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County receives sewer grant

Gov. Paul Patton announced Tuesday that \$840,000 in community development block grant funds would be coming Floyd County's way to help pay for a sewage collection system in Auxier.

Money received from the grant will be used to design and construct 38,200 feet of sewer lines, a pumping station and related items. The project is part of the Honey Branch wastewater treatment sys-

Overall, the grant will help provide sewer service to 303 households and 11 businesses in the Auxier area.

"Providing sewers to this community will eliminate 117 straight pipes as well as failing septic systems that are polluting the Big Sandy River," Patton said. "This project helps residents, this community and the environment."

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ACMS audit cites role of council

January 17, 2001

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by PAM SHINGLER SENIOR EDITOR

As indicated in previously released school audits, the Site-Based Decision Making Council at Allen Central Middle School may not quite be fulfilling its lead-

That's a thread throughout the ACMS audit report, disseminated recently by the Kentucky Department of Education. The Eastern school, along with Stumbo Elementary and South Floyd Middle schools, were scrutinized last fall by a auditors praised the school in several areas,

result of the lack of student progress on annual standardized exams.

The ACMS report is the third of the required audits to be released. The audit team spent a week in

November at ACMS looking at academic performance of students, learning environment, and leadership efficiency. In each category, the SBDM Council was advised to establish policies or strengthen existing

The report was not all negative. The

KDE-sponsored team of educators, as a including the use of multiple techniques to assess student work, the variety of technology in use, high expectations for students, maintenance of the facility, staff evaluation, and openness of the staff to the audit

> The highlights of the report are presented by category.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

To assist student transition, the auditors recommend more collaboration with feeder schools on the curriculum and monitoring by an SBDM committee.

As for student evaluation, the audit reports that "assessment is not rigorous" and that "there is an inconsistency and lack of knowledge in evaluating student work," The auditors also cited the lack of a home-

They stated that the media center "is inadequate to support the middle school curriculum" and termed library holdings 'very limited."

Among recommendations for improving academic performance, the audit team

(See AUDIT, page two)

On the job ...



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Pace on work to construct a new football stadium has picked up over the past week, with work crews busy shaping the new field.

Ex-officers sue city for pay

by KATHY J. PRATER STAFF WRITER

According to city attorney David Neeley, "when it rains, it pours," and in so keeping with the familiar adage, the city of Prestonsburg has been named as a defendant in yet another

The complaint, filed by Paintsville attorney Lance A. Daniels, a former assistant Floyd County attorney, was issued on behalf of two former members of the Prestonsburg Police Department, Darrell Preston and Charles "Little Shag" Branham, plaintiffs in the case.

The complaint alleges that the two were wrongfully denied health care and retirement benefits as well as normally afforded leave time for sickness and vacation that is regularly granted to full-time employees.

The complaint attests that both men were hired to serve as part-time employees of the city and that they were not hired for any specified frame

According to the complaint, the city's employment practices are governed by a personnel manual adopted by ordinance. The ordinance defines a temporary employee "as an individual hired full or part-time for a specified time frame," and a part-time employee as "an individual hired on a limited or regular basis but works less than a normal work week..." The manual further provides that temporary and part-time employees are not eligible

for benefits coverage: The plaintiffs attest that they each worked a full normal work week during their employment by the city and

that they regularly accrued overtime pay in addition to the normal 40-hour week.

The plaintiffs allege that the city is guilty of breach of contract in that it failed to treat them as true part-time employees evidenced by the fact that each of the plaintiffs worked in excess of the hours allotted to that of parttime employees, and that the city also failed to provide them with the benefits afforded to regular full-time employees.

The complaint alleges that the city acted against section 2 of the Kentucky Constitution, which prohibits arbitrary and capricious govern-

As a result of this alleged wrongful action, the plaintiffs ask to be award-

(See LAWSUIT, page three)

Jury rules utility must pay \$18,000

Times Staff Report

A Floyd County jury ruled Monday that Prestonsburg Utilities owes a David woman \$18,000 for damages caused after a sewer line backed up into her house last year.

Janet Salisbury had filed suit against the utility and the city of Prestonsburg on April 26, four days after the sewage spill. The city was later dropped from the suit.

According to an affadavit filed with her complaint, Salisbury said that utility workers had been working lines on April 21 and April 22. While they were working, Salisbury alleged that raw sewage spilled into her three-bedroom, brick home at Schoolhouse Hollow in David through two commodes, two bathtubs and the home's sinks.

(See UTILITY, page two)

Former Mines Commissioner dies

Times Staff Report

A Melvin man who served as commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals under three governors has died.

supervisor of the Martin District Office in 1973 and

Willard Stanley, 80, died of chronic heart failure Saturday at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, where he had made his home for the past two decades.

The former commissioner worked for mining companies in Weeksbury, Wheelwright and Ligon before joining the state as a mine inspector in 1953. He was promoted to supervisor of the Prestonsburg District in 1959.

He returned to private business in 1969 to become safety director for Island Creek Coal Co. in Virginia and east-



(See STANLEY, page two)

Ambulance is victim of hit & run

Times Staff Report

An ambulance transporting a patient from McDowell to Hazard was reportedly run off the road and struck early Saturday morning near Minnie, and the driver of the car that hit the ambulance continued going.

Roy May of the Left Beaver Fire and Rescue Squad said no one

was injured, but officers with the Kentucky State Police and Floyd County Sheriff's Department are looking for the hit and run suspect.

The Left Beaver ambulance, driven by Craig Carter, was taking an "advanced life support from McDowell patient" Appalachian Regional Hospital to the ARH in Hazard, at about 7:30 a.m., when the accident occurred.

May said the ambulance was traveling west on KY 680, about a mile from the KY 122 intersection at Minnie, when a vehicle traveling east, allegedly at a high rate of speed, crossed the center line. The ambulance went onto the shoulder to avoid collision, May said, but the car continued veering toward it, struck it and then left the scene.

May said witnesses believe the vehicle in question is a bluishgreen, Mercury Cougar, 1993 or '94 model. He said the car likely has some damage on the driver's May said the ambulance sus-

tained "some body damage," although it is still usable. Another ambulance was dispatched to take the patient to Hazard, while a

KSP officer investigated the acci-

Aaron Cantrell was the paramedic with the ambulance, but May did not name the patient.

May asked that anyone with information on the identity of the driver of the car call the Left Beaver squad at 606/377-6773. KSP at 1-800-222-5555, or the sheriff's office at 606/886-6171.

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advised the SBDM Council to LEARNING "develop and implement meaningful policies in the areas of instruc tional practices, classroom management and homework." It also called for more and better professional

ENVIRONMENT

The report indicates that only 42 percent of students said they feel safe at the school. Further, the report says that students say they are not challenged at high levels in

Stanley

development for teachers.

Audit

was appointed commissioner by former Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. in 1979.

He also served under Gov. Martha Layne Collins and Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, until his retirement in

Stanley's career was spent in the mining industry, beginning with Koppers Coal Co. in 1938. He also worked with Inland Coal Co. and Clear Branch Mining Co., in addition to his stint with Island Creek.

Commissioner Stanley was recognized for his devotion to making coal mines safer. He often was called a "miner's miner," because he had worked as a miner and had lost members of his own family in coal minerelated accidents. He led several rescue operations after mining accidents had occurred.

He successfully advocated stronger rock dust regulations while serving on the special Commission on Mine Safety in 1981, traveling to mines and holding hearings on the problem.

He later held statewide hearings on roof fall support, which resulted in the implementation of stronger regulations to encourage the use of ATRS machines to provide support to underground mine roofs.

Times Staff Report

A Martin man was arrested

Tuesday on charges connected with

alleged violent behavior exacted toward members of his family as

well as law enforcement officials

counts of fourth-degree aggravated

assault occurred shortly after mid-

the Kentucky State Police, a call

was received at Post 9, Pikeville, in

which a family member stated that

The initial violation of two

According to a citation issued by

who were called to the scene.

night Tuesday morning.

Continued from p1 He also promoted the development of mine rescue teams, making Kentucky a model for the country.

In addition to his work, Stanley was active in the community. He was former president of the Wheelwright Parent-Teacher Association and Past Master of the Wheelwright Masonic Lodge No. 889. He was also a former member of the advisory board for McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital and was in the Kiwanis Club.

Professionally, he had served as chairman of the National Mine Rescue Association, president and executive secretary of the Big Sandy Elkhorn Coal Mining Institute, secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Mining Institute and president of the Mine Inspectors Institute of America.

He had been married to Pansy Mae Johnson Stanley for 58 years. They had six children: Carol Sue Sword, Deborah Hall, and Willard Stanley Jr., all of Lexington: Charlotte Lynn of Pikeville, and Patricia McCown and Sherry Goeing, both of Melvin.

Funeral services are today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. at Hall Funeral Home Chapel at Martin, with burial to follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens

James A. Rederick, 30, of Martin, had allegedly assaulted his parents,

Upon arrival at the family's resi-

dence on Old Hite Road, the troop-

"head butt" Trooper Ronald Peppi

According to the citation, Rederick allegedly further resisted arrest by refusing to get into the

patrol car and by continually cursing at and spitting upon each of the

officers in addition to allegedly making threats against their lives.

tion, was allegedly under the influ-

ence of alcohol during the time of

who were contacted late Tuesday

afternoon refrained from any com-

two counts of aggravated assault,

two counts of third-degree assault

against a police officer, disorderly

conduct, resisting arrest, and three

counts of terroristic threatening.

ment in regard to the incident.

Rederick, according to the citia-

Members of Rederick's family

Rederick has been charged with

Trooper Joe King with his elbow,

James and Sandra Rederick.

threats to "kill his father."

their presence.

they observed that some classrooms have "serious behavioral disrup-

A lack of communication with parents is cited, as is under-involvement by staff members in decision making. The report also says school personnel make "limited effort ... to involve families and the community as active partners in the educational process.'

Even the restrooms are said to be "inadequate" for the number of people in the school.

The auditors say the SBDM Council should involve "all stakeholders" in the school and implement "an effective committee structure, effective decision making and policy development processes and an effective communications/public relations plan.

In addition, the team recommends that the Council adopt and carry through on a policy on training for all staff members, Council members themselves, and other par-

Teachers and administrators are advised to do more to profile student academic development and to initiate Individual Graduation

EFFICIENCY

The report encourages staff to work more closely in assessing students and to make better use of instructional time.

In this category, the auditors are more harsh in their assessment of

most subjects, and auditors said the SBDM Council. The report states, "Council policies are vague, error-ridden and poorly focused. Most are cursory and were dated on the same date, 31 August 1998. Based on Council meeting minutes from that date, the Council did not

adopt any policies on that date." More tersely, it indicates "there is very little use or understanding of the SBDM Council process." In fact, auditors say they found that many Council functions "are handled by the faculty acting as a committee of the whole." The Council,

by law, must also involve parents.

In terms of planning, the auditors say they found that information for planning is "not completely analyzed, nor ... managed effectively." The school's consolidated plan, the report says, "does not target student learning.

Also in the area of planning, 'there is no commitment to continuous improvement," according to the auditors. "No reports are made to the Council. Ongoing targets are not met. Feedback is not collected."

The audit team recommends that the school accept the services of a Highly Skilled Educator to assist teachers and administrators and that it apply for Commonwealth School Improvement Funds,

It also advises the SBDM Council to "receive extensive training in policy development, team building and budget and finance." Further, it says the training should come from "outside the district."



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Utility

the incident.

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Salisbury's attorney. Pillersdorf, said his client had to evacuate her home because the sewage flooded her basement and spilled into the upstairs living quarters of the home.

Salisbury said in her affidavit that she contacted utility Superintendent Seldon Horn about the problem and that he made arrangements for her and her two daughters, ages 10 and 15, to stay at Comfort Suites Hotel the nights of April 22 and 23. However, when she spoke with Horn again on April 24, she says she was told that the utility company would no longer assist her.

Without the help of Prestonsburg Utilities and having only \$60 at the time, Salisbury said that she and her daughters were rendered "homeless," having to keep her personal belongings in her car and to sleep on the floor of a friend's house on

On April 27, one day after Salisbury filed the lawsuit, she won an injunction against Prestonsburg Utilities, forcing the company to clean her home and provide her with temporary housing.

The case went to trial on Friday and continued until Monday, when the jury ordered Prestonsburg Utilities to pay Salisbury \$18,000 for damages to her home and the loss of personal items.

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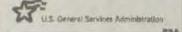
'Many working families are joining ranks of homeless, new Volunteers of America survey

the strong American economy of the working homeless, Volunteers to afford just the basic needs, the past decade has helped to cre-

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of America said today.

A survey last year of 202 homeless families with 370 children living in 14 shelters in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina showed that 42 percent of the adults are employed and 28 percent have never been on public

The reason working poor families become homeless is often a simple matter of finances. The median income for working homeless families in this region is \$247 per week or \$988 per month. The cost of basic family need exceeds that income and it is only a matter of time before a family finds itself homeless. The typical family would need to earn at least

A four-state survey reveals that are a new category of families, 120 percent of its current income future for all Americans," Gould according to the findings of the

> "This regional survey confirms the experience of Volunteers of America across the country. The problem of homelessness is growing nationwide, particularly for the working poor," Charles Gould, Volunteers of America president said.

> "This trend of working poor families becoming homeless needs the attention of local, state and national policy makers. Affordable housing, a living wage, childcare subsidies, food stamps and programs that help families rebuild their lives will not only help families living in poverty, but will help build stronger communities and a better

Gould urged the U.S. Congress to authorize and appropriate full funding for programs designed to prevent and end homelessness in

Perhaps the most disturbing finding of the survey, Gould said, was that "homeless children are at the greatest risk - facing educational barriers, emotional distress and erratic health. Over time homelessness can leave a permanent scar on a child's future."

The survey, The Other America: Homeless Families in the Shadow of the New Economy. was conducted by The Institute for Children and Poverty, the research and training division of Homes for the Homeless based in New York City. The data was collected in conjunction with Volunteers of America at 14 homeless shelters in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit, spiritually based organization providing local human service programs and opportunities for individual and community involvement. It is one of the nation's largest providers of affordable housing for families, the elderly, and people with Volunteers disabilities.

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more than \$2.4 billion are awaiting about 1.6 million people who failed to file a 1997 income tax return, the Internal Revenue announced today. However, in order to collect the money, a return must be filed with an IRS office no later than April

"I strongly urge these individuals to take steps to claim this money," said IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti. "Money that is not refunded within three years

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Unclaimed refunds totaling generally becomes the property of the U.S. Treasury," he said.

The IRS estimates that about half of those who could claim refunds would receive less than \$464. Some individuals had too little income to require filing a tax return, but may have had taxes withheld from their wages. Others may not have had any tax withheld, but would be eligible for the refundable Earned Income Tax

In cases where a return was not filed, the law provides most taxpayers with a three-year window of opportunity for claiming a refund. For 1997 returns, the window closes on April 15, 2001. However, because that day is a Sunday, taxpayers have until the next day to file their returns and claim their refunds. The law requires that these returns be properly addressed, postmarked, and mailed by that date (April 16, 2001). There is no penalty assessed by the IRS for filing a late return qualifying for a refund.

Lawsuit

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ed compensation for lost income and benefits as well as compensation for emotional suffering, and further, that an injunction be placed against the city prohibiting it from further engagement in any practices such as those named in the complaint with any present or future employees of the city.

In response to this action, Neeley claims that "this case is without merit" and that further "it was filed in the Floyd Circuit Court, which is the wrong venue for this type of case, it is clearly in the wrong court."

As a result, Neeley foresees an immediate "dismissal" of the case. According to Neeley the case falls under the jurisdiction of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and that by that standard the case would therefore fall under the "exclusive jurisdiction" of a fed-

Neeley also said that he believes both men were employed by the city for a short length of time and that employment of at least one of the men ended shortly after Jerry Fannin became mayor of the city more than three years ago.

The IRS reminds taxpayers seeking a 1997 refund that their checks will be held if they have not filed tax returns for 1998 or 1999. In addition, the refund will be applied to any amounts still owed to the IRS and may be used to satisfy unpaid child support or past

By failing to file a return, individuals stand to lose more than refunds of taxes withheld or paid during 1997. Many low-income workers may not have claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Although eligible taxpayers may get a refund when their EITC is be requested by mid-March.

due federal debts such as student

returns more than three years late would be able only to offset their tax. They would not be able to receive refunds if the credit exceeded their tax. For 1997, individuals qualified

more than their tax, those who file

for the EITC if they earned less than \$29,290 and had more than one qualifying child living with them; less than \$25,760 with one qualifying child or less than \$9,770 and had no qualifying child.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY...

"Long tresses down to the floor can be beautiful, if you have that, but learn to love what you have."

-Anita Baker

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-Editorial-

A missed opportunity

It's fair to wonder if the state is really committed to breaking the habit of smoking that plagues too many Kentuckians when the portion of tobacco settlement dollars spent on programs to prevent and stop smoking is so small.

When Kentucky decided last year how to spend its share of the annual windfall from the multi-billiondollar tobacco settlement, policy makers chose to allocate less than one fourth of the minimal amount that the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended be spent on programs that prevent smoking and help smokers break the habit.

Kentucky leaders decided to spend \$5 million a year for such programs. To make a real impact on smoking, the CDC had recommended that Kentucky spend a minimum of \$25 million and as much as \$69 million annually from its share of the settlement. The settlement is expected to bring in \$112 million to \$147 million a year to the state.

A report, issued last week by the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, found Kentucky's spending on programs to prevent and stop smoking, like that of other tobacco-producing states, toward the bottom. The commonwealth ranked 32nd among the states.

But when it comes to smoking, Kentucky stands near the top among states.

At 29.7 percent, the percentage of adult smokers in Kentucky is the second highest in the nation and well above the national average of 25 percent. Moreover, with nearly half of the teen-agers smoking - the highest rate among young people - the future looks

Prevention and stop-smoking efforts can work. But it does require a commitment. States with the most success at reducing smoking have spent much more combatting tobacco. Kentucky is missing an opportunity by not allocating more tobacco settlement dollars toward such programs.

Never starting smoking is arguably the most important health decision a young person can make. And stopping smoking is the single most important step toward improving health.

For the sake of the future, Kentucky must do more to prevent smoking and help those who already smoke to break the habit.

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-Letters the Editor-

Are all politicians bumper stickers and nail files?

The thrill of victory, being able to stand with pride before your country, representing the values that people should abide by, and being able to influence the very decisions which mold and shape our country these are all aspects for many of the men and women who hold a political office.

But did you ever wonder how exactly they reached a status such as this? Was this placement of power made strictly on their platforms, promises, plans and the occasional goal or two, or was it something more?

They say that money makes the world go 'round, but the truth is that in today's society, it can do a whole lot more than that. Money not only gives us what we need to purchase the materials to make what we need, it gives us a sense of security. It keeps food in our mouths, clothing on our backs and (sometimes) a reward for a hard day's work. But it seems that sometime, somewhere, someone forgot to mention the fact that money can also buy a political office.

It is a known fact that politics and politicians play a major role in the movement of our country, either toward the zenith or the nadir. Along the way, they may suffer many losses and defeats, only to pick up the pieces and make a move to become the president, vice president, governor, senator, representative and even city mayor.

Half of the battle in claiming the victory encompasses that of their campaign strategy. So many times, and really too often, those running for a political office spend thousands and even millions of dollars focusing on campaign speeches, advertisements and commercials, posters and flyers, bumper stickers and, yes, even nail files. They are dead set on the campaign trail, and stray away from the yellow brick road of recognizing our nation's veterans, tax cuts, better health care for the disabled and elderly, and increasing salaries for our nation's mentor's - teachers.

Hmmm ... but why on earth would these so bitterly honest and trustworthy men and women not want to follow that yellow brick road of acceptance and public gratitude and appreciation? Could it possibly be that by following the "million-dollar campaign trail," they could gain wealth, high status, power, foreign allies and even be involved in the furthering of so many young interns' educations? Surely these fine people wouldn't be interested in self-gain, rather than the progress of our nation. But let's face facts here and wake up and smell the tax increases.

With these million-dollar ideas for campaigns

comes the harsh slander and brutal lashings between opponents. These "adults" resort to elementary school name-calling and trash-talking to gain acceptance among voters. They waste precious time that they could be using to address public concerns, to argue back and forth across the airwayes.

Politicians believe wholeheartedly that these belittling comments will have a say in the opinions of the public. The fact is that it just gives the nation an amusing subject to discuss at the dinner table and in restaurants, which is sad in its own right. Why should we even waste our time in even discussing these matters? It's not as if we have a say in the whole scheme of things. In the world of politics, it isn't the public opinion and vote that matters. It is how much money

Politicians can't settle for taking the honest road ore, but really when did they ever? Why would they need honesty when they have money, money, and more money and know all the right people atop the political food chain? When they have these two all-important things, their standpoint on many vital issues goes overlooked when they pay off those that "matter" ... top government officials and high status voters. To be perfectly candid, they probably don't have "actual" platforms. When they have the almighty dollar in their possession, they don't need platforms that stand true. Politicians can lead us to believe that they will strive to make our country better and more stable, but in the majority of situations that never happens. Sure, our country has one of the strongest economies on the globe, and we do continue to have much advancement in our society, but does that have a lot to do with the officials we elect, or the person who writes his speeches?

Government corruption and the power of money to buy political office have plagued our nation for so many years. It's not what you know anymore, it's who you know. And now we are confronted with another presidential election. In this election, the recounting of votes and lawsuits will never stop until the "right" person has been elected into office. But who is that person? Naturally, the one with the most power, influence and money. And in conclusion, as I continue to watch the presidential election follow-ups, I can look down at my beautifully manicured nails and say that politicians were finally good for something.

Kimberly Ann Haney High school sophomore Staffordsville

Decrease the size of Johnson County schools

Editor:

ext. 31

You send your kids to school to learn, right? So you're interested in new ways to help them get a better education for your taxpaying dollars, correct? You would like to see your child learn more and be happier when they come home from school, right? You would also love to see the violence in the local schools decrease, wouldn't you?

If you answered "yes" to all these questions, then I have the perfect solution to your problem. The community here in Johnson County needs to consider decreasing the size of the schools. I think that if they can do this, you child would learn more and be happier, and the violence would decrease.

Back 30 years ago, children were taught in a oneroom schoolhouse. If you ask around you will find that the children who were taught in those schools learned more for the simple reason that they were taught more one-on-one rather than with 30 or more

I feel that the schools in Johnson County are very overpopulated. I think something needs to be done to help the future of eastern Kentucky learn more and be

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Letters to the Editor

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Who do you believe?

by ROBERT LINNELL

Linda Chavez, the Bush nominee for Labor Secretary has withdrawn from consideration and another nomince has been submitted.

Chavez appeared at a well-organized news conference with several immigrants who said that she had helped them. In her withdrawal speech she seemd like a very sincere person with a desire to help others. She criticized "the politics of personal destruction" in Washington and the "searchand-destroy" politics.

Most viewers probably felt some sympathy for her. Bush called her "a good person with a great deal of compassion" and his spokesman. Ari Fleischer, said that she was not asked to withdraw.

However several others reported that she stepped aside under pressure from the Bush political team. Many who saw only the press conference came away feeling this was indeed a good person who was prevented from public service by vicious politics.

The Wall Street Journal and the New York Times are two respected national newspapers, the one considered conservative and the other liberal. In an op ed on the Chavez withdrawal, the Journal said, "What a spectacle. In most parts of America, a woman who stretched out her hand to a struggling Vietnamese refugee, who paid for the schooling of two Puerto Rican children out of her own pocket and who opened her home to a battered Guatemalan woman without first demanding to see her green card would be held up as an example. That's the difference between most of America and the Beltway, where Linda Chavez gets reduced to a political

In contrast the NYT wrote: "No doubt Ms. Chavez has helped immigrants and young people over the years. But the testimonials felt rehearsed and exploitive. And Ms. Chavez's attempts to cast herself as a victim of the 'politics of personal destruction' simply rang false. Ms.Chavez conceded ...'I think that I always knew that she was here illegally.". Harboring an illegal alien is a felony. Hiring one would violate another federal law."

The Guatemalan woman that was befriended, Marta Mercado, lived in the Chavez home for two years, received room and board and over \$1,500 each year in "spending money" and performed housework and child care. She also did housework, for pay, for a neighbor. Although both Chavez and Mercada insist that there was not an employer-employee relationship, these facts are not disputed.

Linda Chavez was nominated to be Labor Secretary, the top position in Washington with responsibilities for the health and welfare of American workers. Our society is rapidly moving to an era of new employeremployee relationships with work-athome, telecommuting and a myriad of other combinations. Some corporations are trying to avoid obeying basic worker protection laws by denial that the workers in these new relationships are employees, usually to the detriment of these workers.

By her personal actions, Chavez denied her employer relationship to Mercado which, if followed nationally, would take away basic benefits to hundreds of thousands of domestic workers. Social Security, Medicare, and unemployment taxes and protection are accepted basic rights for domestic workers. But of course Mercada was an illegal immigrant and could not be included, so to help her (if that was the motive of Chavez) the first step should have been to work on her immigrant status.

Based on the facts, we conclude that Linda Chavez has (no matter how "compassionate" she may be in helping people) by her actions shown herself to be the wrong candidate to be Labor Secretary. Her withdrawal was right for her and for the country.

The political hype about personal destruction is just that, political hype. Unfortunately most Americans will

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financial assistance to attend Eastern Kentucky University in 2001-02 need to act quickly.

Increased dollar amounts are available for the next academic year through a variety of grant, loan and scholarship programs, according to John Fish, director of EKU's Division of Financial Assistance, but "certain programs run out of funds very quick-

Prospective students can download the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.finaid.eku.edu or pick up the form from a high school guidance counselor or at EKU's financial assistance office in the Coates Administration Building.

The federal form should be mailed by March I, Fish said, adding that Kentucky residents applying for state College Assistance Program (CAP) funds need to apply no later than March 15.

EKU's Division of Student Financial Assistance will begin in March to determine students' eligibility for various types of assistance.

"Those who have all their forms on file in our office by April 1 will be the first to receive a financial aid package," Fish emphasized. "The earlier you apply, the better chance you have of getting more than one type of financial assistance. Timing is very important.

'There's no one program to pay the total cost of an education." Fish added, "so many students use a com-

Floyd County students seeking bination. Some are helped by as many as five or six programs."

Many students benefit from one or more scholarships, and an increasing number of scholarships are available. To learn more about scholarships available to EKU students, prospective students should see a high school guidance counselor, visit www.scholarships.eku.edu for a downloadable form or inquire at Eastern's financial aid office. The deadline for submitting a scholarship application is February

About 80 percent of EKU students receive some type of financial assistance, which last year totaled some \$49 million, according to Fish. About \$8 million of that was in the form of grants, which do not have to be repaid. The maximum Pell Grant has been increased to \$3,750 for 2001-02.

"Eastern always has been helpful in identifying sources of funding for our students." Fish said. "The best form of financial assistance of modest tuition, and we believe we offer a quality education at an affordable price, coupled with opportunities for financial assistance."

Another source for financial help is a campus job. About 1,500 Eastern students help finance their education through either the Federal Work Study Program or the Institutional Work Program Openings exist throughout the school year Fish noted.

In addition, various assistance programs are available to veterans or families of deceased or disabled veter-

A number of financial aid workshops will be held this winter at various sites. Also, on February 18, College Goal Sunday will be held simultaneously in 11 Kentucky communities, including Ashland, Corbin, Hazard, Pikeville and Lexington, Financial aid professionals from Kentucky colleges and universities will be available at each site to answer students' and parents' questions about the financial assistance process. For more information about College Goal Sunday, see a high school guidance counselor or call 1-888-4-KASFAA.

All first-time Federal Stafford Loan borrowers must follow a procedure on the Office's web site (www.finaid.eku.edu) or attend an

entrance counseling session prior to the first disbursement.

For more information about financial assistance opportunities at EKU, contact the Division of Student Financial Assistance at 859/622-2361 or visit www.finaid.eku.edu. Those wanting to know if their Federal Stafford Loan disbursement has arrived at the University, may access the Colonel Connection voice response telephone system at 859/622-2020 and follow the prompts for that and other financial aid infor-

The financial aid office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-

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CCCS offers tips for paying off holiday debt

have played with their new toys: the holiday decorations are back in the attic and the tree has been recycled. But you did it again. You charged up a blizzard during the holidays and the bills are rolling in. What do you do now?

"You need to create a holiday debt repayment plan," said Johnny Cantrell, director of operations for Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a non-profit community service organization that provides confidential credit counseling, debt management and educational programs to financially troubled consumers. "Otherwise, you could be paying for those gifts for a long time.

Bankers Association reports that columns for the type of credit card, the typical payoff time for holiday the amount outstanding and the debt is four months. Depending on annual percentage rate. This will what was charged, some American give you an idea of how much families could have a lot to pay, money you owe creditors.

The holidays are over, the kids Families spent an average of \$1,067 on holiday gifts during 1999, reports the International Mass Retail Association.

If you are staring at a bundle of outstanding credit card bills, here are debt reduction tips from Consumer Credit Counseling

Out with the old. Stop using your credit cards. Go into the New Year with the intent of paying off your debt. Start today. If possible, use cash to pay for food, clothes, utilities, rent/mortgage and other necessities. Hold your credit charges to a minimum refrain from using at all until your holiday debt

■ Total up your holiday charges. How long? The American Take a sheet of paper and create

Decide how much money you can devote each month to reducing your holiday debt. For example, can you set aside an extra \$50 or \$100 a month to decrease your holiday debt? You could get extra money by reducing long-distance calls, eating out less, packing your lunch, steer away from lotto tickets, curbe your smoking expense or eliminate Automatic Machine (ATM) withdrawals. You could also get a part-time job if your situation is severe. You will be suprised to see how these totals add

M Stick to your plan. Pay off the credit cards with the highest interest rates first. Pay as much as you can each month untiul it is paid off. Then work on the account with the next highest interest rate. Always, always, always pay more than the minimum on your charge cards. Also, investigate the possibility of transferring bills to credit cards with lower interest rates.

■ Budget for the 2001 holiday season. One of the major causes of holiday debt is a lack of planning. Only 28 percent of the people surveyed by the American Bankers Association in 1999 had developed a holiday budget. If you are one of the 72 percent who did not budget, resolve to do better next year.

In with the new. "Make a determined effort to live on less

Develop a repayment plan. money as a positive change in lifestyle," recommends Cantrell. "Make the new millennium free from debt problems. Then next year at this time, you will not be worrying about paying off Christmas debt from 2000 in addition to 2001.

> During the holidays, it is easy to get caught up in the spirit of the season and spend beyond your means. If this happened to you, treat this as a learning experience and look into less costly gifts next year. If you need help with debt management or need more information, call Consumer Credit Counseling Service at 606-432-

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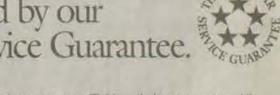
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Area veterans to learn about benefits mobile service office

Detailed explanations of the full range of benefits available to disabled veterans and their families will be presented at an upcoming Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Mobile Service Office visit.

Like all services provided by the nonprofit DAV, there will be no charge for this on-site counseling and claim filing assistance. It will be presented at the Prestonsburg VA Outpatient Clinic, 5230 KY 321, Prestonsburg, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., on January 23.

A National Service officer from the DAV's Louisville office will meet with veterans. "This veterans' benefits expert offers you the best counseling and claim filing assistance you and your family can get," DAV National Adjutant Arthur H. Wilson said, in a letter inviting local veterans and their families to visit the Mobile Service Office.

'So many disabled veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know and so many changes from one year to the next," he said.

Veterans and members of their families need not be DAV or DAV Auxiliary members to take advantage of the DAV service. They should bring their Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) claim number and Social Security number and any other pertinent documentation to the DAV Mobile Service Office

Obituaries

Virgie Castle Hale Hicks

Virgie Castle Hale Hicks, 96, of Fredville, died Sunday, January 14, 2001, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg. following an extended illness.

Born on December 16, 1904, in Mid. she was the daughter of the late Elbert. Castle and Neuric Shepherd Castle.

She was twice married first to R.B. Hale, and later to Dan Hicks, both preceded her in death.

Survivors include five sons, Jesse James Hale and Roy Hicks, both of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Ruben Hale of Hope, Ellis Shepherd of Hope, Lindburg Hale of Gunlock, three daughters, Bonnie Crisp of Banner, Opel Hale of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Charity Hardy of Scottsdale, Arizona; one sister, Pearlie Howard of Prestonsburg, 13 grankchildren, and 9 great-grankchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 17, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with James Harmon officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

Palibearers will be Jesse James Hale, Ruben Hale, Ellis Shepherd, David Hale, Preston Hale, Brandon Hale, Phillip Crisp, Darryl Crisp and Matthew Crisp.

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Arizona "Donia" Howard

Artrona "Donia" Howard, 98, of Flucysville, died Thursday, January 11, 2001, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home at Prestonsburg.

She was born in Decoy, on January 14, 1902, the daughter of Billy Combs and Roseann Howard Combs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Howard.

Other survivors include six sons, Estill of Linea, Ohio, Arthur of Brooksville, Florida, Dan of Dallas, Texas, Hobert of Claypool, Indiana, J.B. of North Judston, Indiana and Ray of Charleston, South Carolina; five daughters, Creasie Smith of Decoy, Virginia Stacy of Mill Creek, Indiana, Mally Clemons of Lebum, Faye Judy of Pt. Wayne, Indiana and Nadine Handshoe of Hueysville; 53 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and greatgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 14, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel with Hurley Smith and Randall Short officiating.

Burial was in the Bradley Cemetery at

Salisbury pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Ted "H" Salisbury Jr., were Ron Marks, Austin Marks, Jamie Bush, Jackie Gayheart, Shelby Amburgey, Walter Clyde Dingus, Tmy Blackburn, Richard Salisbury and Randy Salisbury.

Honorary pallbearers were Judge Hollie Conley, James Reed Bush, Franklin Delano Salisbury, Bobby Hoover, Jimmy Keathley, Tony Keathley, Don Stumbo and John W.

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Jerry Ratliff of Elizabethtown; two daughters. Letitia Kidd of Radeliff, Sheila Sheffield of Vine Grove; four brothers, Roy Hall and Edgar Hall, both of Harold, Luther Hall of Harrodsburg, Gary Hall of Radcliff; one sister, Magdeline Adkins of Harold; and three grandchildren.

Burial was in the Ratliff Cemetery, at Cowpen.

James Arvin Griffith

died Sunday, January 14, 2001, at his residence, following an extended ill-

Born on February 11, 1941, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Elbert and Rosie Nolen Griffith. He was a disabled surgical technician, and a member of the Community

Hale Griffith.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 17, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Jerry Manns, Earl Slone and Bethel Bolen officiaiting.

Grace Evelyn Ratliff, 62, of Rineyville, died Friday, January 12, 2001, at the Hardin County Memorial Hospital

Grace Evelyn Ratliff

Martin Meeks

died Friday, January 12, 2001, at the

Slone Meeks. He was a construction

He is survived by three sons,

Martin Earl Meeks Jr. of Hudson,

North Carolina, Homer Meeks of

Staffordsville and Jamie Meeks of

Prestonsburg; one daughter, Dana

Michelle Hamilton; two step-sons, Martin J. Meeks and Jerry Allen

Meeks, two brothers, Homer Meeks of

Oceana, West Virginia and Johnny

Mecks of Mobile, Alabama, two sis-

ters. Betty Tipton of Tampa, Florida

and Julie Boyd of Banner; and seven

Funeral services were conducted

Burial was in the Davidson

Tuesday, January 16, at 1 p.m., at the

Floyd Funeral Home Chapel,

worker.

grandchildren.

Prestonsburg.

Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Martin Meeks, 69, of Prestonsburg,

Born on August 25, 1938, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Goldie Hall and John Hall. She was a retired UARCO employee, and was of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by her husband, Bennie Ratliff.

Other survivors include one son,

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 14, at the J.W. Call Chapel, with Jim Patton officiating.

James Arvin Griffith, 59, of Martin,

United Baptist Church at Hueysville.

He is survived by his wife, Janice

Other survivors include two daughters, Beverly Rose Nelson, and Dreama Noama Johnson, both of Prestonsburg; four brothers, Woodrow Griffith of Martin, Jerry Griffith of Knott County, Dougie Griffith and Arnold Griffith, both of Floyd County; seven sisters, Carrie Mullins of Clay City, Mazella Clemmons of Breathitt County, Nancy Jane Jones of Hazard, Sally Makee of Tennessee, Anna Boyer of Martin, Magaline Woods of Michigan, Angela Marie Slone of Knott County; and two grandchildren.

Burial will be in the Hale-Shepherd Cemetery, at Gunlock.

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Keith David Lawson

Keith David Lawson, 34, died Thursday, January 11, 2001, in the line of duty. He was serving his second tour in the United States mili-He was born August 6, 1931, at tary as a Staff Sergeant in Frankfurt. Ivel, the son of the late John and Anna Germany.

> He was a native Floyd Countian, from Garrett, and was a member of the Garrett First Baptist Church. He was the son of Rondell and Jackie Lawson of London, formerly of

> In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Natalie Suffivan Lawson.

> Other survivors include two daughters, Kiley Grace Lawson of Frankfurt Germany and Micah Danielle Lawson of Pikeville; two brothers, Rondell Darrell Lawson of Garrett, and Timothy Lawson of Metropolis, Illinois; two sisters, Danise Lawson Harrelson of London and Ronda Jane Lawson Gaines of Valdosta, Georgia.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 20, at 1 p.m. at Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Clergymen Mark Tackett and Randy Osborne officiating.

Burial will be in the Turner/Lawson Cemetery, located on Turkey Creek.

Lonnie Jarrell

76, Lonnie Jarrell, Prestonsburg, died Thursday, January 11, 2001, at his residence

Born on May II, 1924, in Emma, he was the son of the late Bill and Victoria Riddle Jarrell. He was a disabled coal miner and a member of the Church of Christ at Prestonsburg.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bell Jarrell and his second wife, Bonnie Ruth Francis Lewis Jarrell.

He is survived by his wife, Janette Akers Jarrell.

Other survivors include one daughter, Estill Jean Endicott of Prestonsburg; seven step-sons, Roger Cousino, Phillip Engles, Randy Cousino, Robin Cousino, and Ralph Cousino, all of Michigan; Ted Click and Tony Click, both of Prestonsburg; one brother, Adrain Jarrell of Dwale; two sisters, Lola Boyd of Prestonsburg, Louellen Branham of Ashland; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 15, 2001, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Evangelist Bennie Blankenship officiating

Burial was in the Jarrell Family Cemetery, at Cow Creek. Prestonsburg.

Shawn Dalton Collins

Shawn Dalton Collins, nine months old, of Harold, died Friday, January 12, 2001, at U.K. Childrens Hospital in Lexington, following a brief illness.

Born on April 5, 2000, in-Pikeville, he was the son of Shawn and Anita Gail McKinney Collins.

Survivors, other than his parents, include his grandparents, Larry and Brenda Collins Howell, and Morgan and Nadine Watson McKinney, all of Honaker, and Phyllis McKinney of Martin, and John Hunter of Printer; one brother, Aaron Brett Howell and one sister, Adrienne Hope Howell, both of Honaker.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 15, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with elders of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints officiat-

Burial was in the Blue Rose Cemetery, at Honaker.

Norma Collins Crider Norma Collins Crider, 90, of Van

Lear, died Friday, January 12, 2001, at the Mountain Manor of Paintsville, of an extended illness.

Born October 10, 1910, on John's Creek (Floyd County), she was the daughter of the late William H. Collins

and Martha Elizabeth Clark Collins. She attended the Freewill Baptist Church. She

survived by her husband, Arson Crider,

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 14, at 1:00 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Roger Goble officiating.

Burial was in the Crider Family Cemetery, John's Creek Road, Van Lear.

Willard Stanley

Willard Stanley, 80, of Lexington, formerly of Melvin, died Saturday, January 13, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, following an extended illness.

He was born August 19, 1920, at Draffin, the son of the late Jessie and Bessie Ratliff Stanley. He was a retired Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals commissioner, a member of the Wheelwright Masonic Lodge and a World War II Army Air Force veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Pansy Mae Johnson Stanley.

Other survivors include one son, Willard Stanley Jr., of Lexington; five daughters, Patricia McCown and Sherry Goeing, both of Melvin, Carol Sue Sword and Deborah Hall, both of Lexington and Charlotte Lynn of Pikeville; two sisters, Ruby Hall of Weeksbury, Louise Slone of Elkhorn City; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 17, at Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Louie Ferrari officiat-

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

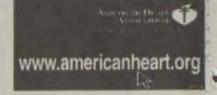
Fred Kelly Marshall

Fred Kelly Marshall, 56, of Langley, died Saturday, January 13, 2001, at his residence.

He was born August 21, 1945, in Martin, the son of the late Sidney and Opal Osborne Marshall. He was a retired miner and a Kentucky Colonel.

He is survived by five brothers, Jimmy Marshall and Carlos Marshall both of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Harlos Marshall of Langley, Clyde Douglas Marshall of Lexington, Bobby McGuffey. of Scottsville; four sisters, Rebecca Hall of Martin, Ada Weaver of Cement City, Michigan, Sue Spangler of Mt. Gilard, Ohio, Cendia Hall of Langley.

Memorial service will be Friday, January 19, from 5 p.m.-7; p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.



Regional Obituaries

Johnson County

Hester Price, 84, of Paintsville, died Sunday, January 7. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 10, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Knott County

Dana Hensley. 80, of Mt. Washington, died Thursday, January 11, at the Norton Suburban Hospital at Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 14, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Home.

Sarah Wilson Patterson, 89, of Pippa Passes, died Monday, January 8, at the Lakeland Regional Medical Center at Lakeland, Florida. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 11, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Pike County Oliver Richard Meade, 83, of

Hurricane Creek, died Saturday, January 13, at the St. Joseph Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 16, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Clifford Phillips, 78, of Pikeville, died Monday, January 15, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 17, 11 a.m., at the J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Magdalene Spears Barker, 79, of Pikeville, died Monday, January 15, at the Pikeville Healthcare Center. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, January 18, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Barry Keith Belcher, 67, of Salyersville, formerly of Ferrells Creek, died Friday, January 12, at Mountain Valley Rest Home in Salversville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 15, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral

Jennifer Lynn Belcher, 28, of Kimper, died Friday, January 12, at Buckleys Creek, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted

Monday, January 15, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Dwain Patrick Blankenship, 37, of (See REGIONAL, page seven)

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weep; am not here, I do not sleep. am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain,

When you awaken in the morning's I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled flight,

am the gentle autumn rain.

I am the soft stars that shine at

Do not stand at my grave and cry; I am not there, I did not die.

When you run so fast to get somewhere, You miss half the fun of getting there.

When you worry and hurry through your day, It's like an unopened gift...

thrown away: Life's not a race. Do take it slower. Hear the music, before the song's

Uncle James was a carpenter and a traveler. He was a unique individual, living life his own way, yet he touched many others

along his life's journey. Missed by all who loved him so very much.

Card of Thanks

The family of Freddie Williams would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words, we deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the clergyman, John Paul Salyer, for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic costrol, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional ser-

THE FAMILY OF FREDDIE WILLIAMS

Card of Thanks

The family of Virginia Jean Slone wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Ted Shannon for his comforting words, the Drift Pentecostal Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA JEAN SLONE

January is Radon Awareness Month

Awareness Month and public health officials are urging Kentuckians to check their homes for this harmful

Radon can be found in many places. But since you can't smell it or see it, it's hard to know if it's in your home. The surgeon general has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. Both the surgeon general and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommend that homeowners test for radon. Winter is a good time for testing because it's easier to maintain the appropriate conditions for accurate readings.

About 40 percent of the homes that have been tested in Kentucky have levels high enough to require that action be taken to reduce the radon level.

Gov. Paul Patton, in a proclamation, noted that Kentucky's Department for Public Health has joined with several local health departments, the University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University in the state Radon Program to educate citizens about radon, detect it and remove it from homes, offices and schools.

Here is more information about radon from the EPA: Radon is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas.

The month of January is Radon You can't see radon. And you can't smell it or taste it. But it may be a problem in your home.

> Radon is estimated to cause many thousands of deaths each year. That's because when you breathe air containing radon, you can get lung cancer. In fact, the surgeon general has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States today. Only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths. If you smoke and your home has high radon levels, your risk of lung cancer is especially high.

Radon can be found all over the U.S.

Radon comes from the natural (radioactive) breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water and gets into the air you breathe. Radon can be found all over the U.S. It can get into any type of building - homes, offices, and schools - and build up to high levels. But you and your family are most likely to get your greatest exposure at home. That's where you spend most of your time.

You should test for radon. Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon. EPA and the surgeon general recommends testing all homes below the third floor for radon. EPA also recommends testing in schools.

Testing is inexpensive and easy it should only take a few minutes of your time, Millions of Americans have already tested their homes for

You can fix a radon problem. There are simple ways to fix a radon problem that aren't too costly. Even very high levels can be reduced to acceptable levels.

For more information about radon, check the Kentucky Radon Program website publichealth.state.ky.us/radon.htm.

Regional

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Freeburn, died Thursday, January 11. He is survived by his wife Lisa Renee Blankenship. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 15, under the direction of Phelps Funeral

Herman Daughterty, 52, of Phelps, died Friday, January 12, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Delores Daugherty. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 15, under the direction of Phelps Funeral

Paul Fuller, 71, of Feds Creek, died Thursday, January 11, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Skeens Fuller. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Douglas Michael King, 50, of Louisa, died Saturday, January 13, at

Three Rivers Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Dottie Riffe King. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 16, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Violet Bevins Price, 80, of Winchester, died Friday, January 12, at St Joseph Hospital in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Charles W. Price. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 15, under the direction of Scobee Funeral

Stella Walters, 69, of Norwood, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, January 11, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati. She is survived by her husband, Hasco Walters. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

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Letters

better educated, because the way things are going now, the future isn't looking too bright for these students.

In the high school I attend, there are so many students that you can't get through the hallways. This usually makes kids angry. You can't even walk through the halls without getting pushed, shoved or smashed. I mean, really, it's ridiculous the amount of students who are cramped into the schools today. I'm sure that if the sizes of the schools were enlarged or the grades were split up, the kids would be much happier.

As all these students are together, it causes many conflicts to arise among them. As everyone knows, teenagers have really short tempers and with the amount of students cramped into the schools, many

Also, the drugs would decrease if the "mean kids" were taken out of the schools. The alternative school needs to be enlarged to accommodate them.

It's terrible that the schools have to rely on cameras and security to control 14- to 18-year-olds, don't you think? It's not right that the good kids who are trying to get a good education have to worry about getting gunned down when they step into school.

If only the Johnson County Board of Education would really think about decreasing the size of the a schools here, many changes would take place as the years go by. The kids would learn more, be happier and the violence would decrease.

Savannah Keel High school sophomore

Are security cameras right or wrong?

Do you ever wonder how much personal space you need? Well, I do. I feel that there are too many security cameras at Johnson Central High School. I think that the principal and staff should understand that students have an opinion also and should be able to vote on what needs to be done in their school. I am very strongly against this idea because you're being watched everywhere you go. You need a certain amount of privacy, and we don't have gangs in this area.

I feel that everywhere you turn there is someone watching you. You can't stand in the hallway or even go to your locker unless you're being followed by a security camera.

While you're at school, I feel that you need privacy. I feel that they could give us privacy by putting security cameras at every door that leads to the outside. I feel that it is unnecessary to have as many cameras as we have now,

I think that the school wants the best for us, but I don't think they realize that there is a level of security and protection before having so many security cameras. There aren't gangs and groups of people here like there are in many other places, so I don't feel that it should be necessary to have this many security cameras. Maybe in years to come it might be something to think about, but not right now.

My feelings toward security cameras aren't good. I feel that the staff of Johnson Central should take a poll of the school and see how many students want the security cameras and how many do not. Of course, there are some people who would make a wrong decision just to support their problem. Then there are others who feel the same way that I do. If they would take the poll and go with the majority, I think that would solve the security camera problem

Jennifer Meek High school sophomore Boonscamp

Prayer in school?

I have noticed that many people, especially from this area, believe that prayer belongs in public schools. Would it help the youth of America? Or would it cause more harm than good?

No matter how you look at it, there will always be good points and bad points to this issue

The main issue is that there are simply too many religions. Even as widespread as Christianity is, that doesn't mean that it is everyone's faith. It would be wrong to focus on one religion and not give equal time those with different beliefs. Even if equal time were provided, it would still take up too much time, because

■ Continued from p4 there are too many gods to pray to in polytheistic reli-

Would it improve the school environment? Would it help cut down on school violence? Probably not. When all the school shootings were happening, I remember reading a lot of things in which people were saying that if prayer was present in schools, that everyone would be happy and problem-free, and less violence would take place. If you really think about it, though, it would actually create more problems. Those who practice non-Christian religions would feel distant, unimportant and even offended, which could result in an even more hostile environment.

Everyone is entitled to the basic freedom of religion or non-religion, no matter how small the minority. Even though some may feel strongly about their religion, it gives them no right to force it upon others.

Religious practices are better left to home, church, synagogues or private worship places of one's choice. Religion should be a private thing, not publicly imposed on others.

Rachel Reffett High school sophomore

Teen hangouts are limited

In today's society it is very repetitive to find any activities for teens to participate. Paintsville has a maximum of about four activities to choose from. One night we can go to the movies and bowling. The next night we can go to the plaza or skating. That's all there

I feel that we should establish an arcade or a dance hall just for teens. I think a hangout for teens would cause less boredom and less teen violence. A new hangout and activities would keep more teens out of trouble, cause less confusion in the plaza and increase the employment rate for Johnson County citizens.

It would keep teens out of trouble because they would have more activities to participate in. They wouldn't have as much time for drugs or to purchase guns. Instead, they could be hanging out with friends in a drug-free facility.

There would be less confusion in the plaza because fewer people would want to hang out there. They would want to hang out in the new hangout, instead of wasting gas in the plaza area. With less confusion, customers could shop on weekends without going through all the trouble due to overcrowding the plaza with young teens.

The employment rate would increase for Johnson County citizens because the owners would have to hire new people to run and clean the new hangout, so they would have to hire local residents of Paintsville.

A new hangout would solve several problems dealing with teen violence, the cluttering of the plaza and the unemployment rate of Johnson County. I think it would be of great interest to try to add a new hangout for teens and make it less repetitive to find activities to participate in.

Katrina Williams High school sophomore Staffordsville

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community. The Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to The Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication, or 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

Coaches to meet

The East Kentucky AAU Basketball organization will have a meeting on Sunday, January 21, at 7 p.m., at Pike County Central High School. All coaches are encouraged

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January 25: US TOO! Prostate Support Group, 6 p.m., Leonard Lawson Cancer Center conference room. 606/218-3513.

January 29: Diabetes Supprt Group, 6 p.m., PMH Education Center. 606/281-3513.

February 1: Lung Cancer Support Group, 6 p.m. Leonard Lawson Cancer Center conference room; re-organizational meeting for any lung cancer patient, support persons and family. 606/218-4992.

February 7: Look Good-Feel Better program, 9:30 a.m. at the Leonard Lawson Cancer Center. Women undergoing cancer treatments to help them apply cosmetics effectively and to teach them to fashion wigs and turbans, co-sponsored by American Cancer Society.

606/218-4992

February 8: Community CPR, 9 a.m.-noon, PMH Education Center. To register, 606/218-3525.

February 12: ABC (After Breast Cancer) Support Group, 6 p.m., Leonard Lawson Cancer Center conference room. 606/218-4992.

February 16: Dr. Mary Fox, AIDS Update, 6-8 p.m., Education Center, 606/218-3525.

February 19: CCS (Colorectal Cancer Survivors) Support Group, 6 p.m. Leonard Lawson Cancer Center. 606/218-4992.

February 21: Look Good-Feel Better program, 9:30 a.m., Leonard Lawson Cancer Center for women undergoing cancer treatments to help them apply cosmetics effectively and to teach them to fashion wigs and turbans, co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society. 606/218-4992

February 22: US TOO! Prostate Support Group and US TOO! Partners, 6:30 p.m., Leonard Lawson Cancer Center conference room.606/218-4992.

February 26: Diabetes Support Group, 6 p.m., Education Center. 606/218-3513.

AARP Tax-aide service begins February 7

Volunteers from Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, will begin their tax-aide program of assisting elderly and low-income taxpayers with their income tax forms on Wednesday, February 7, at the Prestonsburg library.

The Tax-Aide service will continue every Wednesday, from 8:30-3, until April 11. This is a free service, provided by Jenny Wiley, AARP.

Jenny Wiley Theatre holds auditions

With a commitment to developing local talent, Jenny Wiley Theatre invites anyone interested in auditioning to prepare a song and short monologue for the auditions

in February. The auditions will be held at the Mountain Arts Center on Friday, February 9, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, February 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Auditions are open to anyone over the age of

Extension group to meet

The Floyd County Extension Council and District Board will meet January 25, at 5:30 p.m., at the extension office at 921 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg. Light refreshments will be served.

Leadership KY enrolling

Leadership Kentucky is accepting applications for its 2001 class. Each year, 50 participants are selected to attend seven monthly sessions dealing with such topics as health and human services, law and justice, the economy, politics, environment, leadership, history and education. Panel discussions, workshops, lectures, field trips and other activities are scheduled.

For information on applying, call 502/695-1102 or e-mail leaderky@mis.net. Deadline for applications is March 1.

ACT prep class at PCC

Prestonsburg Community College's Community Center for Lifelong Learning has scheduled preparatory workshops for the National ACT exam. The focus will be the four topics of the ACT test: English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning.

The workshops are scheduled for Saturday, January 27 and February 3, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Room 148 of the Johnson Administration Building on the Prestonsburg campus. The January 27 sessions will feature Reading from 10 a.m. to noon and English from 1-3 p.m. On February 3, the sessions will be science reasoning from 10 a.m. to noon and math from 1-3 p.m. Students will have an hour's break for lunch during each workshop.

For more information, or to register for the class, call the center at 606/886-3863, ext. 258. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8

Youth worship program set

Megaworship has been scheduled for Saturday, January 20, from 7 to 10 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg.

SNOOP sets meeting

SNOOP (Spay & Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg) will meet Thursday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. For information, call 606/889-9216.

Vaccines available for Veterans

All veterans enrolled for VA health care are encouraged to get flu and pneumonia shots. The vaccines are available at the Huntington VA Medical Center on Spring Valley Drive and at VA Outpatient Clinics located at 104 Alex Lane in Charleston and on KY 321 in Prestonsburg. Appointments at the Prestonsburg Clinic may be scheduled by calling 606/886-1970.

Marcum is featured

The monthly singing and fellowship dinner at New Beginning Outreach Church at Garrett, will feature Bobby Marcum on Saturday, January 20, beginning at

Rules change for transportation

Sandy Valley Transportation Service hours for scheduling rides have changed. In accordance with a new state law and effective immediately, all Medicaid and Kentucky Works recipients must contact Sandy Valley at least three days before their scheduled appointment times and between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, to schedule transportation. Urgent care trips may be

scheduled at any time.

To schedule transportation or for information, call 1-800-444-RIDE

SSI rep to visit Mud Creek Clinic

A Social Security Representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of January.

The Representative will be in the Clinic to assist people in filing Social Security claims and appeals.

People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung and Social Security numbers. You can also pick up booklets on Social Security and get questions answered,

Blood drive at Osborne

The Central Kentucky Blood Center will co-sponsor a blood drive at Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, January 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the parking lot near the playground.

Vet rep available

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

Help for addiction

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

Fibromyalgia support group meetings

The monthly meetings of Fibromyalgia Support Group are being held in the Betsy Layne

Senior Citizens Building. These meetings are scheduled on the first Tuesday of every month. Contact Sharon, 478-5224, or Phyllis, 874-

Group sets meeting

The Ups of Down Syndrome support group now has a permanent meeting place and time. The group will meet the first Sunday of every month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside Pikeville Independent School, Call 606/377-6142 or 478-5099 for more infor-

Domestic violence

Are you in an abusive relationship and feel as if there is no way out? Call our 24-hour crisis line and talk to Certified Domestic Violence Counselors, discuss ways you can remedy the problem, call 886-6025 or out-of-the-area 1-800-649-6605, because "Love Doesn't Have To Hurt."

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BROCK KEATHLEY (23) of Berry Lavne severed 27 points against Paintsville Thursday night

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Thunder Ridge Speedway to host annual awards night

by Ed Taylor SPORTS EDITOR

It is only January and already Thunder Ridge Speedway is gearing up for the 2001 race season and it will kick off the new year this Saturday night with the annual awards banquet at the Thunder Ridge Clubhouse beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Brad Martin, track promoter, said the event will be a big one and race fans are invited to come out and take

"We are going to have a good one," he said, "and we want to welcome all the car owners, drivers and fans to our annual stock car banquet. We have a lot planned for the new year.'

It will be an awards banquet where drivers will receive cash awards for winning their respective points race as well as plaques and jackets.

"We just want fans to come out and enjoy the gathering of many of their race friends," Martin said.

The highlight of the night will be the huge buffet dinner as well as a drawing for free season passes along with other door prizes.

Fans will be able to dance the night away with a local D.J.

Martin also announced that racing for the 2001 season will be held on Friday nights with the track abandoning the usual Saturday night

race night.

mile radius and we are just working against one another," said Martin. "So we decided to move our race night to Friday night. There are not enough local drivers to take care of all the tracks."

The same five classes that ran last year will run once again at Thunder Ridge with the exception of the Late Models which will race once a month at the local track.

"Yeah, we are going to just have a special Late Model feature once a month," said the Track Promoter.

> 'All the other classes will run."

The other classes include modifieds. sportsman, fourcylinders, bombers and road hogs.

Kurt Hoffsess was the points winner in the modified

"We have four tracks in eastern Kentucky in a 50 class with 1,008 points in his familiar 911 car. Joel Jenson finished second followed by Rick Clark, Glen May and Gary Combs to round out the top five.

Jackie Boggs edged out Prestonsburg's Paul Harris with 777 points to Harris' 759 for the points championship in the Late Model class. Eddie Carrier Jr. Shannon Thornsbury, and Ronnie Cole Jr. complete the

In the sportsman class, Kevin Hall (790) finished with 60 points more that Jim David Hall (730) to win the points race in the sportsman class. Hall was followed by Jamie Slone, Brandon Mason and Barton Ratliff in the top five.

The familiar 2x car of Tandy Spurlock racked up 1,285 points in winning the bombers division over second place finisher Randy Fannin with 1,133 points. Rest of the top five included Dennis DeBoard, Daryl Sexton, and Brandon Johnson.

John "D.I" Henson captured the four-cylinder class with 1,079 points. He was followed by John Allen with 806. Third through five included Keith Anderson, Patrick Morris and Freddie D.

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South Floyd scores clutch win over Allen Central

Ousley free throws propel Lady Raiders into All "A" finals

> by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS WRITER

A South Floyd-Allen Central matchup promises a hardfought contest in any sport. The two teams met up in the semifinals of the 15th Region All "A" Classic last Friday night with the winner advancing into the championship game of the tournament.

Allen Central jumped out to an early first period lead, but by the quarter's end found themselves trailing 14-13. The Lady Rebels outscored South Floyd in two of the last three quarters, but found being outscored by four points in the second quarter to be the major deterring factor, among other things. Allen Central battled back to tie the game at 47-47, when with just 5.6 seconds remaining in the game, South Floyd guard Megan Ousley drew a foul and went to the free throw line for one and a bonus. The steady Ousley hit her first attempt and then drained the second attempt to make it a 49-47 final. The win gave South Floyd a ticket to the championship game of the 2001 15th Region All "A" Classic. The win was the first win over a 58th District opponent in the history of South Floyd girls basketball.

A Lady Raider basically summed it all up after the game, saying to first-year South Floyd Coach Melinda Osborne: "We beat Allen Central!"

"This is our first win against a district team and our first win in any kind of tournament came the other night against

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Mullins

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'Great Scott,' Pike Central rolls



ALLEN CENTRAL'S Shawn Newsome (23) sailed toward the basket against Pike Central last Thursday night in the semifinals of the Coca-Cola Classic, Newsome finished with 19 points for

Newsome scores 19 in 74-63 loss to Hawks

by ED TAYLOR SPORTS EDITOR

The Pike Central Hawks spotted the Allen Central Rebels a 10-0 lead and then roared back in soaring to a 74-63 win over the visiting Rebels in the second round of the Coca-Cola Classic at Pike Central High School Friday night.

In the first meeting of the season between the two schools, Allen Central was an easy 78-56 winner over the Hawks on their home floor.

But this time it would be different as the Rebels interior defense went south, allowing Pike Central to use the paint area for some uncontested easy baskets.

Shawn "Great" Scott burned the nets for 32 points in leading the Hawks. Chris Clevenger tossed in 15 and Barry Sanders netted 13.

Shawn Newsome led Allen Central with 19 points, far below his average of 27 per game. Jeremy Hayes totaled 16 points while Larry Mullins scored 15.

Allen Central, after enjoying a fast start in the first quarter, was just the opposite in the second period as they went ice cold from the floor while Pike Central was having their way around the basket.

After scoring the first 10 points of the game, the Rebels went on to take a 15-8 advantage after the first eight minutes. Scott and Sanders took charge for Pike Central in the second quarter as they held Allen Central to two field goals in the second stanza in leading 22-19 at the half. Pike Central's defense cut off the passing lanes on the Rebels, allowing Allen Central just one shot at the goal as the Hawks dominated the boards.

Early foul trouble for the Rebels in the third period and a quick run by the Hawks at the onset of the period netted them a 31-19 lead with 6:24 to play in the period. Scott hit free throws, buried a trey and scored on a reverse lay up for the 12 point advantage. Pike Central

led by as many as 15 points in the period. Trailing by 11 points entering the fourth quarter, Allen

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photo by Steve LeMaster

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MEGAN OUSLEY (12) goes in for two points as Pikeville's Stephanie Kelly(12) trails behind. Ousley finished with 14 points against Pikeville before fouling out in the last minute of the contest. Ousley and her South Floyd teammates fell 67-65 to the Lady Panthers.

South Floyd edged in 67-65 loss to Pikeville

only to be edged out of a historic first-ever appearance in the All "A" state tournament by just two points, in a 67-65 loss to defending 15th Region champion

Lady Raiders already eyeing return to All "A" next season

> by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS WRITER

Pikeville vs. South Floyd

A girls basketball rivalry, if not already alive, is definitely now alive.

It was the 15th Region Girls All "A" Classic finals, and what a game it was! It was a close game, No, let me rephrase that, it was a closer than close game that saw the Lady Raiders of South Floyd come from 12 points behind more than once in the game,



Kandice Mitchell





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South Floyd

Paintsville," noted Coach Osborne at the conclusion of the Allen Central game. "Beating a district team is a real big momentum builder for us. I think these girls are ready to play, they are ready to win. I'm so proud of these girls. Considering the fact that we were so far behind back in the summer, I think we've progressed really well this season and it now shows here in this tournament.

Allen Central senior Jennifer Risner put the Lady Rebels on the scoreboard first with a three-pointcr. South Floyd forward Kandice Mitchell answered at the other end with a short field goal. Kari Osborne made it a 5-2 Allen Central lead with a short shot on the opposite end.

South Floyd (4-7) outscored Allen Central 12-8 the remainder of the quarter and took a slight 14-13 lead into the second quarter.

Mitchell extended the South Floyd lead out to a 16-13 advantage on the first score of the second quarter. Consecutive field goals by Shannon Sizemore and Risner, and Allen Central took a 17-16 lead, their first in nearly six minutes of play.

South Floyd regained the lead at the 3:56 mark of the second period and never relinquished it for the remainder of the half. The Lady Raiders led by as many as six points in the quarter and took a 28-23 advantage into the halftime break.

Allen Central (5-5) trailed 32-25 at the 6:30 mark of the third quarter, before four points, two each from Risner and Terri Mullins made it a 32-29 South Floyd lead. The Lady Raiders held a 38-31 lead with just seconds left in the half when Mullins nailed a three-point basket cutting the South Floyd advantage to just four points going into the final period.

Sizemore led a 4-0 run with two consecutive layups to tie the game up at 38 with 6:54 remaining in the game. South Floyd's biggest lead in the final quarter was just four points.

South Floyd forward Ashley Johnson and Allen Central's Mullins each hit timely three-point field goals in the fourth quarter for their respective teams.

Allen Central's Barb Prater drew a foul with just 18 ticks left on a fourth quarter scoreclock and went to the charity stripe. The senior hit the first, but missed the second free toss following a South Floyd timeout. South Floyd had 10.4 seconds left to work with, and thanks to Ousley's clutch free throw shooting, made the most of it, scoring the win.

"South Floyd is a muchimproved team from the last time we played them," said Allen Central Head Coach Cindy Halbert at the conclusion of the South Floyd game. "We had a really poor shooting night. The girls played hard, but in order to win this game, we had to do the little things, like getting the offensive rebounds and boxing out on rebounds. There is an art to learning how to win close games. A game like this can really help you down the stretch. Offensively, we just couldn't ever get over the hump. Defensively, we've just got to be able to get after people."

Mitchell paced South Floyd with a game-high 17 points. Ousley finished with 16, none bigger than her final two free throws. Ashley Johnson and Sara Johnson finished with five and four points respectively.

Risner and Sizemore netted 12 points each for Allen Central. Mullins ended the contest with 11 points. Osborne and Tonya Howard finished with four points apiece. The Lady Rebels hit four three-pointers in the two-point

The South Floyd win set up a championship game with Pikeville.



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BROCK KEATHLEY (23) of Betsy Layne scored 27 points against Paintsville Thursday night, but it wasn't enough to help the Bobcats to overcome the Tigers.

Paintsville ends Betsy Layne's championship repeat attempt

Keathley pumps in 27 but Cats fall

by ED TAYLOR SPORTS EDITOR

Coach Brent Rose and his Betsy Layne Bobcats (8-5) were looking for a repeat of last year in the 2001 version of the Coca-Cola Classic at Pike Central High School this past Thursday night but the Paintsville Tigers (8-6) had something to say about that in posting a 83-66 win over the Floyd County team.

Brock Keathley led the Bobcats scoring with 27 points and Brad Daugherty was the only other Betsy Layne player to make double figures with 13 points.

Chas Harmon buried three three-point baskets and finished with a team high 25 points in leading the Tigers. Brandon Guillett finished with 14 points while Adam Rice netted 12.

Paintsville who once dominated the 15th

could very well be the best 8-6 team in the

Coach Bill Mike Runyon's ballelub did just about everything right in subduing the Bobcats. The Tigers controlled the boards and held Betsy Layne to less than 40 percent shooting from the

In the early going it was all Betsy Layne as they roared out to a 13-4 lead in the first quarter. After a time out, Paintsville followed the leading of Guillett and Harmon in climbing back into contention and trailing 17-14 at the first stop, holding Betsy Layne to just four points over the final three minutes of the first quarter.

Two free throws by Keathley with 6:02 to play extended the Bobcat lead back to six points, but with just over a minute to play in the second period, a turnaround jumper by Guillett tied the game at 31-31.

Robbie Johnson gave the lead back to Betsy Layne with two free throws but the advantage was short lived as the Tigers fied the game on a jumper by Harmon and took their first lead of the game on Harmon's three-point basket with 10 seconds left in the half. The Tigers took the

On three consecutive turnovers by the Bobcats, Paintsville began to put distance between and the 58th District team. Harmon's second trey of the game gave Paintsville a 49-39 lead and the Tigers went to build a 14 point advantage entering the fourth quarter, 58-44.

The fourth quarter unfolded with Keathley standing at the free throw line without any time expiring off the clock. Paintsville's Ben Hale was whistled for a technical foul at the end of the third period. Keathley missed the two charity tries but did hit a 16-footer and buried a three for a 58-49 game.

In fact, it was Keathley who kept the Bobcats close as he scored the first 15 points of the period for Betsy Layne. Keathley fouled with just over three minutes left to play. Adam Collins and Nathan Tackett followed Keathley to the bench via the foul route,

Collins, Jeremy Daniels and Tackett finished with six points. Robbie Johnson contributed five points with Jim Boyd and David Johnson scor-

Betsy Layne returns to the hardwood this Friday night in hosting the Prestonsburg Region, may be serving notice they are back and three-point lead to the locker room at the half. Blackcats in a boys, girls doubleheader.

Prestonsburg passes century mark over Piarist Knights

by ED TAYLOR SPORTS EDITOR

What can you say? What can you do? When you are undermanned and not the most talented team in the district.

That is the way the Piarist Knights must have felt when they were helpless against Prestonsburg Monday night in district basket-

The Knights, with their leading scorer on the bench with a broken finger, could only do what they could do and watch as Prestonsburg passed the century mark in a 102-31 rout.

It was the fourth win of the season for Prestonsburg, who has won two of their last three games. Piarist is still looking for that ini-

Matt Goeing topped the Knights scoring with 11 points including a three-point basket. Brett Hall, who could play anywhere, finished with eight points and 11 rebounds. Justin Ross. the fans' favorite and the shortest on the floor, drained a three-point basket in scoring five points. Eugene Sisco scored four points and had five rebounds. Brian Yates added three points.

Josh Justice led Prestonsburg with his 17 points as the starters saw little playing time. Matt Tackett had his season high with 15 points and T.C. Hatfield netted 10 points.

Prestonsburg had already put 60 points on the scoreboard after the first two quarters leading 60-8 at the half. They scored the first 28 points of the game in the first quarter and the Knights did not get on the board until :55 left in the first period. Brett Hall scored on a lay up.

The hard playing Knights just could not exccute against the Prestonsburg defense.

After three quarters, Prestonsburg was in front 82-19 with the fans wanting their team to reach the century mark. A basket by Craig Fleenor reached the century mark for Prestonsburg and a basket from Josh Murdock sent the team past the century mark.

Ryan Martin hit three three-point baskets to finish with nine points for the Blackcats. Matt Slone tossed in eight and Dustin Music scored seven. Chris Kidd came off the bench and net-

ted nine points with Fleepor totaling seven Josh Murdock scored four as did Brandon Branham. Ricky Power had two points and Justin Allen scored four.

Prestonsburg will face a good Betsy Layne team this Friday night in an important district

game for both teams. Outside of the Piarist School, neither team has been able to win against the other county schools. Betsy Layne has lost to both Allen Central and South Floyd in the district with Prestonsburg falling to both



photo by Ed Taylor

FROM THE COR-Prestonsburg's Josh Justice (32) hit a three point basket and scored 17 points in a 102-31 win over the Piarist Knights Monday night.

Great

Central rallied and cut the Pike Central lead to four points on a three-point basket by Newsome at the 4:29 mark. A 5-0 spurt by the Hawks netted them a 68-55 lead and Allen Central could only get as close as seven points with 20 seconds left to play.

Daniel Sazabo came off the Rebel bench and tossed in six points. Allen finished with four while Travis Francis and Josh Yates scored two apiece.

Allen Central will face Feds Creek tonight in an 8:15 tip off time in the opening round of the boys All "A" Classic at Pikeville.

Ridge

The road hog class was won by Joey Stanley with 1,013 points over second place finisher Thomas Blakeman at 993. Bucky Collins, Ryan Risner, and John Henson rounded out the top five.

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Piarist stays close but falls to Prestonsburg

by ED TAYLOR SPORTS EDITOR

For two quarters of the game the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats could not put away a feisty Piarist Lady Knights basketball team until the final quarter and half of Monday. night's district match between the two schools.

Junior center Ramanda Music played only half of the game but finished with a game high 24 points, eight rebounds and two * assists in leading her team to a 65-28 win over the visiting Lady, Knights. Taryn Harris tossed in 12 points as 11 players made the scoring column for coach Harold Tackett's ballclub.

Prestonsburg played without starter Brooke Coleman who was sitting out after an injury in the Johnson Central game last week.

"She's fine," said Coach-Tackett. "I just wanted to hold her out this game and give her more time to heal up. It was just a sprain, nothing serious."

Kari Ross continued to be oneof the top scorers in the district finishing with 20 points, her average of the season.

"I am proud of our team," said-Piarist coach Gary Kidd. "Whatcan you do when you only five: players. They played hard and never quit. They are a good group of kids.

Five players is all that dot the Piarist roster and players who wantto play might consider the Piarist School next season.

While the Lady Knights had enough to start the game they were one short at the onset of the second half. Mary Beth Bentley, who plays the point for Piarist, was sick at half time and did not start the second half. However, she did enter the game late in the third quarter

and finished the game.

"I am not going to put a player. in who is sick like Mary Beth was," said the Piarist coach. "I told herwhen she was ready and felt like it, just raise her hand and I would put her back in."

It was later that Bentley signaled she was ready resume play-

Prestonsburg had a hard time shaking the Lady Knights in the first half holding a 27-23 half time lead. Coach Tackett starters opened the game but it was the bench who

saw most of the playing time. The game saw the return of Tara Ortega and Stephanic Adams for Prestonsburg. Both look impressive in their return to the Lady Blackcat team.

Playing with just four players at the start of the second half. Piarist failed to score in the third period falling behind 52-23. They scored only five points in the second half on a basket by Ross and a three-

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Prestonsburg Junior Basketball

TRAINING LEAGUE

WARRIORS VS LAKERS

Seth Setser, with cast removed. scored a team high 12 points in leading the Warriors to a 22-20 win over the Lakers in training league basketball at Adams Middle School Saturday.

Game high scoring honors went to the Lakers' Jody Tackett with 16 points. Shane Poynter and Amanda Jarrell added two points each for the Lakers.

Christopher Schoolcraft added four points for the Warriors while Cameron Tincher scored three. Soseph Collins netted two and Julie Compton had one point.

While Compton finished with just one point, she hit the free throw with less than 10 seconds to play and put the Warriors up for

It was an 8-0 game after the first quarter with the Warriors in front. A 11-4 second quarter for the Lakers made it a 12-11 game at the half. Tackett scored eight of his 16 points in the fourth quarter in a come back effort for the Lakers but the rally fell a field goal short.

Piarist

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point basket by Emily Meyers. Bentley was a perfect five of five for the Lady Knights in scoring five points.

Adams finished with seven points for Prestonsburg to go with her six rebounds. Chrissy Nelson drained a three-pointer and scored five points with Amanda Webb netting four. Heather White also had five points with Amanda Stevens tossing in three. Angela Howell and Chanel Music had two points each with Amelia Conley scoring

Prestonsburg will travel to Betsy Layne Friday night for a big, big conference game in trying to avenge an earlier loss to the Ladycats.



KNICKS VS RAPTORS

Matthew Tackett scored all eight of his team's points as the Knicks posted an 8-5 win over the Raptors.

It was a 2-0 game after the first quarter and the same score held up until half time. In the third period, Tackett had four points as the Knicks led 6-4 after three periods.

Christian Smith scored four of the five Raptors points with Kathleen Smith scoring one.

SONICS VS HAWKS

In a close one, the Sonics enjoyed a big second quarter in posting an 18-15 win over the Hawks. The Sonics outscored the Hawks 14-7 in the second stanza.

Alexis Derossett and Nathan Ousley had six points each to lead the Sonics. Allen Craynon, Brandon Ratliff, and Vincent Hayes scored two points apiece for the Sonics.

Nicholas Conn. Joshua Head, and Steven Boatwright led the Hawks with six points each, Issac Bentley scored two and Austin Gearheart added one.

LAKERS VS HORNETS

Jody Tackett scored eight third period points and four in the fourth en route to a 16 points outing as the Lakers rolled past the Hornets 39-

Austin Ward scored all 12 of the Hornets points with six coming in the last quarter.

Shane Poynter netted 10 for the Lakers while Amanda Jarrell finished with six points. D.J. Ousley scored three with Matthew Sword and Craig Cooley scoring two

It was a 4-4 game after the first quarter with Ward scoring four for the Hornets. An 11-2 second quarter gave the Lakers a 15-6 half time

BULLS VS WARRIORS

Seth Setser and Nathaniel Fraley scored eight points each as the Warriors defeated the Bulls 22-15 Saturday. Cameron Tincher added six points in the win.

Lindsey Fields had a team high eight points for the Bulls with Caitlin Brock scoring five points. Joshua Blackburn scored two.

Setser scored all eight of his

points in the opening quarter with Murray combined for 24 points in the first quarter with Lackey scor-Fraley scoring four to give the Warriors a 12-0 first quarter lead. The Bulls did not score in the second quarter as well and trailed 18-0 at the half.

A 5-0 third period for the Bulls and outscoring the Warriors 10-2 in the fourth made the score a little more respectable.

JUNIOR VARSITY

PISTONS VS LAKERS

Michael Lackey and Justin

leading the Pistons to a 39-33 edging of a good Lakers team. It was only the second loss of the season for Randy Reno's team.

Justin Conn sank seven points for the winners with Chris Baker and Amber Whitaker scoring four apiece

Game scoring honors went to the Lakers James Lafferty with 21 points. Chayse Martin netted eight with Josiah Reno and Adam Gearheart tossing in two apiece.

The two teams played to 6-6 in

ing with four for the Pistons.

The Pistons held a 17-14 half time lead behind Baker and Murray. Lafferty scored all eight points for the Lakers in the second.

It was a 25-21 Piston lead heading into the final quarter. The Pistons outscored the Lakers 14-12 in securing the win. Martin hit a three-point basket in the fourth quarter and Lafferty had a trey in the same period for the Lakers.

SPURS VS JAZZ

Seven players dotted the scoring column for the Jazz in a 30-18 win over the Spurs last Saturday.

Brittany Collins scored eight points for the Jazz in leading the parade. Bobby Hughes and Meaghan Slone added six each with Pam Slone scoring four points. B.J. Spurlock finished with three and Chris Oliver had two. Rikki Hughes netted one point.

Nathaniel Stephens took game scoring honors with 15 points for

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Pikeville

South Floyd trailed throughout the entire contest before mounting a pair of miraculous comebacks, one in the third quarter, and one in the fourth quarter. The one in the final quarter came with just four minutes remaining in the game. Both comebacks, as well as the entire game, left the South Floyd team along with Coach Osborne hungry to play out this season and strive to get in the same position as they have worked themselves into this season, next season.

"The girls battled back from 12 points and 14 points down," said South Floyd's Coach Osborne. There at the end we were without Kandice (Mitchell) and we still battled and played well despite her being out of the game. These girls gave it all they had and I'm very proud of the effort they gave. I guess you could say I'm speechless. We got an all-out effort from our girls and it was just a real emotional game."

Pikeville jumped out on the Lady Raiders early, going on a 6-0 run to begin the contest. Lady Panther Michelle Hall drained a three-pointer to make it a 9-0 Pikeville lead. Hall would be a three-point threat to the Lady Raiders the entire game.

South Floyd guard Valerie King got the Lady Raiders on the first quarter scoreboard with a field goal. Megan Ousley put three points in the books on a field goal and a free throw following a Pikeville miss to make it a 9-5 contest. Hall came down on the very next Pikeville possession and hit her second of

what would eventually be six threepoint baskets. The Lady Panthers led by as many as nine points through the first eight minutes and took a 21-13 lead into the second

Pikeville held a 27-17 lead at the 3:32 mark of the second period when Ashley Johnson cut it to a 27-20 game with a long three-point basket. Pikeville outscored South Floyd 7-4 in the final two minutes and led 35-24 at the half.

Hall extended the Pikeville lead once again, this time out to a 14point advantage at 43-32 with just under four minutes left in the third quarter. The Lady Raiders went on a 4-0 run at the end of the quarter and went into the final eight minute period trailing by eight points, 53-

Ashley Johnson hit a threepointer to begin the third quarter and Ousley hit a layup to cut the Pikeville lead to just a three-point, 53-50 advantage at the 7:30 mark of the final quarter, prompting the Pikeville coaching staff to call a

Pikeville trailed 62-54 at the 4:51 mark of the final frame. A big blow to the South Floyd squad came at the 3:04 mark of the fourth quarter when Mitchell drew her fifth foul and fouled out of the

South Floyd trailed 63-58 with just 1:46 remaining in the quarter. With Pikeville leading 66-60, Ousley connected on a three-pointer to leave the Lady Raiders within three-points of the win. Ousley drew her fifth foul on the next Pikeville possession. Stephanie

Kelly went to the line after being fouled by Ousley and connected on one-of-two free throw attempts to make it a 67-63 Pikeville advantage. Jessica Paige put South Floyd's final two points in the books just before the final horn to make a two-point difference.

Mitchell and Ashley Johnson paced South Floyd with 15 points each. Ousley finished with 14 points and Valerie King chipped in with 13.

Michelle Hall led the way for Pikeville with a game-high 22 points. Jill Kimberlain added 19 points in the Pikeville win.

South Floyd will return to action on Thursday night when they return to Paintsville, this time to do battle with the host Lady Tigers.

GAME NOTES:

A good crowd of South Floyd supporters made the trip to Paintsville for the Pikeville game. Not to be outdone, the Pikeville crowd was also rather large.

■ The Pikeville High School band performed The National

Anthem prior to the start of the South Floyd-Pikeville game.

■ Pikeville's Lauren Francisco received an award during the awards ceremony, for having the highest GPA of any player in the 15th Region Girls All "A" Classic.

South Floyd definitely has a lot of momentum as they play the rest of the '01 portion of their 2000-01 season.

■ PARTING SHOT- South Floyd Coach Melinda Osborne told a South Floyd fan after the game: "We'll be back next season!" Yes, the South Floyd Lady Raiders will be back next season, but they've still got a whole lot of basketball left to play this season. The South Floyd Lady Raiders are definitely a team to keep an eye on.



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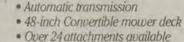


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STEVE'S SIDELINESHOTS

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS WRITER

All "A" Leftovers

The 15th Region Girls All "A" Classic concluded over the weekend with the Pikeville Lady Panthers scoring a 67-65 victory over the South Floyd Raiders in the championship game played on Saturday night.

Except for the first night, the All "A" Classic drew good crowds into Paintsville. The first night featured just one game, a hard-fought game, to say the least, between The Piarist School Lady Knights and Millard.

Congratulations go out to Pikeville on their championship. Best of luck girls, as you enter state tournament play in Richmond.

The 2001 15th Region All "A" Classic featured several good games and several great performances, both individual and team.

No all-tournament team was named at the All "A", so I thought why not name one myself? As a matter of fact, I think I will.

Without any further ado, here's a look at the 15-member Sideline Shots 2001 15th Region Girls All "A" Classic All-Tournament Team:

Kari Ross, Piarist

Ross scored 24 points in the Lady Knights' only game of the tournament, a first round loss to Millard



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Erica Elswick, Millard

Erica Elswick fired in 26 points in the Lady Mustangs first round win over Piarist. Elswick is a consistent scorer on a struggling team that boasts just one win on the season. Remember: Erica Elswick is just a freshman.

Julie Yates, Elkhorn City

Julie Yates hit for 17 points against Allen Central in the first round of the tournament. Yates had one three-pointer and seven field goals in the 59-51 loss.

Santana Prater, Phelps

Santana Prater tossed in a teambest 13 points in Phelps' 78-41 loss to Pikeville. Prater, a sophomore guard, is a very talented ball handler and is an equally adept shooter.

Shannon Sizemore, Allen Central

Shannon Sizemore is a consis-Coach Cindy Halbert. Sizemore connected on six field goals for 12 points against South Floyd.

Jennifer Risner, Allen Central

Jennifer Risner was the star when Allen Central and South Floyd met the first time this season. She nearly led Allen Central to a second win over South Floyd. Risner had 12 points in the All "A" game against South Floyd, including a timely three-point basket.

Terri Mullins, Allen Central

Terri Mullins is a great ball handler! The sharp shooting freshman point guard hit three three-pointers in Allen Central's 49-47 loss to South Floyd. Mullins hit for a total of 11 points against the Lady

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Schoolcraft- Player Agent; and Hazel Boatwright- Information Officer. A represen-

tative from each division will also be appointed and will be a member of this year's

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Megan Ousley, South Floyd

Clutch performer- These two words describe Megan Ousley. Ousley's two clutch free throws in the final seconds of the Allen Central game propelled South Floyd into the finals against Pikeville. She finished with 16 points against Allen Central and 14 against Pikeville.

Kandice Mitchell, South Floyd

Kandice Mitchell is a dominant inside player with a fabulous soft shooting touch. O.K., you probably already knew that.

Mitchell netted 17 points against Allen Central and tossed in 15 points before fouling out with more than three minutes remaining in the game against Pikeville.

Ashley Johnson, South Floyd

Ashley Johnson made a big content performer for Allen Central tribution in the All "A" finals against Pikeville, giving a championship game effort with 15 points. She had a three-point basket in each of South Floyd's final two All "A" games (Allen Central, Pikeville).

Valerie King, South Floyd

Valerie King stepped up big for Coach Melinda Osborne in the championship game Saturday night. King tossed in 13 points. With teammate Megan Ousley in foul trouble, King elevated her play that much

Michelle Hall, Pikeville

Six three-point field goals. Yes, Lady Panther Michelle Hall connected on six three-point baskets against South Floyd. She ended the contest with a game-high 22 points.

Sara Boyd, Pikeville

Sara Boyd is a big presence in the middle for the Pikeville Lady Panthers. She tossed in 12 points against Phelps and 8 against South Floyd. Her size and agility lead Pikeville in several different ways.

Jill Kimberlain, Pikeville

Kimberlain is a floor leader, who has now led the Lady Panthers back to Richmond and back to the All "A" State Tournament. Kimberlain had 19 points in Pikeville's two-point win over South Floyd. The night before she ripped Phelps for 21 points.

DMC PRO Lauren Francisco, Pikeville MSRP \$579.00

Lauren Francisco plays quite well as a starting forward on the Pikeville Lady Panthers squad. Francisco had eight points in each of Pikeville's final two games of the tournament. ultimate success than a lot of people

The 15th Region All "A" Classic was a classic! I can't wait until next season. Hey, the Boys All "A" Classic is this week! If you can, make the trip up to Pikeville High School to take in some or all of the

South Floyd no match for Shelby Valley

KARI ROSS (23) OF PIARIST scored 20 points in her teams 65-28 loss to Prestonsburg Monday night. Ross

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS WRITER

is aveaging near 20 points per game.

The South Floyd Raiders started the WYMT-TV Mountain Classic with a thrilling win over the Cawood Trojans. The Cawood win was good, but the Raiders needed to move on, and they wanted to move on with a win over the undefeated and top 15th Region-ranked Shelby Valley Wildcuts.

The next obstacle before the Raiders was 15th Region foe and region favorite Shelby Valley. It was a tough obstacle to say the least. It was an obstacle the Raiders ultimately would not be able to overcome, at least not on this night.

Coach Henry Webb's Raiders played Shelby Valley close for a quarter, trailing by just three points. 14-11, after the first quarter With momentum and a little bit of confidence on their side. South Floyd went into the second quarter feeling good, but would find the second quarter to be much more harsh than the first frame.

Shelby Valley limited the Raiders to just eight points in what would be a very pivotal second period. Shelby Valley built on a strong second quarter performance and went on to post a 63-45 win.

After jumping out to a 14-11 lead, Shelby Valley exploded for 19 second quarter points. The Akers brothers, Jeremy and Shannon, collectively caught fire in the quarter, along with teammates Mike Riddle and Terry Wright. Shelby Valley took a 14-point, 33-19 lead into the half and continued to give South Floyd fits in the second half.

The Raiders played Shelby by a game-high 22-point perfor-Valley even in the third quarter. South Floyd held the Wildcats to 10 points on defense and scored 10 points themselves on their offensive

Shelby Valley was just a mere field goal better than South Floyd in the final quarter, outscoring the Raiders 18-16.

Do the math: Take away the first favorite Shelby Valley is just two points better. But, after all, it takes four quarters or two halves to make a basketball.

The semifinal game win put Shelby Valley into a championship game with Mike Jones' Clay County Tigers. Clay County got up early on Magoffin County and went on to post a win.

Tuesday games not included

Allen Central

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Shelby Valley was led in scoring

mance from Jeremy Akers. Riddle, Wright and Shannon Akers tossed in 11 points apiece. Kris Prater chipped in with five points,

Michael Hall netted a team-best 15 points for Shelby Valley. Rusty Tackett posted 12 points in the 18point loss. John Meade and Charles Ray both contributed six points.

South Floyd will be back in two quarters and 15th Region action this week as they take part in the 15th Region All "A" Classic at Pikeville High School.

> SHELBY VALLEY (63) - S Akers 22, J. Akers 11, Wright 11, Riddle 11, Prater 5, Stevens 2,

SOUTH FLOYD (45) - M. Hall 15, Tackett 12, Meade 6, Ray 6, Skeans 5, Newman L.

58TH District Standings

Overall 4-0 11-2 4-1 8-4 2-2 4-12 1-2 8-5 0-5 0-11

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Overall Betsy Layne 10-5 Prestonsburg 3-1 9-6 Allen Central 1-2 5-6 1-3 4-8 South Floyd 0-3 Tuesday games not included

B'ball

The Jazz scored early and often in the first quarter en route to a 12-1 first quarter lead, Meaghan Slone, Pam Slone and Collins each had four points in the opening period.

The Jazz led 17-2 at the half. Stephens, who had three points going into the

fourth period, scored 12 in the final stanza in a 12-7 Spurs run.

BULLS VS PISTONS

Justin Murray scored 14 points and Amber Whitaker added 10 in leading the Pistons to a 39-36 edging of the Bulls this past Saturday, Justin Conn finished with five points and Chris Baker added three. Jared Harmon, Benji Fish and Heather Wallen scored two points apiece. Michael Lackey added one point.

Two players scored in double figures for the Bulis led by Jarrod Willis' 11 points. Mike Crum had 10 points. Westley Hall finished with six and Josh Rodebaugh netted five. Both Elizabeth Chaffin and Justin Moore scored two points each.

The Bulls nearly pulled the game out with a 19-7 run in the fourth quarter but the rally fell short.

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PACERS VS RAPTORS

Trinity Stewart scored nine first quarter points. added for in the second and had five in the fourth to finish with 18 for the game in leading the Pacers past the Raptors 23-13. Evan Spradlin had five points for

Tyler Keenes scored six to lead the Raptors and

■ Continued from p3 two and Tyler Shelton scored one.

JAZZ VS KNICKS

The Jazz pitched a four quarter shutout in a 22-0 win over the Knicks in Pee Wee play Saturday.

Myles Minix and Blake Goble scored six points each to lead the Jazz. Evan Bays netted four. Kaleb Rodebaugh, Mickale Roberts and Shandon Moore scored two points each.

Minix scored six of his in the second quarter.

The Celtics posted a 12-7 win over the Bulls in Pee Wee play led by Victoria Hammonds four points. Trey Stapleton, Grant Gearheart, J.D. Adams and Zachary Butcher finished with two points each.

Tyler Sparkman led the Bulls with four points while Kain Collins scored two. Cody Holbrook had



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the coaches from the applicants.

One of a kind, Cawood Ledford 'is 'in a real battle, folks'

jersey hanging among the hallowed in Rupp Arena's rafters. Nice. But I think it pleases him more to know Kentuckians care and pray for the return of his good

Now 74 and nine years since he left after 39 years in broadcasting, Cawood, one of a kind, is "... in a real battle, folks."

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I used to believe putting someone else in a Kentucky Network broadcast booth with Cawood was like hiring a second orchestra conductor. Who needs him? Except for a spotter, Cawood needed no

Today, none of the accolades matter. Cawood is in a battle for his life. A few autumns back we sat down to talk about sports in Kentucky. It was one of those fall afternoons when sunshine splashed against woods and hol-

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Cawood Ledford's name is on a lows, cities and towns in pastels. Gold and burgundy leaves fluttered everywhere on a breeze, and crickets sang. A Cawood kind of

> He smiled and lit another cigarette while talking about trying to quit. Leaned back in his chair, and held court. It's been a few years, test of time.

■ UK PEP BAND. "During Coach Rupp's time over at Memorial Coliseum the band started greeting him when he came out of the locker room for games with 'Hello, Adolph!' He loved it. One night they did the 'Hello, Adolph!' thing and then they did a 'Hello, Cawood!' Well, it embarrassed me a Derby stretch run? "... and here to death, but I didn't respond. So, over and said, 'Didn't you hear the band?' and I said I had. And he said, "You better acknowledge 'em next time or they'll boo the hell out of you." Next time they never stilted or cutesy or broadcast did it, I waved and it was the start gimmicks like "yessssss." A shot of something special. A mutual admiration.

ADOLPH RUPP. "I worked with him for 19 years. A great motivator, of course. Great practice coach too. He'd have the kids come in and shoot for half an hour, then scrimmage for an hour or hour and 15 minutes, and that was it. In all his years here Coach Rupp never thought any player played as well as he could play. Never.

BOB KNIGHT. "... a whole lot like Adolph. Neither of them gave a damn what people thought. Both said what they pleased. And frankly, I happen to think they (were) right more than they (were)

■ JACK 'GOOSE' GIVENS. "Some players go hide in tough situations, but Jack always wanted the ball during those times. He wanted it."

REX CHAPMAN. "Enormous appeal. As good a player as I've ever seen. No question, if he had stayed here four years instead of two, he'd have broken every record in the book."

AL MCGUIRE. "Love him. Thing I liked about Al was this (basketball) was never World War III for him. He'd have fun with it."

DICK VITALE. "... I have no but Cawood's views stand well the use for him. He's a loudmouth who doesn't think things through before he rambles on. But it's made him rich."

> ■ WIFE FRANCES, "She's been a good critic for me. But sometimes she hasn't been tough as I've wanted her to be. But I remember somebody back home told me once, 'Listen to your wife, never listen to your mother.""

Cawood Ledford. One of a Bill Stakeland from WVLK came kind. Kentuckians are praying for

PATRICK SPARKS

Muhlenberg-North all-stater Patrick Sparks joined the 2,000points scored club last week. With 2,007 before the weekend, the 6-1 senior guard is now third behind local record holder Corky Withrow (3,136 at Central City High) and Ray Harper (3,033 at Bremen) as the county's all-time leading point makers.

Speculation has surfaced that Sparks is on Tubby Smith's wemight-be-interested list at UK. I cannot see the fit however, with a guard-heavy roster even if Keith Bogans leaves. J.P. Blevins returns next season presumably along with Bogans. Gerald Fitch and Cliff Hawkins will be sophomores, Todd Tackett comes off a redshirt year, and Rashaad Carruth and Josh Carrier arrive to join the

Sparks has said he isn't interested in walking on at Kentucky. Stay tuned.

CHEERS 'N **JEERS**

CHEERS. Hombra Dennis, kicker for Webster County High football team. Despite undergoing cancer treatments. Dennis kept his spirits up and determination intact. He refused to stop playing the game he loved. His cancer is now in remission.

JEERS. A (UK composed) contract that requires full salary payment of \$120,000 to confessed NCAA rules breaker Claude Bassett while the taxpayer-supported university stands to lose thousands of dollars, suffer incalculable damage to football recruiting, and embarrassment to the school's alumni, if NCAA sanctions are levied. Meanwhile, forms asking for donations to UK continue to arrive in our mailboxes.

CHEERS. To Wayne Martin, general manager of WKYT-TV in Lexington for standing up for faithful employee (sports anchor) Dave Baker by dropping newspaper columnist Billy Reed as a commentator.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Monday, Americans observed Martin Luther King Jr. Day. How would King want us to celebrate this holiday? In sports, it occurs to me the Nobel Prize winner would be pleased to see athletes behave themselves better on the field, on

And so it goes.

Have a point of view you would like to share? Write to Bob Watkins at P.O. Box 124, Glendale, Ky. 42740 or on the internet at Sprtsinky@aol.com. And visit our website www.bobwatkins.com.



JUSTIN ROSS OF PIARIST hit this three-point basket against Prestonsburg Monday night. Ross, a grade schooler, starts for the Plarist Knights high school team.



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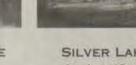
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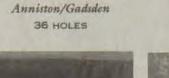


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New Dodge teams are shaping up

by GERALD HODGES THE RACING REPORTER

Casey Atwood, Bill Elliott and Ward Burton are three of the 10 drivers who will be driving the new Dodge Intrepids in 2001. They talked about their experiences, expectations for the upcoming sea-Preview, Saturday, Jan. 6, at Winston-Salem, N.C.

Both Atwood and Elliott will be driving for Ray Evernham. Elliott is the old pro having started his Winston Cup racing career in 1976. Atwood, at age 20, is the youngest driver on the circuit.

"For me, winter testing is very important, starting with a new race team," Atwood said, "I think the teams that test a lot over the winter Gordon started out, they were both to doing things one way and someare the ones that are a little better prepared when the season starts. I'm looking forward to a lot of winter testing and getting used to working with my new team."

When asked if he thought his young age was a handicap, Atwood replied, "Not really. It seems like yesterday I was running go-carts or late models at home. I got the opportunity to get into a Busch car Winston Cup and I've been real lucky all along the way.

was going to stay in Busch. Just future there. He's got his hands full gain experience and wait on the right opportunity, and this was the right opportunity for me. Nobody in their right mind would pass it up to work with Ray Evernham and what he's done with Jeff Gordon with the 47 wins and three Winston Cup son and testing at the Winston Cup championships. He was the right person for me to move up with, and if it had been anybody else, I would have stayed in Busch.

> "I won't ever be as nervous as I was that first Winston Cup start again. We weren't really that fast and there was a chance we wouldn't make the race. That was about as nervous as I've ever been. It got easier every race.

"When Ray Evernham and Jeff young. Ray learned a lot and is just incredible what he knows and what he can teach a young driver. He's just real patient with me and makes good calls and adjustments. Everything he says, I try to soak up and learn as much as I can from

Bill Elliott, Atwood's teammate, will be driving the No. 9 Dodge.

'Ray is a pretty demanding when I was 17 and from there it has guy," Elliott said. "I haven't had just took off. I've only been racing any problems with him. We both Busch cars for two years and I'm have the same goals, going out rungetting the opportunity to go ning well and winning races. I don't think anything will get in the way of that. As long as you see past and "I said all along I wasn't going through that, no matter how rocky

putting his program together, both the engine and chassis and when you've had a good relationship to this point, we haven't had any problem whatsoever.

"Casey seems to have done a very good job with the Winston season and he's done extremely well. Ray is a good enough teacher by bringing Jeff into this Winston Cup Series and running well pretty much right off the bat and I don't foresee him being more in the rookie role than having to lead him along. He's good enough and smart enough that he could probably teach us some stuff, because a lot of times in this business, you get used times you need to look at a different approach. That's what the new guys bring to you. You're in and you're out. I don't foresee any problems."

When asked about the Dodge engine and what exactly seems to be the problem with it, Elliott replied, "I haven't seen any problem with it. I haven't followed it as close as the other guys have.

"I think a driver could survive in this business today, but I never could make it work. We had some pretty successful times at points in time, but we couldn't make it consistently happen week-in and weekout. That's where even a low-budget team can probably come in and

to move to Winston Cup and that I the road is you're going to have a survive for a short span in this the team matured, I think we added sport, but to do it week-in and week-out at the level you have to do it at, that's where it starts separating the stronger well-funded teams from a guy who just has enough bucks to make it week-in and week-

"This business has changed so Cup races he has run in this past much that you need every possible resource you can possibly find to run well week-in and week-out. As a driver, I think I can bring a lot of perspectives to the table as far as being owner/driver and as many roles as I've played over the last several years, but still it's going to be the amount of group effort the chemistry that comes within that group effort to make and win and go out and do well week-in and

"I feel great and I'm ready for the season. I don't know of anything I can do different that could make things any better. We've had a relatively good year last year. All in all, I look back at the strong runs we had, but we just couldn't make it consistent. I think now that Ray is in there and can keep plugging at it, it can make a difference.'

Ward Burton, driver of Bill Davis' No. 22 Dodge, finished 10th last season in the points and had one victory, but his team slid in the second half.

"I learned from the mistakes that sometimes we kind of created on our own problems," Ward said. "As

photo by Ed Taylor

AMANDA WEBB (32) scored on this move to the basket against the Piarist Lady **Knights Monday** night. Prestonsburg posted a 65-28 win over Piarist.



photo by Steve LeMaster KARI OSBORNE (32) of Allen Central attempts a shot over South Floyd forward Ashley Johnson (20). Osborne and the Lady Rebels fell 49-47 o South Floyd in a second round game of the All "A" Classic.

Betsy Layne wins easy over Millard Parsons, Stratton net 14 points each in 71-25 win

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS WRITER

The Betsy Layne Ladycats had very little trouble in a road game this past Monday night against the Millard Lady Mustangs. Betsy Layne got up early and maintained a lead throughout the entire contest. Betsy Layne held a young Millard team to just 15 points in the first half and 10 points in the entire second half, en route to a 71-25

Eleven Betsy Layne Ladycats made their way into the scorebooks led by Jenny Parsons' and Amber Roberts' game-high 14 points. Natasha Stratton triggered in 13 points.

Betsy Layne guard Devon Reynolds caught fire in the first quarter, scoring seven points on two field goals and one long-range three-pointer. Reynolds finished the game with the seven points she totaled in the first period.

Millard got a little bit of much-needed scoring in the second quarter. Freshman guard Erica Elswick stepped up in the second period and knocked down a pair of three pointers. Millard's only other score of the second quarter came on a short jumper from Whitney Lawson.

Stratton carried much of the Betsy Layne load in the second quarter. She tossed in seven second quarter points. Roberts, Amy Keathley. Tiffany Meade and Kesha Newman all had two points in the second quarter. The Ladycats went into halftime leading Millard

A total of seven different Betsy Layne players scored in the third quarter. Tabetha Witt came off the Betsy Layne bench and got into the scoring column going one-of-two from the free throw line. Savannah Adkins and sisters Jessica and Erica Elswick each had two points for a total of six Millard points in the quarter. The game was all but decided as it entered into the final eight minutes with Betsy Layne leading 60-20.

A mixed group of some of the younger Betsy Layne players outscored Millard 11-5 in the final quarter.

The Ladveats didn't just score against Millard, they played defense, and they rebounded as well. Keathley led Betsy Layne in

rebounding with 9. Roberts and Parsons each had 8 boards. With the win, Betsy Layne now has a 10-5 record.

to the support group of the whole Bill Davis organization. Probably more than anything is that the cars and everything are in really good shape, but we are a little bit behind on the motor development. That's going to be the make-it, break-it for at least the first part of the season, the reliability to run 500 miles.

"I think on my side, we've run for 2-1/2 years and we've only had two motor failures. It's just the unknown. Yes, we've done some tests in Kentucky, but we'd like to have ten or 12 motors built by now and done a lot more testing. There are still a few things that we've experienced. We know that the horsepower numbers are close to where we had them at GM camp, so we'll be fine there and learn as we

"We are cautiously optimistic. When the team decided to do it, this

amount of support, amount of dedication that the Dodge camp was willing to put into this program and the amount of support that they were giving Bill Davis Racing is why we did it. It is a little bit risky, but I think in the long run it will pay off. I do have some concerns just because there are some unknown things, and I don't want to take a step backwards. With all the people that we've got working on it from Sterling's team, Bill's team, and the Dodge camp, I feel like whatever happens we've got enough folks

that will get down on it and fix it." Racing Trivia Question: Which Winston Cup driver is often referred to as "Awesome Bill from Dawsonville"?

Answer To Last Week's Question: The NASCAR Busch Grand National Series was formed

A Look At Sports

Coca-Cola Classic showcase's talent and some surprises



by ED TAYLOR SPORTS EDITOR

If anything, the Coca-Cola Classic at Pike Central High School this past week proved you cannot underestimate any team and there is no reason of going out on the limb and trying to pick a regional

The teams you thought would dominate their opponents actually did not show up in the final game. It was host Pike Central winning their own tournament over a very good Paintsville team.

Now figure this. Allen Central and Betsy Layne were thought to be the pre-tournament final two but it just did not turn out that way. Oh, the two teams met, but in the consolation game with Allen Central coming out a big winner.

But Pike Central was beaten bad by Allen Central in the early part of the season only to fall to the Hawks, badly, in a second round

Betsy Layne, after beating a good Tug Valley team in the opening round, was figured to be a solid choice to upend Paintsville, But Bill Mike Runyon has his Tigers playing good basketball and don't let their 8-6 record deceive you.

It was a good tournament. A large crowd was on hand for the semifinal game with decent crowds in the first round games.

Coach David Rowe and his staff know how to host a tournament. They did a great job and I appreciate their hospitality during the nearly week long tournament.

While last week was filled with tournament games, the big one was over at the WYMT Classic at Perry Central where Shelby Valley kept their record unblemished with a win over Clay County in the

The big game was to be a second round match up between Shelby was no contest as the Wildcats just rolled past the Raiders in a show of inside strength as well as outside firepower. South Floyd would late lose to Magoffin County in the consolation game.

Well, up at Paintsville, the girls All "A" was underway and the South Floyd Lady Raiders revealed that they are a different team and team to be reckoned with the rest of the season. They fell by two points to Pikeville in the championship game. Remember, the Lady Raiders almost caught Prestonsburg at home and then won over Allen Central in the second round of the All "A." They played Betsy Layne tough earlier in the season and they are getting better with each out-

The key, no doubt, has been the consistent play of Kandice Mitchell and her ability to avoid early foul trouble.

But, listen, let's give credit where credit is due. Melinda Osborne has to be Coach of the Year in the district with the way she has molded this very young team.

I have always liked the way she coaches and she has proven she can put together a winner. She is an excellent coach and the next three seasons look very, very promising for the Lady Raiders. They no longer are the door mat of the 58th District but have proven to be

Oh by the way, the win over Paintsville was not the first All "A" win for a South Floyd girls team. Under Jimmy Hopkins, Melenda's brother. South Floyd defeated Pikeville in an opening round game.

Another thing, the win over Allen Central was the first time a South Floyd girls team defeated another district team. Now the game was considered a conference game. So, the Lady Raiders still have yet to win a conference game. But I suspect it will eventually come this season.

There will still be plenty of tournament play this week as the boys' All "A" gets underway at Pikeville tonight. Again, fans are contemplating a South Floyd/Allen Central match up in the championship game, but be careful. Paintsville will have a lot to say about that as well as host Pikeville.

COMMENTS HEARD

"Officiating in the 15th Region has gotten worse, especially at girls games!" I have always been a supporter of 15th Regional officials, but recently I have witnessed two girls games where the officials should have been calling junior pro basketball instead of high school.

"I believe our teams have peaked too early!" Well, maybe you can peak twice in a season. Early and late.

■ "I hope Rick Pitino returns to Kentucky!" Well, there is a fellow by the of name Tubby Smith who says different. Don't look for

"It will be hard for Kentucky to win five more games, looking at the rest of the schedule!" No, I did not say that. But there are more than just me who don't see much success for Kentucky basketball through the final 14 games. The SEC schedule is going to be challenging for Tubby and the boys in blue. At the most, five more wins is the best they will be able to do and they could lose one or maybe two on the road at Georgia or South Carolina. No more cup cakes in the SEC. Maybe we should apply for membership in the OVC.

Honestly, I think Chuck Rowe is a great, great person and I consider him a very good friend. He is a fine, quality young man who we wish the best in his profession as a teacher and hopefully as a future football coach. Personally, I think he will make a good one.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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Home on the range

Jenny Wiley brings back the buffalo buffet...

by PAM SHINGLER LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Although the buffalo were pretty scarce in these parts by the time Jenny Wiley settled here, her namesake park will be serving up the pioneer delicacy Saturday night at its Frontier Night.

About 200 pounds of buffalo meat is on its way from Mobridge, South Dakota, for the evening's dining experience, according to Mark McLemore, manager of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

On the buffet table, diners can choose from buffalo prepared as top round, carved on the line (just like the old favorite roast beef), and/or stew, meatloaf, and chili, For those who haven't tried it before, the meat is described as being similar to

beef, except it's much leaner and doesn't have what some call a "gamy" taste, which often comes with meat from other wild animals.

To go with the buffano treats, Chef Barry Oldsen is also preparing fried clacken and eatfish for those unready to chomp down on a hunk of bison.

Accompanying the meats, apropos of a meal around the cowpoke campfire, will be country-style fried potatoes, crowder peas with bacon, steamed cabbage, corn on the cob, turnip greens with ham hocks and Santa Fe green beans.

The park's well-loved desserts will top off the meal. On the sweets table will be a variety of fruit and cream pies, banana pudding and assorted cobblers.

The frontier cuisine will be available from 4 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$15.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children 12 and younger - and you don't have to fork over airfare or sleep under the stars in the frigid temperature.

Before we forget ...

Don't plan on rushing home after dinner, however. There's entertainment in keep-

Rob McNurlin, who bills himself as a "cowboy singer," will begin his performance at 6:30 p.m. in meeting room 3 of May Lodge. (You can ride the elevator back up to the main floor if you eat too much.)

McNurlin, who's cut several albums and appears throughout the region from his base in Ashland, will sing cowboy and folk songs, many of which he's written and many of which are pretty light-hearted.

McNurlin will be followed by Jeff Hatmaker of Madison County. Part Native-American, Hatmaker will present stories, music and dances from the Cherokee tribe, which roamed these hills a couple of centuries ago. The performance relates to Cherokee traditions and religion.

By 8:30 p.m., participants should be ready to dance. Patterned after the barn dances of old, the activity will include square, folk and country line dancing. Lessons

The activities are free to lodge, cottage and dinner guests, according to McLemore. Frontier Nights have been going on at Jenny Wiley for about four years, the park director said. Formerly once a year, last year they went to twice yearly.

As elk become more plentiful in the region, McLemore said he and park staff have been "kicking around the idea" of having an elk night. He envisions elk steaks, ground elk and other beef-type entrees. But that's probably a couple of years off, he

For more information about Frontier Night and other park events, call 606/886-2711; toll-free 1-800-325-0142; or visit the web site www.kystateparks.com.

Reading Trout

Growing up in Muddy Branch, the son of a coal miner, I suppose it's only understandable that I lacked a certain degree of sophisti-

The only magazines read at our house were The Progressive Farmer and the United Mine Workers Journal. I guess we depended upon the radio and TV's John Cameron Swayze for our national news, because before I enrolled at Eastern in the fall of 1957, about the only newspapers I ever read on a regular basis were The Paintsville Herald and the

But when I moved into Monorial Hali (the premiere men's dorm on campus at the time). I learned that the Louisville Courier-Journal was running a special for college students, I can't remember exactly the terms of the deal, but I took advantage of it and for pennies a day, found the C-J at my door every morning.

Even before I dressed for class, I enjoyed searching for "Lois" in Hugh Haynie's editorial cartoons. (For non-Haynie fans, Lois was his wife and he would hide her name in his drawings.)

But perhaps even more importantly. I became a regular reader of columnist Allan Trout. I liked his stuff for two reasons: He was a quick read and, more often than not, provided a bit of humor. (As my grades will reflect, I was really big into humor in those days.)

Anyway, Allan Trout came to mind again a few weeks ago when a friend gave me a couple of his collected works. Although I've yet to read anything that strikes a familiar chord, this collection apparently consists of columns he'd written and published at about the time I discovered him.

But when I began reading Trout as a pimply-faced college freshman some 44 years ago, I had no way of knowing that someday 1 myself would be charged with producing 52 columns a year for three newspapers.

And even if I had, I sure would never have thought that his work and mine would have anything in common. However, after reading an entry in one of my newly acquired volumes the other day, I've decided that is indeed the

In this particular article, Trout was telling a delightful tale about his Great Uncle Wiley Trout, and ended his thoughts by saying, "My column does not go very far, nor amount to much after it gets there."

Now, I can sure identify with that. But even more significantly, the title of this particular essay describes "Poison Oak" to a tee: "It Is Bad Some Days, Worse on Others.'

Question: When someone tells you something and you know it isn't true, should you be upset with the one who told it when what you knew all along to be untrue, sure enough, is proven untrue?

Answer: Of course not. Question: Then why is everybody so upset with Dubya, just because he said he'd he able to "eross the aisle" and work with the Democrats?

lived at Oil Springs, had lost his battle with a long ill-Julian, too, was a part of my growing up years. He was born at our house, and we called him Bub, after

Small World

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This set of steps starts at one of many bends in KY 122, heading south

toward Wheelwright. When the road was less busy, perhaps, you could

move just a bit off the pavement and onto the steps. But as awkwardly as

they start, they appear mysteriously to end. Where do they lead, or to what

did they once lead, on this steep hillside? If you can provide some answers,

share them with Times readers. We welcome your memories of the steps,

as well. Write, call, fax or e-mail Pam Shingler, Floyd County Times, PO Box

390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; 606/886-8506; fax 606/886-3603; e-mail

by AILEEN HALL

A Time To Weep

One of the reasons I enjoy writing about the light experiences of our lives is that we have enough heaviness thrust upon us in our everyday living, and it's good to look away from that just a bit. The writer of Ecclesiastes wrote, "To everything there is a season...a time to be born and a time to die...a time to get and a time to lose ..." These truths do come home to us all.

I've written a few times about growing up on Prater Creek and of how interesting life was. My mother had a sister, Zella, who had married Ulysses Hall, and they lived in Ashland where they raised a family of 13 chil-

children visiting through school vacation months. After dinner and we would sit around our dining room table,

parks, skating rinks, a city park and other forms of recreation, but it was understood they had "nothing" to do there. They liked coming to Banner where we could eatch tadpoles and play in the creek, where we could explore the hills in back of our house

We were close to all these cousins, but one nearest my age was Irene. After we grew up she married and moved up around Baltimore, Maryland, where she had three children, and we lost touch for a while. But in recent years, her children had grown up and she was alone once more, so she began

visiting again. Once she drove down into South Carolina to pick up her brother and sister-in-law. Ersie and Margie Hall, but usually she drove all those miles

all, they lived in Ashland where they had theaters, ball telling stories about our Grandpa Akers and re-living many of those childhood experiences.

She missed coming last summer because she got cancer, but then the treatment seemed to be working and she just postponed her visit. There was a recent message that said, "I've had a setback, and now I will have to wait till spring to visit again." To make a long story short, there was another message a few days ago, this time from her children, and she won't be making the long drive here any more. When we see her again, it will be in that place where there is forever spring. forever peace.

Just a day after we learned of Irene's passing, there

Kenneth's attempts to say "brother." He was the son of my sister Elsie and her husband, Jim Hall. His father had died suddenly before he was born, and he went through life loving the image in a picture and missing the thing many children treasure most-having a father figure to look up to.

Julian had married Toyleen Scott and they had two wonderful children and four grandchildren who truly brightened their lives. They had lived in Detroit, and then Chicago, for a time before Julian took a job with Commonwealth Insurance and they moved to Oil Springs. Their married children lived near them and the family became an important part of the area and of their

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photo by Pam Shingler Leroy Greer, food service staff member at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, is ready to carve the meat. Frontier Night is set for Saturday at the park's dining room in May Lodge. Buffalo roast will be carved on the line, but diners can also sample buffalo stew, chili and meatloaf. After dinner comes entertainment by Rob McNurlin, Jeff Hatmaker and your own dancing

and where there was "everything" to do.

Almost every summer we had some of Aunt Zella's alone. I would call my sisters, her cousins, to join us for was another message that my nephew Julian Hall, who

School happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

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

Allen Central High School

ACHS Band is collecting Pepsi Musical Points. which enable the purchase of instruments. Points are on 12-pack cubes, 20 oz. and liter bottles of Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew and Diet Mountain Dew. Give to any ACHS band member or mail to Eastern Band Boosters, PO Box 156, Eastern, KY 41622.

After school child care, 3-5:30 p.m., school days, openings available.

Nurse in the center on Thursdays.

Appointments for sixth grade physicals now being scheduled. 886-0815

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

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

■ GED classes, free, Mondays, 8 a.m. -11:30

a.m. Instructor, Linda Bailey of The David School.

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

Osborne FRC

■ 1-23 Ronald McDonald, Pre-K-4th grade.

■ 1-26: Safety program, K-3.

■ 1-29 & 30: Recycling program.

Prestonsburg Elementary PTA

■ PTA Dairy Queen Punch Cards for sale: \$10 for 18 uses between now and July 2001; buy one item, get the next free Good at Prestonsburg, Martin and Pikeville Dairy Queens.

Prestonsburg FRC

Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days,

Counselor from Mountain Comprehensive Care at center one day a week to see students in need of counseling. Call 886-7088 or stop by.

South Floyd YSC

or 9607, ext. 243 or 242.

1-17: Drug awareness presentations.

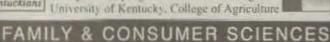
■ 1-24: AIDS awareness presentations.

■ 1-29; Eating disorders awareness presentations. Walking track open to public, except during special event. Adult education available. Contact Mable Hall, Keith Smallwood or Misty Dawson, 452-9600



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Theresa M. Scott Floyd County Agriculture Extension Agent



Heart health

Cardiovascular disease is the term for several diseases which include high blood pressure, stroke, Coronary heart disease (CHD) and others. For this column we will address CHD, the leading cause of death in Americans-and Kentuckians. The best way to prevent CHD is through a healthy diet and other positive lifestyle behav-

Risk factors

Recent studies have shown that Kentuckians have a high incidence of some risk factors:

- msmoking
- m obesity
- M diabetes high blood pressure
- III lack of physical activity

III lack of monitoring blood

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cholesterol levels

low intake of vegetables

Obviously, we can control some of these factors, others, we cannot. These include age and family his-

All these risk factors in some way contribute to elevated blood lipids-mainly as triglycerides and cholesterol.

Blood lipids

Blood lipids are fatty substances in the blood, including triglycerides, lipoproteins and cholesterol. Measuring blood lipids is the best predictor for risk of CHD. In general it is healthy to have.

a total cholesterol level of 200 mg/dl or less

an HDL level of at least 25 percent of total cholesterol

I triglyceride level of 200 mg/dl or less

If your blood lipid levels are low dietary recommendations in triglycerides in the blood. this column to keep them normal. If your levels are abnormal, your physician and a registered dietitian should help you to bring them into normal range by dietary changes, exercise, medications and control of contributing conditions or dis-

Lowering blood cholesterol by one percent can give you a two percent reduction in risk of coronary heart disease.

Dietary factors

Most folks are aware that too much fat and cholesterol in their diets is not desirable for a healthy heart. Let's look at these in more depth and following the dietary guidelines for Americans. Three ways these guidelines can help decrease your risk of CHD are by helping you.

lose weight if overweight: control high blood pressure:

Got a Check? Get Cash!

Get a hand on your finances with

check cashing convenience.

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for your check.

Dietary

1. Eat a variety of foods.

improve your weight.

3. Choose a diet with plenty of

urated fat, and cholesterol.

6. Choose a diet moderate in

salt and sodium.

7. If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation.

All of us should follow Guideline No. 1 by eating a varied diet which enables us to get enough vitamins, minerals, proteins, fatty acids, and carbohydrates.

risk factor for CHD.

Lack of physical activity can

moderate in sugar intake. Too within normal range, you can fol- much sugar contributes to elevated

Guideline No. 6 tell us to be moderate in sodium use, which may help certain people to control

Guideline No. 7 suggests that a than a drink or so a day can be a

Your Fleyd County Extension Service will be presenting a program, Heart Health, on January 23, at 10 a.m. at the Extension Office, 921 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg. Any interested individuals are invited to pre-register and attend this program. Another upcoming Extension health program will be the Wildcat Way to Wellness which

either of these programs, contact Theresa Scott at 606/886-2668.

lower high levels of blood

Guidelines for Americans

2. Balance the food you eat with physical activity-maintain or

4. Choose a diet low in fat, sat-

5. Choose a diet moderate in

Guideline No. 2 is important, since being overweight can be a

lead to CHD by contributing to the occurrence of conditions such as obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure.

Guideline No. 5 tells us to be

high blood pressure.

small amount of alcohol may be a positive factor in that it may raise the levels of HDL, the good cholesterol. However, drinking more negative factor by raising blood pressure and damaging heart mus-

begins January 30.

For further information on

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Our Yesterdays

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago (January 16 & 18)

Prestonsburg's Abigail Theater, closed since 1965, could regain some of its entertaining quality in the future if a proposal to develop a community center downtown progresses...Property tax bills for 1990 are in the mail, and Floyd County property owners will be paying more this year, according to Floyd County Property Valuation Administrator Lovel Hall... Classes at Betsy Layne High School were cancelled yesterday in order for students to attend the funeral of Cynthia Mullins, a Betsy Lavne High School student killed in a car crash Saturday in Pike County... As the war in the Persian Gulf escalates, the efforts of Floyd Countians to show support for American troops have also gotten underway...With the war less than 24 hours old, Allied bombers in Iraq had reportedly begun dropping leaflets on Iraqui defense positions Thursday, urging soldiers to surrender, Meanwhile, Libyan dictator Moammar Khaddaffi, an ally of Iraq's Saddam Hussein, suggested that the start of hostilities in the Middle East could possibly lead to the beginning of a third world war... The flames of patriotism will flare at a candlelight rally to support American soldiers stationed in the Middle East on Monday, Jan. 21. The rally will be held at 7 p.m., in the municipal parking lot, located in front of the courthouse in Prestonsburg...Times reporter Lieutenant Tess Whitmer, who is part of Operation Desert Storm, called her grandparents, Jim and Anna Lamoreaux in Ohio, shortly after the attack on Iraq Wednesday...Former Harold Merchant E.W. Conn, 93, of Mt. Sterling, died Sunday at the Mary Chiles Hospital. There died: Anthony J. Huber, 33, of Warsaw, Indiana, Thursday, January 10, at the Kosciusko Community Hospital; William Crawford, 56, of Taylor, Michigan, formerly of Hi Hat, Thursday, January 10, at the Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, Michigan; Alpha Jean Caudill, 63, of Bevinsville, Saturday, January 12, at her residence; Arthur Franklin Hughes, Tuesday at the Central Baptist Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago (January 21, 1981)

Yellow ribbons were placed on trees by Floyd County residents this week in a show of support for American hostages being held in Iran...were arrested for arson in connection with the burning of a Beaver Creek store...HUD authorities confirmed the eligibility of a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant to be used for revitalization of downtown Prestonsburg...Staff members at the Prestonsburg Job Corps Center prepared for the arrival of the very first trainees of the program. The Floyd County Fiscal Court moved to seek a court order to prevent Mike Little from raising cable television service rates for customers of the Burton Antenna Service...There died: J. Graham Porter, 73, of Prestonsburg; Orion Clark May, 61, of this county; Frank Adams Sr., 63, of Prestonsburg; Clyde Hubbard, 75, of this county; Eliza Campbell, 83, of McDowell; Elzie Osborne, 57, of Grethel; Mrs. Virginia Collins Mead, 56, of Hi Hat; Nick D. Frabutt, 69, of McDowell; Peggy S. Napier, 46, of Prestonsburg: Alfonso Patton, 75, of Hueysville; Adis Ousley, 55, of Gunlock; Mark Reed Sr., 73, of Prestonsburg; Buck Allen, 58, of Eastern; Earl Hinkle, 59, of this county; Edward C. Miller, 63, of West Prestonsburg, Chad Haywood, 68, of this county; Marie Spears Hall, 53, of Martin.

Thirty Years Ago (January 21, 1971)

A sewer system and sewage disposal plant to serve the same area of the county into which the Beaver-Elkhorn Water District will lay 82 miles of water mains within the next 18 months is envisioned in an application for federal funds filed Jan. 10, J.C. Wells, of Estill, leader in the huge improvement program, said this week...The Island Creek Coal Company filed separate

petitions Monday, for restraining orders against two local unions representing almost 500 of its striking employees...A: gathering of Floyd Democrats which packed the county courtroom here last Friday night named County Clerk C. "Ollie" Robinson chairman of the Bert Combs campaign for governor in this county, with Circuit Clerk Frank DeRossett and Jailer Hale Lawrence chairman...Development of a War Memorial area at Archer Park here has advanced to the point that work may be begun soon on the bronze plaque bearing the names of Floyd County's war dead... Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stumbo, of Prestonsburg, a son, David Hill, January 2 in Lexington; to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Slone, of Prestonsburg, a son, Kevin Lee, December 14 in Lexington; to Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Stepp, of Louisville, a son, Brian Douglas, December 21; to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rayal, of Ada, O., a daughter, Trecia Renna, December 28; to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Hall, of Orkney, a daughter, Jan. 7: to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Auxier, of East McDowell, a daughter, Jan. 9... There died: Florence Brown Spradlin, 84, of Prestonsburg, Sunday; Mrs. Minnie Amburgey, 79, of Martin, last Monday at Sydney, O.; Rosie Collins Wells, 87, of Auxier, Jan. 7: Elder Henry Porter, 71, of Allen, Saturday; Mrs. Edith Huffman, 68, of Orkney, Thursday, John "Long John" Shepherd, 62, of David, last Friday; Johnny Slone, 59, of Hueysville, last Tuesday at

Forty Years Ago (January 19, 1961)

Bids on the remaining 2.86 miles of road needed to provide a scenic highway skirting Dewey Lake all the way from the dam to the Jenny Wiley State Park boat dock will be opened Friday by the Department of Highways...Articles of incorporation have been prepared for the Kentucky Mountain Crafts and Folk-Song Center which plans initial operation here this year, it was announced this week...The total number of visitors at Dewey reservoir last year rose to 380,690-154,720 more than all who visited the lake and park the preceding year...With the Jan. 24 midnight deadline only six days away, "Operation Bootstrap," the local effort to raise \$30,500 in order to qualify for County Board of Education assistance in the construction of an athletic field and stadium at Prestonsburg High School is only \$4,725 short of its goal...There died: Lincoln Tibbs, 21, of Endicott, Jan. 7; Donnie Edward Hicks, 26, formerly of Langley, Jan. 10 in an auto accident at St. Mary's O.; William A. Malone, 67 Sunday at his home at Allen: Mrs. Lizzie Little Johnson, 73, Jan, 3 at the home of a son at Wheelwright; William B. Tackett, 84, of Craynor, Saturday; Robert Ramey, 84, Saturday at his home at Garrett; Birchfield Johnson, 56, Sunday at his home at Weeksbury; Moses Mitchell, 67, of Melvin, last Wednesday.

Fifty Years Ago (January 18, 1951)

Reported as missing in action in Korea are: Pfc. Charles R. Boyd, 18, Prestonsburg; Pfc. Leslie Dale Click, 18, Martin; Pvt. Clyde Hamilton of Beaver; Sgt. Clyde Whitaker, of Alger, O., formerly of David; Pfc. Raymond Cook, of Buckingham...The new census shows Prestonsburg has had a 53 percent population gain in the last 10 years...United Fuel has increased the price of gas produced in Kentucky and West Virginia from 12 to 15 cents per thousand cubic feet...Floyd County lumbermen are irate about the new federal edict banning construction of commercial buildings for 30 days. Married: Miss Lola Evelyn Kendrick and Mr. Henry Hamilton Jr., of McDowell, Dec. 29 at the First Methodist Church, Paintsville...There died; George Baldridge, 56, C. & O. section foreman, Friday at his home in West Prestonsburg; Alex Duff, 21, formerly of Garrett, in a Bradshaw, W. Va., coal mine, Monday; Janie Pigman, 67, formerly of Prestonsburg, last Thursday at the Pikeville home of her daughter, Mrs. H.M.

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Alexis Makenzi Hall, daughter of Kevin and Krystal Hall of Wayland, celebrated her second birthday on January 10, 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 Buddle and Marie Slone of Estill.



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

New Arrivals

Highlands Regional **Medical Center**

January 1: A son, Jordan Lee, Strong, to Patricia Laney of Williamsport; a daughter, Monica Loren, to Loretta and Donnie J. Shepherd of Hunter; a son, Blake Dakota, to Amy Rena Terry of

January 2: A son, Jamison Chase, to Angela Dion and Gordon Short of Mallie.

■ January 3: A son, Jacoby Sean Collins, to Stephanie Watkins of Salyersville; a daughter, Makensie Taylor, to Lisa and Todd McCoun of Pikeville.

January 4: A son, Tristian Tyler, to Sheree and Phillip Mayhan of Paintsville; a son, James Dawson Gasparac, to Debbie Meade of Salversville; a son, Joshua O'Bryan, to Jamie Lynn and Jerry Lee Reed of Salversville.

January 5: A daughter, Alexis Presley, to Andrea Gaye and Gary Hall of Grethel.

January 7: A daughter, Cynthia Brook Jacobs, to Melissa Handshoe of Hueysville.

January 8: A son, Richard Dillion Alexander Wells to Ashley M. Price of Paintsville.

■ January 9: A daughter, Jessica May, to Rickie and Lula Estep of

Pikeville Methodist Hospital

December 4: A son, Brandon Hunter, to Angela Lynn and Eugene Jeffery Paige; a son, Lance Ethan, to Veneta Cheryl and Ernie Lee

December 5: A son, Michael Drake, to Jenna and Michael Alan Puckett; a daughter, Brittany Lashae, to Justina ad Bobby Adams; a son, Shawn Allen, to Chevona and Shawn Leslie.

December 6: A daughter, Bethanie Elayne Ruth, to Stephanie and Dallas Monroe.

December 7: A son, Joshua Wesley Tanner, to Thasha Lanary

December 8: A daughter, Alicia Brianne, to Deborah Kay and Gene Jerome Slone.

December 9: A daughter, Kendra Nicole, to Jessica Nicole and Kenneth Newman II; a daughter, Alyssa Brooklyn, to Leslie A. Calhoun and Eric Nathaniel

Cooley. December 10: A son, Tyler Scott, to Sabrina and Scott Eugene Spriggs; a daughter, Piper Rian, to Annette Faye and Gregory Thomas Carroll; a son, Timothy Michael, to Teresa and Michael Andre'

December II: A daughter. Emily Paige, to Lindsay Jaclyn and

Jamey Robert Hager

December 12: A daughter, Sydney Katheryn, to Virginia Kirk Gannon and Christopher Lee Gannon; a son, Ryan Tanner Sykes, to Batrina Dale Potter and Timothy John Sykes.

December 13: A son, Dalton Ryan, to Avis Angel and Ralph Duane Rife; a son, Jaiden Gage, to Raven Leigh Adams; a son, Gavin Isaiah, to Sabrina Lynn and Stacey Kendall Burke.

December 14: A son, Tanner Lee Slone Blackburn, to Chandra Mae Slone; a daughter, Bailey Madison, to Ervinia Jean and Kelly Douglas Hall; a son, Isaiah Daniel, to Bobbie Arenia and John Kevin Hess; a son, Brian Austin Patton, to Kristie Dawn Fitzpatrick; a daughter, Hannah Janese Dashae, to Miranda Shavonn Hamilton; a daughter, Kristin Renee, to Misty Lyn and Brian Maynard.

December 15: A daughter, Ashley Brooke, to Amy Elizabeth and Shawn Edward Cole.

December 16: A son, Christopher John, to Angel Star and Christopher Harold Justice.

December 17: A son, Nicholas Taylor, to Jena Michele and Fred Junior Slone.

December 18: A son, Charlie Damon, to Nancy Lorena Chandler; a son, Wesley Keith, to

Angela Renee and Blaine Wesley Depoy; a son, Matt Nicholas Allen, to Joanna Stewart; a daughter, Destiny Nichole, to Regina Gail and Ricky Wakeland. December 19: A son, Dylan

Jimmy Dewey, to Barbara and Jimmy Carlos Blanton Jr.; a son, Travis Steven, to Teresa Lynn Smith and Charlie Steven Hall; a daughter, Breanna Dawn, to Laura Ann and Paul David Little; a daughter, Kiana Deshon Brooklyn, to Tracy Lynn Ferrell; a son, Justin Hunter to Connie Michelle and Jeremiah Justin Ferran. December 20: A son, Jessie

Monroe Booth II, to Jennifer Lynn and Jessie Monroe Booth; a daughter. Abigale Faith, to Paula Ann and Christopher Alan Damron; a son, Joseph Dean Kane, to Daryl Denise and Ethan Daniel Taylor.

December 21: A daughter, Alexis Tiara, to Tabitha Slone; a son, Addison Todd King, to Debbie and Jason King.

■ December 22: A daughter, Drema Diane, to Amanda and Benjamin Mahan; a daughter, Elaine Gail Wright, to Lisa Elaine Kidd and Earl Homer Wright; a daughter, Abigail Paige, to Crystal Lynn and Rodrick Shawn Johnson.

December 23: A daughter, MacKenzie Hope Norman, to Melissa Jean Slone and David Courtney Norman; a son, Dylan Jacob, to Anelia and Brad Sykes, a

daughter, Britian Shabree, to Pamela and Bobby Johnson; a son, Charles Ethan Young, to April Dawn and Charles Douglas Jr.

December 25: A daughter, Ashley Rence, to Sharon and Preston Mullins; a daughter, Jami Nicole, to Susie and Jim Spriggs; a son, Frank James, to Jamie and James Tackett; a daughter, Haley Madison, to Ashley Holbrook and J.R. Ousley; a daughter, Isaac Daniel, to Greta and Daniel Spears; a son, Roger Dale Dorton, to Lisa Dorton; a daughter, Nicole Renee, to Brittany Smallwood and Richard

December 26: A daughter, Kimberly Lachet, to Wonita Lynn Johnson and Kim Allen Sione.

December 27: A son, Noah Evan Reed, to Tammy Lynn and Victor Dewayne Hunt.

December 28: A son, Devan Brian, to Angela Kay and Clifford Brian Tussey; a daughter, Candice Paige, to Linda Carol and Wilgus Keith Couch; a daughter, Alyssa Louise, to Shanna and Robert

December 30: A son, Jordan Ray, to Tammy Lynn and Bennie Ray Adkins; a daughter, Josi Danyel, to Jocelyn Rose and Daniel Matt Finch.

December 31: A daughter, Britney Paige, to Melissa Suzanne and M. James Scott Hopkins.

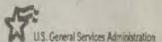
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Yesterdays

Continued from p2 Eagle; Cynthia May Vaughan, 76, Jan. 6, at Auxier; Dewart Emory Jones, 45, of Martin, Jan. 2, at Louisville.

Sixty Years Ago (January 16, 1941)

Mayor E. P. Arnold this week filed in circuit court a suit against the city and its council, seeking to require payment of six months salary at \$50 a month...The Burning Fork road from Magoffin County into Middle Creek is reported scheduled for completion...Charles A. Horne, of Harold, was elected last week to his third consecutive term as president of the Floyd County Game & Fish Protection Association...Thirty-six volunteers from this county will report Jan. 30 for military service...Dr. W.L. Stumbo filed Friday, a suit against the county to collect \$8,257.50 for treatment of patients sent to his hospital by fiscal court members...There died: Roscoe C. Howard, 51, Monday at Veterans' Hospital, Huntington, W.Va.; Rhoda Reynolds Howell, 62, wife of Joe Howell, of Harold, last Thursday; Mary J. Hale Click, 58, wife of James H. Click, Jan. 11 at her home at Lancer; Pete Slavens, 66, Tuesday at his home at Garrett; Alex Thomas, 71, Dec. 30 at Mossy Bottom; John Williams, 64, Tuesday at Boldman; Mrs. H.C. Kent, 36, native of Floyd County, Sunday of this week, at Island Creek, Pike County.

Celebrate 62 years Dockie and Geneva Prater of Hueysville will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on January 19, 2001. They were married by the Rev. A.J. Moore at the home of the bride's parents, the late Oak and Rosetta Cooley. The groom's parents were the late John Wes and Hattle Prater. The couple are the parents of Roy Prater of Munster, Indiana, Lois Mullins of Hippo, Brenda Hampton of Columbus, Ohio, Linda Martin of Hueysville, and Pam Martin of Eastern.



Celebrate anniversary

Jerry and Alison Lafferty celebrated their three-year wedding anniversary on December 13, 2000. They were united in marriage by pastor Paul Grainger. The groom is the son of Betsy and Greg Kretzer of Auxler, and is an employee of CSX in Martin. The bride is the daughter of Lois Akers of Prestonsburg, and the late Chuck Akers, and is a student. The couple reside in Auxier with their son, Austin Dey.

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Unlike in past years, when we've published the Year in Review in installments over two or three weeks, this year, we are publishing the Year in Review in one special section, which will be published on January 21.

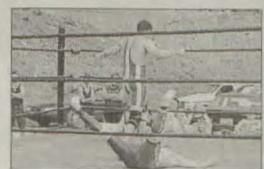
The 2000 Year in Review will include a timeline of all the news which made the news during the past year, and feature plenty of photographs as well. All in all, the Year in Review will be a keepsake edition which will allow you to place your business in front of thousands of potential customers long after the issue hits the

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Preston history recorded

The Louisa Chapter of DAR No. 4-056KY is planning a history book on Mose Preston. Revolutionary War Veteran. They are seeking descendants to help them document five to six generations of this family along with stories, military histories, and old pictures.

Mose Preston and Fanny Arthur had 11 children and settled in George's Creek, Lawrence County, Kentucky. Their children were Isaac Preston (m. Polly Sloan), Stephen Preston (m. Pricie Miller); Moses Coby Preston (m. Eliz. Haney and Nancy Perry); John Preston (m. Kizzie Fitzpatrick); Henry Preston (m. Betty Cains); Arthur Preston (m. Nancy Miller and Sarah Perry); Susannah Preston (m. Abraham Mead); Lynchie Preston (m. Jesse Price); Polly Preston (m. John Haws); Jane Preston (m. Archibald Borders); and Elizabeth Preston (m. Abraham Childers).

Family history files, charts, stories, and pictures should be sent to Stephanie Adkins, P.O. Box 306, Ft. Gay, WV 25514-0306 no later than March 31. If you use Family Tree Maker or Microsoft Word, you can send disk. Handwritten and typewritten history will

Please send good copy of pictures. Photos of Mose's children and grandchildren will get priority, but others may be published, depending on space.

If you have never done research but know you have Preston ancestors, please send what information that you have. They will try to connect your family if enough information is available.

For more information, email Donna Cox at coxd@zoomnet.net; or call Mary Ellen Reid at 606/638-4995; or Stephanie Adkins at 304/648-5468.

Stay sane during the diet craze: make educated choices

Recommendation from stud-

Health risks related to fad diets

ies that ignore differences among

drugs are scary," said Clark "Some

of the side effects are scary and we

really don't know the long-term

effects of these drugs. There isn't

any regulation on over-the-counter

supplements and they are not

Clark says the new fat absorp-

tion pills block fat from being

absorbed in the body by inactivat-

ing certain intestinal enzymes needed to absorb it from foods.

while taking this pill, the undigest-

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trointestinal tract and pull water in,

which causes the users to experi-

ence bloating, gas, cramps and

diarrhea. The pills also block

absorption of fat-soluble essential

vitamins A, D, K and E. In addition

to the short-term effects of such

drugs, their long-term safety is not

If someone consumes a lot of fat

always what they say they are."

by ANN HILLENBRAND RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Messages such as "take it off and keep it off with these amazing take many different forms. "Fat fat blocking pills" and "lose weight while you sleep" are very tempting for those who are looking for a quick fix to food overindulgence.

Beware, the quick fix is not always the long-term solution to weight gain. There is nothing fast about healthy weight loss, and nutrionists say many of the fad diets being promoted thereigh the radio, television and advertisements are not the answer.

Radford University professor and registered dietician Susan Clark says the cornerstone to a healthy diet is variety, moderation and balance. Many of the weight loss plans based on appetite suppressing drugs, fat blocking drugs and food restrictions do not incorporate this formula and may include unpleasant side effects.

Nutritionists from the American Dietetic Association published a list of 10 red flags that signal bad nutrition advice.

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- Simplistic conclusions drawn from a complex study
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known. Clark does not recommend diets such as the high protein-low carbohydrate diet. She says it can sometimes be a good jumpstart to weight loss but such diets are never a long-term solution. This diet is

based on a combination of foods high in protein and call for giving up everything from bread to bananas.

"Our body only has a certain protein requirement, and once the body uses the protein for repair and maintenance, any extra will be converted into either carbohydrates or fat structures which will be used for energy or stored as fat," says and dieting, visit the American

bles high in antioxidants and vita-

mins recommended to fight heart disease and cancer. It is also deficient in calcium and vitamin D which are both important for bone

Cutting calories is a great idea, but cutting calories and exercising is even better. When people cut calories, their basal metabolic rate, the base-line number of calories the body needs to function drops. Someone may be making the effort to eat right and trim the fat, but they are not losing any weight. Examise is the key to keeping the metabolic rate up and the calories

"Exercising two to three days a week is better than doing nothing," says Clark. When people age, their caloric requirements decrease, so it is important to moderate caloric intake and exercise to help maintmn one's weight.

Clark says people should set realistic weight loss goals (about one to two pounds a week), base their diet on the food pyramid and consult a registered dietitician for advice instead of a family doctor.

"Very few physicians get nutrition in medical school and very few medical schools have nutrition incorporated into its curriculum," says Clark.

Before you dig in to the next; diet, consult a registered dietitian. They will assess where you are and work to identify ways to try to cut 300 to 500 calories out of your weekly diet so that you can realistically lose some weight, perhaps without giving up that one favorite

To learn more about nutrition Dietetic Association's web site at This diet is high in saturated lat www.eatright.com. The website Recommendations based on and doesn't include the five to features healthy lifestyle tips, seven servings of fruits and vegeta- recipes and a list of registered dietitians in the United States.

Getting an early grip on nutrition

by KATHIE DICKENSON RADFORD UNIVERSITY

With the percentage of overweight U.S. children rising at a steep rate, giving kids an early grip on good eating habits to meential, says Beverly Zeakes, a physical and health education professor at Radford University in Virginia. However, she is concerned that children are not learning enough

nutrition in their early years. Most states don't require elementary school teachers to have any coursework in nutrition, she says Standards of learning may include a range of topics for specific grades, such as "healthy food choices" for kindergarten and "how dietary guidelines work with weight management" for fifth grade, but the topics are general, and most teachers are not specifically trained in how to approach

Although middle schoolers might begin learning about things like eating disorders in their health classes, for some this may be too late. By high school, health classes may include scientific studies related to nutrition, but tenth grade is the last year most students learn anything related to health. 'Adults and children today are

fatter than ever before," says Zeakes. According to recent studies, about 25 to 30 percent of children in the U.S. are overweight. In one South Dakota study, 31.8 percent of three and four year olds were overweight; 17:8 percent in that age group were obesc. A Harvard Growth Study showed that obese children are at a greater risk for coronary and heart disease and

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"In recent years," says Zeakes, "we've seen an increase in Type II Diabetes, a disease we've not seen in children before."

come prents are poorly informed, says Zeakes, "and they're making bad decisions for their kids." Some use food as a reward, for example, or as appeasement. "Children should learn that food is for nutrition."

The compressed scheduling of today's families intensifies the issue. Pressed for time, parents often rely on fast food, rather than plan and perpare meals at home.

Yet nutritious food is not necessarily more time consuming than junk food, says Zeakes. "Oatmeal doesn't take much time at all, and it makes a very nutritious breakfast." Sliced apples, carrot sticks and raisins are easy snacks, and a quick way to round out a meal.

Confusion about what makes a good meal is another problem. Several generations of parents relied on the "four food groups," but that friendly, comprehensible square grid has been replaced by several versions of the food pyramid, including the California version, the vegetarian version and the government-recommended version. Some people have a hard time sorting them all out.

The number of recommended daily servings for each category in the food pyramid intimidates some people, says Zeakes. The government version, for example, recommends two to three servings each of dairy and meat, three to four servings of vegetables, two to four servings of fruits and-yikes!-six to 11 servings of grain. But most people don't know what a "serving" is.

For the government's pyramid, serving size is small, she says, only about a half cup-a half cup of cereal, for example, or a half cup of

for atherosclerosis, a disease of the cooked fruits and vegetables (but afull cup of a raw fruit or vegetable). A good guideline in choosing an appropriate serving of meat is to go by the size and thickness of your

> the categories of the food pyra mid are not so different from the old four food groups, says Zeakes. "They've put fruits and vegetables in separate categories, and they show sweets and fats at the top."

When planning a nutritious meal, she says, don't get caught up in exact amounts; just include a little from every category. "Use some of this, this, this and this, use different colors and textures, cut back on sweets and fats-especially the saturated fats found mostly in red meats and baked items-and you'll be on the right track."

Parents who follow and teach their children reasonably nutritious habits will go a long way toward. ensuring their healthy futures as well as their success in school, says Zeakes. "Healthy, happy kids learn

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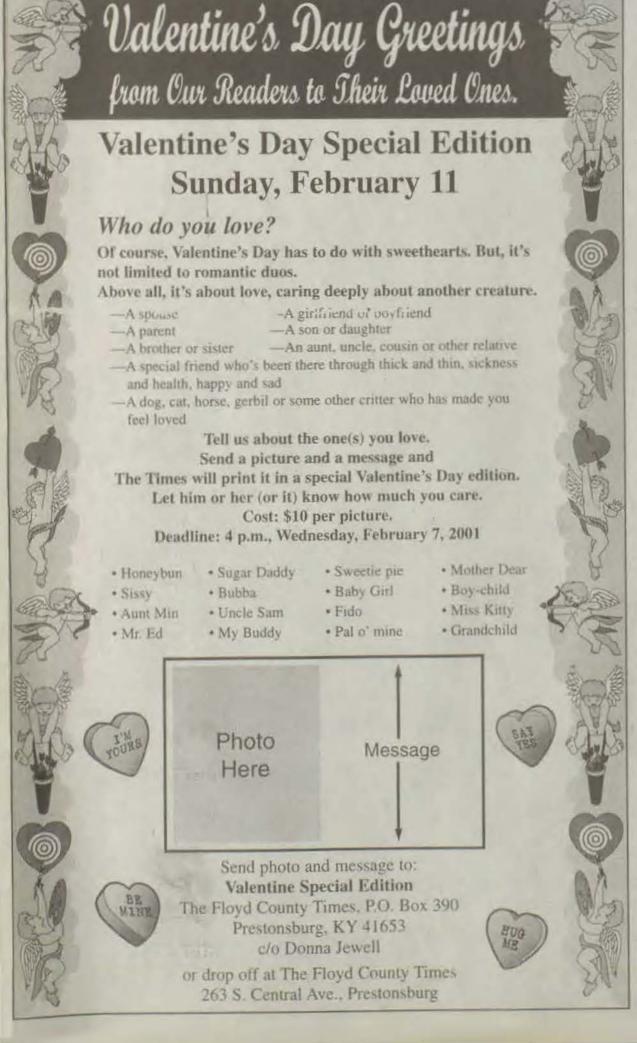
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church, Southside Freewill Baptist of Paintsville.

As our family and friends sat together for the beautiful service, my mind ran back over the good times we had shared and the different roads our lives had taken. I was so proud of his family and the closeness they shared, of the high regard his fellow citizens and church family had for him and for the wonderful peace he had about being prepared for this day.

He now rests in the beautiful cemetery out by Paintsville Lake in a spot near the top of a hill, fulfilling the song by one of his fellow church members titled, "Go Rest High On That Mountain."

Yes, there is "a time to every purpose under the heaven ..."-and this was our day to weep.



BUSINESS

Who wants to be an entrepreneur?

Kentucky can take advantage of an innovative training program to find answers on how to be successful in business.

The Center for Rural Development. Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation and Eastern Kentucky University are partnering on a free interactive, entrepreneurial development program-"Tuesday Evening with an Entrepreneur.'

The seven-week program, which begins February 6, will use CenterNet, a high-tech videoconferencing network, to give budding entrepreneurs the opportunity to hear and seek advice from five successful business owners from the region.

"Kentucky has a history of entrepreneuralism-whether it's the family farmer who has a side business to make ends meet, or the global success of Kentucky Fried Chicken," said Hilda Gay Legg, executive director and CEO of Center for Rural Development. "We hope that budding entrepreneurs will learn from these success stories and create their own.

The entrepreneurs will gather at Center for Rural Development in Somerset to tell their success stories and interact with the audience. Each 90-minute

broadcast to 12 sites in Bell, Clay, Estill, Jackson, Jessamine, Harlan, McCreary, Monroe, Rockeastle, Perry, Pike and Wayne counties.

"These aspiring business owners will have the unprecedented opportunity to learn from some very successful businessmen," said Dr. Jack L. Dyer, director of Eastern Kentucky University's MBA program. "We are working together to produce content that will feature all aspects of beginning or expanding a business."

The first and last sessions will showcase all five entrepreneurs. The other five sessions will feature one speaker, who will focus on one aspect of business they know best, such as evaluating ideas, financing, marketing or human resources.

Each presentation will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. In addition, an afternoon session also will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., for Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) clubs at area high schools.

The five participating entrepre-

J.C. Egnew, who founded four manufacturing companies that employ more than 1,000 people in the region, including Outdoor Venture Corporation, which was one of the first manu-

Aspiring entrepreneurs in session will involve an interactive facturing plants in McCreary pursue his dream of becoming a

John Sturgill, owner of Fantasy Custom Yachts, who sold Appalachian Virginia in 1995 to million;

successful manufacturer of luxury houseboats. The Monticello company, which employs 185 people, all his belongings and moved from has annual sales of more than \$15

Mann joins Kirk firm



John Wesley Mann

John Wesley Mann, formerly a hearing officer at the Kentucky Department of Labor, Workers Compensation Division, has joined the Kirk Law Firm where he will practice primarily as a workers compensation attorney, according to an announcement from the firm.

"We are very pleased to make this announcement," said John Kirk, senior member of the firm. "John Mann is one of the good ones, Dedicated, very knowledgeable, a smart attorney with a heart for the working man and woman.

Mann is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and the Louisville College of Law. He is a native of Salyersville and a graduate of Magoffin County High School.

Before his tenure at the Department of Labor, he was in private practice at Prestonsburg where he served as an assistant commonwealth's attorney from 1994-1996. From 1984-1993, he served as a part-time hearing officer for the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Bureau for Surface Mining.

"Although a young man, John has a wealth of experience as both a litigator and judge," Kirk said. "We think that experience will be a great asset to injured workers with claims before the Department of Labor."

"I appreciate the opportunity Mr. Kirk's firm has given me to use my experience a Litertor with the Department of Workers Claims and to now be involved in a law firm dedicated to fighting for injured workers. I look forward to being a part of the firm and seeing the people of this region," said Mann.

The Kirk Law Firm has been one of the state's premier firms in the field of workers' claims for a number of years, and has been named by Roll Call Magazine as a state leader in terms of claims won.

The Kirk firm maintains offices at Prestonsburg, and in a number of

Steve Meng, president and CEO of Casecraft Corporation, man and CEO of Cumberland Gap which operates two woodworking plants in Clay County, employs 100 people and has annual sales of \$4.8 million. Previously, Meng assumed managerial responsibilities for two insolvent regional companies, which are now profitable and employ more than 500

Jerry Weaver, chairman and CEO of Mid-South Industries Inc., who is a sharecropper's son from of Clay County. He turned one small company into a conglomerate of 11 companies in Kentucky and Alabama. With annual revenue exceeding \$200 million, Mid-South employs 1,800 people, including more than 760 in Jackson County; and

Ray McGregor, who is chair-Provision Co., a leading producer and marketer of hams and sausages to major U.S. supermarket chains. Cumberland Gap is an employee-owned company in Middlesboro. More than 175 of its 265 employees have stock ownership in the company.

"These entrepreneurs are truly American success stories," said Jerry Rickett, president and CEO Highlands Kentucky Investment Corporation. "They have demonstrated that, through hard work and innovative ideas, success can be attainable for any person in any community. Their experiences will provide a framework and inspiration for future business owners." For information, call 606-677-6000.

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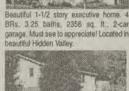


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The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce has set dates for many special events in 2001. We are continuing our effort to keep our members updated on all issues affecting the county and their business. If you are not taking part in these events and have questions about becoming apart of our organization, please

Take a note to mark down these dates. If you need any information regarding any of these events, contact the Chamber office at 606/886-0364 or floydchamber@setel.com or check out the Chamber web site at HYPERLINK http://www.floydchamber.com.

 February Chamber Membership Meeting, Tom Jones, executive director, East Kentucky Corporation, noon at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Jones will show Gov. Paul Patton's video on the "New Appalachia."

• February 22: "Women In Business Symposium, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, highlighting the issues affecting women in business today, \$15.

· April 27 & 28: East Kentucky Leadership Conference; 27th at the Mountain Arts Center; 28th at Prestonsburg Community College. Take part in this conference which centers on issues affecting Floyd County, \$30.

* May 10: Chamber Annual Banquet, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Help us honor those making contributions to Floyd County.

. June 14: Chamber Golf Tournament, StoneCrest Golf Course

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce looks forward to seeing you at these events. Let's all take part in the shaping of your county. The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce works for Floyd County and Floyd County businesses.

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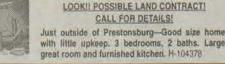


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Application

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Lee Tackett The surface mining application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

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