing with the loss of players like Ryan Shannon, Jimmy Stumbo and Byron Hall but he is not concerned with the way

(See MEADE, page three)



Brant Brooks
 BETSY LAYNE



Coach DeRossett
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Mike McDonald
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Prestonsburg places nine on All-District team

Three from Betsy Layne named to squad

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

Prestonsburg's Matt Slone and Belfry's Chad Childress were named co-Players of the Year by district football coaches in a press release this week. The Betsy Layne Bobcats placed three players on the elite list with one being named honorable mention.

Slone led the list of Prestonsburg players that included Dusty Scott, Chris Spriggs, Andrew Howell, Kevin Woods, Mike McDonald, Kevin Younce, Kevin Woods, Josh Slone and Matt Clay.

Named from Betsy Layne were Adam Collins, Brandt Brooks and Brent Hamilton. Slone carried the

Prestonsburg offense in the first three games of the state football playoffs that earned the Blackcats a Region IV championship. Prestonsburg fell to Boyle County in the Semi-State.

Prestonsburg coach John Derossett was named the district's Coach of the Year.

Childress was an outstanding receiver as well as a ball carrier. He lead the offense for the Pirates and carried Belfry to the state playoffs where they fell in round three.

Collins was the feature back for the Bobcats and played three seasons for the football team. Brooks quarterbacked the Bobcats this season and had a strong year despite a 1-9 finish for the Cats. Hamilton will return next season for Betsy Layne and also ran out of the backfield.

Honorable mention from

(See DISTRICT, page three)

The Scoreboard

H.S. FOOTBALL

GIRLS

Anderson Co. 52	Lafayette 42
Ashland 78	Rose Hill 46
Atherton 45	Iroquois 43
Barbourville 68	Cumberland 56
Bardstown 57	Washington Co. 28
Barren Co. 73	Metcalle Co. 61
Bellevue 45	Deming 43
Bethlehem 50	Ky. Country Day 21
Bourbon Co. 50	Pendleton Co. 41
Boyle Co. 81	Casey Co. 64
Bracken Co. 56	Grant Co. 32
Brown 54	Highview Baptist 36
Bryan Station 81	Franklin Co. 51
Burgin 44	Kentucky School ft Deaf 33
Buckhorn 55	Jackson City 44
Caldwell Co. 59	Union Co. 54
Central Hardin 73	Pleasure Park 38
East Carter 70	Boyd Co. 50
Estill Co. 66	Paris 56
Frankfort 55	Williamstown 46
Knott Co. Central 79	Fleming-Neon 43
Lee Co. 58	Madison Southern 57
McCreary Central 44	Knox Central 40
Middlesboro 53	Hartan 50
Montgomery Co. 72	Scott Co. 58
Powell Co. 47	Bath Co. 42
West Carter 72	Morgan Co. 35
Whitley Co. 45	Bell Co. 39

BOYS

Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic At Pike Co. Central

Belfry 85	Pike Co. Central 57
Leslie Co. 66	Elkhorn City 44

Queen of the Mountains Tip-Off Classic At Perry Co. Central

Clay Co. 51	Whitesburg 40
Somerset 59	Cawood 46
North Laurel 57	Betsy Layne 55

Kentucky Post-Turkey Park Tip-Off Tournament

Covington Cath. 83	Boone Co. 69
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Middlesboro Invitational

Cawood 109	Everts 66
Middlesboro 71	Pineville 64

Friday, Dec. 1

Allen Central 86	Feds Creek 55
South Floyd 92	Johnson Central 65
Ashland 68	Sheldon Clark 38

SportsBoard

2000 All District Football Team

COACH OF THE YEAR
John Derossett, Prestonsburg

Co-Players of the Year
Matt Stone, Prestonsburg
Curtis Childress, Belfry

FIRST TEAM ALL-DISTRICT

Prestonsburg: Dusty Scott, Andrew Howell, Mike McDonald, Kevin Younce, Chris Spriggs, Kevin Woods, Josh Stone, Matt Clay.

Betsy Layne: Adam Collins, Brandt Brooks, Brent Hamilton.

Belfry: Shawn Taylor, Casey Lequire, Aaron Fairchild, Jonah Caudill, Matt Hale, Socty Bell, Matt Jones.

Whitesburg: Jonathan Adams, John Setzer, Canaan Pennington, Jeremy Sturgill, Brandon Brock and Trevor Buttrely.

Pike Central: Joe Waugh, David Branham, Tony Mullins, Todd Maynard, Michael Ray.

Shelby Valley: Rocky Reynolds, Scotty Hamilton, Brandon Stevens, J.R. Johnson.

Sports Briefs...

Baseball

REDS PITCHERS, CATCHERS TO REPORT FEB. 15

Cincinnati Reds pitchers and catchers will begin spring training workouts on Feb. 15 in Sarasota, Fla. The first scheduled team workouts to involve all Reds players are scheduled on Feb. 20 at Ed Smith Stadium.

REDS RAISE TICKET PRICES

The best seats for Cincinnati Reds games will cost \$28 next season, a \$7 increase. Construction of the Reds' new park could be behind schedule before it even begins, because bids for the concrete-and-steel superstructure are \$22 million over the county's budget estimate.

HALL OF FAME CANDIDATES

Kirby Puckett, Dave Winfield and Don Mattingly are among 17 first-time candidates on this year's ballot for the Baseball Hall of Fame. Kirk Gibson, Lance Parrish, Dave Stewart and Andy Van Slyke also appear for the first time on the ballots, which were mailed this week to 10-year members of the Baseball Writer's Association of America. Thirty-two players are on the ballot, and each voter can select up to 10 players for induction.

Basketball

U OF L SIGNEE SUES NCAA FOR ELIGIBILITY

A 6-foot-11 basketball recruit from Nigeria has sued the NCAA for barring him from playing for Louisville. Muhammed Lasege is seeking a temporary injunction that would allow him to play. His lawsuit was filed on Monday November 27 and a hearing in Jefferson Court is scheduled for Dec. 7. Lasege signed with Louisville in the spring of 1998. The economics major paid his own tuition last school year and has earned a 3.9 grade-point average in 36 semester hours.

CAMPBELLVILLE PLAYERS DISMISSED FROM TEAM

Two starting seniors for Campbellville University have been dismissed from the team, the university said. Coach Keith Adkins said this past Tuesday that Tyrone Outlaw, a 6-foot-8 forward from Roxboro, N.C., and Jameco Skipper, a 5-11 point guard from Miami, violated an undisclosed team policy.

UTAH'S MAJERUS OUT 5 WEEKS REHABBING KNEE

Utah basketball coach Rick Majerus will be away from the bench the next five weeks to strengthen a surgically repaired knee. Majerus traveled to Las Vegas last week, where he plans to undergo a rigid two-week rehabilitation program. He's expected back on the bench after the new year. In September, Majerus had surgery to repair torn cartilage. Majerus, 52, didn't travel with The No. 18 Utes last week to the Puerto Rico Shootout, where they finished third, because of pain and swelling in the knee. Assistant Dick Hunsaker will handle head coaching duties until Majerus returns to the sidelines.

Football

COLONELS INVITED TO BLUE-GRAY GAME

Eastern Kentucky tailback Corey Crume and wide receiver Alex Bannister will play in the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic on Dec. 25 in Montgomery. The game will be televised by ABC.

15 CARDS HONORED

A league-best 15 Louisville players were named to the All-Conference USA football team. Quarterback Dave Ragone was one of five Cardinals on the first team, as selected by coaches and media. Ragone led the league in passing with a 142.2 rating and total offense averaging 261 yards per game. The other first-teamers included cornerback Anthony Floyd, receiver Deion Branch, center Jason Padgett and tight end Ronnie Ghent. Floyd led the nation with a school-record 10 interceptions this season. Branch led the team with 73 catches for 1,106 yards. Padgett started every game and Ghent caught 27 passes for a team-best 14.5 yards per reception. Receiver Arnold Jackson, who set the Division I-A record for career receptions this season, was one of seven Louisville players named to the second team.

HEUPEL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Oklahoma's Josh Heupel and Bob Stoops won the Walter Camp player and coach of the year awards. Heupel, quarterback for the No. 1 Sooners, led the team to an 11-0 record. In only his second year, Stoops took Oklahoma to the top of the national rankings for the first time since 1987. It marked the third time a player and coach from the same school were honored in the same year. Heupel was also honored as The Sporting News' player of the year. The sports magazine selected Oregon State's Dennis Erickson as the coach of the year, and Florida receiver Jabar Gaffney as the freshman of the year.

MARYLAND HIRES FRIEDGEN

Ralph Friedgen has been hired as Maryland's new college football coach after 29 years as an assistant. Friedgen is leaving Georgia Tech to return to his alma mater and the scene of his first coaching job. He signed a six-year deal.

Auto Racing

NASCAR'S FRANCE STEPS DOWN

Bill France Jr. has stepped down as president of NASCAR, the racing circuit his father founded. France, 67, who is recovering from cancer, was succeeded by Mike Helton, 47, NASCAR's senior vice president and chief operating officer. Helton was picked two years ago by France to oversee its day-to-day operations. France's father Bill France Sr., founded NASCAR in 197. Under the younger France, NASCAR grew into a sport that is now worth \$2.8 billion in TV rights. Last year, 17 of the top 20 attended sporting events in the United States were NASCAR races.

58th District Basketball Standings

MEN

TEAM	OVERALL	CONF
South Floyd	1-0	1-0
Allen Central	1-0	1-0
Prestonsburg	0-1	0-0
Betsy Layne	0-1	0-0
Piarist	0-6	0-2

WOMEN

TEAM	OVERALL	CONF
Betsy Layne	1-0	0-0
Prestonsburg	1-1	0-0
South Floyd	0-1	0-0
Allen Central	0-1	0-0

Saturday night games not included

COUNTY SCHEDULE

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Girls

Saturday, Dec. 2
Finals Tip Off Classic @ Pike Central
4 p.m. South Floyd vs Elkhorn City
5:45 - Pike Central vs Prestonsburg
7:30 - Belfry vs Leslie County

SCOREBOARD

Girls

Betsy Layne 70	Perry Central 68
Prestonsburg 59	Elkhorn City 43
Belfry 91	South Floyd 42
Johnson Central 71	Allen Central 31

Boys

Paintsville 83	Prestonsburg 57
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Allen Central rolls over Piarist, 86-36

Rebels place four in double figures

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Allen Central Rebel basketball team took to the road for their first game of the 2000-01 high school basketball season, a battle with the Piarist Knights of first-year Coach Gary Kidd.

The Runnin' Rebels lived up to their nickname as they got out on an early lead and went on to post a big 86-36 win.

Both squads played each other close for one quarter. Piarist's Brett Hall had a six-point first quarter, scoring two-thirds of his team's first quarter points. Allen Central combated by having five first quarter scorers. The Rebels took a 13-9 lead into the second period and then proceeded to light up the scoreboard.

Coach Johnny Martin's Rebels waylaid the Knights in the second quarter, outscoring the home team 26-1 in the period before halftime.

Allen Central's Neil Allen can take most of the credit for Allen Central's second quarter scoring outburst. Allen came off the Rebel bench and scored 14 in of his game-high 22 points in the second frame. Rebels Mike Slone, Austin Francis and Brian Page also contributed to the Allen Central second quarter scoring.

Piarist's lone tally of the quarter came on a Brett Hall free throw. The Knights went into halftime down by a 30-plus point deficit, but nevertheless came out in the second half and played hard throughout the second half.

The Rebels came out strong in the third period and once again outscored the Rebels. The third quarter margin was a 21-9, Allen Central. The Knights highlight of the third quarter was a three-point basket drained by Matt Goeing. The Knights had their most productive quarter come in the fourth quarter, when they finished strong with 17 fourth quarter points, opposed to Allen Central's 26 fourth quarter points.

Slone led the Rebels fourth quarter scoring attack with 11 points on four field goals and one three-point bucket. five Rebels scored in the final period.

Neil Allen led the Rebels in scoring on the night with 22 points. Mike Slone finished second-best with 15 points. Daniel Sazabo and Austin Francis finished with 14 points each, to round out the Rebels double-figure scorers. Travis Francis playing out of a starting role, had seven points. Larry Mullins ended the game with three points, while Brian Page added a field goal.

Shawn Rose and Brett Hall led Piarist with nine points apiece. Robert Hall added seven points, while Matt Goeing finished with five.

Justin Bohr and Kevin Ross added a basket each. The Piarist School and Allen Central will return to the hardwood this week, as both teams will be back in action.

NFL Standings

AFC EAST		NFC EAST			
Miami	9	3	N.Y. Giants	8	4
N.Y. Jets	8	4	Philadelphia	8	4
Indianapolis	7	5	Washington	7	5
Buffalo	7	5	Dallas	4	8
New England	3	9	Arizona	3	9

AFC CENTRAL		NFC CENTRAL			
Tennessee	9	3	Minnesota	11	2
Baltimore	9	4	Detroit	8	8
Pittsburgh	6	6	Tampa Bay	7	5
Jacksonville	5	7	Green Bay	5	8
Cleveland	3	10	Chicago	3	9
Cincinnati	2	10			

AFC WEST		NFC WEST			
Oakland	10	2	St. Louis	8	4
Denver	8	4	New Orleans	8	4
Kansas City	5	7	Carolina	5	7
Seattle	4	8	Atlanta	4	9
San Diego	1	11	San Francisco	4	9

NFL SCHEDULE

Sunday games

Seattle at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 1 p.m.

Monday game

Kansas City at New England, 9 p.m.

Dallas at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 8:35 p.m.
Open: Baltimore

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				WESTERN CONFERENCE			
<i>Atlantic Division</i>				<i>Midwest Division</i>			
Philadelphia	13	2	Utah	13	3		
New York	9	7	San Antonio	10	4		
Boston	7	9	Dallas	10	6		
New Jersey	6	10	Minnesota	9	7		
Miami	6	10	Houston	9	7		
Orlando	6	11	Denver	8	8		
Washington	4	12	Vancouver	6	9		
<i>Central Division</i>				<i>Pacific Division</i>			
Cleveland	9	6	Phoenix	10	4		
Charlotte	10	7	Sacramento	10	4		
Toronto	9	7	L.A. Lakers	11	5		
Detroit	7	9	Portland	11	6		
Indiana	6	8	Seattle	8	9		
Milwaukee	6	7	Golden State	5	11		
Atlanta	3	13	L.A. Clippers	5	12		
Chicago	2	13					

Prestonsburg High School Wrestling Schedule 2000-01

Dec. 2	Sheldon Clark
Dec. 9	Cabell Midland
Dec. 16	Spring Valley
Dec. 22-23	Eagle Holiday Classic (Stafford, Va.)
Jan. 5-6	Ripley High School (Ripley, W. Va.)
Jan. 12-13	Fairmont High (Fairmont, W.Va.)
Jan. 19-20	WSAZ TV 3 Wrestling Tour. Huntington W. Va.
Jan. 26	Ky.-W. Va. Duals Sheldon Clark
Feb. 3	District Wrestling Tour., Wayne Co.
Feb. 10	Regional Wrestling Tour.
Feb. 16-17	State Wrestling Tour., Frankfort



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Allen Central

Rebels were in control 39-14 heading to the locker area.

Coach Martin played his entire team and all responded by breaking into the scoring column.

"A lot of our kids are getting to play," he said. "Neil Allen came in and played well. The glue that holds the team together is Larry. It is his senior year. He has been playing varsity ball for five years. He has grown up a lot. I saw last summer that he was going to be ready to play this year.

"He knew that his junior year

was different from his sophomore year. He knows what he has to do in order for us to be a good team."

Allen Central used their quickness to negate the inside presence of the Vikings. Mullins dominated the middle and had several easy baskets out of the motion offense the Rebels ran.

While Allen Central took the Vikings out of their game, still Coach Martin feels his team could do better.

"At times we look like a good

pressing team," he said. "At other times I think we are not. Feds Creek doesn't handle the ball very well so it is hard to get a good read of what you can do against a team like Mercer. They are pretty good."

Allen Central built on their lead and extended it to 42 points after three quarters. Hayes had the hot hand at the start of the second and scored 11 points in the first four minutes before leaving the game.

Coach Martin inserted the rest

of his bench and called off the press in the fourth quarter.

"I think we got some flexibility and we are getting some guys some playing time," he said. "With Z.W. and Shawn out you have to find some replacements. It is going to get tougher."

Coach Martin said he was not pleased with the way his team went to the defensive boards.

"They still had 12 offensive boards the first half," he said.

"But for us, I suppose we rebounded well. Sometimes in transition they are going to get defensive rebounds because you are not getting back quick enough."

Travis Francis, who had four points in the game, got into early foul trouble in the opening quarter forcing Martin to go to his bench early.

"Some of the guys started getting tired and that hurt us a little

bit," said Martin. "For our press to be any good we have to be a good rebounding team."

Mike Slone came off the bench in the fourth quarter for the Rebels and scored six points, completing a three-point play the old-fashioned way. Rossi Samons had three points in the final quarter.

Allen Central (2-0) will go on the road Tuesday night to face a good Pike Central team.

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Paige, Samons leads Allen Central JV's

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Brian Paige and Rossi Samons had almost identical games in leading the Allen Central junior varsity to a 58-33 win over Feds Creek Friday night. Both finished with 12 points and both hit two three-point baskets in the win.

Allen Central placed nine players in the scoring column with P.D. Francis, Neil Allen and Austin Francis netted six points each. Nathan Lafferty, an eighth-grader at Allen, finished with five points, including a three-point

basket. James Prater also had five points on a trey. Daniel Sazabo and Mike Slone scored two points in the win.

Feds Creek took a 12-11 lead after the first quarter as the two teams traded baskets in the first six minutes. But in the second period, coach Kevin Spurlock's Rebels went on a 18-5 spurt that netted them a 29-19 lead at the half.

For the game, Allen Central buried seven three point baskets.

Shannon Bullock led Feds Creek with 10 points. Alex Cantrell, Joshua Fields and J.B. Varney scored five points apiece.



THE ALLEN CENTRAL boys cheerleaders were in tune for the first home game of the season Friday night against Feds Creek.

photo by Ed Taylor

Prestonsburg included Rodney Porter, Tony White, Austin Clark and Mickeal Fannin. From Betsy Layne, Matt Williams was an honorable mention player.

"Having eight players picked for the first team and four honorable mention players is not only a great honor for those young men, but also an honor to our team," said Coach Derossett, "because a lot of what these guys accomplished could not have been done without their teammates."

Slone was awesome the second

half of the season for Prestonsburg, often playing hurt. Coach Derossett said Slone had help on the field.

"Having the Player of the Year with all the great players in our district is quite an accomplishment for Matt," said the Prestonsburg coach. "Again, much of his success is credited to the offensive line and lead blockers like Kevin Woods and Mickeal Fannin."

Coach Derossett views Slone as a player at the next level.

"If Matt puts in a good off-season and keeps his grades up, he should be a candidate for a college scholarship," said Derossett.

Slone finished his junior season with 1,606 yards on 221 carries. He scored 129 points, made 74 tackles and had three interceptions.

Meade

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the 2000-01 team can play.

"We really don't have a lot of experience back," he said. "We lost those six seniors and everyone of them meant something to last year's team. But we have a lot of good younger players who are going to contribute and that will be good for us in later years."

One of those good younger players is Rusty Tackett, a junior this season.

"He is just a great shooter," said Meade. "He is a great all around ballplayer. He can dribble, shoot and plays good on defense. Rusty is a key factor this year to our team."

Michael Hall has been playing varsity basketball since he was an eighth-grader. Now as a junior, he must be a leader.

"Michael is a floor general,"

Meade said. "He also is a good ball handler and he will lead the show this year. He seems to score at will and is ranked high in the region as an individual player and maybe should be higher. He is well deserving of it."

One of the younger players Meade mentioned was Tyler Hall, a sophomore.

"He doesn't miss. He is unreal," he said. "In practice you can't do anything with him. He is going to step a lot this year and show he can play."

Meade, a modest player, likes the chances of this year's Raider team to repeat but it will not be easy. After his playing days at South Floyd, he wants to go to the next level.

"I certainly would like to get a Division I scholarship," he said.

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Blackcats drop opener to Paintsville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

Coach Jackie Day Crisp took his Prestonsburg Blackcat basketball team on the road Thursday night for a contest with regional foe Paintsville. The Blackcats got off to a

slow start and trailed 30-10 after one quarter. The host Tigers kept their tight press going full throttle all night and went on to beat the Blackcats, 83-69.

Prestonsburg (0-1) came out in the first quarter and got a spark from starting guard Ricky Powers, who put up five first

quarter points.

The Blackcats played much better in the second quarter, but were still outscored, 21-19.

Justin Allen posted six of what would eventually be a team-high 15 points in the second quarter. The sophomore guard drained two three-point shots, giving the

visiting Blackcats some added life heading into the half. Teammate Dustin Music also had a good second quarter, tallying seven second period points on three field goals and a free throw. Paintsville had six different players score in the second period, while Prestonsburg had five players post second quarter points.

Paintsville (1-1) held a 51-29 advantage going into the intermission period.

Prestonsburg came out of the intermission and outscored Paintsville in both the third and the fourth quarter. The Blackcats outscored Paintsville 14-13 in the third period and had their most productive quarter of the game in the fourth quarter, when they outscored their hosts 24-19.

The Blackcats late rally was headed by a superb eight-point performance off the bench by sophomore Josh Justice. The young sophomore came on to score eight points in the fourth quarter on two three-point baskets and a two-point bucket. Allen also had a good fourth quarter, finishing up strong with

two more treys.

However, much to Prestonsburg Blackcat fans' dismay, it would be a Paintsville Tiger kind of night with the Tigers capitalizing on the big early lead they had built and capitalizing on Blackcat turnovers.

Allen's team-high 15 points was complimented by Music's total of 12. Justice rounded out the Prestonsburg double-figure scoring with 10 points. Ryan Martin finished with nine points and Ricky Powers added seven. Bradley Bevens and Matt Slone both finished with five tallies each, while Matt Clay added a couple of free throws, good for two points. T.C. Hatfield and Brandon Branham each added one apiece, to round out the Prestonsburg scoring.

Paintsville was led by Brandon Gullett's game-high 19 points.

Jeremy Slone finished with 15 points, while the Hale brothers, Brian and Ben added 12 and 10 points respectively. Junior Chas Harmon finished with nine points in the Tiger win. Senior Brad Austin was a big part of

Paintsville's victory as he added 8 points and seven rebounds.

The Prestonsburg Blackcats will be back in action this week when they play host to 15th Region favorite Shelby Valley.

GAME NOTES:

■ Several Prestonsburg Blackcat football players saw action on the hardwood against Paintsville. Matt Slone, Matt Clay and quarterback Joey Willis all saw action in the Prestonsburg-Paintsville contest.

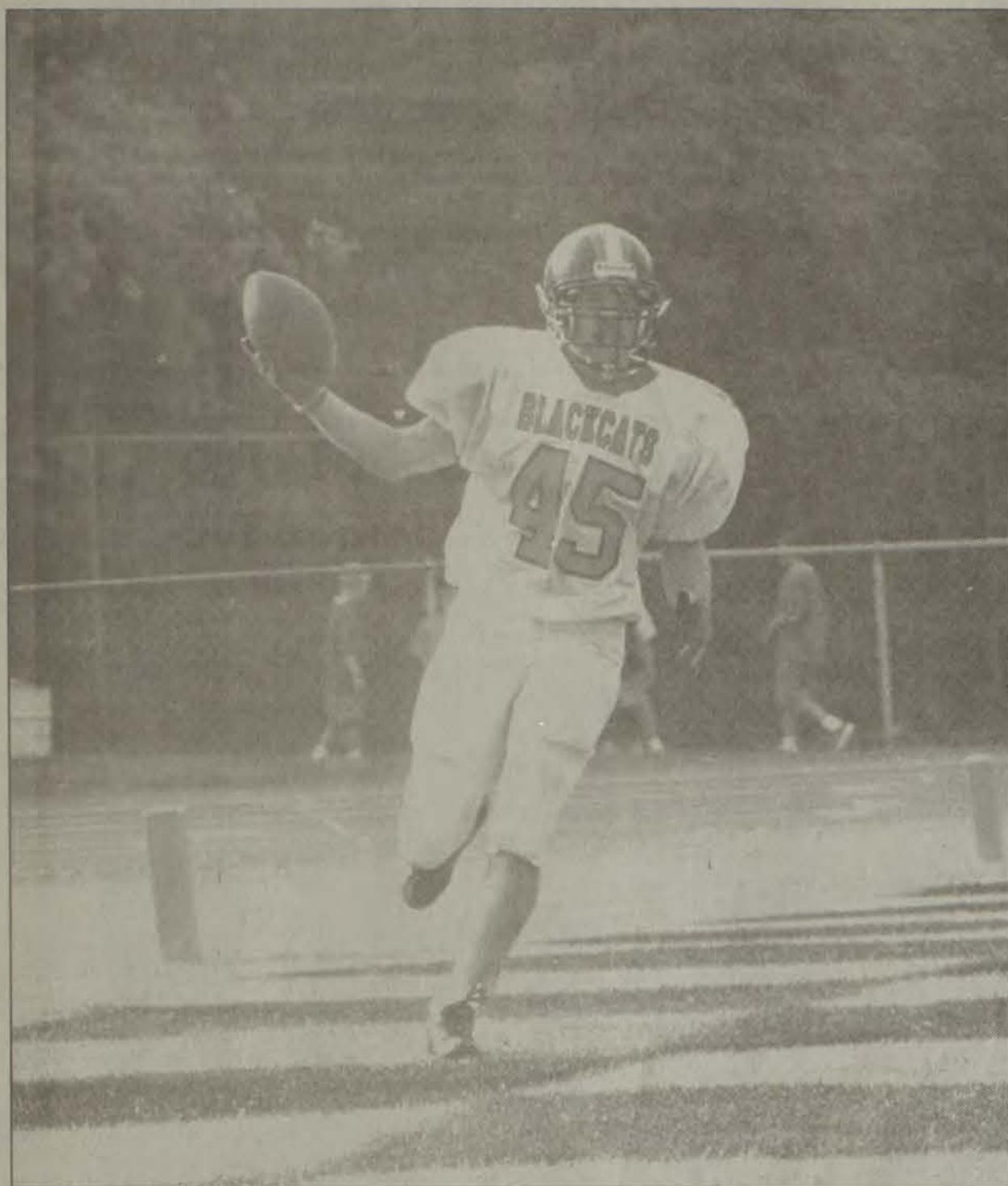
■ The Blackcats had a rough outing against the Paintsville press.

■ Paintsville began the season with a loss on the road to Pike County Central.

■ Several Prestonsburg fans made the short drive to Paintsville for Thursday night's game.

■ Paintsville will be back in action on Friday Dec. 8, when they host Ft. Thomas Highlands.

■ A special thanks goes out to Prestonsburg scorekeeper Don Willis for the great job he does on keeping stats for the Blackcat basketball team.



Kevin Woods

■ Girls Grade School Basketball

Allen slides past South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Allen Lady Eagles pulled out a hard-fought 29-26 win over the South Floyd Middle School Lady Raiders on Tuesday night, thanks in part to a stingy defense.

Coach Kenny Music saw six players make their way into the scoring column.

Allen's defense played possibly the best it had all year, and was able to outscore and hold South Floyd to limited scoring in the second half.

Allen trailed 16-14 at the intermission, but came back to claim a win

A stingy Allen defense limited

the Lady Raiders to a single basket in the third quarter. A field goal by Miranda Gregory was all the Lady Raiders could manage.

Four Lady Eagles, Chanel Music, Brittany Zimmerman, Tabitha Collins and Alanna Cline, all scored in the fourth quarter.

South Floyd placed three players in the fourth quarter scoring column. Tabitha Trammel led the way in the fourth quarter for South Floyd. She had four fourth quarter points.

■ Allen at Betsy Layne

Grade school ...

In overtime, Allen edges Betsy Layne

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

It took three extra minutes, much shorter than the presidential election, before it was determined who would win Monday night's encounter between visiting Allen and host Betsy Layne in grade school basketball.

Steven Jones saved his best for last and help the Eagles in soaring to a 43-38 win over Betsy Layne.

The two grade school powers battled on even terms most of the game and battled to a 32-32 tie after regulation play.

It was all Jones in the extra period after he had saved the Eagles earlier in the fourth quarter. Jones pumped in six of his game high 24 points as Allen outscored the Bobcats 10-6 in the overtime.

"Betsy Layne is an improved team," said Allen Coach Ashland Gearheart. "We were lucky to get out of there with a win."

Jones had a field goal in the opening quarter and buried a three-pointer in the second for only five points in the first two periods. Betsy Layne's defense, if you can believe it, held Allen scoreless in

the third quarter in a 10-0 run that netted the Bobcats a 25-14 lead after three quarters.

Enter Jones in the fourth period and he burned the nets for 12 points in the period to help the Eagles tie the game and send it into overtime.

Derek Case, who led Betsy Layne's scoring with 13 points, scored six in the first quarter and Shawn Hamilton drained a three as Betsy Layne led 11-10 after the initial quarter. Nathan Lafferty, who finished with 13 points for Allen had five first-quarter points for the Eagles.

Both teams struggled offensively with a 4-4 run and Betsy Layne held a 15-14 halftime lead. Jones had a three-point basket for the Eagles with Adam Roberts and Case scoring for Betsy Layne.

After a horrendous third period, Allen turned up the heat in the fourth behind Jones.

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Spurlock

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take the program and built it into a winning program until this season. His 1998 team reached the semifinals of the Eight Man Tournament and the Rebels began to resurrect under his leadership.

However, he felt that with what knowledge he had of the game it was not enough to take it another step.

"I would look at film after a game and then decide what should have been done," he said. "Had we had a coach with a passion for the game he could have been able to make a decision during the game."

Under Spurlock, Allen Central began to jell as a program after dropping out of district competition two seasons ago. In his third year as head coach, Spurlock tried to get his team back into district competition even as early as this past season but the votes did not go his way.

But Allen Central will return to the district play during the 2001

season.

"They will have some good players returning," said Spurlock. "Also, my assistant coaches this past year want to stay on."

It was not known how soon the administration would begin a search for a new coach.

With the situation with teaching positions at the school, they may have to look in-house or, at least, in the school system.

"I told the kids that I would see they did not hire just anyone who would do it just for the money," said Spurlock. "I promised them I would help them find a good coach."

Coach Spurlock said the returning juniors, who would be seniors next season, were upset over his decision.

"They were hurt and angry with me," said Coach Spurlock. "They thought I would stay the full four years. But as I told them, that was before I knew we were expecting our third child."

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Lifestyles



Parents and children came together at Allen Elementary School for the semester's second Reading Is Fun Night on October 26.

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PostScript

by Pam Shingler
 Editor



Book learning

It's a good time for regional writers. Kathy May was in town recently with her wonderful new book, "Molasses Man." Jenny Wiley's story, "White Squaw," by the late Arville Wheeler, is back in print after being unavailable way too long. I'm planning to do a piece soon on Leatha Kendrick's delightful book of poems, "Heart Cake," as emotionally rich, deep and warm as the author herself. Buy it, and see if you don't agree.

Just last week, I received a fresh-off-the-press copy of "By Way of Forked Stick" by Catlettsburg native Billy C. Clark, who wrote, among many other books, the moving autobiography "A Long Row to Hoe," one of my favorite books, not only for what it tells about Clark, but also what it tells about us.

It appears to be a good day for Appalachian writers, and we should all be very proud.

I refuse to let these positive pieces of good news be overshadowed by the sad news from a sister county. In Carter County a few weeks ago, magistrates voted unanimously against a six-cent property tax increase that was aimed at building a library.

Note, I didn't say "building a new library," or "renovating the old library." Carter County does not have a public library — period.

What it does have, according to an Associated Press story, is an illiteracy rate of about 50 percent among its working age population, meaning that about half of the adults in the county read at a sixth grade level or lower.

So, it looks as if the magistrates got it right. Why waste money on a library when so few people would use it?

One man, who was quoted in the AP story, dropped out of school in the eighth grade and now makes a good living in a factory job. He obviously does not need a library.

"Us rural people out here would benefit very little from it (a library)," he is quoted as saying. And who can dispute what he says?

It's hard to make a case for libraries, when someone can point out that he does very well, thank you, without books and other reading materials.

When people talk about literacy and the magic sixth grade marker that arbitrarily distinguishes literacy from functional illiteracy, most of us nod and tsk-tsk. Truth is, someone reading at that level probably doesn't have the patience for Tolstoy, but he probably can read basic instructions, road maps, employee handbooks, etc., certainly enough to get by in an area where barely enough is generally enough by most standards.

Most of our organizations — including school systems and media — strive for mediocre and largely achieve it. Sadly, even with the bar as low as it is in most jobs and schools, we still have trouble inspiring people to get over it.

When the reality is that you can get a job and sustain yourself — even at subsistence level — with the most minimal of skills, it doesn't seem to do much good to preach the old line about education helping you to make a better life.

After all, the man who was quot-

Wets versus Drys



Found in Winnie Johns' trunk, this photo shows the Thomas W. Parsons family of Mt. Sterling. Standing, from left, John B. Parsons, Jesse N. Parsons, Charles W. Parsons, Roger D. Parsons; seated, from left, Viola McIntire, Clay Trimble, Thomas W. Parsons, Emma Butler, Mattie Rogers. While visiting relatives on Abbott Creek, Thomas witnessed the Prestonsburg Riot of 1845.

Alcohol, religion and temperance in 19th century Prestonsburg

(Part one of a two-part series)

by ROBERT PERRY
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Catlettsburg historian William Ely, author of "The Big Sandy Valley," published in 1887, says that while the people of Prestonsburg were noted for intellectual culture, the town was also, during its early years, "somewhat given to dissipation."

Disturbing as this statement is, it is supported by an eyewitness account written by another eastern Kentucky historian, Thomas W. Parsons, who as a young man spent the month of February 1845 living on Abbott Creek with his mother's Floyd County cousins.

But before I tell you Parsons' story, I will briefly review the history of the Floyd County Methodists. I am doing this because I want to place Parsons' story in its proper context.

According to a booklet published by the Prestonsburg Methodist Episcopal Church in 1937, the first Methodist sermon ever preached in Floyd County was delivered by a Methodist circuit rider sometime around 1825 at a meeting in the home of Tandy and Elizabeth "Betsy" Layne.

The 776-acre Layne Farm was located at Justell. Today, all that remains of Tandy's and Betsy's home is a crumbling rock chimney.

They are buried on the hill above the site, and the inscription on Tandy's tombstone (Tandy Layne, 1805-1841) is still legible. The location of Betsy's grave is unknown.

In 1838, William Landrum, a Methodist minister from Shelby County, was placed in charge of the Louisa

Circuit. He toured the valley on horseback, conducting a series of meetings.

He preached at Prestonsburg and near modern-day Emma, where he spent the night at the home of Rebecca Witten Graham, widow of Judge John Graham.

In 1853, the Methodists established Snively Chapel on John's Creek, on land donated by Martin and Sarah Leslie. The chapel is still standing today. It is named for Rev. W.J. Snively, a Methodist circuit rider during the early period.

After the Civil War, the Methodists established Trimble Chapel on Bull Creek, Auxier Chapel at the mouth of John's Creek, Robinson Chapel on Abbott Creek, Elliott Chapel on Big Mud Creek and Keith's Chapel on Little Paint.

Some of the ministers who traveled this circuit were Rev. Henry Hager, Rev. "Peach Orchard" Johnson, and Rev. A.B. Stamper of Morgan County. When ordained ministers weren't available, local men like Samuel May (1820-1904), George May, Aquilla Harmon and Joe Lafferty filled the pulpit.

In the 1840s, it was the custom for Methodists and other denominations to hold camp meetings in the big bottom at the mouth of Abbott Creek. Meetings were also held in the bottom at the mouth of Beaver Creek, near present-day Allen.

The rowdy characters who patronized the Prestonsburg saloons feared these meetings, because they knew that a growing population of church-goers meant that, sooner or later, the temperance movement would come to Floyd County.

Sometimes, when meetings were in progress, they would mount their horses, ride out to the campground, and try to break them up. They would fire their pistols in the air, overturn tables, knock over tents, and shout profanities at the God-

fearing Christians.

My main source of information about early-day Floyd County camp meetings is Thomas W. Parsons of Mount Sterling. His manuscript, entitled "Incidents and Experiences in the Life of Thomas W. Parson," is on file in Special Collections at the University of Kentucky Library in Lexington.

Parsons composed the manuscript in 1900, when he was 74 years old. In 1844, he was a teen-ager living with his father and mother on their farm in Breathitt County.

Parsons tells us that in the fall of 1844, his father was invited to attend a camp meeting in Floyd County, "some seven miles above Prestonsburg on the Big Sandy River."

Since his mother had some relatives in Floyd County who could provide him with a place to stay, he decided to accompany his father and spend the winter attending the subscription school then being taught in Prestonsburg by Professor Lewis Mayo.

Parsons says that while he was attending school in Prestonsburg, he witnessed the Prestonsburg Riot of 1845. He prefaces his story with this statement:

There was a large number of the very roughest class of men in and around the town, and during the camp meeting previously mentioned, these men, led by one Joe Harris and others, would assemble on the streets and drink and swear, and sing and pray, and preach, and gave out that they were going up to the campground to break up the meeting. So strong were the threats that the men at the camp ground,

(See **VERSUS**, page four)



PCC student artists contributed to the exhibition, "From Here to the Zone," which opens tomorrow at the college gallery; from left, Bobbi Meredith, Becky Russell, Crystal Hall, Darrell Jude, Robert Allen, Adam Lyons and Regina Ferrell. Samantha Allen and Tangarie Mollette also have work in the show.

Student artwork to be showcased

"From Here to the Zone" is an art exhibit to be showcased in the Prestonsburg Community College Art Gallery beginning December 4. Student artists from Professor Tom Whitaker's two-dimensional painting class contributed their work for display.

The show opens Monday, with a reception from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to honor the artists. The exhibition will remain on display through January 15.

"Works on display depict the personalities of the artists. In a sense, each work is a self-portrait," said Whitaker. "Works range in subject matter from very traditional to far out."

The show and reception are open to the public. Gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For information, contact Brenda Miller at 606/886-3863, ext. 280.

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.

This is written on Dec. 7. So what? Nothing, only it's Pearl Harbor Day. A day which President Roosevelt predicted would "live in infamy." Also a day which already has died in the memory of many.

ONE YEAR LATER

And tomorrow, Thursday, Dec. 8, marks the end of the first year of Governor Bert T. Combs' administration. Allan M. Trout did a splendidly objective job of assessing the work of the administration during this first year, in his Courier-Journal feature last Sunday.

Bert Combs has made his mistakes and he's taking his lumps, just now, but his boldly ambitious program for Kentucky is one that will hold a high place in Kentucky history. It may require years for us to get the proper perspective; but the time will come when a sales tax will look infinitesimally little alongside a giant road-building program, a general advance in the field of education, better care for the aged and dependent, a merit system to become effective next year and to be of effect; recognition of the rights of state employees, with assessments eliminated, and so on.

This first year has seen the broad strokes applied to the canvas. Now to the detail, to roads, schools, all the rest. The picture, if completed, will be one to behold.

Three years hence, Kentucky will have a new Governor. Whoever he is, whatever his thinking, Kentucky will never go back to the days before this eastern Kentuckian moved into the Governor's mansion.

A BAD DEBT

At hand, along with a whole passel of other month-end bills, is a statement of what I owe the Jenny Wiley State Park boat dock. Somebody over there was real optimistic. They billed me for locker rental from Oct. 1 to Dec. 1, then noted that my boat, wasn't removed till Dec. 2. So another line on the statement:

"Dec. 1 to Dec. 2...one bass."

I'll pay the two months locker rental to Dec. 1, would like to pay for the extra day, but doubt that I'll ever come up with what was charged. If suing me would help, I'll not answer the action.

ALL TIED UP

Virgia Johns, who now lives in Needles, Calif., noted this column's recent item about troubles with a dog which has an affinity for the family car. A cartoon which she clipped from some other newspaper offered a hint as to a solution of my dog troubles. The cartoon showed a guy leaving home for work, and alongside stood the family pooch with his tail in a half-hitch around a porch railing.

I have hopes of my young son. He is able even to detect the ludicrous in his own writing, something many of us oldsters have never been able to achieve. He did himself a piece, the other night, on Jack London's "Call of the Wild," and in reading it over found this gem:

"The dogs often battled to the death, and the loser was eaten alive."

ANOTHER SEASON GONE

The deer-hunting season ended last Saturday—The Floyd County Times' and Gordon Moore's statement in our last edition to the contrary. We had it ending Sunday, and you'd be surprised how much trouble an item of three or four lines, buried in the middle of a column, could cause...One of my old fish-

(See **WORLD**, page two)

Things to Ponder

'Buying' the holiday spirit

by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PH.D.

Last time the major emphasis was on families trying to have "quality" time together during the holiday season and making an effort to be less involved with the "commercial" side of Christmas. Most importantly, one needs to remember that big spending does not equal the desired satisfaction. The holiday is the blend of valued Christmas traditions agreed upon by everyone, time being together, and teaching children the "real" meaning of the season.

Do you dread the approach of the holidays with its obsession with present buying? Is Christmas at your house focused on how much "something" costs, or are you striving for the special day to be most relaxed, intimate, joyful, and spiritual?

We have now complained about the commercialism of Christmas and how we feel burdened and unsatisfied by the piles of gifts and over-consuming. What has changed—Christmas, marketing of goods, our insight or lack of insight? Although it may be a little late for planning changes in spending with regard to Christmas at this time, we can look at what and why we are doing Christmas as we are, plus what is working and what is not.

An opinion of an official with the Consumer Credit Counseling Service were that the money problems created by holiday spending was the combination of not planning and not thinking about the financial impact of what was being done. An additional opinion was that very, very few folks stopped and attempted to get a hold of their spending, so that more and more of the "smaller" purchases were being paid via credit cards.

In turn the American Bankers Association reported that, while most folks "say" they will pay off their holiday credit card bills in two or three months, they don't. In reality, the credit buying is not paid off for six months. The personal finance experts call this "a holiday hangover."

In an effort to be free of a holiday hangover, suggestions concerning credit cards were given. A consumer advocacy group urged shoppers to avoid department store credit cards. They often have a very, very high interest rate. In contrast, the debit cards that yank money directly from your bank account at the checkout counter can be a more effective way for you to "pay as you go."

Another suggestion was to add up all of the expenses for last year's Christmas. Of course, you could begin now in preparation for next year. Besides the buying of gifts, remember to include the expense of decorations, holiday clothes, parties, trips, special concerts and plays, postage for all those cards and packages—and don't forget all that food.

For example, I usually have a pretty good idea of what the total costs of Christmas cards I've sent out has been. It seems like a lot, but I've decided that tradition is such an important part of Christmas for me. I really enjoy sending my news of the year and hearing about others' in return. So often, this is the only connection I am able to maintain with the various friends and family that live in other states.

Needless to say, it would be great if there were not such an emphasis on spending for Christmas. However, that is not always how we do things—the ideal. Therefore, several suggestions were made about managing money more responsibly for the holiday season.

After deciding upon a limit for your Christmas spending, save money for the holidays as early in the year as possible. Be sure to have a list. As expected, any type of impulse shopping will aid in your buying much more, whereas realistic shopping is more apt to happen if you know exactly before beginning what you need/want. Similar to so many situations in life, simply know when to stop—when enough is enough.

Even though there is not the atmosphere of buying for Jolly O'Saint Nick in July, shopping early and receiving the benefits of sales can really be helpful for your Christmas budget. Some people even begin with the after-Christmas sales for the next Christmas. One year after Christmas, I was so thrilled that I found some beautiful wrapping paper on sale that I would not have bought at the before-Christmas price. As most people already know, do not wait until the last minute to buy just so you will have "something." The weary, tired, last minute shopper is prone to buy expensive and sometimes frivolous gifts. In addition, the credit card is likely to come out again and things are bought with money that the shopper does not have.

As is well known, Christmas is Christmas, and it is important to a lot of people. It is just so unfortunate that "buying" of the holiday has become a tradition, while old-fashioned ones have been lost in the meantime. Many people would probably agree that a true Christmas takes time—not money. Some folks have commented that when they scaled way back materially at Christmas time, they felt less stressed and had more time to spend together doing the things they really enjoyed. Of course, more time will probably be needed in the beginning to find out about resources—places to go, things to see, and how to create—for taking charge of your family's Christmas, based on what you think is important. Just think what an impact will be made when you do even one thing a year.

The possibility of emotional distress at Christmas is frequently mentioned so that the question becomes, "If the holidays are supposed to be peaceful, gracious and dignified, then why am I so depressed?" As with other areas of life, what, when, and how you and your family "do" Christmas is up to all of you. Discuss choices, preferences, and who will be in charge of what, so that no one person will be doing most everything. In the end, you should be able to bring the spiritual aspects of Christmas into clearer focus.



Family Medicine

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Reader's 'shaking' probably just a case of 'shivers'

Question: While quietly writing some letters the other evening I suddenly felt very cold. Before I could stand up to turn up the heat, I began shaking uncontrollably. I was shaking so much that I had trouble getting to the other room to get a blanket. I took two aspirin and in about 10 minutes the shaking stopped. I've never had this before or since. What would have caused it?

Answer: The "shaking" you experienced was probably just a sudden and vigorous episode of shivering. This is likely since you also felt cold at the start of it and have had no

subsequent episodes. I suspect that the sudden onset and severity of the shivering is what has led you to label it as "shaking" and, therefore, think that it has an unusual cause.

Shivering is an important part of the body's temperature regulating mechanism. This involuntary muscle movement occurs when the brain determines that the temperature in the core of the body is dropping lower than it should. The muscles are then stimulated in a way that produces the uncontrolled "shaking" that we have all experienced as shivering.

This muscle activity causes an increase in body core temperature, just as any other vigorous physical activity does. As the body temperature increases, the shivering subsides. I think this is why your "shak-

ing" lasted about 10 minutes. It took that long to get you warm.

In addition to simply being cold, there are also other causes of shivering. We have all had this experience as a consequence of fever. Shivering can also be an undesirable side effect of certain medicines, and — more rarely — it is sometimes a symptom of a brain tumor.

However, from what you've told me, I suspect that your shivering was just the garden variety type induced by cold temperatures.

An important follow-up question to yours is why did you start shivering while quietly writing a letter? Well, writing a letter doesn't usually involve much muscle activity. Consequently, your body wasn't generating much heat. Whether you get cold doing quiet activity depends upon the temperature in the room, how drafty it is and upon the warmth of the clothing you are wearing.

As an example, my office has a ventilator that produces a near gale force wind. I get chilled whenever the thermometer drops below 75 degrees. That is why I keep a sweater here.

Under most situations the body's greatest heat loss is from the head, neck and shoulders. My grandmother knew this. She kept a shawl at her easy chair. When the day wore down to evening, she would put on her shawl and "sit for a spell." This is still a good idea.

Infants and the elderly are more susceptible to chilling. This is also a concern for those who are quite thin. I'd suggest that you keep your home at least 65 degrees to reduce the likelihood of cold-related health problems. And when you're sitting quietly, slip on an extra sweater or try grandmother's shawl. You may start a new fashion trend that'll actually be an old-fashioned and practical one.

Birthdays



Is 3 today

Tanner Ray Hall is celebrating his third birthday today, December 3, 2000. He is the son of Alvin and Debbie Martin Hall, and the grandson of Gwendolyn and Willie Martin Jr., and Mable and Melvin Hall, all of Prestonsburg.



Turns 7

Chase Robert Shepherd of Prestonsburg, celebrated his seventh birthday on December 2, 2000, with a party at his home with family and friends, including his big sister, Alma Bentley of Prestonsburg. He is the son of Thomas Robert Shepherd and Jennifer Elaine Shepherd of Prestonsburg. He is the grandson of Joyce Shepherd of Arkansas Creek in Martin, and the late Thomas D. Shepherd, Stella Marie Hughes of Lexington, and the late Marvin Gibson Hughes. He is the great-grandson of Lola Conn of Arkansas Creek, and the late Thomas Conn.

WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS



Duff-Ping

Gretchen Leigh Duff and George Allan Ping will be united in marriage on December 16, 2000, at the First Baptist Church in Richmond. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Harold and Judy Burchell of Prestonsburg and Thad Duff of Emma and the granddaughter of Fred and Grace Bowles of Hazard and Alice Fulks of Dwale. She is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and Eastern Kentucky University. She teaches at Silver Creek Elementary School in Madison County. The groom-elect is the son of Howard and Bonnie Ping of Somerset. A graduate of Somerset High School, he attended EKU and is employed by Lexmark. The couple will reside in Richmond.

School happenings...

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or later by appointment. 886-9812.

Allen Central High School

12/11: Deadline for parents to nominate themselves or another parent for the SBDM Council. 3:15 p.m., school office.

12/18: Special election of parent member to SBDM Council, 6 p.m., library. Nominees must have a child enrolled at the school during term on council; must not be an employee at ACHS; and must not be a relative of an ACHS employee, board of education member or spouse of board member. Any parent of an ACHS student may vote in the election.

Clark FRC

After school child care, 3-5:30 p.m., school days, openings available. Nurse is in the center on Fridays. Appointments for sixth grade physicals now being scheduled. 886-0815.

McDowell FRC

Floyd County Health Department nurse is at the Center each Monday to see patients. Call to schedule physical appointment for your 5th grader. Call 377-2678.

A counselor from Mountain Comprehensive Care is at the center one day a week to see students in need of counseling. Parents are encouraged to stop by the center if they think their child can benefit.

GED classes, free, Mondays, 8 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Instructor, Linda Bailey of The David School.

Child Care, from school dismissal -5 p.m., \$20 per week/per child. For possible fee assistance, call East Kentucky Child Care Coalition, 886-1280.

Prestonsburg Elementary

12/4: SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., school auditorium.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

12/4, 5, 6: Presentations on alcohol prevention.

12/8: Presentation on smokeless tobacco. Walking track open to public. One stop career station satellite and adult education available. 452-9600 or 9607, ext. 243 or 242.

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ing compadres reports his luck held firm. No deer...From another source came an enthusiastic report. Asked about his luck, the hunter bellowed, "Fine!" Asked about his deer, he reported: "Deer"—didn't get any. But I got back alive."

The good boat "No Strike" left Dewey Lake on Dec. 2. The weather since that date has been fine. Naturally.

NEW ARRIVALS

Pikeville Methodist Hospital

October 26: A daughter, Brittany LaSha, to Amy and Matthew Collins.

October 30: A son, Dakota Leonard Bryant, to Alisha Mae Stevens and Adam Leonard Bryant.

November 1: A daughter, Emma Frances, to Kristin Hallett Huddle and Carl Edward Huddle; a son, Nathaniel Tyler, to Jessica Lynn Wolford; a son, Joshua Caleb, to Kristy and Tom Thacker; a son, Jacob Wade, to Cammie Michelle and Joshua Wade Collins.

November 2: A daughter, Brandi Elizabeth, to Samatha Lynn and Herman Blake Goff; a son, Turner Allen, to Cassie and Dean Harless.

November 3: A daughter, Breanna Leigh Adkins, to Kelli Dawn Swanner and Christopher Donald Adkin; a daughter, Taylor Grace, to Robin Ann and Gregory Scott Newsome; a son, Jeremy Richard Seth Senters, to Valerie Watkins and Richard Ike Senters.

November 5: A son, Dalton Gene, to Katrina and Stacy Stepp.

November 6: A daughter, Kayla Dawn, to Carrie Melissa and Joseph Daniel Junior McGuire; a son, Anthony Michael, to Wanda Ann and Ronald Dale Trafelet; a daughter, Hailey Brooke, to Freda and Kelvin Blevins.

November 7: A son, Samuel Graham, to Beverly and Keith Burchett; a daughter, Bailey Gara, to Alisa and Thomas Orf.

November 8: A son, Ronald Austin, to Dee Dee and Ronald Bowling; a daughter, Sidney Michelle, to Sally and Glen Salyer; a son, Adrian Taylor, to Bobbie and Jeff Layne; a daughter, Raelin Heather, to Charlene and Rusty Williams; Haley Dawn Maxie, to Rena Maxie and Jeremy Belcher.

November 9: A son, Samuel Quentin, to Amanda and Richard Boyd; a daughter, Abby Nicole, to Sharon and Nathan Johnson; a daughter, Mercedes Paige, to Margaret and Jessey Ramey; a daughter, Cheridan Faith, to Larisa Janell Kinder.

November 10: A son, David Chase Oliver, to Michelle Denise Hatfield and David Brian Oliver; a daughter, Daphene Tenille, to Valerie and Jeffrey Keith Chapman; a son, Ethan Richard, to Margaret Ann and Larry Richard May.

November 11: A son, John Paul, to Claire and John West.

November 12: A daughter, Madison Dewee, to Faye and Jeffrey Mullins; a son, Christopher Patrick, to Anita Gail and William Christopher Ray; a daughter, Hannah Noelle, to Chastity Jannell and Richard Douglas Justice; a daughter, Hannah Marie, to Tabatha M. and Stuart C. King; a son, Mason Keith, to Wendi Cook and Alfred K. Washington; a daughter, Presley Noel Childers, to Erica France and David Childers.

November 13: A son, James Campbell, to Theresa Moore and Frank Dawahare.

November 14: A daughter, Caitlyn Ann Hopkins, to Priscilla Ann Ball and Brian Keith Hopkins; a son, Nicholas Shane, to Katrina Shirl and Jimmy Howard Jr.; a daughter, Sara Emelie, to Kristy Lynn and Benny Junior Mullins; a son, Shane Isaac, to Kelly Michelle and Ricky Meade.

November 15: A son, Joshua Reed, to Sharana Kay and William Estil Ray Bowns; a son, Seth Aaron, to Lisa Lynn and Franklin Howell.

November 16: A daughter, Destiny Chyanne Pinson, to Pamela Jean Burke and Larry Todd Pinson; a daughter, Savannah Jo, to Dari Lou and Joseph Mark Crider; a son, Jacob Shane, to Jessica and Shane Hall; a son, Gregory Peyton, to Debbie Lynn and Rora Leon Varney; a son, Zackery Taylor Rogers, to Tammy Rogers; a son, Casey David, to Melissa Beth and David Wayne Tussey.

November 18: A son, Justin Keith, to Kim Daniece and Gordon Haynes.

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Postscript

ed in the Carter County story makes \$800 a week, with little need to read. That's way more than a good many of us who read exceptionally well can hope to earn.

What I'd like to say to the non-readers in Carter (not that I could convince any of them) is that it's not so much about reading itself. And it's not really about getting a better job. (He's already doing pretty well there.) It's more about enriching the mind. It's about

learning and wanting to learn more. It's about thinking and sharing ideas and testing yourself, not against someone else, but against what you knew yesterday.

I cannot conceive of what it is like not to be curious. I cannot conceive of what it is like not to read or want to read. When I try to conjure it, I can only draw a void, a big, blank wall with nothing on it or in it or behind it.

Thank you to all the teachers who excite their students to read,

to all the administrators and school councils who are willing to budget for programs like Accelerated Reading and Reading Is Fundamental. Thank you to the parents who take their children to libraries and to bookstores and who take the time to read to them and to listen to them read.

I hope the magistrates in Carter County and their constituents will come to understand the importance of reading and of libraries in the quality of a life. I hope that in

Floyd County, we never stop supporting our library and that we never fail to realize the importance of doing better.

And I am grateful for the example of people like Kathy May, Arville Wheeler, Leatha Kendrick, and Billy C. Clark, among — thankfully — many others.

Greetings to subscriber Morgan Ratliff of Prestonsburg. Thanks for reading the Times.

Youth News



Megan Layne, with her father, James Layne, shared her grandfather's banjo during a study of her heritage in Anna Shepherd's kindergarten class at May Valley Elementary.



Molly Thornsberry, a student in Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary, won a prize for wearing everything red recently, in celebration of being a "Drug Free Kid."



Charles Keith Patton shared his poster containing a story from his great-grandparents, along with hand prints of his family, as part of a celebration of families project in Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary School.



Rocky Crisp shared his family tree in celebration of Family Week in Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary. He and his father collected bark from a tree and used silk leaves to complete the tree. The falling leaves represent members of his family who have died.



Parents and children came together at Allen Elementary School for the semester's second Reading Is Fun Night on October 26. Second and third grade students were the target groups. The collaborative event was sponsored by the Allen Family Resource Center, along with community educator Beverly Crisman. More than 40 parents and children were in attendance. Mary Jo McDonald and Vicki Pack, both teachers for the Kentucky Literacy Program, read and acted out the book, "Big Pumpkin." Reading tips and materials were provided for the parents. Children and parents read together and then selected a book to take home. They also worked on crafts. A door prize was awarded, and refreshments were served.



Never let it be said that learning can't be fun. Duff Elementary School teachers recently brought "life" to several of the characters they teach about in reading. From left, Audreyetta (Tiny) Lawson, primary teacher, alias "Kruella" from "101 Dalmatians;" Anna Wells, art teacher, from "Butterflies Are Free;" and Kitty Frazier, primary teacher, as "Raggedy Ann." Duff had an assortment of characters this day (and most days).



An activity Nathan Salisbury completed during Heritage Days at May Valley Elementary was a recipe book containing a collection of recipes from family favorites brought in by him and his classmates. The students drew portraits of each classmate to complete the book's cover.



Connie Parsons' kindergarten class at Prestonsburg Elementary participated in a PRIDE project on November 14. Each student was encouraged to plant tulip bulbs, with the expert help of Clark Allison, a volunteer. The children anticipate seeing the tulips bloom in the spring into beautiful flowers.

Piarist School has three new faculty members



Sandrine Richy

Piarist School students have been speaking French with a native speaker this year because Madame Sandrine Richy has been speaking to them only in French.

Richy is one of three new faculty members teaching at The Piarist School this year. Knott County native Rebecca Kidd Morrison is teaching English, and Purdue graduate Sheila Moorman is teaching chemistry and AP biology.

Richy is a Fulbright Scholar from Nancy, France, where she graduated from Nancy High School and the University of Nancy in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in English. She then passed a difficult competitive examination to receive her certification to teach English. For the past three years, she has been teaching English at College Bourmont, a public middle school.

Last year she was accepted as a Fulbright Scholar and is on a year-long teacher exchange program with The Piarist School. Piarist School French teacher Theresa Kelly is spending the year teaching Richy's classes.

This is not her first time in the United States, as Richy was an exchange student her senior year of high school in St. Louis, Missouri. Richy enjoys the shorter class days. In France as well as in the United States, her school day starts at 8 a.m., but the school day ends at 4:45 p.m. in Nancy; whereas, she is out by 3 p.m. here. She also enjoys teaching the much smaller classes at The Piarist School. She is used to teaching 30 students in a class, so the 10 she teaches now is a welcome break for her. Also in France, she teaches English only three periods a week; whereas, students at the Piarist School study French every day.

Her hobbies include reading; watching old movies, and traveling. Coming from a country world-renowned for its food, Richy said she is especially fond of Thanksgiving turkey, but by far her favorite American food is chicken and dumplings.

Morrison graduated in 1996 from Knott County Central High School in Hindman with top honors. She graduated Magna Cum Laude last May with a bachelor's degree in English from Morehead State University. She teaches all English classes at The Piarist School. She is also the year-book advisor, forensics coach, and the play director.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading, writing, cooking, and exploring new interests. She was married this past summer to her childhood sweetheart.

Morrison's philosophy of education involves getting students physically, as well as intellectually, involved. She will regularly hold coffee house sessions in which students sit on the floor, snap their fingers ala Maynard G. Krebs, and read their latest poems or creative writing assignments. Her students may think they are just having fun in class, but they are really engaged in a high-level learning process.

No one has blown up the science lab yet, but it sometimes seems her students are trying. Moorman came to eastern Kentucky as a volunteer with the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP)—and stayed. She graduated in 1994 from Purdue University with a chemistry major and a sociology minor. She is originally from a small town in southeastern Indiana, and worked with CAP as a respite worker. She now teaches chemistry, AP chemistry, and AP biology at The Piarist School.

The fourth of five children, she enjoys outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, and walking. She is also investigating continuing her education. Teaching at the school has been an exciting challenge for her and her students, and they are interested in the many laboratory activities that are inherent in chemistry and biology.

The Piarist School is a small, tuition-free, college preparatory high school located on KY 80 in Martin. Every Piarist School graduate has gone on to pursue college studies.



Sheila Moorman

Rebecca Morrison



Versus

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preachers and all, prepared to give them a warm reception.

Three Prestonsburg men, Isaac Friend, David Cooley and Lewis Todd, were deeply offended by the behavior of the mob, and when the Circuit Court was held, they went before the grand jury and got Joe Harris and several others indicted.

Parsons doesn't say what they were indicted for, but presumably, it was for public drunkenness and disturbing the peace.

Thirsting for revenge, Harris' gang surrounded Todd's house one night and tried to decoy him, so that they could mob him. He outwitted them, however, and met them at the door with his pistol drawn. When Joe Harris opened his front gate, Todd fired.

Fortunately, a rock thrown by one of the mob hit Todd on his wrist just as the gun fired, and as a result, he missed Harris.

Then, the mob began to bombard Todd's house, throwing stones, stone coal and anything else that they could find. They smashed the front window and scarred the house pretty badly.

Todd managed to get his wife and children out the back door and over the fence to a neighbor's house. Then, he stood his ground until he got a second shot at Joe Harris, this time cutting him across the back of the head. Fortunately, the bullet only creased him, as the old hunters liked to say.

In a few minutes, the mob carried him down the street to his brother James' saloon, which was headquarters for the gang. According to Parsons, James P. Harris has a tavern license, sold whiskey and "controlled the worthless class."

Though they had his house surrounded, Todd dodged the mob that night by slipping out the back door to his neighbor's house, dressing up as a woman, and going out among them accompanied by his neighbor's wife.

When he was out of their sight, he crossed the Big Sandy in a skiff and walked down the bank to the John Friend Farm on Abbott Creek, where he knew that he had friends.

At the Friend Farm, Todd related his adventure to John Friend, Justice of the Peace. Wishing to protect Todd from harm, Friend issued a writ for his arrest and gave it to his nephew, Charles Friend Jr., who was a constable. Charles immediately summoned a guard and placed Todd under arrest.

James P. Harris was also a Justice of the Peace, and one of the gang members, a man by the name of Vaughn, was the Town Constable. Judge Harris issued a writ against Todd soon after the shooting, and the gang then marched to Todd's house to arrest him.

While this was taking place, Todd was looking down on them from the attic window of his neighbor's house, where his family had found refuge and from where he subsequently passed out among them, dressed as a woman.

When news of the riot reached Frankfort, the governor called out the local militia and stationed it in Prestonsburg until Todd could be tried for shooting Joe Harris. Commander of the militia was Johnson County Sheriff Daniel Hager, who operated a hotel in Paintsville.

When the grand jury investigated the case, they praised Todd for what he had done and issued four indictments against Joe Harris and several more against other members of his gang.

According to Parsons, "This settled the social and moral atmosphere in and around Prestonsburg for several years."

Next time: More about debauchery and religion in early Prestonsburg.

The art of shopping for the perfect wedding gift

(NAPSA)—There's an art to finding a wonderful wedding gift and it may have a lot to do with selecting the right art.

"For a couple establishing a new life together, great art on the walls can often make the difference between a house and a home," said Harriette Cole, lifestyle expert and author of *How to Be and Jumping the Broom*. "The broad array of themes in every genre, from classical to impressionist to cubist to abstract, gives you a wide variety from which to select something that represents the perfect symbol of a couple's love."

Where do you start when it comes to selecting art?

"The best wedding gift celebrates the couple, their relationship, and their hopes and dreams," said Michael Kahn, Vice President of Marketing for Art.com.

According to Kahn, finding the right art to give has become easier thanks to websites that specialize in art. For example, Art.com offers a wide selection of artwork that can easily be browsed online and may be enlarged for better viewing with only a click of the mouse.

To ease customer selection, artwork is listed not only by artist and medium, such as photography, animation, posters and fine art, but also by subject category which lets you further tailor your purchase according to the couple's interests or style.

A couple honeymooning in Spain, for instance, might enjoy a permanent reminder by receiving a print by Gaudi or Miro. Paris honeymooners might get a kick out of a photo by Henri Cartier-Bresson. Couples who share a love of the outdoors might appreciate the work of Andrew Wyeth. Couples with a more whimsical sense may enjoy animation cells from famous studios like Warner Brothers or Disney.

The site also includes a MyGallery feature, which lets the soon-to-be-wedded couple select and save the artwork they would like to receive as gifts for their home. The personal galleries can be e-mailed to wedding guests looking for gift ideas or made public on the Art.com web site.

For more information, visit www.art.com.

Planning a wedding? Why not let those on your invitation list know what art you might like? A new web site may help.

ALTA Consumer News...

Consumer News for Families A Leg Up on Safety

by **FREDERICK M. BARON & PENNY GOLD**

Before you set up a ladder to top your Christmas tree with a star, or head outside to string lights from the eaves of your roof, take some time to make sure your ladder is in tip-top shape.

According to the National Safety Council, each year more than 6,000 people die from falls in and around the home. More than 30,000 falling incidents involve ladders.

Ladder accidents can occur when people overreach or have not ensured that the base of the ladder is on a stable surface that will not buckle or cause slippage with the addition of body weight, says Harold Stillman, a structural engineer and ladder safety expert who, for more than 30 years, worked for the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). ANSI is the administering and coordinating body for the private sector, voluntary standards system in the U.S.

Stillman tells the story of a man who was trimming his tree while standing on a ladder. The man's wife was assisting him. She briefly left him to get something in another room. During her absence he suffered a fatal fall.

Stillman next speaks of the home-

owner who, year after year, used a ladder to string holiday lights over the garage. The man had a sloped driveway, and was accustomed to setting his ladder atop it. But one year, the ladder feet slipped out from under him.

"Every time you use ladder, you must be real careful," says Stillman, who warns that familiarity with the climbing device can prove dangerous. You can be injured if you take the safety of the ladder and its placement for granted, just as easily as you can by the unfamiliarity that may confront you if you borrow a neighbor's ladder, says Stillman.

The National Ag Safety Database (NASD), aimed at increasing safety, health and injury prevention in agriculture, offers five rules of ladder safety:

Select right ladder for the job. Each ladder design has a specific purpose. The two most commonly-used types for homeowner use include straight ladders (single or extension) and stepladders. Be sure your ladder has a label certifying that it meets standards set by ANSI and is listed by Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

Inspect the Ladder Before Use. Ladders can develop problems, making them unsafe for use. Never use a broken or defective ladder; either repair it or

discard it. Paint may hide defects. Instead of paint, look for clear varnishes and preservations.

Set up with care. Even if your ladder is in good shape, if it's placed in a dangerous location or set up improperly, an accident is likely. If you set up near a door or high traffic area, use a barricade or guard. The base should be set on a solid, level, uncluttered surface. Stepladders should be fully opened with the spreaders in the locked position. Straight ladders should be set up at a four-to-one ratio. Meaning, the base of the ladder should be one foot away from the vertical surface for every four feet of height to the point of support. If you plan to climb onto a roof from the ladder, be sure the ladder extends above the edge of the point of support by at least three feet.

Climb and Descend with Caution: Always face the ladder and hold on with both hands. Use a tool belt to carry all tools, or use a rope to raise and lower them.

Use common sense: Always hold on with one hand and never reach too far to either side or to the rear. To maintain balance, keep your belt-buckle area between the ladder rails. Never climb higher than the second step from the top

of the stepladder or the third from the top on a straight ladder.

Stillman says ladders, in some form, have been around for about 6,000 years. In recent years, there have not been a lot of design changes. However, Stillman would like to see new standards developed to increase ladder stability. For example, he explains that at one time ANSI was considering increasing the spread (the width between the front and back legs of the stepladder when it's locked in the full, open position) of stepladders.

"Increased spread can make a difference," says Stillman. But these changes never caught on.

Since the time he left ANSI last year, Stillman has been experimenting on his own with ladder stability. He's looking into designing a stepladder with steps that extend beyond the limits of the side rails, toward the center triangle space created by the open ladder.

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

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Holiday Food: Christmas cookies



Five reasons to give more Christmas gifts—"Cookies in a jar" recipes

If your Christmas shopping list is growing out of control, simplify your life with this great gift idea: give "Cookies in a Jar." Avoid the crowds at the mall. Just buy the necessary ingredients during your regular grocery shopping trip. Then fill quart-sized jars with pretty layers of the ingredients. Clear off the kitchen table and fill as many jars as you need assembly line-fashion. (Make plenty and you'll be ready for any last-minute gift needs). Add a colorful cloth and ribbon—and perhaps a Christmas ornament—to each jar, plus a card with the simple baking instructions, and you're set. No additional wrapping is necessary, so in one evening, you may have all your Christmas preparations for your friends completed.

"Cookies in a Jar" make the perfect gift for friends, neighbors, co-workers, party hosts and hostesses, teachers, bus drivers, coaches and pastors. The recipient adds butter, an egg, and vanilla to complete the cookies. Once you've tasted how rich and chewy these delicious cookies are, you'll want to share them with everyone.

Margi Walstrom, culinary professional for Pioneer Brand Biscuit and Baking Mix, says "Cookies in a Jar" make wonderful bar cookies too. Simply press the dough into an 8-inch square baking pan and bake for about 20 minutes.

Instead of having a cookie exchange in your neighborhood this

year, have a "Cookies in a Jar" assembly party. Ask each person to contribute an ingredient: chocolate chips, toasted nuts, or a bag of brown sugar, for example. Then serve coffee and a variety of already-baked cookies to inspire your friends as they create their own gift jars.

The folks at Pioneer, have developed five different "Cookies in a Jar" recipes for your use.

#1 Holiday Hazelnut Cookies in a Jar

1 cup chopped hazelnuts, toasted
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix

#2 Chocolate Lover's Cookies in a Jar

1/3 cup milk chocolate chips
1/3 cup "white chocolate" or vanilla milk chips
1/3 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix

#3 Hustle-Bustle Butterscotch-Oatmeal Cookies in a Jar

1/2 cup butterscotch chips
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
1 cup old-fashioned oats
1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix

#4 Outrageous Oatmeal-Raisin Cookies in a Jar

1/3 cup raisins
1/3 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
1 cup old-fashioned oats
1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit

& Baking Mix

#5 "Crazy for Craisins" Cookies in a Jar

2/3 cup sweetened dried cranberries (Craisins)
1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix

Instructions for layering ingredients in the jars:

In 1-quart wide-mouth glass jar, gently layer and pack ingredients in the order listed. If there is any space left after adding the last ingredient, add more baking chips, dried fruits or nuts to fill the jar. Place lid on top. Cut an 8-inch circle of fabric to cover lid. Place fabric over lid; secure in place with a rubber band, then ribbon or raffia. Decorate as desired.

Make a gift card to attach as follows:

Empty contents of jar into medium bowl. Stir in 1 stick butter or margarine, melted; 1 large egg; and 1 teaspoon vanilla until well combined. Shape into 1-inch balls. Place on baking sheets coated with cooking spray. Bake at 375° for 10 to 12 minutes or until cookies are light golden brown. Makes 2 1/2 dozen cookies.

Helpful hints:

■ When measuring biscuit and baking mix, gently spoon mix into nested (dry) measuring cup. Use a metal spatula or straight-edged knife to level off the top.

■ After measuring the brown sugar, crumble it between your fingers for uniform texture. Pack the brown sugar firmly in the jar to prevent the baking mix from sifting down through it.

■ You can prepare the jars up to a month before Christmas. The ingredients will stay fresh tightly sealed in these decorative jars.

■ To make the fabric decoration puffy, place one or more layers of fabric stuffing on top of the metal lid. Then place decorative fabric over the top.

Tips For Successful Snack And Lunch Packing



Keep it cool. Placing a frozen fruit salad in your child's lunch will keep the other ingredients cool.

(NAPS)—Tasty, nutritious and tempting. These are three qualities kids' lunches and snacks need to have. Nutritious is a quality that makes parents happy, but tasty and tempting are qualities that mean lunches are more likely to get eaten.

Fortunately, packing nutritious lunches and snacks that tempt tastebuds can be easier with a few tips from the experts:

■ Get creative with colors. Include foods with varied colors, textures and flavors. Try red, green, orange, yellow and purple foods for contrast. For example, bag a veggie and bologna sandwich on pita bread, blue-com baked chips, and a flavorful, colorful fruit salad.

■ Keep it cool. To prevent spoilage, use an insulated lunch bag. Or choose snacks that require no can opener or refrigeration, such as granola, trail mix, raw chopped vegetables, pretzels or Dole Fruit Bowls. Another alternative is to place fruit salads in the bag frozen. They'll keep lunch cool until they melt at lunchtime.

■ Creative does it. Add sliced bananas instead of jelly to a peanut butter sandwich; fill celery sticks with flavored cream cheese; include a fruit smoothie; add popcorn instead of chips. Dole Fruit Bowls contain bite-sized fruit in convenient bowls. Varieties include diced peaches, mixed fruit (peaches, pears and pineapple), pineapple, and tropical (pineapple and papaya).

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