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briefs

US 23 gets new stoplight

Charles Neeley, P.E., Traffic & Permits Branch manager for Highway District 12, announced Tuesday that new traffic signals at the junction of US 23 and Route 3218 are scheduled to be put into full operation on Thursday, December 6.

Route 3218 is the route number assigned to the new road that leads to the Pikeville/Pike County Airport.

Neeley explained that the signals feature a "protected left turn movement." This means that motorists who are turning left from US 23, northbound and southbound, will have a green arrow light that directs them when to proceed.

The set of traffic signals started flashing on Tuesday so that motorists who regularly travel this section of US 23 will realize that the time is near for the signals to become fully operational.

"As always," Neeley said, "we appreciate the cooperation of the traveling public as we continue our efforts to make our highways safer. We recommend that motorists exercise additional caution as everyone becomes acclimated to the new signals."

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Probe results headed to prosecutor soon

by SHELDON COMPTON
 STAFF WRITER

Investigative efforts in connection to eight Highlands Regional Medical Center employees who were fired by the hospital in late October are close to being released to the commonwealth's attorney's office,

said a local attorney who has been working with the case since findings were handed over by Confidential Business Resources (CBR) shortly after the employee terminations.

According to Tom Smith, a Prestonsburg attorney who has been examining the results of the CBR investigation,

of the eight cases involved, two could be considered for felony convictions.

"Obviously we don't want to discuss what may affect people who have worked at the hospital in a public forum prior to having input from the commonwealth's attorney's office," Smith said on Monday. "But it would appear, for the most part, it

would appear to me to be primarily misdemeanors, although a couple of incidents appear to be felonious."

Smith said he was contacted by CBR shortly after that office concluded a two-month investigation into the misuse of

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photo by Sheldon Compton

This railroad crossing in Dwale, along with several others along the same section, have caused congestion problems for drivers for several years. The fiscal court hopes the purchase of road easements from CSX Transportation will serve as a solution to this and related problems.

Dwale road dispute could lead to better route for all

by SHELDON COMPTON
 STAFF WRITER

In a land dispute earlier in the year, the small town of Dwale became the subject of much confusion as resident Jeff Goble brought a complaint to the fiscal court of a neighbor, Sam Nelson, who he alleged had illegally erected a gate along a section of road leading to his home.

The complaint and consequent

confusion resulted in several county officials attempting to settle the matter by establishing if, in fact, the section of road involving the gate and Goble's complaint were a part of the county road system.

The problem included several county officials ranging from Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley, who contended that the gate should have been taken down until a decision could be made, to District Judge James R. Allen and

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn, who had an initial miscommunication in connection to warrants to be served to remove the gate and minimize the dispute until a determination could be made to clear the matter.

Monday afternoon Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson asked the fiscal court to authorize him the chance

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Postal worker killed in wreck

N.C. man charged with murder

by SHELDON COMPTON
 STAFF WRITER

A Hueysville woman was killed Saturday afternoon on Route 321 near Barker Mobile Homes in Johnson County in a two-car accident while delivering mail.

Cheryl Lynn Shepherd, 33, a mail carrier working out of the Hager Hill Post Office, was running her regular route

along Route 321 when she stopped to deposit mail into a box near Barker Mobile Homes just after noon Saturday.

According to Hager Hill Postmaster Jerri Johnson, Shepherd had been traveling south when she pulled to the side of the road, a policy procedure and considered to be the safest option, when a van driven by 31-year-old Jay McKenzie, struck her vehicle.

Shepherd had worked for the post office as a mail carrier for about one year, and was always, according to Johnson, a dependable worker and a good person.

"She worked hard and

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Fiscal court moves forward with project

by SHELDON COMPTON
 STAFF WRITER

The first step toward seeing the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse, a facility that will house new weight rooms and locker rooms for Prestonsburg High School athletes as well as a concession stand and home team only showers, become a reality was taken Monday as Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson asked the court's permission to advertise for bids for site preparation and construction on the proposed PHS facility.

During a special-called meeting on Monday, Thompson requested the court to advertise bids for the facility, but added that those advertisements and following bid proposals may not be placed or considered until later in January.

As of Monday, there still seemed to be some points unclear about the project itself among commissioners, some thinking the facility would serve as a type of building that would seat spectators based on the term field-

(See PROJECT, page three)

New DAV center a community effort

by MARY MUSIC
 STAFF WRITER

A community effort that began with a good deed from a local family brought a new "home" to disabled veterans in Betsy Layne.

After conducting business at Betsy Layne Elementary School for more than a decade, Ivel resident and Disabled American Veterans member Shular Hurd said the Betsy Layne DAV Chapter 169 needed a new "home." That need was fulfilled after an act of kindness shown to him prompted a domino effect of kindness from the community.

According to Hurd, he and his wife rented a home and property in Ivel for more than 25 years from Curtis and Hazel George.

"When they passed away, they — their children, Jimmy and Ann — let us have this place for \$1," said Hurd, "and we just wanted to share our good fortune by helping others."

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photo by Mary Music

Bartley files for re-election

by RALPH B. DAVIS
 MANAGING EDITOR

The initial rush of candidates filing for office appears to be slowing down, with only one new entry in the past week.

County Attorney Keith Bartley became the latest to toss his hat into the ring, as he filed papers to seek re-election.

Bartley, a Democrat from Prestonsburg, becomes the 29th candidate to file for next year's races, but the only candidate so far for county attorney.

Bartley will be seeking his second full term as county attorney. He was appointed to the office in 1996 and won a full term in 1998, running unopposed.

Should he face opposition, Bartley plans to tout his record during his six years in office. Bartley said his office has

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Four more candidates file for county offices

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

Editor's note: The following story was inadvertently omitted from November 28 edition of the Floyd County Times.

The number of candidates seeking election in next year's local political races reached 25 this week, as four more filed

their candidacy papers.

The only countywide race to see another entry was that of property valuation administrator, which just last week got its first candidate.

On Monday, Glenn D. May II of Prestonsburg filed his papers for the office. Thus far, his only competitor in May's Democratic primary is Jerome

Christopher Greathouse of Auxier, but up to three others could join the race.

The busiest district in Floyd County, politically speaking, continues to be District 4, which saw new entries in races for both magistrate and constable.

Paul Stilton of Betsy Layne became the fourth candidate in search of the Democratic nomi-

nation for magistrate in that district. His competition so far includes incumbent Commissioner Eral Tackett of Harold, Paul D. Tackett of Teaberry and Derek Kane Hale of Betsy Layne.

The most crowded race on the ballot became even more so, as a fifth candidate entered the race for constable in District 4.

Alfred "June Bug" Newsome of Grethel filed his papers Tuesday. He faces John Kidd of Harold, Mona Case of Betsy Layne, Troy Jarrell of Dana and Logan Tucker of Beaver in May's Democratic primary.

Another race which has begun to attract a crowd is that of District 3 magistrate, which now stands at four people with

the addition Russell Hamilton Jr. of Hi Hat.

Hamilton will be up against incumbent Commissioner Larry Foster Stumbo of McDowell, Clinis Hall of Drift and Roger Johnson of Bevinville in the May Democratic primary.

Candidates for county office have until January 29 to file for office.

Election

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assisted with the collection of \$3.5 million in delinquent property tax and has racked obtained more than 2,000 drunk-driving convictions. He also pointed to the opening of a satellite office in McDowell and his "bad

check" program as other accomplishments.

"We've done a lot of good things and we want to continue that progress," Bartley said.

Candidates have until Jan. 29 to file for office.

Fiscal court pays contractors

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court met Monday afternoon during a special-called meeting approaching decisions on payments to various vendors, adopting roads into the county system and to discuss the decision of hiring another employee for seasonal work.

Payments were highlighted as due and payable to David and Frankie May Inc. for work related to FEMA projects recently undertaken in the amount of \$19,235, as well as a payment to Highland Paving Inc. for \$22,369 to continue work on county-wide paving projects now in progress.

A third bill submitted to the court and scheduled to be paid when funds become available came from HOMES Inc. for

\$24,990.

The payment will come in connection to Eddie Patton's projects across the county to bring adequate housing to various families and residents such as Kelma Tackett's new home built on Tinker Fork of Mud Creek earlier in the year.

The new project, for which the monies considered during Monday's meetings will be used, will be for Weeksbury couple George and Paula Hill. According to project manager Eddie Patton, the new home will be situated just across from the Weeksbury Post Office and will house the Hill family which consists of five members.

"We've contracted HOMES to build the house at Weeksbury," Patton explained Tuesday. "We're trying to get the water hooked up and everything still, but we expect to be

finished and have the family into the house in a couple of weeks."

According to the judge-executive's office, the projects will continue throughout the winter months with several more on the agenda for repairs and construction.

Even as existing county roads were secured further improvements through the payment to Highlands Paving Inc. Monday, the fiscal court busied its with bringing another road into the county system.

The road agreed upon Monday and referred to as an extension of the Left Fork of Toler along Mud Creek, is 350 feet in length and 14 feet wide.

The road was brought in to the county system after being demonstrated to the satisfaction of the court that it would serve a public necessity.

The road is currently used by four individuals who are property owners or tenants. The residents — John Salisbury, Judy Salisbury, Danny McKinney, Genevieve McKinney and Bill McKinney — all signed agreements that will allow the fiscal court to adopt the roadway into the county system.

Additionally, the fiscal court agreed to hire another seasonal employee to assist in the efforts of the McDowell Flood Project still underway along Left Beaver.

Kevin Hamby was hired at a pay rate of \$7.50 an hour without benefits to help repair flood damage and clean the McDowell area. Hamby's new position became effective Monday.

Commissioner Gerald Derossett was not present for Monday's meeting.

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Probe

drugs and theft of hospital property by employees, a move that seemed to be misguided, as, according to a statement issued by HRMC spokeswoman Kathy Rubado in October, the findings were slated to be given directly to the commonwealth's attorney's office once prepared for legal examination.

Smith explained his office receiving the case information prior to the commonwealth's attorney's office as a decision on the part of the nation spanning CBR due to the need for some-

one locally who would be more acquainted with those involved in approaching the case.

"They knew that me being local that I would know who to talk to," explained Smith. "They work nationwide and I guess it's difficult to deal personally with each case they handle."

Smith said he anticipated having the finished material resulting from the work he has done on the case ready for presentation to the commonwealth's attorney's office by the end of the week, adding that the incident, consequent terminations and follow-up investigation are "disturbing" given the circumstances.

"It's pretty disturbing," said Smith, "you hate to see anything like this happen because of what it's done to the careers of the people involved ... you hate to see people damage themselves in this fashion."

Without the commonwealth attorney's office having first looked at the case and then, additionally, given a grand jury the opportunity to make a more substantial decision on the nature of the charges against the eight former HRC employees, Smith declined to comment any further on the nature of the charges or the names of the employees involved.

"The information hasn't been presented to them (the commonwealth's attorney's office) as of yet," Smith said. "But I've contacted [Commonwealth's

Attorney] Brent [Turner] and anticipate presenting the information this week and they can figure what they can do with it."

Wreck

even more she was a good person," Johnson said. "She was a very good person."

According to Johnson County District Court records, five charges stood against McKenzie after his arraignment in Johnson District Court Monday.

McKenzie, an out-of-state resident from Ashville, N.C., was allegedly intoxicated at the time of the accident and was charged by the Johnson County Sheriff's Department with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, no insurance, no seatbelt, prescription in an improper container and murder in connection to Shepherd's death.

McKenzie's initial bond was set at \$1 million cash and remained the same after his arraignment Monday. He is currently being held in the Big Sandy Detention Center.

A preliminary hearing for the matter has been set for

December 12 in Johnson County District Court.

Shepherd was the wife of Eric Lee Shepherd and had two children, Amanda, 9, and William, 5.

Funeral services will be held today at 1 p.m. at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin.

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Dwale

to perhaps end the long-standing dispute with an alternative which may not have been examined closely when Goble first filed his complaint against Nelson this past summer.

The town of Dwale has been choked with traffic congestion for some time thanks in large part to twin railroad crossings criss-crossing the town's main road, leaving drivers searching for convenient options when leaving and entering certain portions of the neighborhood.

In fact, congestion played a role in Goble's complaint as he cited the section of road closed by Nelson's gate as being the only alternative for leaving his residence during an emergency

involving his grandchild.

Monday, the court authorized Thompson to begin necessary purchase agreements with CSX Transportation Inc., owner of the railroad running through Dwale, for the construction of a section of county road. The purchase agreements will enable the county to obtain roadway easements and should ultimately alleviate traffic problems in Dwale.

The fiscal court executed a land lease with CSX on November 16 authorizing construction of the road.

According to Assistant Floyd County Judge-Executive Brett Davis, who has been involved in talks with CSX officials recently

concerning construction of the new road, one easement has already been secured with only one easement still lacking description details.

"They (CSX) are real pleased with the way work's going up there and there shouldn't be a bit of a problem," Davis pointed out, adding that no costs would fall to the fiscal court as the matter was settled with all parties involved in a cooperative manner to initiate the project.

The agreement between the fiscal court and CSX will also bring several hundred acres of land into the county system, Thompson added, further explaining the project's all around benefits.

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Saturday, DAV members, their families and community members gathered on the Hurd property to celebrate the grand opening of the new Betsy Layne DAV office.

But the Hurd family's donation wasn't the only reason DAV members had to celebrate. Over 60 individuals and businesses contributed to the facility in some fashion, said Larry Roberts, chapter commander and DAV first junior vice commissioner.

"During the Vietnam War, we had a nation that wasn't behind us," said Roberts. "They were divided and wanted the war to stop. What happened in New York has really hit home, and people realize that, 'Hey, that can happen to us.' Now, everyone wants to be patriotic, and everyone wants to help."

After the Hurds donated property toward building a new facility,

Morris, Marcy and Jamie Hylton, of Hylton homes, showed their support by pur-

chasing a mobile office trailer and donating it to the chapter.

"We started doing a golf outing on Memorial Day to help raise money for the DAV, and it's grown into a pretty big event," said Hylton. "After the DAV decided to use this property here, we thought it would be a nice unit to donate to the DAV. The rest is history."

From there, Troy Cole of Troy's Cabinet Shop took over by reconstructing cabinets and walls in the building and adding a new kitchen for office workers.

The DAV also gained assistance from Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, who donated gravel; Stumbo Construction in Harold, which worked with plumbing; Floyd County Jailor Roger Webb, who donated wooden signs for the facility; Gary Duncan who donated flagpoles; and a host of others who contributed in various ways to the facility.

"There's no way we could have done this without the help,"

said Roberts. "It's unbelievable. It makes you feel good to know you got people in the community who came and are willing to help."

A plaque commemorating over 60 individuals and businesses who assisted in building the facility is now placed on the entrance room wall.

"I'm proud to see what's happened here today with such community effort to bring this facility here," said Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh, who spoke during the ceremony. "Never in my lifetime have I thought about our freedom or about all the freedoms we have in our country. For all of that, we owe you all an applause. For that, we need to say 'Thank you.'"

The Betsy Layne DAV Chapter 169 office is open Monday through Friday from 8 p.m. to 4 p.m. for all veteran assistance services. Two state service officers trained in veterans' benefits will be available for consultation. Evening appointments are also available.

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Project

house, others simply looking for specifics.

To answer these questions and others, Thompson urged Thomas Nairn, of Reed Engineering, the company currently doing site plans based on architectural designs provided by the fiscal court, to visit the meeting and detail some of the fine points developed in these early stages.

According to Nairn, the facility would exist as a 60-foot by 80-foot building and house new weight rooms, locker rooms, restrooms, a home team only section for showers as well as a concession stand.

The building would not be added as an extension to the school's main building, Nairn said, but instead will exist in between the main building and have a walkway leading from the grandstand to the fieldhouse, extending to the porch along the side of the main school building. The walkway will be partially covered and provide visitors a concrete pathway to and from the school itself.

The decision to add the facil-

ity came in response to the needed expansion for athletes to have more space with which to work out and, additionally as an added portion to serve spectators.

"I believe the room they are using right now is also used during various parts of the day as a [physical education] classroom," said Nairn.

Reed Engineering has performed design work on many projects for the school board, according to Brett Davis, assistant county judge-executive.

"We may not advertise it until January," said Thompson Monday, "in order to make the

monies we have fit."

There was no indication from the court on Monday as to how much the fieldhouse preparation and construction will cost, although Thompson added that the possibility of waiting until after the first of the year to advertise for bids on the project would allow time for the court to deal with grant monies to be made available.

Nairn said on Tuesday the fiscal court had requested cost estimates on Tuesday and that those estimates could be made available to the court as early as mid-week.

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**ELECT
JACKIE EDFORD OWENS
MAGISTRATE—Dist. 2**



After the May Election, I went on to build the **Right Beaver Community Park** at **Garrett**, which consists of a **baseball field** for Allen Central's home games, a **walking track**, a **picnic shelter**, **playground equipment**, a **basketball court**, and **redid the "Dugger Conley Little League Field"**. I ran a **dozer 6 Saturdays and 6 Sundays straight**, not counting what work was done during the week, in order to get the **dirt to grade** so that we could **start this project**. I did this because I **promised the people** at a meeting at the Garrett First Baptist Church that **we had the money** and I **would get it done**. I **KEPT MY PROMISE**—we cut the ribbon on **December 19**.

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Guest View

Expert analysis

"The war is not going well," thundered a conservative newspaper columnist two weeks ago.

"... Eerie similarities with the early stages of the Vietnam War," a foreign policy analyst warned.

"... Popular support for the Taliban appears to be solidifying," a national newspaper insisted.

"Losing the war," blared a political magazine headline.

Two weeks ago, pundits and television talking heads said the word quagmire almost as much as anthrax. So-called military experts, and even a senator or two, suggested the U.S. military didn't know what it was doing.

These echoes had barely faded when the Northern Alliance overran Afghanistan, the Taliban fell, al-Qaeda terrorists and leaders were dying on the battlefield and popular support for extremists was waning in the Mideast.

It makes you wonder what else the experts got wrong.

How about this: In the "why do they hate us" debate, critics label the spread of American culture as an attack on other cultures, and particularly offensive to the sensibilities of Islamic nations.

While we wouldn't defend the questionable taste of half of what we see on American television, claims about the assault of Western culture are blather, like the claims that Afghanistan is another Vietnam.

Look what happened when the Taliban fell. The Afghan people — Muslims all — cast off the harsh strictures of zealotry, turned on radios and listened to music. Satellite dishes and television sets became the hottest commodity. One man went into his backyard and dug up a television and VCR that he had hidden from the Taliban sin police, then settled down to watch the movie "Titanic." A woman said that, "thanks to America," she was able to throw away her head-to-toe burqa.

The emotional fallout from Sept. 11 has been so intense that a lot of people have been speaking from their hearts, not their heads. That makes for an interesting discussion, just not an accurate one.

— Sand Diego Union-Tribune



Mary's Musings

Owning nothing

During a conversation several months ago, I asked my husband what he wanted out of life. Many times, I've asked myself the same question — it's sort of a tactic I use to keep myself on track when everything around me seems to tumble at my feet. Imagine, if you could hold the world in the palm of your hand, have anything you desire, be anything you aspire to be, what would you choose? Where would your path lead?

Peace, he said. Nothing packed tightly in a box. No extra ribbon or fancy paper. Just peace. One word, one hope. Since the terrorist attacks, I'm sure many people in the world desire the same. But his answer startled me. Our conversation took place long before these attacks, and he gave no additional explanation. Not world peace. Not a universe of peace. Just peace. In his eyes, I saw an empty longing, this

need painted like a burning candle.

Since our conversation, I've spoken with several other acquaintances who expressed this same desire, longing for peace. I suppose it's just my naive ignorance, but honestly, I don't understand. Why such a longing?

To me, peace is one of the few things in this world that each of us are capable of knowing. We came, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, the owners of nothing, holding everything. The only part that truly belonged to us way back then, the day we said hello to this old world, is the same part we carry today. Maybe some of us have just forgotten that.

Someone asked me the other day how it is I seem to hold this kind of peace in my life. Peace, I thought, my life is surely cluttered enough. Bills, appointments, expectations from everything that surrounds my daily routine, not to mention the echoes of pain being seen in our streets, our homes. Afghanistan, Jerusalem, they cry for peace.

I used to think my life was going no where. Becoming anything more than an ol' Eastern Kentucky hillbilly was my ultimate expectation. I believed it when people said hillbillies were stupid. Me? There was nothing waiting on the other side of my mountain, save a few squirrels that walked the path before me.

Then one day it happened, I found

this peace. That second, I understood. Right then, right there I knew who I was, what I wanted to do with my life, and what I hoped to become. These questions were the easy ones. The only question that remained to be deciphered was how I was supposed to get there — a path, mind you, that is still under construction.

"Aaron loves Jessica," I read as my glance faded with the waves. It's become a habit of mine visit the lake during my lunch break. This day, I sat on a weathered wooden bench, at the very table etched with the love of two young hearts. "Always and forever."

Looking across the water, watching the sun peek through the puffs of white in the sky, I was mystified. How did He do it? How did He know just what to do to make the water and the trees and the butterflies. How did he know what feathers would feel like? That snow would crunch at the soles of our feet?

To take nothing, then create everything — how impossible it seems. But in our breaths, on our lawns comes springtime, in the rains that fall in May, we know how real that impossibility can become for someone who cares enough to try. Like love etched on a weathered bench, it remains, for all of us to see, to know.

That same someone asked me how I learned to see the world the way I do, as though I see a different blue in the sky. I have no answer to that one. To me, life is simply life, truth, and we came into this world the owners of nothing, holding everything.



MARYMUSIC

Letters

"Blackcats are always winners"

An open letter to the Prestonsburg High School Blackcats:

I was one of the many fans who traveled to Louisville to watch our Cats play last week and I found it better than any home game, for in Louisville, everyone was there as family to support family and it was great!

Thomas, my 3-year-old son went with me, and he by the way thoroughly enjoys watching Blackcat football and is perhaps the only one present who actually knows less about the actual game than I do, but no one enjoys it more. At the end of the game, when he saw the fireworks, Thomas asked me if the Cats won and I told him no. "Dad, you're joking," he said, "The Blackcats are

always winners!" With this he proceeded to leave Cardinal Stadium as if we had indeed won, yelling and dancing, saying "Go Blackcats!" with every breath. Having him fall asleep in the car on the trip back to Prestonsburg gave me time to reflect upon what he had said; "The Blackcats are always winners," and, you know, he's right!

Our boys continued to put forth their best effort and were encouraged by the coaching staff through the entire game. They played as though the score did not matter. That's the mark of a true winner!

A minister friend of mine and I spoke openly after the game about how impressive it was for our boys to congratulate and celebrate with their opponents. Our players showed enthusiasm for the other team's accomplishment as they assisted in Bardstown's field celebration. In short, they lost this game with the same amount of grace as they had won so many others. That's the mark of a true winner!

During the design of the new athletic complex, many of them, their parents and coaches remained in constant contact with me, the committee, and the architects to insure that every need would be met and that we ended up with the best facility for the money — and they did so in a most professional manner, caring deeply about their school and the community. That's the mark of a true winner!

These young men care so deeply about their classmates who have entered into the greater Glory of God, that they sought to remember them in real ways, while at the same time reaching out to a grieving family in true compassion. That's the mark of a true winner!

When the cheerleaders and pep band are able to motivate so many fans to remember the love and respect we have for you, regardless of the numbers on the scoreboard, that's the mark of a true winner!

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Ty Herndon coming to MAC

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There's no denying the talent of this impassioned entertainer. Ty Herndon soared to instant success as his first single, "What Mattered Most," broke the record for highest debut release and soon topped the Billboard and Radio & Record's Chart. He achieved that feat once again with the title song from his second album, "Living in A Moment." His voice embraces with a familiar warm style and soulful depth earning him the

Best new Artist award at the 1995 Country Radio Music Awards; a nomination for Star of Tomorrow; Male Artist at the 1996 TNN Music City news Awards; nomination for Favorite New Artist - Country at the 1996 American Music Awards; and nominations from Performance Magazine Reader's Poll and the British Country Music Awards. In addition, his yerve helped make "What mattered Most" the 1996 Music Row Song Of The Year.

The past two years have been a whirlwind for Ty. Personal tragedy followed by personal triumph - a phenomenal comeback

some speculated would never happen. Ty Herndon's convincing vocal ability, meaty songs and a blazing live stage show grip his audiences and have them screaming for more.

STEAM, the fourth album of Ty Herndon celebrated, hit laden career and a landmark effort that brings together the Ty we know from tender ballads such as "What Matters Most" and "Living in a Moment" with the energetic stage performer who routinely rocks the house with his fiery stage presence and muscular musical attack.

And, you surely won't sit still when you're listening to

"Steam."

"I wanted to create an album that you just put in your car and you drive," he explains. "It doesn't have to be about anything deep. It's about feel-good music."

Ty has built a very firm foundation - three albums that have sold more than 1.5 million copies and three No. 1 hits ("It Must Be Love," "What Mattered Most," "Living in a Moment"), which have made him a leading force in country music during the mid- and late-'90s. And as we've already established, his reputation has only been enhanced by his powerhouse live shows.

Solid waste educational programs for kids

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton presented Monday a package of state solid waste educational programs aimed at elementary and middle school students to the Solid Waste Coordinators of Kentucky (SWACK) during a press conference at Fern Creek Elementary School in Louisville.

"This program will help teachers across Kentucky educate students about how to deal with solid waste issues in our Commonwealth," Patton said. "Teaching our citizens, especially our youth, about the basic concepts and skills they need to be good stewards of our natural resources is the best way to prevent environmental problems."

The solid waste program is titled "Be a Solid Waste Survivor" and has three different levels or units. Each unit follows state Department of Education guidelines for curriculum, which includes using technology, having multiple writing components, containing authentic assessments and ending with a student participating

in a real project.

The primary unit focuses on the role of family, school and community in dealing with solid waste.

The grades 4 and 5 unit focuses on our role as consumers in creating solid waste. The middle-grades unit focuses on the role of governments, businesses and citizens in dealing with solid waste.

"The units are structured in such a way that both parents and communities can learn about solid waste as the children complete the activities of the program," Patton said.

The Kentucky Environmental Education Council developed the units of the program with assistance from a number of environmental groups and educators. The units will be distributed to the schools through county solid waste coordinators.

Marlene Helm, secretary of the Cabinet of Education and Humanities, and James Bickford, secretary of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection

Cabinet, joined Patton to recognize Kentuckians who are providing national leadership in environmental education.

Sec. Helm recognized Kurt Mason, who works for the Jefferson County Natural Resource Conservation Service,

as the Environmental Educator of the Year for North America. Sec. Bickford recognized the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education (KAEE) as the Environmental Education Association of the Year for North America.

Information sought by UK-UL survey

FRANKFORT — Kentucky businesses are being asked to assist in gathering information about current and future workforce needs of the commonwealth's employers.

The Kentucky Workforce Investment Board and the Cabinet for Workforce Development have mailed surveys to 15,000 Kentucky businesses and strongly encourage participation in the survey.

The data will help state government focus training and recruitment efforts to better meet the needs of the business com-

munity and will be available in a Web-based format to help businesses make decisions in areas such as business expansion and competitive benefit packages. The universities of Kentucky and Louisville will collect and analyze the information.

The survey requests information on job vacancies and education and training requirements and on benefits offered to employees. The responses provided will be held in strict confidence and will not be released in any form that could identify an individual company. Only aggregate or grouped results will be published. In a related household survey, Kentuckians will be surveyed to gather data on "under-employment." This data will also be made available in a Web-based format.

Cabinet for Workforce Development Secretary Allen D. Rose says the data will help state government, businesses and educational institutions better prepare Kentucky's workforce for the challenges of the 21st century.

Letters

When the Dance Cats can ignore their disappointment in the score, putting on such beautiful smiles and perform with the same degree of skill and enthusiasm that keep them national champions, that's the mark of a true winner!

When the coaches, parents and staff can see so much potential in our young people that we give so generously of our time toward their success, that's the mark of a true winner!

When the business community gives so generously of its resources in an outward and visible sign of their support of your efforts, that's the mark of a true winner!

When you can motivate an entire community to drive three hours to watch you compete for a state title and they leave proud of the fact that they were there, then that's the mark of a winner!

A final score may indeed indicate to gets to count the victory, but it does not always indicate a winner. Winners acknowledge that there is more to life than the score. Winners display the true spirit of what it means to be sportsmanlike. Real winners reach out to others in true compassion. Real winners realize that they are not the Lord of the Dance and fix their hearts on running the good race, doing their best, and remaining thankful for the opportunities given them.

My son was right, "the Blackcats are always winners!" Perhaps the best use of our leftover spirit paint would be to tell them that.

Congrats Cats and thanks for the ride, it was a most wonderful experience and you did it with such the style and grace, which is yet another mark of a true winner!

Peace and All Goodness,
The Reverend
Johnnie E. Ross

Prestonsburg

A brother's love

I have enclosed a poem my daughter wrote in honor of her brother, who died in 1999 due to meningitis. Her words came from the heart. If you could, please print in the paper, maybe in memory of Cliff Daniels, 3-13-85 - 8-4-1999. Kaylah is only 13 years old and I am touched that she could put her words on paper like this.

Deedra Daniels
Beaver

A Brother's Love

Across the years I can recall
My brother's love best of all
When I see the clouds so light
I see his eyes so dark and

bright

The day the angels took him away

I knew that he would be OK
And when I feel the rain so light

I know my brother's somewhere in sight
When I see the stars at night

I can see his face shiny and bright
My brother's love is what I cherish

But over the years it will never perish
by Kaylah Dee Daniels

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Give the gift of Floyd County History



Taken around the turn of the century, this shows some Prestonsburg young marrieds relaxing after church. The two people sitting at right are Prestonsburg salesman Will Powers and his wife, Nora Dingus Powers. The man on the left in the second row is Samuel "Colley" Ferguson, Prestonsburg attorney, and the man on the right with the guitar is Prestonsburg lawyer Will H. Layne. In the third row, from left to right, are an unknown lady, Darvin Callihan, Ellen Clark, German Vance, and Byrd Callihan. The girl in the lower right is "Puss" Ford Powers, wife of Prestonsburg merchant Ollie P. Powers.

Photo courtesy of Margaret Mayo Spradlin of Prestonsburg

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CPSC releases holiday decoration safety tips for avoiding fires and injuries

WASHINGTON, D.C. — As the holidays approach, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is urging people to look for and eliminate potential dangers from holiday lights and decorations that could lead to fires and injuries.

Each year, hospital emergency rooms treat about 10,800 people for injuries, such as falls, cuts and shocks, related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees. In addition, there are 11,000 candle-related fires each year, resulting in 150 deaths and 1,200 injuries annually. Christmas trees are involved in about 400 fires each year, resulting in 20 deaths, 70 injuries and an average of more than \$15 million in property loss and damage.

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CPSC conducts surveillance of holiday lights and decorations at stores nationwide, and this year has prevented the import of 116,400 units of holiday lights that did not meet safety standards.

"Few traditions are more beautiful than candle lighting ceremonies during Advent, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, but burning candles should never be left unattended," said CPSC Acting Chairman Thomas Moore. "Keep candles, matches and lighters away from children and make sure your holiday lights have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory. We want to prevent wonderful traditions from becoming holiday tragedies."

CPSC suggests following these tips to make your holiday a safe one:

Trees

■ When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.

■ When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.

■ When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.

Lights

■ Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory, which indicates conformance with safety standards. Use only lights that have fused plugs.

■ Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets. Always replace burned-out bulbs promptly with the same wattage bulbs.

■ Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord. Make sure the extension cord is rated for the intended use.

■ Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity

from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.

■ Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.

■ Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm supports to protect the lights from wind damage. Use only insulated staples to hold strings in place, not nails or tacks. Or, run strings of lights through hooks (available at hardware stores).

■ Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

■ For added electric shock protection, plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). Portable outdoor GFCIs can be purchased where electrical supplies are sold. GFCIs can be installed permanently to household circuits by a qualified electrician.

Decorations

■ Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. Choose tinsel or artificial icicles of plastic or non-leaded metals. Leaded materials are hazardous if ingested by children.

■ Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other ever-

greens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles where they will not be knocked down.

■ In homes with small children, take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable, keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children to avoid the child swallowing or inhaling small pieces, and avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a child to eat them.

■ Wear gloves to avoid eye and skin irritation while decorating with spun glass "angel hair." Follow container directions carefully to avoid lung irritation while decorating with artificial snow sprays.

Fireplaces

■ Use care with "fire salts," which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals that can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation and vomiting if eaten. Keep them away from children.

■ Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

A free brochure with more holiday decorating safety tips is available at CPSC's website www.cpsc.gov.

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Portrait of Combs to be dedicated

FRANKFORT — The portrait of the late Gov. Bert T. Combs will be presented to the Supreme Court of Kentucky at a dedication ceremony at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11.

Former Gov. Edward T. Breathitt, chairman of the resolution committee composed of lawyers who had worked with Combs, will make the presentation to the court. The portrait was painted by Anna Daniel Hall of Whitesburg and will hang in the corridors of the second floor of the Capitol Building.

Combs served on the former Court of Appeals, the predecessor to the present Supreme Court, from 1951 to 1954, when he resigned to run for governor. Combs, who was governor from 1959 to 1963 and subsequently a judge on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, consistently traced the roots of his public service to his period of tenure

on Kentucky's high court.

The ceremony will coincide with the 10th anniversary of Combs' death. He died in a flash flood on December 3, 1991.

Participating with remarks will be former Chief Justice Robert F. Stephens, who now serves as secretary of the Justice Cabinet; Keving Hable, former cabinet secretary to Gov. Brereton Jones and law partner to Combs; and Judge Sara Combs of the Court of Appeals, the widow of Bert Combs.

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TEA-21 Program applications are available

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is now accepting applications for TEA-21, Transportation Enhancement funds and for the Renaissance Kentucky Streetscape project funding.

"Transportation Enhancement Funds and the Renaissance Kentucky Program provide us with the opportunity to fund non-traditional projects that improve and enhance the quality of life in the Commonwealth," said James C. Codell III, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet secretary.

The Transportation Enhancement Programs are made possible by the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and

the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The law sets aside 10 percent of Kentucky's annual federal Surface Transportation Program funds for projects or activities that add community or environmental value to any planned or completed transportation project.

Each project must fall into one of 12 categories, such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, control and removal of outdoor advertising, historic preservation, landscaping or scenic beautification. The Kentucky

Transportation Cabinet has provided over \$73 million to 231 state enhancement projects.

Funding also goes to support Renaissance Kentucky Streetscape projects. Gov. Paul E. Patton created Renaissance Kentucky to assist communities with downtown revitalization efforts. The initiative is designed to bring together communities and the resources necessary to revitalize and restore Kentucky's downtowns. Landscape planning, design and construction projects that enhance streetscapes in historic

downtown commercial districts are included in this program.

Only state, city and county government agencies are eligible to apply for the funding and the projects are contingent upon final approval of the Federal Highway Administration and a 20-percent match of local funds.

Application forms are available online at www.kyte.state.ky.us/Multimodal/doc/app2002.doc or by contacting the Division of Multimodal Programs at (502) 564-7686.

The deadline for submitting applications is February 6.

Healthy Start offers assistance to Kentucky child care centers

FRANKFORT — Child care providers across Kentucky are getting free help to improve the health and safety for the state's youngest citizens through a program called Healthy Start in Child Care.

Child care providers may call their local health departments and ask for the help, which covers topics ranging from playground safety to nutrition and car safety seats.

The Sunshine Day Care Center in Somerset took advantage of the program recently by having a health department representative show parents the proper way to use and install car safety seats.

"Several parents went out and bought new car seats after learning they needed to make a few changes," said Nancy

Lawson, director of the center, based, at the First Baptist Church in Somerset. "The parents were real glad."

At the Riverview School in Henderson, the Healthy Start program has offered help on several fronts, including playground safety and health issues. The child care center and preschool serves 23 special needs children.

"I couldn't get answers anywhere else," said director Lois Utley.

Healthy Start in Child Care is part of Gov. Paul Patton's Early Childhood initiative called KIDS NOW. Thanks to funding by the 2000 General Assembly with tobacco settlement funds, Healthy Start in Child Care and other programs are assisting families across the

state in getting children off to a good start.

"It's crucial that child care centers and family child care homes be safe and take appropriate care of our children, especially as they prepare to go to school," Gov. Patton said. "The Healthy Start program is providing a valuable service to child care centers, family child care homes and parents across the state."

Health educators from the local health departments show children how to properly wash their hands, educate children about the importance of eating fruits and vegetables and provide training opportunities for child care staff.

The Healthy Start in Child Care program at the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department offers classes on the dangers of second-hand smoke, preventing asthma attacks and common mistakes in child passenger safety to child care providers. It also offers classes to children on going to the doctor, nutrition, anger management and fitness.

"We're sort of like a school nurse for child care centers and family child care homes," said Cindy Wilson, who works in the Healthy Start in Child Care program in Fayette County.

Kentucky Christmas trees

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Christmas tree growers have a fresh, high-quality product to offer local consumers this year, according to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

"This year's crop is one of the best for fullness and overall quality that we've had here in Kentucky in many years," Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith said. "A fresh, locally grown Christmas tree is a pleasing addition to any home around the holidays. And taking the family to pick and cut a tree creates memories that will last a lifetime."

Freshly cut trees contain more moisture and last longer than trees from western and northern states that are cut two to three weeks before they are shipped to

Kentucky and put up for sale, said Anna Sidebottom, a marketing specialist with the Department. Some tree lots sell locally grown trees, she said.

The National Fire Protection Association says consumers should not purchase a tree that is dry or dropping needles. Consumers should give live trees plenty of water daily to keep them as moist as possible, the NFPA says.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Carvon Hudson said a tree should be re-cut at least 1 inch once it is brought home and should be cut at an angle of at least an inch to help it absorb water.

There are more than 50 Christmas tree growers all over Kentucky, Sidebottom said.

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by Stan Stumbo & Vancel Thacker

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

Electrical extension cords come into increased use during the holiday season. Base your selection of cord upon the wattage or amperage of the device that you intend to use with it. Extension cords come in a variety of wire sizes, which are called "gauges." The most common gauges are 18-, 16-, 14-, and 10-gauge. Curiously, the smaller the gauge number, the larger the wire and more heavy-duty the cord. You can certainly use a heavier duty cord (smaller gauge) than the one listed for your intended use, but not a lighter one. Extension cords are also rated for indoor/outdoor use. Those rated for outdoor use are heavier with better-insulated wire, plugs, and receptacles.

Looking for an extension cord? The wire size should be selected based on what you plan to use it for. Our staff is very knowledgeable, so feel free to discuss you needs with them here at #1 Pro St., Hindman (785-3151). We invite you to come into HINDMAN PROMART and to browse around at your leisure. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7-5:30; Sat., 7-2. Most major credit cards accepted. Need windows or doors? We carry the outstanding Peachtree line.

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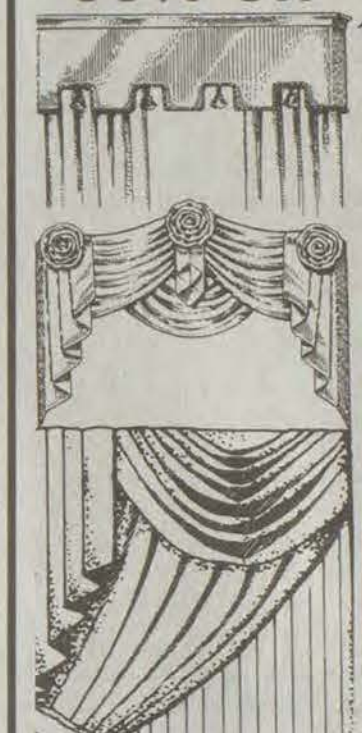
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COMMUNITY MEETING

MEET THE CANDIDATE

GARY ROSE FOR SHERIFF OF FLOYD COUNTY

You are invited and urged to bring your family and friends to this meeting to show support and have supper with Gary Rose.

Gary will be available to discuss your concerns about the ongoing and escalating community problem that personally affects the safety and standard of life of every Floyd County citizen—**ILLEGAL DRUGS!**

Illegal drugs and their uncontrolled accessibility is the main reason Gary has agreed to come out of retirement to help his friends and neighbors rid our community of this very dangerous and lethal situation that affects the lives of all Floyd Countians. Please attend this meeting and hear firsthand what Gary Rose, one of our own, who is one of the most experienced, trained and dedicated police officers in the State of Kentucky, plans to do when elected Sheriff of Floyd County. Some of Gary's qualifications and accomplishments are:

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2. Personally involved in the investigation and prosecution of approximately fifty (50) murders.
3. Trooper of the Year for the Pikeville State Police Post in 1972 and 1973.
4. Extensive training through all phases of police investigation and management on the state and federal level, including the F.B.I.
5. Administered and was responsible for a State Police budget in excess of one hundred thirty million dollars (\$130,000,000.00) per year, for nearly four years.
6. Vietnam veteran.
7. Lifelong resident of Floyd County.
8. Many, many more accolades too numerous to mention.

Please attend this meeting and enjoy an old fashion southern supper, consisting of: chicken & dumplings, soup beans, shuck beans, ham, potato salad, etc. Learn how Gary Rose intends to take the drug dealers out of our schools and communities, and put them where they belong—**Jail!**

Date of meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 2001
 Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Location: Warco Land Improvement Company's Building, located one mile west of Martin on Route 80. Terry & Larry Thornsberry's Offices. Watch for sign for easy access.

For more information: Call 285-9472 or 377-0254.

Donations will be appreciated but are not required. Your attendance will make a difference!

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Obituaries



James Earl Wright

James Earl Wright, age 65, of Prestonsburg, Ky., husband of Madgalene Stephens Wright, passed away Sunday, December 2, 2001, in the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Ky., following a brief illness.

He was born November 13, 1936, in Floyd County, Ky., the son of Susie Ousley Wright and the late George Wright. He was a retired coal miner and a member of United Mine Workers Association.

Survivors include five sons, Steve Wright of Banner, Ky., James Earl Wright Jr., and Ronald David Wright, both of Muniith, Mi., Tommy Wright of Lexington, Ky., Bruce Edward Wright of Prestonsburg, Ky.; six daughters, Diana Lynn Crider of Winter Haven, Fl., Sharon Ann Robinson of Pikeville, Ky., Brenda Sue Wright and Theaesa Gail Blackburn, both of Prestonsburg, Ky., Tammy Jo Hiatt of Jackson, Mi., Jennifer Marie Glaspie of Grass Lake, Mi.; five brothers, Hager Wright and Johnny Wright, both of Prestonsburg, Ky., Arthur Wright of Leslie, Mi., Raben Wright of Muniith, Mi., Ronnie Wright of Onondaga, Mi.; two sisters, Dorothy Ratliff and Phyllis Elliott, both of Martin, Ky., 13 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for James Earl Wright will be conducted Wednesday, December 5, 2001, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with the Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Wright Cemetery, Spurlock Fork, Prestonsburg, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

John David "Dee" Case

John David "Dee" Case, age 51, of Garrett, Ky., husband of Wanda Joyce Hall Case, passed away Monday, December 3, 2001, at his residence.

He was born February 13, 1950, in Martin, Ky., the son of Johnnie Case and Anna Jewell Prichard Case of Garrett, Ky. He was owner and operator of Case Auto Sales, Garrett, Ky.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by two sons, Shawn David and Christopher Douglas Case, both of Garrett, Ky.; two brothers, James Martin Case and Jerry Thomas Case, both of Garrett, Ky.; and one sister, Joyce Ann Gore of Lackey, Ky.

Funeral services for John David Case will be conducted Thursday, December 6, 2001, at 1:00 p.m., at the Garrett First Baptist Church, Garrett, Ky., with Clergyman Randy Osborne officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

Visitation is after 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home and after 12:00 noon, Thursday, at the church. (Paid obituary)

Marcella Jones Slone

Marcella Jones Slone, 55, wife of Phillip, mother of Julie, and Kim Slone of Prestonsburg, Ky., passed away Monday, November 19, 2001, after a long battle against the dreaded and debilitating diseases of breast and ovarian cancer.

She was born July 6, 1946, the fourth of six children to the late Earl C. "Chip" Jones and Eula Mae Hall Jones, Dema, Ky.

She graduated from Alice Lloyd College and obtained a degree in elementary education from Morehead State University. She was a retired teacher in the Floyd County School System, a member of the Community United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg, the FCTA and the KEA.

In addition to her husband, daughters, and mother, she is survived by sisters, Della (Louie) Martin of Corbin, Ky., and Ida (Larry) Parsons of Winchester, Ky.; and brothers, Glen Wood (Susan) Jones of Mt. Orab, Oh., William Kenneth (Donnarrae) Jones of Cincinnati, Oh.; and Thomas Alvin (Becky) Jones of London, Ky. She also leaves an aunt, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers and sisters in Christ, and many friends to mourn her passing.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 21, 2001, at the Community United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg, Ky., with clergyman Steve Pescosolido officiating.

Burial followed in the Whitt Martin Cemetery under the care of Hall Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Glen Wood Jones, William Kenneth Jones, Thomas Alvin Jones, Glen Wood Jones Jr., Shawn Kelly Jones, David Jennings Martin, Wade Jones, and David Borden.

Honorary pallbearers were Louie Martin, James Larry Parsons, Jim Slone, James Dudley, Robert Earl Jones, and Jason Sammons. Marcella was a loving, caring, and beautiful young woman. To paraphrase Proverbs 31:10-31:

She was a wife and mother of noble character who was worth more than any earthly treasures. Phillip had full confidence in her, as she did in him and they were good for each other all the days they were together.

She ensured that her husband and daughters had a loving, warm, and happy home. She provided food, clothing and comforts for them.

Marcella honored her father and mother. She brought dignity, grace, and respect to all of her family.

She was charitable and giving.

She spoke with wisdom and gave faithful instruction, not only to Julie and Kim, but also to hundreds of other young people.

"Her daughters arise and call her blessed. Her husband also, and he praises her.

Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting. But a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned and let her works bring her praise throughout the land."

Those of us who knew, admired and loved Marcella, will honor, praise, and cherish her memory always and evermore. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Sarah Jane Hyden Allen 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 Bethel 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 Sarah Jane Hyden Allen

Card of Thanks

The family of Marcella Slone 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 Clergyman Steve Pescosolido for his comforting words, the Community Methodist 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 Marcella Slone

Card of Thanks

The family of Berry Akers would like to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family, who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and words of comfort expressed. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The Family of Berry Akers

Card of Thanks

The family of Noah Vance would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and family, who helped comfort them during the time of their sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, The Old Samaria 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 Noah Vance Sr.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Julius H. Gilliam 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 comforted us in any way. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Troy Poff for his comforting words, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.

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We love and miss you both,
Jerry, Lyda, and Jeremy



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.

Breakfast with Santa

The Allen Elementary Pee Wee Dance Team will host a "Breakfast with Santa" fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. The event will be held in the old Rescue Squad Building, in Prestonsburg (next to Mountain Manor Nursing Home). The cost of the breakfast will be \$3.00 per plate.

F.C. Conservation meeting

The Floyd County Conservation District will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 18th at 10 a.m. at the District Office located on Mayo Branch of Brandykeg. The public is welcome to attend. For more information please call 889-9800 or email conserve@eastky.net

Christmas Bazaar

The Faith Independent Freewill Baptist Church, located at 157 Left Fork, Emma Road,

will hold a Christmas Bazaar on Friday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. A chili/ soup lunch with crackers, cheese and dessert will be available and a multitude of handcrafted items will be on display. For more information, call 874-8764.

County Extension Meet

The Floyd County Extension Council and District Board will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 5:30 p.m. Council officers will meet at 5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

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.

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

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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 num-

ber remains the same—(606) 886-7920.

Support group meetings
■ 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.
■ Domestic Violence—24 hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence Counselors—Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."
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First Lady's formation of C.O.P.S. Program receives chapter status from national office; specialty license plate unveiled

Frankfort, KY — First Lady Judi Patton was presented the official charter formulating the Kentucky COPS program today at the Governor's Mansion. Richard Barta from the COPS regional office in South Carolina made the presentation during a reception hosted by Governor Paul Patton and the First Lady.

COPS, Concerns of Police Survivors, provide resources to assist in rebuilding lives of surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

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The First Lady has been very instrumental in the formation of the state's chapter, which held its first organizational meeting in May, inviting officers from COPS organizations from Indiana and Ohio to help organize the Kentucky Chapter.

The first lady was nine when she and her three sisters saw their father Pike County Sheriff Roy Conway assassinated in 1950 in front of their home. Esta Conway, widow of Sheriff Conway, went on to complete his term in office.

"I wish my mother had a network of survivors who understood what she was going through or that my sisters and I could have known support groups or counselors to help us deal with our grief and devastation," the first lady said.

"It has been my dream to form a Kentucky COPS chapter ever since I learned about the program. Our Kentucky survivors and law enforcement agencies need this organization to advise and support them," Mrs. Patton said.

The First Lady also was presented the first memorial license plate supporting the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation from Greg Howard, president of the foundation. Mrs. Patton signed on for the specialty plate last year in honor of her father.

Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial License plates will be available in County Clerk Offices by December 10th. The cost is \$50, the same as any specialty plate, and \$10 of the fee goes to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, which helps peace officers and their families throughout Kentucky with educational, medical and emergency relief.

The Foundation is also responsible for the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial,

outside of the Funderburk Building in Richmond. The memorial is the only one of its kind in the state, and lists the names of all Kentucky officers who were killed in the line of duty. There are currently 301 names on the memorial.

Over 200 family members of officers killed in the line of duty were invited to the reception. Representatives from the state's law enforcement agencies also attended.

Membership in the Kentucky Chapter of COPS is open to all family survivors as well as co-workers.

The elected officers of the organizations are Jennifer Thacker, widow of Brandon Thacker, president; Judi Patton vice-president; Christa Cammack, widow of Jason Cammack, secretary; and Jennifer Yancey, sister of Jason Cammack, treasurer.

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The East Kentucky Science Center is conducting a science fair workshop for Johnson County educators Thursday, December 13, at Highlands Elementary in Staffordsville.

The workshop is one of a series of workshops held around the region to prepare educators for their students' participation in a regional science fair hosted by the Science Center in March 2002. Students in grades 4 through 8 in Floyd, Martin, Mageroffin, Johnson and Pike counties are eligible to compete. Regional participants must win a school science fair before entering the regional event, according to Cathy Neeley, education coordinator at the Science Center.

At the workshops, educators will learn how to conduct science fairs in their schools and about the goals, procedures, timelines, rules and project designs for the science fairs. The workshops comply with state guidelines. Attending teachers will receive a list of Core Content/Program of Studies correlation.

The workshop at Highland Elementary begins at 4:30 p.m. Admittance and all materials are free.

The East Kentucky Science Center is a non-profit education organization dedicated to enhancing science education in Eastern Kentucky.


For more information about the workshops or about the programs at the East Kentucky Science Center, call the Science Center at (606) 889-0303 or visit the Center's website: www.wedoscience.org.

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Notes on a wadded-up game plan...

by **BILLY REED**
TIMES COLUMNIST

The University of Kentucky did the right thing by retaining football coach



Guy Morriss and his staff for at least another season. Despite a second consecutive 2-9 season, the Wildcats showed steady

improvement until last Saturday's disappointing loss to Indiana in Bloomington. Besides, who else could the Wildcats get at this murky juncture in their history?

The next major story will be final report issued by the NCAA committee on infractions. Then Morriss and his staff will know exactly how badly the program has been damaged by former coach Hal Mumme and recruiting co-ordinator Claude Bassett. A loss of at least 19 scholarships and reduced off-campus recruiting are a virtual certainty.

So a team that suffered

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Pikeville College

15-0 run gives Bears win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Pikeville College scored the final five points of the first half and then the first 10 of the second to blow open a close game and down U.Va.-Wise 101-82 Saturday night.

The game was tied six times in the first half, and Pikeville held a 44-41 lead before hitting five free throws to end the half for a 49-41 lead. A 10-0 outburst to start the second half, keyed by six from Cedric Taylor, put the game away.

After the lead got to 10, the Cavaliers never got it to single digits, and Pikeville held its biggest lead of the game at the end.

Taylor had 25 to lead the Bears, and also pulled down 12 rebounds. Alan Powe followed with 16 points and 10 boards, as Pikeville won the rebounding war 47-33.

Sophomore Joey Mirus had 15 points and five rebounds, while Toni Anderson hit three three-point bombs to finish with 13. Senior Adam Reed had a balanced worksheet, with six points, seven assists and six rebounds.

U.Va.-Wise (5-3) was led by Tony McDonald, who finished with 20 in 22 minutes

(See **BEARS**, page three)

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Samons shoots Eagles past PC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Former Allen Central standout Nick Samons hit a three-point shot with 33 seconds to play to lift Alice Lloyd past Pikeville College 83-79 Thursday night.

Samons' shot broke up a 79-all tie, the seventh time it had been even since Bears senior Cedric Taylor locked the game at 66 with 7:50 to play. The junior came off a screen to nail the 20-foot jumper. After Pikeville failed to score, Samons hit 1-of-2 from the line to give him 16 points in the game, including eight in the last 1:57 of the game.

Samons' heroics ended a productive second half for Bears. Pikeville, which trailed the entire first half but had the

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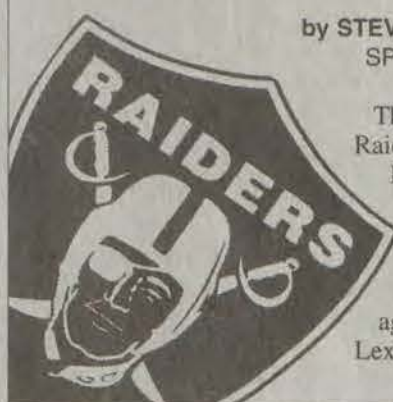
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Raiders open season 0-2



by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

The South Floyd Raiders, defending 15th Region Champions, are 0-2 to begin the season, following a Friday-Saturday stint against a pair of Lexington high school

squads.

South Floyd began play in the Commodore 4 at Lexington's Tates Creek High by falling to the host Commodores. And it wasn't an easy game for the Raiders. South Floyd Coach Henry Webb knew even before the season started that his team would encounter several tough challenges when the season got started.

"We've definitely got a very

tough schedule this season," said Webb, prior to his team's two games in the Commodore 4. "We knew before we started that we'd have several tough games."

The loss dropped the Raiders to the consolation game of the four-team event where they dropped a close 57-56 contest to the Paul Dunbar Bulldogs.

Dunbar outscored South Floyd 16-15 in the first quarter and 16-12

in the second period to lead 32-27 at the half. The Raiders then outscored the Lexington-based Bulldogs 18-6 in the third quarter to take a 45-38 lead into the final quarter. In the final quarter Dunbar managed to outscore the Raiders 19-11 to post the win.

Kenneth Fox, a 6-7 senior, led Dunbar with a team-high 22 points.

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LADY REBELS

Allen Central drops home opener to Sheldon Clark

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

After a respectable showing in the Pike County Central Lady Hawk Tipoff Classic, the Allen Central Lady Rebels returned home on Monday and went right back to work, playing host to last season's 15th Region runner-up, Sheldon Clark.

Despite being tied with the visiting Lady Cards, 30-30 at the half, host Allen Central could not hold on and suffered a 65-53 loss. But the game was much closer than the final score would indicate. Much closer.

Sheldon Clark jumped out to a 4-0 lead and led 15-11 at the end of the first quarter. Allen Central would battle back to outscore the Lady Rebs 19-14 in the second quarter to go into the half knotted up at 30. The Lady Rebels took their first lead of the game in the second stan-

za. Sheldon Clark center Kelli Moore led all scorers with a game-high 23 points. Moore, a junior, returns as one of the 15th Region's top player. Nikki

"We had trouble scoring there at the end," said Halbert. "We're real young. We miss (Erin) Majakey. But we're not going to rush her to come back until she's ready."

Copeland added 15 points in the winning effort. Jennifer Wellman added 10 while Heather Horn finished with 11.

Freshman Megan Harris, a former Adams Middle School Ladycat, paced

Allen Central with a team-best 13 points. Harris on more than one occasion pulled the Lady Rebels back into contention with a three-point shot. "Megan's going to hit big shots like she did against Sheldon Clark," said Allen Central head coach Cindy Halbert. "She's a very skilled offensive player."

Jessica Isaac was Allen Central's only other double-digit scorer with 11 points. Sophomore point guard Terri Mullins added eight points while Jackie Brown and Becky Thomas each finished with six points apiece. Tonya Howard had five points and Jaclyn Martin added four to round out the Allen Central scoring.

Allen Central is still without the services of one of its preseason leading scorers. Erin Majakey is out following abdominal surgery.

"We had trouble scoring there at the end," said Halbert. "We're real young. We miss (Erin) Majakey. But we're not going to rush her to come back until she's ready."

The Lady Rebels field a young team led by Mullins along with Harris and Thomas, both freshmen. The host Lady Rebs were outscored 21-12 in the final

(See **REBELS**, page three)

Winston Cup: 2001's best and worst

by **STEVE MICKEY**
NASCAR COLUMNIST

The Winston Cup season isn't "officially" over until the last award is given out in New York City, and with that chore completed last Friday, it is time for my annual list of "The Best and Worst of the 2001 Season." Remember there isn't a scientific method used for determining what or who makes my list, it is really just the thoughts of an ol' race that dreads facing the next couple of months without a race or points chase.

This is one column that I always look forward to putting together as I get to look back on the series as a fan and not try and be objective (that is what all race reporters are supposed to do). I'm sure there are some categories that I have left out and some you wish I would have left out; either way just enjoy the look back.

BEST VICTORY LANE SCENE

This celebration didn't really make it to victory lane. The sight of Dale Earnhardt Jr. sharing his win in Daytona's Pepsi 400 with Michael Waltrip in the infield grass eased much of the pain that the series had been dealing with. When you think about it, a car roof isn't such a bad place to show the world that you just won a race!

BEST PIT ROAD ACTION

Tony Stewart tracked down Jeff Gordon after the spring race at Bristol on pit road and gave him a shot that got not only the attention of every fan in attendance, but also the watchful eye of NASCAR.

WORST MULTI-CAR TEAM

Like so many other fans, I eagerly await the day that Petty Enterprises can regain its old form. My wait will have to last at least another year as this team had to use 13 provisionals

(See **WORST**, page three)

Adams survives late run by Rebels

by **JAMIE HOWELL**
SPORTS WRITER

Monday night proved to be a strange night at Adams Middle School as the host Blackcats took on the Allen Central Rebels on the hardwood. Both teams were without key players as academic suspensions plagued both squads. In the end, it would be the

Blackcats coming away with a close win (39-37).

Adams has started the season on a roll, winning last week's Shag Campbell Invitational Tournament at Allen, while Allen Central won their own Right Beaver Classic during the season's first week.

(See **ADAMS**, page two)



Adams Middle School eighth-graders Natasha Butcher (52), Laura Ford (45), Lakole Ousley (50), Jenna Stewart (10) and Darcey Hicks (30) completed a successful final season of middle school girls' basketball with a county championship.

Allen Central girls come out of Lady Hawk event with two wins

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

It took two overtimes for Breathitt County to dispose of the Allen Central Lady Rebels 65-69 in the second round of the Lady Hawk Tipoff Classic at Pike County Central High School last week. But the Lady Rebels still left the tourney with two wins and a third-place effort.

The Lady Rebels opened the tournament with a convincing 70-33 win over the Pikeville Lady Panthers. Freshmen Megan Harris and Becky Thomas paced Allen



■ Terri Mullins

(See **HAWK**, page three)

ACHS Rebels' games on tap...

- Friday at Knott County Central
- Monday vs. Phelps
- Friday, Dec. 14 vs. South Floyd
- Tuesday, Dec. 18 vs. Prestonsburg
- Friday, Dec. 21 vs. Piarist
- Dec. 27-29 at Ryle Challenge

Betsy Layne, P'burg participate in Queen of the Mountains

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Both Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg took part in the Queen of the Mountains Classic last week at Perry County Central High School. The two teams met up in the second round with Betsy Layne scoring a 20-point victory over Prestonsburg (75-55). The Ladycats rebounded after an opening round loss to Breathitt County and eventually beat Hazard 60-53 in their final game of the tourney after beating district rival Prestonsburg in the second round.

(See **QUEEN**, page three)

Sports In Kentucky

UK's Morriss gets his chance; Will fans pony-up \$47.50 to see NBA in Louisville?

by BOB WATKINS
TIMES COLUMNIST

Morriss retained has a correct ring to it.

Despite another 2-9 season as familiar as ever to frustrated UK fans, University of Kentucky Mr. Nice Guy football coach Guy Morriss will be back in 2002.

On one hand it is the right thing to do, give Morriss a full shot. Even Joe Paterno and Don Shula (at UK) were assistant coaches who had to be given a chance. On the other is the specter of a team showing up for its season finale at Indiana last week looking listless, unenthusiastic, not ready to play.

Morriss took blame as coaches ought to, but the aura of playing bowl-bound Tennessee off its feet a week earlier and marking it as progress, was cooled, eclipsed by losing ugly in Bloomington.

UK's football problems remain and now Morriss has his vote of confidence to start fixing them. Amazing as one might think it - NCAA sanctions notwithstanding - Kentucky could be a bowl team in 2002 with more than 20 veterans return including All-Americans defensive end Dennis Johnson and punter Glen Pakulak and a smattering of other potential all-league players led by Derek Abney.

The schedule includes seven home dates, all winnable. Also, there are two open dates as service stops after road games at Florida and Arkansas.

Yes, Morriss has his work cut out, but there is light up ahead ... somewhere.

Ticket\$\$\$

Those grumblings you heard before and after the UK-Kent State game last week in Cincinnati's Firststar Center were about tickets - \$34 each. University of Kentucky director of athletics Larry Ivy said that will change next year.

Meanwhile, in Louisville the taffy-pull on whether or not to build a downtown arena to lure the NBA Hornets included this news: Average ticket price for a regular season game - \$47.50 (add parking and concessions and souvenir costs).

Lemme see if I have this straight ... \$34 for a UK game is too much. UofL plays 13-15 home dates, but an average of 15,800 fans around Kentuckiana will travel to downtown Louisville 43 nights a year to buy a ticket to a Hornets game at \$47.50 a pop.

I don't think so. Make no mistake attractive parts to building a new arena are considerable.

Beyond professional men's and women's basketball dates, there will be concerts, shows and conventions drawing buyers to Louisville. Projections are as many as 130-140, creating jobs and spending downtown.

More important, at least somebody - Board of Aldermen - is finally discussing the project on a level below corporate suites, luxury seats and name franchise rights.

The discussion has begun focusing on fans and projecting their support for in not only drawing an NBA team to Louisville, but levels of support.

If Louisville's Board of Aldermen vote yes, then the city should have its NBA franchise. However, voters across Kentucky's other 139 counties should let their state government representatives know how they feel about tax dollars supporting an NBA project while schools and health programs across the Commonwealth are in dire need of more funding.

Observations 'N Things

High school football

■ And to think, Boyle County High (45-0) since before Bill Clinton's impeachment trial, has a dozen starters back next year.

■ In the spirit of New York Yankee-ism, maybe it's time to break up Danville/Boyle County. Five state titles in three years is about enough.

■ Best sports saga for Kentucky high school year 2002-03? Recruitment of Louisville Male football-basketball standout Michael Bush. First question to college recruiters and first answer? "Can I play both sports?" followed by "Sure," followed by "can I get that in writing?"

■ Unless there's a huge upset, the state's next great quarterback will be a Louisville Cardinal. Trinity High sophomore Brian Brohm.

■ Kentucky's winningest active coach Bob Schneider continued his superb career at Newport Central Catholic, a 13-2 finish. In 36 seasons, Schneider teams have won 256 (and counting).

■ Math Dept. If Bell County football coach Dudley Hilton, whose team finished 9-4 this year, continues his remarkable average of nine victories per season for 26 years, he will need six more to pass state winningest football coach Joe Kelly Jagers (292 in 33 years). Nine wins a year through mid-season 2007, Hilton would arrive at 293. Stay tuned.

■ Heisman Trophy. Deadline approaches for submitting Heisman Trophy votes.

One man's ballot: 1. Ken Dorsey, Miami; Eric Crouch, Nebraska; 3. Antwaan Randle L, Indiana.

High school basketball

■ David-Goliath Dept. Lyon County defeated perennial power Hopkinsville 64-60 in the season opener. Ty Rogers had 24 points, leaving the Lyons point-guard a free throw shy of 1,000 points. Rogers is a sophomore.

■ Next phenom? Much the way Ty Rogers came on the basketball scene with a rush, meet O.J. Mayo, a seventh grader. A 6-3 guard at Rose Hill Christian School near Ashland, Mayo had 27 points and seven rebounds in his varsity debut.

■ For high school hoops purists the Blue

SPORTSBOARD

Chip Basketball Shootout is Dec. 7 at Bellarmine University. Seneca-North Hardin tips at 4:30 EST followed by Meade County-South Central (Ind.), New Albany-Glasgow, and Russellville against host Holy Cross.

Whatever happened to Jerry Dunn?

Readers (Right) Write

■ About UK-UofL basketball series...
Fan from Greensburg: „I fully agree the UK/UofL basketball series will probably become very ugly. I wonder how Pitino will react when 20,000 Rupp fans attempt to boo him into oblivion?

Jerry W. Dooley, Louisville: "... I imagined most writers out in the state favor Kentucky over Louisville. Your last (column) left no doubt when you unfairly referred to (Rick) Pitino's salary and suggested UK should suspend the basketball series with UL. Do you really think more Kentuckians would rather see UK-Western over UK-UL? I think not. Your bias is showing. (And) Nobody believes that Pitino is getting 8 million (dollars) but you're really reaching to make Pitino look bad."

■ About Lindsey-Wilson's seventh NAA soccer championship...Clint Dockery: "... I thought it worth noting Lindsey Wilson College's (men's) soccer team (has equaled) UK's hoops titles' winning its seventh NAA crown in 11 years of existence, including the past four. A true dynasty, I believe it's taken UK 50 or 60 years to collect (its) hardware."

Parting Shot

Vanderbilt wide-receiver Chris Young will transfer at season's end. "There's no atmosphere here," he said. "There's no tradition. A lot of players are more excited about taking tests than winning football games."

And so it goes.

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

Scores

Attention coaches:
Send scores and game summaries to The Times c/o Steve LeMaster.

KHSAA Notes

Stout press conference slated for Monday

KHSAA Commissioner Louis Stout has set a press conference for Monday, at 1 p.m. at the KHSAA Office in Lexington. Stout will be addressing his future with the organization.

Roy Kidd Player of the Year award winners

Sponsored by the Kentucky News Network, the annual Roy Kidd Player of the Year awards banquet was held this past Monday at the KHSAA office in Lexington. Following are this year's winners as released by KNN.

■ Class A - Eric Moore (Holy Cross (Louisville))

■ Class 2A - John Wesley Momin (Bardstow)

■ Class 3A - Jeff Duggins (Boyle County)

■ Class 4A - Michael Bush (Male)

■ Overall Winner - Michael Bush (Male)

Sideline Shots

Leftovers from the state finals:

P'burg strong contender for '02 state finals trip

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Well, the Prestonsburg Blackcats didn't come home with a state championship like many Eastern Kentucky football fans, including myself, had hoped. But the game wasn't as bad as the 47-16 final score would indicate. Take this into consideration when gazing over and over at the 31-point deficit.

■ Bardstow quarterback John Wesley Momin. Need I say more? Momin, even though he didn't throw for three- or four-hundred yards against the Blackcats, was steady enough to lead his Tigers to a state championship. And never doubt that these are Momin's Tigers. Without Momin, the Tigers' speed wouldn't be as fast. The kicking game would even suffer. He was that much of a leader for them.

■ Bardstow scored its first touchdown of the game on a pass Momin miraculously was able to connect with Joseph Blackmon. With senior defensive end Kevin Younce bearing down on Momin he looped a ball over the Blackcat defense for the game's first score. Earlier, Prestonsburg's other defensive end, Tony White, was able to bat down a Momin-thrown bullet.

■ On the following kickoff after the score, Bardstow kicker Lincoln Buzick was unable to connect leaving it a 6-0 game with 5:35 to play in the opening stanza.

■ The kicking game for Bardstow was off a time or two, as evident with the missed PAT. But the Tigers did a very good job of pinning Prestonsburg back with booming kickoffs that put kick returners inside the five and 10-yard lines. "We played the whole first half on a 20-yard field," said Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett. "That's just something we couldn't afford to do against a team like Bardstow. We'd seen their kicker on film and to be honest overall from what we saw from him, he didn't kick as good as he did against us."

■ Momin quietly struck for Bardstow's second score when he found junior Maurice Crowe on a 30-yard touchdown strike. The Tiger quarterback then found Blackmon on the conversion to make it a 14-0 Bardstow lead just seconds into the second quarter.

■ A Chris Jervis mishandle on a Bardstow kickoff put the Tigers back in business down around the goal line and set up the third score of the game when Jamie Cotton found the endzone.

■ Up 21-0, the Blackcats still had the opportunity to get back in the game, but once again field position became the ultimate deterrent. Couple that with a field general like Momin and the Tigers had everything going for them in the first half. And Prestonsburg did not. Junior quarterback Joey Willis, like the leader he is, played on despite playing with a broken thumb. That is tough. That is Joey Willis.

"Momin was the glue to that team," said DeRossett. "Without him in there, they would definitely be a different team."

As for Willis, DeRossett had nothing but good things to say about the quarterback who will return to his team as a senior starting quarterback next season.

"Joey's a fighter," the Blackcat head coach said.

■ For those of you who didn't make the trip to Louisville to the state finals Friday, and might not have caught the game on the radio, the Blackcats did outscore Bardstow in the second half. And the vast majority of the Bardstow starters were still in the game. State finals jitters for the Blackcats in the first half? More than likely. "I think some of our kids might have come out and been a little intimidated," added DeRossett.

■ The seniors on this year's Prestonsburg High School football team have nothing, absolutely nothing to be ashamed. None of the Blackcats do. Absolutely none.

■ A Blackcat return to Louisville next fall for the 15th game of the football season? It's possible.

"We're going to do every thing we can to get back to Louisville," said DeRossett. "This was a real learning experience for us. We'll hit the weightroom hard and hopefully we'll make it back to Louisville again, maybe next season."

■ Thumbs down to Bardstow's victory celebration. Guys, we all like to celebrate from time to time, but you don't have to engulf everyone in attendance with profanities. We know you just won a state championship, but please, next time you decide to celebrate, tone down your language a bit.

■ DeRossett, who helped P'burg head basketball coach Jackie Day Crisp last season, will not be back on the basketball coaching staff this season. He has decided to step away from the roundball sport and focus all of his attentions on the grid sport.

■ Did anyone think Rockcastle County would be able to stop the Boyle County machine? Well, the Rockets didn't.

■ Trinity-Male. Pick 'em. If you picked Trinity, you're a winner.

■ Former Pikeville High head coach Hillard Howard was honored during the halftime of Friday's Prestonsburg-Bardstow game. Howard was honored for winning more than 200 games as a Kentucky high school football coach. Howard was presented a plaque by Kentucky Football Coaches Association President Maurice Dixon, current Hazard High School head coach.

It's a sad time for a Kentucky high school football fan. It's time to pack up the shoulder pads throughout the state, now that the state finals are history. Now, it's time to get out to a gym and catch some exciting high school hoops action. Enjoy.

■ An early happy birthday wish goes out by request to Betsy Layne senior Craig Keathley. A Betsy Layne High baseball player, Keathley is recovering from injuries suffered in an accident which almost took his life. Craig will turn 18 on December 13.

Blackcat Basketball

Blackcat hoops schedule undergoes some changes

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Prestonsburg High School basketball team had to cancel a scheduled game against Paintsville due to the fact that the football team was playing Bardstow in the Class 2A state finals. Some other changes to the PHS boys' basketball schedule are as follows:

■ December 14, the Blackcats will play at Elkhorn City instead of hosting the Cougars at home. The change comes as a result of a scheduled PHS choir Christmas concert at the Mountain Arts Center. On the schedule, the two dates with Elkhorn City will now flip-flop with the Blackcats hosting Elkhorn City later on in the season.

■ January 11 Prestonsburg will travel to Phelps to take on the Hornets instead of playing host.

■ The game scheduled for February 9 against Phelps has been canceled.

Raiders Football

South Floyd football banquet set for Thursday night

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Coach Nathan Jones would like to announce that the South Floyd High School football team will hold its banquet tomorrow, Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. Jones is set to enter his third season at

the helm of the South Floyd High football program.

Special guest speaker scheduled for the event is Morehead State University head football coach Matt Ballard. In Jones' first season the Raiders finished 5-5. Last season, South Floyd went 4-6 and again, had a shot to make it to the state playoffs with a win late in the season but came up short.

For more information on the upcoming grid banquet, call Coach Nathan Jones at 606/452-9600.

A meeting is also scheduled next week for Class A Region IV, District 8 football coaches. At that meeting, the coaches will choose all-district performers.

Adams

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Two of Floyd County's premiere guards took the spotlight - Michael Stephens for the Blackcats and Shane Feltner for the Rebels. Adams took a 6-5 first quarter lead on the strength of some nice shooting from Stephens and Brooks Herrick. The young Rebels struggled early on as they had trouble finding the range from the outside, and at the end of the first half Adams had built an 11-point lead at 20-9.

In the third quarter the Blackcats continued to build on their lead, and seemed to be on their way to an impressive win. Stephens pumped in eight of his game-high 22 points in the third period, and Andrew Shepard added four.

As the fourth quarter began Adams had built a comfortable 28-16 lead and looked to be pulling away, but the Rebels weren't ready to give up without a fight. Shane Feltner reeled off seven quick points in a two-minute span to close the gap, and Justin Jacobs putback with 1:32 left pulled the Rebels within three. In the final minute after Adams missed several free-throw opportunities, Daniel Howard banked in a 10-footer to tie the game with six seconds left in the contest. Stephens then took the inbounds pass and drove the length of the floor and was fouled with :01 showing on the clock. Stephens stepped to the line for the one-and-one but missed the front end of the bonus. However, the ball bounced right back to him and he put it back in as time expired to give the Blackcats the 39-37 win.

Stephens led the Blackcats with 22 points, while Feltner led Allen Central with 15.

■ Adams scoring: Michael Stephens 22, Nick McGuire 4, Brooks Herrick 6, Andrew Shepard 4, Zack Ousley 3.

■ Allen Central scoring: Shane Feltner 15, Justin Jacobs 13, Nick Music 5, Daniel Howard 2, Ryan Bailey 2.

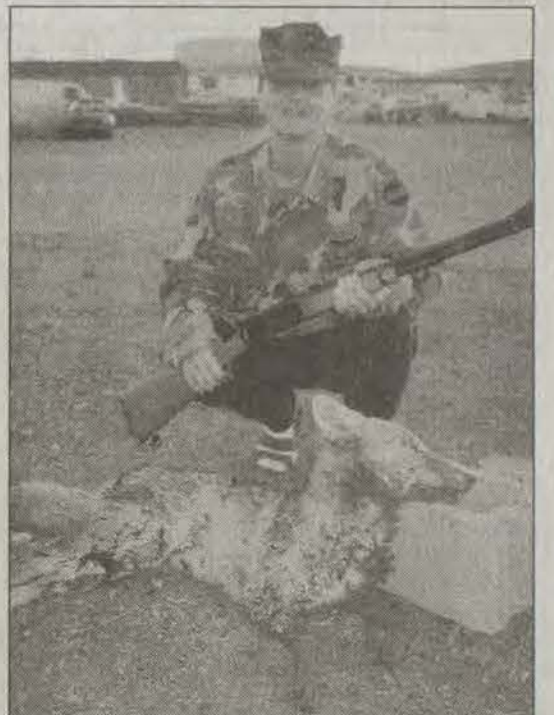


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Sherri Lynn Tackett-Tharp, formerly of Tackett Fork, Beaver, now a resident of Colorado, is pictured with her second coyote taken while hunting this season. The coyote was called in within 35 yards by her husband. Tackett-Tharp shot the coyote with a Winchester 94 Carbine.

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MARSHALL VS. EAST CAROLINA

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOBILE, AL. - GMAC Bowl officials have selected East Carolina (6-5) to represent Conference USA against Mid-American Conference opponent Marshall University (10-1) in the 3rd Annual GMAC Bowl. GMAC Bowl selection committee member Murray Cape met with East Carolina officials today to extend the invitation. The game will be played on December 19, 2001 at Ladd-Peebles Stadium, and will be televised nationally by ESPN2. Kickoff is set for 7:00 pm CST.

The GMAC Bowl (formerly the GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl (2000) and Mobile Alabama Bowl (1999)) has featured Top 25 teams in both of their previous bowl games. During the exciting inaugural Mobile Alabama Bowl, East Carolina's Pirates (ranked 20th) lost to the TCU Horned Frogs, 28-14. The 2000 GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl brought TCU back to Mobile to compete against University of Southern Mississippi. The game sold out Ladd-Peebles Stadium and set national viewing records at ESPN2. 1.35 million households watched as Mobile native, Jeff Kelly threw the winning touchdown in the last second of the game to defeat TCU 28-21, making the 2000 GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl the highest rated

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Garnis Martin was likely watching Prestonsburg-Bardstown showdown

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Thomas Martin was in atten-

dance at the Class 2A state finals. Like many Bardstown Tiger fans he was anxious to see his team capture a state champi-

onship. After all, it had been two decades since the Tigers, winners of three state titles in six tries going into Friday's state finals, had won a state championship.

The Prestonsburg Blackcats were the opponents for the

Tigers but unlike most all other Bardstown fans in attendance, Martin also had a special interest in the Floyd County team on the opposing sideline.

Thomas Martin is the son of legendary Kentucky high school coach Garnis Martin. A Floyd

County native, Garnis Martin was at one time a coach at Prestonsburg High School. He coached both basketball and football at PHS but eventually strayed away and wound up in Bardstown where he won 271 games as a head football coach in 39 seasons of coaching. Thomas Martin knew the Prestonsburg team Bardstown played in the state finals would be one that wouldn't go away easy.

"I told them at a banquet on Wednesday before the game that

they were the underdogs," said Thomas Martin. "I told them that a team from the mountains was coming to win a state championship."

Garnis Martin was the winningest coach in the state of Kentucky with 271 career wins until a Paintsville High football coach broke the record. Walter Brugh broke Garnis Martin's mark toward the end of his coaching career in the mid-90s. Joe Jagers is now the win-

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deficit down to one (35-34) at intermission, took the lead when Taylor scored to begin the second frame. The lead grew to eight midway through the second half before Alice Lloyd rallied.

Taylor hit for 23 to lead Pikeville despite missing most of the first frame with foul trouble. He was joined in double figures by Michael Thomas and Joey Mirus, who had 16

and 11, respectively, on 11-of-15 combined shooting.

Adam Reed had two points but dished out nine assists.

Mirus led the Bears with five rebounds in a game which saw Alice Lloyd easily win the battle. Thanks to nine from senior Jason Collins, ALC had 35 compared to only 23 for the Bears.

Collins had 19 and added five assists to lead five Eagles in scoring. George Potter added 13 and Kent Campbell, a former Pikeville College Bear, had 11.

Sophomore Tommy McKenzie, who led Johnson Central to the 15th Region title and the Elite Eight in 2000 had 12 points, 11 assists and five rebounds. McKenzie was 8-of-8 from the line.

Bears

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off the bench. Zack Moore added 16.

Pikeville (8-2) will be off until Dec. 11 when it will attempt to avenge a Nov. 6 loss to Central State (Ohio) University.

Hawk

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Central in the Pikeville game with 12 points apiece. Terri Mullins added 11 points and Jaclyn Martin finished with 10 points. Mullins and Tonya Howard each had rebounds. Martin added six boards. Tiffany Turner had eight points and Jackie Brown seven in the win for the Lady Rebels. Howard added six points against Pikeville and Jessica Isaac and Tabettha Caudill each had two points apiece.

Emily Colvin led Pikeville in scoring with eight points. Shawna Howard had seven points and Lauren McCoy finished with five. Kaliah Evans added three points on a field goal and a free-throw. Allen Central led Pikeville 40-16 at the half.

The Breathitt County game saw the two participating teams go into the half tied and tied again at the end of regulation. Tied 25-25 at the half, Breathitt County outscored Allen Central 14-13 in the third quarter to lead 39-38 after three. The Lady Rebels turned things around in the third quarter and outscored Allen Central 15-14 to make it a 63-63 game at the end of regulation. Breathitt County was four better than Allen Central in the overtime periods to score the four-point victory.

Harris scored 13 points to lead Allen Central against Breathitt County. Mullins and Isaac each had 12 points in the win while Martin chipped in 10. Isaac recorded a double-double by also pulling down 13

rebounds. Vanessa Combs scored a game-high 30 points for Breathitt County. Nichole Ritchie tossed in 11 for the Ladycats.

Allen Central claimed third-place in the tournament by beating host Pike County Central 60-53. Once again, Harris paced Allen Central in scoring with a game-high 14 points, including two three-pointers. Isaac had 12 points and Mullins added 11 points, seven assists and three steals. Turner had six points. Brown, Thomas and Caudill each had four points. Thomas also had a game-high four blocks. Kim Coleman was Pike Central's leading scorer with a team-best 13 points. Amy Ratliff added 11 points in the setback while Haley Ratliff added 10.

Reed

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from a lack of depth this season will be even thinner for the next several years. The need for bodies will be so desperate that it will be almost impossible to have a full-fledged redshirt program.

It also will be difficult to build pride and confidence as the losses mount. Morriss can only hope that a lot of Kentucky high school stars are so loyal to the state university that they'll want to play for the Cats despite the restrictions. After all, he'll be able to offer a real shot at extensive playing time.

It could be that Morriss is destined to be remembered as the good soldier who led UK through hard times, then is replaced by hot young coach when the probation years are over. Then again, maybe UK Athletics Director Larry Ivy will look like a genius for giving him a chance.

While Morriss was getting good news at UK, Bob Davie

was getting the pink slip at Notre Dame. Losing football teams are no more acceptable in South Bend than losing basketball seasons would be in Lexington.

When Davie succeeded Lou Holtz in 1997, he appeared to have a lot going for him. He was a young, handsome, and articulate following a coach who had worn out his welcome. But now Holtz is the toast of South Carolina, where he's preparing to make his second consecutive bowl trip, and Davie is out of a job.

The front-runner to replace Davie apparently is Jon Gruden, the head coach of the NFL's Oakland Raiders. Also mentioned are Steve Mariucci of the San Francisco 49ers, Tom Coughlin of the Jacksonville Jaguars and Bob Stoops of Oklahoma.

Naturally, Irish boosters across the nation will merely expect the new coach to measure up to the legends of Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy, and Ara

Parseghian. As Howard Schnellenberger once quipped when asked if he would be interested in the Notre Dame job, "I'd rather go somewhere and be the first Howard Schnellenberger instead of the next Knute Rockne."

I've never been a big fan of Tennessee coach Phil Fulmer, mostly because I suspected he stabbed Johnny Majors in the back to get the job. But I must admit that it's hard to argue with the job he has done in Knoxville.

His 1998 team won 13-0 and won Tennessee its first national title since 1951, and this season's team is one victory away — against LSU in Saturday's SEC championship game — from getting to play Miami for the national title in the Rose Bowl.

Fulmer's 10-year record is 94-19. He has sent bunches of players to the NFL, most notably quarterback Peyton Manning of the Indianapolis Colts. A few years ago, there were rumors of an academic scandal, but nothing came of it. It'll be a shock if the Vols don't beat LSU. The folks in Pasadena had better get ready to hear "Rocky Top" played so many times that they'll hope Tennessee never comes back.

I'm boycotting the NCAA I-AA playoff as a way of protesting the selection committee's snub of Eastern Kentucky. After getting off to a 1-2 start, the Colonels ripped off seven consecutive wins.

An 8-2 record should be good enough to get one of the nation's traditional I-AA powers into the playoffs in any season, but especially this one in which Coach Roy Kidd became only the seventh Division I coach to join the exclusive 300-win club.

It's good news that Kidd is coming back for his 39th season in Richmond, and I hope it's a great one.

Bowl

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and most viewed College Bowl game in ESPN2 history. In addition, it was the 4th most viewed college football game and 11th most viewed program in ESPN2 history.

The East Carolina Pirates (overall 6-5/C-USA 5-2) feature two of the most exciting players in college football. Quarterback David Garrard and running back Leonard Henry make a one-two combination that few schools can boast. Henry ranks 9th in the nation in rushing yards per game (130.2). He is 9th in the nation in scoring offense totaling 9.82 points per game. He has the second highest touchdown total in C-USA history (29) and holds the C-USA single season rushing record with 1432 yards. Garrard, a four year starter at quarterback has led ECU to three straight bowl

appearances, two in the GMAC Bowl. Over his career at ECU, Garrard, has accounted for a total of 10,238 yards, 9,029 passing and 666 yards rushing. Garrard has virtually rewritten the records books at ECU, as he holds 28 school passing and total offensive records.

ECU's record is not indicative of the team that they will bring to Mobile for the GMAC Bowl. Late losses to Southern Mississippi and Louisville and a schedule that featured 6 bowl eligible teams speaks volumes about the toughness of this team and the players they will bring to Mobile. With three potential NFL first round draft picks in David Garrard, Leonard Henry, and Pernel Griffin, ECU should prove to be an exciting match for Marshall's Thundering Herd.

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Queen

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At the half, Betsy Layne led 31-28.

Betsy Layne built the nine-point cushion in the third period and led 43-34 at the end of three quarters.

Hazard was able to battle back on Betsy Layne in the final period before the Ladycats shut the door. Betsy Layne ended the game with a short run.

Betsy Layne's Natasha Stratton scored a game-high 17 points to lead Betsy Layne. Teasha Haynes led Hazard with a team-best 16 points. Romilda Haskins chipped in 14 points for Hazard.

Raiders

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Steven Greene added 14 points for the victorious Bulldogs.

Junior Michael Hall paced the Raiders with a game-high 24 points. Junior Tyler Hall tossed in 16 points and senior Rusty Tackett added 10. Seniors Josh Johnson and Joe Skeans added three and two points, respectively, for South Floyd.

Host Tates Creek won the Commodore 4 with a 70-65 win over Simon Kenton in the championship game. The Creekers outscored Simon Kenton 24-4 in a crucial third quarter of play to post the win.

South Floyd will be back in action Saturday as they host the second annual Q95 Classic.

Rebels

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period Monday night.

With the win, Sheldon Clark opens the season with a win and is now 1-0. The loss dropped Allen Central's season mark to 2-2.

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Tigers stays perfect, headed to third straight championship game

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The No. 1 Georgetown College football team (13-0, 7-0 MSC) defeated No. 3 Carroll (Mont.) College (10-2) today, Sat., Dec. 1, 31-22, to claim its third consecutive trip to the NAIA championship game in Savannah, Tenn.

The Tigers won their 27th straight game with the victory over the Fighting Saints, and will face the winner of the No. 5 Sioux Falls/No. 6 Benedictine (Kan.) game on Dec. 15 in Savannah.

Ryan Payne and Mike Mulhall were named the Offensive and Defensive

Players of the Game, respectively. Payne carried the ball 24 times for 97 yards on the ground and a touchdown. Mulhall reaped havoc on Carroll's QB all day, recording seven total tackles and three sacks for a loss of 26 yards.

Jason Tenkman notched the fourth GC touchdown, connecting on a 36-yard pass from Eviston in the final quarter. Tenkman's score put the Tigers up 31-3 with 14:52 remaining in the contest.

Georgetown ruled the first three quarters, holding Carroll to just a field goal. But, the offense started ticking for the Saints in the final quarter as they came up

with three straight touchdowns, but were hurt by two failed point-after attempts by Rhett Crites. Carroll's Casey Fitzsimmons fell into the endzone with 33 seconds to go for the final score of the day.

B.J. Mattingly led the defense for GC with nine tackles. Shan Housekeeper brought down eight tackles, including one sack. The defense notched seven and a half total sacks on the day. Matt McHale and Ian Ruth each recorded interceptions for the Tigers.

The Tigers totaled 400 yards of offense, with 235 in the air. GC held Carroll to 35 yards on the ground and 348

total.

The No. 1 Georgetown College football Tigers will face No. 5 Sioux Falls (S.D.) on Sat., Dec. 15, in Savannah, Tenn. Kickoff is set for 1:05 p.m. EST.

Advance tickets for the championship game will go on sale on Mon., Dec. 10, in the Georgetown athletic department. Advanced tickets are \$12, and day of game tickets are \$15. You may purchase tickets in the athletic department (Anderson Hall, Room 144) or by credit card with a shipping charge. Please contact Geri Ann Redmon at (502) 863-7016 with any questions or to purchase tickets by

phone.

Also contact Geri Ann Redmon with questions regarding the Tiger bus trip to Savannah. Cost is \$47 per person, which included \$35 for the bus trip down and \$12 for a ticket to the football game. If you are interested in reserving a spot, call or write to: Geri Ann Redmon - Athletics, 400 East College Street, Georgetown, Ky, 40324.

The bus will depart from the Georgetown Student Center at 5:30 a.m. on Dec. 15 with one planned stop for food and drink. The bus is scheduled to arrive in Savannah around noon and will depart after the game.

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Congratulations to the Prestonsburg Blackcats on a Winning Season!



I still got the pretty girl

by CLYDE PACK

While channel hopping the other day, I flipped across a body-building competition on ESPN. This one guy was turned away from the camera and his back was rippling like a coffee sack full of crawling door knobs. I didn't realize just how many muscles a body could build. Of course, he looked like he was ready for a greased pig contest and was all slick and shiny. I was amazed at how he could flex every little muscle and how they showed up on camera.

I suppose one would have to admire the hard work and dedication involved in getting this way, but I don't think I'd ever want to (not that I ever could, of course) look like that.

There was a time, however, back before ESPN, or even TV for that matter, that I seriously considered going into body building myself. You see, just like every other kid growing up in Muddy Branch in the 1940s, I read funny books with a passion, and nine out of every ten of them had a big full-page ad inside the back cover urging us to enroll in the Charles Atlas body-building course.

I'd be rich today if I had a dollar for every time I read the little cartoon strip about the big guy with muscles who kicked sand into the face of the puny guy with the caved-in chest and the pretty girlfriend.

The little puny guy with the caved-in chest would just have

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ASK the CIS

Asbestos and cancer

Q Does exposure to asbestos cause cancer? Who is at risk?

A Working with asbestos is the major risk factor for a rare form of cancer called mesothelioma. In this disease, cancerous cells are found in the mesothelium, a protective sac that covers most of the body's internal organs.

About 2,000 new cases of mesothelioma are diagnosed in the United States each year. The disease occurs most often in older men, but it can appear in anyone. Although the disease has appeared in some people without any known exposure to asbestos, 70 to 80 percent of people with mesothelioma have worked with asbestos.

In addition to mesothelioma, asbestos exposure increases the risk for lung cancer, cancers of the larynx and kidney, and asbestosis (a persistent non-cancerous lung disease).

Asbestos is the name of a group of minerals that can be separated into thin threads and woven. Asbestos has been used widely in many industrial products, including cement, brake linings, roof shingles, flooring products, textiles, and insulation.

Today, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sets limits for

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Health Tips

Fight Cholesterol & Heart Disease Naturally

(NUE) - Reducing your cholesterol and risk for heart disease may be as easy as adding olive oil into your diet.

■ Olive oil contains monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFA), which are responsible for lowering your cholesterol level.

High cholesterol is linked to strokes, hardening of the arteries and heart attacks, so that means olive oil may help reduce the risk of heart disease, too. A study conducted in the Netherlands concluded that in controlling levels of cholesterol, a high olive oil diet was far superior to an ordinary low fat diet.

And according to a study published in the Archives of International Medicine, a diet high in MUFA from olive oil can help reduce blood pressure levels. The researchers also found that a diet containing higher amounts of olive oil can reduce or eliminate the need for medication in people with hypertension.

A possible reason olive oil lowers blood pressure is its polyphenol and oleic acid content. Polyphenols are potent antioxidants which help arteries dilate, thereby reducing blood pressure. Ten grams of extra-virgin olive oil contain 5 milligrams of polyphenols; sunflower oil has no polyphenols.

■ Antioxidants also prevent damage to blood vessels and cells by attacking free radicals that may be in your body. A constant high olive oil intake in the diet, especially extra-virgin olive oil, provides a constant supply of antioxidants, including vitamin E and polyphenols.

That extra-virgin olive oil is particularly rich in the phenolic antioxidants as well as squalene and oleic acid. These can help provide considerable protection against colon, breast and skin cancer, coronary heart disease, and aging by inhibiting oxidative stress.

So how can you increase your olive oil intake to reap the maximum health benefits? One way is to use it in all of your cooking. But most likely, you won't get enough from cooking alone. To be sure your body gets what it needs to lower your cholesterol and reduce your risk for heart disease and various types of cancer, it is recommended to take olive oil dietary supplements by OleoMed America, Inc., a company of the Pharmed Group.

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Celebrating the season

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Santa Claus, candy canes, Christmas trees, mistletoe and holly - symbols of Christmas for generations. But what do these things have to do with the birth of Jesus Christ - the true reason we celebrate the holiday?

Following are brief explanations of the origins of some of our most favored Christmas traditions.

December 25 - Christmas Day.

It is widely accepted that the birth of Jesus Christ actually occurred in the spring, as it is noted that the shepherds were in the fields with their flocks as Jesus was being born, which indicates a season of warm temperatures, otherwise the flocks would have been corralled inside. Celebrating Christ's birth in December came about as a result of an order from the early Catholic Church. Romans celebrated the birth of their sun god, or "The God of Light," Mithras, during the early winter months. It is commonly believed that they did so as a means to appease Mithras, who was "retreating" from them during this time of cold temperatures. The Romans wanted to coax their god into returning to them, thus ensuring that warmer days would appear on the horizon.

Church leaders wanted to eradicate this pagan belief, and so Liberius, Bishop of Rome, decreed that December 25 would be set aside as the day that Christians would celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, "The Light of the World." Liberius hoped that by doing so, the pagan holiday would be replaced with a Christian celebration, "Christ's Mass." And thus, "Christmas" was born.

The tradition of hanging evergreens, mistletoe and holly throughout our homes and as outdoor adornments comes from a desire to symbolize the eternal. Evergreen plants are "eternally," or "ever" green, therefore symbolizing eternal life. Mistletoe was noticed by the early Druids as remaining green and alive in the very tops of those trees who had long since dropped their leaves and become bare, thereby symbolizing the everlasting. The people of Scandinavia associated mistletoe with peace, harmony and love, giving birth to our notion of "kissing under the mistletoe."

Holly is commonly believed to have been the plant from which Jesus' "crown of thorns" was fashioned, thereby becoming a symbol of the crucified Christ. And so, even as we celebrate the birth of Christ, we reflect upon his death, and his subsequent resurrection, another reminder of the "everlasting." Legend has it that the berries of the holly were colored yellow until they were stained forevermore with His blood.

The Christmas Poinsettia is another Christmas tradition in our homes. According to a South American legend, there was once a poor little Mexican girl named Pepita that had no gift to lay at the altar of the Christ child during her village's Christmas Eve services. Saddened and disheartened by her lot in life, she unburdened her heart to her cousin, Pedro, as they walked together to the village sanctuary.

"Don't worry, Pepita," Pedro comforted his cousin, "I am sure that any gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes."

Pepita stooped by the side of the road to gather together a shabby bouquet of weeds and grasses - all that she could offer in gift to the

beloved child.

As she entered the church and approached the altar, she fought to blink back her tears. As she remembered her cousin's words, her heart was lifted as she, indeed, did present her gift as a token of love. As she knelt to lay the meager bouquet by the altar, a Christmas miracle took place - the drab weeds burst into blooms of a brilliant scarlet color! From this day on, the beautiful plant that bloomed only during the Christmas season was known as "Flores de Noche Buena," or "Flowers of the Holy Night."

The red striped candy cane, a Christmas favorite, has its origins in the Christmas story, also. In the late 1800's a candy maker in Indiana wanted to express the meaning of Christmas through a symbol of candy. He came up with the idea of bending one of his white candy sticks into the shape of a cane. To this pure white cane symbolizing Christ's purity and sinless nature, he added three small stripes to symbolize the pain inflicted upon Jesus before His death on the cross. The three stripes represent the Holy Trinity of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost. The candy maker then added one bold stripe to represent the blood Jesus shed for all mankind.

The cane, when held with the crook on top, resembles a shepherd's staff, as Jesus is the shepherd of man. When held with the crook upside down, the candy cane forms the letter "J," symbolizing the first letter in Jesus' name.

As for Santa Claus and the Christmas tree, their origins are not quite so steeped in reverence, although the original Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, was a very pious and devout Christian. St. Nicholas was born in Turkey in the 4th century. He was widely known for his generosity toward the poor. Held in contempt by the Romans, he was imprisoned and tortured, but when Constantine became emperor, he set Nicholas free. St. Nicholas was well noted for his love of children and is the patron saint of

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Small World

Truth hurts

I attended a funeral in Pikeville one day last week and found myself seated by Jackie Kidd, Arcolas Allen, Betty Porter and Adda Bea Hall. I could have gotten a story from either, I'm sure, but I was the last to sit down and it was almost time for the service to start.

There was time, however, to ask Adda Bea about Chase who is her great-grandson. She said he came in a few days ago and asked why she didn't get some makeup to cover her wrinkles.

She said, "Chase, there's not a makeup that would cover these wrinkles." He thought about that for a while then sug-

gested, "Have you ever thought of a face lift?"

It's little boys like Chase that keep old women like us on our toes.

Wise words

Children like Chase are wonderful to talk with because they are so candid. A few more years will make a difference as they will learn to be more guarded in their observations. Maybe we envy them a little in that they can say what they think and get away with it in the name of innocence.

Someone sent an e-mail message a few weeks back about some views expressed by a group of other young children, and I'd

like to share a few of their comments.

"Love is that first feeling you feel before all the bad stuff gets in the way."

"No persons really decide before they grow up who they will marry. God decides it all way in advance, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with."

"How can a stranger tell if two people are married? You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids."

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."

"Love is when my mommy makes cof-

fee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."

"To make marriage work, tell your wife she's pretty, even if she looks like a truck."

Congratulations!

This column is submitted to the paper on Friday and this is the day our Prestonsburg Blackcats are playing in the championship game at Cardinal Stadium in Louisville. At this point, I don't know the final score but I do know this team has made Floyd County and the region proud. They deserve—and have—our good wishes and congratulations for one terrific season.



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Contributing
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Allen Central Middle School and Youth Service Center

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

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

Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Telephone: 874-0621
■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

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

Clark Elementary

■ 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.

Prestonsburg High School

■ The Prestonsburg High School SBDM Council will have its regular meeting on Thursday, Dec. 6, 6:00 p.m. in the library.

■ 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.

■ 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.

Poison

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to sit and take it, and his girlfriend would have little black lines drawn across her face, indicating that she was embarrassed. But not to worry! The little guy with the caved-in chest was, no doubt, a funny book reader, too, because he discovered the Charles Atlas ad and mailed in his coupon.

Then, in the last frame, in what appeared to have been an instant transformation but in real life probably took up to four or five days, the little guy would still have this same ole head, but now it sat atop a body just like the first guy with all the muscles, except even better. Then when the first guy would come along kicking sand, the once-puny guy would jump up and mash his mouth. The once-puny guy's girlfriend would sit and smile proudly.

I'd sit and look at the picture of Charles Atlas flexing his muscles and wearing his leopard-skin

trunks, and try to imagine my ten-year-old head on his body and wonder if it'd be worth the effort on my part to try to raise enough money to pay for the course and send off for it myself. I can't remember what it would have cost me, but I do remember thinking that I'd have to gather up a right smart bit of pop bottles and scrap iron before I could ever come up with that much.

Somewhere along the way, through, I guess I lost interest in developing my own personal caved-in chest and apparently pursued other interests. (Incidentally, my caved-in chest sort of took care of itself. It dropped.) I guess it worked out okay, however, because I still got the pretty girl, and about the only muscles I ever need anymore, anyway, are the ones in my thumb that I use on the remote control when I channel hop.

Our Yesterdays

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

Ten Years Ago (December 4 and 6, 1991)

Three-and-a-half days of steady rain pushed Floyd County streams out of their banks. Monday, and swelled the Big Sandy River to within five feet of flood stage in Prestonsburg, Tuesday. The Big Sandy was expected to crest at 7 p.m. Tuesday, at 35.4 feet. Flood stage is 40 feet...Johnson Circuit Judge James A. Knight will serve as special judge in a civil suit contesting the outcome of the November 5 election for seats on Prestonsburg's City Council. Knight had set no hearing date on the issue by presstime, Tuesday, but said it would be possible to conduct a preliminary hearing this month...Wet weather and high water made a Floyd County Housing Authority meeting doubtful Monday, but a quorum of the board managed to make it to the office at Green Acres. The special meeting of the board was called to approve the authority's 1992 operating budget before the December 15 deadline....The first wave of a state Office of Education Accountability review of the Floyd County school system is expected to arrive in Prestonsburg this week. Dr. Penney Sanders, head of the Office of Education Accountability (OEA), said Monday that OEA investigators will be in Floyd County this week to talk with school officials about matters that "are currently under review in Floyd County." She declined to elaborate on specific issues, and she would neither confirm nor deny that the scope of the investigation would be broadened after the initial review was completed....A 30-year-old Johnson County woman was struck by a vehicle Saturday night on Route 23, after attempting to cross the highway at a local lounge. Tammy Hensley of Wittensville was hit by a car driven by Glenda Howard of David, at approximately 7:30 p.m., at the Mountaineer Lounge near Prestonsburg, said Floyd County deputy Lloyd Powers. Hensley suffered a head injury and was taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center...The engraving on 72-year-old William Hurstle Gibson's congressional medal reads—Remember Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, "A Day That Will Live In Infamy," Act of Congress, 1990. This is the inscription found on the Congressional Medal for Veterans of the Attack of Pearl Harbor presented by Senator Wendell Ford to William H. Gibson on behalf of the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Association of Kentucky...There died: Dick Burchett, 72, of Endicott, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Burt Gearheart, 79, of Hi Hat, Monday, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington; Edward "Frog" Bentley, 67, of Wabash, Indiana, Sunday, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne; Hollie LeMaster, 77, of Wittensville, formerly of Martin, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Homer Gene Mullins, 27, of Mansville, Massachusetts, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, at his residence; Goldie Osborne, 89, of Lexington, formerly of Eastern, Wednesday, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington; Charles Eugene Hall, 45, of Beaver, Saturday, at the U.K. Medical Center; Kathleen "Moore" Lee, 58, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Wayland, Wednesday, in Marion; Michael D. Gilliam, seven-month-old infant, Monday, at Cabell-Huntington

Hospital; Ernest Crisp Jr., 44, of Wayland, Saturday, at the Veterans Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia; Betty Jean Simpson Cooper, 64, of Drift, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Fred Bingham, 78, of Louisville, Sunday, at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville; Paul Edwin Compton, 33, of Weeksbury, December 2, at McDowell A.R.H.; George Parsons, 69, of Drift, Monday, at his residence; Estill Cox, 82, of Jenkins, Thursday, at the Wolfe County Nursing Home in Campton.

Twenty Years Ago (December 9, 1981)

Explosion a half-mile inside a Knott County hillside mine claimed the lives of eight miners, one of whom was a Floyd County man, Keith Crager, 25, of Hueysville...Tony Baril, accused of murder, won his freedom after more than 3 years in prison while his case was wandering through the courts...Two Floyd men and a third Pike County man, were arrested as members of an auto theft ring, after 10 luxury-type cars had been recovered in Pike County...John Hall was arrested by state police after he allegedly shot his wife, Verna Cantrell Hall, once in the chest at their residence...There died: Lula Mullins Patton, 71, of Garrett, Tuesday, at her residence; Elsie T. Whitaker, 79, of Middle Creek Road, last Monday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Bonnie B. Bottomley, 52, of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Michigan; Ethel Gravely Heinze, 92, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; John Kidd, 90, of Printer, last Saturday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Nannie J. Spears, 69, of Honaker, last Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Keith Crager, 25, of Hueysville, Monday, in an explosion at Adkins Mining Company mine at Topmost; John C. Janow, 62, of Eastern, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Paul "Catfish" Pittman, 47, of Louisville, formerly of Wayland, last Thursday, at Veteran's Hospital in Lexington; Birdie G. Parks, 77, of Harrisburg, Penn., formerly of Floyd County, December 3, in Pennsylvania; Ida Bentley Shumake, 56, of Flatwoods, formerly of Virgie, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; and Charlie Lee Conn, 86, of Dana, last Friday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago (December 9, 1971)

Outgoing Commissioner of Highways B. E. King, last week, officially earmarked approximately \$600,000 for the construction of a poured concrete bridge at Emma...A liquor raid staged early Saturday evening at Wayland by Floyd deputy sheriffs was accompanied by gunfire and was followed by what officers described as an attack in which rifle and pistol bullets were fired into an auto occupied by two of the deputies...Work on a solid-waste disposal plan for Floyd and Pike counties will begin, soon after Jan. 1, and is scheduled for com-

pletion within four months...The new Floyd County Comprehensive Health Service's board of directors met last Friday to make suggested revisions in its application for interim operating funds, and since the changes were made to comply with the Office of Health Affairs suggestions, it is believed that renewal of the program will soon win approval...There died: Judge Edward P. Hill Sr., 88, former official and political leader in this county, Saturday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; George Prater, 88, of Garrett, Saturday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Amanda Langdon May, 91, Tuesday, at Mt. Manor; Gladys C. Ellison, 52, formerly of this county, Nov. 20, in Lima, O.; Tom J. Mullins, 76, of Hi Hat, Friday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Basil Mullins, 71, of Auxier, Sunday at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Ruth Scalf Clark O'Neil, 90, Friday, at Manton; Jack Pearson, 28, last Wednesday, in a car wreck, near Louisa.

Forty Years Ago (December 7, 1961)

Scores of east Kentucky mine operators beat a path to Orville Adkins' Goose Creek mine Friday to see the Mighty Miner, a new coal cutting machine. According to its promoters, the machine can undercut a 12-foot room in 55 minutes...The Eastern Kentucky's alcoholism information office, third to be established in the state's current program to combat alcoholism, began operation here...Clive Akers became that first of the county officials elected at the November polls to take office when he was sworn in Monday as tax commissioner...The Floyd County PTA Council at its meeting this evening, at Drift, will make major policy decisions on a number of issues, including a 35-cent tax levy, enforcement of compulsory attendance laws, the need of a junior college at Prestonsburg, and an area vocational school...There died: Thelma Wells, 47, of Auxier, after a long illness; John Crum, 21, formerly of this county, in an auto accident in Ohio; Versie Damron Case, 38, of Honaker; Webb Mann, 73, retired miner, of Martin; Rev. Joe M. Smith, of Tram, Freewill Baptist minister for 40 years.

Fifty Years Ago (December 6, 1951)

Floyd courts are growing impatient with witnesses who play hooky, and within the week, seven have been held in contempt of court by Circuit Judge Edw. P. Hill and County Judge Henry Stumbo...Organization of a sportsman's group in Floyd and adjoining counties to promote the development of Dewey Lake and the surrounding area will be the purpose of a dinner meeting at the Lakeview Inn at the Brandy Keg dock site, Thursday evening, Dec. 20, it was announced here this week...Elbie Gayheart, 25-year-old Orkney man, was instantly killed Monday by a slatefall in the mine of the

(See YESTERDAYS, page three)

New Arrivals



It's a girl!
Dakota Del-Brice John-son, the infant daughter of Delmas and Christy Johnson, of Hi Hat, was born on October 1, 2001, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She weighed 5 lbs., 12 oz. She is the granddaughter of Delmas and Joyce Johnson, of Wheelwright, Gary and Loretta Tackett, of Hi Hat and Rebecca Mullins, of Ashland.

It's a boy!

Braydon Joseph Keathley was born on Sunday, October 28, 2001, at 1:35 p.m. to Tammy and Randy Keathley. He weighed 7 lbs., 11.3 oz., and measured 20 and 1/4 inches in length. He is the maternal grandson of T.J. and Margaret Boyd, of Harold, and the paternal grandson of Betty Conley, of Prestonsburg, and Wallace Keathley, of Garrett. Braydon has one sister, Brandy.



Happy Birthday



Brothers celebrate

birthdays at McDonald's

Christian Anthony and Brandon Scott Goble, the sons of Tony and Jolean Goble, of Abbott Creek, recently celebrated their birthdays with a party held at McDonald's PlayPlace in Pikeville. Brandon turned 5 years old on October 31, and Christian turned 6 years old on November 5. The boys are the maternal grandsons of Edward Wallen, of David, and the late Annie Lue Wallen, and the late Earl Hackworth. They are the paternal grandsons of Earl and Wanda McGuire Duncan, of Abbott Creek, and Billy Goble, of Prestonsburg. The boys have two younger siblings, Cameron Jacob, and Caitlyn Leighann.



Celebrates first birthday!

Skylar Alyssa Hackworth celebrated her first birthday on November 10, 2001 at her home in Prestonsburg. Skylar is the daughter of Lonnie and Missy Hackworth. She is the granddaughter of Gold and Betty Slone and Homer and Lydia Hackworth, all of Prestonsburg. Skylar celebrated her special day with a "Snoopy" theme birthday party and a host of family and friends.

Yesterdays

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Edgemont Fuel Company at McDowell...Special services of dedication will be observed at the Methodist Church in Betsy Layne, Sunday morning...John Delmar Hughes, 16-year-old Prestonsburg high school football standout, has been named at the quarterback post on the Courier-Journal's all-state grid eleven...There died: Alex Conn, 87, Wednesday, at his home on Mare Creek; Jonathan H. Fitzpatrick, 69, formerly of this county, Nov. 29, at his home at Lexington; Corzettia Newsome Osborne, 58, Tuesday, at her home at Dony; Delilah C. Dotson Merritt, 81, formerly of Floyd County, Saturday, at Cheshire, Ohio.

Sixty Years Ago (December 4, 1941)

Six members of Prestonsburg City Council took office, including a woman for the first time. Taking the oath of office were: Mrs. Ethel Heinze, Burl Spurlock, Byron Nunnery, Fred G. Francis, Curtis Clark and J.H. Nunnery. Epp Lafferty was reappointed chief of police here...The Floyd County Board of Education voted to construct an eight-room grade school at Betsy Layne next year, at an estimated cost of \$40,000...As a part of its new pumping plant at Dwale went into operation, the Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company began stringing pipe for a 10-inch line to connect its Dwale and Maytown compressor stations...A U.M.W.A. representative said the union would demand refunds of any deductions from miners' pay for the three days they were absent from work last week. The miners walked out during a dispute over a closed shop contract for captive mines...Manuel Slone, 58, of Paintsville, died in an auto wreck near Maytown.

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children.

Our modern day spelling of "Santa Claus" is a derivative of the Dutch spelling, "Sint Nikolaas," which later became "Sinterklaas," and finally, in Anglican, to Santa Claus.

The Christmas Tree originated in Germany in the 16th century. It was commonly an evergreen tree that was decorated with roses, apples, and colored paper. It is held that in the middle ages, "Paradise Plays" were common that portrayed the story of Adam and Eve. The "Paradise Tree" was the centerpiece of the stage props, being the tree from which Eve would "pluck" her apple. These plays were later banned, as immoral behavior began to develop, but folks continued to display their "paradise trees" in their homes once a year. Some scholars believe that this was the origin of what later became the Christmas tree.

As you can see, most of our Christmas traditions are symbols reflecting in some way the life of Christ. Christmas can be celebrated in many ways, through the incorporation of generations old traditions, or by adopting new traditions of your own. Many of today's families are opting to reject the modern-day commercialism of Christmas and forego the Christmas tree, gift exchange, and stuffing of stockings. These families are forging new traditions such as celebrating the day with meals of shredded wheat cereal (to symbolize the hay in the manger), dates and figs, and angel food "birthday" cake.

Whatever your inclination, celebrating in traditional style or creating your own traditions to celebrate, be sure to celebrate a Christmas season of peace, harmony and "goodwill to all" this year.

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acceptable levels of asbestos exposure in the workplace. People who work with asbestos wear protective equipment to lower their risk of exposure.

There is some evidence that family members and others living with asbestos workers have an increased risk of developing asbestos-related disease. This risk may be the result of exposure to asbestos dust brought home on the worker's clothing and hair. For this reason, asbestos workers usually are required to shower and change clothing before leaving the

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Encouraging thoughts for today

Five simple steps to happiness:

1. Free your heart from hate.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

■ No one can go back and make a brand new start, but anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

■ God didn't promise days without pain, laughter w/o sorrow, sun w/o rain, but He did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears and light for the way.

■ Disappointments are like road bumps; they slow you down a bit, but you enjoy the smooth road afterwards. Don't stay on the bumps too long...move on!!

■ When you feel down because you didn't get what you wanted, just sit tight and be happy, because God has thought of something better to give you.

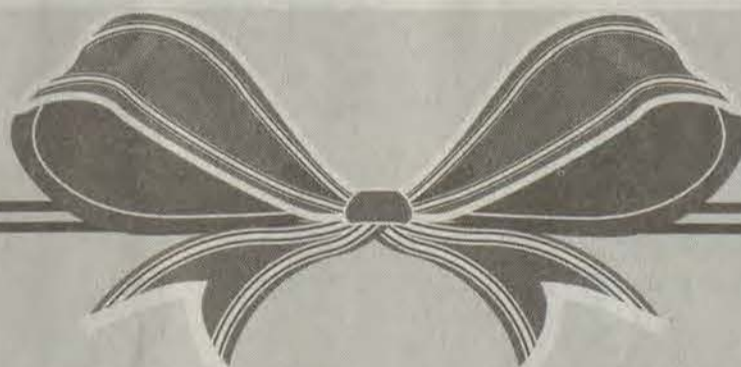
■ When something happens to you, good or bad, consider what it means. There's a purpose to life's events, to teach you how to laugh more or not to cry too hard.

■ It's better to lose your pride to the ones you love, than to lose the ones you love because of pride.

■ We spend too much time looking for the right people to love or finding fault with those we already love, when instead we should be perfecting the love we give.

- Never abandon an old friend. You will never find one who can take their place. Friendship is like wine: it gets better as it grows older.
- Make new friends, but keep the old: One is silver and the other gold.

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Business / Professions

The importance of asset allocation

Asset allocation is the key element that determines investment success.

major asset classes, stocks, bonds, and cash equivalents—determines whether a portfolio performs in line with an investor's financial goals.

Why asset allocation works

Studies have shown that portfolios with investments spread

among the three major asset classes perform better and pose less risk than those that concentrate heavily on a single asset type.

goals, as well as your tolerance for risk and time horizon. For example, because a young person saving for retirement has more time to recover from market downturns...

fuse asset allocation with diversification. Asset allocation refers to the process of dividing your investments among the three asset classes...

one asset category appreciates more than another, the balance of your asset allocation will shift out of alignment.

If, for example, stocks in your equity account outperform other investments, they may represent far more than your original target allocation...

In this case, selling stocks and reinvesting in bonds or cash can bring your portfolio back to its proper balance.

Some experts recommend that you monitor and rebalance your asset allocation whenever one category fluctuates by 5 to 10 percent...

Asset allocation is the key

Asset allocation is the most important decision long-term investors are likely to make. If you need help formulating an asset allocation plan...

Our Lady of the Way Hospital receives ACR MRI accreditation

Our Lady of the Way Hospital's MRI service provided by Diagnostic Radiology Services has been awarded accreditation in MRI as a result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

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To each their own asset mix

To determine what percentage of your investment dollars should be put into each of the three investment categories, you need to consider your investment

Allocation and diversification go together

Many investors tend to con-

Rebalance your asset allocation

Like many other financial tasks, asset allocation is not something you can do once and then forget.

Margin trading: The good, the bad and the ugly

Margin trading allows investors to buy securities by borrowing money from a broker. When done prudently, buying stocks on margin can increase an investor's purchasing power...

DREADED MARGIN CALL

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the firm lent you and collect the interest due.

THE UGLY: LOSING MONEY WITHOUT WARNING

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WEB TOOLS HELP MARGIN INVESTORS

To help investors understand the risks associated with trading on margin, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

earlier this year introduced a web-based Margin Calculator that provides tools for quantifying margin investment costs and risks.

The Leverage Effect calculator compares your potential gain or loss from a change in a stock's price, depending on the amount of money borrowed.

The Margin Cost calculator helps compute the cost of margin interest.

The Risk of Margin Call calculator estimates the likelihood, based on up-to-date historical data, that you will receive a margin call during the coming months.

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THE BAD: GETTING THE

CONDUCT A TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

How to find the right technology help for your small business

Information technology has made it possible for smaller companies and home-based businesses to compete more effectively.

CONDUCT A TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

Involve staff at all levels to iden-

tify company needs. For example, do you need systems development and/or administration, software support and training...

EVALUATE APPLICANTS' TECHNICAL ABILITIES

Get applicants to speak specifically about the projects they have managed in the past.

FOCUS ON INDIVIDUALS WITH STRONG, GENERIC SKILLS

If you're like most small business owners, you'll want a technology consultant or employee who can wear many different IT hats.

You may want to consider contacting an individual who holds the Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) designation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

ASSESS COMMUNICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT STYLE

IT professionals should be able to communicate technical knowledge in a style and manner that you and your staff can understand.

BE CLEAR ABOUT RESOURCES AND STAFFING

Let the IT person you retain or hire know up front which staff members he or she will work with closely.

CHECK REFERENCES

Don't be shy about asking for and checking references. You'll want to validate the facts and experience presented by the IT professional and get a handle on the individual's strengths and weaknesses.

Finally, CPAs point out that once you hire or retain an IT specialist, it's important to engage that person with the management team as soon as possible.

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Reds, TriHealth to hold pitching clinic

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

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**The Staff:
Lonie Soloff, MPT:**

Lonnie attended St. Louis University where he earned a master of physical therapy and a bachelor of science in exercise science. Lonnie enters his fourth year as the physical therapist for the Cincinnati Reds and a staff therapist at TriHealth. Lonnie's professional interests range from advanced rehabilitation techniques of the shoulder, knee, and elbow to performance enhancement in the higher-level athlete. He has taken an active role in teaching orthopedics and sports medicine, which has enabled him to give inservices, prepare lectures and participate in research studies.

Lonnie has been integral in the rehabilitation of professional athletes such as Denny Neagle (Colorado Rockies), Mark Wohlers (New York Yankees) and Scott Williamson (Cincinnati Reds).

Lori Berick, MHS, PT:

Lori attended the University of Indianapolis where she earned a master of health sci-

ence in physical therapy and Bowling Green State University where she earned a bachelor of science in physical therapy. Lori has over 13 years clinical experience in physical therapy, with special emphasis in orthopedics and sports medicine. Lori has a strong background in manual skills of the extremities and spine.

Lori has spent the past four years working with the Cincinnati Reds performing spring training physicals and guiding rehabilitation programs at the TriHealth Evendale clinic. Lori has taken an active role in teaching the rehabilitation and performance enhancement of the overhead athlete, which has enabled her to give inservices and lectures to her colleagues on the sub-

Sara Doeren, PT:

Sara attended St. Louis University where she earned a bachelor of science in physical therapy. Sara has over six years of clinical experience in orthopedics and sports medicine with special emphasis on the overhead athlete.

Sara has spent the past four years working with the Cincinnati Reds performing spring training physicals and guiding the minor league rehabilitation at the TriHealth Evendale clinic. Sara has taken an active role in teaching sports medicine of the over-

head athlete, which has enabled her to give inservices and lectures to her colleagues and participate in research on the subject.

Nick Kenney, A.T., C.:

Nick earned a bachelor of science degree in sports medicine from Wilmington College. He is an experienced athletic trainer with over eight years of clinical experience specializing in orthopedic sports medicine with emphasis on the professional athlete.

For the last seven years, he has served as the head athletic trainer for the Cincinnati Cyclones professional hockey club. Nick is presently the program manager for the Sports Medicine division of TriHealth.

Mark Mann, A.T., C.:

Mark earned a bachelor of science in sports medicine from Northern Kentucky University. Mark has served the Cincinnati Reds as assistant athletic trainer for seven years. Prior to joining the Reds at the Major League level, he spent three years in the minor leagues with the Reds and Pittsburgh Pirates.

A pitcher himself in high school and college, Mark was drafted by the Reds in 1990. When a shoulder injury ended his career, Marke decided to pursue his studies at NKU. Mark spends the offseason

working in the TriHealth Optimal Performance program and as a clinician at the Evendale clinic.

Program dates and location:

January 2 through February 13, 2002
TriHealth Sports Medicine Clinic at Sportsplus Complex Evendale, Ohio

Program specific training:

- Athletic Education
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Payment must be post-marked no later than December 15, 2001. The course is limited to the first 20 applicants. There will be no refunds once payment has been received. Along with payment, the applicant must include the name, address and phone number of the referring coach or scout.

The course will be held on January 2-February 13, 2002 at the TriHealth Sports Medicine Clinic at Sportsplus Complex, Evendale, OH.

The Performance Pitcher specific pitcher training is intended for high school juniors or seniors, collegiate pitchers and professional pitchers only.

Herd QB wins Vern Smith Award

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CLEVELAND, Ohio - Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich, who was also honored as the Mid-American Conference's Offensive Player of the Year, was named the 2001 Vern Smith Leadership Award winner at the MAC football championship luncheon Friday afternoon in Toledo, Ohio.

The award is emblematic of the best football player in the MAC and is voted on by all 13 MAC head coaches and 26 selected media members representing the league's 13 schools. The award is named for former University of Toledo Athletics Director Vern Smith.

Leftwich, a junior, is having a record setting season in leading the Thundering Herd to a 10-1 record and 10 wins in a row. The Herd is also ranked No. 18 in this week's USA TODAY/ESPN Coaches Poll and No. 20 in the Associated Press poll.

Leftwich leads the MAC in passing efficiency with a 166.2 rating, having completed 283-of-418 pass attempts for 3,711 yards, 34 touchdowns and just six interceptions. He needs just 89 yards in Friday's MAC Championship game to set a new single season MAC record. Leftwich already holds the league's standard for total offense in a season with his 3,804 yards gained this year.

Leftwich ranks third nationally in passing efficiency and his 34 TD passes are second nationally. He could also tie the league single season record with five more touchdown passes.

Leftwich is a Heisman candidate and was among those listed as a semifinalist by The Football News as its national Offensive Player of the Year. He joins Chad Pennington and Randy Moss, now both in the NFL with the Jets and Vikings, respectively, as Marshall players to win

the award.

Marshall has already accepted a berth in the GMAC Bowl to be held Dec. 19 in Mobile, Ala.

Leftwich received 25 of the 37 votes cast. Also receiving notice was Toledo running back Chester Taylor (9), Bowling Green defensive lineman Brandon Hicks (1), Northern Illinois quarterback Chris Finlen (1) and Ohio punter Dave Zastudil (1).

Also nominated by their respective institution for the Vern Smith Leadership Award were Zac Derr, Akron; Rachman Crable, Ball State; Chris Shelly, Buffalo; Terrence Jackson, Central Michigan; Scott Russell, Eastern Michigan; James Harrison, Kent State; Ben Roethlisberger, Miami; and Ronald Rogers, Western Michigan.

Allen Central Middle downs Adams in B-Team action

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

Allen Central basketball looks bright for the future. The Little Rebels looked strong in handling the Blackcats of Adams Middle School on Monday night by a score of 55-15. Ryan Collins led the Rebels with 21 points and Tyler Stone added six to pace Allen Central. The Rebels led 24-5 at the half and never looked back in posting the win.

Wes Hall and Carmen Maines both pushed in three points. Also, in C-Team action, Allen Central defeated Adams 23-15. Alex Hammonds led the Rebels with eight points, and John Hicks, with seven. Jody Tackett and Seth Setser each had five points apiece for Adams.

Showdown

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ningest coach in the state with 292 career victories.

Thomas Martin watched the Prestonsburg-Bardstown game. He was in the company of both Bardstown and Prestonsburg fans. His father's accomplishments speak for themselves and they speak loudly. His father was a fan of Floyd County athletics. "Dad loved Floyd County," said Thomas Martin. "He accomplished so much at Bardstown, but he always remembered Wayland and Floyd County."

In Martin's time at

Bardstown his football teams captured three state championships in addition to numerous district and regional championships in football and other sports he was involved with. Garnis Martin was likely looking on as the Bardstown Tigers were able to defeat Prestonsburg for their first state championship in over two decades. It's very likely Garnis Martin was smiling as two familiar towns prepared to trips to the state finals. It's very likely Garnis Martin was happy.

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