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Judges recognize Blackcats

In honor of their date in the Class 2A state championship football game in Louisville later today, judges in the Floyd County court system paid tribute to the Prestonsburg Blackcats this week.

Although proclamations are a routine matter for mayors and the judge-executive's office, it is more rare for them to be issued by district and circuit judges.

Nevertheless, all five of Floyd County's representatives on the bench — District Judges James R. Allen and Eric D. Hall, Circuit Judges Danny Caudill and John D. Caudill, and Family Court Judge Julie Paxton — signed the proclamation honoring the Blackcats.

The proclamation reads:

"In consideration of the accomplishments of the Prestonsburg High School football team and to encourage all Floyd Countians to support and attend the state championship game;

"It is hereby proclaimed that the undersigned judges of the Floyd County Justice System hereby designate Friday, November 30, 2001, in special recognition of the Prestonsburg High School football team and state its full support and best wishes for success."

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BLACKCAT FEVER



photos by Steve LeMaster

The Prestonsburg Blackcat football team got a festive send-off Thursday morning, as the team's departure to Louisville on two charter buses gave rise to a pep rally.

The rally included a mock battle, above, between the Blackcat mascot and a "Tigger" rival representative of the Bardstown Tigers, who the Blackcats meet in today's Class 2A state championship football game. Santa Claus was on hand to give "presents" to the team, and performances were staged by the band, cheerleaders and dance team. Despite the festive atmosphere, the Cats themselves, right, were all business as they boarded the buses.



Community rallying to Cats' cause

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg Blackcat football team will face the Bardstown Tigers today at 4 p.m. at Cardinal Stadium in Louisville, but the players and coaches preparing there today are not alone, even aside from the hundreds of fans also in attendance for the game.

The community of Prestonsburg and much of Floyd County will be there with them in spirit today, rooting them on from their homes in the mountains and hoping for win, because some say victory would be a win for the area as well as the Blackcats themselves.

"If they don't lose their cool, they might come alive," said Beather Shepherd, grandfather of Blackcat football players Chris and Kevin Jervis who said a win in Louisville could help all of Floyd County. "This could help Prestonsburg. It could help all of them, all of Floyd County, I think. We always want our boys to win. We want the best for them."

Despite Shepherd's confidence and supportive stand, there are some who say there could be more support for Blackcat players and coaches.

"I don't think people back these boys enough," said Abbott Creek resident Sheila Howell. "I think they'll do great and I hope they win it all. They went to the field in Marshall to practice and get the feel of what it's going to be like and I think they'll do as well as can be expected."

The Blackcats prepared earlier in the week by practicing at Marshall University which is equipped with an artificial turf field similar to Cardinal Stadium's.

Some locals feel a win in Louisville could bring more than just a state championship to the mountains.

According to Matt Bowers, a Hi Hat resident who has followed the Blackcats' success this season, a win for the team could mean a great deal to the community of Prestonsburg and the rest of the county

(See FANS, page two)

Three more file to run for office next year

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

With the filing deadline still two months away, candidates for next year's local elections keep coming out of the woodwork, but for the most part they are clustering in a handful of races.

Three more candidates filed their papers Wednesday and Thursday, bringing the total number of people seeking elective office to 28. Of the 26 running for partisan offices, all are Democrats.

And of the 28 running, 15 are seeking one of just three offices — magistrate in Districts 3 and 4 and constable in District 4. Two of those races saw new entrants Wednesday.

In the most crowded field of all, Arhold Bob McKinney of Harold filed his papers to seek the office of District 4 con-

stable. McKinney is one of six Democrats seeking that office. His competitors include John Kidd of Harold, Mona Case of Betsy Layne, Troy Jarrell of Dana, Logan Tucker of Beaver and Alfred "June Bug" Newsome of Grethel.

Michael "Sam" Newsome of Weeksbury became the fifth candidate to seek the position of District 3 magistrate. He faces incumbent District 2 Commissioner Larry Foster Stumbo of McDowell, Clinis Hall of Drift, Roger Johnson of Bevinville and Russell Hamilton Jr. of Hi Hat.

One race which saw its first entrant this week is that of District 2 constable. James Hoover of Eastern became the first candidate in that race on Wednesday.

Candidates have until January 29 to file their papers.



photo by Mary Music

The Martin City Council addressed a host of topics during its meeting Tuesday night, including adult entertainment and annexation.

Council gives nod to annexation request

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

Recent annexations have broadened the horizons of Martin city limits, and it is something city council members say they hope will continue.

During Tuesday's regular

meeting, city clerk Pamela S. Justice conducted the first reading of an ordinance pertaining to the annexation of Moore's Express Lube, an establishment currently being constructed near Martin BP.

(See COUNCIL, page two)

Martin moves to curb nudity

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

Although Paintsville native Giovanni Maynard wasn't successful in bringing a "gentleman's club" to the city of Prestonsburg and has since moved his plans across state lines to Kermit, W.Va., the prospect of nude entertainment has left another Floyd County city shaking in its boots.

After returning to the area following a 25-year stay in Florida, Maynard, who owns similar businesses in Florida, began a venture earlier this month to establish an adult entertainment club, the City Lights

(See NUDITY, page two)

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

Christmas is a season of thoughtfulness.

Attorney Eric C. Conn and the WCLR join together in asking children, ages 5-12 to write a letter saying, "What I Will Do This Holiday Season to Help a Sick or Disabled Person." Honorable Paul Hunt Thompson, Floyd County Judge Executive, will select the seven winners, and the first prize winner for the seven winners.

You can drop off your letters at Eric's Office at the Statue of Liberty on Highway U.S. 23, at Stanville, Monday thru Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you want to fax or e-mail your letter, or need more information, just call the Eric C. Conn Law Complex at 1-800-232-4878. We look forward to hearing from you!



Highlands Regional Hospital posts diabetes warning signals

According to the American Diabetes Association, nearly 16 million Americans have diabetes, a serious life-threatening disease for which there is no cure. Recent data released from the Center for Disease Control & Prevention revealed that approximately 800,000 new cases of diabetes are diagnosed each year. Kentucky has the nation's 13th highest diabetes rate, which in turn contributes to the state's sixth leading cause of death. Many people in Kentucky are at risk for developing diabetes because of their age, weight, family history, poor nutrition, and lack of exercise. Earlier diagnosis of diabetes and more aggressive management of diabetes are proven to increase overall quality of health for

these patients.

Due to the frequency of diagnosis, the American Diabetes Association urges anyone who experiences any of the following symptoms to be screened for diabetes: increased thirst, increased urination, increased/decreased appetite, unexplained weight loss, excessive perspiration, confusion, faintness/weakness, or recurrent infections. The Center for Disease Control now recommends that the screening age for diabetes be 30 years of age for high-risk individuals. High-risk factors for diabetes include the following: family history of diabetes, history of heart disease, overweight, lack of exercise, increased triglycerides and/or low HDL cholesterol, history of

gestational diabetes or delivering a baby weighing nine or more pounds, history of polycystic ovarian disease, or ethnic groups such as: African American, Asian American, Native American, or Latino/Hispanic.

Patients diagnosed with diabetes need routine medical treatment for the prevention of complications such as blindness, heart disease, kidney disease, and amputations. Patient education is an essential component of diabetes treatment for every patient.

Highlands Regional Medical Center's Diabetes Education Program is American Diabetes Association Recognized as providing quality education to the participants. Program fees, for

these physician referred appointments, are covered by most commercial insurance plans such as Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross, etc.

In addition Highlands Regional also offers a Diabetes Support Group, Healthy Living With Diabetes Community Education Programs, and Diabetes Health Fairs free to the community.

Assuring high-quality education for self-care is one of the primary goals of the Education Recognition Program. For more information or to receive a copy of the free Diabetes Education Brochure, contact Terri Slone, RN, MSN, Certified Diabetes Educator at Highlands Regional Medical Center, (606) 886-7590.

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Scripps Howard Foundation supports Prichard Committee's Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership

LEXINGTON — The Scripps Howard Foundation will sponsor a session of the Prichard Committee's Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership in Northern Kentucky.

The Cincinnati-based foundation has awarded the committee a \$7,500 grant for the institute, which trains parents to become advocates for the improved academic achievement of students. The grant will

help finance one of the institute's seven sessions this year.

The Scripps Howard Foundation focuses on building communities and improving quality of life through its support of educational programs,

families, social services, the arts and culture, and civic affairs, especially in communities where the Scripps Howard Co. does business. Scripps Howard is the publisher of The Kentucky Post.

The Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership is in its fifth year of training parents across Kentucky. Established in 1997, the institute trains 200 parents statewide each year. After completing the program, parents return to their local schools and work on projects that engage other parents in student achievement activities. Institute participants are recruited annually, and the cost of tuition, meals, and lodging is provided. More information is available at www.cipl.org.

The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence is a non-partisan, nonprofit group of volunteers dedicated to improving education in Kentucky. For more information, visit the committee's web site at www.prichardcommittee.org.

Rogers: Fern Lake conservation measure approved by key house panel

U.S. Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-5) says his bill, allowing the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park to acquire Fern Lake, a natural landmark on the Kentucky-Tennessee border, has been unanimously approved by a key House committee. The House Committee on Resources quickly and unanimously approved the bill recently.

The measure, which Rogers introduced with U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell, authorizes the federal purchase of the 150-acre lake and maintains the lake as the sole municipal water supply for Middlesboro, in Bell County. Rogers says he is working to secure quick passage of

the bill by the full House of Representatives.

"This legislation has strong, bipartisan support in the House and is moving quickly to the House floor for passing," Rogers said today. "The House Resources Committee has given its approval to our plan to protect this jewel of our region's scenic heritage, while, at the same time, protect the sole supply of water for the people of Middlesboro.

This is a unique partnership with the National Park Service that will conserve this vital resource for generations to come."

Rogers says he has worked closely with National Park

Service officials to ensure that water from Fern Lake will be abundant for continued use by the people of Middlesboro. Rogers says the property, and any lands in the surrounding watershed that may be offered for sale by willing sellers, will be a welcome addition to the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, providing another boost to the region's efforts to strengthen its national resource tourism economy.

Rogers and McConnell have previously worked to secure an appropriation to serve as a down payment for the lake property, once legislation that authorizes the sale is signed into law.

The McKameys coming to the Mountain Arts Center

Some things just get better with time, and at the top of that list is surely the music of Peg McKamey Bean, Ruben Bean, Connie Fortner and Carol Woodard — better known to gospel fans across America as The McKameys.

The McKameys have been singing the gospel for almost four decades, and although the composition of the group has undergone some change, the motive has remained the same — to honor Him Who is worth all praise.

The McKameys have won the hearts of Southern Gospel music lovers across the coun-

try. They do not boast of a formal education in music or entertainment, but they have a rich family heritage that instilled in them the meaning of worship, and perhaps it is this realization that sets them apart. Whenever you see the McKameys, you will be inspired by the pervasive spirit of worship that is evident when they minister before an audience.

The McKameys have always been based out of Clinton, Tennessee, a small town about 18 miles North of Knoxville, where their office and publishing company is

located. They are pleased to be associated with Horizon Records in Ashville, North Carolina and Harper Agency in Nashville, Tennessee.

The McKameys remain grateful for the blessings of the Lord upon their ministry and if you were to ask about their future plans they would probably reply, "with the Lord's help, we plan to be faithful until He comes."

The Mountain Arts Center can easily accommodate your group of 20 or more people. Please call early to reserve your seats; toll free 1-888-622-2787 or local 886-2623.

photo by Rita Brock

Prestonsburg High School students enjoyed constructing their own "volcanoes" this fall. The volcanoes were part of a science department project. These two students watch as their volcano "erupts."



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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

Hope is itself a species of happiness and perhaps the chief happiness which this world affords.

—Samuel Johnson

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Our View

Never quit, never give up

The final game is yet to be played, the final score and result a mystery until later this evening. But before the first whistle, the first snap, the first play from scrimmage, before they even take the field in today's Class 2A state championship game, one thing is clear:

The Prestonsburg Blackcats are already winners. In a year when triviality of sports was hammered home with a vengeance, the Blackcats elevated the game of football to a rallying point, a source of pride for a community battered by tragedies both local and national.

Before the season began, the team was dealt a horrific blow when star player Josh Francis was killed in an automobile accident. That Francis was among the more well-liked students at the school made the loss especially difficult to bear.

At that point, the Blackcats could have quit, could have given up. They didn't.

Instead, the team wiped away its tears and set about getting down to business, dedicating both its season and its new field in memory of their fallen comrade.

Weeks later, as the nation endured the events of Sept. 11, there was not much thought of football as Americans worried and grieved for their country. In the college and professional ranks, games in sports of all types were canceled.

At that point, the Blackcats could have quit, could have given up. They didn't.

Instead, when Friday night rolled around, the Blackcats were right back where they had been all season long, doing what they had been doing all season long — winning a football game. And in the process, they somehow helped restore a degree of normalcy to our lives.

Last week in Maysville, the Blackcats found themselves in an unfamiliar position, heading into the locker room down 6-0 to Mason County at the half in the game to see who would play for the championship.

At that point, the Blackcats could have quit, could have given up. They could have allowed themselves to be defeated, taking pride in what was still a very good season.

They didn't. Instead, the Cats came back after halftime and outscored their opponent 18-7 to secure a date in Louisville. They showed they were not satisfied in being just a very good team, not when they knew they were capable of excellence. In so doing, and throughout the season, the Blackcats have shown all of us the power of determination and endurance in the face of adversity.

And that brings us to today, as the Blackcats prepare to take on undefeated Bardstown for the state championship.

At this point, no one could fault the Cats if they come up short in this final quest. They've already had a successful season. They could rest on their laurels, get wrapped up in all the festivities and completely lose sight of their goal.

They could quit. They could give up. Something tells us, they won't.

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Think About it

The dream and jumping hurdles

Folks seem to always end up finding the one big dream they have in their life if they are around me for very long.

Now, I'm aware of how egotistical that sounds, but it's true anyway. So there it is.

I don't know if it's because I'm a dreamer and dreaming can be infectious, but I like to think that's the story.

I like the idea that a person can find the one thing they want to do with their life by being around people who function as conductors for their aspirations. This means there is a method. And if there's a method then one must only follow that method to realize their dreams.

It's simple really. My take on hopes and dreams is that if a person wants

something bad enough, whether it's part of whatever destiny that may have been chosen for them or not, that dream will be realized. Destiny respectfully takes a back seat to drive, ambition and commitment. That's the way it should be, don't you think?

You — yeah, you — the person who happens to be holding this newspaper in front of yourself right now and wondering what kind of craziness I'm talking about anyway. You have a dream, some small little something tucked neatly away deep in your mind. Maybe somebody told you to quit thinking about it.

Or maybe you even convinced yourself that a "pipe dream" was a waste of time. What does that mean anyway — a "pipe dream"? Whoever made up that little tag was bitter and frightened and altogether lazy, is how I figure it. Because a pipe dream is nothing more than a set of plans, a series of hurdles. How high those hurdles are, or become, depends on how much weight you give to the negative influences around you.

This isn't some kind of blowing in the wind, self-help mentality. This is simple logic.

Haven't you ever wanted something so bad — so bad that you couldn't rest until you had it? Sure you have. And

when you got it, do you remember how that felt? Felt good, didn't it?

A dream doesn't have to be some seemingly out-of-reach goal such as becoming a movie star, running your own billion dollar corporation or — God forbid — becoming a writer. A dream can be something simple, yet important on a personal level.

You may have a day to day ambition to be the best mother or father, husband or wife, that you can be. This goal — this dream — can be worked toward each day and you are able to see the fruits of your labor every day. You can see, when your child smiles at you or shares a laugh, that you've achieved that small personal dream. When you see you have gained the love of your spouse and nurtured it with success, you have jumped another hurdle, finished one set of plans for making your dream come true.

In the end, you should simply do whatever it takes to achieve your dreams, within reason, of course, because dreams are the most basic ingredient of our character.

If it takes leaning on someone to get your ambition moving and that somebody is me, by all means lean. Because just like that old songbird Bill Withers said, God knows there'll be times when I need the same.



SHELDONCOMPTON

Letters

United Way thanks campaign supporters

United Way of Eastern Kentucky would like to thank everyone who supported our "United Way Rocks!" fundraising campaign. We had many artists from around the Big Sandy area submit beautifully completed rocking chairs for our auction this week.

Special thanks go out to Mark MacLemore and his staff at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park for all their hospitality and assistance, the Mountain Arts Center, LJ Productions for their support, The Floyd County Times for publicity and Roger Webb and his "brute strength" work force.

LJ Productions will be featuring our remaining chairs in December.

If you have any questions about pur-

chasing a rocker or making a tax-deductible donation to the United Way of Eastern Kentucky, please call (888) 393-5632. Our family is composed of 16 area non-profit agencies who provide vital service to our community. Ninety-nine cents of each dollar raised here stays here, helping our community to become a better place for us all to live and work.

Pamela Compton
Executive director
United Way of
Eastern Kentucky
Prestonsburg

Christmas delights

The town of Prestonsburg is aglow with lights and Christmas meanings. As you drive into town, Santa welcomes you with a wave of his hand, and the ranger scene has an aura of what Christmas is all about.

Wreaths adorn the lampposts with

white lights, and one wonders whether an ice storm has covered the town, as decorations of tiny lights give one the sense of surrealism. Candles are seen among the greenery in the planters, and the fountain glows in the dark shadows of nighttime.

As you drive up Court Street, reindeer are seen crossing high overhead and store have stayed with the tradition of white lights in their windows. The wreaths continue to shine on lampposts, lighting the way for those who make their nightly walk through the streets of Prestonsburg.

A drive through Archer Park is a magical time for everyone, young and old. The lights and scenes, with white and colored lights, delight the hearts and minds of those who take the drive.

Yes, Prestonsburg does come alive at Christmas. Everyone should take the time to appreciate the beauty of their town at this time of year. Go out, drive through town and Archer Park and enjoy the lights. You won't be disappointed.

Sandy Yeisley
Prestonsburg

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Zebulon Lodge 273, F&AM to conduct funeral rites for Irvin Harris

The meeting of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM to be held Saturday, December 1, will open at 6 p.m., to conduct Masonic funeral services for Irvin Harris, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

The regular meeting will continue following the funeral service.

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, 8:00 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.

Lighting of the Community tree

Monday, December 31, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell, at 7 p.m.

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.

PHS grads of 1992 plan reunion

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

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

G.E.D. classes - FREE - each Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 886-0709.

FREE study hour available to all elementary and high school students. Hours 4:30 to 5:30 each Tuesday and Thursday. Gym time allowed after completion of homework. Tutors available.

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.

Housing assistance in Wayland area

HOMES Inc. has opened an office in the Wayland Community Center to assist low income persons in the Right and Left Beaver areas with housing needs. Nelson Hopkins is in the office on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help persons who need repairs on their existing homes or with securing new housing. Area persons may call 358-9473 on Wednesdays to speak with Hopkins or leave a message on other days. Or they may call the HOMES Inc. headquarters in Neon, toll-free, at 1-877-271-1791, ext. 10.

Attention Veterans!

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

Support Groups

■ Laryngectomy Support Group — Meets every 3rd Thursday of each month at

Highlands Regional Medical Center, Medical Office Building, meeting room B. Further info, call Connie Clifton, (606) 886-2995.

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group—Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building on Pike-Floyd Hollow Road, just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept. For more info, call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group—Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's) at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at (606) 886-0265.

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

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

■ 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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9/7	at Whitley County	L 13-16
9/14	Portsmouth East, OH#	W 41-6
9/21	at Whitesburg*	W 39-7
9/28	Betsy Layne*	W 85-0
10/5	Belfry*	W 40-14
10/12	at Pike County Central*	W 54-8
10/19	Shelby Valley*	W 62-0

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11/9	Leslie County	W 33-0
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G	74	Charlie Johnson
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E	55	Kevin Younce
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Indiana-Kentucky football game time again

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

Both Kentucky and Indiana are talking about Saturday's game in Bloomington as their bowl game. If so, the corporate sponsor should be American Standard because both, as usual, have flushed away their chances for a winning season.

Yet, strangely, this meeting between the 2-8 Wildcats and the 4-6 Hoosiers actually means something for both programs.

IU Coach Cam Cameron, completing his fifth consecutive losing season, probably needs to win the Toilet Bowl to keep his job. UK Coach Guy Morriss, ending his rookie season as a head coach, probably has a bit more security, but not much. For the first time in years, the Cats actually were competitive against Tennessee, Florida, and Georgia.

Antwaan Randle El, the Hoosiers' elusive senior quarterback, would like to end his career with a bang. He probably has no chance to win the Heisman Trophy, but he should. After all, he's the only player in NCAA history who

has passed for more than 6,000 yards and rushed for more than 3,000.

His UK counterpart, sophomore Jared Lorenzen, would like to complete his comeback in a big way. Benched in favor of Shane Boyd after UK's opening loss to Louisville, Lorenzen regained the starting job in midseason. In his last four games as a starter, he has thrown for 1,556 yards and 15 touchdowns.

It should be a high-scoring, entertaining game, hark-

(See REED, page two)

Betsy Layne

Bobcats open season with win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Betsy Layne Bobcats opened the 2001-03 basketball season with a 79-75

home win over the Magoffin County Hornets on Tuesday night.

"We jumped out on Magoffin County early," said Bobcat head coach Brent Rose. "We were able to run several different players in and out. When we're running them in and out like that, we've got several weapons."

The Betsy Layne coach was pleased with his team's performance in the season-

(See BOBCATS, page two)

Reds

Redsfest VI event schedule

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

All-Stars Barry Larkin, Sean Casey and Danny Graves highlight the updated list of players scheduled to attend Kahn's Redsfest VI, presented by Kroger, on December 7-8 at the Albert B. Sabin Convention Center downtown.

Manager Bob Boone also will participate, along with coaches Don Gullett, Ken Griffey Sr., Tom Hume and Tim Foli and current Reds

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Postseason awards roll in for Centre athletes

Ortega among several Colonel honorees

TIMES STAFF REPORT

It came as no surprise that after having such a successful fall sports campaign Centre College saw

many of its athletes capture post-season honors.

Centre athletic teams all had banner years in the recently concluded fall sports season. Each of Centre's seven fall sports teams — football, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country, field hockey and volleyball — finished with winning records.

In field hockey, Centre's Beth

Moses was named Regional All-American for the second year in a row by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association.

In volleyball, freshman setter Leah Ballinger was named to the Division III All-South Region Team. Ballinger, junior middle hitter Lauren Crissey and freshman middle hitter Sara Hollowell were named to the All-Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference

team.

In men's soccer, four members were named to All-SCAC. Sweeper Jeff Carrier and forward Matt Walkster were second-team members, and midfielders David Hewitt and Josh Haines were placed on the third team.

In women's soccer goalkeeper Jessica Chisley and defender Jennifer Riggs were first team All-SCAC, while midfielder Lindsay

Yeakel, sweeper Laura Heil and forward Brianna Baker were named to the third team.

In football senior Brian Britt was named the SCAC's Special Teams Player of the Year for the third consecutive season. The 9-1 Colonels, who finished with the program's most wins in 76 years, placed 13 players on the all-con-

(See ORTEGA, page three)

SHAG CAMPBELL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT



Michael Stephens celebrated a championship by cutting down the net Wednesday night.

photo by Jamie Howell

Adams defeats Allen for tournament title, 53-39

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

Most people in the Prestonsburg area have their minds on a possible state football championship, but the Adams Blackcats and the Allen Eagles had another championship on the line as they met in the finals of the Shag Campbell Invitational Tournament, Wednesday at Allen Grade School. The Adams and Allen rivalry is one of the biggest throughout Floyd County, and this game was no different. The Allen gymnasium was a loud place to be as both schools fans tried to cheer louder for their teams. The Blackcats jumped out early and led 9-1 after one quarter.

Andrew Shepard and David Shafer

gave Adams some good minutes on the floor, and Michael Stephens ran the offense well. The Blackcats continued to build on their lead in the second quarter and led at the break, 29-11.

Coach Newberry and the Eagles would regroup at the half, and mount a comeback in the second half. Zach Stanley hit four three pointers to cut into the Adams lead, but it wouldn't be enough as the Blackcats turned up the pressure in the fourth quarter to win pulling away 53-39, thus capturing the tournament title for 2001. Andrew Shepard led the winners with 11 points, and Ronnie Stephens tossed in eight. This past week has shown why Floyd County grade school basketball is second to none. The sports-

manship displayed was good from all involved, as well as the school spirit from all schools was the way it was meant to be. Most of the teams involved in this year's tourney will return to playing their regular season schedules.

Adams Leading Scorers:

Andrew Shepard 11, Ronnie Stephens 8, David Shafer 8, Patrick Henderson 6, Nick McGuire 6, Michael Stephens 6, Brooks Herrick 4, Zach Ousley 2, Michael Lackey 2.

Allen Leading Scorers:

Zach Stanley 18, Kevin Dutton 9, Matt Crisp 7, Chris Conley 2, Casey Duncan 2, Bill Curtis Collins 1.

NAIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gallion leads Lady Bears past ALC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Junior forward Tecco Gallion scored 22 points to lead Pikeville College past Alice Lloyd College 74-72 Tuesday night.

The game was tied three times in the final 6:14, including with 16 seconds remaining when Andrea Kelly scored on a putback. Pikeville pushed it down the floor and missed a jumper, but Amanda Collins grabbed the rebound and was fouled.

The junior All-American hit both tosses with two seconds to play to put Pikeville back in front. The baseball pass downcourt was tipped by Charity Burke and rolled out of bounds as the horn sounded.

Alice Lloyd (5-3) opened a big lead early, leading 20-12. But Pikeville survived thanks to Gallion inside. When she scored on a runout with 9:17 left, Pikeville took the lead 23-22, with Gallion already having 14.

The teams were never more than five points apart the rest of the half, and

(See NAIA, page two)



Tecco Gallion

DISTRICT HONORS

Blackcats rack up postseason district honors

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

For the second consecutive year a Prestonsburg football player and coach are the best in their district. And several players and teammates join the two.

The Class AA Region IV District 8 Coach of the Year, Player of the Year and All-District honors were handed down this week with several Blackcats being touted. PHS Coach John DeRossett is the District 8 Coach of the Year. Matt Stone is Player of the Year. Prestonsburg players named to the squad include Kevin Younce, Tony White, Chris Spriggs, Mikeal Fannin, Matt Williams, Chris Jervis, Andrew

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Roundball Spotlight



Kari Ross
School: Piarist
Class: Senior
Coach: Gary Kidd
Number: 23
Position: Post

Today's Times

Prestonsburg vs. Bardstown: IT'S TITLE TIME!!!

Be sure to look for details on the Prestonsburg-Bardstown Class 2A State Finals game throughout today's paper. The Blackcats will battle with the Tigers today at 4 p.m. Joey Downs, who took over for Floyd County native Garnis Martin, coaches Bardstown. Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett will lead the Blackcats into battle. This is Prestonsburg's second trip to the 2A championship game. Bardstown will be playing in its seventh championship contest when the football goes in the air with the opening kickoff this afternoon.



Pictured: 2001-2002 Adams Middle School girls' varsity basketball cheerleaders with trophies won this past season.

Herd pounds UA-Monticello, 93-63

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Marshall University's J.R. VanHoose scored 24 points and grabbed 17 rebounds to lead the Thundering Herd to a 93-63 win over the University of Arkansas-Monticello Wednesday.

VanHoose, a 6-10 senior center from Paintsville, dominated the low post, hitting 8 of 13 shots from the floor and pulling down a game-high 17 rebounds in only 30 minutes of action. The senior All-America candidate also added two blocks and two assists.

In addition to VanHoose, Marshall got tremendous efforts from seniors Tamar Slay and Latece Williams. Slay, a 6-9 guard from Beckley, W.Va.,

scored a game-high 24 points, while Williams, a 6-8 forward from Rome, Ga., scored a career-high 21 points to go with his eight rebounds.

The Thundering Herd's Ronny Dawn, a freshman guard from Ft. Thomas, also reached double-figures with 12 points.

UAM (0-6) was led by Jun McClain's 16 points and Benas Matkevicius' 13 points. Dennis Harris pulled-down a team-high seven rebounds for the Division II Boll Weevils who will play at West Virginia University Saturday.

Marshall led by as many as 20 points in the first half, before a late Boll Weevil run cut the lead to 14 at the break (46-32). In the second half, Marshall

continued to take advantage of turnovers to push the lead to as much as 37 points. The Herd forced 23 UAM turnovers and outrebounded the Boll Weevils 42-32.

The Herd shot an impressive 56.9% from the field, connecting on 37 of 65 shots. In comparison UAM shot 36.9% from the field on 24 of 65 shooting.

Marshall (2-3) will return to action next Monday. The Thundering Herd will travel to Rock Hill, S.C., to take on Winthrop University. Tip-off is set for 7:00 p.m.



Adams Middle School C-Team: Shag Campbell Invitational runners-up.

photo by Jamie Howell

Reds

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players pitcher Scott Sullivan, outfielder Adam Dunn, third baseman Aaron Boone, catcher Jason LaRue, outfielder Robin Jennings, pitcher Scott MacRae, catcher Corky Miller, pitcher Chris Piersoll, pitcher Chris Reitsma, pitcher Justin Atchley, pitcher Jim Brower, pitcher Lance Davis, catcher Kelly Stinnett, pitcher Seth Etherton and pitcher John Riedling. Additional participants will be announced periodically.

Highly-touted prospects Austin Kearns, Wily Mo Pena and David Espinosa will be on hand, while former Reds sched-

(See REDS, page three)



The Adams A-Team captured the Shag Campbell Invitational A-Team Tournament championship with a win over Allen.

photo by Jamie Howell

Bobcats

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opener. "We played well for the first time out," said Rose. "Wednesday in practice we were able to work on the stuff we did mess up on."

Running the point for the Bobcats this season is senior starting guard Wes Senter.

"Wes played real well but got in some foul trouble," added Rose. Jordan Kidd was able to come in and give us a spark when Wes did get in the foul trouble."

Two of the Bobcats big players on the inside, Josh Allen and

Jeremy Daniels, both played up to their head coaches expectations.

"Jeremy was a presence on the inside and Josh Allen was also a presence by altering shots like Jeremy was," said Rose.

Betsy Layne led visiting Magoffin County 18-10 at the end of the first quarter and 42-23 at the break en route to the win. Magoffin County, trailing by double-digits, was able to outscore the Bobcats in each of the last two quarters.

Reed

ing back to the days when Fran Curci was coaching UK and Lee Corso was drawing the Xs and Os at IU. The Hoosiers have a powerful running game that has rolled up victories over Purdue, Northwestern, Wisconsin, and Michigan State. The Cats rely on Lorenzen's arm. Both defenses are suspect. Hmmm.

Here's an idea: Why not make it the season closer for both schools on an annual basis? UK should keep Louisville as the season opener because of the football interest it generates throughout the commonwealth in the weeks leading up to the game. Then the Cats could play a Ball State or a Central Michigan, followed by an open date heading into the Southeastern Conference schedule.

The Cats haven't ended a season with a victory since Jerry Claiborne's 1984 team defeated Wisconsin in the Hall of Fame Bowl. But if UK were able to schedule Indiana as its season-ending game, at least it always would have a shot at a victory, even in the usual mediocre seasons. The same, of course, would apply to IU, which hasn't

ended a season with a win since Bill Mallory's last team defeated Purdue in 1996.

So somebody call American Standard. Let's make the Toilet Bowl a, ah, fixture.

Meanwhile, out there in weird world of the Bowl Championship series, everybody's trying to figure out who will play for the national championship in the Rose Bowl. Top-ranked Miami is a shoo-in if the Hurricanes can beat Virginia Tech this week. But if the Hokies pull an upset, the computers that determine the BCS rankings might explode due to information overload.

The BCS formula, which seems to be completely understood only by a small group of rocket scientists and Bill Gates wannabes, should be dumped in favor of a 16-team Division I-A playoff that would enable college football to dominate the

national sports scene in December.

Of the 25 existing bowls, 15 would be incorporated into the playoff system. The other 10 would get the death they so richly deserve. With a playoff, each game would mean something other than a payoff to the schools, a holiday trip for the fans, and a bonus for the coach.

Consider, for example, an opening round that would have Miami vs. Georgia in the Liberty Bowl, Maryland vs. BYU in the Aloha, Tennessee vs. Washington State in the Gator, Texas vs. South Carolina in the Peach, Illinois vs. Colorado in the Holiday, Nebraska vs. Stanford in the Alamo, Oregon vs. Oklahoma in the Sun, and Florida vs. Virginia Tech in the Independence.

The winners would advance to the Cotton, Fiesta, Outback, and Citrus bowls. The semifinals

would be played in the Sugar and Orange bowls, and the national title game in the Rose Bowl.

Wonder how much TV would pay for that?

Yet the Neanderthals who run college football have stubbornly resisted a playoff for years. All their reasons — too much pressure on the players both athletically and academically, preservation of the bowl system, and the need for 25 winners instead of just one — are as threadbare as an old, cheap suit.

But a playoff aside, the old, pre-BCS way was better than what's in place now. I can give you a scenario where five New Year's Day bowl games would have national championship ramifications. This year there's only one — the Rose — which hurts all the others.

The BCS needs to be flushed. Anybody got the number of American Standard?

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Athletes of the Week



THE BLACKCATS

PHS Football Team, State Finals



THE LADY REBS

ACHS Girls Basketball Team Win over Pikeville, Lady Hawk Tipoff Tournament



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Honors

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Howell and Andrew Burchett. Betsy Layne's Brandon Kiser and Nathan Hamilton were also honored.

Blackcats named honorable mention include Nicholas Jamerson, Brandt Brooks, Austin Clark, Charlie Johnson, Matt Setser, John Hunt and Joey Willis.

Belfry Pirates included on the top squad were Adam Reed, Scotty Bell, Daniel Wright, Jonah Caudill, Jeremy Moore, Jonathan Masters and Matt Jones. Pirates honored with honorable mention accolades include Joseph Stanley, Matt Hale, Jason Ray, B.J. Wallace, Matt Marcum, Josh Maynard, Tyler Bostic and Will Blackburn.

Belfry finished the post-season with a regional championship game setback to Prestonsburg. Today, the Blackcats will take on Bardstown for the Class 2A state title.

CLASS 2A Region IV District 8 All-District Team

- Coach of the Year: John DeRossett
- Player of the Year: Matt Stone

PRESTONSBURG

- Kevin Younce
- Tony White
- Chris Spriggs
- Mikeal Fannin
- Matt Williams
- Chris Jervis
- Andrew Howell
- Andrew Burchett

BELFRY

- Adam Reed
- Scotty Bell
- Daniel Wright
- Jonah Caudill
- Jeremy Moore

- Jonathan Masters
- Matt Jones

WHITESBURG

- Brandon Brock
- Brandon Gentry
- Derrick Wright
- Justin Adam
- Josh Murtaugh
- Dustin Gilly

PIKE CENTRAL

- Justin McCurry
- Timmy Leedy
- Jeremy Blackburn
- Josh Thompson
- Jason Kidd

SHELBY VALLEY

- Kris Prater
- Jeremy Akers
- Kyle Pinson
- Josh Bentley

BETSY LAYNE

- Brandon Kiser
- Nathan Hamilton

HONORABLE MENTION

PRESTONSBURG

- Nicholas Jamerson
- Brandt Brooks
- Austin Clark
- Charlie Johnson

- Matt Setser
- John Hunt
- Joey Willis

BELFRY

- Joseph Stanley
- Matt Hale
- Jason Ray
- B.J. Wallace
- Matt Marcum
- Josh Maynard
- Tyler Bostic
- Will Blackburn

WHITESBURG

- Jon Banks
- Brandon Hart
- Winston Lee
- Whitley Day

PIKE CENTRAL

- Ronn Varney
- Jeremy Parsons
- Devin Thacker
- Matt Blackburn
- Jordan Blackburn
- Jason Williamson

SHELBY VALLEY

- Nathan Robinson
- Chris Powell
- Brad Tackett
- Pete Ratliff
- Jimm Henson
- Timmy Griffith

NAIA

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when Andrea Kelly hit a three and two free throws in the final minute, ALC took a 40-38 lead at the half.

Pikeville (4-5) had a 9-2 run over a 4:32 stretch in the second half to lead 57-51 after a basket by Nicole Stanley at 10:06. But Alice Lloyd responded, and an 8-2 outburst over the next four minutes tied the game at 59.

Alice Lloyd stayed in the game thanks to the three-pointers, including two by Kelly to tie the game (68-68) with 1:38 left. The game was then tied at 70 and 72 before Collins' heroics at

the line ended the game.

Gallion, who was 11-of-16 from the floor, added five rebounds in the win. Burke and Collins had 10 points each. Burke, a senior from Pikeville, had seven rebounds to lead Pikeville to a 39-21 advantage on the glass.

Junior Leah Whitley led four Lady Eagles in double figures with 21 points. Kelly added 16 thanks to 3-of-5 shooting from the arc. Delores Jenkins finished with 15 and Necha Combs added 11.

Ortega

ference squad. Besides Britt, making the first team were offensive guard Jeff Reynolds, place-kicker Nick Zilich, running back Jeremy Britt and wide receiver Jeremy Gomez. Making the second team were defensive back Eric Heyman,

linebacker Adrien McKiness, punter John Jennings, defensive tackle Daniel Nipp, safety John Ortega, a Prestonsburg High School alumnus, running back Travis Bell, guard Patrick Newman and quarterback Drew

Mildren. Honorable mention selections were wide receiver Chuck Beard, defensive back John Gist, linebacker Carter Conley, split end Joe Guthrie and offensive lineman Richard Spear.

To boot, Ortega was named Defensive Player of the Week in the SCAC for his play in the season finale, a 34-31 victory at home against Rose-Hulman.

And two weeks ago Jackie Walisa and Kyle Poland were named all-conference in cross-country in the SCAC.



photo by Jamie Howell

The Allen C-Team captured the Shag Campbell Invitational C-Team Tournament championship.

Adams pulls away late to defeat John M. Stumbo

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The Shag Campbell Invitational Tournament continued Tuesday night at Allen Grade School, with both the C-Team and A-Team games pitting Adams Middle School against John M. Stumbo. The opening game saw some good action in a seesaw game that kept the crowd on the edge of their seats. The Blackcats, led by Josh Rodebaugh's nine points defeated John M. by the final of 35-26. Coach Tony Whitaker did an excellent job of keeping his team fresh by substituting frequently. Nine Blackcats dented the scoring column for coach Whitaker. Nathaniel Stephens tossed in eight big points for the cats, and Seth Setser added four to help the team effort.

The win did not come easy

for Adams. Casey Tackett kept the Mustangs in the game by scoring a game high 15 points. John M. fought back from an early 9-0 deficit to take a three-point halftime lead at 16-13. In the second half Adams began to pull away, and eventually came away with the win and would face a very good Allen Eagle C-Team for the championship on Wednesday night.

Adams Leading

Scorers:

Josh Rodebaugh 9, Nathaniel Stephens 8, Seth Setser 4, Wes Hicks 4, Seth Hackworth 2, Dane Sizemore 2, Chris Schoolcraft 2, Dan Branham 2, Jim Bieger 2.

John M. Stumbo

Leading Scorers:

Casey Tackett 15, Adam Slone 5, Cory Henry 4, Jordan Hall 2.



photo by Jamie Howell

The Adams Middle School cheerleaders captured first-place in the Right Beaver Classic.

Reds

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uled to attend include Hall of Fame catcher Johnny Bench (Saturday only), 1966 NL Rookie of the Year Tommy Helms, Chuck Harmon, Lee May, Todd Benzinger, Tom Browning, George Foster and Jim O'Toole (Friday only).

Legendary Reds Radio broadcasters Marty Brennaman and Joe Nuxhall also will participate, as will Reds TV broadcasters George Grande and Chris Welsh (Friday only).

For the price of admission, fans can collect autographs from or pose for photos with players and participate in various activities like Reds Jeopardy, Fantasy Play-By-Play and more.

The sixth annual event will be held on Friday, December 7 from 4 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the convention center. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

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- Marty Brennaman
- Tom Browning
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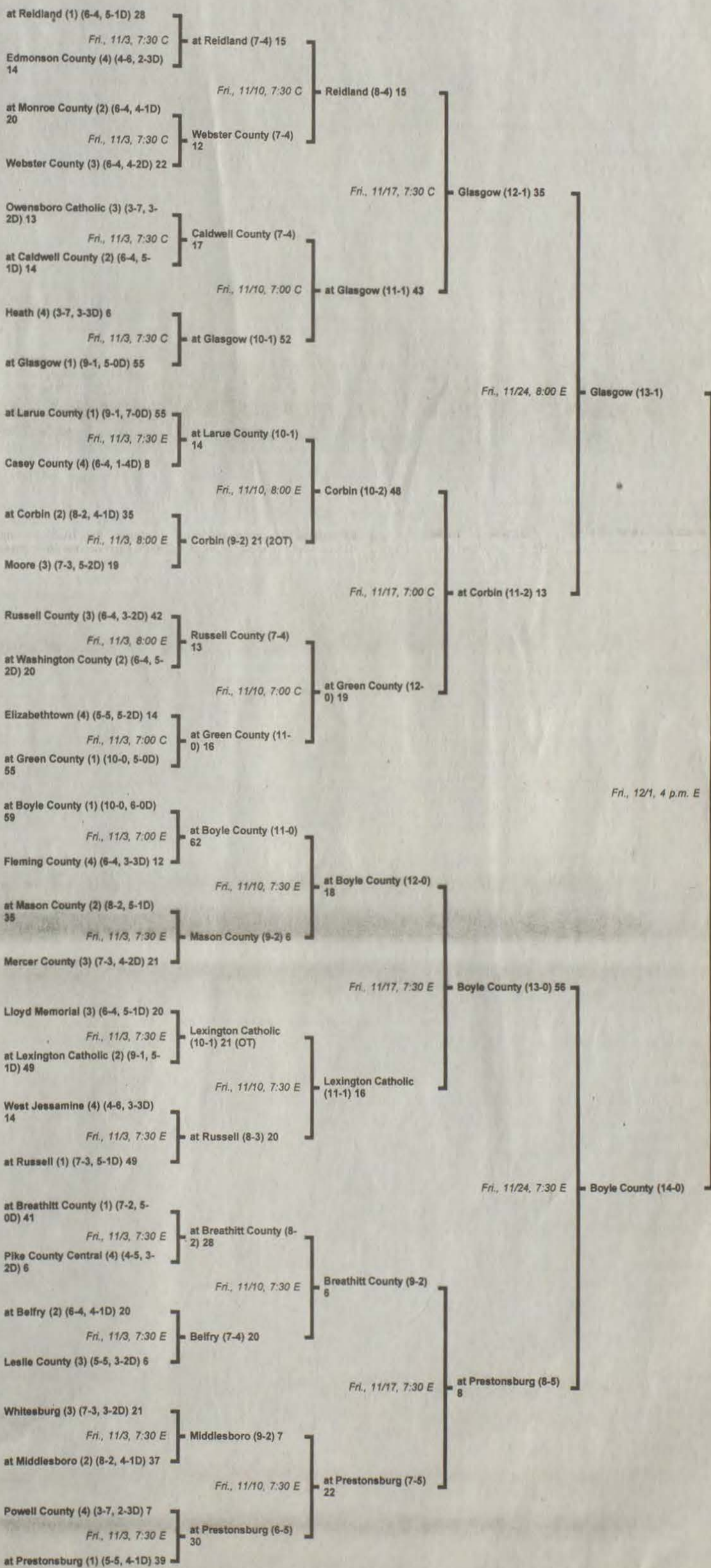


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Good Luck BLACKCATS
from the staff at the Floyd County Times

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR



BY THE DAWN'S
EARLY LIGHT...

Last Friday evening I crawled into bed with my head throbbing, my throat aching, and my eyes glazed over. Joyous to realize that it was Friday evening and come morning I could ignore the alarm clock and catch up on a few sorely needed hours of rest. We all know how with today's hectic and demanding schedules, we push ourselves to the very limit when we would do best to give in as our taxed systems plead to us to "get lots of rest, drink plenty of fluids and" take large doses of whatever medicines happen to be available.

As I slid into bed pondering what dread disease I may have encountered this time - strep throat, mononucleosis, "walking" pneumonia...the boogie-woogie blues - I was, nonetheless, relieved to know that the week-end had come and I could, finally, rest.

I fell into a deep, Vicks vapo-rub induced sleep. All

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This Town
That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

Only 17 days till Christmas, and the sun shines bright on my old Kentucky home. The weather does make it difficult for one to realize the Day is so near. If you still find it hard to believe after December 25, take a look at your bank balance.

"WHAT WILL I GET FOR CHRISTMAS?"

No, it isn't only children who will be asking that. Many old enough to know better will be turning the same question over in their minds. Forgotten at this Christmas season will be "The Greatest Gift." Is it indeed a Christian or a Roman holiday?

THE REAL ARTICLE

Know a gimlet when you see one? Odds are you don't if you're less than 50 years old and never lived in the country. If you happen to be at the county jail here and they aren't in a hurry to get you on upstairs, ask Jailor Prock Hays to show you a genuine, oldtime gimlet—the kind they used to use to bore cattle for the "holler horn" and "holler tail."

WHAT'S FUNNY ABOUT IT?

The Courier-Journal noted Sunday that some of the boys around Frankfort thought it funny that the Eastern Kentucky alcoholism information office had been established in Prestonsburg. Funny, they said, because Prestonsburg is in dry Floyd County.

It's funnier yet to us to think that the Frankfort boys are naive enough to think that Floyd County is dry, simply because it was voted that way.

OF MISTAKES—MAINLY MY OWN

I do not get a bang out of other people's mistakes. I have made so many myself. Just now, for no good reason, I recall the

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Telling the story of

Abbott Creek

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

One of the friendliest and most informative folks in our county is, in my opinion, Mr. Delmas Saunders, of Abbott Creek. Upon meeting Mr. Saunders it isn't long before you realize that he is a man who delights in much conversation and one who, most likely, will consider you to be a friend once your visit is over.

Saunders stopped by our office early Thanksgiving week to deliver a copy of his new book, "History of Abbott Creek and The Village of Bonanza." He relates that a considerable amount of time and energy have gone into the development of this history. "I have one of those," Saunders said, pointing to a nearby computer, "but it gets ahead of me sometimes," he finished with a grin. "But for a man who's a might over 70," he said, "I guess I do pretty good with it."

In Saunders' history, he relates that he was born on January 13, 1913, and that he lived the first twenty-five years of his life in a three room sawn beech wood house. He was born the son of Fred and Jeannette "Tenna" Bingham Saunders, on Town Branch of Prestonsburg. He attended school in the Prestonsburg School District, graduating from Prestonsburg High School in 1931. He applied to become a student at Berea College, Berea, Ky., but was denied admittance, he

then enrolled in the Boothe Business School in nearby Paintsville.

In 1935, Saunders gained employment with the Prestonsburg office of the Kentucky



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Mr. Delmas Saunders, a long-time resident of Abbott Creek and the author of "A History of Abbott Creek and The Village of Bonanza."

Relief Administration, a federally funded welfare program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. His second day on the job, he was introduced to Miss Edna Lee Burke, who was also employed with the Administration as a

social worker. Two and one half years later, he and Edna were married. To this day, Saunders declares that the best thing that ever happened to him was a girl named Edna Burke. Saunders cared for Edna in the couple's home throughout her battle with Alzheimer's Disease and up until the time of her death in June of 1994. "I have many special memories of this time," Saunders relates, "one especially precious memory is of how I used to feed her ice cream each night after supper. I'd feed her a bite, then I would take a bite, then her and so on, I looked over one evening after I'd given her a bite, readying to take my own bite. I saw that she had already swallowed hers and was sitting there looking at me with her mouth open, waiting for another. I gave her the next spoonful."

Saunders relates that having lived such a long and successful life, and knowing much of Abbott Creek's history, he decided to embark upon the task of compiling the information he carried in his head and writing it all down. "I think folks will appreciate it," he said, "and I think they will find it very informative, for the most part."

In his history, Saunders relates, "Over the years Abbott's people have remained close to the soil. They were God-fearing people who made their living farming its hillsides and bottoms. They also worked in the coal mines

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Family
Medicine

John C. Wolf, D.O.
Associate Professor
of Family Medicine

IT'S NEVER TOO
EARLY TO START
YOUR END-OF-
LIFE PLANNING

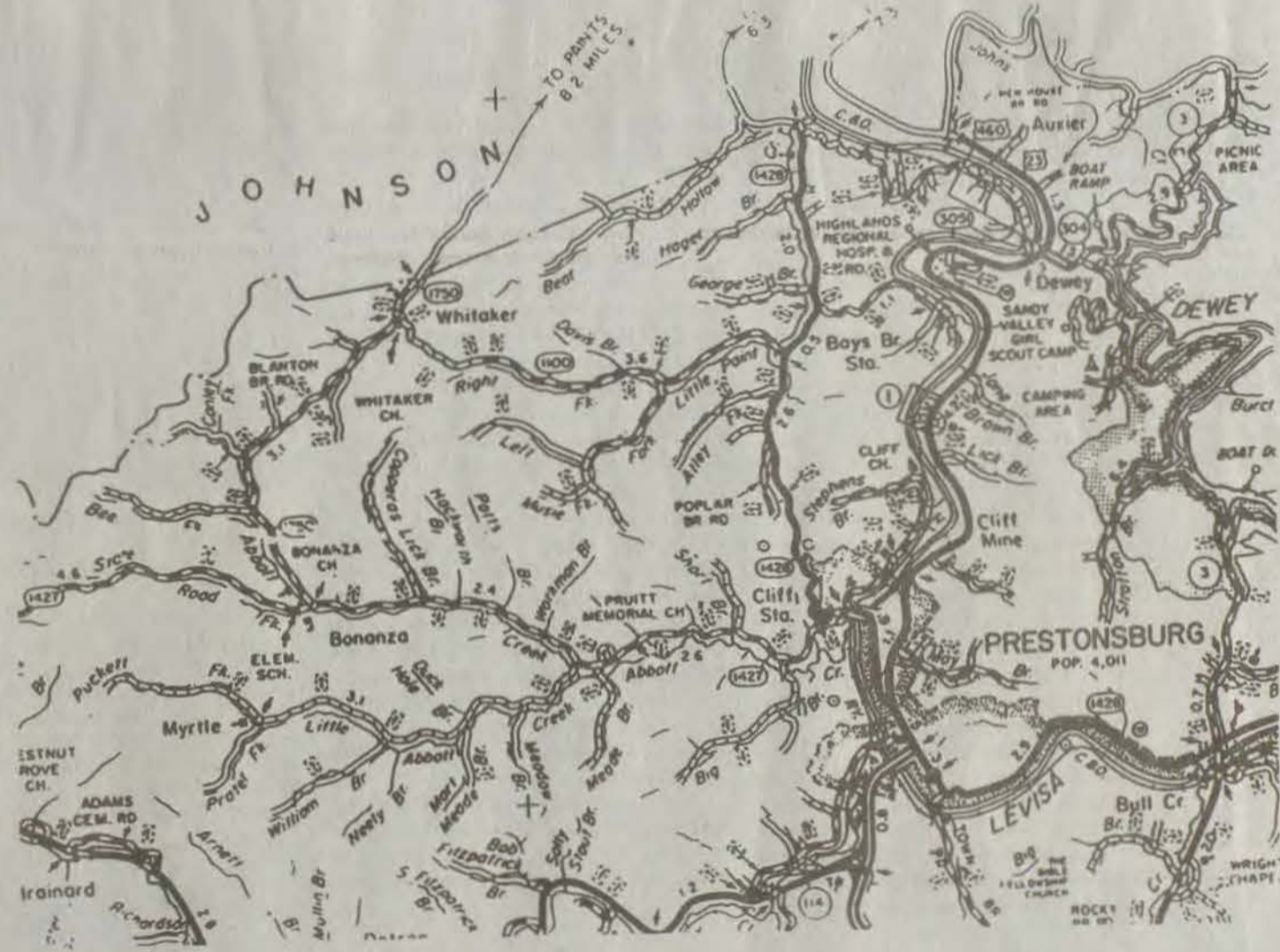
Question: My aunt's health has worsened to the point that she has recently been moved to a nursing home. The nurse asked me if my aunt had completed any advanced directives for her care. The term "advanced directives" rang a vague bell. I know that these are instructions for care at the end of life, but who should we talk to about creating them?

Answer: The natural consequence of being born is death. Most of us will have at least some advanced warning before we die from diseases such as heart disease or cancer. Some of us will die suddenly and unexpectedly. The recent tragedies of September 11 and the subsequent anthrax victims remind us of the frailty of human life and quickness with which death can overtake us. But, auto accidents claim many more victims each year.

Some individuals have conditions that limit or prevent clear communication of their wishes for health care at the end of life. In every state you have the right to make choices about issues such as whether to have your life sustained by respirators or other artificial means. The advanced directives the nurse spoke to you about for your aunt's care deal with these problems. They are appropriate for your aunt who is in poor health today, but they are also important for all individuals of legal age.

Advanced directives allow the individual to clarify his or her wishes for health care in

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Things to Ponder...

Retirement:

Plan ahead—sharpen your coping skills

It just seems that we never really know what might happen one hour to the next. This was sure brought to mind over the Thanksgiving weekend. After eating the traditional turkey dinner at John and Maria's in Georgetown, we split up the big four-day break by visiting friends, Rebecca and Chester, near Knoxville, for two nights. I had known the couple for many years in Florida, but she had been my sister's best friend for several decades. Rebecca and Chester had visited me in Prestonsburg twice, and had been asking us to come to visit them. Although I'm not too far from retirement, I thought it might be interesting to talk about how one retired couple is making it through their golden years of retirement.

My friends have been in Tennessee for about five years. They moved from Florida to baby-sit two preschool grandchildren while their daughter when back to college to be a veterinarian. Rebecca had retired twice before they left, as a full time school counselor, and later as a part time Master's level therapist. Chester had to quit work prior to Rebecca's retirement due to a medical disability, Parkinson's. He was possibly 50-55 years old when he could no longer be active in his family's long-term busi-

ness of managing large citrus groves. Even though Chester is about eight years younger than Rebecca, he did not stick to the expected life's script of working longer than she would. Besides not having his usual income, he could not postpone "collecting Social Security." Of course, significant financial burden has

What percentage of the time do you and your spouse get along? What interest/activities do you share as a couple? How do you plan on spending your time after retirement?

come along with Chester's medical needs, especially his medications. Since such a tremendous health change happened once, he also has a high level of anxiety related to his father and his brother dying of heart problems.

So many changes had occurred in Rebecca and Chester's life before they ever left for the Oak Ridge area, outside of Knoxville. Their move caused them to

leave many friends and a few of Chester's family. Rebecca had moved from Chicago in the 1960's and she did not have any immediate family members still living. Their youngest daughter and her husband now live in Japan, due to her husband's work.

According to Rebecca and Chester, they eventually found a "dream" location about 20 minutes from Knoxville, in a very rural community. They definitely have to send written directions to strangers for the house to be found. After several miles to their driveway, we found the house, very beautifully located up on a knoll. Their home is "Good Country Living," lovely and very comfortable with its vaulted ceilings and large stone fireplace in the great room. Similar to other Americans across the land, they have a small bedroom for the computer and its Internet. They remodeled so that they ended up with two other bedrooms. Room has been created for a stray dog that was perhaps left along their road, and their aged cat.

An impression was that the retired couple had done fairly well at meeting their present needs. Chester found a "shooting" group of other men who had similar interests with guns as he did. Sometimes, he takes a couple of old guns



by MABLE ROWE
LINEBERGER, PH.D.

to try to sell at a gun show. Rebecca enjoys being with the Toastmaster's group. They meet only one morning a month. She gets to be with a variety of other individuals interested in learning to make better speeches. Rebecca enjoys even more having a dash of competition with the other morning speakers, often she wins when she speaks. Rebecca also sings regularly in their church choir. They try to go to the health club and exercise together at least three times a week. The baby-sitting is not requiring as much of their time as before, since both children are now in school. Sometimes,

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School

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Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Dec. 3 - SBDM Council meeting - 6:00 p.m.

■ 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 886-7888 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

Prestonsburg High School

■ Dec. 10 - PHS Assessment & Planning Committee meeting, 3:30 p.m., in school library. All are welcome to attend.

■ Dec. 13 - PHS Curriculum Committee meeting, 3:30 p.m., in school library. All are welcome.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Adult education classes available.

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

The David School

■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

■ Monday and Wednesday: McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Call 377-2678.

■ Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405.

■ Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389.

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■ 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. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

Postscript

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the problems it has in education if we could clone Mr. Teater and put his duplicates in as principals and superintendents.

About a year-and-a-half ago, I was talking with a Morehead State University professor who knew the Teaters well and, in fact, lived near them. When I told her how highly I regarded them, she encouraged me to drop by and see them. Of course, I was in my eternal rush, so I didn't go by. I regretted not calling on them almost from the time I left the town. I hope Mr. Teater was aware of how much of an impact he had not just on my life, but also on the lives of untold others.

EDITOR'S NOTICE

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

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Medicine

the event that illness or injury makes it impossible to communicate effectively. Some examples of this are the person with dementia or severe brain trauma who loses the ability to clearly reason or the person with multiple traumas to the face and arms whose injuries prevent communication. Advanced directives allow individuals to specify ahead of time the type of care they choose to receive or to select an individual to make these decisions for them.

Your aunt's doctor can offer some assistance in creating advanced direc-

tives for her, and your doctor can do the same for you. However, since creating and executing these documents is a legal process you might assume you need to see a lawyer to prepare them. Certainly my lawyer would agree with this and offer some supporting explanations as to why. On the other hand, if you discuss these matters with your family beforehand and can come to a mutual understanding, a simple document can be created that doesn't require a lawyer's services.

We have a limited supply of a simple

three-fold fliers titled "Choices: Living Well at the End of Life" that review advanced directives and other important end-of-life issues. The flier contains an order form for a booklet from the Ohio Hospice and Palliative Care Organization that contains instructions and forms that will guide you through creating legally acceptable advanced directives.

This excellent information was created with assistance from the Ohio State Medical Association, the Ohio Osteopathic Association and the Ohio

Hospital Association.

The forms themselves were prepared by the Ohio State Bar Association. In other words, it is a broadly accepted quality publication. You can write me at the address below to obtain the flier. An SASE would be appreciated. Most of this information is also available at www.ohpc.org.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., at Post Office Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are

Ponder

Rebecca stays in town through the week with their daughter and the children, when her son-in-law is out of town with his job.

Now, for another side of the story and a different perspective. As expected of most individuals with a significant health problem, Chester seems to be having on-going physical changes. He also fears having a heart condition, since his father and his brother's deaths were due to heart attacks. An impression was that, as Chester's concerns about himself have increased, he has become more and more "controlling" of many activities and decisions. It seemed that Rebecca was always on the watch for what she might prevent from happening, so that Chester would not be upset and "go hyper." It also seemed that she might not have been aware of how many different things she tried to think of ahead of time to avoid disturbing Chester's inner contentment. She could be really good at "walking on egg shells." Rebecca talked about how she felt she had "fallen apart" after they moved to a new place. She is having real severe knee pain and might need surgery to add to the other outpatient ones she has had in Knoxville. Besides their physical changes, Rebecca and Chester spoke often of financial distress associated with being retired and having health problems.

Rebecca and Chester's present plans for coping are meeting their needs now, but the possible changes in the future may require more adjustments. A physical reality is that Chester is well above six-foot tall, and Rebecca might be about five feet tall and petite, wearing a size six shoe. I just could not visualize her being able to turn him in the bed or trying to assist him in getting out of bed, if he became more physically handicapped. When asked what she might do, if he required more custodial care, Rebecca replied, "I'll just tell our daughters that they have to come and help me take care of their father." But, who knows how long that need might be there and to what extent. Sometimes, some family members do well with home care, while others do not. Then there is the concern of getting adequate help to come that distance out of town. Rebecca finally said that, if she were alone, she would sell the house and move into town. She has also arranged for long-term care for herself. What if Rebecca passed away before Chester's does?

This situation and their relationship have positive aspects.

For example, they have found activities for themselves as individuals and as a couple. They try to interact with other people often. Their interests are varied.

They have continued what was important to them, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Their coping skills are excellent at this time. However, they are aware of possible need to change at a moment's notice.

The relationship that spouses have throughout their marriages is usually the same type that they have after retirement. Everyone stopping his or her employment

usually does not create immediately, a significant change in lifetime habits and personality characteristics.

What percentage of the time do you and your spouse get along? What interest/activities do you share as a couple? How do you plan on spending your time after retirement?



MaKala Jones, right, discusses her family tree, as classmate Kacey Shepherd holds the poster for her. Both girls are students in Anna Shepherd's K-1 class at May Valley Elementary. Students constructed family trees as part of "Heritage Week" activities.

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In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that LWF Leasing, LLC, 16232 US Route 23, Catlettsburg, KY 41129 (606-739-8122), has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 2.5 miles northeast of McDowell in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 8.70 surface acres, and will underlie 528.00 acres, and the total area within

the permit boundary will be 536.70 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile southwest of the junction of the Upper Wolfpen Branch Road, and the Little Mud Creek Road, and is located 0.05 mile north and south of Upper Wolfpen Branch Road.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Emmitt Lawson. The mineral is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Emmitt Lawson, Lewis Bernot, and Grover Moore.

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

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Finals set with Prestonsburg in the mix

Blackcats ready to play for Class 2A state title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

You've come a long way, baby! Today, the Prestonsburg Blackcats will try to capture a Class AA state title. Coach John DeRossett's PHS squad and seven other teams from around Kentucky will vie for four state titles.

The state finals for KHSAA football will be played both today and tomorrow at Cardinal Stadium in Louisville, with every class featuring a matchup of top teams. Over two days, four state champs will be crowned.

In the Class A finals, Danville will meet Newport Central Catholic. Danville advanced to the finals after winning at Mayfield 17-10 on Friday night. NewCath was able to dominate the Tigers in the semi-finals, winning 59-8. This game is a rematch of last year's finals, which Danville won 23-9. Kickoff is at noon on Friday.

The Class 2A game features top-ranked Bardstown against Prestonsburg. Bardstown beat Glasgow 21-0 to remain undefeated and

advance to the championship game. Prestonsburg defeated Mason County 18-13 to advance to the title game. Bardstown is undefeated on the season at 14-0. Prestonsburg is 13-1 with a lone setback to Whitley County (16-3). Kickoff is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Friday.

Two undefeated teams will battle for the Class 3A title. Boyle County puts its 44 game winning streak on the line on Saturday at noon against Rockcastle County. Boyle County survived a trip to Hopkinsville in the semifinals, downing the Tigers 28-21 to make the finals once again. Rockcastle County also had a tough trip, visiting Covington Catholic, where they were able to come away with a 17-14 win.

The Class 4A game features two Louisville powerhouses, as Male faces Trinity at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Male beat Owensboro 23-6 to advance to the title game, while Trinity crushed Tates Creek 50-0 to make it to the championship game.

Friday, November 30, 2001

- Class A**
Danville vs. Newport Central Catholic
- Class AA**
Bardstown vs. Prestonsburg

Saturday, December 1, 2001

- Class AAA**
Boyle County vs. Rockcastle County
- Class AAAA**
Male vs. Trinity

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