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Due to the participation of the Prestonsburg High School football team in the state championship tournament to be held Friday, in Louisville, at 4 p.m., Dr. Paul Fanning, superintendent of Floyd County Schools, has announced that classes have been cancelled Friday at Prestonsburg High School, Prestonsburg Elementary, Adams Middle School, Clark Elementary and Allen Elementary. The missed day will be made up at the end of the currently scheduled school year.

Clarification

A headline for a story in the Wednesday, November 21, issue of The Floyd County Times concerning the search for a fugitive may have led some readers to believe that the woman, Christina Barnett, had escaped from the Floyd County Detention Center. Actually, she escaped while being led to jail from the Floyd County Justice Center by a sheriff's deputy.

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Jarrell murder trial delayed until April

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

Those hoping for a conclusion in a year old murder trial will have to wait until April, following a status hearing Monday in Floyd County Circuit court.

During the hearing, attorneys agreed to continue the trial of George Andrew Jarrell, 37, of Stone

Coal Road in Garrett, until April 8.

Jarrell is accused of killing his cousin, Bill J. Jarrell, 28, of Abbott following an altercation which took place at a construction site, a home which was being built for Larry Prater on Daniel's Creek Road in Banner.

Police records filed at the time of the incident indicated that the two were doing finishing work on the

interior of the home when an argument allegedly led to an altercation and the eventual death of Bill J. Jarrell.

Witnesses who were at the scene said the two were arguing over how to paint a door.

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, no additional evidence regarding the reason for the altercation has been offered at this

time.

The police report issued by investigating officer, KSP Detective Stuart Howard, states that Jarrell allegedly left the construction site following the altercation and returned a short time later, armed with a shotgun.

Bill J. Jarrell died after being shot

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George Jarrell



photo by Sheldon Compton

Prestonsburg police officers Bryan Hall and John Dale took an early look yesterday at new equipment provided through a Law Enforcement Technology (LET) grant. The equipment will serve to link databases across a 40-county region to improve criminal information sharing among law enforcement agencies.

Local police begin receiving new computer equipment

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

As part of a Law Enforcement Technology (LET) grant — which has been referred to as the most comprehensive law enforcement technology integration project ever undertaken in Eastern Kentucky —

several police agencies throughout Floyd County have been presented with the latest in information technology available today.

The new technology is centered on improving or, in some cases, creating the ability to access and share critical criminal justice information with the shared goal of establishing

safer communities statewide, according to officials, and stands as a much needed addition to law enforcement efforts in light of the increased need in security and information since the attacks on the nation in September.

(See GRANT, page two)

Man held for Thanksgiving burglary of pharmacy

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

An investigation that began with a Thanksgiving Day burglary at a local drug store ended within 24 hours with the arrest of a Martin resident.

"That's one down," said Martin Police Chief Jeff Powell, who worked in conjunction with several other Martin city police officers and Floyd County sheriff's deputies during the investigation.

The alleged perpetrator, Matthew G. Perkins, 26, initially charged with third-degree burglary and criminal mischief, was arraigned in district court yesterday. During his arraignment, he was additionally charged with theft by unlawful taking.

According to County Attorney Keith Bartley, Perkins allegedly stole 4,860 pills, including OxyContin, Loracet, Lortab, Valium, Zanax, Percocet, as well as several other narcotic or controlled substances from the Downtown Drug Store in Martin, owned by Ross and Melissa Gibson.

The estimated street value of the pills, said Powell, is probably between \$11,000 and \$12,000. Bartley said the pharmacy's cost for the pills was \$3,334.

Perkins' alleged break-in marked the second attempt at the drugstore on the same day. In an interview yesterday, Powell said that the individual(s) pried through a side door of the building and "made it halfway through the building," but failed to advance into the pharmacy where the drugs were kept.

Powell indicated that he assumed Perkins was involved in the previous attempt, but no charges have yet been filed regarding that accusation.

(See BURGLARY, page two)



Matt Perkins

Search continues for walkaway prisoner

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER



Christina Barnett

The search continues for a West Prestonsburg resident who fled from custody last week during a routine transport from the Floyd County Justice Center to the jail.

Her escape, marking the second such escape since July, promoted a change in the way inmates are trans-

ported to and from the courthouse. Since her escape, Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn said yesterday that all inmates are now transported in vehicles, a tactic he says the sheriff's office will continue to enforce.

Regardless of the new rule, however, Christina R. Barnett, 23, is still at large.

In an interview yesterday, howev-

er, Blackburn said she may not remain free for long.

"We've got information that she might be in Johnson County," said Blackburn. "We've contacted the sheriff up there to help us find her."

Johnson County Sheriff Bill Witten could not be reached for comment.

Blackburn said the source who supplied this information indicated

that Barnett had fled to Michigan following her escape and returned yesterday to stay with a boyfriend in Johnson County. According to Blackburn, however, the information might not be completely reliable.

"I don't know if this information is true, but we're still going to keep looking," said Blackburn.

(See SEARCH, page three)

Going to the game? Here's what you need to know

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The mid-week enthusiasm and anticipation of the Prestonsburg Blackcats Friday face-off with the Bardstown Tigers in the state football championship has already found ticket sales for the game climbing steadily, PHS

assistant principal and assistant football coach Jerry Butcher said yesterday.

Butcher said that as of yesterday approximately 500 tickets for Friday's championship game in Louisville had been sold, leaving nearly 1,000 left for fans still needing to secure seats.

Tickets for the game can be

purchased at the high school, and, according to Butcher, may be the best alternative as tickets purchased at the gate in Louisville will cost more.

"Tickets bought here will be \$6 a person, but at the gate it will be \$8 for each person," said Butcher, who added that he wasn't aware of any busing or alter-

native measures for traveling fans.

"We're thinking team right now," added a focused Butcher. "We're not thinking about the fans."

For fans planning to travel to see the Prestonsburg Blackcats compete in the class AA state football championship in

Louisville there will be a number of details that must not be overlooked while caught up in the excitement of possibly seeing the hometown team make good and bring home a state championship.

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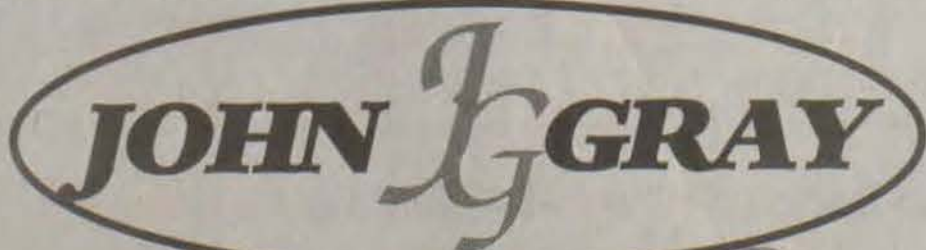
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Burglary

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"I predicted this two or three months ago when they pulled the license from Dr. Cohn in Paintsville," said Bartley. "I told them at a Floyd County Against Drugs meeting that there would be an increase in crime and theft."

Powell said Perkins allegedly gained entrance into the establishment through a side door after "someone" cut the alarm system to the building.

The police report indicates that the break in caused more than \$1,000 worth of damage to the facility.

After getting inside the building, Perkins allegedly climbed up a wall, over a partition and managed his way through a crawl space in the ceiling to get to the drugs, said Powell.

During the investigation, authorities uncovered a surveillance tape of the alleged perpetrator, dressed in camouflage and wearing pantyhose over his face. According to Powell, the man on the tape resembles Perkins.

During questioning, however, Perkins told police officials that he "helped in the burglary" but wasn't the one who climbed into the pharmacy.

Perkins was spotted by authorities early Friday morning sitting outside of the Martin BP station. Upon searching Perkins, they uncovered several bags of pills and drug paraphernalia in his pockets.

"He was loaded down with pills," said Powell. "His pockets were full. We found two pill bottles and a grocery bag plumb full of pills."

Officials also found camouflage clothing in his truck, which was parked at his residence, following the arrest.

This isn't the first time Perkins has been held behind bars. In addition to the charges filed against Perkins regarding the burglary, he also faces other felony charges in district court.

According to police reports, he was charged in September with second-degree forgery and

theft by deception for allegedly signing his name to stolen check. He also faces a flagrant non-support charge. He was out on bond when the drugstore burglary took place.

"That's what drug addicts do," said Bartley. "They steal from their mommies and their family and do whatever they can to get more pills. Luckily, he's going to be behind bars for years, many years."

In addition to Powell, Martin city police officer Anthony Conn, Assistant Chief Fred Myhner, and Floyd County sheriff's Deputies Tommy Gayheart, Ricky Thornsberry and Clayton Tilton assisted in the investigation.

A not guilty plea was entered on Perkins' behalf during his arraignment. He is currently being held under a \$15,000 full cash bond, in addition to bonds stipulated in his other cases.

He is scheduled to appear in court for a preliminary hearing on December 5.

Grant

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The equipment, which was made possible through a \$22 million grant recently secured by Congressman Hal Rogers for the Somerset based Center for Rural Development, came as part of a first and most basic bundle to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and police departments in Prestonsburg, Martin and Wheelwright, as well as many others across a 40-county region of Eastern and Southern Kentucky.

The kit will consist of a desktop computer, scanner, digital camera and printer, and will also include basic training for effectively utilizing the equipment.

The initial kits will be later supplemented, according to the Center for Rural Development, by laptop packages, a means of connecting the two, as well as a records management system and computer aided dispatch software.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin recently announced that the Prestonsburg Police Department has received the first component of the project — the kit including a desktop computer, scanner, digital camera and printer — which will be administered in four phases, and has said the equipment should greatly improve the capability to exchange information with other police agencies.

If the four phase initiative goes as planned, the entire commonwealth may eventually find all police agencies linked

through a mobile data network as well as mobile data computers in police cruisers, working to provide near instant access to all information maintained by various departments across the state.

Representatives of the Prestonsburg Police Department and the Prestonsburg E-911 Center recently participated in workshops intended to help them in developing the records management and computer aided dispatch software for the project, an effort Fannin has said will greatly increase efficiency for the cities involved and provide better service to those community as a whole.

The project's second phase will focus for the most part on installation of equipment, according to the Center for Rural Development's interim-director Lonnie Lawson.

"We have the equipment in house," said Lawson. "Now we're just waiting on them to get the machines configured so they can take them out and begin installing them." Lawson said the center expects the second phase to get started by December 15.

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Murder

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Jarrell's trial had previously been set for November 26, but was postponed after attorney Stephen W. Owens, representing the accused, presented the court with his intention to rely upon evidence of Jarrell's mental stability at the time of the alleged offense.

Owens' plan to introduce such evidence caused the Commonwealth's Attorney's office to request the same opportunity, which undoubtedly would take more time, according to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner.

Turner filed a request for Jarrell's mental evaluation on November 5.

According to Turner, the

introduction of such evidence in Jarrell's defense is not surprising, as the same tactic is quite commonly used in similar murder cases "in hope of reducing the charge or relieving [the accused] of liability altogether."

"We'll have to wait and see what a jury says about it," said Turner Monday. "Ultimately, there will be evidence presented by doctors other than the ones they choose for the evaluations. I've not seen any indication in my dealings with him to suggest that he's mentally incompetent."

However, Owens said it isn't a question of Jarrell's mental stability as much as it is the question of his "diminished

capacity," a characteristic he says is "suggested by the evidence."

Although Jarrell is accused of murdering a family member, Owens indicated in an interview Monday that the events which led to the death of Bill J. Jarrell didn't hinder family support for Jarrell.

In fact, Owens said that Jarrell still holds "strong" support from family members.

"He's a young man that has never been in any trouble," said Owens. "He works hard to support his family and seems well liked in the community. He has a lot of strong family support."

Jarrell will remain out on bond while awaiting the trial in April.

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Search

Barnett eluded Deputy Sheriff Denzil McKinney November 19 by "slipping" her hands out of handcuffs as McKinney transported her from the Justice Center to the jail.

Prior to her escape, Barnett was arraigned in circuit court, where she faced felony charge for possession of a forged instrument, a charge which followed an indictment by the grand jury on October 29.

But, likely, it wasn't that charge that made her run.

Following her arraignment,

Barnett learned that instead of going home, she was to be placed behind bars.

During her trip to Floyd County District Court, she was served with two warrants following the arraignment, sentencing her to 224 days for a conviction reached in her absence.

Barnett was charged in district court with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, prescription in an improper container, driving on a suspended

license, failure to surrender a revoked license and no insurance. When she failed to appear in court for her trial on those charges, her case was tried in her absence, and she was found guilty of all charges.

Christina Barnett has blonde hair, is 5-feet, 6-inches tall, and weighs 134 pounds. Anyone with information regarding her whereabouts is asked to contact the Floyd County Sheriff's Department at (606) 886-6171 or the Prestonsburg Police Department at (606) 886-1010.

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Game

long trip to Cardinal Stadium will begin for those traveling from Prestonsburg on U.S. 23

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The game is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. at Cardinal Stadium, but for those hoping to make the trip an extended stay, there will be much to choose from. Here are some pointers for making the stay or extended visit more inviting.

The three more affordable hotel accommodations in the Louisville area are the Suburban Lodge, with room prices ranging from \$30 to \$42.86 a night. A second choice for those planning to stay overnight in Louisville after the game would be the Days Inn in Jeffersonville with prices between \$33.08 and \$55. However, the more affordable option would be a night's stay at Louisville's Villager Lodge with a rock bottom price of \$25 a night for a single occupant.

Once settled, the traveling Blackcat fan will be hard pressed to choose from the hundreds of restaurants available, and for those already on a tight budget the choice could become even more difficult. With this in mind, it may be helpful to note that you can find a good meal at an affordable price in the greater Louisville area.

According to well-known Louisville food and wine critic Robin Garr's restaurant reviews, one of the top-notch, "class A hot spots" in Louisville which rest at a \$20 or below price range is Vince Staten's Barbecue. Owned

by Courier-Journal video critic Vince Staten, this restaurant, located in Louisville's Prospect Shopping Center, is good eating at a price that won't leave your pocketbook suffering, Garr says.

Fans may be interested in saving some cash back if planning to extend the trip to Friday's game into a couple days in light of the number of Louisville attractions such as the Kentucky Derby Museum just off from Churchill Downs which is open daily from

9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Those ages 12-55 can visit the location for \$6, \$5 for those 55 or older, children ages 5-11 can gain admission for \$2 and those 5 years old or younger will be admitted free of charge.

A pep rally has been scheduled for Thursday afternoon, according to PHS principal Ron Hampton, who said no other plans or arrangements had been made as of yesterday in preparation of Friday's game.

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Seasons Greeting from Attorney Eric C. Conn and the WLXR.

Christmas is a season of thoughtfulness.

Attorney Eric C. Conn and the WLXR join together

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Viewpoint

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Guest View

Make every vote count

Eight media organizations that spent nine months tallying Florida presidential ballots weren't able to say conclusively who got the most votes last November. George W. Bush likely would have been elected had the U.S. Supreme Court butted out and the narrow recount Al Gore wanted gone forward. Beyond that, it depends on the counting standards. But enough Floridians were frustrated in their efforts to vote for Gore to affect the outcome.

So we know who lost: Floridians whose votes for the highest office in the land didn't count as intended. Some failed to dislodge the small scrap of paper called a chad. Others were victimized by confusing ballots, such as the one used in Duval County. The names of 10 presidential candidates sprawled over two pages, and citizens were instructed to vote on each page — in effect, to vote twice. Nearly 22,000 did just that.

A Bay County voter scrawled a note on his ballot that he'd forgotten his glasses but to "please put Bush down." A Jackson County voter circled Al Gore's name as well as penned it into the "write-in" spot and drew arrows to it. But since he failed to darken the scannable circle, his work got him nothing. More than 3,600 voters filled nine presidential candidate ovals but left Bush's blank; 725 filled every oval but Gore's. What did they intend? Who knows?

In short, significant numbers of Floridians were victimized by their own ignorance, compounded by bureaucratic misjudgments, and by real snafus, such as with registration. Fortunately, the study suggests a way out: Errors all but disappeared in counties which screened ballots on-site for mistakes and omissions and gave voters the opportunity to make corrections. Where this did not happen, as many as one out of six ballots were rejected for overvotes alone.

Some will argue that those who can't vote correctly don't deserve to have their ballots counted. But elections are not tests of intelligence or sophistication. This country grants virtually every adult citizen the right to vote, including those who naively believe somebody reads every ballot that is cast and every mind that casts it.

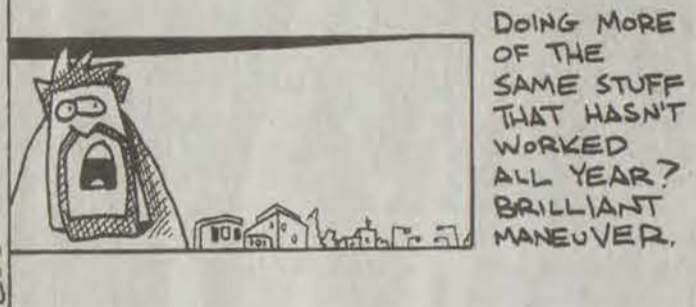
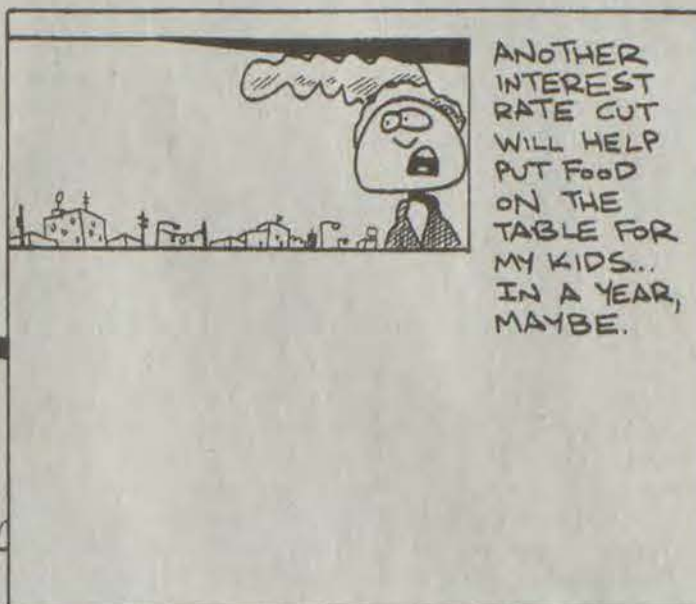
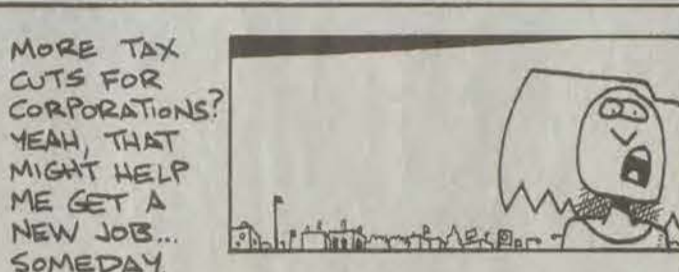
Not long after the election that made the state suspect, the Florida legislature voted to require ballot screening at every precinct so voters who goof get a second chance. A standardized statewide ballot with clear and unambiguous instructions is mandated and money provided to train poll workers and voters.

In Congress, House Republicans and Democrats agreed just this month on a bipartisan package that encourages other states to do the same. It authorizes \$400 million for those wanting to replace punch card voter systems before November 2002 and \$2.25 billion over three years to buy new equipment, upgrade registration systems, and recruit and train poll workers. U.S. Rep. Ray LaHood is a co-sponsor. Similar legislation has stalled in the Senate.

The odds of repeating what happened in Florida in another presidential contest may be as small as, well, the odds of three planes flying almost simultaneously into national symbols. But this isn't about odds; it's about principle. The principle is that votes should count. The fact is they don't as often as we believed they did. The obligation is to fix that. The House seems ready to move; the Senate should be also.

—The Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star

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Mary's Musings

A prayer from the heart

We're like most young couples. We spend the majority of our time during the holidays driving back and forth between houses, trying our best to spend time with families who live in different counties.

For this reason, we often finish holiday festivities overstuffed, over-traveled, and late at either one place or another.

The past few Thanksgivings, Sean has ended the day with a tinge of disappointment, not because of the overeating, rushing or the mere hectic atmosphere of it all, but because each and every year, he'd missed the one thing that he says makes it all worthwhile ... his papaw's Thanksgiving blessing.

Luckily, however, that wasn't the case this year. Per Sean's request, we made a point to visit Papaw's house first, and I must say, hearing — understanding — what Sean has been talking about all this time was the icing on the cake. (Chocolate, I think.) Standing over a table with all the

trimmings, this little man stood shaking, one hand to steady himself on the shiny back of a wooden chair, head down. And he gave thanks.

He gave thanks not only for the food we were about to consume, but for family, love, and for life. Standing there, he asked God to look over and to give a "mighty" blessing to us, our families, our country, and to keep us living as His will demands.

I've heard people pray. I, myself, have given thanks privately on many occasions. But there was something different about Papaw's prayer. His love was so strong, his conviction, trust, so obvious, it bled with his very words.

If you didn't know prayer, if you didn't understand the sheer beauty of it, you would understand it just by listening to this man's moment of thankfulness and devotion. Everything he is, everything he knows, everything he hopes, he placed into that one moment, that thought, that feeling ... and we knew it because we could feel it deep down in the part of our hearts that, unfortunately, we neglect to hear most of the time.

His prayer was a song, unsung, unable to be sung by anyone other than him. It was his life, his wisdom, his love

— right there, almost touchable, all rolled into that one beautiful moment.

I've seen sunsets. I've seen moonlit skies. I've watched the morning mist rise above the tree tops. On my wedding day, I even watched snowflakes glisten like diamonds on the skyline. Of all I've ever seen, this moment, this prayer, this man, is more beautiful than any beauty I've ever witnessed. I understand fully why Sean loves his grandfather so much.

It's so easy to get caught up in the moment in today's world. With all the things that keep us busy, it's so easy to forget the importance of our lives, our true reason for being here on this earth or even the real reason for a holiday like Thanksgiving. It's about knowing, feeling, the love you have for your family as well as those hearts who may not even understand the importance of that love. It's about taking the moment and holding it in your hands, and thanking God almighty for providing it to you.

I think Papaw easily explained with his little prayer just how important every moment of our lives is, how we should learn to harbor that same conviction, love in our hearts, and how we should share that love with those who mean the most to us as well as those we don't quite understand at times. If I never see another Thanksgiving, I would have known the greatest of all, the day I not only felt or knew love, but the day I saw it gleaming right there before my eyes. Absolutely amazing.



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Letters

'Den of sin'

When the city big wigs run valuable private enterprises out of Prestonsburg and spend the city's tax money to make recreation sites for the few, our community turns into a den of sin.

We have horse racing, gambling and drinking. Now the nudie bars are coming. How far away are the prostitution houses, dirty book stores, peep shows and gambling casinos?

I encourage all honest, decent, moral, God-loving people to vote your conscience, not for the same old corrupt crowd. We need a new fiscal court and city council. Sue Morrison Garrett

Stop talking & do something

I am sure I am not alone being shocked by the opening of the "Gentleman's Club." Mr. Maynard said he found a "loophole." folks, these things don't just happen. Someone was already looking for the "loophole" way before he arrived on the scene.

Ms. Kate Gulick's letter was both shocking and amusing. Free enterprise is indeed the American way, but our founding fathers never envisioned strip joints (nude clubs), prostitution, etc. to be sanctioned under the Constitution. Most of the founding fathers were Christians and even those

who were not were decent men. They knew these "dens of iniquity" existed in sleazy areas, far from people who were trying to live decent lives and teach their children accordingly.

Ms. Gulick's remarks had the familiar "I" self-centeredness. She refrains from watching anything that piques "her" interest. What about ruined lives of others, or doesn't she think about that? Strippers get paid large amounts of money, very enticing to young girls (and boys) and with so much emphasis on "great bods," Mr. Maynard's strip joint will have an endless supply for his "dancers." Folks, that's your daughters and sons.

Whether strip joints are called "Gentleman's Club," nude bars or not, they are live pornography and no doubt

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Board members talk with principals about test scores

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

School CATS (Commonwealth Accountability Testing System) reports from McDowell Elementary, Osborne Elementary, South Floyd Middle School, and South Floyd High School were presented to the members of the Floyd County Board of Education Monday evening at a special meeting held on the McDowell Elementary campus.

Jerri Turner, principal of

McDowell Elementary, was first to present her school's report to the assembled members. Noting improvements in math, science and writing over the year 2000 scores, Turner also noted that reading, social studies and arts and humanities were areas of concern for her school.

Turner informed the board that her staff is currently involved in a variety of activities geared toward continued improvement such as professional development, committee restructuring, site-based decision-making coun-

cil policy revisions, the incorporation of assessment plans, and programs such as "Project Read," and "KIDS." The school staff is also working on a revised consolidated plan to better guide instruction as well as incorporating a policy of "Time on Task," that is geared toward minimizing classroom interruptions.

Turner told the board that she and her staff had adopted the acronym, "FUTURE," as a guideline to success — "F" standing for follow your goals, "U" standing for use respect, "T"

standing for take responsibility, "U" for unified effort, "R" for respond with cooperation, and "E" standing for equal opportunity for all. Dr. Paul Fanning, superintendent of the Floyd County Board of Education, took a moment to compliment Turner on the development of her acronym.

Also noting that "reprioritization" as well as "the use of the 'machine' of the consolidated plan" would both be avenues toward improvement in the county's schools, Fanning was in

agreement that "time on task" minimal interruptions were a key to continued improvement and success.

Turner outlined the specifics of a request for how the board could help her school toward proficiency. The first specific was to reduce class size by lowering funding allocation below a 24-1 student-teacher ratio. The second specific was to provide the school with curriculum coordinators, and the third specific was to provide funding for a full-time related arts program.

"As it is now, our timing only allows for a 35-minute arts program," Turner said, before adding, "...Encouragement (from central office staff) also goes a long way."

Paul D. Tackett, principal of W.D. Osborne Elementary, gave a glowing report of his school's achievements and successes, giving ample credit to his "dedicated" staff for the school's success. "Our staff really feel as though they are a part of the program."

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Scores

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he said, "I credit our staff with our success."
Noting that Osborne Elementary has been a "Rewards" school for the past eight years, Tackett outlined for the board a few reasons for the

school's 2001 success. One reason, according to Tackett, was the school's intensive "open response training." Tackett said that by the time students were trained in open response drills, they were ready for formal test-

ing.
"By the time it's time for testing, the students are ready," Tackett said. "They're not afraid of that test."
The use of "Project Read" in the school was also credited as a success factor by Tackett. The school incorporates the use of this program in both story form and report form. Units of study development, "hands-on" science projects, core content check sheets, "time-on task" minimal interruptions, and Region 8 assistance were all also acknowledged by Tackett as leading to his school's success.

Citing plans for continued improvement throughout the 2002 school year, Tackett noted that staff development on designing and scoring open response items would be conducted, as well as staff training with new student performance standards. Increased practice in open response questioning and on-demand writing will also play an important role in daily teaching activities, according to Tackett.
Continued development of a curriculum alignment document focusing on a program of studies and core content for assessment, as well as continued use of the Project Read program and continuing on-going analysis, needs assessment, and evaluation of data for the implementation and revision of the current consolidated plan will continue throughout the current and upcoming year.
Tackett also took time to credit the parents and students of the Osborne community with the school's achievements before closing his presentation for the evening.
Zenith Hall, principal of South Floyd Middle School, was next to present to the board. Hall said that "although we have excellent feeder schools," that it was, nonetheless, "difficult to get the kids thinking the way we want them to in just a short period of time before moving them on to high school."
Hall cited as steps for improvement: an investigation into the "root causes" of the school's decreased test scores, the use of performance level descriptions to monitor instruction and student progress, teacher

collaboration, and a focus on research based instructional strategies — professional reading, expertise sharing and monitoring of strategy implementation procedures.
Hall also noted that staff training would be implemented and the school's consolidated plan would be reviewed for effectiveness and needs alignment.
Henry Webb, principal of South Floyd High School, was the final presenter for the evening. Webb informed the board that his faculty had been analyzing test results since October and that discussions by departments are still continuing. Additionally, results were discussed with students in October, and individualized classroom instructional plans were devised. "Discussions with the students, one on one, has been a great experience for me," Webb told the board. "It's something I plan to continue."
Other plans for continued school improvement, according to Webb, include continuing analysis of student work, site-based decision-making, on-going CATS analysis, monitoring of lesson plans and classrooms to ensure that "best practices" and "multiple assessments" are being utilized, continued work on curriculum alignment, continued monitoring of the school's consolidated plan, on-going standards based units of study programs, and use of open response training programs.

"Also," Webb said, "we will continue to stress attendance. We are very proud of our attendance record and plan to continue as we have in the past."
In other business, the board approved the continuation of the originally adopted school instructional day for Betsy Layne High School, Betsy Layne Elementary, and John M. Stumbo Elementary.
These county schools submitted requests to remain on the original school calendar beginning and ending times as adopted at the beginning of the school instructional year this past August.
Earlier this year, as a means to settling dissatisfaction in regard to an extended school instructional day and to allow more time for teacher planning, the board had voted to shorten the originally adopted school day by 15 minutes and to allow early Wednesday planning periods to take place each Wednesday of each month, rather than the previously scheduled two Wednesdays each month.
According to submitted reports, Margaret Vaughn, principal of Betsy Layne High School, Sheila Calhoun, principal of Betsy Layne Elementary School, and Roy Johnson, principal of John M. Stumbo Elementary School, held that the site-based decision-making councils, as well as the staff, students and communities of their individual schools desired to allow the extra 15 minutes of instructional time to remain on their daily calendars in order to allow the schools to individually accumulate, by the end of the current school year, a total of five instructional days, to be used as make-up time for days missed in August due to flooding conditions in the respective school areas. Each school missed a total of seven instructional days due to flood conditions.
The schools will, however, observe "Early Wednesday" each Wednesday of each month, as

will all other county schools.
Approval was also granted for the purchase of 12 school buses for the school year 2002-2003. The purchases will include five 34 passenger buses, one 34 passenger bus with a handicap lift, four 66 passenger buses, two 78 passenger rear engine buses. The total cost of purchase will be \$663,112.
Matt Wireman, director of finance, gave a brief presentation to the board on the current financial audit, for informational purposes only, and decisions regarding the Prestonsburg Dance Cats trip to Orlando, Fla., and the Prestonsburg Blackcats Football team trip to Marshall University were postponed for the evening, with decisions coming the following evening at a special called meeting held at Adams Middle School.
Ron Hampton, principal of Prestonsburg High School, and John Earl Hunt, Blackcats Booster Club, were present Tuesday evening at Adams to answer questions and concerns in regard to the proposed trip to Marshall University.

The two men explained that the Blackcat team would be playing on artificial turf in Friday's championship game, a surface that they have very little experience with. According to Supt. Fanning, for "safety purposes alone" it would be beneficial to the team to become familiar with the artificial surface. The board passed approval on the trip to Marshall University.
The team will attend school today and leave immediately afterwards to travel to Huntington, W. Va., where they will practice on the Marshall field, returning to Prestonsburg at approximately 10 p.m. that evening.
Approval was also granted in regard to the request from the Prestonsburg Dance Cats to travel to Orlando, Fla., where they will defend their national title in a competition held there this spring.
All board members, Supt. Fanning and state manager Zella Wells, were present at Monday evening's meeting. Present at Tuesday evening's meeting were Supt. Fanning, Board Chairman Johnnie Ross, board members Glenna Slone and Jeff Stumbo and state manager Zella Wells.

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EK-CORE providing help with help of others

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

Although the floods which swept through Floyd County in early August are for some now only bad memories, there are those who are still dealing with the damage caused by the drenching rains, according to EK-CORE (East Kentucky Churches and Organizations Responding to Emergencies) chairman Jeff Stumbo.

Stumbo, who was elected the organization's chairman during its second meeting in late August, said yesterday that many families along the Left Beaver section of Mud Creek are still in need of a great deal of assistance, especially as colder weather and the holiday season approach.

"The needs here are great," said Stumbo. "FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) done what they could, but some of these people couldn't afford loans and that left them with all sorts of problems."

One of the main problems for families presently, according to Stumbo, is heating homes which became the targets of severe flooding. Stumbo said that in many cases the waters forced their way under the homes and destroyed the duct systems, leaving families scrambling to find a solution as colder weather approaches.

"There are some homes that still have mud all through them," continued Stumbo. "And there are others that need to be moved from their present location and put in other spots. We've got the holidays coming up and we're trying to end this suffering and get people back in their homes and get their heat on." EK-CORE, which is still set

up behind the Mud Creek Clinic in Grethel, plans to make itself available in the continuing months as a "long-term" recovery agency, Stumbo said, by helping families with building materials of up to \$500 in value for repairs.

But these efforts can't continue without donations, according to Stumbo, who was recently given a \$5,000 check from Reverend Johnnie Ross on behalf of St. James Episcopal Church to continue in providing assistance.

"Five-hundred dollars may not go a long way," admitted Stumbo, "but it's a start and for some of these people and

that's a big help."

Donations can be made in person at the EK-CORE office at Minnie just off Route 680 or by calling and providing the information needed. Donations can be in the form of money, building materials or the promise of volunteering labor efforts on one of various projects scheduled for future efforts.

"We have several projects going right now," said Stumbo. "A total of 24 families have received assistance so far and we have anywhere from 30 to 40 others pending."

As of November 15, nearly \$5,700 has been spent on building supplies through EK-CORE efforts, utilizing donations primarily from churches and church groups, including the Kentucky United Methodist Disaster Response, the First Presbyterian Church, St. Vincent's Mission, Onto United Methodist Church and Catholic Charities, among others.

FYI

A telethon to benefit flood victims is scheduled for tomorrow from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will be hosted by WPRG-TV5. Those interested in taking part in the program or seeking more information about donations are encouraged to contact the EK-CORE offices at 452-2802 or 587-2802.

Letters

all have heard "it doesn't hurt anybody." Oh, but it does! Those families torn apart from sexually-transmitted diseases, drugs, etc. Please spare me the "that won't happen here." I've lived halfway around the world and have seen dozens of families and lovely small towns torn apart by addiction. Anyone can be addicted to anything — pornography, homosexuality, heterosexual promiscuity, gambling, etc. All it takes is continuous dabbling in those actions.

I asked my husband what he would think if I said to him, as Ms. Gulick wrote, "It's okay for you to visit Gentleman's Club (strip joint), hope he would be treated right and have a great time." After he got over the shock of the question, he said, "I would think you didn't have much respect or love for me as your husband, otherwise you couldn't suggest such a thing." Real men don't need such lustful pleasures to know they are real men. It takes more of a man

to not do what the mainstream is doing. That also includes frequenting strip clubs, cheating on your wife, drugs, etc.

"Let the market decide." I have seen a few strip joints close in other places due to decent citizens who banded together, groups of two to four camping in front of the establishment during operating hours, watching those who enter, always staying the required feet away from the establishment. There are still some men (and women) who have a degree of conscience and would stay away if they thought they were seen. Thus, no patrons, no business. Those decent people of Prestonsburg, Floyd County and surrounding counties have the right to peaceful protest. Let's get organized, quit talking about how awful this business is to the community and do something!

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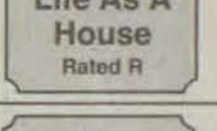

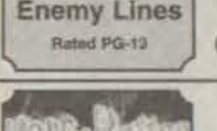




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Child care center rating program improving care for kids

FRANKFORT — Dana Monin has owned the four Primary House child care centers in Hardin County for 10 years, but there was never any way to independently assess the standard of quality above and beyond what is required of out-of-home daycare settings by state regulation. That is, until

Monin's facilities signed up to participate in the STARS for KIDS NOW child care provider rating system.

"We now have a tool to help parents distinguish quality in day-care settings, and to recognize the good things we are doing. This program is beneficial for the staff, for the chil-

dren, and for our state," said Monin, whose Primary House Centers I and II in Radcliff received one and two stars respectively and Primary House centers III and IV in Elizabethtown each received two stars in the program's pilot assessment. Monin said her centers will continue to participate in STARS.

The STARS program is part of Governor Paul Patton's Early Childhood Initiative called KIDS NOW. Thanks to funding by the 2000 General Assembly with tobacco settlement funds, STARS for KIDS NOW and other programs are assisting families across the state in getting children off to a good start.

"It is vital that children receive, both at home and in child care facilities, the highest

possible quality of care during these very important first years of life," said Gov. Paul Patton. "The STARS program provides a tool for not only assessing the quality of care in out-of-home settings, but for setting goals for improvement in standards of care, and for parents to use as a guide in choosing the best possible daycare setting for their children."

The STARS program is a voluntary system for identifying quality in licensed childcare settings. The program uses a scale of one to four stars to identify levels of quality above and beyond those required by childcare licensing. The standards used are based on factors such as: staff to child ratios, overall group sizes, caregiver education and training, parent involvement, and program curriculum. Although the ranking system goes up to four stars, a rating of one star is still very good, indicating a quality of childcare surpassing what is required by the state.

The STARS pilot program kicked off in January 2001, with 77 childcare providers volunteering to participate and receive ratings. Since July 2001, childcare providers statewide can volunteer for evaluation. Centers are rated on an individual basis within 60 days of their request for a rating visit, and are then sent the results within 60 days. The ratings are issued by the Division of Licensed Child Care in the Inspector General's Office of the Cabinet for Health

Services. These ratings are determined by specially trained, STAR Team Raters, who have received in-depth training from the authors of the Harms & Cryer

Environment Rating Scales. These measurement tools are based on research conducted at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The Regional Program Managers of the Division of Licensed Child Care serve as the anchors for the program. As anchors, they are responsible for interpreting best practices in early childhood development programs. "Participating in STARS was a great learning experience for us. We learned what we were doing well and places where we needed to improve," said Linda Fowles of Richmond Child Care in Madison County, which received two stars during the pilot assessment. "Parents are happy we are trying to improve standards of child care and we are thrilled at the governor's support of early childhood development."

The STARS rating system provides parents with a valuable resource to draw on when searching for a childcare setting outside of their home. Just participating in STARS for KIDS NOW demonstrates that a center is working toward providing quality care. Parents can also use the rating system to gain an understanding of the factors that contribute to quality care and to choose a center that best fits their needs.

Childcare centers that participate receive technical assistance from regional Childcare Resource and Referral Agencies. And, depending upon ratings, can be eligible to apply for one-time cash Star Achievement Awards. For children in care who are eligible for Child Care Assistance Payments (CCAP), an additional amount of CCAP will be available to programs rated in Levels 2 - 4. Assistance with staff training and education is offered through the Early Childhood Development Scholarship Program.

STARS for KIDS NOW standards are based on research that shows what is best for children in out-of-home care settings. The recommendations for the content of each level were devised by a representative group of consumers, childcare providers, non-profit group representatives, and others who work and live with young children. STARS for KIDS NOW represents a collaborative effort to ensure that young children in Kentucky are being cared for in childcare settings that are seeking ever-increasing quality of care. The program is creating a new, closer tie between the state agencies that monitor daycare facilities and the providers.

"There's been a big change over the past year in the relationship of providers and the state. There's more positive reinforcement going on now, more cooperation," said Monin. "STARS is a great program for all of us. We're so pleased the standard of care in the state is being raised, and this program was just the right way to do it."

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HRMC hosts diabetes health fair

In recognition of National Diabetes Month, Highlands Regional Medical Center Diabetes Care Committee hosted a health fair on November 1, 2001. A total of 233 participants attended the health fair making this the most successful health fair ever. Health fair participants received blood pressure screenings, information on healthy eat-

ing and exercise, as well as blood work consisting of Cholesterol, Triglyceride, Blood Sugar and Glycohemoglobin. Cholesterol normal values should range from 160-239 with desirable results being below 200. 145 participants (62 percent of the participants) had Cholesterol results greater than 200.

Triglyceride normal values should range from 20-200. 70 participants (30 percent of the participants) had Triglyceride results above 200. Elevated Cholesterol and Triglycerides are a contributing factor in the development of heart disease. These values can be lowered by lowering fat consumption in the daily diet and increasing physical activity. Glycohemoglobin, which measures the past three month average blood sugar results, should be below 7.0 percent. 36 participants (56 percent of those participants tested) had Glycohemoglobin results greater than 7.0 percent. Blood Sugar normal values should range from 70-110. 15 participants who had no history

of blood sugar problems had results above 110.

All participants received their results along with a letter explaining the need for further healthcare follow-up if necessary. Health Fair Screenings such as this have proven to be very helpful in the early diagnosis and early intervention of potentially life threatening diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.

Highlands Regional gratefully acknowledges all those who participated in making the health fair a successful commitment in our development of a healthier community.

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Drew, a student in Anna Shepherd's K-1 class at May Valley Elementary, shared his pet duck, "Quack," during recent "Show and Tell" activities.

Johnson Central wins final meet

Johnson Central-Gold was the overall winner at the Eastern Kentucky Academic Conference high school meet held on November 10, at Paintsville High School. Johnson Central-Gold accumulated 47.5 points to capture first place. Pike Central finished second with 39.5 points. Johnson Central-Black placed third with 29 points, and Pikeville-Maroon was fourth with 28 points.

The following students finished first through fourth in these written assessment categories:

■ Mathematics: 1. Keith Starnes of Pikeville-Maroon; 2. David Simpson of Johnson Central-Gold; 3. James Mullins of Pike Central; 4. Tie between Swathi Rao of Johnson Central-Gold and Barry Wright of Elkhorn City.

■ Science: 1. Tie between M.J. Meade of Betsy Layne and Shawn Reynolds of Pike Central; 3. Josh Daniel of Johnson Central-Gold; 4. Jonathan Boyd of Johnson Central-Gold.

■ Social studies: 1. Justin Howard of Pike Central; 2. Braden Blankenship of Pike Central; 3. Daniel; 4. Nick Hall of Betsy Layne.

■ Language Arts: 1. Laura Wells of Johnson Central-Gold; 2. D.J. Smith of Pike Central; 3. Shefa Sikder of Johnson Central-Black; 4. Rao.

■ General Knowledge: 1. Laura Wells; 2. Simpson; 3.

Anu Mahalingashetty of Pikeville-Maroon; 4. Starnes.

In quick recall competition, three teams finished with a 4-0 record; Johnson Central-Black, Johnson Central-Gold, and Pikeville-White. Individual honors went to the following: 1. Kevin Wells of Johnson Central-Black; 2. Daniel; 3. R.J. Blackburn of Millard; 4. Simpson.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Martha Jean Hicks Prater 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 Elders Ersel Huff and Roger Hicks for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of Martha Jean Hicks Prater

Card of Thanks

The family of Eddie Chafin would like to thank all those who gave their support and loving ways in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all our friends, neighbors, and family, who sent food, flowers, and prayers. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Jack Howard and Graydon Howard for their comforting words, to Dale McKinney and Mona Dingus for the beautiful service and their kind, caring and supportive ways, Jeanie and Brennon Case for the beautiful songs, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.

The Family of Eddie Chafin
Lana, Steven, Ciara, and Martha

Card of Thanks

The family of Gordon Lee Williamson 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 Speaker Heiko Giese for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The Family of Gordon Lee Williamson

Card of Thanks

The family of Norma Cook Martin 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 The Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words. The Little Rock 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 Norma Cook Martin

Delmer Howell

Delmer Howell, 69, of McDowell, Ky., died Monday, November 26, 2001, following an extended illness.

Born on April 20, 1932, at Dony, Ky., he was the son of the late Wayne Howell and Nancy Osborne Howell. He was a disabled coal miner; a member of the First Baptist Church, McDowell, Ky.; a member of James W. Alley Masonic Lodge No. 869, an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Skeans Howell.

Other survivors include two sons, Dale Howell of McDowell, Ky., and Alan Howell of Hi Hat, Ky.; one daughter, Patricia (Patti) Dye of McDowell, Ky.; one brother, Milford Howell of Columbus, Ohio; five sisters, Ocie Frasure of McDowell, Ky., Virdie Dally of South Carolina, Vernidih Martin of Columbus, Ohio, Emily Growlers of Howard, Ohio, and Rebecca Beachy of Plainwell, Ohio; and five grandchildren, Shelby Martin, Rachelle Howell, Natausha Tackett, Shawn Howell, and Brandon Howell.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Ressie Hamilton; and four brothers, Calvin, Tilford, Corbit, and Rufus Howell.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, November 29, 2001, at 12 noon at the First Baptist Church at McDowell, Ky., with Harry Hargus and Ruford Howell officiating.

Burial will be in the Osborne Cemetery, McDowell, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation will be at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Everett Hall

Everett Hall, 87, of Bevinsville, Ky., died Sunday, November 25, 2001, following an extended illness.

Born on May 22, 1914, in Knott County, Ky., he was the son of the late Ananias Hall and Sarah Ellen Cook Hall. He was a retired coal miner, a member of U.M.W.A. and a member of Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, Melvin, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carrie Osborne Hall, December 6, 1991.

Survivors include one son, James Wesley Hall of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; five daughters, Lorraine Little of South Lyon, Mich., Jeanette Ramey of Leitchfield, Ky., Jo Ann West of Camden, Mich., Barbara Harris of Columbus, Oh., Emily Ellen Youngert of Fenwick, Mich.; and one brother, John Wesley Hall of Martin, Ky.; 20 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Eileen Johnson and Bonnie Kohler; and two sisters, Edna Hale and Lenora Ravensvorg.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, November 28, 2001, at 10 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, Melvin, Ky., with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Buckingham Cemetery, Bevinsville, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation will be at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church at Melvin.

Pallbearers: James Eric Hall, Edward Scott Hall, Gregory Johnson, Jeffery West, Mark Cesarz, Dave Marlowe, Gary Harris and George Harris. (Paid obituary)

Clara Bell Brown

Clara Bell Brown, 55, of Jacksonville, Fla., formerly of Floyd County, Ky., died Monday, November 19, 2001, following an extended illness.

Born on June 24, 1946, at Harold, Ky., she was the daughter of Fanny Justice Hatcher of Jacksonville, Fla., and the late Oscar King. She was a disabled accountant and a member of Harvest Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Norman Brown Sr.

Other survivors include three sons, Brian (Carol) Brown, Michael Brown and Charles Brown Jr., all of Jacksonville, Fla.; one daughter, Michele Brown of Jacksonville, Fla.; one brother, Lynnie King of Harold, Ky.; two sisters, Loene Lawson of Harold, Ky., and Jan Brinley of Green Cove Springs, Fla.; and four grandchildren, Christopher, Alicia, Courtney and Kyle.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 25, 2001, at 11 a.m., at the Toler Creek Freewill Baptist Church at Harold, Ky., with Jamie Biliter officiating.

Burial was in the Lawson Cemetery, at Harold, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation was at the Toler Creek Freewill Baptist Church. (Paid obituary)

Sarah Jane Hyden Allen

Sarah Jane Hyden Allen, age 94, of Langley, Ky., wife of the late Ulysses Grant Allen, passed away Monday, November 26, 2001, at the Riverview Health Care, Prestonsburg, Ky., following an extended illness.

She was born February 14, 1907, in Martin, Ky., the daughter of the late Stewart Hyden and Julia Francis Prater Hyden. She was a homemaker and a member of the Bethel Old Regular Baptist Church, Langley, Ky., for 71 years.

Survivors include two sons, Billy M. Allen of Langley, Ky., Charles R. Amburgy of Weatherford, Tx.; two daughters, Juanita Allen Hawkins of Sidney, Oh., Agnes G. Allen Vanhouse of Langley, Ky.; one half-sister, Bessie Gibson of Wayland, Ky.; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Edgel Allen.

Funeral services for Sarah Allen will be conducted Thursday, November 29, 2001, at 11:00 a.m., at the Bethel Old Regular Baptist Church, Langley, Ky., with the Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Stewart Cemetery, Langley, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

Julius H. Gilliam

Julius H. Gilliam, age 77, of Coleman, Florida, formerly of Betsy Layne, Ky., husband of the late Leatrice Joy Gilliam, passed away Tuesday, November 21, 2001, in Florida.

He was born September 23, 1924, in Betsy Layne, Ky. He was a self-employed welder and was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Deborah Moser of North Wilksboro, N.C.; one granddaughter, Kimerly Joy Moser and companion, Ellen Stokes of Coleman, Florida.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, November 27, 2001, at 11:00 a.m., at the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Ky., with Clergyman Troy Poff officiating, and Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., caring for those arrangements. (Paid obituary)

Berry Akers

Berry Akers, age 92, of Grethel, Ky., widower of Lexie Hall Akers passed away Friday, November 23, 2001, in Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Ky.

He was born October 18, 1909, in Grethel, Ky., the son of the late Andy and Polly Frasure Akers. He was a retired coal miner and construction worker. He was a member of the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church, Grethel, Ky.

Survivors include three sons, Hershel Akers of Amherst, Oh., Charles Akers of Vermillion, Oh., and Buddy Akers of New London, Oh.; three daughters, Jurlene Hall of Collins, Oh., Shirley Hamilton of Grethel, Ky., and Janice Connor of Huron, Oh.; 21 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Donald Ray Akers.

Funeral services for Berry Akers were conducted Monday, November 26, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., at the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church, Grethel, Ky., with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Lee Alley Cemetery, Grethel, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Brandon Berry Hall, Terry Hall, Dwayne Hall, Ricky Akers, Joe Csizmadia, Steve Akers, Charles Swanson, Nick Perry and D. J. Hall. (Paid obituary)

Jeffery L. Childers

Jeffery L. Childers, 36, of Willowick, Ohio, died Saturday, November 24, 2001, following an extended illness.

Born on January 17, 1965, at Cleveland, Ohio, he was the son of James and Merwonnie Rowe Childers of Solon, Ohio. He was a disabled electrical technician. He was a member of the Assembly of God in Ohio.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Johnson Childers.

Other survivors include one son, Eric Childers of Willowick, Ohio; one daughter, Stephanie Childers of Willowick, Ohio; maternal grandmother, Ruby Coleman Rowe of Melvin, Ky., with Louis Ferrari officiating.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, November 28, 2001, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial will be in the Lonesome Pine Cemetery, Weeksburg, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation will be at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Loma DeRossett Funeral

November 2

(Those attending from out of town)

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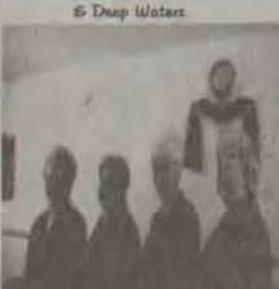
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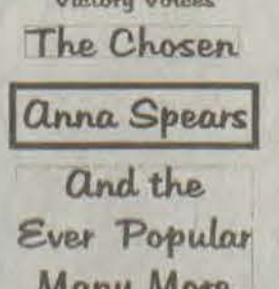
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Obituaries

Noah Vance Sr.

Noah Vance Sr., age 82, of Beaver, Ky., husband of the late Creasie Reynolds Vance, passed away Monday, November 26, 2001, at his son's residence in Beaver.

He was born December 5, 1918, in Beaver, Ky., the son of the late Sylvester Vance and Mary Alice Elliott Vance. He was a retired coal miner and steel worker, and was a member of the Little Rose Regular Baptist Church of the New Salem Association, McDowell, Ky.

Survivors include one son, Noah Vance Jr., of Beaver, Ky.; two daughters, Fayette Vance Poenisch of Columbus, Oh., and Bertha Dean Vance Hall of Grethel, Ky.; one sister, Maggie Wheatley of Pocatello, Id.; and four grandchildren, Noah Michael Vance, Brian Allen Vance, Jeffery Scott Vance and Barry Dale Hall.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Walter Poenisch; two brothers, Arthur Vance, and Earnest Vance; five sisters, Maudie Hall, Lena Samons, May Hall, Myrtle Frasure, and Bertha Ruth Vance; and one grandchild.

Funeral services for Noah Vance Sr., will be conducted Wednesday, November 28, 2001, at 1:00 p.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, Teaberry, Ky., with the Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Vance Cemetery, Beaver, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Viola Marie (Whitt) Hurd

Viola Marie (Whitt) Hurd, age 76, of Prestonsburg, Ky., passed away Sunday, November 25, 2001, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Ky., following an illness of seven months.

She was born November 25, 1924, at Garrett, Ky., a daughter of the late Troy Whitt and Goldie (Hampton) Whitt Wallen.

She was married to Alvin Hurd who survives her, and resides at Goble-Roberts, Prestonsburg, Ky.

Other survivors include one son and two daughters, Mr. John Troy Hurd of Prestonsburg, Ky., Mrs. Jackie McCollough of Ann Arbor, Mi., Mrs. Mae Baisden of Prestonsburg, Ky.; one brother, Mr. Burl Whitt of Prestonsburg, Ky.; four sisters, Mrs. May Moore of Ohio, Mrs. Betty Hatfield, Mrs. Rebecca Jarrell, and Mrs. Stella Hall, all of Prestonsburg, Ky.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her stepmother, Kate Whitt.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 27, at 1 p.m., from the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, at Prestonsburg, Ky., with Rev. Manford Fannin officiating.

Burial was in the Family cemetery at Goble Hollow, at Prestonsburg, Ky., under the direction of Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg, Ky.

Visitation was held at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

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.

Toys for Tots drop-off center

The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center will be participating in the 2001 "Toys For Tots" program. The "Toys For Tots" program is sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps and provides toys for needy children at Christmas. Anyone who would like to contribute may bring toys to the Job Corps Center during normal business hours, 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Toys should be new and unwrapped. All toys must be received by December 11, 2001. For more information, please call

Teresa Carroll at (606) 886-0077.

LEPC meeting

There will be an LEPC meeting Tuesday, December 4, at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at 361 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg.

Maytown Lifetime Learning Center

Christmas Events: Advent Dinners - Dec. 6 and 13, at 6 p.m. Pot luck. Dec. 6 dinner will include a family craft session. The Dec. 13 dinner will include caroling and a special message from Father Ralph Beiting.

Call 285-0539 for more information.

Also, learning center facilities may be rented for holiday parties, receptions, etc. Call Dan or Beth for more information.

Roadie's hosts Otter Creek Santa Donations

"Roadie's" will serve as the drop-off point for donations to the Otter Creek Correctional Center's 2001 "Santa's Sleigh" program. Old or broken toys may be dropped off at the Hi Hat restaurant from now until December 15. The toys will be taken to the correctional facility where inmates will repair them. They will then be handed out to needy community children. For more information, call Gary or Loretta Tackett at 606-377-6700. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Free business workshop

"Starting your own Business" is a free workshop for prospective and existing small business owners. The workshop is being offered by the Morehead State University/Small Business Development Center and Mayo Technical College. It will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Mayo Technical College, Paintsville, from 1 - 3:30 p.m. You may call (606) 432-5848 for more information or to pre-register.

Love Line Christmas donations

Bring toys or food to the following locations: John Gray Pontiac, Paintsville, 606-297-4066; Gloryland Church, Pastor Jim Riddle, 270-622-5266. Contact "LoveLine Outreach" at 606-889-9056 from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m., or fax to: 606-889-9092, or write to: 57 Hopson Street, Auxier, KY.

End of Life seminar

A seminar entitled "End of Life" will be presented on Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Pikeville. Dr. Tamara Musgrave, Lawana McGuire, hospice clinical director, and Judith Branham, administrator will speak to nurses, doctors, families and caregivers. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 p.m. For further information call Angie Owens, social services director, at 606-639-4840.

PHS grads of 1992 plan reunion

The 1992 graduates of Prestonsburg High School are now planning their 10th Reunion.

reunion. Phone numbers and addresses of all graduates are needed. Please contact Alan Derossett at (606) 874-9514.

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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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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Some signs of depression that may indicate the need for professional intervention include:

- Depressed mood for most of the day, nearly every day
- Diminished interest in most all activities of the day
- Significant weight loss or gain
- Sleeping too much or too little
- Overactive or slowed down muscle activity
- Fatigue or loss of energy nearly every day
- Feelings of worthlessness or inappropriate guilt
- Difficulty with concentration or decision-making
- Recurrent thoughts about death or suicidal thoughts, with

or without a specific plan. If any of these signs are observed in yourself or in loved ones, contact your local mental health professionals or call the Mountain Comprehensive Care Helpline number below. Here's hoping that everyone will find something to celebrate this season, and never be afraid to ask for help.

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Patriotic

Kacey Shepherd, a K-1 student at May Valley Elementary, showed her patriotism when she decorated her pumpkin in red, white and blue stars and stripes. Her pumpkin, as well as others, was displayed in the schools "Pumpkin Patch" display.

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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.

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.

■ Narconon—Free assessment, evaluation and referral services can help you to overcome your drug addiction problems. Call 1-800-468-6933, or visit www.stopaddiction.com.

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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.

■ 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.

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We are fast closing on the time when various newspapers, magazines, and TV networks will be selecting their Sportsman of the Year.



Athlete of the Year, Coach of the Year, Horse of the Year, etc. It's always fun to make your picks and see how many winners you can ferret out. So here goes:

National - The most prestigious is Sports Illustrated's "Sportsman of the Year," which always goes to somebody who has enjoyed an exceptional year, but who also has demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship and citizenship, and, in some cases, has made a larger contribution to mankind. The list of former winners includes the likes of Muhammad Ali, Arthur Ashe, Dean Smith, and the 1980 U.S. hockey team.

This year I'd say the front-runners would be the

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Alice Lloyd loses on the road at Bluefield

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Alice Lloyd Eagles lost on the road at Bluefield College Tuesday, Nov. 20, 76-63. The loss dropped the Eagles to 2-4 overall and 1-2 in the AAC. Alice Lloyd was led in scoring by junior center Kent Campbell who had 22 points to go along with three rebounds. Senior Jason Collins added 20 points and 14 rebounds. Shannon Akers was the only other Eagle in double figures with 12 points. All of Akers' 12 markers came from beyond the three-point line where he was 4-of-8.

Alice Lloyd was playing without the help of junior forward George Potter. A pulled hamstring suffered two weeks ago has Potter sidelined.

The Eagles were scheduled to be back in action last night at home against Cumberland College. The Patriots are coming off a win over No. 6 ranked Rio Grande (Ohio). Following the game with Cumberland, Alice Lloyd will take on Pikeville College at home Thursday and Bryan College again at home Saturday.

WPRG TV-5

15th Region Boys' Basketball Schedule

- Nov. 30**
Belfry at Johnson Central
- Dec. 4**
Sheldon Clark at Paintsville
- Dec. 7**
Magoffin County at Prestonsburg
- Dec. 11**
Betsy Layne at Belfry
Millard at Pike County Central
- Dec. 14**
South Floyd at Allen Central
- Dec. 18**
Betsy Layne at South Floyd
Johnson Central at Phelps
- Dec. 21**
Newport Central Catholic at Shelby Valley
- Dec. 28**
South Floyd at Pikeville

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Dynamic duo near full strength for Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The South Floyd Raiders debuted in preseason play last Wednesday in a panorama at Allen Central High School. The Raiders took on the Paintsville Tigers in the second Allen Central panorama and

according to the scoreboard came up short. South Floyd was without the services of its two leading scorers. Both Michael Hall and Rusty Tackett were out with ankle injuries.

"Being with Michael and Rusty against Paintsville gave us the chance to experiment a

little bit," said South Floyd Coach Henry Webb.

The Raiders returned to action Saturday in the final preseason tuneup taking on defending 14th Region champ Hazard. The Raiders came out on top in the Hazard scrimmage but once again played without Hall. Tackett, a senior,

was back in action. The Raiders turned back the visiting Bulldogs, winning by nine.

Junior Tyler Hall shined for South Floyd in the final preseason game. He was 9-of-13 from beyond the three-point arc.

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Prestonsburg vs. Bardstown

MAGIC CARPET RIDE



The Prestonsburg High football team continued preparations for a trip to the state finals in the spring. All of Prestonsburg's hard work will pay off on Friday when the Blackcats step onto 'the carpet' at Fairgrounds Stadium.

file photo by Steve LeMaster

Blackcats ready to walk on 'the carpet'

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Jimmy Buffett once sang a song and in it he frequently said, "Come Monday."

Well, come Friday, the Prestonsburg Blackcats will walk on the carpet. Prestonsburg players and coaches will live out the dreams of so many high school football players before them and so many that will come after them when they walk on carpet of Louisville's Fairgrounds Stadium this Friday in the Class 2A finals.

Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett knew his team's chances of getting to 'the carpet' were good when the season began. After all, the Blackcats

(See BLACKCATS, page four)

Allen pressure too much for Mullins

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

Allen Grade School was the site of the opening night of the Shag Campbell basketball tournament Monday night. And with that, new AGS coach Martin Newberry had area basketball coaches and people turning their heads as his Eagles play an exciting, fast paced floor game. Allen opened the game with full court pressure defense and forced Mullins into several early turnovers. Good shooting by Zach Stanley and Casey Duncan sparked the Eagles to an early 11-4 lead after one quarter.

Mullins began the second period with a pressure defense of their own and quickly cut into the Eagles' lead. Justin Arnette led the Tigers with 20 points, eight of those in the second quarter, and at the half Mullins had taken a 24-23 lead.

As play began in the third quarter, Allen decided to stick with their gameplan and continued the fast-paced game by running and gunning the rest of the game. In the third quarter Coach Newberry made the crucial coaching move of the night by sending in Kevin Dufton off the bench. Dufton did not start the game for the Eagles but still led the team in scor-

ing tossing in a game high twenty points. Justin Arnette kept Mullins alive with his shooting, but Allen would prove to be too much in the fourth quarter.

In the fourth and final stanza Allen continued to hold the lead and with some clutch free throw shooting by Matt Crisp and Chris Conley the Eagles prevailed in a hard fought game by the final score of 60-54. Allen will now await the winner of Adams and John M. Stumbo for the championship game tonight at Allen. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

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photo by Jamie Howell

The Allen Grade School Eagles are the hosts of the Shag Campbell Invitational Tournament.

Bears win Thanksgiving Classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Tournament MVP Cedric Taylor scored 20 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead No. 12 Pikeville College past Spalding 83-73 Saturday night.

Taylor, an honorable mention All-American a year ago, also handed out five assists and had four steals in the win in leading Pikeville to the win in the Pikeville College Thanksgiving Classic, sponsored by MIX 103 WPKE. "We're getting better, and we're starting to see signs of that right now," said Randy McCoy, whose Bears improved to 7-1 on the season with their sixth straight win. "We've still got plenty of room to improve, but things are heading in the right direction."



Spalding (6-2) led most of the first

(See BEARS, page three)



file photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne's Jeremy Daniels (15) defended a Prestonsburg player in a game last season. The Bobcats opened the season Tuesday night at home against Magoffin County. Results were unavailable.

Taylor takes Player of the Week honors

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Not only was Cedric Taylor the best player in the Pikeville College Thanksgiving Classic, but also he was the top player in the Mid-South Conference.

Taylor, a 6-7 senior from Houston, followed up being named tournament Most Valuable Player by taking league Player of the Week honors Sunday night.

Taylor led the Bears to wins over the University of Rio Grande, Georgia Southwestern State University



■ Cedric Taylor

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Forget championship, Cup now has parity

by STEVE MICKEY
NASCAR COLUMNIST

NASCAR has always contended that at the heart of every rule change that they make in Winston Cup is the attempt to keep the playing field as even as possible. It is no coincidence that interest in the series climbs according to the number of teams that are capable of winning and races and running for the championship.

The governing body would love to see the championship come down to the last lap of the last race each year, but seldom does that happen. This season Jeff Gordon made a mid-summer and fall run in the points battle that took out any suspense of seeing who would wear the 2001 crown. This was his fourth championship and along the way he picked up six wins, but compare that to his run between 1995 and '98 when he won at least 10 races a year to go along with three championships and it is

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Williams sisters, Venus and Serena, who dominated the

world of womens' tennis. I can't see anybody from the

Taylor

and Spalding University last week, finishing with 69 points, 24 rebounds, 12 steals, eight assists and three blocks.

"Those are some pretty solid numbers," said Randy McCoy, head coach of the Bears. "Cedric deserved to be first-team All-American last year, and looking at his stats through the first eight games, he's even better this year."

Through the first quarter of the regular season, the 12th-ranked Bears are 7-1 thanks in large part to Taylor, who is sec-

ond in the league with an average of 20.06 points per game, only 0.3 points per game behind Campbellsville's Donta Wade.

He is also second in rebounding, averaging 9.6 per game, fifth in field-goal percentage (58.8 percent) and seventh in free-throw shooting, hitting 80.0 percent.

"We feel Cedric is one of the top players in the country, and his numbers are supporting that right now," said McCoy. "It's really a thrill to watch him play night in and night out."

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NBA, the NFL or the PGA winning it. In major-league baseball, Barry Bonds will be a candidate for his 73 homers, but he's no Sammy Sosa when it comes to dealing with the public and projecting a positive, friendly image.

Pitching ace Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks probably deserves some consideration.

But here's an interesting candidate to consider: President George W. Bush. He played baseball in his formative years, and later was the managing partner of the Texas Rangers. One of the year's most galvanizing moments was when Bush came to New York City, which was still reeling from the tragedies of Sept. 11, to throw out the first ball before a Yankees-

Diamondbacks game.

Why not him?

State - The Lexington Herald-Leader always picks a Kentucky Sportsman of the Year. The list of past winners includes Denny Crum, Rex Chapman, Phil Simms, Rick Pitino, C.M. Newton, and Tubby Smith.

This year's candidates should include NBC's Tom Hammond, the Lexington-based announcer who overcame a serious illness in time to anchor the network's first Kentucky Derby telecast; U of L Athletics Director Tom Jurich, who pulled off the coup of coups by hiring Pitino as Crum's successor; UK basketball player Tayshaun Prince, the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year; Pat Day, who became the third jockey to win at least 8,000 races; Trainer

John Ward, who did a superb job in preparing Monarchos for his victorious run in the Kentucky Derby; and Lisa Harrison, who starred in the WNBA.

But my vote would go to Sheik Maktoum bin Rashid al Maktoum, a member of the ruling family of Dubai. For years, the sheik had owned a farm in Kentucky and been one of the leading buyers at the Keeneland sales. This year, in the wake of Sept. 11, he donated \$5 million, through Keeneland, to the relief effort for the families of those who died in the World Trade Center terrorist attacks.

Then he pledged his Breeders Cup earnings to the same cause. That turned out to be another \$2.5 million. The Maktoum brothers' Godolphin Stable won two Breeders Cup races and barely missed in the Classic with Sakhee.

Now that, friends, is a sportsman and a humanitarian. FYI, here's my list of the five biggest state sports stories of the year: 5. Western Kentucky beating UK in Rupp Arena; 4. Ward becoming the first born, bred, and based Kentucky trainer to win the Derby

in decades; 3. the death of Cawood Ledford, the "Voice of the Wildcats" for 39 years; 2. The UK football scandal; 1. Jurich hiring ex-UK Pitino to succeed Crum at U of L. Horse racing - To me this is a no-brainer. Despite Tiznow's amazing comeback from illness to become the first horse to win the Breeders Cup Classic back-to-back, the Horse of the Year should be Point Given, who won the Santa Anita Derby, Preakness, Belmont Stakes, Haskell, and Travers before being sidelined by an injury.

Bobby Frankel, who has won 47 stakes races, including 16 of the highest-regarded sort, should be a shoo-in for Trainer of the Year. The award for top jockey probably will go to Jerry Bailey, who has won more than \$20 million in purses, but my vote probably will go to Gary Stevens, who came out of retirement to make a sensational comeback, thanks mainly to Point Given.

My vote for top owner will go to Godolphin. I also think Sheik Maktoum deserves a special Eclipse Award for his overwhelming generosity.

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Cup

easy to see that he didn't dominate the series like years past.

Gordon's wins this year were earned, but the 2001 season will be remembered as the season that produced 19 different winners. It was the most different winners in one season since the modern era of the sport began in 1972. It actually toed 1956, '58 and '61 for the greatest number of different winners and if you consider the high number of races on the schedule in those years, this season produced the highest percentage of different drivers to win a race.

Hidden in those 19 different winners is another stat that goes a long way in making a claim that the series now has more parity than ever before. Five of the 19 winners this season won their first ever Winston Cup race. Michael Waltrip, Kevin Harvick, Elliott Sadler, Rick Craven and Robbie Gordon all found out what it was like to be handed a Winston Cup winners trophy this season.

Sometimes the media gets too caught up in just who wins a

race and forgets that Winston Cup is a sport that rewards consistency among its drivers. A good day for a Cup team doesn't always translate into a trip to victory lane. Top 5 and top 10 finishes have long been the foundation for a good finish in the points chase and a goal that many teams begin each race with.

While there will never be a substitute for winning, the sight of many teams rejoicing with a top 5 or top 10 is a common occurrence at each stop on the schedule. 2001 produced a record number of drivers that scored top-5 and top-10 finishes. A total of 34 different drivers finished the year with at least one top-5. That broke the old record of 41 that was also set last season.

The high number of different drivers scorings top-5s and top-10s shows that even though only 19 drivers scored wins on the year, the number of drivers that were in the hunt for a win was also at an all-time high. It should also be noted that Mark Martin, Jeremy Mayfield, Matt Kenseth and Jerry Nadeau won races in 2000 but could not find their way back to victory lane this season, which goes a long way in showing the parity that

the series now enjoys.

Being able to enjoy the parity that now exists in the series is what really separates the race fan from the fan of the sport. Race fans have their driver or particular car manufacturer that they support and their enjoyment of the sport rivals the highs and lows experienced by either. They find little to rejoice in with a good close finish that doesn't feature their own driver or car make. This is where the difference between a race fan and a fan of the sport differs.

While a fan of the sport has a certain driver or manufacturer that he likes to pull for, he or she is able to find enjoyment in the competitiveness between other drivers as the closing laps of a race wind down. They appreciate a driver who is able to overcome some obstacles during a race to get a top-5 finish or maybe even make it to victory lane.

It is the fan of the sport that does in deed relish the parity that we now have in the sport. They know that they are going to see some close hard racing at every stop on the schedule and even though their driver may not take it to victory lane that day, they got to see and enjoy the competition level that the sport

was built on.

The parity that we know enjoy can only make the sport better. You can bet this winter that every team that competes in the series will burn the midnight oil trying to get one up on the competition before it is time to go racing in February. The prospects of the 2002 season have never been better and as fans of the sport we are the true winners as we get to enjoy their efforts every weekend. Don't fret if your driver only had one win this season; be thankful because next season that one win may even be tougher to come by!

Harvick named Rookie of the Year

Kevin Harvick has been named the 2001 NASCAR Winston Cup Series Raybestos Rookie of the Year.

The final 2001 NASCAR Winston Cup Series Raybestos Rookie of the Year standings are:

1. Kevin Harvick (331 rookie points)
2. Kurt Busch (265)
3. Casey Atwood (254)
4. Jason Leffler (224)
5. Ron Hornaday Jr. (215)



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Reid named new Union head football coach

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Union College didn't have to look far for its next head football coach as it recently named interim head coach Tommy Reid

to the post.

"I'm thankful for the opportunity. I'm glad I'll continue to be apart of Union College," Reid said. "I appreciate Mr.

(David) Nelson and the administration for trusting me with this position, and I look forward to getting our football program back to the top of the conference

in the next few years."

Reid took over the program midway through the 2001 season and coached the final six games, winning one game. The

Bulldogs finished the year 2-7 overall and 2-4 in Mid-South Conference play.

"Tommy has done a wonderful job as interim head coach. We feel he's capable and ready to move into the roll as a head coach," Union athletic director David Nelson said. "Tommy provides us with six years of coaching experience in our football program as he has successfully worked his way through the ranks."

In 1996, Reid joined the Bulldogs as a graduate assistant before becoming an assistant

coach two years later. He was named the team's defensive coordinator in 1999 and added the duties of assistant head coach prior to the 2001 campaign. Also during his tenure, Reid has served as the special teams coach.

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Jan. 3
Belfry at Pikeville
Paintsville at Johnson Central

Jan. 11
Allen Central at Betsy Layne
Feds Creek at Millard

Jan. 15
South Floyd at Paintsville
Shelby Valley at Pike County Central

Jan. 18
Belfry at Prestonsburg

Jan. 29
Allen Central at South Floyd
Pikeville at Shelby Valley

Feb. 1
Allen Central at Betsy Layne

Feb. 5
Elkhorn City at Phelps
South Floyd at Betsy Layne

Feb. 8
Pikeville at Pike County Central

Feb. 12
Phelps at Feds Creek
Shelby Valley at Betsy Layne

Feb. 15
Paintsville at Allen Central

Feb. 19
South Floyd at Pike County Central
Shelby Valley at Belfry

Feb. 22
Pike County Central at Belfry

Loma Warrix DeRossett

Nov. 13, 1909-Oct. 30, 2001



My Grandmother

Finally, it is very hard to summarize the infinite contributions made by my grandmother, Loma Warrix DeRossett to her family, friends and community, in one tribute of writing. This is largely due to Loma's overcoming so many of life's obstacles and accepting with strength, wisdom and courage, life's challenges. Loma serves as an inspirational role model for not only women of her own age, young women, and women of future generations to come. She is truly the kindest, caring, and most Christian-like person I have ever known.

By Leslie DeRossett Ousley



Brooke Coleman (14) is a member of the University of Minnesota-Morris women's basketball team. Coleman, a 2001 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, is a freshman.

Duo

"Tyler (Hall) shot the ball real well for us in the Hazard game," said Webb. "Hazard was a real big, strong team, but we were able to mix it up some on defense against them. I thought our defense played well."

On deck for South Floyd is Bates Creek. The Raiders will travel to Lexington to take on the host Commodores in the Commodore 4 Friday at 8:30 p.m.

Will Michael Hall be back for the game with Bates Creek? "Michael (Hall) practiced

Monday and should be good-to-go Friday," added Webb. "We've been careful with the injury. Monday he was about 90 percent."

Webb also mentioned that the Bates Creek team his club encounters Friday night will be one which is athletic. "We saw them briefly in the summer," Webb said. "From what we saw we could tell that they were real athletic and they liked to run."

The Commodores finished 8-18 last season.

Bears

half, and when Tim Gray flipped in a three-point shot with 4:17 to play, the lead was 32-25. But Pikeville battled back, and when sophomore Greg Davis hit a three with 27 seconds left, the Bears took a 35-34 lead to recess.

Pikeville took control of the game for good with an 11-0 run in a three-minute run that started with back-to-back threes by Toni Anderson. The run pushed Pikeville in front by 12 (52-40) with 13:30 left.

The Bears led by 12 two other times late before settling for the 10-point win.

Toni Anderson had 19 off the bench for Pikeville. Joey Mirus has 12, Adam Reed 11 with six assists and Michael Thomas 10.

Tim Gray led Spalding with 22, while Josh Endler added 17. Isaac Downs hit four second-half threes to finish with 12.

Taylor was joined on the all-tournament team by teammates Reed and Davis; Spalding's Gray and Endler; Kevin Griffin of Georgia Southwestern; and Ron Driver of Central State

The Bears survived shootout with Georgia Southwestern University to advance to the finals of the tourney.

Trailing 66-60 in the second half, sophomore Davis got hot behind the arc and shot Pikeville College to a 94-82 win over GSW Friday night.

The win came in the opening round of the Pikeville College tourney.

Davis hit 5-of-10 from the arc, with all five made baskets coming in the final 13 minutes of play, he finished with 22 points and added three assists and three rebounds. Taylor, who had four points and four rebounds with 13 minutes left, was the inside compliment to Davis. He finished with 23 points and nine rebounds.

Pikeville (6-1), ranked 21st in the NAIA Div. 1 poll, also got 14 points and nine rebounds from Alan Powe, 14 points and nine assists from Adam Reed, and 10 points and five boards from Mirus.

Led by Taylor and Powe on the glass, Pikeville College won the rebounding battle 39-30.

GSW (4-2) was led by freshman Marcus Shaw, who came off the bench top hit 6-of-8 from the arc for 22 points. He had half of his teams' 12 threes, 10 of which had landed early enough for the Hurricanes to lead 66-60.

Jason Hudson, Reynaldo Robinson and Jason Lollar all had 13 points each. Hudson had nine rebounds while Lollar pulled down six. Gary Wilson came off the bench to score 10.

Point guard Kevin Griffith had nine points, 11 assists and three steals.

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After playing Bates Creek on Friday, the Raiders will hook up with another Lexington high school, Paul Dunbar, Saturday at 7 p.m.

COMMODORE 4

Friday, Nov. 30
■ Simon Kenton vs. Paul Dunbar, 7 p.m.;
South Floyd vs. Bates Creek, 8:30.

Saturday, Dec. 1
■ South Floyd vs. Paul Dunbar, 7 p.m.;
Simon Kenton vs. Bates Creek, 8:30.

Allen

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Allen leading scorers

- Kevin Dufton 20
- Casey Duncan 9
- Zach Stanley 14
- Brennan Case 6
- Matt Crisp 5

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Bell named OVC Defensive Player Of The Year, seven other Colonels honored by OVC

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Eastern Kentucky University junior free safety Jeremiah Bell has been named Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year by a vote of the league's head football coaches and sports information directors.

Bell, a 6-0, 188-pound native of Winchester, led the league in interceptions with six and finished among the conference's top 10 tacklers

with 86 hits.

"Jeremiah is very deserving of this award. He had an outstanding season for us," said EKV head coach Roy Kidd who announced Monday that he will return as the Colonels' head coach in 2002.

Bell finished the year with 61 solo tackles, 25 assists, three tackles for loss, one sack, 15 pass deflections, one quarterback hurry, three forced fumbles, two blocked kicks, one fumble recovery, two touchdowns and six inter-

ceptions.

Bell is one of 16 finalists for the Buck Buchanan Award given by The Sports Network to NCAA I-AA's top defensive player.

He was also named first-team All-OVC, along with freshman tailback C. J. Hudson of Frostproof, Fla.; senior offensive tackle Brent Fox, Cincinnati, Ohio; senior defensive end Chris Minter, Richmond; and junior defensive tackle Marcus Adams, Indianapolis, Ind.,

Hudson, 5-6, 189, led the conference in rushing with his 1,221 yards and 135.7 yards per game average and was second in the league in scoring with his 13 touchdowns and 8.7 points per game average. Of the nine games Hudson appeared in during the 2001 season, he rushed for more than 100 yards in seven of those, topped by the 213 yard effort he reached in EKV's win at Southeast Missouri.

Hudson is a finalist for the

Walter Payton Award given to I-AA football's top player.

Chosen second-team All-OVC for the Colonels were senior linebacker Tim Gibbens of Tallahassee, Fla., and senior cornerback Eric Sims of Ellisville, Miss.

EKV senior center Jacob Johnson of Louisville, was selected honorable mention All-OVC.

Eastern closed its season with an 8-2 overall record and a 5-1 mark in the OVC, good enough for a second-place conference finish.

SCOREBOARD

Boys

Monday

Buckhorn 100, Oneida Baptist Institute 94 (overtime)

Cordia 86, Red Bird 80

June Buchanan 83, Riverside Christian 57

Girls

Monday

Leslie County 75, Belfry 74

Pike County Central 75, Magoffin County 67



Allen Grade School coach Ashland Gearheart gave instructions during an opening night game in the Shag Campbell Invitational.

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CLASS A
■ Danville (12-2) vs. Newport Central Catholic (13-1), Friday, noon

CLASS 2A
■ Bardstown (14-0) vs. Prestonsburg (13-1), Friday, 4 p.m.

CLASS 3A
■ Boyle County (14-0) vs. Rockcastle County (14-0), Saturday, noon

CLASS 4A
■ Trinity (12-1) vs. Male (12-2), Saturday, 4 p.m.

Tickets at the game
■ \$8 adults; \$6 students; \$20 all-session (four games)

Kidd to remain as EKV head football coach

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Eastern Kentucky University head football coach Roy Kidd announced Monday that he would be back as the Colonels' head coach for the 2002 season.

"I enjoy what I do, and I am looking forward to next season," said Kidd, who completed his 38th season as EKV's head football coach recently.

Kidd's Colonels finished the 2001 season with seven straight

victories and an 8-2 overall record, yet were denied a spot Sunday in the 16-team NCAA I-AA playoffs which begin this weekend to decide the I-AA national champion.

Kidd joined an elite coaching circle earlier this season, becoming just the eighth coach in NCAA football history to eclipse the 300-win plateau. His collegiate coaching record now stands at 307-119-8, all accomplished at EKV, his alma mater.

Salyer takes JFK run for first career win

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Former Morgan County High School runner Jackie Holbrook, now an Eastern Kentucky University student, took the lead at the three-fourths-of-a-mile and looked to be the first overall female winner of the 10th Annual McDonald's JFK Memorial 3K Run Saturday, however, Oil Springs' John Salyer stepped to the front to win his first race, with a time of 12:51. Holbrook went on to win the women's title for the second time and finished third overall with a time of 13:23. Her first win came in 1998 when she set a course record with a time of 11:38.

Lisa Salyer of Oil Springs, the 1999 and 2000 winner, finished second overall in the female competition, 14:45, sixth overall.

Locally, former Auxier resident and JFK race director Rick Roberts, who now resides in Wilmington, N.C., finished fifth overall and won his 45-49 age group in 13:42. Greg Frazier of McDowell finished seventh overall in 15:37 to win the 35-39 age group.

Blackcats

returned their leading rusher, Matt Slone. Junior quarterback Joey Slone returned for the 2001 season as did offensive standouts Chris Spriggs, Chris Jervis, Austin Clark and Mikeal Fannin. And what a difference Mikeal Fannin has made this season. The junior fullback has made a huge difference this season. Fannin has packed the pigskin 130 times for 1,140 games through 14 contests. He has 18 touchdowns.

If Matt Slone isn't an All-State selection, something is wrong. Bad wrong. Slone has rushed for 35 touchdowns this season. He has 2,223 yards rushing on 224 attempts. Those numbers have First-Team All-State written all over them. And he plays defense.

Through 14 games Willis has thrown for 1,021 yards and 14 touchdowns. He is 41-of-97 and has six interceptions. Take away last week's uncharacteristic three interceptions in one game and Willis has just three picks on the year.

It's easy to look at gaudy numbers like the ones the Bardstown Tigers have put up this season. Jamie Cotton is Bardstown's leading rusher with 1,145 yards on 127 carries for 24 scores. But the passing game is where Bardstown makes its biggest statement. Bardstown quarterback John Wesley Monin, who had over 6,000 yards passing coming into the season, has thrown for 2,714 yards this season. He has passed for 36 touchdowns while being picked off just nine times.

Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett feels the Bardstown offense on the field Friday will favor Mason County's offensive unit. But Bardstown's offense will be even better than a good Mason County offense.

"Bardstown will run the same offense as Mason County but they've got better athletes all around," said DeRossett. "They're real quick."

Monin's favorite receiver is Maurice Crowe. Crowe has 866 yards receiving yards for nine touchdowns in 13 games. Another favored receiver, Brian Johnson, has 719 yards receiving

in 13 games. He also has nine touchdowns on the season.

Individual numbers are fine, but who has the better team? That will be decided on Friday. That is why they play the game, as the old saying goes.

Defensively, Tony White heads into the state finals as Prestonsburg's leading tackler with 121 total tackles (72 solos, 38 assists) on the season. John Hunt is second behind White with 91 tackles (58 solos, 30). Throw in other formidable P'burg defenders such as Rudy Pennington, Matt Williams, Brandt Brooks, Kevin Younce, Andrew Howell, Nicholas Jamerson and Matt Setser and Monin could just wind up moaning if the Blackcat defense has its way.

Passing on Prestonsburg has been a challenge this season. The Blackcat defense has allowed just 680 yards passing through 14 games. That's an average of 48.6 yards per game.

Slone playing strong safety for the Blackcats has helped during the playoffs. Slone, who did not play both ways the entire regular season, has helped tighten up the Prestonsburg defense.

"Having Matt on defense has hurt us a little bit on offense, but he's just too good of an athlete not to have out there on defense," said DeRossett. "This is the 15th game of the season, he has to play on defense, as well as offense."

Prestonsburg and Bardstown do not have a common opponent. Both schools have been to the football state finals before. Bardstown has been to the state finals six times. The Tigers have captured three state championships. The most recent came in 1981 when the Tigers beat the Somerset Briar Jumpers 20-6 to claim a Class 2A title. Bardstown's other five championship game appearances came while playing in the Class A ranks.

CLASS A, CLASS 2A STATE FINALS

Prestonsburg-Mayfield; Bardstown-Beechwood
The year was 1993.

Union

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"We are always excited to see members of our college family succeed and do well, especially when they began their careers at Union," said Union President Dr. David Joyce. "Tommy joined the coaching staff as a graduate assistant and, in six short years, has worked his way to head of the program. I full confidence in his ability to run a first-class program on and off the field. Tommy's drive for excellence will serve as a model for his staff and the student-athletes to follow."

In addition to Reid being named head coach, the rest of the staff will remain intact with the exception of the opening created by Reid's promotion.

On the field, Reid does not foresee many things changing.

"Offensively, as far as our sets and formations, that's not going to change a lot, but we are going to run the ball a little more so we can set up our passing game. Defensively, there won't be a lot of changes. We're going to do some different things, but nothing drastic," he said.

One thing that will change is where Union will concentrate its recruiting efforts as the Bulldogs look to sign players closer to home.

"One of the problems we've ran into the last few years is that we've recruited people from a long way from home, and these

guys are turning over each year. It's hard to get something going and to keep it growing when we're turning guys over year-in and year-out," Reid said. "I think if we get some guys that are a little closer to home, closer to what the setting that Union College is in, I think that we will be able to develop something on down the road as those guys stay around four or five years and graduate."

Reid, a 1996 graduate of Glenville State (W.Va.) College, served as a student assistant for his alma mater in 1995. As a player, he was a three-year starter and was named to the All-Conference Team as an honorable mention his sophomore and junior seasons. Reid was named to the All-Conference First Team following his senior campaign. He helped Glenville State to the 1993 NAIA Division I Championship game and was a member of Glenville State's 1994 playoff team.

"I want our school and our community to be proud of our football program in the classroom as well as on the field. I want people to be proud of them for their hard work and the accomplishments they make," Reid said. "I want our football program to set a good example because I want our college and the community to be proud of these guys."

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WALKING ON MARSHALL'S CARPET

At presstime, Prestonsburg was working on getting some practice time in on Marshall University's turf in Huntington, W.Va.

BLACKCAT SENDOFF TO THE CARPET

"The Blackcat Sendoff to the Carpet will be held Thursday morning, 8:30 a.m. at Prestonsburg High School. PHS officials invite everyone out to support the Blackcats in their quest for a Class 2A state title.

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Business/Professions

Annual Farm Bureau convention to be held

Kentucky Farm Bureau's convention delegates will be looking into agriculture's crystal ball next week, as they map an ambitious plan of action to help farmers find a way out of their toughest economic situation in a generation.

More than 2,000 farmers, family members and guests are

expected for the 82nd state Farm Bureau convention, which runs, December 2-5, at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville.

Top priorities for the farm leaders include setting agricultural goals for the 2002 General Assembly session, sorting through the limited options fac-

ing tobacco growers and establishing the state's wish list for Congressional action next year.

Kentucky Farm Bureau President Sam Moore says tobacco issues sit at the top of a lengthy list of resolutions awaiting action by the delegates. Not surprisingly, he says, the convention may confront tobacco policy choices that are not attractive.

"The number one issue on tobacco growers' minds is whether we can find a way to fund a tobacco quota buyout, and still keep the tobacco program in place," Moore said. "Whether we can find all the pieces to that puzzle remains to be seen."

The concept of a quota buyout, or compensation for growers who give up their franchise rights to market tobacco, has been a hot topic for discussion among the tobacco community. But federal officials say there's little chance of finding money for a buyout in their budgets, and at least one tobacco company says if it participates in a buyout plan, the price support program will have to be forfeited.

"The notion of giving up the tobacco program, with all it has meant to Kentucky farm families, is not one we should take lightly," Moore said. "As much as we hate to say it, we may be forced to choose which direc-

tion we want to take, if in fact a buyout becomes reality."

Delegates will make their choices for 2002 Farm Bureau policy, plus elect officers and directors, during the business session, set for Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5. In other convention activities, the state's Outstanding Young Farm Family will be announced, awards will be given for county Farm Bureau achievements, and top farm leaders will be recognized for distinguished service.

State Rep. Roger Thomas, and University of Kentucky President Dr. Lee Todd Jr., will address the convention, as will Jean-Mari Peltier, counselor for

the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Numerous extension and agricultural specialists will be on hand for 12 commodity and special interest conferences, Monday, December 3. Among the topics are forages, livestock, tobacco, horticulture, natural resources, dairy and farm labor.

Women's leadership activities are showcased at a luncheon Tuesday, where top county leaders are presented gold star awards for outstanding county-level programs.

Youth achievements are also given prominence, with college scholarships awaiting the winners of an Outstanding Farm Bureau Youth contest.



Nickell receives special recognition for work

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet (NREPC) recently honored 18 of its employees for their exemplary performance during the year 2000. Co-workers and/or supervisors nominated these outstanding cabinet employees for their leadership, dedication and hard work. David Nickell, of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Prestonsburg, is pictured receiving his award, an engraved plaque, from NREPC Secretary James Bickford during the Governor's Conference on the Environment, held this past October 30 in Lexington. Sec. Bickford commended Nickell for his unending dedication to the cabinet's mission, for addressing the needs of the state's citizens, and for monitoring environmental trends.

Trial lawyers really care ?

BY FREDERICK M. BARON & PENNY GOLD

What would you say if I told you that trial lawyers were giving advice to clients that would keep the lawyers from earning hundreds of millions of dollars in fees?

You might say I was dreaming—but it's true.

Trial lawyers all across the country have established Trial Lawyers Care Inc. (TLC)—a national nonprofit organization which will provide free legal services to September 11th attack victims and their families who participate in the government's Victim Compensation Fund.

And that's a significant donation, because the Fund—unlike other programs—is intended to give victims the long-term financial security they would have had if the attacks had never happened.

The Fund, which Congress established (with the encouragement of the Association of Trial

Lawyers of America) to provide a less complicated way to help victims, will compensate those injured in the September 11 attacks and personal representatives of those killed for two types of losses: economic and noneconomic.

Economic losses are damages that can be easily measured in terms of money, such as lost wages, medical expenses, burial costs, and loss of business or employment opportunities.

Noneconomic losses are very real harms that are not easily measured in terms, money, such as the losses associated with disfigurement or physical impairment, or other harms such as loss of companionship.

The Fund does not provide compensation for losses to physical property, but only for personal injury or death. It is intended to compensate qualified claimants both in the crashed airplanes and on the ground at the sites of the attacks.

It is the hope of all who

worked to create the Fund that victims and families who are compensated will have the long-term financial security to be able to keep their houses, send their children to college, and, at least financially, live as they had before the attacks.

And TLC has pledged that it will work to see that 100 percent of the Fund's money goes to victims, not to legal fees. In order to make this happen, TLC has established an organizational structure, including a toll-free telephone number and a web site. It is the largest donation of free legal services ever given.

"If ever there were a time when lawyers could help people grievously wounded through no fault of their own—what trial lawyers do every day—this is it," Leo Boyle, president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America said.

Each eligible claimant will be linked by TLC with one of the volunteer attorneys on TLC's roster, who will work closely with the client to assess

losses, prepare all necessary documents for the Fund and guide them throughout the process.

To register, claimants may fill out a form on TLC's web site, www.911LawHelp.org, contact TLC by phone at 888-780-8637, or 888-780-8682 en Espanol, or e-mail for help at support@911LawHelp.org. Experienced trial lawyers may volunteer on the web site or e-mail volunteers@911LawHelp.org.

"In the nearly 40 years that I have practiced law, I have never witnessed such an overwhelming response by trial lawyers to answer the call to help their fellow Americans. All over the country, lawyers are putting their practices on hold so that they can put the interests of injured people first," Larry Stewart, TLC's president said.

Trial Lawyers are just like other patriotic Americans. They just want to help those who were most grievously wounded by the attacks September 11.

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Money Management How to choose the right financial planner

Whether you are struggling to manage your household finances more effectively, save for your children's college education, or provide for your retirement, you may benefit from the services of a financial planner. The Kentucky Society of CPAs points out that financial planning professionals can assist in defining your financial goals and in developing and implementing a strategy to meet them. They also can help you understand increasingly complex company benefit options so you can make the best choices for someone in your financial position.

Generally, financial planners have broad knowledge in such areas as tax planning, insurance, investments, and estate laws. They also can possess a wide variety of designations, including Personal Financial Specialist, (given only to qualifying Certified Public

Accountants). Certified Financial Planners, and Chartered Financial Consultants, among others. The key to selecting the right financial planner is to consider their experience and credentials. You'll also need to understand how they are compensated and how it will impact what you pay for their services. In addition, you'll want to determine whether you are comfortable with their investment philosophy and management style.

ASSESSING BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

For the most part, only CPA financial planners are subject to the few licensing requirements mandated by governments. This means you'll generally have to review a prospective planner's background and credentials. Ask about the financial plan-

ner's education, if they are members of a professional association, whether they are required to adhere to any ethical codes based on membership in those groups and the extent to which they are committed to ongoing professional education.

You also will want to ascertain how long the planner has been in business, the types of clients he or she serves (e.g., typical income level of those individuals), as well as commonly provided services. Financial planning services run the gamut from broad-based financial or investment counseling to recommending and selling specific financial planning products, such as insurance.

Individuals who provide advice about investing in securities generally must register with a government agency and if managing \$25 million or more in client assets with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). If they manage less than \$25 million, they must register with a state securities agency (or more than one state, depending on where their business is located).

Before hiring an investment advisor, carefully read the advisor's registration form, called "Form ADV." This form has two parts: Part I has information about the advisor's education, business and any problems they

may have with regulators or clients. Part II outlines the advisor's services, fees and strategies. If the advisor is reluctant to share this form with you, take your business elsewhere.

Generally, financial planners are compensated in one of three ways:

- By fee only for hourly work or by the project;
- By fees and commissions (fee for planning and commissions for implementation); or
- By commissions only for product sales.

The type of planner you select will depend on the service and products you are looking for. For example, if you want someone to develop a financial plan that you intend to implement yourself, then a fee-only planner who charges by the hour might be your best choice. However, if you want your planner to help you select specific investment or insurance products, provided the planner has access to a wide variety of products, a commission-based approach may be cost-effective.

Regardless of how the planner expects to be compensated, the Kentucky Society of CPAs recommends that you obtain a written estimate of the cost of all services.

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And Lucy Ann rang the bell

by CLYDE PACK

A recent visit to the Mountain HomePlace reminded me of a story I heard once about an event that might have taken place on just such a site in eastern Kentucky, about 150 years ago.

As the story goes, an early eastern Kentucky settler cleared a patch of land and built a little cabin for him and his wife, and a nice barn for his animals. Then he hung a large bell onto an overhanging tree branch near the cabin door.

"Lucy Ann," he said to his wife, "they's been a bunch of pesky Injuns messin' round this part of Big Sandy lately, I'm a fixin' to go cut some timber for a split-rail fence, and if any of them come sneakin' around, you ring this bell and I'll come a runnin' with my gun."

The next day the settler was about two miles back in the woods cutting timber when he heard the bell ringing. He got all excited, grabbed up his gun and tore off the hill in a dead run, making a new path through every briar thicket in his way.

Scratched and bleeding, he ran into his yard and was surprised to see his wife standing in the doorway, smiling.

(See POISON, page seven)

Choosing and maintaining your live Christmas tree

by Ray Tackett

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If you're going to use a real Christmas tree this year, pay attention to its freshness to increase your family's enjoyment and decrease the time spent cleaning up a mess of needles.

Time the purchase so you will be able to set the Christmas tree up in your home almost immediately. Don't keep a balled and burlapped tree in your home any longer, than one week. You can keep a cut tree inside longer so long as it's taking up water from the stand reservoir.

For the freshest tree, your best choice is to cut one from a local Christmas tree farm.

If you buy one from a tree lot, be sure to check the tree for freshness. One way is to bend a green needle between your thumb and forefinger. If the needle snaps rather than bends, the tree might be too dry. Another way is to bump the stump firmly on the ground once or twice. If green needles drop, the tree probably is too dry. It's okay if brown needles fall when you thump the tree, because they drop off every year anyway.

Observe how trees are stored and displayed on the tree lot. Are they stored in full sun or exposed to wind? Are the stems not in water?

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Sammons "keeps the beat" as she directs her students movements.

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

"Live like there's no tomorrow, love like you've never been hurt, and dance like no one's watching." These words greet the students who enter the Prestonsburg High School dance studio, a room that was envisioned and created by dance instructor, Sharon Sammons.

Sammons, a twenty-six year teaching veteran who holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Kentucky, as well as a masters degree in the same field from Morehead State University, was first introduced to the arts at a very young age. Sammons' mother, the late "Snookie" Meade, operated dance studios in Prestonsburg, Pikeville, and Paintsville for more than thirty years. In addition to beginning formal instruction under her mother's tutelage at the age of six, Sammons also accompanied her mother to Cincinnati, at the age of seven, to see the opera, "Madame Butterfly," performed live on stage.

"The live orchestra, sets, fabulous voices and costumes were truly magical for a seven year old," Sammons said, "from that moment on, I was in love with the arts."

When the fine arts program was mandated by the Kentucky Department of Education as a new requirement for high school graduation three years ago, Sammons got busy. The dance segment of the program introduces students to the history and appreciation of the visual and performing arts. As the curriculum unfolds, students learn the basic elements of dance and dance production. They participate in activities that incorporate creating, performing, and responding to dance. They are familiarized with famous dancers such as Ailey, Balanchine, Baryshnikov, Fokine, and Graham, to name only a few.

The students study the history of dance through the ages and learn the precepts of

how to critique a work of art. They learn the movements of various historical dances. They recreate the fluid movements of a 16th century ballet as it was danced in the court of Louis XIV, they execute the movements and patterns of African tribal dances, the dances of the American Plains Indians, the



"Snookie" Meade. The former Prestonsburg dance instructor introduced her daughter to the world of dance, drama, music and magic at a very young and impressionable age. Sharon Meade Sammons says that from this age on, she has been in love with the "Arts."

Japanese Kabuki theater, and today's modern dance.

Twirling to the rhythms of the "Patty Cake Polka," and "The Virginia Reel," the students are exposed to a taste of the type of dance that their own ancestors very likely enjoyed. The more genteel "waltz" is also

taught, as well as the energy-infused "fox-trot" and "cha-cha" dances.

Additionally, the students learn a few basic ballet barre exercises, as well as a basic tap dance. All this, and more, within a space of nine short weeks.

Students enter the doors of the PHS dance studio feeling awkward and nervous, and emerge nine weeks later, according to Sammons, with a renewed confidence. "When my students ask me why they need to take dance, I explain, 'When people stereotype you as a "dumb hillbilly," and then discover that you know who Fokine and Balanchine are, or that you know a piourette from a pas de deux, you will gain respect!'. Not only that, but when you attempt to perform some of the skills required by these professionals, you will appreciate their talent." The students are required to develop a group dance routine, as well as to perform a solo dance recital as requirements for completing the course curriculum.

Along the way, they will have learned, according to Sammons, that all cultures throughout time have danced for many reasons including ceremonial, political, entertainment and recreational purposes. "Dance is one of our most important non-verbal ways of communicating," she said.

As Sammons surveyed the Prestonsburg school building for a room that would serve as a dance studio, she happened upon a site that she felt would do, but only after a lot of work had first been done. After gaining approval to turn the site into a studio, Sammons got to work, scrubbing, painting and decorating. Jody Shepherd, the owner of "Dance, Etc.," donated ballet barres that were attached to the far wall of the studio room, and Greg Adams was instrumental in having studio mirrors installed.

Sammons is committed to making the

(See DANCING, page eight)

DANCING

like no one is watching

Nutrition Notes

New questions on alcohol and breast cancer

Karen Collins, MS, RD, CDN
AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Experts have said for some time that alcohol raises the risk of breast cancer. Now evidence suggests that the amount of risk may be greater for some women than others.

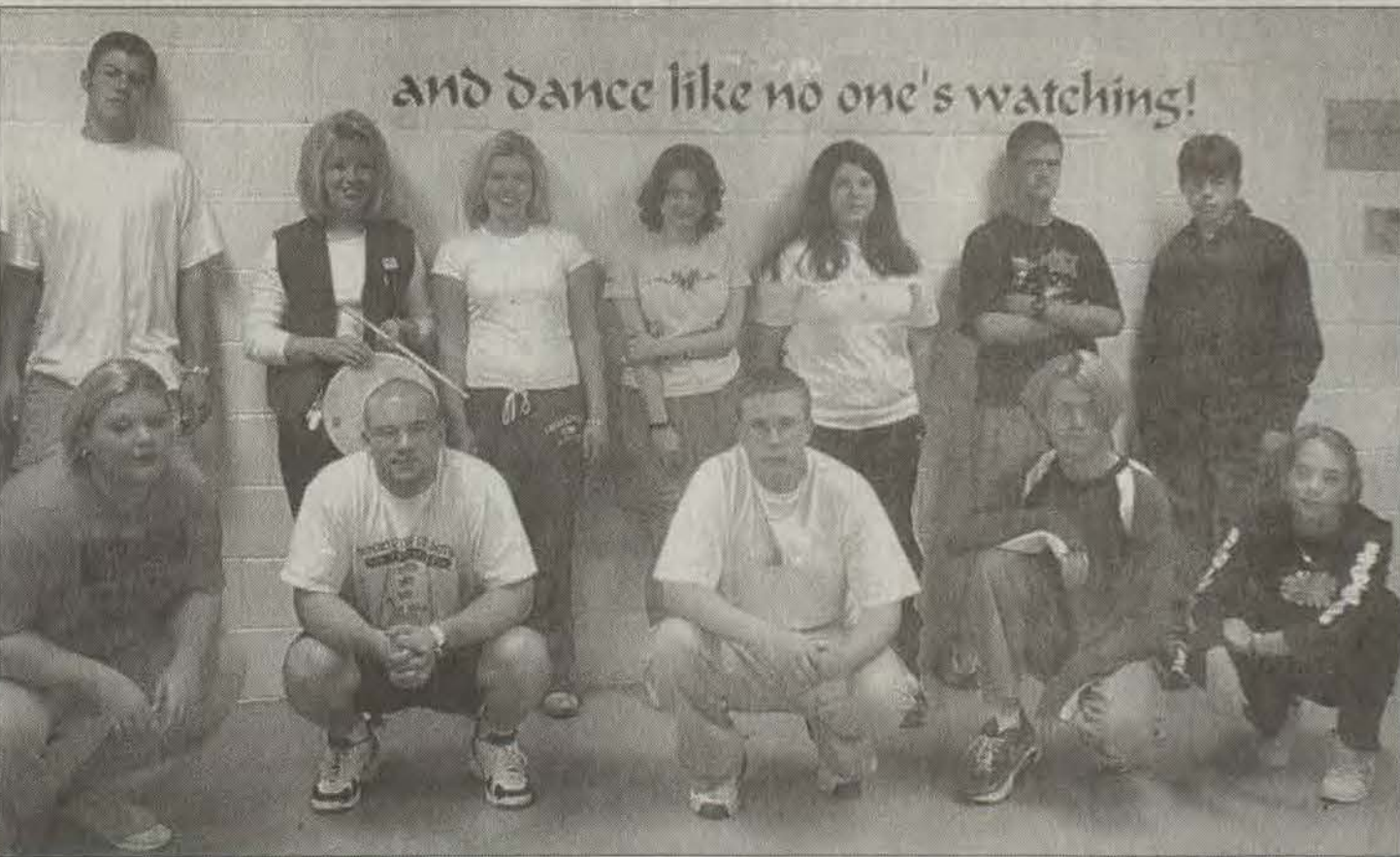
Research gives alcohol mixed reviews for its effects on our overall health. Studies suggest that limited amounts (one standard drink three to seven days a week) may help prevent heart disease. Yet excess alcohol increases risk of cancers of the liver, mouth and throat (larynx, pharynx and esophagus), especially among smokers. The American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) says avoiding alcohol is preferable. Those who do drink should carefully limit the amount, since the risk of these cancers is greatest at higher levels of consumption.

With the risk of breast cancer, however, the picture is cloudier. According to a major report on diet and cancer from AICR, overall research suggests that the risk of breast cancer could increase 25 to 30 percent with an average of one and one-half drinks a day. Women who have six drinks a day face twice the risk of non-drinkers.

Studies have produced varying results, however, and perhaps these mixed findings mean that alcohol does not pose equal risk for all women. A recent report in the journal, "Cancer" found that, among women who had a first-degree relative (mother or sister) with breast cancer, those who drank daily had almost 2 1/2 times the risk of breast cancer than those who did not drink alcohol at all. For those with a more distant family link to breast cancer, daily alcohol intake increased the risk only 27 percent. Among those with no genetic family link to breast cancer, there was no relationship between alcohol intake and breast cancer risk.

Diet may also influence how alcohol affects a woman's risk. Folate is a B vitamin essential for repair of damaged DNA. Since one of the ways alcohol may increase cancer risk is by damaging DNA in our cells, it may pose more risk for women deficient in folate. A new study in the journal, "Epidemiology," reported that women whose diets were lowest in folate faced no greater cancer risk than women with higher-folate diets—if they were non-drinkers. But if they drank more than two alcoholic drinks a week, their breast cancer risk increased almost 60 percent. The "Journal of the American Medical Association" earlier reported similar findings from the Nurses' Health Study. Breast cancer risk increased 40 percent among women who consumed the least folate and drank one or more drinks a day. Those who drank the same amount but consumed folate near or above the recommended 400 micrograms (mcg) a day faced no significant increase in risk. It's still too early to know, however, if simply getting sufficient folate is enough to prevent alcohol's damaging effects.

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Sharon Sammons, a Prestonsburg High School faculty member, pauses for a moment with her students to take a well-deserved break from a busy morning of dance exercise.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Small World

Pony shopping

All children come with built-in needs and wants. The needs can be in varying degrees, but wants are usually in a range from "I really want it" to "I think I can't live without it."

These factors make the parenting role much like a roller coaster ride, filled with ups and downs. It's a learn as you go experience and you barely get through one stage before the next one sets in.

My husband and I had two daughters, Nancy and Rhonda, and their wants included the usual things children ask for. "They'd had various pets and, at about the age of six, Rhonda decided she'd really like to have a

pony. After a good deal of talking about it, Walter came in one day and said to her, "I heard about a pony for sale up on Island Creek. Would you like to go look at it?" Of course she was ready to go.

On their way to the appointed place, he talked to her about their venture. "There are several ponies available," he explained, "so if this is not the right one, we'll go looking until we find it. But if you do like this one, don't say anything at all. Just give me a smile, and I'll make the man an offer."

Making an offer was totally foreign to a six-year-old, and instructions like that were good for the length of the conversation. She was enjoying this expedition and agreeable

to anything.

When they asked the owner about the pony he'd advertised, he went to get it from the barn. The size was perfect and its color a pretty red with white spots on its face and feet.

Rhonda's eyes widened and her mouth dropped open. She said, "Ohhh, Daddy! I love it! I want it! I want it!"

And there went his bargaining power, right down the drain.

The Compliment

Ethel Goff, of Pikeville, is one of our subscribers who has a nice smile and gorgeous white hair. She attends Immanuel

Baptist Church and is a favorite of many of the young people.

On a recent Sunday, she was aware of two little boys sitting behind her. One was saying, "You tell her," while the other would reply, "No, you tell her." They had aroused her curiosity.

Finally one tapped her on the shoulder and, when she responded, he said, "You have the most beautiful hair." She was touched by their kindness and thanked them.

A couple of minutes passed before the other child tapped her other shoulder, and she looked back at him. It was as if a truth had just hit him and he said, "But you're old, aren't you?"



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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
 ■ 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 Central High School

■ Nov. 29 - "Parent University" will be held from 5-8:30 p.m., at the school. All parents are urged to attend in order to gain a better understanding of what is happening in their child's school. Door prizes will be given away and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Nadine Hicks at 886-4513.

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. 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.

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 Youth Services Center

■ Adult education classes available.

■ Open House/Student Appreciation Night Nov. 29, 6-8 p.m. Free chili dinner

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607.

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.

■ Tuesday: Cliffside Housing Project Community Center, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Call 886-9860.

■ Wednesday: Floyd County Detention Center, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

■ Thursday: Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Call 886-0709.

■ Thursday: St. James

Episcopal Church, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046.

■ Friday - The David School, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Call 886-8374.

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.

Poison

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"What on earth's wrong, Lucy Ann?" he gasped.

"I just made a big pot of fresh coffee and thought you might want a cup," she answered. "That's sweet and all, Lucy Ann," he said, "but I told you the bell is for emergencies only. You might nigh scared me to death. My heart's just a poundin'."

After a brief rest—and a cup of coffee—he returned to his timber cutting. About an hour later, he heard the bell again. Again he grabbed his gun and headed for the house in a dead run.

"What's wrong? What is it?" he screamed as he ran up to the house.

"The washtub leaks," she answered.

"Tarnation, woman," the settler yelled, obviously losing his patience. "Look at me! I'm tore all

to pieces. I even ripped my shirt and I lost one of my boots somewhere back there. A hole in the washtub is not an emergency. I'm telling you, don't ring that bell again unless it's a gen-u-wine, one hundred-percent emergency. You got that?"

About two hours later, after he'd found his lost boot, he was chopping away on a big chestnut when he again heard the bell.

Just like before, he tore out for home.

When he arrived, the cabin was in flames. His only milk cow was lying dead in front of the barn with three arrows sticking out of its body and his wife was tied to the tree with an arrow sticking out of her shoulder.

"Well, now, Lucy Ann," the settler said with satisfaction, "this is more like it."

Our Yesterdays

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

Ten Years Ago (Nov. 27 and Nov. 29, 1991)

Four alternate sites are being considered for the location of a new Prestonsburg High School, a project which has been delayed because of controversies surrounding the project. The Floyd County Board of Education voted at its November meeting to look at alternate sites for the school to get the project moving. A representative from the state Department of Education met with local officials, Monday, to look at the sites and to determine if they were suitable alternatives to the current proposed site at Middle Creek...Pay inequities among Prestonsburg city employees, and concerns that no plan existed to close the gap, were raised, Monday night, by councilman Billy Ray Collins. But, the issue is expected to be resolved at the December council meeting, according to Paul Combs, owner of the firm hired to develop a plan to eliminate the inequities...Prestonsburg's troubled United Federal Savings Bank reopened Monday with a new name, a new owner and a new lease on life. United Federal, taken over earlier this year by Resolution Trust Corporation amid financial difficulties, has been sold to Pikeville National Bank and Trust Company, one of Kentucky's leading banking institutions...They gasped when Governor Wallace Wilkinson presented Floyd County Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo a check for \$6 million to finance the extension of water lines in the county. They applauded as Hilda Legg, co-chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission, suggested that her organization must shift its focus from bricks and mortar, to address "our human infrastructure"...A Floyd County Grand Jury has apparently declined to issue indictments in two cases of local concern—one relating to the operation of illegal bingo games at Prestonsburg High School, and the second concerning a traffic fatality involving a Kentucky State Police trooper. After hearing testimony from KSP special investigator Johnny Ray last Wednesday, the grand jury issued no true bill in connection with the Prestonsburg High bingo games operated by an organization known as the Prestonsburg Academic Athletic Association...An unsuccessful candidate for reelection to Prestonsburg's City Council has filed suit in Floyd Circuit Court, seeking either a special election in one precinct or a ruling declaring the entire city election null and void. Dr. Gary Brown, who finished ninth in the November 5 balloting for eight city council seats, alleged in his suit, filed Wednesday, November 27, that "a minimum of 30 voters" residing in Prestonsburg's Cliff No. 2 precinct were "wrongfully and illegally" denied the opportunity to vote in the city council race...The conviction last month of a Floyd County school principal has prompted the Kentucky Association of School Administrators to take unprecedented action. For the first time, the association will directly represent one of its members in court, executive director V. Wayne Young said Wednesday in an interview with the Associated Press...Kentucky's new ungraded primary school program, which is to be in place and in full operation by the '95-'96 school year, is an innovative concept for kindergarten through the

third grade. The Kentucky Education and Reform Act of 1990 (KERA) has developed and outlined a learning curriculum very different from the traditional method of teaching primary school students...Complaints were few and actions were swift in an unusually short meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, Friday. Three people addressed the court during the grievance session, asking for help with roads and water, and wanting to know the status of an ordinance dealing with political signs...Greyhound Bus Lines is planning to discontinue coverage into Eastern Kentucky, but that doesn't necessarily mean the end of passenger bus service for the area. All Greyhound stops along Route 23 from Ashland to Pikeville are scheduled to cease, December 2, due to the excessive costs associated with covering the area and a steady decline in the number of passengers...There died: Mike Staley, 94, of Mt. Sterling, formerly of Lackey, Friday, at the Mary Chiles Hospital in Mt. Sterling; John Denver Fannin, 71, of Wabash, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, at Veterans Medical Center in Marion, Indiana; Pearl Dicie Lambert Bradley, 80, of Estill, Tuesday, at her residence; James "Shum" Monroe Mullins, 68, of Pikeville, Monday, at his residence; Fred (Dutch) Marshall, 77, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at his residence; Rebecca Lafferty Ford, 80, Friday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Norman L. Hicks, 85, of Wabash, Indiana, formerly of David, Sunday, at the home of his daughter; Era Ward Webb, 82, of Johnson County, Friday, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center; Aline Crum, 44, of Lorain, Ohio, formerly of Dana, Thursday, at St. Joseph's Hospital; Bill Parsons, 75, of Pikeville, Sunday, at his residence; John F. "P Jack" Daniels, 50, of Paintsville, Monday, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center; Kathryn M. Carpenter, 64, of Arcanum, Ohio, Sunday, at Wayne Hospital; Winifred Archer Daniels, 75, of Frankfort, formerly of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at King's Daughters' Memorial Hospital in Frankfort.

Twenty Years Ago (December 2, 1981)

Special prosecutors will be asked in two cases, one—Torrence Wright, accused in the death of his wife, Barbara; and two—Ann Meade, accused in the assault of her infant daughter...Arson is suspected in the fire at Ray and Anita's Restaurant at Hite last Tuesday night...One injured in accident near the "Y" in Martin after a car reportedly pulled into the path of an oncoming 18-wheel tractor trailer driven by Greg Mullins of Jenkins...Handicapped and elderly topped the list as Floyd County Rural Development Committee was asked to list the area's needs in order of urgency...There died: Lula M. Patton, 71, of Garrett, Tuesday, at her home; Elsie T. Whitaker, 79, of Middle Creek, Monday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Maxilene Jones, 31, of Grethel, Monday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Della Newsome, 80, of Ligon, Thursday, at her home; Martella Hall, 79, of Melvin, Monday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville; Scott Alan Fitch, 4, of Butler, Indiana, Wednesday, at DeKald Memorial Hospital in Indiana; Edward Isaac, 62, of

Bevinsville, Tuesday, at his residence; Zonia D. Williamson, 73, of Auxier, at her residence; Belle Scutchfield, 81, of Water Gap, Wednesday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Everett F. Martin, 65, of Orient, Ohio, formerly of Drift, Tuesday, at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Ohio; L. R. Johnson, 84, Monday, at his home; Odis Miller, 68, of Ligon, Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ozni E. Allen, 78, of Hampton, Virginia, November 7, in Langley Air Force Base Hospital; and Clara Webb Butcher, 69, formerly of Butcher Hollow, and the mother of Loretta Lynn and Crystal Gayle, died last week in the Parkway Hospital in Tennessee.

Thirty Years Ago (December 2, 1971)

Gov. Wendell H. Ford has announced that he will be at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park, to restore to its place on the lodge wall, the portrait of former Gov. Bert Combs that was removed early in the administration of Gov. Louie B. Nunn...Transcontinental Coal Co., Shreveport, La., has purchased holdings of the Eseer-Ellison Coal Co. in the Ivy Creek section of the county...Prestonsburg firemen joined those of Pikeville and Elkhorn City in battling a blaze at Pikeville, which on Thanksgiving Day destroyed three structures and claimed the lives of Richard Compton, 60, and Jumper Phillips, 71...Andrew Porter, 61, formerly of Allen, is in critical condition after having been hit by an auto last Thursday night in Louisville...A heat system failure in the building occupied by Department of Economic Security offices here threatened to close the offices during this week's cold weather...There died: Clyde Branham, 26, formerly of Wheelwright; Juanita Hammonds Jenkins, 21, last week at Edgerton, O.; Henry Porter, 90, well-known Allen man at his home last Saturday; Alka Davis, 91, of Pyramid, Tuesday, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home here; David Prater, 73, of West Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Jonah Thornsberry, 55, of Kite, Sunday, at the McDowell Regional Hospital; John Richard Shell, 70, of Bonanza, Wednesday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; John William Parsons, 76, of McDowell, Sunday at the McDowell Hospital; Mrs. Dallas Scott Azbill, 46, formerly of Hueysville, last Wednesday, in Ukiah, Calif.; Sonny Jones, 87, of Ligon, last Thursday, at the McDowell Hospital; Parmer Salisbury, 82, of Hunter, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Marty Scott Moore, 1 month, of Ligon, Monday.

Forty Years Ago (November 30, 1961)

Floyd County rural school children, heretofore without lunchroom facilities, will receive hot lunches with milk, beginning Jan. 2, it was announced this week by

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New Arrivals

Highlands Regional Medical Center

■ **October 30:** A daughter, Destiney Faith, to Jennifer Ann Flannery.
 ■ **October 31:** A son, Jesse C. Salyers, to Maggie Lynn Colvin; a daughter, Hannah Grace, to Mark and Susan Spencer; a son, Gage Dalton Bailey, to Casie and Allen Ray Bailey; a daughter, Jalena McKenley Paige, to Jessica and Kennis DeBoard Jr.
 ■ **November 1:** A son, Ethan Scott Kingsley, to Towyna Renee Kingsley.
 ■ **November 2:** A son, Travar Ray Castle to Wesley Ray and Angel Marie Castle; a daughter, Savanna Taylor Hicks to Heather Nichole Owens; a daughter, Tyanna Ray, to Tony and Yvonne Honeycutt; a son, Alexander William Howard, to Willa Dean Ratliff.
 ■ **November 16:** A son, Timothy Randall, to Steven and Peggy Prater.

Pikeville Methodist Hospital

■ **November 8:** A son, Brayden Michael, to Vivian Cara and Michael Paul Godwin; a son, Christian Blake, to Martha and Homer Thornsberry.
 ■ **November 11:** A son, Lonnie David, to Shauna and Johnathan Sowards; a son, Sean Brett, to Ivalene and Perry Stump; a son, Julian Alonzo, to Lucia Mejia; a son, Jackson Kerry, to Patricia Lea and David Collins.
 ■ **November 12:** A son, Toby Lee Spriggs, to Brenda Johnson and Jeffery Lee Spriggs; a daughter, Shyla Michelle, to Heather and Johnny Jude.
 ■ **November 13:** A son, Rodney, to Jamie Grindle and Zackery Keith Shepherd; a daughter, Sheridan Anita, to Julie and Robert Hinkle.
 ■ **November 15:** A daughter, Zoe Isabella, to Tonya Renee and Dustin Ray Tackett.

Happy Birthday



Leland turns four

Randall Leland Ousley celebrated his fourth birthday on November 11, 2001. He is the son of Randall and Jenny Jackson Ousley, of Middle Creek. His paternal grandparents are Earl D. and Nancy Haywood Ousley, also of Middle Creek. His maternal grandparents are Clyde and Lenora Marshall Jackson, of Oakley Creek, Salyersville. Leland shared his birthday with his Aunt Theda Stone, of Oakley Creek, whose birthday is also November 11.

Organizations



Christine Page received flowers from the members of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club as thanks for leading a poetry workshop at the recent November meeting of the club.

P'burg Woman's Club attends district meet

The GFWC/KFWC Prestonsburg Woman's Club met November 1 at its clubhouse in Archer Park. The district meeting was held in Pikeville, on October 13. Fifty-two women's club members, including five from the Prestonsburg club, attended.

Joyce Short Allen, a member of the Prestonsburg club, serves as seventh district governor.

A Prestonsburg Woman's Club member, Judy Bowen, won prizes for photography and needlework. Member Sabra Jacobs won a prize for crochet. All prizes were awarded at the district meet. The prize-winning entries will advance to state competition.

In other news, the club is working on setting up awards for businesses that work toward beautification and renovation of their properties, as well as awards for businesses that decorate for seasonal holidays.

The club hopes to finalize these plans by the end of the year.

The November program was a poetry writing workshop. Club members were educated on poetry writing by club member and former teacher, Christine Page. Page read poems that exemplified the different types of poetry she was discussing and passed out reference sheets for later consulting.

Nineteen club members and one guest, Sherry Ratliff, were in attendance.

The Prestonsburg Woman's Club meets every month September-May on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, contact Pam Weiner Skeen at 889-9639.

The club's annual event, "Christmas in the Park," co-sponsored by the city of Prestonsburg and Archer Park, will be held on Thursday, December 20, at 6 p.m.

Yesterdays

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Charles F. Clark, county superintendent...During the five and a half months of the pilot food stamp program operation in this county, a total of \$400,613 in food stamps, has been added to the local economy, Carl R. Horn, supervisor of the stamp program here, said last week...This state is encouraging counties to make regular rechecks of federal surplus-food recipients, and the operation has produced mild to drastic cuts...The need for public support of the Floyd County Tuberculosis Association through purchase of Christmas Seals is particularly urgent this year, it was pointed out this week, after thousands of Seals had been mailed to prospective buyers and users...At the Warrix IGA here this week, coffee was listed for \$.49 for a pound can, chuck roast was \$.39 a pound, and smoked picnics per pound were \$.29...Born: to Airman 1st Class and Mrs. Jack Snavelly, of Roosevelt, Oklahoma, a daughter, Pamela Mae, Nov. 7; to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Howard; a son, John Timothy, Nov. 27, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Wayne Harris, a son, Rudy Wayne, Jr., Nov. 27, at Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Tommy Moore, 73, of Minnie, last Wednesday at McDowell Memorial Hospital; Emma Osborne, 57, formerly of this county, Monday, at Titusville, Florida.

Fifty Years Ago (November 29, 1951)

Coal miners of this section, and every other part of the nation, where the industry is unionized, this week were under orders from none other than John L. Lewis, leader of the United Mine Workers of America, and the UMWA executive committee, to refrain from wild-cat strikes...The Auxier, one of Prestonsburg's two hotels, will cease to be operated as such, Saturday of this week. The First Avenue building will cease to be used for hotel purposes, to be converted by Drs. George P. and John G. Archer into a hospital...The Floyd Fiscal Court by a 3-2 vote, approved for payment, Wednesday, the \$270 claim of County Clerk DuRan Moore for delivery of ballot boxes...One of the "hot" toy items being advertised for Christmas was the Gene Autry Double Holster Set—two gold-colored pistols, puff real smoke, with real leather holsters—for \$3.89...For all their hirsute adornment and professional skill, the Whiskered Wizards had the toughest kind of going against the clean-shaven semipro Prestonsburg Ramblers here last Wednesday night, the bearded ones finally winning out, 78 to 77...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Gunnell, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Debra Anne, November 25 at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Francis Jr., of Garrett, a daughter, Brenda Gayle, on Thanksgiving Day; to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Slone, of Garrett, a daughter, November 24...There died: Lindsay May, 73, former Kentucky Banking Commissioner and Knott County business leader and attorney, Monday at Jacksonville, Florida; Amanda Greene, 91, Tuesday, at her home here; Cynthia Hamilton Hale, 89, Monday, at her home at Risner.

Sixty Years Ago (November 27, 1941)

The Broadway Theater building here, with all its equipment, was destroyed by fire, Wednesday afternoon, at an estimated loss of \$30,000...With the beginning of work, Tuesday, on the foundation of a machine shop here, County Judge E.P. Hill Jr. announced that a minimum of 300 youths between the ages of 18 and 24 are wanted to begin the study of national defense work as soon as the building is completed and machinery installed...Although last week's mine shutdown temporarily handicapped the Red Cross rollcall drive in a number of Floyd County towns to the extent that new reports are lacking, in the main, Prestonsburg Red Cross workers reported that they are well on the way to attaining the community's goal of 500 memberships...After holding the highly-favored Paintsville Tigers scoreless through the first half, Prestonsburg's Blackcats succumbed to their traditional foe in the last period, to lose their annual Thanksgiving game, played last Thursday, at Paintsville, 12 to 6...There died: "Uncle" Jeff Blackburn, 82, Saturday, at the home of a son here; Arnold Prater, 24, of Garrett, last Thursday, following the crash of his auto near the mouth of Brush Creek; "Uncle" Dick Allen, 72, Sunday, at his home at Dana; Ellen Music, 83, November 19, at her home on Abbott Creek; James Harry Clark, 59, last Thursday, at his home at Allen; David C. Cooley, 46, Wednesday, at the home of a sister at Auxier.

Dancing

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dance portion of the fine arts program an enjoyable learning experience for her students. Observing her class, you see a teacher who is enthusiastic about her subject and who has no qualms about "jumping" right in and showing the kids just how it's done.

"My earliest memories of dance are of the basement of the old Fountain Korner Drug. Before acquiring her own studios, my mother taught dance wherever she could," Sammons related, "for example, two other makeshift studios were above the old fire department on Highland Avenue and in the grade school auditorium. I remember my mother teaching me a tap dance to "Way

Down Upon the Swanee River." I felt like Shirley Temple dancing with Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. I was hooked. Red lipstick, bright rouge and costumes all seemed to lift my esteem to stardom. Being naive and not knowing its intent, it did seem odd the first time my mother said "Break a leg," just before I went on stage. However, it certainly holds fond memories for me now. In summers we went to workshops in Cincinnati and New York where we learned new ideas, took in fine cuisine, Broadway plays, and were exposed to up and coming stars."

"My mother not only taught me tap, jazz, and ballet, but she also

instilled in me that a "woman's place" is anywhere she wants it to be. This is not only profound today but takes on added significance when you consider it was offered in the '50's. When I would mess up, my mother would say, 'Just act like that's what you're supposed to do. Most people will never know the difference and those that do love you anyway, so it doesn't matter.' My mother was my hero, and she is the reason I went into a career in health and physical education. If think today that if I can only give these children half of what she gave me, I can make a difference."

And, Ms. Sammons, you are.

Nutrition

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Another new study offers yet another explanation for the often mixed results seen in studies of alcohol's effect on breast cancer risk. According to a study in the "American Journal of Clinical Nutrition," even after adjusting for the calories from alcohol itself, women who drink more alcohol tend to consume more calories, more calories from fat, fewer vegetables and less beta-carotene, all of which could increase cancer risk.

AICR recommends that alcohol should be drunk in moderation, if at all, limited to one drink a day for women, or two drinks a day for men. But modest use of alcohol is just one part of an overall strategy that should include eating a balanced, mostly plant-based diet, maintaining a healthy weight, keeping physically active and, of course, avoiding tobacco.



Sammons worked hard all summer to create a dance studio area for PHS students. With the help of Greg Adams, she was even able to install studio mirrors.

Trees

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These conditions contribute to drying the trees and making them more likely to drop their needles.

Also ask the vendor where the tree came from and how long ago it was cut. Generally, the further the distance a tree traveled, the earlier it was cut. A tree cut before it entered winter dormancy is more susceptible to drying out.

You also can use many of these points to determine the freshness of a balled and burlapped tree. In addition, check the size of the root ball and whether it's damp to the touch. If the ball is dry, the tree likely is suffering from drought conditions.

Again, ask where the tree originated. Local sources are better for freshness and compatible soil types when you replant the tree after the holidays.

Whether you choose a fresh tree or one balled and burlapped, the species you pick is a matter of personal preference.

Most Christmas trees grown in Kentucky are white pine and Scots pine. The Scots pine has short, stubby branches that will support all kinds of ornaments well. The white pine has fragrant foliage, but its flexible branches

will not support heavy ornaments. Other Christmas trees grown in Kentucky are the Douglas-fir, Colorado blue spruce and Norway spruce.

From a cost standpoint, pine species are less expensive than the firs and spruces. This is because firs and spruces require more time to grow to the same heights as pines.

One consideration is whether you want a cut tree or one that's balled and burlapped. White pines and spruces are your best choices of balled and burlapped trees. You'll have more success planting them outside. Plus, they add more beauty to the home landscape.

Another factor to consider is where you're going to put the tree in your home.

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VEATCH CHEMICAL CO.	1,512.58
VERBAL AKERS	50.00
VERONICA REED	83.00
VICKI PACK	3,687.97
VICKI SLONE	133.80
VICKIE ROBINSON	50.00
VICKIE STUMBO	31.68
VICKY RATLIFF	960.13
VICTOR CASTRO	22.25
VIKING OFFICE PRODUCTS	104.66
VINCENT DINO/ KY.SCIENCE OLYMPIAD	100.00
VIRGINIA A HUGHES	50.00
VIRGINIA LESLIE FANNIN	796.20
VISIONS TECHNOLOGY IN ED.	164.44
VOLNEY D. ALLEN	180.00
VONETTA HANCOCK	55.40
W.W.GRAINGER, INC	2,060.78
WAL-MART STORE	55,880.19
WALT DISNEY SWAN & DOLPHIN	1,133.35
WALTER BENTLEY	2,271.60
WANDA F CONLEY	50.00
WARD'S NATURAL SCIENCE EST.	1,241.06
WASTE MANAGEMENT	114,004.80
WATER WORKS SUPPLIER INC.	1,440.45
WATER WORKS SUPPLIES	80.15
WAYNE CHANEY	253.65
WAYNE D. COMBS	50.00
WAYNE RESA	800.00
WEEKLY READER	2,687.05
WEEKLY READER CORPORATION	2,371.26
WEETEK, INC	2,613.99
WELLNESS REPRODUCTIONS, INC.	93.30
WELLS GROUP	4,329.54
WELLS READY MIX, INC.	797.50
WENDY REED POE	86.20
WENDY SAYLOR	500.00
WEST ROOFING & SUPPLY INC.	1,379.00
WEST VA ELECTRIC	14,975.55
WEST VIRGINIA COACH	950.00
WESTBROOK COUNSELING	6,900.00
WESTERN PSYCHOLOGICAL SERV.	200.75
WHITE & ASSOCIATES CPA'S	7,225.00
WHITESBURG SHOWCASE - APPALSHOP	14.00
WHOLESALE ELECTRONIC	2,897.00
WILLIAM GREGORY MORRIS	75.30
WILLIAM MACGILL & CO.	2,250.00
WILLIAM S. KENDRICK	125.00
WILLIAM V. MACGRILL & CO.	193.58
WILMA HOWELL	57.80
WILMA MARTIN	57.80
WINCRAFT INCORPORATED	229.13
WIZCOM TECHNOLOGIES	308.00
WOODBURN PRESS	7,543.70
WOODS GROCERY	118.80
WORLD ALMANAC EDUCATION	365.42
WORLD BOOK, INC	1,405.00
WORLD OF WORK	1,818.30
WRIGHT GROUP	504.46
WRIGHT LUMBER CO	16,162.92
WRITE TIME FOR KIDS	1,853.28
WRITE WAY	198.23
WRS GROUP, INC.	321.78
WULFE BROS.	4,150.00
XEROX CORP.	255.00
XEROX CORPORATION	184.00
YEARY TRUCK & MINING PARTS INC	34,412.69
ZACK ELECTRONICS	111.67
ZANER-BLOSER	10,902.17
ZEDA MARTIN	13.42
ZEE MEDICAL SERVICE CO.	4,949.65
ZENITH HALL	188.00
ZINA KIDD	69.80

TOTAL YTD PURCHASES -\$15,378,384.26 **

**FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE—
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES**

For the year ended June 30, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Debt Service Fund	Agency Funds	
Revenues						
From Local Sources						
Taxes						
Property	\$ 5,508,702		\$ 594,398	\$	\$	\$ 6,103,100
Motor Vehicle	1,037,861					1,037,861
Other	18,890					18,890
Earnings on investments	605,774		50,813	10,934		667,521
Student Activities					1,508,270	1,508,270
Other Local Revenue	390,116	(11,798)			48,333	426,651
Intergovernmental - State	25,627,735	3,367,769	1,714,323	2,421,060		33,130,888
Intergovernmental - Indirect Federal	29,895	5,168,250				5,198,245
Total Revenues	33,218,874	8,524,221	2,359,534	2,431,994	1,556,603	48,091,226
Expenditures						
Current						
Universal Service Fund	(202,681)				100,346	(102,335)
Instruction	17,673,473	5,967,740	656,791			24,298,004
Support Services						
Student	862,249	170,583				1,032,832
Instructional Staff	311,048	1,081,593				1,392,641
District Administration	2,954,898	126,536				3,081,534
School Administration	2,054,589					2,054,589
Business	239,889	11,532	358,609			610,031
Central Office	345,311					345,311
Plant Operation & Maintenance	4,652,186					4,652,186
Student Transportation	2,802,913	164,647				2,967,560
Community Services Operations		922,777				922,777
Facilities Acquisition and Construction						
Construction and Renovation	253,087		450,423			703,510
Student Activities					1,524,206	1,524,206
Debt Service						
Principal				2,374,850		2,374,850
Interest				1,821,319		1,821,319
Total Expenditures	31,947,062	8,445,408	1,465,823	4,196,169	1,624,552	47,679,015
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	1,271,813	78,813	893,711	(1,764,175)	(67,950)	412,211
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Proceeds of Sale of Bonds			3,369,402			3,369,402
Advance Refunding of Bonds				1,887,407		1,887,407
Refund Bond Escrow Agent				(1,887,407)		(1,887,407)
Operating transfers in			64,453			64,453
Operating transfers out	(64,453)					(64,453)
Transfers In/(Out) for Debt Service			(1,775,109)	1,775,109		
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(64,453)		1,658,746	1,775,109		3,369,402
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	1,207,360	78,813	2,552,457	10,934	(67,950)	3,781,614
Fund Balance July 1, 2000	4,354,723		788,110		318,797	5,461,631
Prior Period Adjustment		(78,813)	99,313			20,500
Fund Balance July 1, 2000	4,354,723	(78,813)	887,423		318,797	5,482,131
Fund Balance June 30, 2001	\$ 5,562,083	\$ 0	\$ 3,439,881	\$ 10,934	\$ 250,848	\$ 9,263,745

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