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Briefs

Martin council hires wastewater operator

A special meeting of the Martin City Council was held on Thursday evening at 6 p.m.

First on the agenda was discussion pertaining to the hiring of a wastewater operator. A decision was made to name Kevin Potter to the position.

The second matter addressed by the council was the matter of making a change in the regularly scheduled meeting dates of the council. The first reading of Ordinance No. 01-2001 was held. This ordinance proposes that the regular meeting date of the city council be changed to that of every fourth Tuesday of each month. Previously, the council has been meeting every fourth Monday of the month.

Present at Thursday's meeting were Mayor Thomasine Robinson, and council members Mike Robinson, Joe Howard, Mahendra Varia, Charles Justice, Eulene Ratliff and Bruce Salisbury. Also present were Regina Fraley, utilities clerk, Pam Justice, city clerk, and Police Chief Jeff Powell.

Collecting evidence ...



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb, chief deputy jailer Damon Newsome and deputy jailer Dennis Johnson inspect contraband allegedly brought into the jail by Richard Vance, an inmate serving time on a DUI charge.

Jail staff foils attempt to smuggle drugs

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

The message is clear, if you attempt to put the Floyd County jailer in a compromising position then he will certainly have no hesitation in placing you in a "compromising position" in return.

Richard Vance, 28, of Teaberry, now knows just what that means.

Vance reported to the Floyd County Detention Center on Friday to serve a weekend of jail time in connection with a DUI charge. Problem was, he brought along something that he hoped would help him pass the time.

That something consisted of a \$20 bag of marijuana and several Lorcet and Valium tablets.

According to Jailer Roger Webb, it is not at all uncommon for prisoners to attempt to smuggle contraband into the jail. Many times, said Webb, prisoners will attempt to hide drugs in their hair and oftentimes both men and women will tape pills underneath their private parts. Both males and females have been known to tape drugs to the bottoms of their feet.

But on Friday, Vance allegedly took the smuggling of contraband not to a "higher" level, but rather, a "deeper" one.

Before reporting to the detention center, Vance

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Deputy jailer Dennis Johnson cuts open a balloon that was ingested by an inmate in an effort to smuggle its contents into the detention center. The inmate swallowed four balloons containing a \$20 bag of marijuana and several prescription drugs.

Cleanup could resume this week

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

The cleanup and rehabilitation of Left Beaver Creek and its tributaries could get back underway this week, County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said Friday.

All that is currently standing in the way of the project is winter weather. However, Thompson said that if the recent spate of milder weather holds, crews could be back to work this week.

The project originally was halted after officials with the state Division of Water raised concerns about the removal of brush alongside Left Beaver and the other creeks. Since that time, however, Thompson has said that the county has been given clearance to resume work under a series of more stringent conditions.

Thompson said Friday that the project is currently between one-quarter and one-third complete.

During a meeting of the fiscal court on Friday, commissioners voted to pay nearly a quarter of a million dollars in bills stemming from the project. Payments were made to a total of 17 contractors and suppliers, including:

- D.F.M. Inc., \$17,681 for creek cleanups in Drift and Minnie and \$19,714 for cleaning Left Beaver in the Drift area.

- Branham Enterprises, \$24,906 for cleaning and brushing of Left Beaver and \$21,160 for cleaning Left Beaver.

- COEX Inc., \$3,864 for creek cleanup from Wheelwright to Melvin and \$2,760 for creek cleanup in

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Member of fire, police departments accused of shoplifting

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

A Prestonsburg Fire Department employee was arrested last week on a charge of shoplifting that allegedly occurred at the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart.

Stephen A. Parker, 33, a city firefighter, was arrested by a Kentucky State Police trooper on Tuesday afternoon.

According to Wal-Mart manager Greg Salyer, Parker had allegedly "concealed merchandise (upon his person) within the store and then walked out of the store with it, at which time a security guard apprehended him."

Salyer said a Wal-Mart staff person then placed a call to the Prestonsburg City Police and upon arrival "when the city police realized who it was, they called the KSP."

Salyer said that he believed the concealed merchandise consisted of "two or three CDs."

Parker has said that he had placed the merchandise in his pocket intending to pay for it, but forgot about it later

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Two Day Forecast...



Today
Showers

High: 48 • Low: 32

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State panel asks coal be part of nation's energy policy

An increase in natural gas bills by more than 75 percent in some homes this winter has led state legislators to call for a balanced national energy policy.

The legislature's interim Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee agreed Wednesday to send a letter to the incoming Bush administration asking for a balanced energy policy that may include a lifting of federal EPA air quality restrictions on coal-fired plants. State

Rep. Gooch, D-Providence, a member of the interim committee who chairs the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee, said there should be equal federal support for natural gas- and coal-fired electricity generation plants.

Kentucky has some of the lowest electricity rates in the nation because its plants primarily use coal, which is more economical than natural gas, said Gooch. The national trend of plants switching

from coal to gas will cause consumer energy costs to continue to rise, he added.

One of the main reasons for the high cost of natural gas is its distribution. While coal can be transported by truck, train and barge, gas can only be moved by pipelines, said Gooch.

It will cost \$123 billion for the U.S. to build the infrastructure to meet the nation's growing desire for natural gas, he said.

"And that doesn't include the

added cost of new growth in isolated areas that are hard to reach," said Gooch.

Other reasons for the increased costs of natural gas are low U.S. gas reserves created by decreased drilling in times of low demand, a colder-than-normal winter and federal deregulation of wholesale gas commodity prices, said Tom Dorman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, which adjusts gas utilities' prices.

Dorman said the strong econo-

my has increased natural gas consumption while low commodity prices - regulated by supply and demand - has slowed gas exploration. That scenario combined with a bitterly cold winter and a desire by gas suppliers to match price increases for propane and other fuels has driven up prices, he said.

The move away from coal and toward gas-fired plants has

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A short lesson on using education IRAs

Although children get welcome breaks from school during the summer and for holidays, parents cannot afford to take a break from college savings. The Kentucky Society of CPAs points out that one way parents can boost their college savings is by taking advantage of Education Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs).

Despite the name, Education IRAs have little to do with retirement savings. Instead, these IRAs offer qualified taxpayers a tax-smart way to save for the future college education expenses of their children or other beneficiaries. Earnings in education IRAs accumulate tax-free and there is no tax on withdrawal if the money is used for qualified edu-

cation expenses. Unlike some IRAs, though, contributions are not deductible.

Following the rules

Contributions to Education IRAs must be made in cash before your child (or another beneficiary) reaches age 18. You can set up Education IRAs for as many beneficiaries as you choose. So parents who are saving for the higher education costs of more than one child can reap a greater benefit. However, total contributions per beneficiary cannot exceed \$500 in any tax year.

It's wise to make sure you don't inadvertently exceed this limit. There's a six-percent excise for contributions that exceed \$500 in any

given tax year.

Another important restriction to note: No contribution may be made by any person to an Education IRA during a year in which contributions are made to a qualified state tuition program on behalf of the same beneficiary. So for example, if during the 2001 tax year, a grandparent makes a contribution to a qualified state tuition program on behalf of a grandchild, the parents cannot make the \$500 annual contribution to an Education IRA on behalf of the same child in 2001.

Make sure expenses qualify

Don't forget that Education IRA savings can be used only for qualified higher education expenses. These include tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment. Expenses of room and board qualify only if your beneficiary is at least a half-time student at an eligible educational institution. Room and board is limited to the school's designated room and board charge for students living on campus or \$2,500 each year for students living off campus and not at home. You also should be aware that distributions in excess of qualified expenses may be considered taxable income and may be subject to a 10-percent additional tax.

Generally, any accredited public, nonprofit, or privately-owned post-secondary institution, including vocational schools, meet the eligibility requirements.

Understand income thresholds

Unfortunately, not everyone can take advantage of the benefits of Education IRAs. The provisions allowing contributions to an Education IRA are phased out for taxpayers whose AGI is between \$95,000 and \$110,000 if single, and between \$150,000 and \$160,000 if married filing jointly.

Beware of restrictions on withdrawals

Education IRA balances must be distributed by the time a student reaches age 30. The earnings portion of the distribution must be included in the beneficiary's gross income. So what happens if your child decides not to attend college or any other postsecondary school for which you have set aside funds in an Education IRA? Your child will face a 10-percent penalty on the amount withdrawn if not used for qualified education expenses. One way to avoid this penalty is to roll over the balance tax-free into a new Education IRA for another member of the original beneficiary's family.

Keep in mind too that you cannot take either the Hope or Lifetime Learning credit in a year in which you withdraw money from an Education IRA.

If you meet the income thresholds and other requirements, you can work with a CPA to determine whether the Education IRA should be part of your overall college sav-

ings strategy or if you would obtain a better return on your investments by putting your money in other savings vehicles.

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The "Word" for the Week

The goal of love

by DR. DENNIS J. PRUTOW
STERLING, KANSAS

What's more important a warm heart or a straight head? What do you think about a middle road that excludes neither, but joins both? Is this possible?

Here is what the Bible says. "The goal of our instruction is love" (1 Timothy 1:5). We associate instruction with facts and arguments. We learn facts and argue with them. We connect love with pleasant feelings. If it feels good, do it. We often divide the two. Our instruction becomes contentious. Love verges on sloppy sentimentalism.

The Bible therefore links instruction and love. The purpose, goal, and end of biblical instruction is love. Biblical instruction is not an end in itself. It cannot be dispassionate. Love does not stand alone either. It cannot be uninformed. The goal is actually informed passion.

The goal of biblical instruction in marriage is not stifling legalism. The goal of instructions is an informed passion for God and between husband and wife. The end of our instruction for family life is the informed love of parents for children, of children for parents, and of children for siblings. The purpose toward which biblical instruction concerning the workplace drives us is also informed passion for work under God. It is an informed passion for service and for servant leadership. "The goal of our instruction is love."

Cleanup

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Wheelwright

John's Construction, \$3,840 and \$3,000 for cleanup in and 2.5 miles north of the Wheelwright area.

NOVA Inc., \$14,040 and \$4,480 for cleaning Left Beaver.

Warco Land Improvement Company, \$36,812 and \$13,929 for cleaning Left Beaver.

Abbott Engineering Inc., \$3,983 for work at sites at Minnie and Frasure Creek.

Johnson Construction, \$6,000 for cleaning trash in the Weeksbury and Abner Mountain areas.

Williams Construction, \$15,936.25 and \$7,491.50 for cleaning Left Beaver.

B.J.'s Landscapes Inc., \$5,400 for cleaning Bryant Branch.

Greg Mullins Construction, \$11,140 for cleaning Left Beaver.

East Kentucky Excavating Inc., \$2,600 for excavation work at McDowell.

Martin Excavating, \$8,500 for cleaning Left Beaver.

Drains Unlimited, \$248 for bridge materials.

Huntington Steel and Supply, \$2,825.21 for bridge materials.

Mountain Enterprises Inc., \$446.91 for bridge materials.

Robinette Steel, \$5,943.75 for bridge materials.

The Wells Groups LLC, \$5,968.88 for bridge materials.

In other news, the court agreed to administer a \$25,000 grant received by the David School for the purchase of equipment.

The court also adopted two roads into the county system, including the 1,875-foot long Osborne Road at Abbott Creek and the 1,000-foot long Bonanza Cemetery Road at Bonanza.

All members were present for Friday's meeting.

Because Thompson will be out-of-town at a transportation conference on Friday, the court's regularly-scheduled meeting for that day has been canceled. The court will instead meet on Tuesday at noon.

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Drug

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allegedly swallowed four balloons filled with marijuana and drugs. His plan, jail officials allege, was to later "retrieve" the contraband after eliminating it from his system.

What foiled the plan, according to Webb, was that Vance had allegedly smuggled contraband into the jail in the same manner on the previous weekend. An inmate who said he had witnessed Vance retrieving the small balloons from the toilet informed the jailer of the incident after Vance had left at the beginning of the week. The jailer told Webb that Vance had allegedly smuggled in several Lorcet and oxycodone tablets (known on the street as "oxycodons") along with marijuana.

As a result, Webb ordered a "lock-down" of the facility for the entire week so that Vance would not be able to communicate with any inmates prior to his arrival on the upcoming weekend. In other words, Vance would have no means of being forewarned that the staff of the detention center had been alerted to his smuggling scheme.

"There was no way for anyone to tip him off," said Webb.

Therefore, when Vance arrived on Friday for his weekend stint of jail time, Webb began to question him as to his activities of the weekend before.

Initially, Webb said, Vance denied any smuggling had occurred. Webb then informed him that he would be taken to the hospital for x-rays because the jailer could not admit him into the facility with the suspicion that he may be holding contraband within his person.

At that point, Webb said, Vance admitted that he had swallowed four balloons containing marijuana and prescription drugs prior to his arrival at the jail.

Upon the admission, Vance was shown the bathroom and instructed to "have a seat" until retrieval of the contraband could be accomplished.

Webb said that in addition to the seven weekends of jail time District Court Judge James R. Allen had levied against Vance for his DUI, he now faces an additional charge of promoting contraband, which is a class D felony. That means Vance

could be sentenced to one-to-five years in jail if found guilty.

Webb said the incident will most likely cause judges to reconsider the "privilege" of allowing offenders to dole out their incarceration time in weekend increments.

According to Webb, weekend incarceration "is a security breach for us; the inmates are in and out of the jail so much, and each time they

Charge

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when he was leaving the store.

Mayor Jerry Fannin refrained from comment in connection with the incident "because it is really a personnel matter." He did, however, confirm that in addition to being a firefighter, that Parker is also a city auxiliary policeman.

The city's attorney, David Neeley, also refrained from comment on the matter saying that neither he nor the mayor had "seen the evidence against him and we are not prepared to pass judgment on anyone at this time."

Neeley said he believes the incident to be "unfortunate" and that he "hated to hear" of it.

Coal

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pleased the EPA and other federal agencies that cite pollution problems with coal-fired plants. Because of federal policy, only six percent of more than 1,300 new power plants in the U.S. by 2020 will burn coal, said Dorman.

"It appears that higher natural gas prices are not going to go away anytime in the near future," he said.

Gooch said that clean-coal technology should be supported by the EPA and the Bush administration. Increased use of low-sulfur, or "clean," coal in power plants will cut consumer costs and help Kentucky's coal industry survive, he said. It will also lower the cost of natural gas.

"I do not like to interfere in the marketplace," said Gooch. "But we do need a federal energy policy to

re-enter, we have to go through the search process again. It is much easier on the jail staff if they just come in, go through the procedure and stay here until their time is up."

At any rate, Webb hopes that discovery of this incident along with pursuit of the charges will send a message to prisoners that he will not tolerate the smuggling of contraband into the detention center.

When asked if the possibility of disciplinary action or dismissal from duties existed, Neeley replied, "Perhaps. But that is really a matter for the personnel committee to act upon."

In regard to Parker's appointment to the city's auxiliary police, Ordinance No. 15-2000 clearly states that each member of the auxiliary department "be of good character and a person of sobriety and integrity and shall be an orderly, law-abiding citizen."

Arrest charges are not an indication of a person's guilt, and suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

manage all types of energy. We need to tell federal regulators that we do not want to pay two to three times the cost of coal for natural gas because they will not allow coal to be burned."

Gooch encourages citizens to contact Kentucky's Congressional delegation about the growing energy crisis caused by the lack of a balanced energy policy. You can contact the offices of your U.S. Senators and Congressman directly by calling the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121.

You may also reach Kentucky's Congressional leaders online. The web address for the U.S. Senate is www.senate.gov. The House address is www.house.gov. Phone numbers for your congressmen's local offices can be found in your local phone directory.

Court News

MARRIAGES

Tina Sue Adams, 36, to Eric F. Schirmer, 42, both of Lexington.
Leighanna Grace Isaac, 19, to Tony Lee Howard, 28, both of Salyersville.
Danielle Nicole Tackett, 21, to Allen Duane Harvel, 21, both of McDowell.
Tabatha Lynn Solomon, 21, Prestonsburg to Christopher Turner Slone, 26, Betsy Layne.

LAWSUITS

Mannas, Brian O'Neil vs. Johnson, Marlene
Click, Stanley vs. Click, Aliysa Hall, Terry vs. Hall, Mary Ann Neese, Wanda vs. Garrett, Scarlett, et al.
Greenpoint Credit Corp. vs. Roberts, Hilton
Shepherd, Gloria vs. Harris, Trudy
Scott, Audrey vs. Campbell, Jeffery
Collins, Patricia vs. Collins, James

CHARGES

FILED
Lyla Frasure, 23, McDowell, fourth-degree assault.
Mark Frasure, 33, McDowell, fourth-degree assault.
Earl R. Lawson, 29, Grethel, alcohol intoxication.
Jason Bradford, 25, Stanville, alcohol intoxication.
Harold Dean Moore, age unlisted, McDowell, fourth-degree assault, terroristic threatening.
Gilbert Wallen, 52, Martin, fourth-degree assault.
Michael Baldridge, age unlisted, Ashland, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.
Britt Lee Smith, 31, Pikeville, public intoxication.
Michael W. Gibson, 45, Wayland, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, terroristic threatening.
James E. Gibson, 65, Prestonsburg, falsely reporting an incident.
Neil F. Ward, 47, Martin, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
Sheila Bentley, 38, Fleming-Neon, theft by unlawful taking.
Clinton M. Coleman, 32, Stanville, alcohol intoxication.
James G. Crager, 43, Wayland, alcohol intoxication.
Ricky Tackett, 36, Grethel, alcohol intoxication.
Irene Stanley, 42, Wheelwright, parent send child to school.
Lloyd Bryant, 52, Hi Hat, parent

send child to school.
Janette Hoover, age unlisted, Garrett, parent send child to school.
Debbie Spencer, age unlisted, Eastern, parent send child to school.
Martin Frasure, age unlisted, Langley, parent send child to school.
Arnold Osborne, age unlisted, Hi Hat, parent send child to school.
Paula Slone, age unlisted, Hindman, third-degree criminal trespass.
Tracy L. Martin, 30, Drift, alcohol intoxication.
Jimmy D. Martin, 45, Teaberry, alcohol intoxication.
Norman R. Webb, 26, Blue River, public intoxication.
Daniel D. Newsome, 53, McDowell, harassing communications.
Ricky Slone, 42, Blue River, fourth-degree assault.
Paul R. Setser, 24, Prestonsburg, simple assault.
Stephen A. Parker, 33, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.
Anna Lucille Brown, 47, Frankfort, third-degree criminal trespass.
Linda Young Hunt, 31, Stanville, two counts of third-degree criminal mischief.
Bonnie S. Harris, 34, Dwale, third-degree forgery.
Stephanie D. Collins, 24, Martin, sell alcoholic beverage to minor.
William Edmund Blackburn, 31, Allen, flagrant non-support.
William E. Blackburn, 31, Allen, drugs not in proper container, public intoxication.
Larry Edward Greer, 52, Martin, trafficking in controlled substance within 1,000 yards of school.
Diana L. Svacina, 41, Martin, trafficking in controlled substance within 1,000 yards of school.
Delmer Phillip Baldridge, 43, Prestonsburg, flagrant non-support.
Jessica L. Spradlin, 20, Prestonsburg, second-degree assault.
Lola J. McCoy, 37, Auxier, six counts of second-degree forgery.
Kathy Diana Sutherland, 36, Regina, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, .08, fourth offense.
Bill C. Justice, 45, Prestonsburg, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance/drug unspecified, possession of marijuana.
Tammy Slone, age unlisted, Price, harassment, criminal mischief.
Ralph Justice, 39, Prestonsburg, second-degree trafficking in controlled substance/drug unspecified, possession marijuana.

Dirk Johnson, age unlisted, Summersville, W.Va., two counts of theft by deception.
BANKRUPTCIES
Pikeville District
Chapter 7
Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a court-appointed trustee sells assets and the debtor is discharged of debts.
Melissa Ann Williams and Roy Williams Jr., Happy.
Billy Hunt and Jeannie Hunt, Kimper.
Flossie Mae Slone and Kenneth Slone, Pippa Passes.
Kim R. Adkins and Steven M. Adkins, Pikeville.
Brenda Kay Mahon and Robert Mahon Jr., Phelps.
James Vandyke and Laura Vandyke, Stopover.
Phyllis M. Ray, Pikeville.
Georgia I. Fields, Whitesburg.
Alvin Turner and Georgia Turner, Talbert.
Paschel D. Sexton and Vickie Sexton, Isom.
Lloyd Edgar Sullivan Jr. and Nadine Sullivan, Mouthcard.
Robert W. Griffin, Neon.
Norman L. Lewis, and Tabitha L. Lewis, Whitesburg.
Randall D Johnson, Neon
Salley Aliene Combs, Lost Creek.

Chapter 13
Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt.
Vickie Lynn Watson, Pikeville.
Charlena Harmon and Earl Clifford Harmon Jr., Inez.

INSPECTIONS

Velocity Market, #2, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Spray bottle at meat room service counter without proper label, sugar observed stored on the floor in back storage area, food contact counter top in bad repair in back storage area, ice cream display freezer and frozen food display unit, bottom of both units need cleaning and sanitizing, toilet rooms have no self-closing doors and are in need of cleaning and sanitizing, floors throughout facility in moderate disrepair, purses, clothing and other personal articles should be stored separately and not with food/food equipment, sanitizing agent used in washing process, strength cannot be monitored-facility has no chemical test strips for this purpose. Score: 88.
Bypro Pizza & Dairy Bar, Bypro, regular inspection.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Nathan and Juanita Cochran to Interstate Natural Gas Company, pipeline right of way; Mary Ellen Mulkey to Earl Mulkey, property located on Prater Creek; Della Herald to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property location in the City of Prestonsburg; Michael Ormerod and Della B. Ormerod to Commonwealth of Kentucky, grant of easement, property located in the City of Prestonsburg; Robert Kent Webb and Peggy Webb to Robert Jason Webb and Sandra Kay Webb, property located on Beaver Creek; Teddie Howell to William John Howell, property located on

Violations noted: freezing unit below sandwich toppings cooler in need of de-frosting, inside door panel of brown Kenmore freezer has cracks in it, debris, such as old gutter panels, lying around in rear of building. Score: 96.
Osborne's Restaurant & Pizza, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all cooling units have conspicuous thermometers, no hair restraints being worn, gasket in deep freeze in back storage room in disrepair, sliding door grooves on Pepsi cooler soiled, underside of ventilation hood over cooking utensils is soiled with grease, space around window in kitchen in excess of one-half inch, Item #35 (pertaining to kitchen window) is required to be corrected within 10 days. Score: 92.

Action Mart, #14, Ivel, complaint inspection. Violations noted: Complaint lodged with Health Department regarding facility being without water. Investigation revealed facility is using potable water for washing dishware and utensils and also using proper sanitizing procedures. Rest rooms are temporarily closed to the public, but are still available for employees. Using bottled water for flushing commodes and hand washing has been made available. This is a temporary problem and should be corrected in a short period of time. Management and employees have been instructed as to proper sanitizing procedures during outage. Follow-up inspection at later date.

Action Mart, #14, Ivel, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Water service restored January 6. Management informed health inspector by phone 4:30 p.m. Follow-up inspection revealed public restrooms now operating properly and facility has returned to normal operation.

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Frasure's Creek; Eulavene Conn to Gary and Connie Conn, property located near Tuscarora Br.; Eulavene Conn to Gary Conn and Connie Conn, property located, Prater Gap; James Roy Music and Peggy Nelson to James M. Goble and Sandra B. Goble, property located on Spradlin Branch Road; Rita Collins and Larry Collins to Rita Collins and Larry Collins, property located at Auxier; Connie Goble and Dickie Goble to Rita Collins and Larry Collins, property located at Auxier; April Renee Salisbury (F/K/A Brown), to Clarence Fletcher Brown, property located on Turkey Creek; Tommy Crum Jr. and Roxie Crum to Lucy M. Crum Gearheart, property located on Arkansas Creek;

Jerry Mullins and Jean Mullins to Southern Water & Sewer District, property located on Abner Fork of Left Beaver Creek.
Ned Bush and Lucille Bush, his wife to Columbia Natural Resources Inc., property located on Toler Creek; Floyd County Fiscal Court to Columbia Natural Resources Inc., property located on Wolfpen Branch; Pine Mountain Realty Inc., a Kentucky corporation to Childers Oil Company Inc., a Kentucky corporation, property located on Goose Creek; Elmer Yates, Dora Lee Yates and Linda Yates, Katherine Creasy and Arlie Creasy, Loretta Boyd and Edsel Boyd, and Palmer Yates to Naomi Yates, property located on Spruce Pine Branch of Little Mud; Naomi Yates and Wesley Yates to Debra Kidd, property located on Spruce Pine Branch of Little Mud; Brenda Horn Ousley and Curtis Ousley to Paul B. Horn and Gilva Horn, property location not listed.

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Ring in the New Year with a technology tune-up

In many households, computers have become an important part of everyday life, allowing families to get driving directions, shop online, conduct research and much more. To make sure you can continue to do these things seamlessly, you must periodically give your computer a tune-up.
The Kentucky Society of CPAs recommends that you ring in the New Year by cleaning up your personal computers, assessing your family's technological needs, and planning for future purchases and enhancements.

Perk up your computer
A little cleaning up can go a long way in improving your computer's performance. Delete files that you and other family members will never use again. If you must save some, put them on a backup disk. Similarly, delete e-mails that you don't need, especially those with large attachments.
If you don't use all the applications on your computer, you may want to delete these as well. Software applications can consume huge amounts of hard disk space that you may need for other

purposes.
Under the Windows 95-2000 operating system, most programs that are less than two years old can be deleted by using the Audit/Remove program utility. Simply double-click on the "My Computer" shortcut and then on the "Control Panel" icon. Open Add/Remove Programs and highlight the program you want to discard. Click Add/Remove and follow the dialog-box instructions. If the program you want to remove isn't on the computer list, open Windows Explorer, highlight the folder and click on Delete.
Under the Macintosh operating system, simply drag the unwanted files to the "Trash" and select "Empty Trash" under the "Special" menu.

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Debug your system
Given the potential of computer viruses to completely disable your system, it pays to make sure you have anti-virus software. If you already have such software, be sure to check the Internet periodically for software upgrades so you can keep up with new viruses as they are detected. Make sure all those who use your home computer are warned about accepting notes or e-mail attachments that can potentially transmit a virus.
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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

“The important thing is not that we can live on hope alone, but that life is not worth living without it.”

—Harvey Milk

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Editorial

A leader for Labor

As much as it's disparaged, our messy political process produces remarkably good results. This is clearly the case with President-elect Bush's nomination of Elaine Chao as Labor secretary.

She represents a sizable step up in both qualifications and ability from Mr. Bush's first, flawed choice, Linda Chavez, whose past polemics made her a polarizing figure even before the controversy that ended her candidacy this week.

We're not saying this simply because Ms. Chao is kin to Kentucky through her marriage to U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell — though her gracious presence certainly has won her many admirers here.

Nor are we saying it simply because Kentuckians will almost certainly reap tangible benefits from her ascendancy, especially since Sen. McConnell will be up for reelection in a few years.

No, we say it because Ms. Chao has chosen repeatedly to distinguish herself not as an ideological provocateur, but as an effective leader — at the Transportation department, as head of the Peace Corps and, most famously, in rescuing the United Way from scandal.

Such effective, far-sighted leadership is what the contentious, highly-charged Department of Labor will need if Mr. Bush is to deliver on his promise to guide America to bipartisan common ground.

There's no doubt that Ms. Chao is a devout economic conservative. Liberals and organized labor won't like most of her views, or the union-busting, safety-shorting, worker-exploiting and affirmative action-dismantling agenda that the right will want her to pursue.

Even so, there is room for important progress. The process for establishing ergonomics protections for workers, for instance, was begun by one of Ms. Chao's Republican predecessors; surely she will want to be known for completing it honorably, not for cutting and running as some in Congress want.

Similarly, in the regionally important realm of mine safety, coal operators have proven themselves flagrantly incapable of the kind of self-regulation conservatives champion; surely Ms. Chao will want to hold and expand the important ground the Mine Safety and Health Administration has recently gained in enforcing dust standards.

Ms. Chao's nomination has won as warm a reception as possible from labor. We hope that her performance during the confirmation process will only serve to improve the chances for the constructive, bipartisan engagement that seems within her reach.

—Louisville Courier-Journal



Guest Column

Teacher recruitment in Kentucky: Balancing need and quality

Robert F. Sexton
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There has been a lot of discussion lately about how Kentucky schools should find the teachers they need.

There are no huge teacher shortages in Kentucky yet — except in specialties like science, math, and special education where private sector competition is fierce or the work is especially difficult. But everybody agrees that Kentucky needs to figure out how to attract and keep solid teachers in its classrooms.

The scramble for talent will increase. Many teachers will retire over the next few years. In addition, about one-third of all new teachers leave the classroom in their first five years — out of only half who actually become teachers after they are trained in college.

Thank goodness there are a lot of fresh ideas on teacher recruitment. It tells me that solving the problem is possible. Only time will tell whether we have the determination to solve it.

Although salary is key, the solution isn't just higher pay. I learned that when I talked to a young woman who had hoped to teach in Kentucky this fall.

She's a graduate of one of the nation's best private universities and has a master's degree and teacher certification. She also has teaching experience. Returning to Kentucky last summer she applied for a teaching job. The school district sent her a postcard telling her they had a job. "Just call the school for an interview," they said. She called the school. No one answered for a week. The next week, school personnel took a message and promised the principal would call her back. The principal's call never came.

Meanwhile, guess what? She found a job outside of education.

The point of the story is that schools need to take hiring teachers to a new level of seriousness. The way teachers are currently recruited and hired is obsolete. The captive pool of teaching labor — women — hasn't existed for at least 20 years.

If schools want talent, they will have to compete. They will have to go after it the way other employers do — good recruiting, good orientation to work, good support on the job, good work environments, competitive compensation, and returned phone calls. The talent pipeline is also important. Young people need to start thinking about teaching careers early. So hiring, college preparation, job satisfaction, retention, and salaries are linked.

New strategies abound. Here are a few:

- Start early with recruitment. Talk with talented students as early as middle school, create a

support network for future teachers, and encourage college attendance.

- Shape up hiring practices. Do what efficient businesses and organizations do — respond to applicants fairly, efficiently, and quickly. Recruit — don't wait for talent to walk through the door.

- Completely overhaul the way teachers are paid. Stop paying everybody alike and start paying more for extra or harder work and quality training. Pay more for hard-to-find specialties, like science, math, and special education. Only such a system will keep good teachers in the classrooms. (Check out Cincinnati's new approach to paying teachers.)

- Create statewide job banks so college grads from one part of the state know about vacancies in another.

- Experiment with programs that put talented college graduates in hard-to-fill teaching jobs with rigorous but short-term training. (For example, Teach for America attracts thousands of smart, idealistic graduates to teaching each year.)

- Be sure colleges of education are challenging, demanding, and attractive to undergraduate college students. High standards attract talent; low standards repel it.

- Provide college scholarships and loan forgiveness to attract talented students to teaching. Aim these incentives at people in hard-to-find specialties like science and math. The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program recruits hundreds of high ability students every year doing just this.

- Provide incentives and convenient pathways for paraprofessionals to complete their college educations and become full-fledged teachers. These people are already interested in teaching. Help them advance.

- Create partnerships with colleges and universities to build routes into teaching for career-changers and people who decide to teach later in life.

- Provide special financial incentives in school districts where recruitment is especially difficult. For instance, some school districts around the country help with home loans for new teacher recruits.

- Reduce turnover by making schools good places to work with good management, challenging training, suitable facilities and amenities, and serious evaluation.

- Above all else, don't lower standards just to fill vacancies. Lower qualifications will make teaching less attractive. This approach has been disastrous in places like California. It undermines public support for school quality. Lower qualifications decrease the talent pool not increase it.

These strategies just scratch the surface. But they show that if Kentucky schools are to find the talent they need, new strategies are available. It's possible, as other states are showing, to draw the very best to teaching. Let's join in.

Why not abolish the nonessentials?

by JACOB G. HORNBERGER

The pomp and ceremony surrounding George W. Bush's nomination of new department heads is now complete. The discussion and debate now center around the qualifications of each of the new nominees.

But who is asking the crucial question: Rather than appointing the best-qualified people to run the various departments, why not simply abolish the departments themselves?

After all, wasn't this what the much-vaunted Republican Revolution of 1994 was all about? Having won control over both houses of Congress, didn't Republicans tell us that they intended to abolish the departments of Education, Commerce, Energy, and a host of other nonessential departments and agencies of the federal government? Didn't they tell us that the time had come to dismantle, not reform, Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal and Lyndon Johnson's Great Society?

Alas, it was the revolution that fizzled before it even got started. And what was the excuse the Republicans gave us for their failure even to pursue their goals? "President Clinton will simply veto our bills and so we shouldn't even try. Oh! if only we had a Republican president!"

Well, with the upcoming Republican control over both houses of Congress and with a Republican president, why not start planning to do some abolishing and dismantling now? Why not seize this rare opportunity to rid our nation of immoral and destructive welfare-state and regulatory programs, along with the heavy taxes that pay for them?

Why do we need such departments as HUD, HHS, Labor, Energy, and Commerce? All they do is receive and spend money that has been taken from the taxpayers by the Internal Revenue Service (another one that deserves the chopping block) and interfere, through regulation, with the peaceful activities of the American people.

Thus, I ask again: Why are they needed? Why is it necessary (and moral) for government to take money away from people to whom it belongs in order to have bureaucracies give it to people to whom it does not belong? Why is it necessary (and moral) for government to interfere with the mutually beneficial, peaceful relationships that exist between people?

In arguing for a tax cut, Bush says that people should be able to spend more of their own money. Well, if it's really "their" money (which it is), why shouldn't they be free to spend all of it, rather than just a portion of it? Why should government have the power to decide how much of their money they will be permitted to keep and spend on themselves and how much bureaucrats will be able to spend in the form of political largess?

For decades, Republicans and conservatives have relied on their tried-and-true mantra of "free enterprise, private property and limited government." You can see it on their stationery. You can hear it at their conferences.

But what they never do (and cannot do) is reconcile their free-market bromides with their support of nonessential departments, agencies and bureaucracies of government that have proven so destructive to the liberty and well-being of the American people.

After all, let's face it: These nonessential welfare-regulatory departments are nothing more than a classic embodiment of the socialistic central-planning paradigm that has failed all over the world — government bureaucrats planning, in a top-down, command-and-control fashion, the peaceful activities of tens of millions of people.

Unfortunately, like so many people around the world, President-elect Bush believes that the secret to making central planning succeed is to find "good people" to run the departments. In so doing, he, like so many others, fails to come to grips with the uncomfortable truth — the defects of central planning are inherent in the socialist paradigm itself. No one, not even Americans, is capable of making central planning succeed.

So, what's the alternative? The alterna-

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Technology

Broadband options usually cost between \$40-\$50 a month, so before signing on, be sure you use the Internet enough to offset the cost. Certainly a family with a work-at-home-parent or student will likely benefit from the advantages of broadband.

You may want to investigate options for cable, DSL and wireless providers in your area and weigh the advantages of each. Be aware that only certain types of services may be available in your neighborhood. Before entering a contract, be sure to get the details about service, customer support, and other policies.

Assess your computer capability

If you opt for broadband, but have an old computer that can't accept a network card, it may be time to upgrade your system or purchase a new one. As a general rule, if it will cost you more than \$400 to \$500 for the upgrade, it is most likely wiser to buy a new system.

If you're only able to run Windows95, which does not allow you to use the newest printers and scanners, it may be time for an upgrade. Another reason to upgrade is if your computer is very slow, such as 200-megahertz(MHz). Also, check with your family to determine if the software they use runs effectively and the computer can accommodate their future software needs.

Finally, CPAs point out that when making a purchase, don't be lured by unnecessary features. However, be sure that the system is capable of accepting upgrades. This column is provided by the Kentucky Society of CPAs. For more information about personal finance, income taxes or business issues, visit our website at www.kycpa.org.

Death penalty is discussion topic

"Should the General Assembly abolish or limit capital punishment?" is the question that will be put to viewers on KET's Kentucky Tonight call-in show on Monday, January 15, at 8 p.m.

Scheduled guests include Kentucky Public Advocate Ernie Lewis; Rev. C.B. Akins, pastor of First Baptist Church Bracktown in Lexington; Phillip Patton, commonwealth's attorney for Barren and Metcalfe counties and past president of the Kentucky Commonwealth's Attorneys Association; and Rev. Rusty Russell, associate minister at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville.

Kentucky Tonight is a live, hour-long, weekly public affairs discussion show produced by KET. Viewers with questions and comments participate by telephone at 1-800-494-7605.

For more information, visit the web site: www.ket.org/kytonight.

PCC continues registration

Registration for the 2001 Spring Semester continues at Prestonsburg Community College from Tuesday, January 16, through Friday, January 19, and also on January 22. Registration stations will be open daily from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., except for Friday, January 19, when registration will be 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

More than 400 classes are being offered to meet the needs of those pursuing an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science degree, as well as those seeking transfer credits, skill enhancement or educational support for a career change.

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Courses will be taught in Prestonsburg and Pikeville, as well as off-campus sites in Inez and Salyersville.

For more information, call 606/886-3863, ext. 249, or 606/218-2060. Visit the web site at www.prestonsburgcc.com to check out the college's spring offerings.

Abolish

ive is "free enterprise, private property and limited government." Abolish all nonessential welfare-state, regulatory departments and agencies at all levels of government and let the free market provide and govern education, housing, charity, religion, labor relationships, commerce, energy and all other peaceful activities in our

lives. In other words, what Republicans need to do is apply the principles of freedom and free markets rather than just preach them.

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va.

USDA to provide \$100 million in rural rental housing loans

Agriculture Under Secretary Jill Long Thompson has announced that the United States Department of Agriculture will provide nearly \$100 million in guaranteed loan funds to construct about 2,900 rural rental housing units.

"We have a moral obligation to ensure that our citizens can access adequate housing," said Long Thompson. "It is particularly important that we continue to be the beacon of light for those older Americans and lower income working families who are struggling to find decent, safe and affordable housing."

Under the Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program, USDA provides loan guarantees to lenders, who in turn provide loans for the construction of multi-family housing complexes in rural areas. USDA will guarantee the lender's loan, up to 90

percent of the total development cost.

"Housing costs in many rural areas remain high, with few options for lower income residents," said Long Thompson. "This partnership effort between USDA, financial institutions and local and state housing authorities will help to ensure that housing remains affordable for many rural Americans."

Program applications and proce-

dures were published in the December 26, 2000, Federal Register. Interested lenders will be allowed to submit applications until January 18, and each third Tuesday of the month through August 16, or until funds are exhausted. Further information on application process and deadlines can be obtained by visiting the USDA Rural Development web site at: www.rurdev.usda.gov or calling 202/720-4323.

Volunteer heroes give the gift of life

For the 31st consecutive year, January has been declared National Volunteer Blood Donor Month (NVBDM).

To help ensure an adequate blood supply, Central Kentucky Blood Center (CKBC) has joined with the NVBDM Coalition, comprised of the American Association of Blood Banks, American Red Cross, and America's Blood Centers, in celebrating NVBDM 2001, with the theme Give Blood...The Gift of Life.

NVBDM highlights the importance of giving the gift of life through the donation of blood and also honors past and present donors and encourages new donors.

According to CKBC spokeswoman Marsha Berry, the need for blood is constant, and volunteer blood donors contribute to nearly all the blood used for patient care in the United States. "If all who are eligible to donate would do so on a regular basis (three to four times per year), blood needs could be met and shortages could become a thing of the past," said Berry.

"We celebrate and recognize long-time donors Leonard "Babe" Ray and Chris Kring—both 50-gallon donors who have been giving blood and platelets for a combined total of more than 40 years. And we also salute first-time donors such as our high school students who become heroes at a young age by giving blood," said Susan Berry-Buckley, CKBC's president and CEO.

Among donors being honored are those in central and eastern Kentucky where more than 96,000 volunteer blood donations will be needed this

year. Everyone depends on blood more than is realized. Every three seconds, someone needs blood. Each day, patients across the country receive about 32,000 units of this vital resource.

This year alone, as many as four million patients will require blood transfusions, as accident victims, people undergoing surgery, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer and other diseases, all utilize blood.

To highlight the need for recruiting new and younger donors, CKBC offers three opportunities to educate elementary and high school students about the need for blood.

Children's Art Contest: Open to 4th, 5th and 6th graders in CKBC's service area. Students submit art design based on the theme, "Blood. It's a fact of life!" Winning design is printed on a summer CKBC donor recognition t-shirt.

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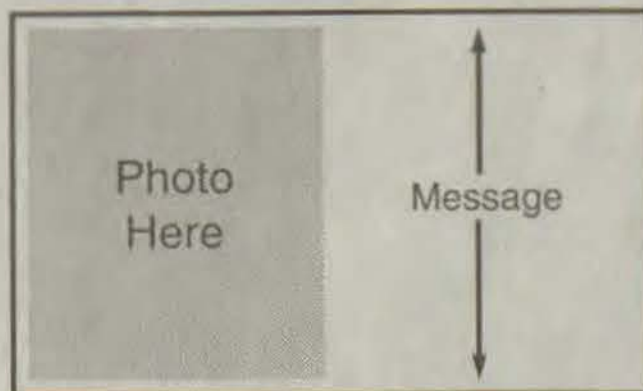
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- Bowling Green: January 18, 10 a.m., Department for the Blind office, 400 E. Main St., Suite 302.

Contact person: Donna Smith, (800) 222-1215.

The forums provide Kentuckians with the opportunity to comment on any aspect of the department's programs, services and activities. People who need special accommodations to attend a Department for the Blind forum should call the contact person

in advance of the forum date. Comments can be made in writing, Braille, cassette tape or computer disk and sent to Jeanne Lione at the Charles McDowell Center, 8412 Westport Road, Louisville, KY 40242. Comments can be sent by e-mail to Jeanne.Lione@mail.state.ky.us

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Hubert Shepherd, 71, of Willard, Ohio, died Monday, January 8, at the St. Vincent's Hospital, in Toledo, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Conley Shepherd. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 12, under the direction of Secor Funeral Home.

Ollie J. Barnett, 88, of Salyersville, died Sunday, January 7, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 10, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Carol Ann Kelley Rice, 57, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, January 3, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Rice. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 6, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Charles Harrah Jr., 81, of

Lexington, died Thursday, January 4, at the Darby Square Nursing Center. He is survived by his wife, Lydia Caldwell Harrah. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 7, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Pike County

Harriet Adams Bartley, 102, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, January 6, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 9, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ira "Shorty" Bartley, 85, of Bowling Fork, died Monday, January 8, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Elsie Bartley. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 11, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Virgil Maynard, 80, of Rawl, West Virginia, died Tuesday, January 9, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Ettie Marie Allen Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 12, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Josephine Miller Griffith, 70, of Feds Creek, died Wednesday, January 10, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 13, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Christopher Elton Norman, 41, of Edgerton, West Virginia, died Wednesday, January 10, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Norman. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 14, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Home.

Madison Tracy and Mason Lucas Tackett, twin sons of Lucas and Stephanie Tackett of Hi Hat, died shortly after birth Wednesday, January 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, January 13, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

John Franklin Reynolds Sr., 85, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, January 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Jennie Phillips Reynolds. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 12, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Phyllis Lee Tackett Hall, 70, of Virgie, died Wednesday, January 10, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Russell Hall. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 13, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Pete Mullins, 66, of Robinson Creek, died Wednesday, January 10, at Parkview Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. He is survived by his wife, Jeanetta Cole Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 12, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Gracie Mosley Combs

Gracie Mosley Combs, 76, of Garner, died Thursday, January 11, 2001, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on May 29, 1924, in Hindman, she was the daughter of the late Clifton and Ruthie Short Mosley. She was a member of the Crossroads Community Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Green Combs.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Combs of Garner, Eulice Combs of Garrett, Indiana; one daughter, Debbie Childers of Garner; two sisters, Rebecca Thornsberry of Garner, Ellen Gamble of Corunna, Indiana, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, January 14, at 1 p.m., at the Crossroads Community Baptist Church at Hindman, with Cullin Caudill, James Hughes and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Ben Slone Cemetery, at Garner, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Madison and Mason Tackett

Madison Tracy and Mason Lucas Tackett, twin sons of Lucas and Stephanie Tackett of Hi Hat, died shortly after they were born, Wednesday, January 10, 2001, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Besides their parents, they are survived by two brothers, Dillion Tackett and Jacob Tackett, both at home; their paternal grandparents, Barbara and Eugene Skeens of Raccoon, and Marvin Tackett of Grethel; and their maternal grandparents, Linda and Joey Horn of Hi Hat and Teddy Anderson of Grapevine.

Graveside services were conducted at the Frank Tackett Cemetery, Virgie, Saturday, January 13, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services, Pikeville.

Mary E. Clark

Mary E. Clark, 95, of Betsy Layne, died Wednesday, January 10, 2001, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born December 31, 1905, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Leitha Walters Clark Steel and Paris Clark. She was a member of the Coal Run Church of Christ.

Survivors include her great-nephews, Jim Clark of Betsy Layne, Denny Hall and Scotty Hall of Lexington; great-nieces, Cecelia Bryant of Betsy Layne and Pam Rowe of Berea.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 13, at the J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home Chapel, with Tim McCoy officiating.

Burial was in the Johnson Memorial Park.

Pete Mullins

Pete Mullins, 66, of Sugar Camp of Robinson Creek, died Wednesday, January 10, 2001, at Parkview Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek.

He was born at Weeksbury, June 18, 1934, a son of the late Patton and Mountie Johnson Mullins.

He was a disabled carpenter, formerly employed, by Elliott Construction and was a member of the Dorton General Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanetta Cole Mullins.

Other survivors include three daughters, Teresa Clancy of Florida, Anita Burke of Virgie, Sheila Ann Gibson of Pikeville; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 12, in the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home Chapel at Pikeville, with John Vance and others officiating.

Burial was in the Cole Cemetery, at Sugar Camp.

Ted "H." Salisbury Jr.

Ted "H" Salisbury Jr., 73, of Martin, died Wednesday, January 10, 2001, at the Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care, Mount Vernon.

He was born October 30, 1927, in Weeksbury, the son of the late Ted Salisbury and Lucy Casebolt Salisbury. He was a retired railroad conductor, a U.S. Army veteran, a member of John W. Hall Masonic Lodge, No. 950, at Martin; Oleika Shrine Temple; and was a member of the Scottish Rite.

Survivors include one daughter, Clara Marks of Bloomfield, Michigan; one brother, Rodney Salisbury of Southgate, Michigan; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 13, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

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PRESTONSBURG'S Ramanda Music (33) had to miss over a quarter of play against Johnson Central Thursday night but she still finished with 12 points and nine rebounds.

A Look at Sports

Football coaches, transfers



by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

Progress seems to have come to a snail's crawl on the football facility at Prestonsburg and the cold weather has had a lot to do with it. Officials say the facility will be ready for the fall football season.

Up at South Floyd, no word on when that facility will even turn ground for a beginning. Says the court may have to decide the final price to be paid for ground the stadium is to be built on.

Allen Central and Betsy Layne still have no clue who will coach their respective teams next season.

Kevin Spurlock resigned at the close of the 2000 season at Allen Central while Ted George took an assistant principal job at Adams Middle School, leaving the Betsy Layne program.

Wayne Stephens, who played for Betsy Layne and is currently an assistant with the Lexington Catholic program, withdrew his name from consideration for the Bobcat position.

Word is an interested party from out of state had applied for the position.

Fielding a team at Allen Central should not be a problem as the Rebels will have more than 20 players coming back. But as rumors circulate, some of those returning players are thinking of finding greener pastures.

Some parents have even expressed concern that either of the schools will have a football program next year.

I know I had mentioned this just after the season ended and got some heat from the folks at Betsy Layne. But it looks more and more like I was right in that the program may have trouble coming back, not just for the lack of a coach but numbers as well. I am not the only one who shares this thought.

Two of the top players for the Bobcats have already found greener pastures in transferring to Prestonsburg. Quarterback Brandt Brooks and running back Matt Williams are currently attending Prestonsburg High School and plan to play football for the Blackcats next season.

Brent Newsome will be the lone returner in the Bobcat backfield next season, and remember the Cats had trouble in finding the numbers.

Word from Betsy Layne officials is that hopefully the coaching position will be filled by the end of January. Several phone calls of interest has been received by the school but applications need to be filed and interviews held.

Chuck Rowe is currently doing some sub work at Betsy Layne but again, Chuck is inexperienced at the high school level, but younger coaches need to get a start.

With Brooks and Williams coming to Prestonsburg, immediately the Blackcats are a top regional choice and a great shot for a state playoff final.

Coach John Derosssett is chopping at the bits to get the season underway, but John you will have to wait awhile.

Speaking of Chuck Rowe, his mother, Carolyn Rowe, told me of one of his Christmas gifts.

Seems the present came from his brother, Rocky Rowe. Chuck has been, is and always will be a big Notre Dame fan. He remains a big fan of Lou Holtz, former Notre

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Shelby Valley escapes Betsy Layne

Parsons scores 22 in 72-70 loss

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

March 2001. Shelby Valley High School, site of the girls and boys regional basketball tournaments. Forget the home court advantage. That doesn't count in these of high pres-

sure basketball.

When the girls regional tournament tip off, two teams will be there and could eventually meet again on the same floor that they played on this past Thursday night.

Coach Cassandra Akers' Betsy Layne Ladycats gave the Shelby Valley Lady Wildcats all they wanted and more as it took two overtimes before the host team could talk of a 72-70 over a very strong Betsy Layne team.

"We did everything but win," said Coach Akers of her team's effort. "We had the last

shot of the game, but we had to come the length of the floor in seven seconds."

Jenny Parsons tossed in 22 points to lead the Betsy Layne scoring while freshman Whitney Lykens netted 16. Point guard Devon Reynolds totaled 11 points while Natasha Stratton finished with seven points off the bench. Kim Tackett scored four while Tabitha Mitchell had six points. Amber Roberts scored three on a three-point basket and Tabitha Witt finished with one point.

The trio of Summer Jones, Ashley Damron and Ashley Ratliff led the Shelby Valley scor-

ing. Jones finished with 23 points while Ratliff had 18. Damron netted 14 points.

In the final play of the game, after a Betsy Layne timeout, the call was for the ball to go to Reynolds in getting the ball up the floor. However, in a mix up, it was Parsons who brought the ball up court and took an off balance shot.

"It was a good shot that just didn't go in," said Coach Akers. "She was off balance when

(See OVERTIME, page four)

Johnson Central gets scare at Prestonsburg

Coleman goes down for Lady Blackcats

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

Coach Harold Tackett and his Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats (7-6) did not make things easy for visiting Johnson Central (16-1) Thursday night as they fought the top ranked regional team almost to the end, only to drop a 67-61 decision in the final minutes of the game.

Prestonsburg's half court zone defense almost pulled off the upset. "We did what we wanted to do out of our game plan," said Coach Tackett. "We wanted to come out and establish a strong half court defense. We wanted to attack their pressure and we did."

Johnson Central's famed full-court pressure did not affect the Lady Blackcats in the first 16 minutes of the game, but it caused all sorts of problems in the final quarter.

"He (coach Philip Wireman) adjusted his press at the half," said Coach Tackett. "Because we were undermanned, we could not make our adjustments."

Prestonsburg, who has lost two-guard Megan Hyden for the season, may have gotten some more bad news when forward Brooke Coleman went down in the second quarter. No word on the extent of her injury was available at press time, only that it looked to be a bad sprain.

Without Coleman in the lineup, junior center Ramanda Music, in a effort to recover a loose ball, collided with a Johnson Central player, went to the floor where her head went down rather hard. Music was removed from the game. However, the officials would not let her reenter the contest

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AMELIA CONLEY (44) scored 30 points and pulled down 11 rebounds in a 67-61 loss to top ranked Johnson Central Thursday night.

photo by Ed Taylor

Adams wins easy over ACMS, 54-26

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

The Adams Middle School Blackcats took to the Allen Central Middle School Gym floor and made short work of the host Rebels this past Thursday night. It was the school's homecoming, ACMS' that is, and the Rebels were looking to score a victory. But, that victory wouldn't come against the Blackcats. The Rebels were actually far from a victory.

Adams jumped out to an 11-0 lead and held Allen Central Middle School scoreless for five minutes of the first quarter. The Blackcats went on to a 54-26 win.

After starting out on an 11-0 run, the Blackcats went on to hold ACMS to a lone field goal in the opening quarter and went into the second quarter with a 15-2 lead.

Michael Morrison put the first second quarter points in the books on a short jumper. The Blackcats held a 21-2 advantage at the 3:24 mark of the quarter when Allen Central Middle put back-to-back scores on the board. Cody Harlow put the second ACMS score on the board with a lay-in. The Rebels outscored the Blackcats by a lone basket, 8-6, and went into halftime trailing 29-14.

The third quarter offered very little offense for the capacity crowd in attendance. Allen Central scored six points in the third period and held Adams to just five points.

(See ACMS, page three)



HANDS UP! Michael Morrison (24) gets a good straight-up defensive position against Allen Central Middle School in the two teams' meeting this past Thursday. Adams came away from ACMS with a convincing 54-26 win.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Adams sweeps SFMS and Stumbo

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

Coach James Derosssett's Adams Middle School Blackcats returned to the hard wood and posted two wins to keep their overall record unblemished.

Joe Blackburn scored 15 points and Kris Bentley added 13 as the Adams Middle School Blackcats returned to the basketball floor after a long lay off for weather reasons, and coasted to a 55-27 win over the South Floyd Middle School Raiders this past Monday night.

Bentley curled the nets with three three-point baskets. Michael Morrison and Jesse Chaffin finished with nine each. Morrison also connected on a three-point basket.

Ryan Johnson led South Floyd with eight points, including a three-point basket. Layne netted six points while T.J. Hall drained a trey in finishing with three points.

Adams grabbed a 15-8 first quarter lead behind the scoring of Bentley who had a trey and seven first quarter points. Blackburn tossed in four opening quarter points.

Johnson hit his three-pointer in the first period where he scored four points. Layne had four of his six points in the first stanza.

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Lexington Legends

The Lexington Legends have announced that auditions will be held for Public Address Announcer and National Anthem singers during a Tryout Weekend January 26-28 at Turfand Mall.

3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Group Auditions

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Public Address Announcer Auditions

The schedule is as follows:
■ Friday, January 26
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Group Auditions

■ Sunday, January 28
Noon- 6:00 p.m.
Open Auditions for Groups and Individuals

For more information, call the Legends office at 859-252-HITS (4487).

58th District Standings

MEN
Team...Overall...Conf
Allen Central...10-1...3-0
South Floyd...8-2...4-1
Betsy Layne...8-3...2-2
Prestonsburg...3-11...0-1
Piarist...0-10...0-7

WOMEN
Team...Overall...Conf
Betsy Layne...9-5...4-0
Prestonsburg...7-6...1-1
Allen Central...5-5...1-1
South Floyd...3-7...0-3
Piarist...0-7...0-3

Friday, Saturday night games not included

Lady Bears win, get votes in poll

Sophomore Tecco Gallion finished with a double-double Tuesday night, as Pikeville ran its win streak to eight games with a 73-46 win over Knoxville. Gallion, a 6-1 center from Grayson, had 15 points and 10 rebounds in the contest. The win came only hours after Pikeville's mention in the latest NAIA Div. I poll. The Lady Bears got five votes in the poll, and are tied for 32nd in the country. "We've been on a pretty good roll lately," said Coach Bill Watson. "It's good to see these young ladies getting some recognition as we get set to start the second semester. Any time you can win eight in a row, you have to be pretty pleased with your effort, and you're getting some good play from several people."

It's a good place to build from." It was a game of nearly identical halves. Pikeville led 36-22 at intermission, and outscored the Lady Bulldogs 37-24 in the second half. Amanda Collins added 13 points and eight rebounds as 10 Lady Bears scored in the game. Knoxville (3-12) got 14 points and 10 rebounds from Danielle Bishop. Tawanna Anthony also had 14 points. Ronitrea Pilgram had eight points and 12 rebounds. Pikeville (13-4) also got eight rebounds from Nicole Stanley, as it easily won the rebounding battle 53-35. The Lady Bears forced 24 Lady Bulldog turnovers.



FRESHMAN HEATHER WHITE (40) went up for two easy points against Johnson Central Thursday night. White finished with eight points but her team dropped a 67-61 decision to the Lady Eagles

Smith's 19 leads Stumbo past Adams

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

At the start of the grade school basketball season there were the favorites to have a good season and one of those was the Adams Middle School Lady Blackcats. Then there were the teams that were to be very competitive but later in the season. Coach Danita Johnson's John M. Stumbo Lady Mustangs is just one of those teams. And the Lady Mustangs manifested that last Wednesday night with a sounding 46-36 win over the Lady Blackcats of Adams. It was only the second loss of the season for Adams. With the grade school tournament just a week away, Stumbo will have to be considered a team to deal with and the play of Kristen Smith is one of the reasons. Smith scored a game high 17 points in leading Stumbo to the win. The Lady Mustangs got 11 points from another solid player in Whitney Tackett. Mara Biliter added six points including a three-point basket while Kimberly Howell scored five. Sarah Flanery and Samantha Hall netted two apiece while Kimberly Howell scored one. Molly Burchett led Adams with her 11 points. Megan Patton scored nine. Darcy Hicks netted four and Pam Slone finished with two. Adams held a 12-8 first quarter lead behind the scoring of Patton with five points. Biliter got involved in the offense in the second period with five points including a three-point basket. Adams led 23-18 at the half. Stumbo's defense held Adams to just three field goals over the final two quarters. Adams struggled from the free throw line as they could not convert 16 of 46 attempts.

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CINCINNATI REDS Spring Schedule

FEBRUARY
Mon. 26: INTRASQUAD GAME, SARASOTA, 11:30 a.m.
Wed. 28: Rollins College, Orlando, TBA

MARCH
Thu. 1: Cleveland Indians, Winter Haven, 1:05 p.m.
Fri. 2: CLEVELAND INDIANS (SS), SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Fri. 2: Minnesota Twins (SS), Ft. Myers, 1:05 p.m.
Sat. 3: PITTSBURGH PIRATES, SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Sun. 4: Texas Rangers, Port Charlotte, 1:05 p.m.
Mon. 5: MINNESOTA TWINS, SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Tue. 6: NEW YORK YANKEES, SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Wed. 7: Pittsburgh Pirates (SS) Bradenton, 1:05 p.m.
Wed. 7: TEXAS RANGERS, SARASOTA, 7:05 p.m.
Thu. 8: PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES, SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Fri. 9: Boston Red Sox, Ft. Myers, 1:05 p.m.
Sat. 10: TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS (SS), SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Sat. 10: Kansas City Royals (SS), Baseball City, 1:05 p.m.
Sun. 11: TEXAS RANGERS, SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Mon. 12: Tampa Bay Devil Rays, St. Petersburg, 1:05 p.m.
Tue. 13: Toronto Blue Jays, Dunedin, 1:05 p.m.
Wed. 14: KANSAS CITY ROYALS, SARASOTA, 7:05 p.m.
Thu. 15: Texas Rangers, Port Charlotte, 1:05 p.m.
Fri. 16: DETROIT TIGERS, SARASOTA, 1:05 p.m.
Sat. 17: Boston Red Sox, Ft. Myers, 1:05 p.m.
Sun. 18: Minnesota Twins, Ft. Myers, 1:05 p.m.
Mon. 19: Philadelphia Phillies, Clearwater, 1:05 p.m.

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
Philadelphia 26, New York 22, Miami 21, Orlando 15, Boston 13, New Jersey 11, Washington 7

Central Division
Charlotte 22, Milwaukee 20, Cleveland 17, Toronto 18, Indiana 16, Detroit 15, Atlanta 13, Chicago 6

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division
San Antonio 23, Dallas 24, Utah 22, Denver 20, Minnesota 21, Houston 18, Vancouver 10

Pacific Division
Portland 27, Sacramento 23, L.A. Lakers 23, Phoenix 21, Seattle 19, L.A. Clippers 13, Golden State 11

STEVE'S SIDELINE SHOTS

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

Notes and more notes...

► I know, football season just ended, and as much as I like basketball, and love baseball, still I can't wait for the start of the 2000 high school and college football seasons. With that, let us now take a look at some notes:
► Some reports out of Johnson County have Johnson Central gridiron coach Bill Musick leaving the program and heading back to his high school alma mater Fairview to take over as both high school principal and high school football coach. If so, this will leave me to wonder what hands the Johnson Central football program will fall into. Coach Musick was my high school coach there. He knows the game of football, and without him, I don't know in what direction the football program will head. Musick's oldest son Zak, a Johnson Central freshman, was a long snapper on the Golden Eagles' team this season. His youngest son, Seth will be a freshman next season.
► The Kentucky Wesleyan football program is doing quite well these days. Accolades seem to keep pouring in for the Panther football program. A school-record nine Panthers were named NCAA Division II Mid-Major All-America by Football Gazette this past week. Yes, nine!



Chas Harmon

Of the nine players honored, six earned first-team recognition and three honorable mention. The six first-teamers chosen were led by National Receiver of the Year Corey Jordan. Wesleyan, for those of you who don't know, is a school of 800 students located in Owensboro. The Panthers play in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.
► Former Oklahoma head coach Gary Gibbs has resurfaced at LSU as the Bayou Bengals new defensive coordinator. Gibbs spent the 2000 season as the defensive coordinator at Georgia.
While coaching at Oklahoma, Gibbs led the Sooners to three bowl games and an overall record of 44-23-2.
► Georgia junior quarterback Quincy Carter has decided to leave school a year early and made himself available for the upcoming NFL draft this past Tuesday. An injury-plagued season could have been the ultimate deciding factor in Carter's reasoning to leave and head to the draft a year early. By season's end, Carter had completed fewer than half of his passes.
► And, it's now official: Super sophomore quarter Michael Vick is forging his final two college football seasons to enter into the 2001 NFL draft. Vick is electrifying! If you didn't get the chance to catch Vick in college, then you just missed. Now, he's headed for what should be a sensational career in the NFL. Look for Vick to go number one in the upcoming draft.
► I caught up with Paintsville football coach David LeMaster this past week. The Tiger mentor has his players, the ones who aren't playing basketball, busy lifting weights. The Tigers will open up the 2001 Big Sandy Bowl against West Carter. The Tigers cross-town rival, Johnson Central, will open up in the Big Sandy Bowl against perennial power Ashland. The Tigers will do it under the guidance of quarterback Chas Harmon. The Tiger griddle will return in August for his senior season under center. One game most football fans in the area are looking forward to come August is the Paintsville-Prestonsburg game. "I think it's a good rivalry," said Paintsville head coach David LeMaster. "Being just 10 or 12 miles apart, we need to play each other." Get ready gridiron fans, it'll be August before you know it.

Roundball Notes
► Everyone is giving their opinion on where they think Rick Pitino will coach at next season. Personally, I think that he'll end up back in the Bluegrass State, at the University of Louisville.
Louisville is a good fit for Pitino. Other possible Pitino destinations include Big Ten schools: Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan. The University of Nevada-Las Vegas, or UNLV, as many fans know it, also is a great possibility for Pitino.
► The Piarist Lady Knights gave a valiant effort against the Millard Lady

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Sports Briefs...

Football

UK SENIORS IN ALL-STAR BOWLS

Six UK players have committed to play in upcoming post-season all-star games: CB Kenneth Grant, RB Derek Homer, CB Eric Kelly, DE Matt Layow, LB Marlon McCree and OG/OT Omar Smith. Kelly, Layow and McCree will take part in the Rotary Gridiron Classic at 1 p.m. Saturday in Orlando, Fla. The game will be televised by ESPN2. Smith will play in the Delchamps Senior Bowl at 1 p.m. Jan. 20 in Mobile, Ala., on ESPN. Grant, Homer and McCree will play in the Hula Bowl All-Star Classic at 8 p.m. Jan. 20 in Maui, Hawaii, on ESPN.

XFL CAMPS OPEN

The XFL preseason training camps are open in Orlando and Las Vegas. Over the next four weeks, teams will prepare for the season's February 3 kickoff, with rosters being trimmed to 38 active players and seven reserves by January 28. Training in the Orlando area are the XFL's four East Division teams (Birmingham Thunderbolts, Chicago Enforcers, New York/New Jersey Hitmen and Orlando Rage) while the West Division squads (Las Vegas Outlaws, Los Angeles Xtreme, Memphis Maniax and San Francisco Demons) will workout in the Las Vegas area.

GATORS HIRE NEW D-LINE COACH

Steve Spurrier has hired former Denver Broncos linebacker Ricky Hunley as Florida's new defensive line coach. Hunley was an assistant coach at Missouri from 1994 through this season.

HENSON TO RETURN

Michigan quarterback Drew Henson, a minor league baseball player in the Cincinnati Reds organization, has opted to return for his senior season on the college football gridiron. He led Michigan to a 9-3 record. Henson passed for 2,146 yards and 18 touchdowns, despite missing the first 3 1/2 games of the season with a broken foot.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE'S CRONIN HONORED

Georgetown College Coach Bill Cronin has been selected as the Rawlings-NAIA Football Coach of the Year. Cronin is fresh off a 14-0 NAIA national championship season. He has a 40-8 record in four seasons as a head coach. The award was selected by members of the NAIA Football Coaches Association.

BUCKEYES' CLEMENTS LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

Ohio State cornerback Nate Clements will forgo his senior season for a chance to play in the NFL. The NFL deadline for underclassmen to declare eligible for the upcoming draft was this past Friday (Jan. 12).

FIRE TO HOLD SECOND TRYOUT

The Louisville Fire will hold their second tryout at Cardinal Stadium's Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center on Sunday January 21. The fee for the tryout is \$50. Participants should bring tennis shoes and necessary liquids. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. For more information call (502) 992-7825, or long onto the team's web site at www.firefootball.cc.

GALEY TO REMAIN ON MIAMI STAFF

Chan Galey, offensive coordinator for the Miami Dolphins, will remain in Miami next season. Galey will keep the same position as the team's offensive coordinator that he held this season.

Baseball

JUSTICE DOING WELL AFTER SURGERY

New York Yankees outfielder Dave Justice is rehabilitating well following surgery he underwent to repair a double hernia. He is expected to be ready for the start of spring training late next month. Justice, 34, and an alumnus of Thomas Moore College, was the MVP of the AL Championship Series against Seattle. He hit .268 during the regular season with a career-high 41 homers and 118 RBI for Cleveland and the Yankees.

Auto Racing

KENTUCKY SPEEDWAY SELLING TICKETS

Single event tickets for all 2001 races at Kentucky Speedway went on sale this past week. Fans can also buy a package that includes the track's four biggest races. The races include the ARCA-Re/Max on May 12, NASCAR Busch Series on June 16, NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series on July 14 and Indy Racing Northern Light Series on Aug. 12. Tickets can be bought by writing the Kentucky Speedway at Box 176248, Covington, Ky., 41017-6248; by calling toll-free (888) 652-RACE; by Internet at www.kentuckyspeedway.com; or in person at the ticket office at 2216 Dixie Highway, Suite 200, Fort Mitchell, Ky. (in Expressway Plaza in front of Kroger off I-75 at the Fort Mitchell exit).

Fishing

2001 TUG VALLEY BASS ANGLERS SCHEDULE

March: Yatesville Lake- Sun 11th
April: Douglas Lake (Two day) - Sat. 7th-Sun. 8th
May: Dewey Lake- Sun. 6th
June: Caverun Lake- Sun. 3rd
July: Fishtrap Lake (night)- Sat. 14th
August: Dewey Lake (Night) Sat. 4th
September: Ohio River, Ashland- Sun. 9th
October: Cave Run Lake- Sun. 21st
November: Green River Lake (Two day) "CLUB CLASSIC"- Sat. 3rd-Sun. 4th. Top 10 members compete for a possible payout of \$4000 to the top three places. If you would like to talk with someone about the Tug Valley Bass Anglers, contact the following members:
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Prestonsburg

without a signed statement from a doctor of her ability to continue to play.

"We took her to an after-hours clinic," said her father, Kenny Music. "But her head did not touch the floor. They should have let her go right back in."

Prestonsburg, having to go to their bench, got some quality minutes from Amanda Webb, Vicki Bowling and Crissy Nelson.

Mental turnovers hurt the Lady

Blackcats as they were forced to dribble the basketball into the Johnson Central trapping defense. Prestonsburg turned the ball over 21 times but the last five proved the turning point.

Fans, coaches and at times players were questioning more than once some of the calls being made in the game from the referees. Leading 55-54 with 5:45 to play in the game, Prestonsburg committed three consecutive turnovers that were crucial to

the outcome. While Johnson Central still struggled against the 2-3 zone of Prestonsburg, they did manage to get the lead from Prestonsburg at 62-60 with 2:32 to play. In the last 2:43 of the game, Prestonsburg could only score one point. Music returned to the floor with under a minute to play trailing 64-61.

"It is unfortunate at what happened but one good thing to come out of is that our bench got some quality minutes in," said the Prestonsburg

coach.

Prestonsburg opened with the hot hand scoring the game's first 10 points. The pressing game of the Lady Eagles had little effect on Prestonsburg.

"The first half we shot lay ups against it," said Coach Tackett. "We wanted to attack their pressure and we did. All through the season we have been working on attacking the press. The last couple of weeks we have been working on breaking and attack-

ing a press."

While it is a slow process, attacking and breaking a press, Coach Tackett feels the two are starting to come together for his team.

It was evident that Conley came to play in scoring 30 points. She scored the first six points on two jumpers from 16 feet out and a rebound basket. The Lady Blackcats had only two turnovers against the press in the opening quarter.

Johnson Central, who had good looks outside, found themselves in a proverbial hole and did not get their first field goal until the 4:27 mark when Ashley Wireman hit a short jumper.

Prestonsburg held a 16-8 first quarter lead and led by 11, 24-13, mid way of the second quarter when Coleman went down.

The biggest lead of the game for Prestonsburg came at 3:03 when

Music scored on an inbound play and was fouled. She completed the three-point play for a 27-13 Prestonsburg lead. Johnson Central had cut the lead to nine at the half.

It was raggedy basketball for both teams in the third quarter but Johnson Central tied the game at 42-42 before three free throws gave the Lady Blackcats a 45-42 lead heading into the fourth period.

"I never seen so many things happen in a ballgame that changed the game," said the Prestonsburg mentor. "Brooke goes out and then Ramanda goes out. She is out a quarter and half."

"I am really proud of our bench. They came in, played well. We had some mental breakdowns. But we can fix those. We gave an all out effort tonight and I am proud of my team."

Prestonsburg will host the Pianist School Monday night and travel to Betsy Layne Friday night.

ACMS

Allen Central's David Kilburn scored the initial basket of the quarter. Robbie Vanderpool brought the Blackcats to within 11 of the Adams lead with a field goal. Kris Bentley nailed a field goal just before the third quarter's end to give Adams and coach James DeRossett a 34-20 lead heading into the final quarter.

The long-range minded Bentley opened the fourth quarter in a brilliant way. He opened the fourth quarter just the way he had ended the third with a three-point bullet.

The Blackcats gradually built

their lead up to an even bigger margin. The Blackcats were a defensive bunch in the fourth quarter, holding Allen Central Middle to just six points and claiming a big 28-point win.

Morrison led the way for Adams finishing with 17 points, 12 rebounds and four steals. Trevor Compton ended the contest with equally expressive numbers: 2 points, 15 assists, eight rebounds and four steals. Joe Blackburn, like Morrison, posted a double-double. Blackburn finished with 13 points, 11 rebounds and four steals. Jesse

Chaffin tossed in five for the Blackcats, while John Mark Stephens gave Coach James DeRossett a spark coming in off the bench for three points.

Kilburn and Harlow finished with eight points each for Allen Central Middle School.

GAME NOTES:

➤ The game was preceded by a 'B' Team game. Adams also won the 'B' Team game.

➤ The Adams press gave ACMS fits in the second half. Allen Central Middle struggled trying to get the

ball up the court for most of the second half.

➤ Tallying 15 assists in a game is a quality outing for a point guard on any level. Adams Middle School point guard Trevor Compton seems to tally double-digit assist totals each time the AMS Blackcats take to the hardwood.

➤ Adams head coach James DeRossett felt his team played sluggish against Allen Central after playing John M. Stumbo. The Adams boys go into the upcoming county tournament as the likely favorite.



photo by Ed Taylor

PRESTONSBURG'S Ramanda Music (33) had to miss over a quarter of play against Johnson Central Thursday night but she still finished with 12 points and nine rebounds.

Sideline

Mustangs in the opening game of the this year's 15th Region All "A" Classic. The Lady Knights with just five players gave a great effort, and would have won the contest, if foul trouble hadn't caught up with them.

Lady Knight Kari Ross is an outstanding basketball player. Ross could play for several other 15th Region teams, she is that talented.

Pianist Coach Gary Kidd elaborated after the Millard game that he has three more girls that will join the team next season. Kidd does an excellent job at the Martin school, as he is both the boys and the girls basketball coach.

➤ Coach Cindy Halbert has her Allen Central Lady Rebels playing very good basketball, probably their best of the season thus far. Freshman Terri Mullins is pushing the ball up the court better right now than she has all season. Having senior Barb Prater in the lineup has really helped the Lady Rebs.

➤ Congratulations go out to Shelby Valley senior Ashley Dammron. Dammron recently signed to play her college basketball for coach Bill Watson's Pikeville College Lady Bears.

That's all for now, be sure to get out and catch a game this week.

Sports

Dame coach and now at South Carolina.

Rocky gets this football for Chuck for a Christmas gift. He gets Kentucky coach Hal Mumme to sign it along with former Prestonsburg coach Bill Letton, who Chuck thought the world of, Jack Goodman, another great coach and currently school principal at Adams Middle School.

Rocky then ships the football to South Carolina (by who, I don't know) and gets the autograph of Lou Holtz on the ball. The ball then was placed in a glass enclosure and presented to Chuck. Needless to say that Chuck was on cloud nine and in Notre Dame

heaven.

I have known Chuck for a long time as he helped me some here at the Times while going to school. By the way, he finally graduated after 13 years of college. Well, it seems like that. That is how long I have been here and he seem to be going ever since then.

Chuck is one of the finest young men I have gotten to know and I would like to see him get a head coaching job one day. I realize he is young and untested, but one day you will hear about him from the coaching ranks. He loves the game of football and still remains a big, big Irish fan.

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Adams Ladycats score win over ACMS

Burchett fires in 15 to lead Adams

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Adams Middle School Ladycats went into Allen Central Middle School to play the Lady Rebels in the final game of a three-game afternoon. Oh yeah, it was also the Allen Central Middle School's homecoming.

Coach Jennifer West's Adams girls' club would play the role of a spoiler as they went into ACMS and scored a 31-27 victory.

ACMS center Becky Thomas put the Lady Rebels on the score-

board first with a short jumper. Adams' Michelle Lackey answered at the other end with a bucket of her own, tying the game at 2-2. Adams guard Molly Burchett was then fouled on a made-field goal. The standout went to the charity stripe and drained the one free throw attempt, giving AMS a 7-4 lead. The host Lady Rebels managed to tie the game up at 7-7 going into the second quarter.

Allen Central Middle point guard Amanda Mills made good on a layup and Thomas went one-for-two from the free throw line with just 56.4 seconds remaining in the opening period.

Coach Ronnie Patton's Lady Rebels went on a 4-0 run to begin the second quarter, but failed to score any past the 4:43 mark of the quarter. Mills put the Lady Rebels up 9-7 on a layup following an assist from Thomas. The

Allen Central center Thomas, then, stole the ball and took it in for a layup of her own.

Adams started what would ultimately be an 8-0 run at the 3:07 mark of the second period when Burchett scored on a drive. The Ladycats tied the game up at 11-11 after converting on an ACMS turnover. Pam Slone put the Ladycats up 13-11, for the first time since midway through the first quarter, on a short jumper in the paint. M Slone tossed in the second quarter's final two points to make it a 15-11 Adams advantage at the half.

Adams began the third quarter by going on a 4-0 run, thanks to field goals by Burchett and Darcy Hicks. Thomas was then fouled on the Allen Central end, and went two-for-two from the charity stripe, making it a 19-13 contest with 4:04 remaining to be played in the quarter. Adams outscored

Allen Central 6-2 in the last four minutes and went on to post the six-point win.

Burchett led the way for

Adams with a team-best 15 points. Slone finished with six points, including a three-point field goal. Hicks ended the game

with four tallies. Thomas paced ACMS with a game-high 17 points. Mills chipped in with six points.



photo by Steve LeMaster

DARCY HICKS (30) looks to shoot over Lady Rebel guard Amanda Mills (24). Hicks ended the Adams contest with four points.

Overtime

she took it." Lykens hit a three point basket in the second overtime to make it a two point game. With a minute and half to play, Shelby Valley had taken a 72-67 lead with just over a minute to play. On a second try, Lykens hit the three-pointer to

make it a two point game, 72-70. Betsy Layne put Jones on the free throw line where she missed the first of a bonus shot with Betsy Layne rebounding the basketball.

"We just didn't run the play we had called for. We called time out and wanted to get the ball into the

hands of Whitney for the shot. But that was when Jenny took the ball up the court," said Coach Akers.

In the second overtime nearly every possession by the two powerhouses resulted in a tie game as the two battled on the hardwood.

It was the third straight loss for Betsy Layne against four of the top regional teams. The Ladycats won over a good Prestonsburg team while falling to Sheldon Clark, Pikeville and Shelby Valley. Coach Akers said the past four games will do a lot in getting her team tournament ready.

"It is going to help us," she said. "The kids' confidence is good right now. But the one thing that is a good confidence builder has been our ability to hit the free throws in big game situations."

Betsy Layne has shot over 70 percent from the charity stripe in the last four games. They hit 11 of 15 tries against Shelby Valley.

Parsons finished with eight rebounds. Reynolds and Lykens had eight assists each.

Betsy Layne will travel to Millard Monday night and host Prestonsburg in a big conference game Friday night.

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Adams

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A 16-6 spurt in the second period sent the Blackcats to the locker room with a 31-14 advantage. Blackburn had six points in the quarter with Morrison draining his three-pointer. Allen hit two of three field goal attempts for four points.

After three quarters it was Adams up 52-23 behind the scoring of Bentley who drilled two treys.

ADAMS VS STUMBO

Adams got 16 points each from Jesse Chaffins and Joe Blackburn en route to a 71-31 win over Stumbo at John M. Stumbo last Wednesday night. Trevor Compton netted 10 points while Michael Morrison just missed double figures with eight. Kris Bentley netted six

points while Ousley finished with six. J.M. Hicks scored three with B.J. Hicks and Phil Hilton scoring two points apiece.

Mason Hall led Stumbo with 17 points. He connected on three three-point baskets. Ryan Bryant finished in double digits with 10 points, including two treys. Brandon Kidd had four points to round out the Mustang scoring.

Compton scored six of his 10 points in the first quarter as Adams raced out to a 22-8 first quarter lead. Bryant hit both of his three-pointers in the first quarter.

Adams wasn't finished as they went on a 20-4 tear in the second period to lead 42-12 at the half.

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BRITTA FRALEY was crowned the 2001 Allen Central Middle School Homecoming Queen. Fraley, an eighth grader, is pictured with her escort Andrew Prater.



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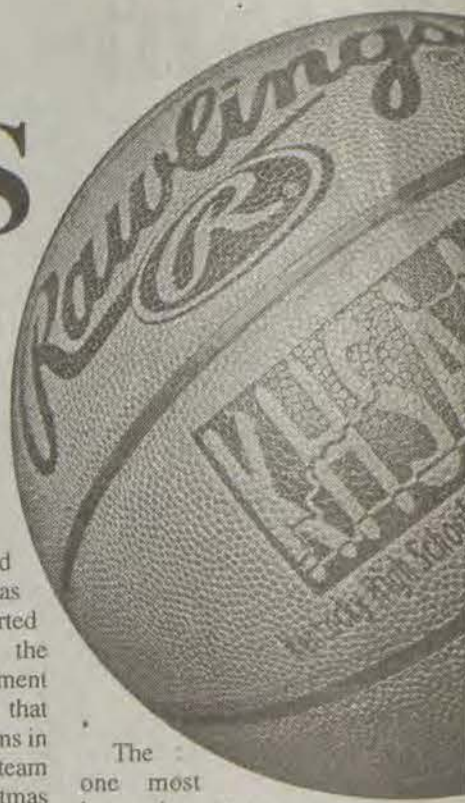


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LOUIS AND THE LADIES



I agree: In all the preseason coaches' polls, Bishop Brossart's 5-10 sr. guard, Katie Schwegmann, was voted the number one player in the state (and thus, the top candidate for Miss Basketball 2001). As of right now, the Christmas tournaments over and in fact, half the season over, I would agree with the coaches. Katie seems to be getting better every game. She started the season coming off a double knee operation and seems to be on a mission to prove herself and that her knee problems are behind her. Give the young woman a lot of credit for rebounding from something that causes a lot of emotional and physical turmoil. And, after 8 games this season, she is averaging 28 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals while shooting 50% from the field.

Most of Katie's preseason competition for MB faded during the Christmas tournaments, to the point of pretty much taking themselves out of the race, no matter what happens the rest of the season. You can just look out on the floor and get a gut feeling of who is playing well and who is struggling.

There are 277 head high school coaches in the state and each gets

one vote for Miss Basketball. Most of them make up their mind well before the season is over, and in fact, it is my guess that most vote before the State Tournament starts. That is why I say some of the other preseason MB candidates have pretty much taken themselves out of the race.

Probably right now, in my talking to coaches and other fans, Brandi Miller, 5-9 senior do-it-all player from Oldham Co., is number 2 in the MB race. Brandi is one of the most versatile players in the state in that she can bring the ball up the floor, play the wing, and play pivot. She can score anywhere from the 3-pointer to the power put-back underneath. She is a terrific rebounder. And she shows by her play that she wants to be the best.

Overlooked seniors: Stephanie Ripberger (6-0) from Highlands, is another versatile player in that she can do everything from playing any position to scoring from anywhere. Highlands would definitely be a top 5 team if they had a true point guard which would let Stephanie and 6-0 junior teammate, Tara Boothe, roam the paint/wings, their true positions.

Stacy Felchner, 5-11 pivot from Allen County is not built like a bas-

ketball player. She just doesn't have that slim, muscular body. But her quickness will surprise an unaware opponent. Her body, in a way, works to her advantage in that she is hard to push off the blocks. That, combined with her quickness, makes her very effective underneath.

One senior I have only seen twice in my lifetime, but has impressed the devil out of me both times, is 5-8 guard, Kristie Miller, of Perry Central. In the first round of the State Tournament last March and in a loss to Muhlenberg North, she did it all at the guard position, including scoring about 30 points. This season, at the Perry Central Lady Commodore Classic, she scored, shooting a wide variety of shots from the perimeter and underneath, to again score 30 points in a victory over Shelby Valley. Perry Central later won the Smokey Mountain Classic (Tenn.) over the Christmas break and Kristie was named MVP. This is one the scouts need to make a trip to the mountains to see. Through 11 games this year, Kristie is averaging 21 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 steals.

One more senior: An overlooked senior resides at Fort Knox. Says FK

coach Jackie Prather, "Rubenia Finley stands at 5-5 and can touch the rim. She is averaging 25 PPG and 11 RPG this year (21/19 as a junior). She is a real sleeper." LRM Observation: I saw Rubenia play on the junior all-stars last summer, and her coaches do not exaggerate. I had never heard of her before that, and it was a nice surprise to watch her. This is another one the scouts need to get out to see.

But to close out this discussion on seniors, Katie Schwegmann started out ahead in the preseason polls for Miss Basketball. Unless the one that starts out ahead stumbles, she should remain ahead. And I have not seen her stumble. Right now, she would get my vote.

Those freshmen again: Actually, there was as much talk at the Christmas tournaments about those big freshmen pivots as there was about MB candidates. I am talking about 6-2 Jade Perry of Muhlenberg North, 6-4 Sarah Elliott of Jackson Co., and 6-2 Crystal Kelly of Sacred Heart. They are all absolutely putting the "wow" to everybody.

Although all the coaches of the respective programs said they would not trade their freshman for any of

the others, the general view of the neutral fans and coaches was that, at this point, Jade is a notch ahead of the others. That is because she played a lot of varsity ball last year as an 8th grader, and the others did not. Sarah just played a few minutes per game and Crystal did not play high school ball at all as an 8th grader. But Sarah started pivot for the team that won the Pickerington Christmas Tournament, a prestigious tourney in Ohio that traditionally attracts the best teams in the nation. And Crystal led her team to the championship of a Christmas tournament in Florida, as she brought home the MVP trophy herself.

So who knows 2 or 3 years from now, which of the 3 will get better and become dominant and who still be still be playing like a freshman. But like one coach said, "Right now, I would take any of the 3 and feel like a winner".

Another freshman: Let us not forget that there is at least one more big freshman out there who, these days, is not getting a lot of publicity. Remember, I discussed 4 a few months ago. Tamara Shelton, 6-2 pivot from LaRue Co., led the state, as an 8th grader playing varsity ball, in field goal percentage last year with 67%. Said Coach Pete DiStefano, "We have struggled as a team with freshmen and sophomores. After 11 games, Tamara has averaged 18 PPG and 10 RPG. She is shooting 64% from the field and 77% from the free-throw line. Despite being double and triple teamed, she has done well. Recently, she scored 28 points against the 6-5 girl from Greenwood and got 36 points and 15 rebounds against Mercer County."

KPP: The Kentucky Preps Plus Classic, held this year on Jan. 20, started 4 years ago, a one-day shootout held every year at Trinity. Event director this year, as it has been every year, is Jody Demling, who is sports writer for the Courier-Journal and who recently became head of high school sports (both boys and girls) at that newspaper.

The one most interesting game is a 7pm rematch of Jackson Co., Ky., and Manual. These 2 teams met at the Bryan Station Lady Defenders' Classic back in December. Jackson Co. won that game by 17 points, but it was just a couple of points difference with 3 minutes to go. You know Manual, with all its competitors on the team, will be seething with revenge for the rematch.

There is another Jackson Co. on the program that day, this one from Tennessee. This JC won the Tenn Class AA state championship last year and has three starters returning, including first team all-stater, 5-10 Andrea Davidson. This JC is scheduled for an 8:30p.m. match with Oldham County, an interesting team in its own right with all-state candidate and a whole bunch of hard working support players that play some of the best full-court defense in the state.

Another interesting match-up, at 2:30p, pits Sacred Heart and its freshman pivot against Allen Co. and its all-state candidate pivot.

Full schedule at Trinity on Jan. 20: (10a: Lou. Holy Cross & Ohio Co.) (11:30a: Male & Shelby Valley) (1p: Butler & Brossart) (2:30p: Sacred Heart & Allen Co.) (4p: Shelby Co. & Sheldon Clark) (5:30p: Mercy & Hart Co.) (7p: Manual & Jackson Co., Ky.) (8:30p: Oldham Co. & Jackson Co., Tenn.)

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Sports In Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

Keep moving, Cawood! ... To the right side of your radio dial

One of your favorite personalities, and certainly one of mine, Cawood Ledford, needs our prayers this week.

The retired Voice of the Kentucky Wildcats is still undergoing cancer treatments and is engaged in what he would call "quite a battle, folks."

From Appalachia to the Jackson Purchase, most of us recognize what a friend Cawood Ledford has been to the Commonwealth of Kentucky — Memorial Coliseum and Rupp Arena were merely places where he held court.

Once a high school English teacher, he had no idea what he wanted to do in his life, but he knew teaching school wasn't it. In a conversation we had for a piece I penned about him a few years ago, he said, "... people have been awfully kind to me. I certainly have no complaints about the way things have turned out."

Career? "It's been fun and it's gone quickly. (But) I have no patience with people who look back on their lives and say they wouldn't change a thing. That's foolish."

A man of immense wit and charm, Cawood was a diplomat on his feet too. It was a decade ago when he turned a question about UK's stumbling, bumbling football program into a bit of cotton-ball commentary and tribute.

"The fans have to share blame for UK football's problems," he said, "because they've supported poor teams so well. I've had people in the SEC tell me, 'Gosh, if we had teams like you all have had our fans would play golf on Saturdays.'"

His approach to broadcasting UK games: "I'm paid to try and satisfy the person who cares enough to turn on the radio. Next, I try and be dead honest. If a team plays poorly I say so. I'm working for the fans."

Satisfy the person who tunes in and being dead honest? To get an idea of how difficult that combination is, try it sometime.

Meanwhile, this week is our time to be mindful of and in prayer for a dear friend. Next week, in this space, a few reminiscences on Cawood Ledford.

Meanwhile, yo Cawood, don't stop! Don't ever give up! Keep moving ... to the right side of your radio dial.

UK FOOTBALL

Larry Ivy apparently decided to not apply the Eddie Sutton rule — fire the head coach and staff despite protests of innocence by

the head man.

Hal Mumme will keep his job, because Ivy believes his coach didn't know what was going on and is willing to take ignorance as an excuse.

Immediate fallout from the nasty episode...

1. UK football is embarrassed ... again. And NCAA cowboys are probably coming to town.

2. Recruiting in-state, in a year of golden opportunity with several exceptional prospects, goes for naught. All indications are UK will sign none.

MR. FOOTBALL

How good can it get? A Triple for Montrell Jones.

The well-spoken Louisville Male High School stand-out was voted Kentucky Mr. Football last week. In 15 years of the award Jones is the first wide receiver to earn the award.

His Mr. Football trophy should sit nicely in the family room with Jones' state Class 4-A state championship commemorative, and the title game's MVP award.

Barring injury, says here, Jones will make a mark at the college level that will earn him a place alongside Shaun Alexander (Alabama and NFL Seattle) and Paul Hornung (Notre Dame and Green Bay). All-Americans and gentlemen ... and best college players fans in the Bluegrass never got to enjoy.

OUTWARD BOUND ... AGAIN

Forgive me being provincial, but this is the space for it.

Are you disappointed and troubled, reviewing the list of Kentucky high school football stars who are outward bound again?

The Bluegrass State will apparently lose its blue ribbon layer of best prospects to out-of-state universities again in 2001. Once more we tuned in the bowl games and see Bernard Jackson at Tennessee and Tony Driver at Notre Dame.

This year, Ft. Thomas Highlands linebacker Brent Grover will sign with Purdue; Bryan Station running back Eric Shelton will pick Texas, Tennessee or Florida State; Mr. Football, Male receiver Montrell Jones will choose Purdue, Texas, Tennessee and Florida. Louisville Male lineman Marcus Green and wide receiver Harry Lewis of Mason County backed off commitments to UK. And, since his father played at Kentucky and Joe Dipri Jr. chose his dad's alma mater, and has since changed his mind, it is a sadder-than-usual state of affairs.

Opportunity bungled by UK football again. And, I find it mystifying that the University of Louisville, headed by one of last season's most acclaimed coaches, John L. Smith, is unable to lure

the best from its own front yard despite a 9-3 season, back-to-back bowl trips and a promising future.

BASKETBALL: I LOVE THIS GAME!

Saturday, North Carolina's Brendan Haywood's put-back at 3.3 seconds doomed previously unbeaten Wake Forest, 70-69.

Sunday, South Carolina freshman Travis Craft's 24-footer at :01 ... Swish! No. 6 Florida shocked.

And Indiana's Kirk Haston rang up a three from 21 feet at :01 and No. 1 Michigan State was unbeaten no more.

College basketball ... I love this game.

For dessert? Rick Pitino quit the Celtics.

Odds are on the board that da Coach's first choice might be Nevada-Las Vegas. Word is, Indiana U. is not interested in hiring another coach who would be bigger than the university. UCLA? Maybe, but John Wooden's legacy still casts an immense shadow and basketball remains second banana to going to the beach.

JULES CAMARA

On a bright note, cheers to Jules Camara for making something good from something bad. UK's tallest redshirt player scuttled plans for his DUI appeal last week, saying: "I plan to use this year off to focus on my academic goals and prepare myself to return to the team a better person and a better basketball player."

Camara ought to be held up as a model for responsible behavior and his attitude exalted.

A year without competition but still practicing with the team, interacting with teammates and other college students, allows Camara to grow, become a better player and just as important, a young man with a testimony for young people on facing setback and disappointment with poise and conviction.

Note to Camara: "Most all good things come through adversity. We must be challenged to improve, and adversity is a challenge." — John Wooden.

J.P. BLEVINS

With traditionals in mind like Dickey Beal, John Pelphrey, Derek Anderson and a host of other unselfish college hoops-types who hail from this state and played a team-first game, I am an unapologetic respecter of UK junior guard J.P. Blevins.

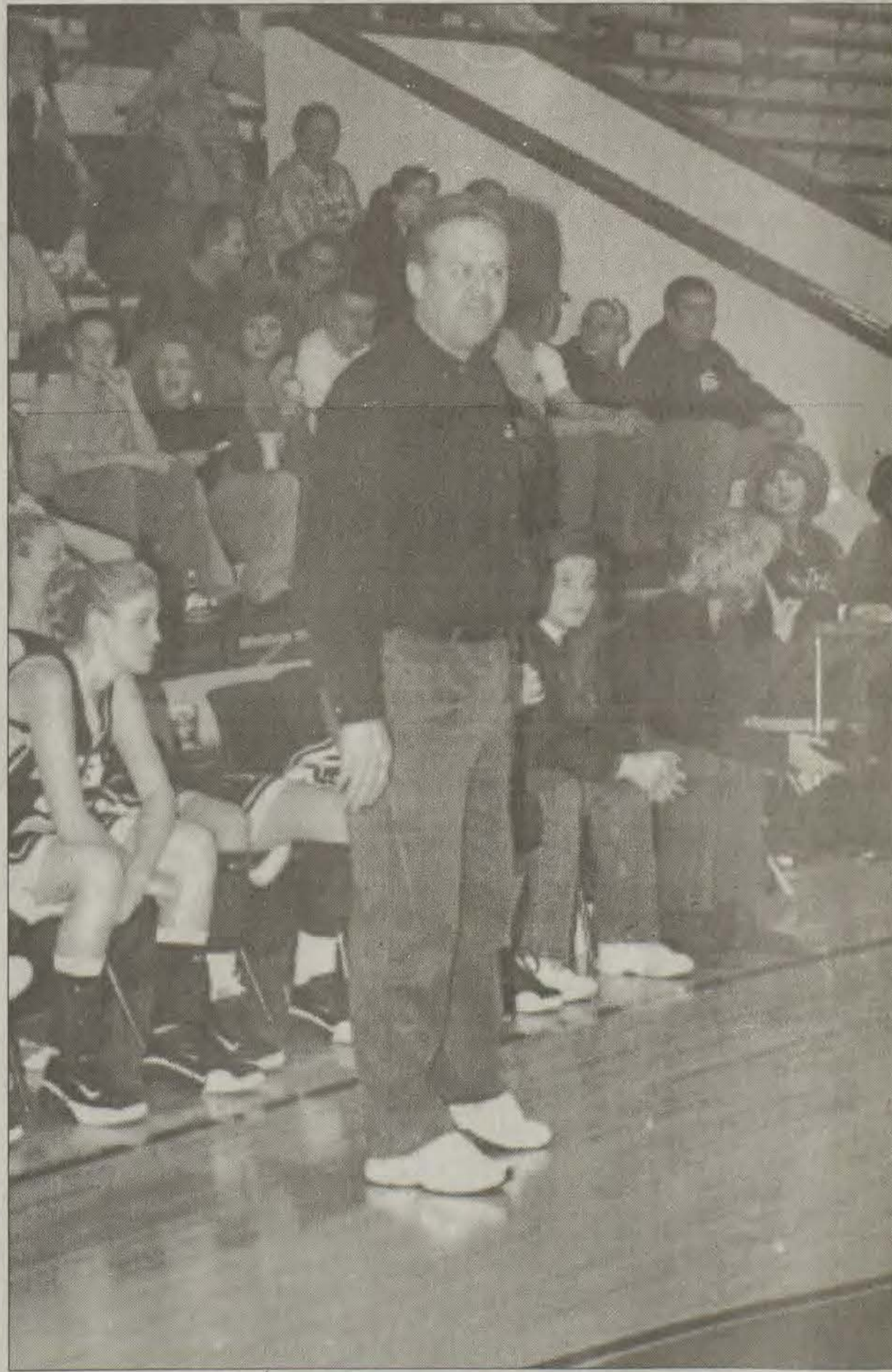
The student-athlete from Metcalfe County was selected MVP following the Georgia game last Saturday. Despite personal setbacks, Blevins has at times been discouraged the last season-and-a-half, yet he "kept practicing hard, kept working hard," kept the faith.

Blevins kept in touch with

what a famous basketball coach called, the greatest joy "... which is in many ways being at peace with yourself knowing that you are making the effort, the full effort, to do what is right." — John Wooden.

And so it goes.

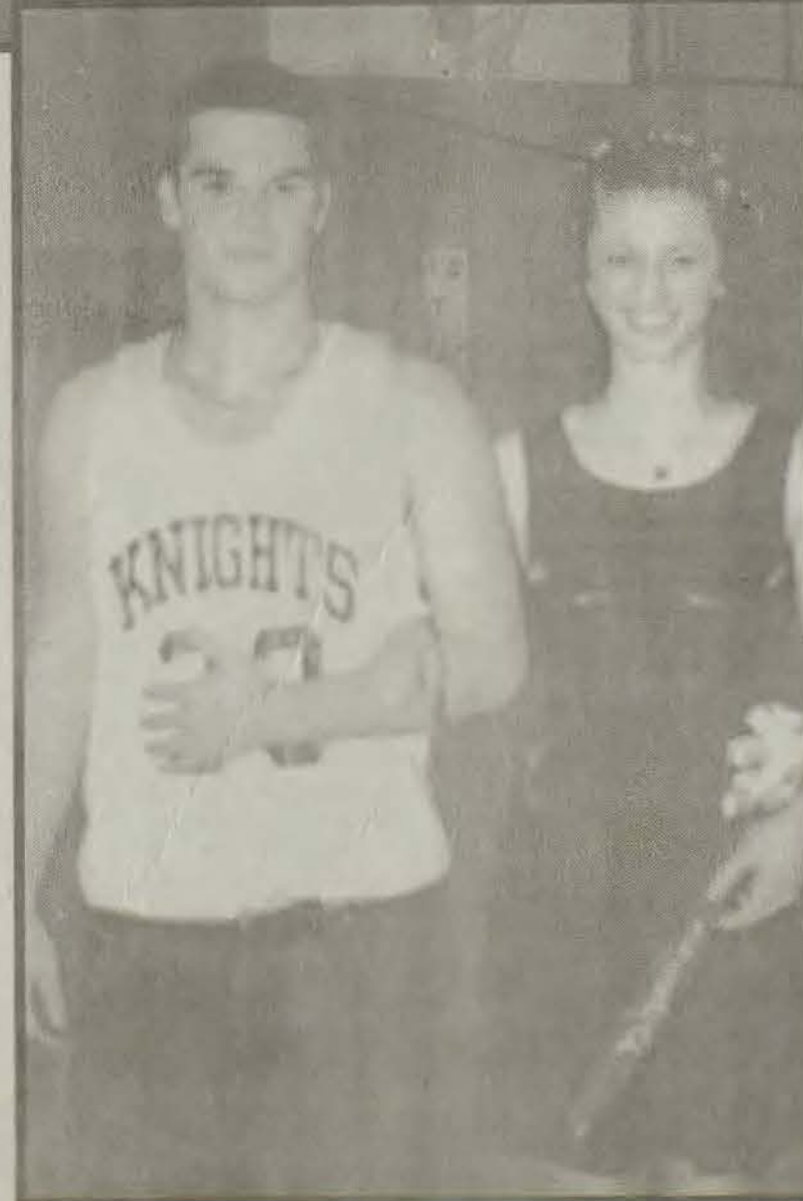
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PHILIP WIREMAN has his Johnson Central Lady Eagles flying high at 16-1 on the season and sitting atop the 15th Regional standings. The Lady Eagles won over Prestonsburg 67-61 Thursday night.

photo by Ed Taylor

PIABIST SCHOOL 2001 HOMECOMING





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 1961.

Newspapers will remain human as long as they refrain from referring to new babies as tax exemptions.

These TV commercials wherein manufacturers of soaps, soap powders and other—er, abrasives offer roses with one brand, dishes with another remind us that a newspaper would have to offer a horse-whip with every subscription to be in a competitive position.

HOW DO YOU WRITE IT?

I have seen the word written, "underway," so often of late that I have been almost convinced I was simply being stubborn in writing it as two separate words. But a brief consultation of Webster's confirms the feeling I had that "underway" isn't the way to write it. There just ain't any such word.

Usage, of course, will make one word of it, if it hasn't already succeeded in doing so. But it would be just as reasonable to add these words to the dictionary: "onway," "inway," "inprogress," and even "underconstruction."

Then I think of "underwent," "undergone" and many others. Little wonder that the English language defies learning.

Why is it that "cornmeal mush" is out of place and not nearly so good unless it's snowing or the wind is howling around the eaves?

COMPLAINT

A certain lawyer-friend almost had me on the ropes with this communique till I contrived to summon up all my astute reasoning powers and come to the conclusion that he was giving me a ribbing. It reads:

"I have, sir, a complaint to make which, I feel, is fully justified.

"I refer to your edition of Jan. 19 in which appeared a news item pertaining to certain damage suits filed in the Clerk's office of the Floyd circuit court by y'r ob't servant and one or two other legal luminaries.

"You, sir, have done me a cruel injustice, in that you did, obviously with malice aforethought break the aforementioned news-story at that very spot which placed the part which I played, as plaintiff's attorney, on an inside page of your newspaper.

"Will you favor me with an explanation as to why my name did not appear on Page 1 where it rightfully belonged?"

"The partiality which you have shown is, to put it plainly, unconscionable."

FELLOW-SUFFERERS

I am not certain that this story is apropos at this season of the year, since it refers to a man who was suffering from the soporific effects of the sun. Well, it appears, anyway, that this lazy bag-o'-bones had seated himself and was plumb restless—so restless, in fact, that he finally came to the conclusion, and said as much, that he was sitting on a wasp.

"Well why don't you get up?" his wife inquired.

"Never mind," drawled her spouse. "I figger I'm hurtin' the wasper as much as he's hurtin' me."

Pikeville College to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Pikeville College will hold a special program to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 15, at 2 p.m. in Booth Auditorium.

Featured speakers are Rev. Webb Kennibrew of Kingsport, Tennessee, Bishop Nathaniel Collins Sr. of Wanda, South Carolina, and Zak Willis, head coach of the college's club junior varsity football team. Pikeville College alumna Jenny Shepherd is the featured vocalist for the event.

A reception will follow the program, which is open to the public.

FOGGY

mountain morning...



John A. Spurlock of Auxier has an obvious eye for beauty. He took this photo on a recent morning, high in the clouds at Stonecrest Golf Course, overlooking south Prestonsburg and above the craggy area known as Three Story Caves. He speculates that this hilltop scene above the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River must seem as it appeared when the early settlers arrived.

PostScript

by Pam Shingler
 Editor



Honor and shame

If there's an organization that gives awards for contributions to the area by persons not native to the area, then those members should consider Dr. Robert Perry for the honor.

Taking on the mantle of the late writer and historian Henry Sealf, the professor has made the history of this region his passionate avocation. He puts most of us to shame, doing more than anyone I know of to research the history of our valley and to share it with us.

In addition to his research, he avidly collects photographs that record our heritage, photographs that often have been stored away, forgotten or lost, and that are now, with his duplication, a part of the May House archives.

We are indebted to Bob for doing what we should have already been doing and for making us more aware of who we are.

I am particularly grateful for Bob's sharing of the article on slavery which ran in Wednesday's Lifestyles section. He shared the record made by a worker in the Federal Writer's Project during the Depression.

I was disturbed by some of the language in the report, and I had to wrestle with the matter for quite a while. I have difficulty accepting—and forgiving—the language commonly used 70 years ago. Despite my respect for words, I cannot help but despise those words that demean, lessen and mock other human beings. There is no excuse, including tradition, for treating people and making them feel as if they were inferior. Whoever said "Words will never hurt me" was dead wrong; they cause more pain and

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Highland Poets...



■ Agnes Hall

Phyllis Centers of Martin sends a picture and two poems by the late Agnes Hall, along with this remembrance:

"She wrote poetry in her head and could quote it to you. It's doubtful, though, if the poems could be found on paper.

"One evening I visited Aggie and I took my tape recorder. We had a nice visit, and then we had a recording session. Later, I worked with my tape player and wrote down these poems.

"Imagine a little lady with a sweet voice quoting these poems. Agnes passed away not long ago."

The Poem No One Wanted To Read

The poem no one wanted to read
 Not a piece of art, good works or deeds
 Just a poem no one wanted to read
 Not written in any style or planned
 But written by an amateur's hand.
 No great master worked on these words
 Worse than this was never heard.
 Not a limerick or ballad meter
 Nothing that would appeal to any reader.
 No sonnet here, not even a rhyme.
 Nothing makes sense on any line.
 A page filled with run-ons
 a riddle we can't un-wind
 The poem no one wanted to read.

—Ralph Hall
 Hi Hat



A Dressing Place

This world is just a dressing place
 For a better land.
 This world is just a dressing place.
 So heed the Lord's command.
 Salvation's free; you cannot buy
 Redemption for your soul.
 Believe, repent and be baptized
 And he will make you whole.
 When God sent down his only son
 To die on Calvary's tree,
 They pierced his side and blood
 flowed down
 To cleanse both you and me.
 The world is groping in despair.
 They will not heed his call.
 Come lay your heavy burdens down,
 He's calling one and all.
 As living souls, we walk the earth
 Both day and by night.
 Our frail weak bodies wracked with
 pain,
 Trouble and with strife.
 Some happy day, it all will end,
 Our troubles will be o'er.
 And we will go to live with God
 On heaven's golden shore.

—Agnes Hall

On The Way To School

What a lot of things to see
 On the way to school.
 Squirrels a running up the tree
 On the way to school.
 Sparrows building cunning nests,
 Robins smoothing down their
 breast.
 What a lot of things to see
 On the way to school.
 What a lot of things to hear
 On the way to school.
 Someone whistles loud and clear
 On the way to school.
 Workman's hammer goes bing-bang
 Fireman's bell goes cling-clang.
 What a lot of things to hear
 On the way to school.

—Agnes Hall

Ali

She is like a ray, that
 reaches out from the warm
 morning sun, and lights up
 the hearts of those who know her.

A little girl named Ali brings a bundle of joy to her family she gets to see for a short time by chance.

Her father worships the ground she walks on, lives in hope from visit to visit. When he sees her, it sets off a sprinkle in his eyes that would light up a fourth of July night.

There is no night too dark, or distance too far, that her grandparents wouldn't travel, just to see that cute little smile, on that beautiful face that would melt a heart of granite.

To see her get out of your car, when we drive into that world she calls the Halls, is like seeing a young colt, that has stood in the barnyard for two weeks looking at the green grass just across the fence. When the gate is opened, and the colt steps outside the gate it forgets the grass, as it runs and jumps for joy. Because the gate has been opened to that world where the colt feels free.

When the car door swings open, and Ali's feet touch the ground for a few minutes she is like the colt that forgot everything, but that wonderful world just outside the barnyard gate.

She runs and jumps while shouting for joy to be in the world where she can just be a little girl with no one to please or obey.

Once she has spent the energy that has needed to be spent since the last visit. She runs to her father, and to see them as they hug is a sight almost too much for any human heart to stand. Ali, the girl who makes us all so happy when she comes for one of her short visits, Ali it is such a joy to see you, and you are loved in the world of us Halls.

—By her papa, Ralph Hall
 Hi Hat

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Birthdays



Alexis Makenzi Hall, daughter of Kevin and Krystal Hall of Wayland, celebrated her second birthday on January 11, 2001. Attending her Blue's Clues party were Hannah MacElhose, Brody Mullins, Bryce Hall, Austin Branham, Cheyenne Light, Sam Conley, and other family members and friends. She is the granddaughter of Bruce and Kathy Scott of Garrett, Ann Dangler of Indiana, and Palmer Hall of Tennessee. She is the great-granddaughter of Sybol Bentley of Wayland, and Buddie and Marie Stone of Estill.



Is two
Haley Brooke Wright celebrated her second birthday on January 5, 2001. She had a birthday party January 6, at her house with the theme of Blues Clues. Many friends and relatives attended the celebration. She is the daughter of Tracy and Kristy Wright of Prestonsburg and granddaughter of Mike and Linda Jarrell of Prestonsburg, Earl and Debbie Wright of Sitka, and Johnny and Billie Thacker of Sidney.

Pageants...

'Faces' pageant planned

Appalachian Dazzling Dolls Pageant Productions will present the 2001 America's Most Beautiful Faces Pageant on February 10, at 2 p.m. at the Allen Park Convention Center at Allen.

Contestants will compete for titles in the following categories: formal, sleepwear, most photogenic, prettiest eyes, hair and smile. Awards include trophies, crowns, title banners and cash. Contestants from all ages and areas may compete.

For information, contact Tina Mullins at 606/478-8462.



Pikeville College presents comedian/ventriloquist Taylor Mason on Tuesday, January 16, at 8 p.m. in Booth Auditorium. Mason combines music, comedy, ventriloquism, and audience participation for an unforgettable show with lots of laughs. The performance is open to the public and admission is free.

Organizations

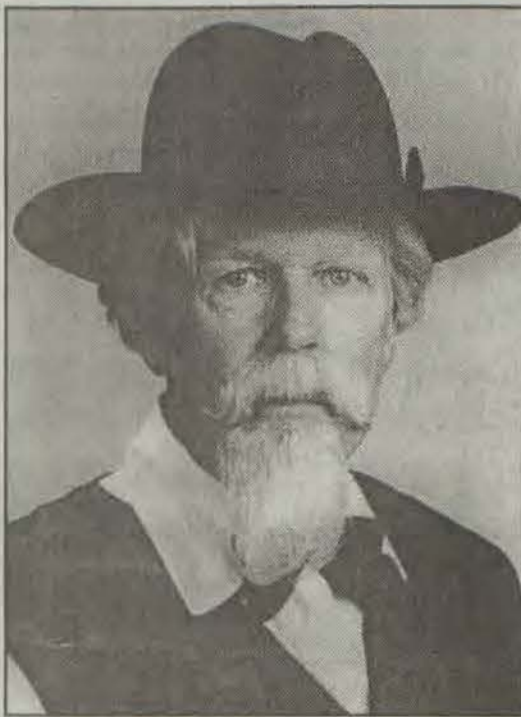


KFWC-Drift raises funds

The KFWC Drift Woman's Club sponsored a Wheels-for-Life bike-athon at Minnie Park last October, to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Of the many participating children, Lauralee Johnson raised more than \$100 and won several prizes from St. Jude's. A kindergarten student at McDowell Elementary, she is the daughter of Leigh Ann Hamilton of

McDowell and Charles Johnson of Wheelwright. Riding the most miles was Corey Wallen, who was awarded a bicycle donated by the club. He is in fifth grade at McDowell and is the son of Butch and Carolyn Wallen of McDowell. The club is planning to sponsor another Wheels-for-Life bike-athon in September. Alice Osborne coordinated the event.

Historical figure to appear at Hindman



Simon B. Buckner
AKA Duane Murner

Civil War general and Kentucky governor Simon B. Buckner will be featured Thursday, January 18, at 6 p.m., at Hindman Settlement School.

Businessman, soldier, politician Simon Bolivar Buckner (1823-1914) touched many bases during his long life. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, he fought against many of his classmates in the Civil War. Later on, Buckner was an honest and efficient governor of Kentucky—no small feat then or now.

Buckner was born and raised in Hart County. After finishing West Point in 1844, he spent many years as soldier and businessman in the North. But when the Civil War came, although offered a Union generalship, he chose the Confederacy and found himself opposing many West Point friends, including Ulysses Grant.

It was Buckner who surrendered Fort Donelson to Grant in 1862. Grant sent Buckner to prison. He got out on a prisoner exchange and saw a lot of action in the western theater. Buckner and Grant eventually reconciled—Buckner

had the unique distinction of serving as a pallbearer for both Grant and Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

In 1887, Buckner became the last in a long line of Democrats with Confederate ties to be elected governor in the postwar years. Faced with an irresponsible General Assembly, he vetoed its acts by the dozen, but also coaxed it into approving much-needed reforms in the tax and parole systems.

His political career ended in 1896 when he ran unsuccessfully for vice president on the Gold Democrats ticket.

A man of wit and culture, Buckner spoke fluent French and was an amateur Shakespearean scholar.

Simon Bolivar Buckner is portrayed by Duane Murner. While at Harvard (B.A., 1959), Murner directed several student theatrical productions. In the early 1960s, he moved west and directed more than a dozen professional productions in Hollywood.

Now retired from a career as an insurance executive, Murner farms in Crestwood, where he is a magistrate on the Oldham County Fiscal Court.

Kentucky Chautauqua is an exclusive presentation of the Kentucky Humanities Council Inc., with regional funding from Toyota Motor Manufacturing North America Inc., Blue Grass Community Foundation and National City@ banks in Bowling Green, Lexington, London, and Owensboro.

The performance is a presentation of the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center in Hindman.

Time out for parents

by LOLA RATLIFF
TITLE IV COORDINATOR
FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS

The Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools and Our Lady of the Way Hospital have been providing the Floyd County School System with parent support groups.

This project has been a collaborative effort between the Family Resource/Youth Service Centers, Head Start, Title IV and the hospital.

The purpose of the parent support groups is to provide parents with information and support in the most important job of being a parent. The Family Resource Centers allow the parents to meet at the centers and provide refreshments.

Lola B. Ratliff, Title IV Coordinator, and Kim Blocker, community health educator with Our Lady of the Way, facilitate the group meetings.

The parents discuss the following issues:

- Helping the child succeed in school.
- Raising drug-free children.

- Discipline,
- Child abuse,
- Managing stress,
- Self esteem,
- Single parenting/divorce and children,
- Communication,
- Dealing with adolescents and teen-agers,
- Nutrition,
- Cooperative parenting,
- 1, 2, 3 Magic (discipline), and
- School-related issues.

These meetings are open to anyone who is interested. Contact your Family Resource/Youth Service Center for time and location of meetings.

In December, the Time Out for Parents Program gave away a gift basket, filled with family-oriented items. The basket went to a parent who had perfect attendance at the parent support group meetings each month.

Sixteen parents had perfect attendance, so one name had to be drawn. The winner was Kenitha Hutchinson, the mother of two McDowell Elementary students and a South Floyd Middle School student.



Time Out

From left, Clara Johnson, McDowell FRC director; Kim Blocker of OLW; Kenitha Hutchinson, parent; and Lola Ratliff, Title IV coordinator.

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Family Medicine

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Is she depressed, or is it just normal teen-age mood swings?

Question: My 15-year-old daughter is moody all the time. She is often cross with me, and she shuts herself into her room. I don't know if she is depressed or just a teen-ager. How can I tell?

Answer: Your question is a fitting topic because females of all ages are about twice as likely to suffer from depression than are males.

Adolescent years are times of significant physical, emotional and social changes. The associated emotional stresses often result in brief periods of melancholy. These periods of "teen-age blues" often coincide with events such as breaking up with a boyfriend or girlfriend. At other times, however, they happen without an obvious cause.

The important characteristic that distinguishes these spells from depression is the duration of symptoms. Feeling "blue" only lasts a few days while depression typically last for more than two weeks.

Depression is a serious illness that strikes individuals of any age. There are two basic types of depression. One is a condition where the person is in an almost constantly sad mood. The other type of depression is called "manic depression" and those with this condition have periods of feeling "high as a kite" and then may also have periods of feeling as "low as Death Valley."

Doctors often refer to this condition as bipolar disorder. During the manic phase, these people have difficulty concentrating on any activity for more than a few moments, and their judgment is impaired. They typically have an unrealistic assessment of their abilities, thinking that they can do things that they really can't accomplish. They also often exhibit irritability and have problems with school, money, sex or drugs.

During the depressive phase of their illness, these people experience all of the symptoms of a major depression.

A person in the midst of a major depression, feels sad, guilty and worthless. He or she can be irritable, with frequent bouts of anger and or sadness. This causes problems at school, work or home. Most sufferers also experience a change — either an increase or a decrease — in how much they eat and how long they sleep. Withdrawal from usual activities, such as association with friends, is common, too. The sufferer may even talk about death or consider suicide.

About four percent of teens have clinical depression, including bipolar disorder. Since most teens have brief spells of being sad, rebellious and effervescently happy, it can be difficult to determine if your child is one of the four percent needing special care.

The most important factors are the severity and persistence of symptoms. Fortunately, the typical emotional swings of a teenager are brief episodes, while clinical depression lasts for two weeks or longer. The severity of the symptoms is also greater in depression.

Talk to your daughter about her mood. If either of you suspect depression, then you should seek the opinion of a trained professional. Your family doctor or a psychologist would be a good place to turn for this type of help.

Adolescents with depression are similar to other age groups with this illness. They respond very nicely to counseling, antidepressant medicine or, preferably, a combination of both. Most show improvement in as little as two weeks. Typically, however, it takes four weeks or more to get back to "normal."

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

Holiday splurge and recovery: break the vicious cycle

by ANN HILLENBRAND
RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Holidays are about feasting, festivities and then fasting to make up for many holiday food indulgences. Radford University foods and nutrition professor and registered dietitian Anne Alexander says there are many ways to cut back on holiday splurges without giving up many of the treats associated with the season.

The first step is to cut back on alcohol intake. "Many people don't realize that alcohol contains seven calories per gram compared to fat which has nine calories per gram," says Alexander. "Holiday drinks such as eggnog, hot buttered rum and other mixed drinks are especially high in calories."

If you decide to drink, opt for champagne and liquor mixed with low calorie mixer. Alcohol also has a relaxing effect on the body that could cause people to lose their eating inhibitions. When people drink they are more likely to do more snacking on high fat foods.

There's no need for anyone to feel guilty about eating a traditional holiday meal with all the trimmings. "One big meal every now and then doesn't make much of a difference. When we start overeating at Thanksgiving and continue through New Year's, that is what does most people in," says Alexander.

Make the big meal an isolated event throughout the holidays and think of holiday treats as

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"treats." Cookies and high fat appetizers served at parties should be special treats and not an every day snack.

After the holidays, people are usually motivated to begin losing weight and eating right. Alexander says go ahead and jump right in—do something.

"Try Weight Watchers. People make a financial commitment so they are more likely to stick to it and the program is nutritionally balanced. It is also important for people to talk with a registered dietician before making any big plans for dieting," says Alexander.

Registered dietitians will sit down and analyze one's eating habits and will work with the dieter to organize a nutritional plan that is right for his or her lifestyle and health needs.

"What I don't like people to do is open a national women's magazine and see gimmick diet after gimmick diet and blindly decide to follow them," says Alexander. "If that gets them started, that's fine. But it won't be a quick fix."

When people are losing weight, they want volume. Fruits and vegetables will fill someone up more and keep the calorie count down. Just having something to nibble on, such as a bag of carrots or broccoli at work will keep the cravings to munch on high fat snacks down. For those who don't like vegetables, Alexander says eating fresh low fat popcorn and drinking plenty of water will do the trick.

"I discourage people from filling up on diet sodas because they put a desire for sweets in your mouth. We've seen that people who drink a lot of carbonated beverages later on have problems with their bones. The phosphorus in the drinks interferes with the body's utilization of calcium. On the other hand, iced tea interferes with iron metabolism, but herbal teas are fine. Water is the best," says Alexander.

To learn more about eating the right foods and weight loss visit the following websites.

■ www.weight-watchers.com (this site features healthy meal plans and food ideas)

■ www.cookinglight.com (this site features healthy meal recipes)

■ www.eatright.com (this site is produced by the American Dietetic Association and features healthy living articles, recipes and nutrition facts)

Pike College accepting nursing applicants

The Nursing Division at Pikeville College is accepting applications for fall 2001 admission. The deadline is March 1.

Criteria for admission are: (1) application to the college and the nursing program; (2) high school and college transcripts; (3) ACT of 19 or above; and (4) completion of the Nurse Entrance Test (NET). The NET will be administered at Pikeville College at 9 a.m. on January 20, February 3, and February 17.

Applicants to the LPN to RN program are eligible for placement in the second year of the nursing program. Applicants must meet admissions criteria, take additional testing, and have a valid nursing license. For more information, call the Division of Nursing at 606/432-9230 or visit www.pc.edu.

PCC team is No. 1

Prestonsburg Community College's Nursing Team won first place and \$100 in the fourth annual Kaplan Nursing Bowl during the Kentucky Association of Student Nursing Convention in Louisville in October.

The team members, all sophomore nursing students, are Shannon Conley, team captain, and alternates Carmen Burchett and Rose Hall, all of Floyd County; Clara Collins and Angela Fitch, Martin County; and Jill Maynard, Pike County.

Nursing faculty Jenny Bottoms, Sandra Conley, Clara Garrett and Kim DeRossett accompanied the students to the convention.

Students name 'best teachers'

A select group of America's teachers have been honored by their toughest critics — their former students — in the sixth edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000.

All of the 114,000 teachers who were honored were selected by their former students, who are listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students or The National Dean's List, publications that recognize five percent of the nation's high school and college students, respectively.

The students were requested to nominate the one teacher from their entire academic career who "made a difference" in their lives by helping to shape their values, inspiring interest in a particular subject and/or challenging them to strive for excellence.

Local teachers honored in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000, by school include:

■ Allen Elementary School: Ramona B. Aiken and Bernadine Wells Isaac.

■ Betsy Layne High School: Karen Hamilton Wilson, Larry Victor Wilson and Paul W. Prater.

■ Allen Central High School: Danny O'Quinn, Rita Duff Osborne, Cecilia Houston Prater and Desha Marion Holliday.

■ South Floyd High School: Shirlene Hamilton.

■ Duff Elementary School: Helen K. Howard Martin and Sheila Jones Ratliff.

■ Prestonsburg High School: Gary Hopkins, Anita Howell Stumbo, Charles Michael Bell, Timothy Duane Blankenship, Terri Hall McCoy and Roy Marlin Penix.

■ Piarist School: Theresa Anne Kelly.

■ Adams Middle School: Paula Collins, Johnene Ison and Sheila Clark Ortega.

■ Prestonsburg Community College: Sabra Paskewitz Jacobs, Christopher Eric Kidd, Robert Danford McAninch, Theresa A. Milton, John George Shiber and Shirely L. Thomas.

Also listed was retired teacher Lowell Lloyd Martin.

Youth News

Colgate campaign is launched



Bryce Johnson of the WB Network show "Popular," Beverly Mitchell of WB's "7th Heaven," Shar Jackson of UPN's "Moesha," and teen star Jonathan Jackson will lead this year's judging panel to choose the nation's top community service winners in the 2001 "Colgate Youth for America" campaign.

The award-winning program presents cash grants for the best completed service projects by local units of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys & Girls Clubs, Girls Incorporated, Camp Fire and 4-H.

More than 300 local clubs and troops of these leading national organizations will receive checks for up to \$2,000 for their outstanding projects.

"The Colgate Youth for America program puts the positive activities of today's young people in the spotlight, recognizing and rewarding their creative

solutions to problems in their communities," said program director Jennifer Barbara. "Hopefully, it also inspires others to follow their lead and get involved in service programs in their own neighborhoods."

Recent winning projects have included internships, training for seniors, environmental improvement projects, violence prevention, baby-sitting programs for special needs children, and thousands of other community-minded programs, all reflecting genuine concerns of our nation's young people.

"The participation of this year's panel of judges, some of today's most popular young stars, is a tribute to the program's importance," said Barbara.

The Youth for America campaign is part of a worldwide network of Colgate-Palmolive Company-sponsored youth programs. Launched in

1972, the campaign is now the nation's longest running corporate-sponsored program for kids. It has won a Freedoms Foundation Award, been recognized by the White House under the last five administrations, been saluted by Congress, and recognized by governors and mayors throughout the nation each year.

Entry forms may be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Colgate's Youth for America, P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058.

Visit Colgate's website at www.colgate.com where you can click on "Colgate Cares" to get more details about the program, view summaries of this past year's winners and print an entry form right from your screen. The deadline for entry into this year's program is March 31.



Geneva Ward's kindergarten class at the Wesley Christian School performs at chapel, singing "Five Little Lady Bugs." The singers are, front, from left, Catherine Tincer, Hannah Porter, Rechelle Johnson, J.D. Adams, Kristen Fitch; middle, from left, Coty Shortridge, Owen Caudill, Adam Castle, Andrew Padgett, Dustin Crum; back, from left, Zachary Butcher, Alexandria Hansford, Jacob Derossett, Sarah Akers and Victoria Nairn. The chapel service is part of the school curriculum.

Wesley Christian School kindergarten recently welcomed a visit from Smokey Bear and Forest Ranger Technician Jane Quillen from the Kentucky Division of Forestry during Fire Safety Awareness Month.



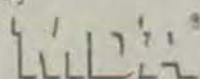
Young people from Middle Creek Baptist Church won first place competing in a Bible Quiz on December 16. They received a traveling plaque in the competition, which included six teams from four other churches. From left are Buddy Beiger, Micah Ward, Joey Ward, Joseph Gilliam, and Alicia Slone. The coaches are Dolores Ward, Rue Hager and Cassie Justice. Charles Justice is the van driver for the team. Vernon Slone is pastor of the church. The team will defend the plaque at Victory Mountain Church on January 20.

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