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briefs

Restaurant closes after citation for sale to minor

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

After two Floyd County businesses were cited Friday in an investigation by the state Alcoholic Beverage Control for selling alcohol to minors, one of those businesses decided to close its doors.

The investigation, dubbed "Operation Zero Tolerance" by ABC officials, utilizes 18- and 19-year-olds who attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages from local businesses.

ABC officer John Ray Roberts issued uniform citations against the owner and one employee of Rich's Place, a Prestonsburg restaurant that opened four months ago on North Lake Drive. Richard G. Price, 45, the owner of the restaurant and a member of Prestonsburg's auxiliary police force since 1990, and his employee, Calvin L. Miller, 38, Prestonsburg, now face district charges

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2 DAY FORECAST

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A Blackhawk helicopter hovered just above the waters of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River Tuesday dipping a "Bambi bucket" before continuing across smoke-hazed mountain ranges for water drops. The Kentucky National Guard provided three Blackhawk and two scout helicopters along with 200 soldiers to assist in fighting the forest fires which have scorched Eastern Kentucky since early October.

Fires fizzle, then sizzle

Weekend rain not enough to knock blazes out

by SHELDON COMPTON
and MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITERS

Even with the Kentucky Division of Forestry working around the clock and aided with help from National Guard Blackhawk helicopters making routine "spot checks" around the county and assistance from Florida and Louisiana firefighters and 200 National Guard troops, forest fires continued to line valleys and hills across the county this week.

According to reports from the Division of Forestry, Floyd County is one of five counties with significant fire activity from a statewide perspective. The four other counties include Pike, Knox, Bell and Whitley counties.

The fires continued to burn despite light mistings and spotted rains over the weekend. Foresters attribute the continued activity to arsonists who, according to reports, travel via all-terrain vehicles through mountain ranges resetting fire lines

almost as fast as workers can bring them under control.

The Division of Forestry called out the assistance of 200 ground and air troops from the National Guard last week complete with Blackhawk helicopters to battle raging fires across the region, most of which are suspected to be the results

of arson.

Kentucky National Guard ground troops trained Sunday on fire suppression and safety. They began their job on Monday morning, cutting fire lines through the hillsides to prevent fires from extending any further.

(See **FIRES**, page two)



photo by Mary Music

Joe Curtis, Kentucky Forestry Division supervisor, and Ron Myer, the division's informational officer, center, relaxed a moment Monday afternoon as National Guard troops, supervised by Curtis, took a well deserved break after finishing a 10 mile fire line at MiddleCreek Monday morning. According to Curtis, the blaze destroyed nearly 4,500 acres of hillside. Also pictured, right, is Natalie Owens, News Reporter for WYMT television.

200 tax bills returned to sender

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

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Floyd County Property Valuation Administrator Connie Hancock says she had hoped tax bills would be distributed in a timely fashion to county residents. However, that possibility has been thwarted by an increasing number of tax bills returned to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office because of incorrect addresses.

According to Hancock, many of the addresses which have resulted in returned bills have also listed the same address in the telephone book, a detail she finds confusing and also a time-consuming matter for her

office.

"I don't know if the people have moved or if something else has come up, but these people can't pay their tax bills unless they receive them," said Hancock, "and without a correct address my office can do nothing about that."

Hancock said that every effort is being put forth to get the tax bills to the correct addresses on time, but worries that the percentages saved for taxpayers who pay in a timely manner could be put in jeopardy because of this latest setback.

For taxpayers who issue payment

(See **BILLS**, page five)



Floyd County Property Valuation Administrator Connie Hancock stepped in Tuesday to help her officers arrange letters of apology to be included with approximately 200 tax bills which were returned to her office with wrong addresses.

photo by Sheldon Compton

Woman charged with running over child

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A Grethel woman was arrested Saturday evening shortly after admitting her daughter into the ARH emergency room at McDowell at just after 2 a.m. Saturday morning.

The original charges against 26-year-old Joyl Rose Middleton were public intoxication at the time of her arrest, according to Kentucky State Police Trooper Chris Collins, but an investigation following the arrest led to more serious charges.

According to Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Matt Johnson, who was at the hospital when Middleton brought her 3-year-old child into the emergency room and assisted Collins in questioning, the woman came into the emergency room carrying the child in her arms.

The child had been hit by a vehicle and was in critical condition, the mother said. As questions followed it became obvious the woman had been drinking, police said, and that she exhibited a tendency to change her story several times.

"The mother told me about six lies before she finally did admit that she ran over the child," Johnson said.

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Joyl Rose Middleton

Election season starts today

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

The months of rumors, speculation and what-ifs are now over. Beginning today, the guesswork involved in next year's election will be brushed aside as candidates are able to begin filing their candidacy papers.

Following an off year in the electoral process, 2002 will feature the biggest election of the four-year cycle, as voters will decide county officials.

County Clerk Chris Waugh, whose office has the duty of overseeing elections in Floyd County and who will be on the ballot himself in 2002, says he and his staff are bracing for a busy election season. However, while he expects to see some candidates file their papers beginning today, Waugh said he doesn't expect to see a flood of filings "right off the bat."

Waugh said he has already received numerous calls from people asking about procedures for filing and that several people have come by to pick up candidate "pack-

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State Division of Forestry reports reflect that Floyd County and the other active counties have not seen "significant" rainfall for 11 days and is not expected to find the situation changing before the end of this week, leaving fire danger expectations to remain at high levels.

Twenty-nine fires were included in fire reports as of Monday, reflecting a total of 3,200 acres burned just for that day. These new figures bring the total amount of woodlands destroyed to 46,750 acres.

A red flag warning was issued for all of Eastern Kentucky at the beginning of the week and will likely continue through the week, according to the Division of Forestry. A red flag warning means that conditions of low humidity, decreased fuel moisture and increased winds cause the fire danger to escalate.

Floyd County has the largest fires, located in the Middle Creek area and other areas such as McDowell, Price and Auxier, involving several thousand acres of burning woodland, according to division fire reports. This figure becomes even more significant when compared to the Eastern Kentucky county with

the second largest number of existing fires, Pike County, which has reported fires in the Narrows Branch area where 50 acres have been destroyed.

The Division of Forestry said on Monday their first priority at this point is to protect homes and other structures and personal safety, adding that arson continues to be the major cause of the wildfires.

Joe Curtis, division supervisor, led a group of 10 foot soldiers up the hillside on Monday to clear a fire line in the Middle Creek area, near State Road Fork.

According to Curtis, the crew cleared nearly 10 miles of fire line, a tactic unheard of in most fires but necessary in this particular blaze because of the "uneven terrain" of the hillside.

This particular fire, which

has burned for nearly a week, has consumed nearly 4,500 acres of forest land. The fire, said Curtis, began behind the Middle Creek Fire Department.

According to Ron Meyer, Division of Forestry's informational officer, the Eastern District, which includes Floyd, Pike, Lawrence, Martin, Magoffin, Knott and Perry counties, is possibly the "worst district" for problem fires this season. Eight fires are currently burning in the Big Sandy area — three in Floyd, four in Pike, and one in Martin.

Air raids began over the weekend, with National Guard Troops manning the Blackhawk helicopters, which are capable of holding 660 gallons of water for transport.

Although Meyer says the presence of these helicopters are indeed a relief to many forestry workers and firefighters who have worked nearly 16 hours per day since the fires began a week ago, they also bring with them a bit of anxiety.

Meyers said the general consensus from the Division of Forestry office is that some people set fires on the hillsides because they "like to see the helicopters work." Sadly, said Meyer, this is possibly the reason for some of the fires in the area.

Still other fires are the results

of backyard burning, but many more are intentionally set by people riding ATVs on the hillsides, said Meyer.

"It gets the crews really depressed," said Meyers, "to get out and work their butts off all day to get a fire contained and get called out the next day to a ridge in the same location. It's pretty depressing."

Although the fires throughout the region have been or are currently being contained, Gwen Holt, Kentucky Division of Forestry, said the upcoming weather forecast doesn't appear mother nature will lend a helping hand.

"We are under a red flag warning today," said Holt Monday, "which means the fire behavior could be very serious. We have reports that the wind could be 10-20 miles and expect very low humidity, which doesn't look good. We have been notified that tomorrow could be a red flag day as well."

The division stepped up its arson enforcement and surveillance activities as of Friday, in addition to asking for help from local law enforcement and other state agencies, saying workers needed to be able to concentrate on fighting the fires and accept help in bringing those responsible to justice.

"Our employees are busy fighting the fires, so we need assistance catching these criminals in the act," said Leah MacSwords, division director. "We need additional law enforcement, and we need the community to be our eyes and ears."

Election

ets," which include filing papers, campaign finance forms and an explanation of state election finance law.

In all, 15 races will line the ballot in May, including:

- County judge-executive.
- Magistrate.
- Sheriff.
- County clerk.
- County attorney.
- Jailer.
- Coroner.
- Property valuation administrator.

- Constable.
- County surveyor.
- Division 1 district judge.
- Division 2 district judge.
- U.S. Senator.
- U.S. Representative.
- State Representative.

Depending on whether there is bipartisan competition, any or all of those races could be back on the ballot next November, as well as

nonpartisan races for mayor and city council in all five of Floyd County's incorporated cities and school board member in districts 1 and 2. The fall ballot will also include at least one state constitutional amendment.

In addition to the large number of local races on next year's ballot, Waugh said he believes there will be more interest in politics due to the nation's military action against terrorism.

"People at this time are probably more patriotic that they've ever been, given the state of the country, and I'd like to do something to get people registered to vote," Waugh said.

Floyd County already has a few more people registered to vote than there were during the last election held in November 2000.

According to figures from the secretary of state's office, Floyd County's voter list jumped by 233 from Election Day 2000 to October 15, from 30,552 to 30,785. Of those new voters, 124 registered Democratic, 108 registered Republican and one registered independent or third party.

Despite the close margin between the two major parties in new voters, Democrats still enjoy a better than 10-to-1 advantage over Republicans locally. The party breakdown in Floyd County now includes 27,583 Democrats, 2,630 Republicans and 572 registered independent or third party.

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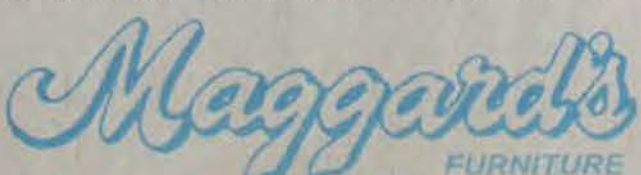
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of first-degree selling alcoholic beverages to a minor.

According to the citations, Roberts witnessed Miller sell two 12-ounce Budweiser Light beers to one of the ABC's 18-year-old investigative aides.

According to ABC investigator Mike Fitzpatrick, the investigation into Rich's Place began after the ABC received a complaint concerning the restaurant.

Price, however, said the restaurant had no previous problems with alcohol sales.

"I really thought a setup deal like that was really inappropriate," said Price. "We had not had any problems prior to that. I was not aware of any complaints from anyone. We never at all had a problem. It was pretty red of them to bring someone in as soon as we get a busy spell and do that."

On Friday, after receiving the citation, Price locked his doors for the last time.

Price said business had been slow following the Sept. 11 attacks, but concluded that he was going to continue to operate. The citation, he said, made him think twice about remaining open.

"I said the first time I received a citation, it would be closed," said Price, "and I'm a man of my word. I think the citizenry of Prestonsburg and Floyd County will be cut short because of it."

On the same day that Rich's place closed its doors, Zero

Tolerance hit another Floyd County business, the Lackey Redi Mart.

According to the citation issued by John A. Adkins, Candy Michele Jones, 37, an employee of the business, allegedly sold a six-pack of Budweiser beer to an 18-year-old investigative aide, who was accompanied by another 18-year-old.

In his report, Adkins said that he witnessed the incident, during which Jones requested the identification of the 18-year-old.

Although Adkins reported that the boy told Jones that he didn't "have it with him," he told her he was 18 years old, and she "sold [the alcohol] anyway."

A citation will also be issued against the establishment's owner, said Adkins.

According to Fitzpatrick, the citation against the Lackey Redi Mart is the second citation issued against the establishment, which means a stiffer penalty.

Fitzpatrick said businesses charged with first-time alcohol-related offenses such as the one at Rich's Place are given 20 days "down time," during which they can't sell alcoholic beverages, with the opportunity to buy back those days at \$50 a day.

Businesses charged with second offenses, said Fitzpatrick, "probably" receive a mandatory 40 days down time with the opportunity to buy back the days partially for \$50 per day.

In both first and second

offenses, businesses are charged a \$1,000 fine.

"Zero Tolerance" really means that we have no tolerance whatsoever for anyone when they sell alcohol to our investigative aides," said Fitzpatrick. "These kids are approved by the department, they're 18- and 19-year-olds who look their age.

They have no facial hair. They tell you the truth as to how old they are if you ask them."

"If someone sells to these kids, there are three reasons," continued Fitzpatrick. "Laziness — because they're too lazy to check IDs — stupidity, or they just don't care."

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Assault

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"When we asked her if she had been drinking, she claimed that she had only been drinking on the way to the hospital. Later on, she admitted to drinking in the vehicle."

As the investigation moved to the site of the accident, Collins found the vehicle in a ditch on the left fork of Mink Branch.

According to the final account given by Middleton, the vehicle had stalled on a hill, at which time she asked her passenger, Jelinda Williams, 40, of Mink Branch, to get out of the vehicle with the child while she made an attempt to back down the hill.

"She said that her passenger, Williams, refused to back down the hill and said, 'I'll get out and walk', and she (Middleton) said 'Get my baby to walk with you,'" Collins said.

Williams moved toward the back of the vehicle after her exit, at which time the mother backed the vehicle over both her child and Williams when the car was placed in gear to begin coasting from the incline.

The accident alone was terrible, said Johnson, but Middleton's behavior at the hospital was more disturbing.

"She showed no remorse, whatsoever, about her child," said Johnson. "She seemed more concerned with keeping out of trouble. She told me and Trooper (Chris) Collins about six different lies to keep from getting into trouble."

Once it was determined Middleton had been drinking at the time of the accident, Collins then added charges to the original public intoxication charge.

"I have charged her with first-degree assault and second-degree assault, both felony charges," said Collins. "First-degree assault in connection to the child, and second in connection to the adult."

Middleton's current boyfriend, Robert Williams, 30, also of Grethel and brother to Jelinda Williams' husband, was arrested at McDowell ARH as well, upon arriving shortly after Middleton.

Collins, who said it took approximately two hours to locate Middleton's vehicle on

Mink Branch, said that upon inspection he found bottles of alcohol in the vehicle.

"When I found the bottles, I then asked her if she had been drinking at the time of the accident, at which point she said that she had not been. I knew then she had been drinking when the accident occurred."

According to Collins, Middleton's original story she told to the hospital personnel was that an unknown man had driven by and struck her child and then left the scene of the accident.

According to McDowell ARH spokesman Michael Rodriguez, the child was stabilized at that facility and then transferred shortly afterward to the University of Kentucky's Chandler Medical Center. However, no details of the injuries sustained during the accident were available.

Reports from UK listed the child as being in "critical condition" in the pediatric intensive care unit at UK's children's hospital.

Collins, who said he has been calling and checking the status of Middleton's 3-year-old daughter at UK's children's hospital since Sunday morning, reported on Tuesday that the child suffered from "severe lacerations to her liver," so much so, said Collins, that the liver "was nearly torn completely in half," as well as severe lacerations to the spine and a broken arm.

"The hospital said she (Middleton's daughter) was still on a ventilator and had a bad case of pneumonia," said Collins. "They said she had a chance of pulling through, but it was a little early to tell."

Williams, who was brought to McDowell ARH by her stepfather after the Mink Branch accident, was admitted and treated for multiple bruises and released approximately five hours later, Collins said.

Middleton is currently being held in the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$100,000 cash bond. She awaits a preliminary hearing scheduled for November 13.

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Guest View

Living with risk

In hindsight, it seems so obvious. Of course, envelopes are not airtight, even when sealed with tape. Of course, anthrax granules can fall out through the cracks and in sufficient quantity to kill people. Of course, the threat of disease is not limited to those who open the mail. Of course, a government that rushed quickly to test and protect those who worked in the nation's Capitol building when the mail brought anthrax should have done the same for letter carriers and processors. Had this happened, two lives, maybe more, might have been spared.

The Centers for Disease Control, the federal germ experts, clearly erred in its advice to postal officials who inquired about the threat to their employees after poisoned mail made the trip from New Jersey to Sen. Tom Daschle's office. The evidence suggests the error was born more from unfamiliarity with a disease rarely seen in 20th-century America than from apathy toward the post office's blue-collar work force. Blue-collar workers are employed at Capitol Hill as well; they stood in line with senators to get tested and treated.

This explanation relieves one all-American concern — preferential treatment for politicians — but raises a more worrisome issue: the nation's ability to understand and respond to bioterrorism. To get bad advice from the CDC doesn't help calm the national panic attack. Nonetheless, the United States learns rapidly from its mistakes, and that seems to be the case here. The Capitol has reopened, but several postal centers remain closed. Anthrax apparently intended for the White House was stopped at a sorting facility some distance away. President Bush will give the post office \$175 million to help it deal with the anthrax threat. Gloves and respirators are already in use.

Some of the money will go to buy equipment that will irradiate anthrax spores to kill them. That does not fully alleviate the threat — mail carriers still might be exposed when emptying a collection box — but it will offer better protection than they have now. It will go a long way toward guaranteeing that ordinary Americans need not fear their mail.

However, it will not make the United States safe from terrorist attack, including the old-fashioned, non-biological type, such as bombs. There are ways to pass on anthrax besides the mail, and there are other dangerous biological agents out there.

Surgeon General David Satcher says the government should consider vaccinating Americans on anthrax's front line against the disease, as American troops were vaccinated during the Gulf War. The problem with that line of reasoning is that we can't be sure where the front line will be next month or next year; it may not be the post office. A far better tact would be for the CDC to weigh the risk-benefits of vaccination, so Americans might make informed decisions. Gearing up for mass production of the small-pox vaccine has begun already; why not anthrax?

It will also be important to invest more resources in the CDC, and in public health in general, if we want the job done well. The American Public Health Association wants \$10 billion over the next five years for public health departments.

That said, there are no perfect assurances here, and that is something Americans accustomed to a high degree of protection, to laws intended to promote the safety of the air they breathe and the food they eat and the cars they drive and the dozens of gadgets they use each day will have to learn to live with for the near future. There is no way to outlaw war on the homefront, and that is what terrorism represents. Capturing Osama bin Laden and breaking up Al Qaeda should diminish the threat, but it is no guarantee either.

— The Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star



Mary's Musings

The devil cat

I caught Raven drinking out of the toilet the other day. A cat that drinks from the toilet, this didn't bother me. A cat that drinks from the toilet, attacks the dog (a rottweiler), and prefers dog food over Meow Mix, this bothers me slightly.

I don't know what it is that makes our pets have such "unique" personalities, but we definitely have problems in our house.

Sean and I have always loved animals and welcomed them into our home. Somehow, we always pick the perfect pets. Right now, we are the proud parents of Oz, a dog that thinks it's a cat; Raven, a cat that thinks it's a dog; and about 30 fish who just don't care as long as we feed them (except for one, mind you, which I call Blue Eyes, the little blue neon that watches television).

Every morning, just as the sun begins to rise over the hills in Blue River, we are abruptly awakened by the pitter-patter of the cat romping through the house, followed by the thud of the dog's oversized footsteps, and the clang of something that one (or both) of them have

trampled in the coming.

Automatically you assume that the dog, being a dog, is chasing the cat, who's being a cat. But in our home, it's directly the opposite.

At first, I thought all the commotion, all the endless running and thumping and knocking every morning (and throughout the day), was Oz's fault. Of course, Sean would argue otherwise, telling me how this cat had the perfect set up. But I didn't listen. All this time, I thought Oz was the troublemaker (after all, he is Sean's dog).

But much to my surprise, I was wrong. It wasn't Oz, at all. It was the devil cat.

When we first brought Raven home, I didn't suspect anything. He was cute and cuddly and energetic, just like any ol' kitten.

Even when he chased my bare feet through the house every morning, nipping at my toes as I walked, I had no idea. Even when I found him running through the house with Oz's chew toy in his mouth, I didn't think twice about this cat's intensity. He was just being a cat. Playful. Curious. Happy.

The other day, however, I realized the real truth. Oz, being the well-behaved, contented creature he is, slouched his 90-pound self out on his favorite rug to take an afternoon nap. Just as he was getting comfortable, here comes devil cat speed-

ing through the house like a bullet.

Raven had it all planned out ... his attack. He hunkered himself under the kitchen table — face next to the floor, butt in the air, moving his feet like he's ready to make a run for his life — and takes off. He dashed under the chair, under the cabinet, jumped as high as his little feet could take him, and pounced on Oz's tired head, ran down his back, off his tail, and under the couch before Oz even knew what hit him.

Then, in a moment of victory, Raven pokes his nose out from under the safety of the couch as if to laugh in his face.

Oz is utterly confused ... and angry. I don't know what makes the cat so rambunctious, or deviant, but Sean says he is definitely a bad influence on Oz. (I think he's just upset because the cat can get the better of him, most of the time.)

Having witnessed this with my own two eyes, I have since never argued with Sean when he calls the cat a troublemaker. There isn't any point in it. After I finish telling him how wonderful, and sweet, and nice Raven really is, then we turn around and see the cat hanging off Oz's ear as if he's permanently attached, kicking his nose with his hind feet.

Then we hear the pitter-patter of the cat romping through the house, followed by the thud of the dog's oversized footsteps, and the clang of something that one (or both) of them have trampled in the coming.

Poor, pitiful, abused Oz ...



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Guest Column

How we lose peace during war

by COL. DANIEL M. SMITH

Operation El Dorado Canyon — who remembers that this was the April 1986 air raid on Libya in retaliation for the German discotheque bombing that killed two Americans? The target, Muammar Qaddafi, escaped, although members of his family and entourage were killed.

The 1990-91 Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, involving a long build-up of forces and over 30 nations in a "coalition of the willing," is better remembered. But again, the target, Saddam Hussein, remains in power in Iraq.

Today, in Operation Enduring Freedom, the United States bombs

Afghanistan and, with selected allies, conducts special operations to find and capture or kill Osama bin Laden.

What unites these events for me is that I was in Europe each time. The first indication of the Libyan raid was a roadblock in Italy manned by carabinieri. I arrived in London on August 2, 1990, to be greeted with the news of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. And when the first bombs dropped on Afghanistan on October 8, I was in my fourth day in Athens.

Prior to October 8, ordinary Greeks, whether they spoke English or not, conveyed the message that the United States was right to go after Osama bin Laden. But they also made the point that they hoped that military action going beyond the search for bin Laden would be measured and confined.

Before October 8, one small demonstration occurred in front of the U.S. embassy — a few hundred people protesting U.S. threats to use military

force if the Taliban refused to surrender bin Laden. Within the week following the start of the bombing, demonstrations had been held on Corfu and in Greece's second largest city, Thessaloniki. On October 18, 13,000 rallied in Athens to protest the attacks, the reported casualties among Afghan noncombatants, and the interruption in the flow of humanitarian aid. In a city of over 5 million, that's not a big turnout, but it brought out scores of police.

As a member of NATO, the Greek government is committed to the effort to catch those connected to the September 11 attacks. Indeed, the majority of nations have expressed opposition to terrorism — without, however, necessarily agreeing that military action is undertaken by the United States is the remedy.

In short, the United States seems, once again, on the verge of losing the psychological war that is part of effective military action. Even when, as on September

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Unemployment rate falls in September

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's unemployment rate took an unexpected downturn from a revised 4.7 percent in August to a preliminary 4.4 percent in September, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency. The state rate has not decreased from August to September since 1983. The U.S. jobless rate decreased from 4.9 percent in August to 4.7 percent in September.

"Many people are wondering what affect the September 11th attacks will have on Kentucky's unemployment rate. The events of September 11th are not reflected in September state employment. The earliest we will see any consequences on Kentucky's jobless rate from the terrorist attacks is in mid-to-late November when employment figures are released for October. Since none of the attacks happened in our state, we probably will feel more of a ripple affect on our job market that will appear over months," said Carlos Cracraft, the department's chief labor market analyst.

Two of the nine major job sectors had employment

increases in September, while five sectors recorded decreases in employment and the remaining two sectors had the same employment level for both months.

■ As expected, the government sector had the largest gain in September with 15,500 new jobs. Overall, local education added 11,300 jobs as more schools reopened, and state education rose by 6,500 jobs. On the other end of the scale, other local government decreased by 1,900 positions and other state government fell by 400 jobs.

"Returning or new teachers and hourly workers such as bus drivers and cafeteria personnel were added to local education employment during the first full month of school," he said. "Also, college and university faculty and students returned or started campus jobs."

Kentucky's trade sector recorded a 400-job increase in September. The sector added 600 retail trade jobs, but lost 200 wholesale trade jobs. Within retail trade, there were job increases of 900 in eating and drinking establishments, 200 jobs in department stores and 200 positions in miscellaneous retail stores.

■ The mining and quarrying sector had 19,900 jobs in both August and September.

■ The transportation, communications and utilities sector had 108,800 jobs for both August and September.

■ The agriculture sector reported the largest decline in jobs of any sector in September with 2,700 fewer jobs. Farm work usually increases again in the fall when tobacco is stripped and fall crops are harvested, he said.

■ Kentucky's services sector showed the second largest drop with 1,300 fewer jobs in September. While the first full month of school brought a 1,200-job increase in educational services and business services added 900 positions, losses of 1,400 jobs in amusement and recreation services, 600 positions in agricultural services, 500 jobs in hotel and other lodging places caused the sector to be on the negative side of the ledger.

■ The construction sector reported 1,200 fewer jobs in September. Within construction, special trade categories such as concrete work and installing drywall and roofs fell by 1,000 jobs. In addition, 100 positions each in general building contractors and heavy construction work were lost.

■ Manufacturing also recorded a loss with 400 fewer

positions in September. "Some 14,100 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Kentucky during the first nine months of 2001," said Cracraft.

■ Although in September durable goods manufacturing gained 300 jobs, nondurable goods manufacturing lost 700 positions.

■ The finance, insurance and real estate sector fell by 300 jobs in September.

■ The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for September 2001 was 1,899,195. This figure is down 9,821 from the 1,909,016 employed in August 2001, and down 2,986 from the 1,902,181 Kentuckians employed in September 2000.

The monthly estimate of the number of unemployed Kentuckians for September 2001 was 87,952.

This figure is down 6,711 from the 94,663 unemployed in August 2001, but up 10,264 from the 77,688 Kentuckians unemployed in September 2000.

The monthly estimate of the number of Kentuckians in the civilian labor force for September 2001 was 1,987,147. This figure is down 16,532 from the 2,003,679 recorded in August 2001, but up 7,278 from the 1,979,869 recorded for September 2000.

Energy assistance program

The Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. will again be operating the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, funded through the Cabinet for Families and Children and the Kentucky Association for Community Action. The Subsidy Component will begin November 5, 2001, and run through December 14, 2001.

To be eligible, clients must:

- Meet the 110% poverty income guidelines, and
- Be responsible for home heating costs, and
- Not have liquid resources in excess of \$1,500 (\$4,000 if resources are being used for living expenses due to a catastrophic illness).

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CNovember 13 & 14
D, ENovember 15
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I, JNovember 27
K, LNovember 28
MNovember 29 & December 3
N, O, PDecember 4
Q, RDecember 5
SDecember 6 & 10
TDecember 11
U, V, WDecember 12
X, Y, ZDecember 13
OpenDecember 14

Persons interested in applying for assistance should take the following information to the local community action office in their county of residence:

- Most recent heating bill or verification that heating expenses are included in the rent,
- Social security numbers for all household members, and
- Proof of all household income.

For more information, or to apply, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. in your county.

Bills

before the deadline set forth by the PVA office, there is a 2 percent discount, something Hancock said people look forward to and something which makes the process easier for those collecting as well.

"We are trying our best to get these out because we want people to be able to take advantage of that 2 percent discount," Hancock said. "A lot of people take advantage of that incentive and make timely payments, but with these address problems it is putting that process in jeopardy."

Hancock is urging those who have not received tax bills to call her office and have available their address.

"If they could just call my office and give me their present address, then we could see if that address matches what we have on record," said Hancock. "If the address doesn't match, and it may not because of the recent changes taking place with the 911 addresses, then we can make that adjustment and have their bills sent."

The PVA's deadline for returning tax payments with eligibility for the 2 percent discount is November 30.

Hancock said on Monday that her office had forwarded approx-

imately 22,000 tax bills to the sheriff's office, with nearly 200 having been returned where an address was not accurate at the time of mailing.

"This office is doing everything we can," continued Hancock. "We're forwarding what we have to the sheriff's office, who brought us the returned bills, because it's our responsibility."

Hancock has asked that anyone calling with concerns to please have the accurate information on hand to provide that office. That information would simply include an update for a present address or a clarification if your address has been changed in connection to the recent 911 adjustments.

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Peace

11, thousands of American civilians fall victim to wanton acts of evil, elsewhere these fatalities do not equate to the deaths of civilians who are killed when U.S. bombs and missiles go astray.

Why? Perhaps it is the disparity in power relationships. Americans are famous for rooting for the underdog. Why should others be different, especially those who feel they are the underdog? The disconnect comes from the fact that in the arenas of visible power — economic, diplomatic, military — the United States is never the underdog. Moreover, America has become so dominant that even when it has no intention of affecting core elements of personal and national identity — culture, religion, "values" — it is viewed as a threat.

American exuberance for "progress," by masking critical nuances, also contributes to this sense of oppressive dominance among others. For instance, U.S. leaders emphasize the tremendous accuracy of precision-guided munitions. In the Gulf

War, in Kosovo, and now in Afghanistan, senior defense officials show videotapes of successful strikes, in part to relay the message that adversaries cannot hope to win.

But too often the missiles miss, and in missing, kill civilians. Yes, the Pentagon admits the targeting errors and equipment malfunctions and "regrets" the loss of innocent lives — which is more than many others would do. But repeated expressions of regret soon sound formulaic and thus insincere. The Pentagon understands intellectually that pictures trump words, but they have yet to show pictures that reinforce their words.

Media are given pictures of bombs hitting targets and troops parachuting from airplanes. But these cannot engender the response that dead innocents and grieving relatives evoke — as occurred throughout America on and after September 11.

By trumpeting the superiority of America's military technology, officials set the stage for a psychological debacle every time the United States engages

in combat operations, no matter how justified. Like Philip of Macedonia and his son, Alexander the Great, like the Roman and the Byzantine emperors who together ruled Greece for over 15 centuries, the United States has the power to win wars. But we seem unable to make the mental leap to see ourselves as others — the underdogs — see us, a perspective that might help us win the psychological war without which we will never win the peace.

Col. Colonel Daniel M. Smith (Ret.), a West Point graduate and Vietnam veteran, is Director of Research at the Washington, DC-based Center for Defense Information, a non-partisan independent research organization dealing with military affairs.

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"The health of our children is one of our most precious assets and routine immunizations are an important part of maintaining good health," Gov. Patton said. "KIDS NOW is providing our underinsured children with access to the vaccinations they need to get a healthy start in life."

Currently 17 percent of Kentucky children ages birth to three years old are underinsured, meaning their insurance may not cover immunizations. The purchase of vaccines to cover this population of children who are not covered by Medicaid or the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) increases their ability to obtain immunizations.

When a child is immunized, he or she receives a vaccine, usually in the form of a shot, to prevent a certain disease. The vaccine makes the child's body produce antibodies that make the child immune to the disease should they come into contact with it. Children should receive most immunizations during the

first 2 years of life, starting at birth. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, children need immunizations to protect against viruses and other diseases that can cause illnesses such as liver disease including cancer, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, spinal meningitis, pneumonia, and other serious infections.

"We have so much protection that we can offer children through immunizations, there is no reason for any of these diseases to occur," said Kathy Moher, Health Educator with Epidemiology Services at the Northern Kentucky District Health Department, serving Grant, Kenton, Campbell and Boone Counties.

The KIDS NOW immunization initiative has leveled the playing field, assuring that underinsured children have the same access to immunizations as all other children. These children can receive the needed vaccines from their doctor, even if they can't afford it, without another visit or needing to be referred to another agency. The initiative has also created a new partnership between local doctors and local health departments, who are working together to see that more children are immunized.

The program has also notified all private physicians that KIDS NOW funding is available to purchase vaccines for underinsured children in their practice, as well as providing vaccines at health departments, and developed a tracking system to monitor the percentage of children who are immunized. "The tracking program allows us to monitor schools so that we

know where we need to concentrate if the immunization rate is falling behind. We can work on educating parents and physicians and sending additional literature targeted to those areas," Moher said.

At its annual meeting in September, the program was recognized by the Kentucky Medical Association, which approved a resolution pledging their continued support of funding for additional immunizations through the program.

Although reactions to vaccines may sometimes occur, they are usually mild. Children are much more likely to be harmed by serious diseases than by immunizations. Children who lack or lag behind on vaccinations are not only at risk of getting very sick, but could potentially spread serious diseases to other people. A pediatrician or the staff at your local health department can answer any questions about possible reactions to immunizations.



Heather French Henry, right, former Miss America and the wife of Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, met with Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, recently in Frankfort.

Sarah, Duchess of York becomes Kentucky Colonel

Heather French Henry, Miss America 2000 and wife of Lieutenant Governor Stephen L. Henry, M.D., presented Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, with a Kentucky Colonel yesterday in Louisville, Kentucky. The Duchess of York was in Kentucky to promote Wedgewood products. Heather French Henry was invited by the Waterford Company to serve as the official greeter on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In addition to presenting the Duchess of York with a framed Kentucky Colonel, Henry gave Ferguson a silk scarf with a Kentucky horse motif, and an official Miss America 14 carat diamond crown charm.

After discussing children's and veteran's issues, an invitation was extended to the Duchess of York to attend the 2002 Kentucky Derby as the guest of Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Henry.

Art exhibit at the MAC

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Blood is needed everywhere, every day. Allen Central High School asks you to ensure blood is available for area hospital patients by donating on Thursday, November 8, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., in the gym foyer. The drive is being sponsored in conjunction with Central Kentucky Blood Center.

Every three seconds in the United States, someone receives a blood transfusion. Blood and blood components are used to treat accident and burn victims, cancer patients and other patients undergoing surgeries and medical treatments.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 100 pounds and be in good general health. The complete process takes less than an hour, with the actual donation of one pint lasting 10 minutes. Blood can be donated every 56 days.

Through the support of volunteer donors and drive sponsors like Allen Central High School, Central Kentucky Blood Center provides blood to 71 hospitals in 57 Kentucky counties.

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Did you see the Northern Lights?

by **RAYMOND SHUBINSKI**
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The night sky has always been magical for me. I grew up with the Manned Space program, landings on Mars and flybys of the outer planets. Yet the beauty and mystery of the dark night sky is what holds me fast.

Last night, I took my dog McDuff out about 9:30 pm for his evening walk. I'm lucky in that I have a pretty good north and east view from the front of my house and a nice view of the west from the back.

As I came down the steps, I could tell at once something was happening in the northern sky. With all the fires, many people in the area probably thought they were seeing the glow of the burning forests. After many years of sky watching, however, I knew what was coming, the Aurora!

I was born in Pikeville, but moved to Michigan in the late 50's with my parents, who like a good many folks from this part of the state, moved out of state to find work. We lived in a small town on the west side of the state right on the edge of Lake Michigan. I spent many hours sitting on the bluffs overlooking the lake watching the stars come out and then wheel overhead as the hours passed.

I have seen lunar eclipses, meteors by the score, constella-

tions and even a few comets. Nothing gets me as excited, though, as the Aurora. While living up north, I saw Northern Lights that were so intense it seemed as if I could reach out and pull them down to the ground. I have been back in East Kentucky for just over two years and Monday night was the first time I have seen the Northern Lights this far south.

It's hard to imagine that the sun, which has set for the night and is 93 million miles away, can cause something so spectacular as the dancing, glowing and ever-changing lights in the night sky. But, it is the sun and its interesting eleven-year cycle that is the culprit.

The sun has blemishes that appear in abundance about every eleven years. These sunspots are huge magnetic storms that could swallow the earth without a trace. At a safe distance of 93 million miles, they pose no threat of incinerating the earth, but they can cause other events to take place. The sun reached a peak of sunspot activity last year, but it is still covered with these magnetic storms. Once in a while, a sunspot will erupt and send highly charged particles toward the Earth. When these particles hit the upper atmosphere, they cause molecules of argon, neon, oxygen and nitrogen to glow like a neon sign. If you could see this from space, the earth

would appear to have a crown of light encircling both the north and south Polar Regions.

Only once in a few years is the Aurora so bright and active that it can be seen this far south. Monday night's event was seen as far south as California. You can only guess when an event like this might happen. Keeping track of the sunspot cycle is a good start to forming an educated guess about viewing an Aurora.

The best web site to check for tracking and for additional information on the occurrence is www.spaceweather.com. This site gives daily updates as to the likelihood of an Aurora. I have been checking and watching for more than a year, and last night I had my reward.

My wife, Carol, came out to watch for a while, and we had the added thrill of seeing a very bright meteor strike right through the same part of the sky. We stood there until she and I and the dog got cold.

I went back out later and watched the gibbous moon rising in the east with the planet Jupiter shining like a true diamond of the night and glowing below the moon like the tip of a wedding ring. I watched on and off all night as the red glow changed and danced in the north until it faded around 3 a.m.

This was a magic night, better entertainment viewing than

anything on TV or video. The splendor of the sky is still the most beautiful canvas for Mother Nature. I hope everyone remembers to go out and have a look.

FYI Northern Lights Presentation at May Lodge

Raymond Shubinski, astronomer and director of the East Kentucky Center for Science in Prestonsburg, will present a program about the Northern Lights: what causes them and how to watch for them, at Jenny Wiley State Park on Monday night.

The presentation will include a slide show about interaction between the sun and the Earth, a video from Alaska showing real footage on the Northern Lights, and a recitation of the Cremation of Sam McGee by Mr. Shubinski.

The program begins at 7 p.m. Monday, November 12, in May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Park. The presentation is free and open to the public.



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Author of 'The Christmas Box'

Evans to speak at Martin church

The internationally acclaimed author of the best-selling book, "The Christmas Box," Richard Paul Evans, will be making a first-time visit to our region to speak at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, on Monday, November 19, at 7 p.m. The church is located on Route 80, Martin.

Evans first came into international recognition in 1995 when he self-published his best seller and, in turn, set the publishing world on its ear, outselling every

major publisher and author in the world. He has since written seven consecutive New York Times bestsellers and sold more than 11 million copies of his books worldwide.

An Emmy award-winning television movie was created from Evans' book, "The Christmas Box," which starred Maureen O'Hara and Johnson county native, Richard Thomas.

Evans has appeared on The Today Show, Entertainment Tonight, C-SPAN, and C-NBC. Additionally, he has appeared in

People, Time, Newsweek, Family Circle, Ladies Home Journal, and Good Housekeeping magazines. He graced the cover of the first Reader's Digest Magazine of the new century.

Evans has spoken hundreds of times, addressing such prestigious organizations as the American Red Cross, The Children's Miracle Network, and the International Ronald McDonald House. He has shared the podium with such notables as Bob Hope, Elizabeth

Dole, President George W. Bush, and many more.

Evans is director and founder of "The Christmas Box House International," a shelter and assessment facility for abused and neglected children.

The Washington Times Foundation awarded Evans the American Century Award in recognition of his service to humanity. "A Special Evening with Richard Paul Evans" is free and open to the general public.

November is National Diabetes Month

FRANKFORT — November is National Diabetes Month and it's a good time for Kentuckians with diabetes to recognize the importance of knowing their ABC's of Diabetes.

Those three letters serve as reminders for three important factors in managing diabetes - blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol.

In Kentucky, there are approximately 290,000 adults with diabetes, one third of whom are undiagnosed. The ABCs represent these key factors:

■ **A** stands for the A1C test - a test to determine blood sugar. People with diabetes should have an A1C of less than 7 percent and it should be checked at least twice a year.

■ **B** stands for blood pressure, which should be below 130/80 and should be checked at every doctor's visit;

■ **C** stands for cholesterol - LDL cholesterol or the "bad cholesterol" - which should be below 100, and should be checked at least once a year.

The Kentucky Department for Public Health has joined forces with the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) and the American Diabetes Association to alert people that

good diabetes management is more than lowering blood sugar. It is also important to control blood pressure and cholesterol in order to help prevent heart disease and stroke.

The latest national statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show diabetes has increased by 49 percent in the last 10 years. The American Diabetes Association projects that diabetes will grow 165 percent by the year 2050.

Public Health Commissioner Dr. Rice Leach urges all Kentuckians to reverse this trend before it starts. "A balanced diet, moderate exercise, and avoidance of high calorie, high fat content diets will prevent a substantial amount of this disease and its accompanying renal failure, blindness, and heart disease," Leach said.

Furthermore, one in every two adult Kentuckians is at risk for developing diabetes, largely due to obesity and physical inactivity. There is also an increase in the prevalence of obesity and lack of physical activity in Kentucky's youth, leading to an increase in the number of young people being diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, which was previously considered to be an adult disease.

Heart attacks and strokes are the number one killers of people with diabetes.

Seventy-five percent of people with diabetes die from heart disease and stroke, and they often die younger. New research shows people with diabetes can live longer and healthier lives with relatively small improvements in three critical areas. Bringing down blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol even modestly can help cut the risk of heart attack and stroke dramatically.

The same steps needed to control blood sugar work for controlling blood pressure and cholesterol: stay at a healthy weight; follow a healthy diet; get daily physical activity, and take prescribed medications.

The NDEP has developed a new brochure for people with diabetes that provides essential information and has a handy wallet card to help them track their ABC numbers. It's free, and part of a new, national public education campaign, Be Smart About Your Heart: Control the ABCs of Diabetes.

To get the new ABCs brochure and the free wallet card and to learn more about diabetes, call 1-800-438-5383 or visit NDEP's Web site at



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Obituaries

Grace alone, faith alone

The great principle of the Protestant Reformation is salvation by grace alone, through faith alone. This principle comes through loud and clear in Isaiah 1:27 in the Old Testament of the Bible. "Zion will be redeemed with justice, and her repentant ones with righteousness" (Isaiah 1:27).

In the Old Testament, Zion is a picture of the New Testament church. Hebrews 12:22-23 teaches us this. When someone redeems a slave, they pay a price for that servant. Justice refers to the just payment for evil. Justice demands recompense be made for evil acts. Righteousness refers to the requirement for heaven. Leviticus 18:5 says, "So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, by which a man may live if he does them; I am the Lord." To live is to have eternal life. The requirements for eternal life in heaven is perfection. But no one is perfect except One, Jesus Christ.

Since Jesus Christ died to pay for the sins of those who believe in Him, justice is served. Since Jesus Christ also lived a perfect life on behalf of those who believe in Him, the requirement of righteousness is met. Through Jesus Christ, God can "be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Romans 3:26). This is God's grace received through faith.

Gilva Collins Blevins

Gilva Collins Blevins, 81, of McDowell, Ky., died Saturday, November 3, 2001, following an extended illness.

Born on August 16, 1920, in Floyd County, Ky., she was the daughter of the late John B. Osborne and Nanny Collins. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Old Time Baptist Church at Printer, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walker Blevins.

Survivors include two sons, Earnes Blevins and Ronnie Blevins, both of McDowell, Ky.; one daughter, Shelby Jean Reynolds of McDowell, Ky.; nine half brothers, Junior Collins of McDowell, Ky., Carl Collins of Princeton, WV., Gail Collins of Ashtabula, O., Olan Osborne and Jeff Osborne, both of Londonderry, Oh., Eulis Osborne of Jackson, Oh., Mount Osborne of Waverly, Oh., Wetzell Osborne of Beaver, Oh., George Osborne of Oklahoma; four half sisters, Pearl Henderson and Jeane Moore, both of Prestonsburg, Ky., Tamara DeBoard of Lucasville, Oh., and Mazel Newsome of Piketown, Ohio, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two half brothers, Revis Osborne and Junior Osborne; and four half sisters, Dorothy Collins, Babe Collins, Parcie Jones and Gracie Lambert.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 6, 2001, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Denver Meade and Willie Crace officiating.

Burial was in the Blevins Family Cemetery, Frasure Creek, McDowell, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Evelyn (Mary Evelyn) Salmons Hall

Evelyn (Mary Evelyn) Salmons Hall, 73, of Garrett, Ky., died Saturday, November 3, 2001, following an extended illness.

Born on September 22, 1928, at Garrett, Ky., she was the daughter of the late James and Etta Tussey Salmons. She was a homemaker and member of the Wayland United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey Hall Jr.

Survivors include three daughters, Shonna Moore of Martin, Ky., Michelle Hall of Garrett, Ky., and Louise Knight of South Bend, Ind.; one brother, Melvin Salmons of South Bend, Ind.; three sisters, Mabel Heintz and Eunice Music, both of South Bend, Ind., Bessie Sexton of Garrett, Ky.; three grandchildren, Kimberley Hughes, Joanna Blackburn, Jamie Lynn Hall; and three great-grandchildren, M'Kayla Hughes, Tyler Blackburn, and Taylor Moore; special friend and family: Maxine Reynolds, Faye Sexton Duff, and Lenora (Snookie) Hartbarger.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Leonard Salmons.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 5, 2001, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Robert S. Hopkins

Robert S. Hopkins, 89, of Hopewell Community near Holton, In., died Monday, November 5, at the Manderley Health Care Center, Osgood.

Born on July 7, 1912, in Maytown, Ky., he was the son of Willie Hopkins and Maggie Ratliff Hopkins. He was an employee of Arvin Industrial for 31 years. He was a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Hall Hopkins.

Other survivors include three sons, Johnny Hopkins and Larry Hopkins, both of Indianapolis, In., and Robert Hopkins Jr., of Encino, Calif.; one daughter, Carolyn Jones of Louisville; two sisters, Maxie Barricklow and Octavia Hopkins, both of Stuart, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas J. Hopkins and Willie Hopkins; two sisters, Nellie Barricklow, and Nettie Hopkins; one daughter, Phyllis Ann; and one grandson.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Hopewell Baptist Church, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, November 7, with Rev. Bill Mittendorf and Rev. David Shivers officiating.

Burial will be in the Hopewell Cemetery near Holton, In., under the direction of Bovard Funeral Home, Versailles, In.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Hopewell Baptist Church or Cemetery. (Paid obituary)

Doris Ann Allen

Doris Ann Allen, age 56, of Eastern, wife of Harry Gordon Allen, died Saturday, November 3, in Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

She was born February 3, 1945, in Spurlock Creek of West Prestonsburg, a daughter of the late Henry and Mary Buckley Robinson.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Terri Lynn Allen of Florence; one step-son, Harry Gordon Allen Jr. of Berea; one step-daughter, Linda Lee Allen of Salt Lake City, Ut.; three brothers, Billy Robinson of Prestonsburg; Russell Robinson of Muldrow, Ok., Earl Gene Robinson of Cannonsburg; one half-brother, Robert James Barnett of Prestonsburg; three sisters, Ella Rose Wallen and Rita G. Wright, both of Ypsilanti, Mi., and Shirley Kaminski of Clayton, Ca.

Funeral services for Doris Ann Allen were conducted Monday, November 5, at 1:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Dan Heintzleman officiating.

Burial followed in the Allen Family Cemetery, Brush Creek, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers: Darryl Wallen, Stevie Wallen, Tony Robinson, Harry G. Allen Jr., Steve Buckley and Richard Robinson.

Honorary: Brent Allen, Charlie Wright, Lester Wallen, Volney Allen, and Dean Wallen. (Paid obituary)

Shirlene Spears

Shirlene Spears, of Bevsinsville, Ky., died Sunday, November 4, 2001.

Born on August 29, 1941, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Elmer and Laura Johnson Spears. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one brother, Russell Spears of Kenderville, Ind.; four sisters, Aillene Burke and Barbra Lackey, both of Bevsinsville, Ky., Melene Dye of Tiro Ohio, and Mildred Click of Noble, Ok.; and one niece, Misti Johnson of Bevsinsville.

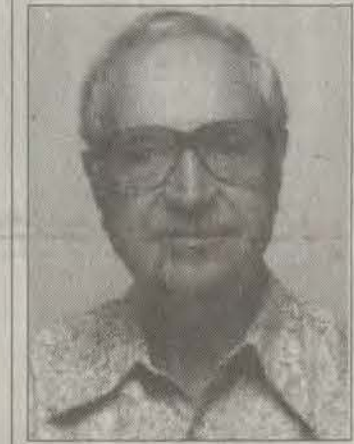
She was preceded in death by two brothers, Buster Spears and Hobert Spears; one sister, Anna Jean Johnson.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, November 7, 2001, at 10 a.m., at the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, Bevsinsville, Ky., with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Martin Johnson Cemetery at Bevsinsville, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation will be at the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, Bevsinsville, Ky. (Paid obituary)

Get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Proverbs 4:7



Benjamin W. Baker

Benjamin William Baker Jr., passed away on October 22, at Maui Memorial Medical Center, after a brief illness.

He was born on May 8, 1918, in Langley, Ky., the son of Benjamin William and Elizabeth May Baker, who was a long time librarian at Maytown High School.

He graduated with a B.A. from Berea College in 1939, and returned to Floyd County as a teacher, before serving in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1945. He received a B.S. from Western University, and earned an M.B.A. from Stanford University in 1949.

He moved to Hawaii from San Francisco in 1954, where he was with the CPA firm of Haskins and Sells. He was with Young, Lambert and Pierson in Honolulu, then moved to Maui in 1956 to manage their Kahului CPA office in 1961. He was Controller for Alexander and Baldwin from 1961 to 1970, and was Executive Vice President of Finance for Maui Land and Pineapple Company, from 1970 until his retirement in 1985.

He was a member of America's Institute of CPA's, California and Hawaii Societies of CPA's, and listed in Men and Women of Hawaii. He served as Trustee of Hawaii Tax Foundation for eight years, and served on the Board of Directors of Kapalua Resort. He was a member of Maui Country Club, and was a Kentucky Colonel.

He is survived by his wife, Libby, of Kihei, Maui; daughter, Dr. Sherry Baker-Dahman (John) of Cincinnati; and son, Benjamin William Baker III (Michele) of Makawao, Maui.

A memorial celebration of his life will be held on Maui at a future date. Also, a plaque in his memory will be placed at the May Cemetery at Langley, Ky., next to his parents.

Information, courtesy of Hall Funeral Home, Martin. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of James Hall 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, and prayers. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All your acts of kindness were greatly appreciated.

The Family of James Hall

Card of Thanks

The family of Jay D. Cook would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones, who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Providence Old Regular Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of Jay D. Cook

Card of Thanks

The family of David R. "Socker" Akers would like to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family, who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and words of comfort expressed. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to Clergymen Clinton Moore and Jimmy Hall for their comforting words, the DAV Chapter 129, Betsy Layne, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The Family of David R. "Socker" Akers

Card of Thanks

The family of Curtis R. Sizemore 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 the Praise Assembly of God ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and to the Hall Funeral Home for its kind and efficient service.

The Family of Curtis R. Sizemore

Card of Thanks

The family of Oliver Prater would like to thank all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones for their love and support upon the loss of our loved one.

We thank those who sent flowers, food, said words of comfort, or kept us in their prayers. A special thanks to Warren and Holly Blanton, Carol Cecil, Mary Adams, Rev. Manford Fannin, and Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Lorraine, Rebecca, Tim, Zack, Linda and Adam
The Family of Oliver Prater

Card of Thanks

The family of Dorothy M. "Dot" Tiner would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Clergymen Keneth Lemaster and Arnold Turner Jr., for their words of comfort, the Christ United Methodist Church, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of Dorothy M. "Dot" Tiner

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Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: Due to rising costs and space limitations we will no longer be accepting items for our Community Calendar that contain a revenue-producing nature as of Monday, October 8. If your organization is holding a fundraising event, please contact our classified or advertising departments to announce your event. The Floyd County Times will continue its practice of posting meeting dates and public service announcements, up to seven lines of type. These submissions must be received in writing no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. Items may not be taken over the telephone. Community Calendar items are subject to editing according to space limitations.

PHS grads of 1992 plan reunion

The 1992 graduates of Prestonsburg High School are now planning their 10th reunion. Phone numbers and addresses of all graduates are needed. Please contact Alan Derosssett at (606) 874-9514.

Big Sandy Historians meet

A regular meeting of the Big Sandy Historical Society will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 11:00 a.m., at the St. Jude's Catholic Church, Louisa. Lunch will be served at noon, with an address by Father Ralph Beiting following at 1 p.m. Father Beiting will speak on "The People of the Big Sandy Valley." Display space will be available for all who wish to display regional publications for sale.

Noted author to speak

Richard Paul Evans, the author of "The Christmas Box," will speak on Monday, Nov. 19, at 7:00 p.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, located on Route 80, Martin. The evening is free and open to the public.

Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club to meet

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club will

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meet in regular session on Monday, November 12, 2001, at 6:00 p.m., at Jenny Wiley State Park's May Lodge. The nominating committee, composed of Donna Thompson, Chair; Sarah B. Allen; Sidney Jane Bailey; Thomasine Robinson; and Geraldine Ward, will present the committee's slate of officers for 2002. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The election of officers for 2002 will take place at this meeting, with an officer installation ceremony to be held at the December 10 regular meeting. The public is invited to attend both meetings.

Conservation contest deadline

The deadline for entries into the Floyd County Conservation District's 2001 Conservation Art and Writing contest is Monday, November 26. Students K-5 may enter artwork on an 11" x 14" poster. Students in grades 6-12 may enter a writing, not to exceed 1,000 words. Awards will include certificates, t-shirts, and trophies, including a \$50 savings bond. The contest is sponsored by the Floyd County Conservation District, Kentucky Farm Bureau, The Courier-Journal, and the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts. For more information, contact the District's office at 889-9800, or e-mail to: conserve@eastky.net

Conservation District meeting

The Floyd County Conservation District will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 20, at 10 a.m., at the District Office located approximately 1/2 mile from the Lancer-Watergap intersection going toward Jenny Wiley State Park. This is an open meeting and the public is invited to attend. For more information, call 889-9800.

Maytown Lifetime Learning Center activities

Volleyball: Mondays, 8 p.m., teens and up; Basketball: Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m., all ages; Prayer Lunch: Tuesdays, 12 p.m., bring sack lunch; Breakaway: Wednesdays, 4-5:15 p.m., after school mentoring/tutoring program; Thursday Night Live: Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m., 7th grade and up; Community Faith: Sundays, 7:30 p.m., all ages. Call 285-0539 for more information.

Maytown Lifetime Learning Center Classes

Basic Computer II: Begins Monday, Nov. 19, 6-8 p.m., \$15 (\$10 if took Computer I);

Ceramics, Drawing, Sewing/Craft, Basic Computer I, and Sign Language will begin once classes are filled, cost between \$5 and \$20; NOVEMBERFEST 2001 will happen on Nov. 10, 3-8:30 p.m., food, face painting, carnival games, hay rides and more! Call 285-0539 for more information.

Domestic Violence Council meet

The Floyd County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. in the law library of the old Floyd County Courthouse. Purpose to coordinate efforts to reduce domestic violence in Floyd County through cooperation, education, and legislation. All interested persons — service providers, law enforcement officers, victims and citizens — are welcome to attend.

Kentuckians for Quality of Life

A coalition on behalf of frail elders and persons with disabilities will host a public forum on Monday, Nov. 19, at the Mountain Arts Center, from 1-3 p.m. Resource information will be available and refreshments will be provided by AARP. For more information, call Big Sandy Area Agency on Aging, long term care Ombudsman, Steve Jones, at 1-800-737-2723, ext. 314.

Youth Revival

The Hager Hill Freewill Baptist Church will host a youth revival Nov. 7-9. Mike Jarrell will deliver a message on the 7th; Josh Collins will speak on the 8th; and, Tim and Robert Williams will preach on the 9th. A different youth group from our conference will sing each night. All are welcome to attend - "Our youth of today is the church of tomorrow."

PCC Board of Directors accepting nominations

Nominations to the Prestonsburg Community College Board of Directors are now being accepted for four open positions that have expired. Anyone interested in applying for these positions may contact Bill Beam, Jr., Director of Boards and Commissions, at 502-564-2611 to request application forms. Information from all applicants within the PCC service area will be submitted to the Prestonsburg Community College Nominating Committee to be considered at their November 20, 2001 meeting. Applications will need to be received in the Frankfort office no later than noon, Tuesday, November 13, 2001.

New church bus service

The Faith Freewill Baptist Church can now offer transportation to church and Sunday School services. Call 889-9403 for more information. All are welcome to attend worship services and to use church transportation.

The church will also be sponsoring a chicken dinner on Friday, November 9. Delivery is available. For more information, call 874-8762, or 874-2002.

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Applications are now being accepted for the title of Mrs. Floyd County. Competitions will include interview, aerobic wear, and evening gown - there will be no swimsuit competition. Married women living in the

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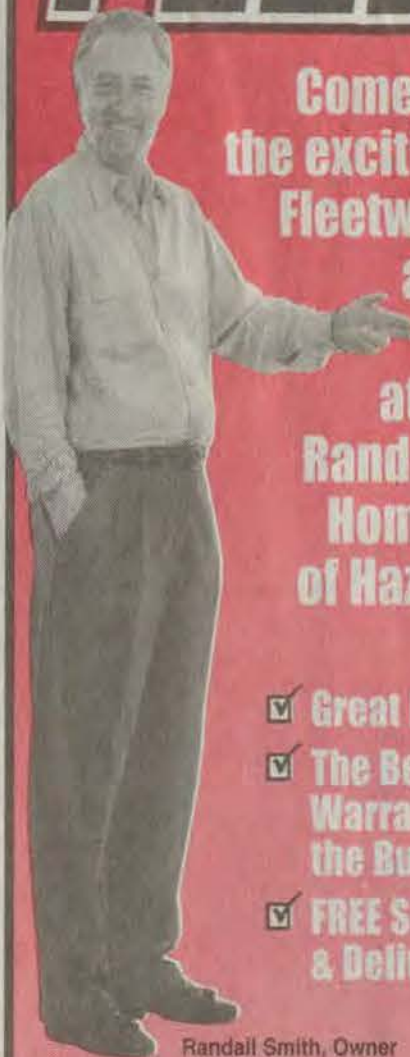
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ing will be held on Nov. 6, at 6 p.m., at the Pikeville Shoney's. All interested volunteers are encouraged to attend. For more information, call (606) 587-2507.

Quilt Guild to meet

The Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Floyd County Co-op Extension office. New membership is encouraged. Hand quilting techniques taught and shared, new ideas welcomed. Bring: Two-18" sq. muslin; batting, hoop, needle, thimble, thread, and scissors. More info, call 886-2668.

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Arthritis public forum

The Arthritis Foundation Kentucky Chapter, Pikeville Methodist Hospital, and the Pike County Health Department will co-sponsor this event scheduled to be held Thursday, Nov. 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., on the 2nd floor atrium of the new tower. Matthew Samuel, M.D., rheumatologist, and Sandy Morris, physical therapist, will present. To register contact: Hospital Education at (606) 437-3525, by Nov. 5. Refreshments will be served.

Mud Creek Clinic

A social security representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, each Tuesday (except holidays) throughout Nov., and Dec. This representative will assist in filing retirement and disability claims, and survivors benefits, in addition to SSI, Black Lung, and accepting applications for social security numbers.

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Are you interested in losing weight, toning up, managing stress? Would you like the opportunity to travel and compete for cash and prizes? Then come be a part of our team! Kenpo Karate classes, taught by World Karate Champion Troy Burchett. Classes meet each Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6 p.m. at the Archer Park gymnasium. Men, women and children of all ages invited to attend. All classes are free. For more information, call 434-6471.

Housing assistance in Wayland area

HOMES Inc. has opened an office in the Wayland Community Center to assist low income persons in the Right and Left Beaver areas with housing needs. Nelson Hopkins is in the office on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help persons

who need repairs on their existing homes or with securing new housing. Area persons may call 358-9473 on Wednesdays to speak with Hopkins or leave a message on other days. Or they may call the HOMES Inc. headquarters in Neon, toll-free, at 1-877-271-1791, ext. 10.

Attention Veterans!

The Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs has moved their veterans field representative office from the Prestonsburg Courthouse to the Kentucky National Guard Armory on Rt. 321 North, just outside of Prestonsburg. Services remain free of charge and phone number remains the same—(606) 886-7920.

Looking for a support group?

■ Laryngectomy Support Group — Meets every 3rd Thursday of each month at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Medical Office Building, meeting room B. Further info, call Connie Clifton, (606) 886-2995.
■ Fibromyalgia Support Group—Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building on Pike-Floyd Hollow Road, just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept. For more info, call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.
■ Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group—Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's) at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at (606) 886-0265.

■ Depression Support Group—Meets every Thursday at 6 p.m., at the Allen Convention Center, Stumbo Park. For more information, call Tina at 874-0544.

■ The Ups of Down's Syndrome Support Group—Meets the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside the Pikeville Independent School. For more info., call (606) 377-6142, or (606) 478-5099.

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Strange things happen

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

The other day I happened to be down at the end of Lonely Street, passing Heartbreak Hotel. I couldn't believe the number of athletes checking in. All

I could figure was that it had to be a convention of what former Kentucky football coach Bill Curry called "The Fellowship of the Miserable." Of course, the UK football Wildcats were there. They reside permanently in the Al Gore suite. The walls are full of photos from games where the Cats managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. They've elevated it into an art form.

The most recent example came last Saturday in Starkville, Miss., when UK led Mississippi State, 14-7, in the fourth quarter. Even after the Bulldogs rallied to a 17-14 lead, the Cats still had a shot

But then Seth Hanson blew a 28-yard field goal. In the final minutes, when UK moved to State's 31-yard line, the offense suddenly began going in reverse. An 11-yard sack of UK quarterback Jared Lorenzen was followed by a 15-yard completion that was nullified by a holding penalty. A last-second trick play failed. Bulldogs 17, Cats 14.

"It was the same old thing," said UK defensive co-ordinator John Goodner.

In an adjoining room, ex-UK quarterback Tim Couch was saying that at least his

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Soccer

Charles shines in Florida

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Ashton Charles, 13, of Tampa, Florida, formally of Prestonsburg, participated in a statewide competition held October 27 in Fort Myers, Fla. for the Olympic Development Team in the



sport of soccer.

At the competition, over 300 hopefuls demonstrated their skills and

based on her performances, Charles was selected as one of the 20 finalists. She will join her teammates for specialized training that will take place over the next few months. She will then compete against other teams from throughout the south.

Miss Charles is an eighth-grade honor student in the academically gifted program at Benito Middle School. She is the granddaughter of Fred and Anna Mae Goble, niece of Paula Goble and cousin of Dalton Fulks. She is the daughter of Lona and Matt Vuskovich of Tampa and Larry Charles of Cullman, Alabama.

Alice Lloyd

ALC Lady Eagles open season

by HEATHER BOSTIC
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles opened their season last week with two wins. On Thursday, the Lady Eagles beat Berea 87-72 and traveled to Knoxville, Tennessee and came back with an 84-72 win over

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Senigs look to revive Floyd County Special Olympics

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

It's no secret. Over the past several years, participation in Special Olympics in Floyd County has dropped drastically. However, new local coordinators, Linda and Ed Senig of Weeksbury hope to change that.

The new coordinating pair, both active in their community, hope to change things in nice, effective fashion.

Linda is a Kitchen Supervisor at Otter Creek Correctional Facility and Ed has been employed with Compton's Quick Stop for over three years. The couple have a son, Chris, who has participated in Special Olympics for the past eight years. All three would like to see more people become involved in Floyd County Special Olympics.

"We want to get everyone one we can involved with Floyd County Special Olympics," said Ed Senig. "We need athletes and

coaches/volunteers. I've sent out 70 letters so far."

The Senigs held their first meeting on October 28 in Weeksbury. Also present at the initial meeting was South Floyd senior Joe Skeans. Skeans, a multi-sport athlete at South Floyd High, made the trip last summer to Richmond and state competition as a volunteer.

"We encourage more young people like Joe to get involved with Special Olympics," said Ed Senig. "It's a great opportunity for every-

one involved."

Special Olympics is a worldwide program of sports training and competition open to individuals with mental disabilities, regardless of their abilities. The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for anyone from age 8-98, with mental disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physically, demonstrate courage, experi-

ence joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympians and the community around them.

More than 500,000 volunteers organize and run local Special Olympics programs, serving as coaches, Games officials, drivers, and in many other capacities. Anyone can learn how to participate through the many training

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL COMES TO P'BURG

No. 21 Campbellsville rallies past Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Campbellsville University Tigers scored 21 unanswered points to rally from an 11-point deficit for a 43-33 win over Pikeville College Saturday afternoon in the Reno's Bowl.

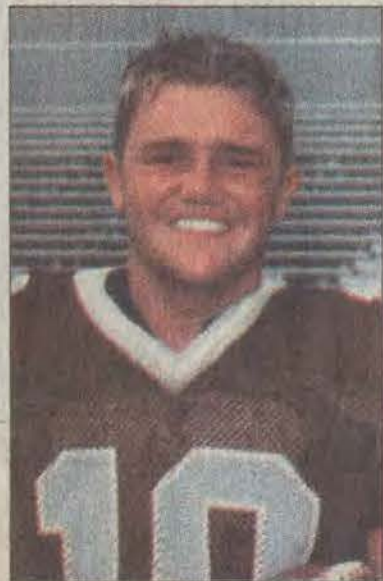
Pikeville College (3-6, 2-3 in the Mid-South Conference) had an upset brewing when Ken Jones threw third-quarter touchdown passes to Darrel

Stephens (30 yards) and Tommy Parker Jr. (62 yards) to take a 33-22 lead.

But Campbellsville (8-2, 4-2) got one-yard scoring runs by former Lawrence County quarterback Alan Short and Offensive MVP Zach Wagner within two minutes of each other in the fourth quarter to take a 36-33 lead. Short added some insurance two minutes later on a 48-yard pass to Brad Troutman to set the final score.



Brad Brooks



Seth Crisp

Wagner opened scoring for the day with a one-yard run less than four minutes into the game for a 6-0 lead. The kick failed.

Pikeville took the lead at 8:44 when Parker hauled in the first of four scoring passes by Jones, this one from 45 yards. Rafael Marquez's kick made it 7-6.

Matt Brown pushed the Pikeville

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Matt Brown (34) trotted off the field Saturday following his first career college touchdown. Brown, who is a freshman, will also play baseball at Pikeville College.

Teams play for regional championship game berth

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Prestonsburg Blackcats will enter Friday's game with Leslie County at 10-1 on the season. The visiting Eagles, with head coach Tim Koogler guiding the way, are 9-2 on the season following last week's 32-16 win over the Whitesburg Yellowjackets. Koogler knows his team must put together a great effort if it expects to beat District Eight champ Prestonsburg.

"In order for us to beat Prestonsburg, we have to play an outstanding football game - we have to play the best football we've played all year," said Koogler.

One of Leslie County's best wins this season was a triumph over Madison Southern. "We definitely played our best game of the season against Madison Southern," said Koogler. "It's gonna take that good of an effort and more against Prestonsburg."

The Leslie County troops have spent the week after the Whitesburg game preparing for a Prestonsburg attack that features a two-headed running game attack in senior tailback Matt Stone and junior fullback Mikeal Fannin. If

(See TEAMS, page three)

Football study group approves revised postseason bowl criteria

by GARY T. BROWN
THE NCAA NEWS

With Division I-A membership criteria now in the legislative pipeline, the Football Study Oversight Committee's focus has shifted to postseason issues.

Meeting October 29 in Indianapolis, the committee delved into discussions about bowl certification, the number of bowls and the number of games teams must win in order to be bowl-eligible.

The first order of business was to recommend that the current postseason bowl certification criteria be replaced with the following policies:

■ Bowl sponsors must guarantee revenue potential of \$1 million in net receipts, excluding any revenue derived from contractual arrangements between participat-

(See FOOTBALL, page two)

Raiders 25th in preseason poll

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Preseason accolades and honors continue to roll in for Coach Henry Webb's South Floyd Raiders. The website BluegrassPreps.com has released its November newsletter and the Raiders are included. Preps preseason Top 25 state boys basketball poll tabs the Raiders No. 25.

The Michael Bush-led Male Bulldogs are first, followed by Ballard.

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne senior Jeremy Daniels stays busy around the basket for the Bobcats. This was evident at practice on Monday when the senior went up high for a dunk. Daniels, Coach Brent Rose and the rest of the Bobcats face a tough early season schedule.



file photo

South Floyd center Charles Ray (41) went up for a rebound in a game last season. Ray will help lead the Raiders again this season.

SCOREBOARD

Commentary

Kentucky Sportsline

Tubby Time

by TOM LEACH
TIMES COLUMNIST

Coaching the men's basketball team at the University of Kentucky can be a suffocating job, with the fan adulation and demands and the media scrutiny.

So it's interesting to note how often we're hearing people talk this fall about how loose Tubby seems to be.

Certainly, the critics who harped on Saul Smith's spot on his dad's team had to be unpleasant, so that could account for part of the head man's frequent smiles but I think it has more to do with the fact that Smith probably feels he finally has the kind of weapons that are needed to live up to the expectations for this program.

When weighing the offer from the Boston Celtics, Rick Pitino talked about how the rumors of his various NBA courtships were hurting the UK recruiting effort and he was right.

Pitino's next-to-last recruiting class produced only Jamaal Magloire and his final class of Michael Bradley, Myron Anthony and Ryan Hogan never made it past their sophomore years. That meant that while Smith inherited a solid group of veterans for his first two seasons at Kentucky, those "lost" years in the recruiting wars were going to come back to haunt the Cats.

Now, Smith has a veteran team led by All-American candidate Tayshaun Prince and one that is expected to contend for the national title. That's always expected at UK, but now Smith knows he has the talent to meet those demands.

And he also has a couple of newcomers that might end up playing key roles on a possible march to Atlanta for the Final Four. California Chuck Hayes could provide some inside miscalculating since Jason Parker's second season-ending knee injury and Rashad Carruth is capable at some point in March of having one of those 20-point nights like Ron Mercer put up against Syracuse in the 1996 title game.

"I hustle, I like to get my hands on my ball. If a guy is not boxing me out, I'm going to get that rebound," said Modesto, CA product Hayes. "I'll just do whatever coach wants me to do in my first year."

Tubby Smith coached football when working at the high school level and he still loves the "football mentality" in his basketball players—a toughness and willingness to throw one's body around for the good of the team.

That's what he has in Hayes, a former all-state gridiron performer who bench presses 295 pounds and squats 450. Hayes averaged 19 rebounds per game last season and grabbed a California-state record 31 in one postseason game.

"I'm used to be 'the man' and now, I'm a role player. It's been a change for me.

It's like being a freshman in high school all over again, but it's all mental," he observed.

"I feel like my strength is that I'm constantly moving and I'm willing to pass the ball to the open man."

For Hayes, part of the appeal of UK's recruiting pitch was the passion for the sport in this state.

"They told me it would be like this, but I didn't think it would actually come.

When we came up here (to media day), and I started hearing all the chatter, and I seen all you guys, I know how serious people are about their Wildcats.

"I'm just happy to be a part of the family," Hayes said. "On every license plate, I see 'Go Big Blue'. And the day I got here, me and my roommate went shopping for stuff for our room and I signed four autographs.

People already knew my name and I loved it. You can't beat that," he added, noting he's been perfecting his autograph since eighth grade, hoping to one day reach a level at which someone would covet his signature.

"This is where I wanted to get, my whole life. And I knew that day was going to come, so since eighth-grade, I was working on my signature. I wanted something different. My dad says 'why do they want your autograph?' You're still the same little Chuck that can't keep his room clean," said Hayes, who plans to pursue a degree in broadcast journalism, so he can work in basketball when his playing days are over.

Carruth

Rashad Carruth admits to being a little nervous on the occasion of UK's annual "Midnight Madness" event, but when it comes to playing in big games, this is one rookie who should not be shy about the spotlight.

That's because Carruth was a star player on one of the nation's premier prep programs at Oak Hill Academy.

Last season, the Warriors went 33-0 to win the mythical high school national championship and Carruth averaged 18.5 points per game while hitting 55 percent of his shots, including 47 percent from beyond the three-point line.

Carruth says he started working on his shot before he even started elementary school, thanks to a family friend in Atlanta, Al Outlaw.

"He taught me the 'bee' rule, which is balance, eyes, elbow and follow-through. I would practice that everyday at the free throw line and then I'd take it beyond the three-point line.

He just drilled me everyday and that's how I became a good shooter," Carruth explained.

"I was about four or five-years old. He was a good friend of my mom's—they knew each other from high school and college. If I just get a little room, I think I can hit the shot and that's why I bring to Kentucky. I think I can contribute right away."

Carruth says he found himself a bit out of shape when he started workouts with the Wildcats and he says he was little taken aback at first by the attitude of coach Smith.

"Coach Smith is very straightforward. He sets his rules out. He wants you to play defense first and he wants you to cooperate in the classroom and sit up front. Once you put your foot down, people respect you more. He came to us with a plan. He shocked me, but I like it," Carruth said. "He doesn't promise you anything. You just have to go out and play hard in practice."

Sports in Kentucky

World Series over (whew!), it's big games week in the Bluegrass

by BOB WATKINS
TIMES COLUMNIST

A few notes while you catch your breath after baseball's most breath-taking World Series since 1960.

Big game week in the Bluegrass.

Featuring tomorrow's college stars, high school football playoffs continue in towns across the Commonwealth. Pick one and buy a ticket.

Louisville, ranked No. 25 this week, plays its last home game. Houston visits in a final prep for the Cards C-USA hoedown with East Carolina next Thursday.

Biggest college game of the week is in Bowling Green. Western Kentucky hosts Northern Iowa for the Gateway Conference title. Both are 7-2. The winner makes the 1-AA playoffs.

And, UK's basketball team plays its second exhibition in Rupp Arena Sunday afternoon when Tubby Smith's team plays Athletes in Action.

Donovan on UK

Florida coach Billy Donovan summed up what many UK fans already think about the upcoming season: "Kentucky is the best team in the country," Donovan said last week. "I think that they have great depth, they've got great size, and they've got two great players in (Keith) Bogans and (Tayshaun) Prince. They really understand how to play and how to win and have been in a lot of big basketball games."

Pitino, John L. on NBA

University of Louisville's basketball and football coaches spoke their minds about an NBA franchise for Kentuckiana last week. Let the people decide (with a referendum), Rick Pitino said, expressing concern that an NBA team will not only not help college (or high school) basketball sports but may be an enterprise "to line the pockets of a few."

Smith was no less blunt. "As I look at it, if they bring the NBA into town, that's not bringing pro sports. I know I'm not going to go watch it."

WKU's Dennis Felton

Kentucky is home to one of college basketball's brightest, straight-forward and most quotable coaches and his name is not Rick Pitino.

The Western Kentucky all Kentucky game Nov. 15 seems perfect.

"It's perfect for at least two reasons, Hilltoppers coach Dennis Felton says. "First, you have two of the nation's top 10 winningest college programs two hours apart. They should play every year."

"And second, everybody agrees (UK) sets the standard and we're trying to get back to that level and this game is going to let us know where we are."

College coaches rank Kentucky fourth and Western 38th. Says here, the two teams are far closer than 34 places apart.

People N' Things

All those who thought the 2001 World Series (Diamondbacks-Yankees) was the most exciting since 1960 (Pirates-Yankees), please stand up and cheer.

Joke on the internet: "Football practice was halted this afternoon for two hours after UK Coach Guy Morris found an unidentifiable white, powdery substance on the football practice fields. After inspection by FBI and CDC officials, it was determined that it was just the goal line."

Only in America. Two men named Hayashi and Popov go to court contesting which one owns Barry Bonds. 73rd home run ball. Ah, America's new melting pot.

Big game week in the Bluegrass: In addition to second round high school playoff action, No. 25 Louisville plays its last home game Saturday against Houston. Western Kentucky plays for the Gateway Conference title, hosting Northern Iowa in Bowling Green. And Tubby Smith's Kentucky Wildcats play their second exhibition Sunday afternoon against Athletes In Action in Rupp Arena. Whatever happened to Carroll Burchett?

Readers (Right) Write

About UK director Larry Ivry and the school's \$1 million Hal Mumme buy-out.

Tim Mesaris, Nicholasville (E-mail): "Your rhetorical question concerning Larry Ivry's million dollar buy-out for Hal Mumme is answered in a single quote from Tony Franklin's new book. Ivry had no choice but to disregard attorney advice since his hands are as dirty as Mumme's. It's the only scenario that makes any real sense. And while most Big Blue faithful are content with sweeping it under the same old rug, I think it's yet another disgusting example of how crime pays if you're high enough in the chain of command."

Best Kentucky high school basketball players all-time ... Chris Rowland, Paintsville writes: "Coached by Bobby Keith, mine would be King Kelly Coleman, Todd May, J.R. VanHoese, Richie Farmer and Allen Houston. I'd put these up against any players in Kentucky."

Comment: All were Mr. Basketball honorees. Anyone else?

Internet poll

An internet poll asked Kentucky basketball fans which game they're looking forward to most? Three per cent said North Carolina, two per cent said Indiana, 37 per cent listed Louisville, but 53 per cent said Duke on Dec. 18 at the Meadowlands. Votes cast: 80,280.

Parting Shot

Western Kentucky has the talent and depth to be a Top 15 team by March. How has coach Dennis Felton attracted such an array of talent to WKU? "Players on the Western team now chose Western on the basis of a lot of hot air."

And so it goes.

If you have a point-of-view you would like to share, write to bob Watkins, Sports In Ky., P.O. Box 124, Glendale, Ky. 42740. Or, e-mail Sportsinky@aol.com

Wrestling

AWF takes Phyllis, by Storm!

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Literally hundreds of fans were on hand to see the AWF make its debut in Phyllis, Kentucky on Sat. November 3, 2001 there at the Grapevine Elementary School. It was standing room only in the gym. What a night of action it was. It was wild from bell to bell.

Headlining the card was Pike County's own CJ Tomlin and BJ the DJ.

DJ, he suffered a major cut during the I Quit Match with The RodFather (formerly known as King Kobira). He was also battling an ear infection, but managed to give the fans 110 percent. It's just a matter of time before you see the DJ back in action.

Plans are already in the making for us to return to Grapevine Elementary. The AWF website urges fans to check back for developments.

Results

Match No. 1: Mr. Paradise vs. The Dirty Dealer. Winner: Mr. Paradise. Match No. 2: Chaz Laraven vs. Grapevine's own The Janitor. Winner: Chaz Laraven via the pedigree. Match No. 3 "Big Daddy Cool" Venus vs. Colt Steele. Winner Colt Steele via the steel mill press. Match No. 4 "Prettyboy" Eddie T & "Mean" Mark Wolf vs. The Dealer & Laraven. Winner: Eddie T & Mark Wolf via outside interference by Mr.Paradise Match No. 5: I Quit Match, special stipulation on the match that the winner would be crowned the AWF Southern Heavyweight Champion, as made by Commissioner Jesse Younger.

The Rod Father vs. BJ the DJ. Winner and new champion: BJ the DJ via a tap-out by the Rod Father.

Main event the AWF Rumble, winner to be the No. 1 contender for the AWF world title.

Winner of the match... "Big Daddy Cool" Venus. After the match, Venus and Commissioner Younger exchanged some heated words, with Younger gaining the upper hand & Venus storming to the dressing room.

Soccer

Soccer Cats sweep MAC, win regular-season title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

In a battle for conference supremacy, the University of Kentucky men's soccer team defeated Akron, 2-1, for its second-consecutive Mid-American Conference Championship on Saturday, Nov. 3. With the win, UK (11-5-1, 6-0-0 MAC) takes its first outright league title and earns the No. 1 seed in next week's MAC Tournament.

On senior night when the Kentucky faithful bid farewell to Ilkka Jantti, the Finland native took a pass from fellow countryman Antti Peltonen and served the ball to Olli Lehtimäki, also from Finland, for the game-winning goal in the 58th minute.

"I feel great for the players," Coach Ian Collins said after being doused with a cooler of water. "They are the ones who have dedicated themselves to winning. The second half was unbelievable. The way we played, we could have beaten anyone in the country. We definitely looked like the team we can be."

The Cats turned the tables on the Zips (8-5-1, 5-1-0 MAC), winning for only the second time in the series. UK also prevented Akron from winning its fifth consecutive league crown after finishing as the MAC runner-up for three years before sharing the championship last season.

UK jumped out on top early when Peltonen took a Chris McDaniel pass and blasted a 15-yard shot past Zip goalkeeper Kyle Milligan at the 8:41 mark. However, Akron responded a minute later when Tim Cooper knocked the ball past an outstretched Greg Raber to knot the game at one.

On the night, Kentucky outshot Akron 10-8 while holding an 8-7 corner-kick advantage. Raber needed just two saves to collect his seventh win in eight starts.

As the No. 1 seed in the MAC Tournament, the Cats earn a bye into the semifinals on Sunday, Nov. 11 at Akron, Ohio. A win in the semis will give UK one last home game this season as they would host the MAC Tournament Championship.

Scoreboard

High school football scoreboard

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Rows include Mayfield 56 vs McLean County 0, Ballard Memorial 24 vs Russellville 0, Murray 34 vs Hancock County 13, etc.

Large scoreboard table listing various teams and scores across multiple rows.

Nov. 3 Owensboro Catholic 50, Reidland 6. Class AA

Outdoors

Baker nominated for award

by STEVE LaMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2001 Budweiser Sportsman of the Year award could be awarded to a Kentuckian.

The immediate past chairman of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission, Tom Baker, has been nominated for the Budweiser Sportsman of the Year award. It is an award which is awarded annually.

The field of dozens of nominees has been narrowed to just four. Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commissioner Tom Bennett urges everyone to vote for Baker by going to http://www.budweiser.com/sports/vote.html and clicking on the Cast Vote button and then clicking on the Vote button under Tom Baker's picture. If he wins, he gets to decide the recipients of a \$50,000 donation to conservation. He has chosen the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation.



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David Halbert, 11, Duff Elementary, son of Jennifer Halbert of Hueysville, recently killed a 100-pound doe on a supervised hunt with Gary 'Burr' Osborne.

NFL Standings

AFC East standings table with columns for Team, W, L, and Pct.

AFC Central standings table with columns for Team, W, L, and Pct.

AFC West standings table with columns for Team, W, L, and Pct.

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College

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lead out when he scored on a 17-yard run. For Brown, a Paintsville native, it was his first collegiate touchdown. The score gave Pikeville a 14-6 edge.

The teams traded scores in the second period. Quarterback JC Savasuk scored on a 10-yard run, but again the conversion failed. Mike Williams then caught a Jones toss and ran 46 yards for the score and a 21-14 lead.

The advantage was 21-15 at the half following a Donnie Johnson field goal from 30 yards out.

Campbellsville took a brief lead when it opened the second half with a two-play drive that ended on the 41-yard run by Short to lead 22-21 before Pikeville put up its two scores.

Wagner took defensive honors on a day in which he ran 28 times for 148 yards and two scores. The Defensive MVP was Pikeville's Travis Washington, who had 16 tackles, including a sack.

Jones was 15-of-33 for 358 yards, four touchdowns and one interception. Receivers

Tommy Parker Jr. and Mike Williams had 114 and 113 yards, respectively.

Brad Troutman had 61 receiving yards and a score among his three catches.

The game held true to form based on the stats coming in. Campbellsville had 359 yards rushing to Pikeville's 21, but the Bears threw for 358 yards compared to 128 for the Tigers.

It was a homecoming of sorts for players on both teams. Campbellsville's Brad Brooks, a defensive lineman is from Betsy Layne, while receiver Seth Crisp is a Prestonsburg alumnus. Another Prestonsburg product on the Campbellsville roster is redshirt Kyle Shepherd.

The Pikeville College roster boasts four Prestonsburg High products: Adam Bailey, Hank Mullins, Ricky Johnson and Josh Stone.

The Bears return to action on Saturday, traveling south to Cumberland, Tennessee for another Mid-South Conference game.

Raiders

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North Hardin, Lexington Catholic and Pleasure Ridge Park to round out the first five. Scott County, Paducah Tighlman, Mason County, Shelby County and Russellville are the second five in the preseason poll.

Ashland is 12th in the poll while Clay County, the team which knocked South Floyd out of the state tournament last season, comes in at No. 20.

The high preseason nod isn't the first for the Raiders. It could be the first of many. The Raiders were picked first in the 15th Region by The Cats' Pause.

Leading returnees to the Raider hardwood this season include Rusty Tackett, Michael Hall, Tyler Hall, Joe Skeans and Charles Ray. The Raiders began preseason play next weekend.

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Preseason Top 25

Table listing Preseason Top 25 teams and their regional rankings (e.g., 1. Male (32-4), 2. Ballard (32-2), 3. North Hardin (30-4), etc.)

Football

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ing conferences and schools.

Bowl sponsors must guarantee to sell a number of tickets equal in value to the combined contractual obligations of the participating schools.

Bowls must average, over a three-year period, actual attendance of 50 percent of stadium capacity.

Sponsors must provide a \$1 million letter of credit, payable to the NCAA.

The proposals, which were developed by the Championships/Competition Cabinet's Football Certification Subcommittee, are meant to more accurately address the factors that influence a successful postseason bowl.

The oversight committee approved the new policies with the hope of ensuring participating teams with a quality postseason experience, while minimizing financial burdens that some postseason participants have incurred in the past. The committee, in fact, considered even stronger measures, requesting that staff develop another requirement for its review that would require the bowl sponsors to cover normal and reasonable expenses for participating schools (above and beyond other contractual agreements) that would provide schools with the potential for a cost-free postseason experience (unless a participating institution chose to pay for a larger travel party or purchase additional tickets, etc.).

Beyond those requirements, the football oversight committee also looked at a set of "objective certification criteria" that the Football Certification Subcommittee could use as it evalu-

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Football

ates bowl applications. Those criteria would include community involvement; quality of the facility; conference commitments and conference place finish; longevity of the bowl; value of the title sponsor; television network and value of the agreement; stadium capacity and previous attendance; financial commitments by the sponsoring agency to participating teams; and geographic proximity to other bowls.

The Championships/Competition Cabinet will review the policies at its February 2002 meeting, and if they are approved, those criteria would become effective immediately as the Football Certification Subcommittee considers future bowl applications.

In addition to its review of certification criteria, the football oversight group also recommended that the NCAA refrain from legislating a maximum number of bowl games, preferring that an "open market" concept be used by conferences to negotiate their opportunities. But members recommended that a motion lifting the two-year moratorium of 26 as the maximum number of bowls be tabled, pending finalization of bowl criteria. The moratorium currently is in effect until after the 2002-03 academic year.

The committee also endorsed a proposal that would maintain a "deserving winning team" for the purposes of bowl selection as one that wins at least six games in an 11-game season and seven in a 12-game season. The group opposed a proposal granting bowl eligibility to teams winning six games in a 12-game season. A similar proposal, however, was approved by the Management Council earlier and will be considered by the Board of Directors November 1, along with the oversight committee's recommendations.

Finally, the oversight committee requested that legislation be considered that would allow a Division I-A school to count a game against a Division I-AA opponent in a 12-game season for bowl-eligibility purposes. That measure, however, would not count as the regular Division I-AA victory that may be counted once every four years per Bylaw 30.9.2.1.

"All in all, we had a lengthy discussion of the rationale for postseason football and made good progress toward outlining criteria for bowl eligibility for our member institutions," said Charles Wethington, chair of the oversight committee and former president of the University of Kentucky. "We've provided recommendations to the Board, which will direct appropriate committees to review and propose further action."

Division I-AA enhancements

In other action, the oversight committee began preliminary discussions about potential enhancements to Division I-AA football. The oversight committee had asked the Division

I-AA Football and Governance Committees to forward ideas, which was done after consultation with several Division I-AA conference commissioners and athletics directors.

Primary among areas for enhancements are the image of Division I-AA, concerns regarding financial losses absorbed by some universities because of their participation in the Division I-AA championship, improving student-athlete welfare and ensuring the viability of Division I-AA football.

Ideas offered for consideration for improving the Division I-AA championship include providing seats for a larger travel party when charter aircraft are used, underwriting production costs to televise preliminary rounds of the championship and creating a national championship for low- or nonscholarship Division I-AA football programs.

Suggestions for enhancements for the regular season include modifying the bowl-eligibility requirement to allow a Division I-A opponent to count a game against a Division I-AA institution every year, better promotion of Division I-AA football and an educational campaign to enhance the image of Division I-AA football.

Oversight committee members asked that NCAA staff develop estimated costs for the various proposals before further consideration.

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Agreed to distribute current economic data designed to educate chief executive officers about financial issues related to Division I football sponsorship. Also agreed to have the topic of financial ramifications of Division I football sponsorship discussed further at the Division I forum at the NCAA Convention in January.

Reviewed criteria for defining a Division I-A conference, including a proposal that would require a conference to have at least eight members that meet all Division I-A institutional standards; participate in at least six men's and eight women's conference sports and provide regular-season or championship opportunities or both. Conference members also would have to participate in at least three women's team sports that are sponsored by the conference. After lengthy discussion, the oversight committee said it needed to better understand and evaluate the current governance structure. Members directed the NCAA staff to develop a presentation outlining the current structure and potential consequences if changes were made.

Received a report on student-athlete welfare, diversity and financial issues, areas of focus, the oversight committee will undertake at its February 2002 meeting.



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Stephen Chaffins won the closest-to-the pin award at a membership tournament held at Beaver Valley Golf Course. Chaffins was also the overall winner. Pictured are tournament participants.



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Beaver Valley held a membership golf tournament with the above pictured team coming away with a first-place finish.

Olympics

programs Special Olympics offers for coaches, officials, and volunteers.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., Special Olympics International guides local, area, state, and national programs around the world. A volunteer board of directors determines international policies and is comprised of business and sport leaders, professional athletes, educators, and experts in mental retardation from around the world.

Special Olympics is an international program of year-round sports training and athletic competition for more than one million children and adults with mental retardation.

The Special Olympics Oath is "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me brave in the attempt."

Special Olympics leaders are Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Founder and Honorary Chairman, and Timothy Shriver, Chairman of the Board.

The leaders' mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with mental retardation by giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special

Olympics athletes and the community.

Our goal is for all persons with mental retardation to have the chance to become useful and productive citizens who are accepted and respected in their communities.

The benefits of participation in Special Olympics for people with mental retardation include improved physical fitness and

motor skills, greater self-confidence, a more positive self-image, friendships, and increased family support. Special Olympics athletes carry these benefits with them into their daily lives at home, in the classroom, on the job, and in the community. Families who participate become stronger as they learn a greater appreciation of their athlete's talents. Community volunteers find out what good friends the athletes can be. And everyone learns more about the capabilities of people with mental retardation.

Special Olympics believes that

competition among those of equal abilities is the best way to test their athletes' skills, measure their progress, and inspire them to grow. Special Olympics believes that its program of sports training and competition helps people with mental retardation become physically fit and grow mentally, socially, and spiritually. Special Olympics believes that consistent training is required to develop sports skills.

Special Olympics began in 1968 when Eunice Kennedy Shriver organized the First International Special Olympics Games at Soldier Field, Chicago, Illinois, USA. The concept was born in the early 1960s when Mrs. Shriver started a day camp for people with mental retardation. She saw that people with mental retardation were far more capable in sports and physical activities than many experts thought. Since 1968, millions of children and adults with mental retardation have participated in Special Olympics.

Around the world there are accredited Special Olympics programs in more than 150 countries. Special Olympics programs are continually being developed around the world.

In the United States ... Special Olympics Chapters are established in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. About 25,000 communities in the United States have Special Olympics programs. Through the Special Olympics Model School District programs, public school districts include Special Olympics in their physical education curriculum and provide extracurricular and interscholastic sports to elementary and secondary students with mental retardation. The Special Olympics Mega-Cities program coordinates Special Olympics training and competition in schools, community recreation programs, group homes, and institutions in 11 large metropolitan areas.

Floyd County Special Olympics will host a countywide meeting on Tuesday, November 13 at 6 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center, 50 Hal Rogers Drive in Prestonsburg. The meeting is open to anyone who has an interest in Floyd County Special Olympics and its programs including potential or current athletes, current or potential; volunteers, parents and sponsors.

FYI

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Teams

one doesn't get the carry and break for a great run, the other one, likely will.

"The (Matt) Stone kid is a great runningback and so is Fannin," added Koogler. "They think run first and pass second and that's something we have worked on to get ready for them. We haven't really changed anything in practice this week, we just have to get ready to play the best football we've played all season long. We know their defense is fast and we know we have to do some things to try and work against that defense."

Prestonsburg's 79-20 victory wasn't even as close as the 59-point margin would indicate. The Blackcats cruised en route to the victory over the Pirates. If last week's win over Powell County is any indication, the Blackcats will once again be matched up with Breathitt

County in a regional championship game a little over one week from now.

"Leslie County is a good football team," said Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett. "Right now, we've been working on the things that we need to do to beat Leslie County."

Junior quarterback Chris Barger leads Leslie County. The competent passer is among the state's leading signal-callers.

The second game of the playoffs last season pitted Prestonsburg against Middlesboro. This week, in Class A, Middlesboro plays host to Paintsville. Belfry travels to Breathitt County to take on the host Bobcats. Fleming-Neon plays host to Hazard.

If Breathitt County goes on to beat Belfry, a rematch of last year's regional championship is in place.

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background in Lexington prepared him for what happened to the Cleveland Browns on Sunday. Leading the home-standing Chicago Bears 21-7 with less than a minute to play, the Browns allowed the Bears to score two TDs in the last 28 seconds, forcing an overtime which the Bears won on a fluke interception of a Couch pass.

On second down from the Browns' 23, Couch's pass was tipped by Chicago's Bryan Robinson and plucked by Mike Brown, who took it unmolested into the endzone for the game winner.

"I didn't see the flight of the ball and I didn't know it was tipped for a second," said Couch. "I just looked up and it seem as if the ball was in the air forever. Then I looked up and Brown was running into the end zone."

Even in Cleveland, Couch can't shake the Big Blue cloud. Checking into the Woo Pig Soocy suite were the Ole Miss Rebels, who lost to Arkansas, 58-56, in an NCAA-record seven overtimes. The bone-weary Rebels immediately ordered room service, raided the mini-bar, and put a "Do Not Disturb" sign on their door.

This game was a slugfest reminiscent of a heavyweight championship fight. Every time one team was knocked to the canvas, it would get up and knock the other one down. There was no give in either team. Curry, calling the game for ESPN2, called it a "test of wills."

It finally ended when Eli

Manning, the Rebels' brilliant sophomore quarterback, hit his tight end at the two-yard line on a two-point conversion attempt. But the visiting Razorbacks stopped the play at that point, touching off the wildest Arkansas celebration since Monica Lewinsky's ex-boyfriend was elected President the first time.

"There really wasn't a loser," said Manning. "We just came up short."

Up on the club-level floor, which requires a special code to access, the Rolls-Royce and Mercedes suites were occupied by a couple of visitors who aren't accustomed to staying in Heartbreak Hotel.

The Michigan Wolverines, one of college football's magic names, are accustomed to winning the close ones. But Saturday against Michigan State in East Lansing, they gave up a touchdown on the game's final play for a 26-24 loss that likely knocked them out of consideration for the Rose Bowl.

State's T.J. Duckett, who rushed for 211 yards, found an opening in a crowded end zone and caught a two-yard pass from Jeff Smoker to beat the proud Wolverines. The final drive started at the Michigan 43-yard-line with 2:09 remaining.

"It's a big win for our program," Duckett said. Just across the hall from the Wolverines were, of all people, the New York Yankees, who took a 2-1 lead into the bottom of the ninth in the World Series, only to allow the

Arizona Diamondbacks to score two runs and end the Yankees' three-year stranglehold on the championship.

The Yankees were hoping to bring a fourth title back to New York as a gift to the citizens still grieving and shocked by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. It was a nice story line that didn't play out, mainly because of Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling, one of the best 1-2 pitching punches in baseball history.

"I've always felt when you are going to surrender it, you want to make somebody take it away from you," said Yankees manager Joe Torre. "And that's where we are sitting right now."

But New York didn't lose, because every American, including Johnson and Schilling, are citizens of New York in a very real sense. This was just baseball, a welcome and needed diversion, especially now. The larger and more important issues remain.

So that was the scene at Heartbreak Hotel. As I turned to walk away from the end of Lonely Street, I bumped into a bulky figure wearing a raincoat, over what appeared to be a white outfit loaded with sequins and jewelry.

"S'cuse me," he said, in a familiar voice.

"That's all right, mama," I said.

"How'd Las Vegas do this weekend," he said.

"Got beat, 42-14," I replied.

"Thank you very much," he said, slipping off into the mist.

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Knoxville College.

In the season opener against Berea, the Lady Eagles got off to a slow start but they came on strong as the game progressed, outscoring Berea 51-37 in the second half en route to the win.

According to Coach Campbell, "Defense was the key to the win."

Necha Combs (24 pts.) and Leah Whitley (23 pts.) played

very well. Andrea Kelly had 15 points and Kelly Turner had 14. Ashley Rosen chipped in seven points and Delores Jenkins scored four points.

On Saturday, the Lady Eagles started off slowly again but outstanding play by Whitley (30 pts., 10 rebounds) and Combs (16 pts., seven rebounds) helped secure the win on the road.

The Lady Eagles were back at home last night against Kentucky Christian. The women's game was followed by a men's game pitting the two schools against one another.

Results were unavailable.

On Saturday, the Lady Eagles will travel to North Carolina to play Montreat College at 4 p.m., followed the men's game at 6 p.m.

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A hard nut to crack

In the mid-1940s, hidden among the maple, ash and elm, an ancient black walnut tree stood on the bank near the drawbars that led to the Slaughter Pen Hollow pasture. In the fall, when the tree had dropped its early-falling leaves and stood naked in its deeply furrowed, diamond-patterned, dark brown bark with its heavily-laden limbs dropping fruit onto the little dirt road beneath it, I'd join a group of neighborhood kids in collecting, hulling and cracking them.

We'd usually end up retrieving at least 75 percent of the tree's total yield, with those on the very top branches being the only ones to escape.

The best tree climber in the bunch would usually ascend to the upper branches and shake the smaller limbs, causing them to let go. Those we couldn't shake off, we'd knock off. We knew it would be useless to throw rocks, so we'd gather up heavy pieces of old lumber, climb upon on the bank and fling them into the tree. Sometimes nothing fell to the ground except the board we'd flung. On occasion, though, our efforts would bring forth a dozen or so of the green, tennis-ball sized nuts.

In short order, many of the young entrepreneurs who had no more than half an hour ago figured out a way to earn at least a month's worth of show

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November marks the start of the winter holiday season, with all that entails in special dishes and festive entertaining. If stepped-up demands increase the pressure to come up with meals in precious little time, the new, updated casserole is made for you.

The baked casserole has been a long-time favorite of busy cooks. Since it's a one-pot meal in itself, it can reduce preparation time. You can use staple ingredients already on hand when unexpected company stays for dinner. And a casserole is a homey, communal and comforting way to share a meal—something everyone appreciates.

Thanks to chefs and other food experts who continually update their repertoire, the casserole now enjoys a "retro" popularity that makes it a perfect dish for special occasions as well as everyday meals. The gooey sauces of yesterday have been replaced with a light yet full-flavored texture and more sophisticated seasonings. Today's casserole also has more health benefits, since it allows a greater variety and healthier proportion of plant-based foods.

The American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) recommends eating smaller pro-

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Nutrition Wise

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Q Is it true that carbonated soft drinks are bad for our bones?

A Suggestions that soft drinks "leach" calcium out of our bones are not supported by research. In fact, a new study in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition tested several different kinds of carbonated beverages and found that only those with caffeine increased the excretion of calcium in the urine. Earlier studies showed that the body compensates for an increase in calcium excretion later in the day, and that overall, caffeine is not a significant cause of calcium loss or osteoporosis. The link between increased bone fractures and carbonated soft drinks observed in some population studies probably indicates that bones are weakened by inadequate calcium consumption when soft drinks are consistently substituted for milk.

Q As long as I keep a healthy weight, does it matter whether I exercise regularly?

A It is hard to separate the health benefits of exercise from those of weight control, since these two go together so often. Heart disease risk, however, is clearly higher for those who are not physically fit, even if their weight is in a healthy range. Exercise that is "weight-bearing" (like walking and strength-training) seems to be a vital part of protecting bones from osteoporosis. A major report on cancer risk from the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) finds a "convincing" link between regular physical activity and lower risk of colon cancer. Another international report earlier this year concluded that exercise also helps protect against breast cancer, and perhaps other cancers as well. And some experts believe that keeping active is necessary for our mental health, suggesting that exercise can help prevent or resolve depression.

Q Can I really lose weight permanently, without "yo-yoing" up and down forever?

A Weight that goes up and down is often related to how weight is lost. Studies often identify regular exercise as a key reason why some people successfully maintain weight loss. Besides moderate aerobic exercise like walking, strength-training exercises help avoid the gradual loss of muscle with age that leads to slower calorie-burning. Don't force yourself to completely give up your favorite foods, since that leads to binge-eating or going off the diet. Follow the "New American Plate" eating style recommended by the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR). This approach relies mainly on plant-based foods, in portions appropriate to individual needs. Two-thirds (or more) of the plate should be filled with vegetables, fruits, beans and whole grains,

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MOMMA'S WORLD



Ollie's home on Cow Creek. Ollie stands near the porch, third from the right.

Editor's Note: Imogene Caldwell writes about her parents, Ollie and Glen Burchett, who lived in the Cow Creek community for many years. Mr. Burchett was a well-known Floyd County magistrate and an assistant to Floyd County Judge Henry Stumbo. The story of her family's early years will run in two parts, with part two appearing in the Friday, November 9, edition of our paper.

by IMOGENE CALDWELL

She was born on a crisp November morning in 1891, just at the break of dawn. The midwife had kept the water boiling and the fire in the grate burning all night. She came into the world in a two room log house with cracks between the logs that allowed the first rays of the sun's light to creep in. As the wind whistled down the chimney and daylight showed through the windows, she cried and began her way through life - to bear its burdens, to enjoy its pleasures, and to be a part of her family's good and bad days that lay ahead.

They called her "Ollie" and they loved and nurtured her. Before long, she had grown into a beautiful young lady. She became quite accomplished! Her mother had taught her crafts from the time she was big enough to hold a needle or a stirring spoon. She could do all the chores a young woman of her day was expected to

do and she enjoyed everyone of them.

Ollie had long, golden brown hair that sparkled in the sun. She had dancing blue eyes that were filled with happiness and a charming smile that captured the hearts of both the young and the old. She skipped, danced, and enjoyed her youth. She loved to play the organ and sing hymns in her soft, alto voice. Ollie was what every

portable. She had outlined in her mind the previous day the list of chores that had to be done now that spring had arrived.

She ran the comb through her long hair, tucked it in a knot on the back of her head, pulled on a cotton dress and went to the kitchen to build a fire in the cook stove. She made biscuits and fried ham

Family life in the early 1900's

young girl in the early 1900's wanted to be - well groomed, stylish, and beautiful! Life was lovely in the little log house with her family.

Ollie married her young man in December of 1918 and began the part of her life with which I am familiar.

The sun came up early on the first day of May. Ollie had a young daughter by this time and a home of her own. It's core was the same log house in which she had been reared, but rooms had been added to make it more spacious and com-

and eggs quickly because today she was going to wash up all the quilts and blankets. Throughout the long winter, it had not been warm enough to wash them. She put the two big black kettles on rocks out in the wood lot, cleaned and leveled them. She then gathered chips and wood with which to build a fire under them. When the fire was burning brightly, she carried water from the well in the back yard - two buckets at a time - and filled

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Ollie, in her days as a young wife and mother.



Ollie's young man, Glen.

Small World

Time Change

I haven't known if I'd be able to write a column this week as I am so worn out from setting all the clocks in our house. Had we been buying clocks to serve as time pieces to live by, we probably would have bought three - one for the living room mantle, one for the bedroom to assure we'd not sleep all day, and another for the kitchen to remind us to cook supper at the right time. But it seems that most appliances you buy come with a built-in clock.

There are five radios scattered in different rooms, and each has a built-in clock. In the kitchen alone, there are three. One came with the built-in oven, another is in the

microwave, and yet one more is in the coffee maker.

The computer has its own clock, and there are a few small decorative models that came as gifts. In all, I believe I have counted fourteen clocks, so, every time we have to spring forward or fall back, I have to summon up the energy to reset them all. Just as sure as I left one on the wrong time, that would be the one we'd look at when we have some important appointment to keep.

Whoever dreamed up Daylight Savings Time probably helped the economy and the patterns by which we live, but each time the season changes, I have to start all over again. It's no wonder I'm feeling so bedraggled from making all those adjustments.

Welcome Word

It usually surprises me when I hear from someone who once lived in Floyd County but now resides in some distant area. Except for a few people like Frank Crum, who lives in California and calls the column a letter from home, and a few friends and relatives who do it as a loyalty, I have no idea who reads the paper. So I really welcomed the e-mail message from Climouth Conn McPommell a few days ago.

She grew up in Harold, and I remember her as the cute blonde girl we called "Poochie." She was the daughter of Woodrow and Anna Mae Conn, in case someone would recognize her better that way.

(My dad used to ask of anyone he hadn't seen for a while, "Who were your people?")

Climouth lives in Springfield, Ohio, now and she wrote that she always looks forward to the paper. She had just read what I wrote about the accents we use, and she remembered having been teased about her "hillbilly" talk. She said she belonged to the Rebecca Lodge and was discussing flowers with some of the ladies - only she call'd them "flares."

They had trouble understanding her until someone spoke up and said, "I believe she means flowers." She has since learned to do better with that word but hasn't really given up her Kentucky accent.

I feel sure she can pronounce both Detroit and Toledo in a way we can understand.



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Contributing
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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Nov. 15 - Eighth grade parent luncheon.

■ Nov. 26 - Picture re-takes for absent students, sports, and clubs. All sports pictures must be pre-paid. For more information, contact Gaye Hatfield at 886-2671.

■ Nov. 27 - Seventh grade parent luncheon.

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812.

Allen Central Middle School and Youth Service Center

■ School is currently collecting Food City receipts. Students may turn them in to their home-room teachers.

■ Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. Call 358-0134 for more information.

Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Telephone: 874-0621

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-

0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

■ G.E.D. classes offered FREE each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

Clark Elementary

■ Nov. 7 - Recycling program - 5th grade.

■ Nov. 14 - "Time out for Parents." support group meeting, 9:00 a.m.

■ Nov. 16 - Hepatitis B immunizations, Floyd County Health Dept.

■ Nov. 20 - Advisory Council meeting, 5:30 p.m.

■ Nov. 26-29 - TWYSSA Presentations - 5th grade.

■ Dairy Queen "buy one, get one free" cards still on sale through the Family Resource Center.

■ After School child care hours are 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., school days.

■ FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.

■ MCCC services are available at the center. Call for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

■ The Family Resource

Center provides services for all families regardless of income. Center is located in the Clark Elem. school building. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Office phone is 886-0815.

Duff Elementary

■ Nov. 9 - Dance, K-8 - 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

■ Nov. 15 - "Time out for Parents" - Lola Ratliff, presenter. Topic - Discipline.

■ Nov. 19 - "Johnny Appleseed" - K-5.

■ Nov. 26 - Recycling program - K-1.

John M. Stumbo Elementary

■ Nov. 8 - Family Reading Night, 6-7 p.m. "Come share the experience of reading with your children." All are invited and encouraged to participate.

McDowell Family Resource Center.

■ Floyd County Health Department nurse, Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday. Services provided include: immunizations, T.B. skin tests, school physicals (Head Start, kindergarten, and sixth grade), WIC appointments, prenatal and postpartum care and others. If you are in need of an appointment, call 377-2678 to schedule.

■ GED classes each Monday and Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Instructor - Linda Bailey, of the David School.

■ McDowell Family Resource Center hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are in need of assistance, call the center at 377-2678.

Mud Creek Family Resource Center / John M. Stumbo Elem.

■ The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

■ Center is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Telephone: 587-2233.

Piarist School

■ The Piarist School is currently collecting Food City receipts to be used toward the purchase of school equipment and technical tools. You may send your receipts to school with any Piarist School student, or you may mail them in to the following address:

The Piarist School, Highway 80, Box 870, Martin, KY 41649.

Call 285-3950 for further information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd High School

■ Nov. 8 - The New Century Aquaponics Greenhouse, contained on the South Floyd campus, will hold an Open House from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Judge-Executive Paul H. Thompson will speak at 10 a.m.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Nov. 8 - Table manners presentation, Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

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fare from selling their share of the bountiful harvest, would lose interest in the project and wander off to some other distraction. I didn't mind that at all, because that meant I'd end up with half a bushel, or so, that I'd take home to dry out on top of the little lean-to shed that Dad had attached to the smokehouse.

After a few frosts had visited the camp, the hulls would turn black. I'd peel them off the nut, then put the nut out to dry again. Hulling was one of those jobs that had to be done manually, so usually my hands remained stained a dark brown for weeks.

When I had absolutely nothing else to do, I'd gather the nuts, which after having been stripped of their hulls had diminished to the size of golfballs, would barely fill up more than a quarter of the bushel basket. There was a big flat rock near the edge of our

back yard and, with the help of Dad's claw hammer, I'd settle there for an hour or so and crack the walnuts and put them in a cooker I'd borrowed from Mom's kitchen. This was the most difficult part of the operation, because the nut was so hard that if you didn't hit it just right, it'd squib away. Plus, because you had to hold it so tightly to keep it from squibbing, sometimes little fingers would get it the way.

Anyway, with that job done, the most tedious part of the operation was at hand. So, I'd take a bobby pin and begin to pick out the kernels so Mom could bake them into a cake, or sister Mary Jean could stir them into a pot of chocolate fudge. That's when all the time and effort involved in walnut harvesting really paid off.

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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 (November 6 and November 8, 1991)

With Democrats holding a 13 to 1 edge in voter registration, Tuesday's general election balloting in Floyd County was a predictable one-party runaway, offering no surprises and few friendly fires for state GOP candidates who wandered into the stronghold. As expected, Floyd County's general election outcome was set with the finalization of the Democratic ticket in last May's primary, with only the final margins to be determined Tuesday. And, from the Governor's race down, Democratic candidates drew lopsided victories...A Floyd County man was killed Saturday night after he was thrown from a vehicle that overturned on the road near Drift. Donnie Columbus Patton, 43, of Allen, was pronounced dead of a fractured neck by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson. Two other occupants, a 17-year-old male and a 17-year-old female, were taken to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, Nelson said...Forest fires in eastern Kentucky appear to be under control, but extremely dry conditions still pose a threat to the brittle timberlands. Steve Brackett, spokesman for the state Forestry Department, said Tuesday that a 10-acre fire at Tram, in Floyd County, and an unconfirmed report of a fire at Frasures Creek were the only fires the department were concerned with at the time...Stay out of the woods or go to jail, was the message issued by Governor Wallace Wilkinson's office October 31. The emergency order, issued to avoid outbreaks of forest fires, bans entry or travel in wooded areas in 25 eastern Kentucky counties, including Floyd. Violators could face six months in jail, and a \$100-\$500 fine, said Pat Able, legal counsel for the governor's office. Able said he did not know how long the ban will last. "It depends on the circumstances," he said, referring to the numerous forest fires currently blazing in eastern Kentucky...An elementary school principal filed a federal lawsuit last Wednesday against Floyd County superintendent Ron Hager and the board of education, alleging her first amendment rights of free speech and free association were violated...Prestonsburg Police Chief Greg Hall was undoubtedly surprised Monday morning when one of his policemen kicked in his door. That unannounced visit was to alert the chief that his house was on fire. Policeman Anthony "Harpo" Castle was on his way to work Monday when he drove past Hall's home at Lancer Addition and noticed smoke coming from the attic at approximately 7 a.m., said Prestonsburg fire chief Tom Blackburn. Castle burst through the door and woke up Hall and his family to warn them of the fire, Blackburn said...The jackpot for Wednesday night's Lotto Kentucky drawing has grown to a record high \$42 million, and ticket sales in the 17-county region served by the Prestonsburg office of the Kentucky Lottery Corporation are soaring. Regional lottery manager Jeff Riley said Tuesday that Lotto Kentucky ticket sales in the Prestonsburg region had increased by approximately 33 percent over the past two weeks, jumping from a total of \$1 million during the week of October 20-26 to \$1.33 million last week...A Prestonsburg City Councilman who was not re-elected

in Tuesday's election filed Thursday for a canvass because of voting problems in the Cliff number two precinct. Dr. Gary Brown served notice to the Floyd County Board of Elections for a canvass of votes in the seven precincts in the city limits...The director of the Floyd County Head Start program was elected to the Kentucky Head Start executive committee last month. Janie Bailey Smith was elected to serve on the committee during the October meeting in Owensboro...A third suspect in a four-county theft ring was taken into custody Thursday by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. Harold Brown, 19, of Prestonsburg, was charged with burglary and theft by unlawful taking. Brown is a suspect in a theft ring being investigated by the sheriff's department and the Kentucky State Police...A House-Senate conference report containing \$596 million for education programs serving needy areas passed the House of Representatives Wednesday. Concentration grants, a formula created by Congressman Chris Perkins that funnels federal dollars to school districts with the highest concentration of low income families, received the funds...There died: Dudley Jack Martin, 67, of Price, October 31, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington; Enoch James Mitchell, 44, of Grethel, Monday, at his residence; Myrtle M. Prater, 65, of Hippo, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Lula Shepherd, 88, of Hueysville, Friday, in the McDowell Appalachian Hospital; Sara Caitlin Nicole Haley, seventeen months, of Eastern, Saturday, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center; Melissa Gwen Hall, 28, of Rittman, Oh., formerly of Hi Hat, Friday, at her residence from injuries suffered in a house fire; Archie Tucker, 73, of Newman, Georgia, October 12, at Humana Hospital in Georgia; Millie Jane Mullins, 78, October 3, at Morgan County A.R.H. in West Liberty; Leonard Ousley, 85, of Silver Lake, Ind., formerly of Floyd County, Saturday, in Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru, Ind.; Wanda Bray Cobb, 64, of Emma, November 1, at her residence; Robert Ellis Samons, 88, of Martin, Friday, in the Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Don Columbus Patton, 43, of Allen, Saturday, at Hunter, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident; Ivory Mae Stratton, 86, of Stanville, Sunday, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center; Luther Wicker, 66, of Lima, Oh., Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Sallie Conley, 96, of Ivel, Thursday, at her residence; Benjamin Fred Tackett, 79, of Bristol, Tenn., Thursday, at his home; Mary Nancy Daniels, 64, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at her residence; Ballard Whittaker, 76, Sunday, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington; Jerome Cade, 62, of North Highland, Ca., Friday, at his residence.

Twenty Years Ago (November 11, 1981)

Even as he received sentencing Monday for his part in a stolen dynamite pact, Teaberry coal operator Sterling Hamilton, 54, faced trial in U.S. District Court in Pikeville on a charge of obstructing justice...A Floyd Circuit Court jury late Tuesday found a Pike County

man, Glen Alan Keene, guilty of second degree burglary after he broke into the home of Ruth Meade at Hi Hat...Floyd native John Marvin Johnson unveiled his revolutionary automobile at Allen Central High School last week...William Okie Bevins, the 70-year-old Printer man who is being held in the Laurel County jail for safe-keeping, accused of the mass slaying of five men at Allen last month, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Monday...The murder trial of James Noel, accused of the arson-murder at Wayland of James T. Neimi, has been postponed from late this month till February...According to a verbal report by engineers, there is "nothing wrong with the stability" of Allen Grade School, Supt. E.P. Grigsby Jr. said Monday...After consulting a geologist and a veteran driller, the Prestonsburg Utilities Commission decided last week to accept what it had and not to attempt to increase the volume of gas from the well drilled at Cliff...There died: Burnis Stephens, 68, of Allen, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Junie D. Prater, 65, formerly of Risner, October 20, at Wabash County Hospital; Richard Horne, 78, former Floyd Countian, Friday, at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Kenton, Ohio; Frankie M. Hamilton, 78, of Beaver, Wednesday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Blanche Porter, 70, native Floyd Countian, Friday, at her home in Louisa; Rufus Palmer Newsome, 49, of Teaberry, Monday, at his home; Ethel Moore Cooper, 63, of Martin, Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Susanna Isaac, 83, of Bevinsville, Tuesday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Bonnie P. Powers, 66, of Auxier, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; and Gordie Robinson, 76, of Pikeville, Monday, at the Methodist Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago (November 11, 1971)

In last Tuesday's election for the governorship, Wendell Ford, Democrat, defeated Tom Emberton, Republican, by almost 60,000 votes, and swept into office the entire Democratic ticket...The new board of directors of Comprehensive Health Care Inc., which has the task of formulating a new program for Floyd County, held its first meeting Friday...Glenn C. Burchett retired October 30, ending 26 years in various services to the county, including eight as Magistrate in District 1, 10 as trial commissioner in the office of County Judge Henry Stumbo, four as county road foreman and four as supervisor of commodities distribution...A cash register at Jerry's Restaurant here was looted last Thursday night of \$100—the same amount taken in the first break into the restaurant three weeks earlier...The uncertainties of the president's wage and price control program may have prevented the Floyd County Board of Education from receiving a bid on construction of a 12-room school building and two smaller construction projects last week...It was the first time the board had ever failed to receive at least one bid on such projects...Pack 146, Boy Scouts of America, was organized October 27, at

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New Arrivals

Pikeville Methodist Hospital

■ **October 18:** A daughter, Shyana Dannielle, to April Denise and Danny Dale Lucas Jr.; a son, Dominick Patrick Ryan, to Misty and Michael Burke; a daughter, Destiny Starr, to Myrtle Jean and John Robert Blackburn.

■ **October 19:** A daughter, Shakira Reshae, to Tamara Leeane Lester; a son, Steven Aaron, to Rachel and Steven Hamilton; a son, Andrew Thomas to Karen Denise and Karl Douglas Newsome.

■ **October 20:** A son, Adam Isaac Conn, to Melissa Sue Thacker and Adam Richard Conn.

■ **October 21:** A son, Keegan Alexander, to Tymsonne Machel and Christopher Shawn Williams; a daughter, Bobbie Johnae, to Teresa Ann and Johnny Ray Hurley; a son, Ethan Douglas, to Brenda Carol and Douglas Wayne Frasure.

■ **October 22:** A daughter, Tyra Brooke Sullivan, to Trudy Danielle Justice; a daughter, Kaitlyn Leigh, to Crystal Lynn and Michael Paul Butler; a son, Bryson Dwate, to Ronda Sanders and Evan Laythe Sykes; a daughter, Whitney Rachelle, to Ada Sue and William Flanary Compton.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Paulene Allen is shown with her blue ribbon winning appliquéd quilt, "Snow Scenes." Allen's quilt depicts scenes of days past and memories of "To Grandmother's House We Go." The quilt was recently on display at the Stumbo-Wilkinson Convention Center as part of the Northeast Area Homemakers cultural arts exhibit.

Nutrition

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which provide the bulk that satisfies hunger with fewer calories. For those who gained weight from eating to satisfy psychological needs, developing other ways to cope is vital to avoid regaining weight lost through dieting. Of course, if you push yourself to a weight lower than what is right for your body, healthy habits won't help you maintain it. And keep in mind that experts recently recommended that those who are very overweight can achieve plenty of health benefits with even a modest weight loss.

"Nutrition-Wise" is provided as a public service by the American Institute for Cancer Research. Questions for this column may be sent to Nutrition-Wise, 1759 R Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. Ms. Collins cannot respond to questions personally.

School

■ Adult education classes available.
■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 135.

W.D. Osborne Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center
■ "Clothing Closet" available to all

students.
■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

The David School
■ Adult Education Class Schedule -

Fall 2001:
■ Monday and Wednesday: McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Call 377-2678.
■ Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405.
■ Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389.

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portions of animal protein and a greater proportion of plant-based foods, like vegetables, whole grains and beans, which are often the mainstay of casseroles. And we know in our hearts what surveys have shown: Most of us don't eat as many vegetables as we should.

The mix-and-match flexibility of the casserole makes it easy to follow the experts' advice. Replacing some of the meat with an equal amount of veggies or beans, for example, is an easy, fail-safe adjustment that works for just about any casserole. For more ideas on healthful casseroles and other one-pot dishes, call AICR for its free brochure.

One-Pot Meals, at 1-800-843-8114, extension 45, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

This casserole is an updated version of an old favorite that will get a thumbs-up from both health experts and the pickiest of palates. Harried cooks will love it, too.

Spanish Chicken and Rice Casserole

1 1/4 cups long-grain rice, preferably brown
1 small onion, chopped
1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
1 can (14.5-oz.) stewed tomatoes

1 1/4 cup canned low-sodium chicken broth, divided
1 tsp. paprika
1/2 tsp. dried oregano
1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
1 jar (7 oz.) roasted red peppers, drained and chopped
2 medium (about 1 1/4 lbs.), skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut in 1/2-inch pieces

1 bay leaf
1/2 cup frozen green peas
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a 2-quart casserole, combine rice, onion and oil. Mix in tomatoes, 1 cup broth, paprika, oregano, ground pepper, roasted peppers, chicken and bay leaf. Cover casserole and bake 30 minutes.

Stir in peas and add an additional 1/4 cup broth, if needed, to keep rice from sticking. Bake until rice is tender and chicken is cooked through.

Remove bay leaf, add salt and pepper to taste, if desired, and serve.

Makes 6 servings.
Per serving: 313 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 41 g. carbohydrate, 27 g. protein, 412 g. dietary fiber, XXX mg. sodium.

EDITOR'S NOTICE

It is understood that all articles and writings of any nature submitted for consideration to "Lifestyles," and not expressly paid for, including those articles submitted for consideration as feature articles, will be given consideration on a "first come-first serve" basis and as the editor sees need.

Additionally, all items are subject to restructuring at the discretion of the editor.

Wedding, engagement, and birth announcements, birthday

recognitions, school honors, and any such related items will be placed in print as openings occur.

To guarantee publication of a submitted piece, or to guarantee a specific run date, it is necessary to have the piece submitted through our advertising department, for which there will be a fee.

Wedding, engagement and birth announcements, birthday and special honor recognitions, and any such related items will appear one time free of charge; subsequent runs will be on a fee basis.

It is company policy to place memorial pieces as advertisement space, for which a fee is assessed.

Weddings



Caudill-Slone to wed

Janice Caudill, of Banner, is pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Bobby Darrell Slone, the son of William and Marie Slone, of Estel. Jennifer Ann is the daughter of the late Fredric Caudill. The couple will be joined in holy matrimony in a wedding ceremony that will take place on Saturday, November 24, 2001, at the Faith Independent Freewill Baptist Church, Sugarloaf, at the afternoon hour of three o'clock. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.



Hall-Sizemore wed in ceremony held at Jenny Wiley State Park

Teresa Hall and Darrell Sizemore were joined together in holy matrimony in a wedding ceremony that took place on October 26, 2001, at the Pines Building, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg. Pastor Nathan Lafferty officiated. The new bride is the daughter of Charles and Minnie Lewis, of Prestonsburg. The groom is the son of Lillian Sizemore, of Minnie, and the late Wilse Sizemore. The bride is employed by Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, and the groom is employed as a truckdriver by Lewis Trucking, Flat Gap. The couple reside in Prestonsburg.

Yesterdays

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Wheelwright...Floyd County senior 4-H club members who received awards at the Senior R-H Achievement meeting at Grayson, Saturday, are Beulah Patton, Reva Duff, Leslie Auxier, Myra Green, Dalton Howard, Judy Stewart, and Derek Hicks...There died: W.D. Blackburn, of Troy, Ohio, formerly of this county, Monday, in a Troy hospital; Clayborne Bailey, 84, of Betsy Layne, Tuesday, at a Salyersville nursing home; William Sexton, 86, Sunday, at his home at Hueysville; Nora Belle Nelson, 55, of Prestonsburg, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mary Elizabeth Pigman, three-year-old daughter of Everett and Wanda Collins Pigman, Monday, at their home at Dema; Dave Allen, 91, Thursday, at a Lackey nursing home; Lucy A. Ousley, 93, of Allen, last Tuesday, at King's Daughters' Hospital in Ashland; Layne Compton, 85, of Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, Monday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Walter Oliver, 58, of Lackey, Friday, at a Martin hospital; Marcus Caudill, 37, of Kendallville, Ind., formerly of Lackey, Thursday, in a Fort Wayne, Indiana hospital; Walter McKenzie, 57, of East Point, Friday, in the Paintsville Hospital.

Forty Years Ago (November 9, 1961)

The campaign for votes reached the long trail's end Tuesday, and early that night the voting machine results showed a whopping victory for the entire Democratic ticket in heavily Democratic Floyd County...Voters in two Floyd towns wrote in names of four candidates for municipal office often enough, Tuesday, to elect them...City Attorney Joe Hobson said this week that the I. Richmond estate will make available to the people of Prestonsburg the old Colonial mine here as a community fallout shelter...Location of the proposed postal center at Martin will be on Main Street, south of the new First Guaranty Bank building, it was announced last week by Congressman Carl D. Perkins...The former Adams & George Hardware here recently came under new management of Lloyd Crum, of Allen...There died: William M. Greenwade, 82, former Cliff postmaster, last Thursday, at his home at Cliff; William Thomas Cartmell, 78, of Emma, last Thursday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Elizabeth Hayes, 70, of Martin, Monday, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Della Akers, 34, formerly of Dana, Friday, at her home in Vermillion, O.; Maggie Howell, 62, of Hueysville, Monday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

Fifty Years Ago (November 8, 1951)

The Democratic slate, led by Bert T. Combs, swept the county in Tuesday's elections. In the Appellate Judge race here, Combs won a majority of 5,609 over ex-governor Simeon S. Willis, Republican...Governor Lawrence W. Wetherby polled 6,488 votes in this county to 2,552 for Eugene Siler...In the race for state representative, Henry C. Hale, the incumbent, polled 3,343 votes to 1,592 for Stacy Salisbury...The Federal Defense Solid Fuels Administration announced Saturday, that it has authorized construction of a \$150,000 mine by the Inland Steel Company at Price...Construction will begin immediately on a central lodge and dining hall for the new Boy Scout camp on Dewey Lake...It was announced this week that an option has been taken on a tract of land at the mouth of Doty Creek, near McDowell, as a possible site for a hospital planned by the UMWA...With snow on the ground last Sunday, Dewey Lake had the fewest number of visitors since the earliest thaws last spring, but Roy Moore, reservoir manager, said he is hopeful that the total number of visitors this year will reach or exceed the half-million mark...There died: Clark Clemmons, 59, of Hunter, in a slatefall in the Kathryn Elkhorn mine at Drift; Commodore Cole, 43, of Drift, victim of a heart attack; James Nunnery, 86, lifelong resident of Johns Creek section; Alex Jarrell, 78, victim of a heart attack near his home on Cow Creek.

Sixty Years Ago (November 6, 1941)

With Magisterial District No. 1's 17 precincts and five precincts in District 2 tabulated, a sweeping Democratic victory in Floyd County was assured at noon, Thursday...One hundred and twenty Floyd countians, in addition to the 25 to be inducted next Thursday, will be called into the military service within the next 60 days...Bucks Branch mine of the Utilities Elkhorn Coal Company, near Martin, was ready to resume full-time operation this week after production there had been brought to a standstill since Saturday as the result of a mine fire...Young Freddie Miller, of the eighth grade, spoke for the Bonanza school its welcome to approximately 100 persons who came from outside the district to attend the school's annual Community Day program...A Homecoming crowd here Saturday afternoon, saw the Prestonsburg Black Cats, by defeating the Wheelwright football eleven, at least win the football championship of Floyd County...Although foul play was at first believed indicated, a jury empaneled by Coroner Elliott Prater, Saturday afternoon, held that Denver Harris, 20, met his death when struck by a train at a point between Buckingham and the mouth of Jack's Creek...There died: Pvt. Banner Conn, formerly of this county, Tuesday, at Marston's Mills, Mass., of injuries received in an auto accident; Maurice Cleveland, 20, of Glo, in an auto accident at Lackey, Monday; Lorraine Harris, 33, native of this county, in an auto accident in Ashland, last Thursday; Minta Herald Harris, 41, Sunday at her home on Cow Creek; Burnetta Newsome, three-year-old daughter of Willard and Rose Henson Newsome, of Ligon, Monday, at a Martin hospital; Harmon C. Tackett, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Tackett, of Fed, Tuesday, at a Martin hospital.

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Momma

the kettles. She would need the boiling water all day long. Ollie had a wash bench with two tubs on it under a nearby apple tree. The wash board was beside the tubs and ready for use. The old board was quite worn and the wood frame around it was white from the wear of many days of scrubbing with the lye soap that Ollie had made last fall in the very same kettles she was now using to boil her wash water. She always made enough lye soap to last until the next fall. Ollie carried quilts and blankets from the house. She made many trips and as she worked little beads of sweat stood on her forehead and made damp ringlets of hair stick to her face. She washed, she rinsed, she kept the fire going and the pots refilled until each and every quilt and blanket was clean. She had to have help in wringing each one. Someone held one end while Ollie held the other - one twisting in one direction and the other twisting in the other. When the clotheslines were finally lined with fresh, clean quilts blowing in the wind, clothespins holding them in place, Ollie stood with her hands on her hips and smiled with joy at her job well done.

It had been an all-day job and yet she could not sit down. She had to clean her pots and her washtubs, then she had to clean up the ashes. When she finally finished her task, everything in the woodyard and under the apple tree was as clean as it had been when she started.

Ollie went to the kitchen once again to build a fire in the cook stove and get supper ready for her family. She fired potatoes in an old iron skillet. She baked cornbread in the oven and sliced cold ham. With this she served milk and butter kept cool in the spring of water near her home. She also served honey that she had gathered from the bee hives in the orchard. What a tasty meal! Soon, with the help of little Jeannie, who was now four years old, Ollie had the dishes cleared away and was ready to sit on the porch and visit with her family. As she watched darkness come she got up and lit the old coal oil lamp. She gave a sigh of happiness and began to plan what to do tomorrow, and the following days, as well. She looked forward to the weekend, a time of fun, friends, visits, and church. How happy Ollie was!

Springtime in the mountains of eastern Kentucky was a busy time - a time of hard work and long hours. The men folk had fields to clear and plant, gardens to plow, and hundreds of other jobs to get done. The days didn't seem long enough. The entire family got up from their warm beds long before the first rooster's crow or before the first light of dawn showed on the horizon.

Ollie climbed from her bed and while tying her apron around her looked out the window at the still dark sky. She thought to herself, "I bet this is going to be a nice day." She began her chores quietly but as she worked she could hear her husband, Glen, stirring up the fire in

the fireplace. She heard him calling to Jeannie to wake up. Today he was clearing a new ground to plant corn and some neighbor men were coming to help. He would help them in return.

Ollie and Jeannie picked wild greens early that morning to cook with a ham bone and potatoes, cornbread, and shuck beans to feed the men when they came in at noon to eat. Ollie cooked early and put the food in the warming closet to keep it warm. Then she went to the front room to begin some of her spring cleaning. She stood for a moment and looked around the room. The new blue-flowered wallpaper she had ordered from Sears & Roebuck had to be hung. The lace curtains had to be washed and starched, the floor



Ollie's baby daughter, Jeannie, was her parents' pride and joy.

around the linoleum rug had to be painted, and her new blue doilies had to be put on the stand tables. Ollie could already see in her mind how pretty her room would be. She could hardly wait to get started. First of all, the paper had to be hung. With a song on her lips, she began to make paste to cool, gather together the things she would need, cut and trim the paper. She knew that before supper time the walls in the front parlor would have a new look. Before the end of the next two weeks, every room in the house would be as clean and new looking as her parlor. Ollie was proud of her home and family. Each night she thanked God for all the things He did for her.

Ollie worked at many things to make her home nice and clean. She hoed her garden, cut weeds around her house, milked the cow, churned the butter, and baked apple butter cakes. She loved caring for her chickens best

of all - feeding them and gathering their eggs.

When an old hen would "go to settin'," Ollie would bring eighteen of the nice, smooth eggs she had been saving and put them under the hen. Before long, she would have brand new baby chicks to feed. She loved to hear the mother hens clucking and see the babies following their momma's around the barnyard. She watched them closely to see that the hawks that sailed around overhead didn't swoop down and catch her baby chicks.

The sky is never bluer than on a warm spring morning after a shower from the night before. Ollie stood at the edge of her garden and daydreamed for just a moment. The honeybees were humming around the dandelions and the sounds up and down the valley echoed in her ears. As she watched the willow tree sway in the breeze, and felt the cool touch of the wind in her hair, she felt Jeannie tug on her apron strings. She wanted her mother to race with her to the bend in the road where the grass was green and soft. From there, one could see the steeple of the church which sat down the road. Together they ran and fell on their backs and savored these precious moments together.

There was no more time to play on this day. Ollie and Jeannie went back toward the house - Jeannie to play with her corn husk doll and Ollie to the corn crib to choose ears of corn to shell and get ready to take to the grist mill. She had this chore because Glen was down with a spring cold. When the corn was ready to go, Ollie took Jeannie up behind her on the horse. She put the corn in two sacks thrown across her saddle. She wore a riding skirt so she could ride straddle like a man instead of side-saddle. The two rode the three miles to Uncle Dick's mill laughing and talking all the way. While they waited their turn at the mill, they visited Ollie's sister, Amma, Uncle Dick's wife. She had a new feather bed to show Ollie and a litter of kittens to show Jeannie. Uncle Dick took a share of the corn meal as his payment for grinding it. He then tied the two bags of corn meal together, put them across Ollie's saddle, lifted Jeannie up behind her mother, and they trotted home with the warm sun beaming on their faces. They arrived home in plenty of time to do their evening chores.

As springs always are, this one had been slow in coming to take away the winter chills and quick to give way to the hot days of summer. During the summer, Glen and Ollie took care of the bees.

As they swarmed and formed new colonies, they added more bee hives to the ones in the orchard. Together they sheared the sheep, patched the fence around the barn, picked the geese, watched the baby turkeys as they came home with their mothers, and sneaked away to the hay loft to hold each other and to share secrets amid the busy, never-ending days of hard work, pleasure and love.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

John D. Boyd, of Prater Creek, Banner, stopped by the Times office early this week to show off two of the largest turnips that any of us had ever seen! Boyd says that he did "nothing special" to the turnips, "just mixed a little fertilizer in with the seed and then broadcast it." The largest of the turnips weighed 4 and 3/4 lbs.

Urgent news for people who took Fen-Phen or Redux

Doctors are concerned that these drugs have damaged your heart or caused **Pulmonary Hypertension**. Many injured people have no symptoms, while others have **shortness of breath, chest pains, fatigue, or other symptoms**.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5429, Amendment No.1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville in Floyd and Magoffin Counties.

The amendment will redesignate 68.79 acres of underground acres as surface disturbance and auger area, making the total area within the permit boundary will be 1058.8 acres.

The amendent area is approximately 1.5 miles northwest from Route 2029's junction with Ky Route 7, and located in Salyers Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the Martin, Wayland, Handshoe, and David U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the contour and auger methods of mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Roy Shepherd-Heirs, Betty Reed, Bobby & Lenora Stone, and CONSOL of Kentucky Inc. It will underlie lands owned by Roy Shepherd-Heirs, Betty Reed, Bobby & Lenora Stone, and CONSOL of Kentucky Inc.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0292

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that the Raven Co., Inc., P.O. Box 547, Bluff City, Tennessee, 37618, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 262.94 acres of surface and 503.53 acres overlying auger of which 314.47 acres underlie surface acres for a total of 452.00 acres located at Grethel in Floyd County, Kentucky.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.15 mile south from KY 979's junction with KY 1426, and located on Big Mud Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Harold and McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle

maps. The operation will use the contour and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Ocie Alley, Wesley Boyd, Jake and Melvina Akers, Eula H. Scott and Peggy A Steele, Danny and Tammy Jarrell, John W. Sturgill, Combs Brothers Investments Company, Zachary and Bonita Akers, Mary Bell Newman, William Newsome, Jr. and Josephine K. Newsome, J&N Land Company, Inc., Dwayne and Julie Kidd, Gerald, Kathy and Andy Newsome, Curtis Marvin and Marie Tackett, Charles, Sola and Palenstene Akers, Richie and Bonita Newsome, Pauline Green, and The operation will underlie land owned by Ocie Alley, Wesley Boyd, Jake and Melvina Akers, Eula H. Scott and Peggy A Steele, Danny and Tammy Jarrell, John W. Sturgill, Zachary and Bonita Akers, Mary Bell Newman, William Newsome, Jr. and Josephine K. Newsome, J&N Land Company, Inc., Dwayne and Julie Kidd, Gerald, Kathy, and Andy Newsome, Curtis Marvin and Marie Tackett, Charles, Sola and Palenstene Akers, Richie and Bonita Newsome, Pauline Green.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 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, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

INVITATION TO BID

The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Prestonsburg, KY, is now receiving bids for air conditioning/heating units to be installed in a vocational building now under construction. For more information, call Dennis Conely at (606) 886-1037, ext 174, or Teresa Carroll at (606) 886-0077. The Carl D. Perkins Job Corp Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE

#01-007 AMENDMENT #05

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Floyd County Budget for the fiscal year 2001-2002, to include unbudgeted receipts from federal grant "PRIDE" and NREPC-AML, and

increasing expenditures of PRIDE and Johns Branch and Spurlock waterline projects, will be held Friday, November 16, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Floyd County courthouse. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text, is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive, during normal business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Flora Akers, of Rt. 979, Mud Creek, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill for a

house site. The property is located along Rt. 979 & Mud Creek, about 3 miles from Harold, Kentucky. The property is owned by Arzella Akers heirs. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone 564-3410.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 898-0634 OPERATOR CHANGE

In accordance with

the provisions of 405 KAR 8-010, notice is hereby given that McCoy Elkhorn Coal Corporation, 1148 Long Fork Road, Kimper, Kentucky 41539 intends to revise Permit No. 898-0634 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is McCoy Elkhorn Coal Corporation, 1148 Long Fork Road, Kimper, Kentucky 41539. The new operator will be STARUS, Limited Liability Company, P.O. Box 100, Betsy Layne, Kentucky 41605.

The operation is located 0.5 miles west of Ousley Pike and Floyd Counties. The operation is approximately 0.3

miles west from Canoe Branch Road's junction with KY 1384 and located on Canoe Branch. The operation is located on the Broadbottom USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37°30'19" and longitude 82°36'08".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort,

Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 898-0634, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that McCoy Elkhorn Coal Corporation, 1148 Long Fork Road, Kimper, Kentucky 41539 has applied for renewal of a permit for an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.5 miles west of Ousley and situated in Pike and


Floyd Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 33.26 surface acres and will underlie an additional 9.60 acres of auger area, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 41.86 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.3 miles west from Canoe Branch Road's junction with KY 1384 and located on Canoe Branch of Hurricane Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Broadbottom USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Bob Billips, Joe Justice, Hattie Ratliff, and Wilda Brown. The operation will under-

lie land owned by Joe Justice and Wilda Brown. The operation will use the contour and auger methods of surface mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



Calling All Cooks!

The Floyd County Times will once again publish its special Holiday Cookbook. The cookbook will be published in the November 16 edition of The Times, and this year we're seeking your input. If you're the king or queen of the kitchen in your house, send us your favorite recipes and we will include them in the Holiday Cookbook. Be sure to send a list of all ingredients and directions, along with your name and address, so we can give you proper credit for your culinary creations.

Hurry! The deadline for submitting your recipes is Monday, November 12.


To submit your recipes, mail them to:
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 P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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The Prestonsburg and Floyd County Rental Assistance Programs are seeking interested property owners to participate in the Rental Assistance Program. The Rental Assistance Program assists eligible families with rental payments to landlords on the private market. For more information please call 606-886-1235, ext 3, Judy Flanery, coordinator. We do business in accordance with Fair Housing Law.

Business/Professions

Lawyers' investigation reveals HMO deceit

by Frederick M. Baron and Penny Gold

On December 1, 1995, Mark and Barbara Chipps received an unsigned form letter from Humana Health Insurance Company of Florida, informing them that their five-year-old daughter Caitlyn, born with cerebral palsy, would be terminated from a special medical case management program for catastrophically and chronically ill patients.

This denial of coverage was shocking, because Humana had persuaded the Chipps family to switch insurance companies by assuring them that the little girl

would be automatically enrolled in Humana's medical case management program and that her level of care would exceed that of the family's previous insurance carrier.

Mark and Barbara Chipps hired attorneys Edward M. Ricci and Theodore J. Leopold of Ricci, Hubbard, Leopold, Frankel and Farmer in West Palm Beach, Florida, to fight the HMO's actions and get coverage for their little girl.

A long legal fight ensued, Ricci and Leopold started a painstaking process of discovery (lawyers' investigation of a civil case) which lasted for four

years. Throughout the process, Humana repeatedly blocked Ricci and Leopold's attempts to find facts related to the case.

But Ricci and Leopold eventually prevailed, and uncovered widespread fraud within Humana. During the 28-day trial, they proved that the company unlawfully denied special coverage to more than 100 catastrophically ill and injured children in Florida, because an accounting company had concluded that coverage of such patients would not be profitable.

The attorneys showed that Humana was paying bonuses to physicians and nurses based on the number of medical claims that were denied each month. And they exposed Humana's deceitful attempts to shield itself from legal responsibility by hiding behind its Florida subsidiary company.

When the jury learned about the company's deceit and willingness to sacrifice the most vulnerable people to its bottom line, it awarded two types of damages. First, the jury gave the plaintiffs compensatory damages—which are awarded to make the people who bring the case as financially "whole" as

they were before they were hurt by the defendant's negligence. Then, the jury awarded punitive damages—which defendants are ordered to pay as punishment for willful or malicious behavior.

The Chipps' well-earned victory provided rare insight into the operation of a major HMO.

"Humana tried to cover up the evil of its corporate offspring," said plaintiff Mark Chipps, "while parents of very sick children struggle through the lies to get the critical care they need. The jury punished Humana in the only place it will understand—in the pocket-book."

This is just one story of how America's civil justice system serves our communities and people like you. Fighting for Public Justice: Cases and Trial Lawyers That Made a Difference tells the facts behind the dramatic story of Chipps v. Humana Health Ins. Co. of Florida, Inc. This hardback book, published by Trial Lawyers for Public Justice and The TLPJ Foundation, includes a foreword by Erin Brockovich. To order copies, call 202-797-8600 or visit www.tlpj.org.



Bobby Rowe

Bobby Rowe elected to trial lawyer's board

Prestonsburg attorney, Bobby Rowe, has been elected to the Board of Governor's of the Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys (KATA). KATA is a state wide organization of trial attorneys whose primary practices are the representation of consumers and people who have been injured through the negligence of other people and large corporations. KATA is also the leading organization in Kentucky with a full time lobbyist in Frankfort representing the interests of consumers, people who have been injured, and workers. KATA is recognized throughout the United States as

one of the leading state trial attorney organizations in protecting consumer rights, providing educational seminars for trial attorneys and in representation of the interests of working people.

"It is certainly an honor to be recognized by Kentucky's best trial attorneys as being qualified to serve on the Board. I certainly look forward to sharing what I have learned in 15 years of representing injured people with younger attorneys throughout the state as we continue our battle with large insurance companies to get injured people what they deserve," Rowe said.

Ken Dressman appointed Deputy Commissioner of Division of Support Services for Corrections

FRANKFORT - Department of Corrections Commissioner Vertner L. Taylor recently announced the appointment of Ken Dressman, 52, as the deputy commissioner of the division of support services. Dressman replaces Dr. Gary Dennis, who recently retired.

Dressman currently serves as principal assistant to Commissioner Taylor. In this capacity Dressman is responsible for a variety of duties including formulation and implementation of departmental policies and programs; biennial budget preparation; and administrative/operational procedures. Throughout his career with corrections, Dressman has made many contributions to the department.

"I have had the privilege of working with Ken Dressman for the last 22 years," Taylor said. "His keen intellect, technical knowledge and thorough understanding of corrections will be valuable to managing the division of support services."

Dressman, a native of northern Kentucky, received his education at Thomas More College in Ft. Mitchell with a bachelor's degree in accounting and earned his masters of public administration degree from Kentucky State University.

A 29-year veteran of state government, Dressman began his career as an accountant/auditor and policy budget analyst with the Department of Justice. He moved on to the Department of Corrections

when the department was a cabinet and has served as director of the division of resource allocation, fiscal branch manager, executive director of administrative services and as an internal policy analyst.

"I look forward to this new opportunity with the department," Dressman said. "I am honored to work with so many outstanding individuals who truly are dedicated to the to the rehabilitation of offenders and to ensuring the safety and security of Kentuckians."

The division of support services functions include the budget office, administrative services, corrections training, correctional industries and the division of mental health.

Tips for changing jobs

(NUE) - Unemployment doesn't mean you have to panic. Changing jobs is a common reality in the modern workplace. For whatever reason - downsizing, mergers, losing a promotion or hunger for a new challenge, you

can be prepared to find a solution. If it is time to make a move or you have been laid off, you can create your own possibilities for a satisfying new job through your current company or with a new employer.

Your job is an important part of your life. It provides you with income and a sense of purpose. If you are dismissed, it can be a shock. Give yourself permission to grieve and to seek outside support. Here are some strategies to cope with the loss of income:

- Look at severance benefits - you may be entitled to receive pay for unused vacation and sick days.
- Understand the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act by which health benefits are extended to former employees at cost.
- Know the specifics of your 401(k) plan.
- File for unemployment. It's an insurance policy designed to help people who have lost their jobs.
- Cut expenditures.

After addressing your emotions and your finances, finding a new job is top priority. Establish a routine and stay active. Get up at the same time every day, making interview appointments for the morning hours and working on your job search strategy and cover letters in the afternoon.

While interviewing, remember to arrive early, dress appropriately, answer questions clearly and concisely, and follow up with a thank you letter to the person who interviewed you.

Changing jobs doesn't have to be a traumatic experience. You can be a survivor with an exciting future.

For more tips, order the free Life Advice brochures "Changing Your Job" and "Losing Your Job" by calling 1-800-638-5433.

Student loan default rate drops dramatically

The default rate for student loans guaranteed by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) dropped to 5 percent in the 1999 federal fiscal year (FFY), according to figures released in September by the U.S. Department of Education. KHEAA is the state agency that administers grant, scholarship, work-study, savings, and Federal Family Education Loan Programs (FFELP) to help students pay for college or technical training.

The rate for KHEAA was below the national rate of 5.2

percent and a dramatic drop from the 9.3 percent default rate in FFY 1998.

"The drop largely results from KHEAA's efforts to work with borrowers, lenders, and schools to help students who receive education loans understand their responsibilities and repayment options," said Dr. Joe L. McCormick, KHEAA's Executive Director. "Our borrower advocates can work with borrowers who are having difficulty repaying their student loans to find a repayment option that best suits their circumstances."

The default rate is the percentage of borrowers who enter repayment during one fiscal year and go into default before the end of the next fiscal year. A FFELP loan is considered to be in default when KHEAA has paid a default claim to the lender holding the loan.

To contact a borrower advocate, call (800) 928-5327. For more information about KHEAA's other programs and services, visit KHEAA's Web site www.kheaa.com; write to KHEAA, 1050 US Highway 127 S, Frankfort, KY 40601-4323; or call (800) 928-8926, extension 7381.

Salvation Army elects new officers

The Eastern Kentucky Service Unit of The Salvation Army met on October 8, 2001 to install the following individuals as newly elected officers:

- Loretta Bentley - Chair
- Kathryn Kidd - Co-chair
- Patricia Stewart - Secretary
- Vernon Kidd - Welfare Secretary
- Wilma Brown - Kettle Chair
- Dustin Rogers and Ricky Akers - Vice-chairs
- "Holiday Campaign 2001"

was discussed, including the "Bell Ringing Campaign" that will be in effect from Thanksgiving until Christmas. Community support is greatly needed and anyone in volunteering their services are welcome to contact any of the above named persons or to contact

The Salvation Army divisional headquarters at 216 W. Chestnut Street, P.O. Box 2229, Louisville, KY 40201-2229, or telephone at (502) 583-5391, or fax to (502) 625-1199.

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