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Board mulls what's wrong with scores

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

GRETHEL — Teachers say it isn't their fault, according to Ruth Patterson, Prestonsburg High School special education instructor, and central office personnel are "working hard" toward "continuous progress," according to Joyce Watson,

director of instruction, so just what is the problem with the Floyd County educational system?

Board member Earl M. "Mickey" McGuire wants to know.

Citing data from recently released state testing results, McGuire expressed frustration at Monday evening's regular scheduled meeting in regard to why Floyd

County schools continue to rank in the lower spectrum in standardized testing results.

"I just don't understand," he said. "Something is wrong. Why can't we tell the public what's wrong? And didn't anyone see this coming?"

Watson replied that the district did, in fact, see it coming and that they "offered

services" in an attempt to deflect the oncoming poor showings. However, Watson also informed the board that five of the district's schools — Adams Middle School, Allen Central Middle School, South Floyd Middle School, May Valley Elementary School and McDowell

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briefs

Planning time brought to board's attention

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

GRETHEL — Dani Smith, former president of the Floyd County Education Association, addressed the Floyd County Board of Education Monday evening to ask members to support Floyd County teachers by way of helping them to protect teacher planning time.

According to Smith, teacher planning time is in need of being protected from "constant meetings and interruptions." The FCEA asked the board to ensure that each third Wednesday of each month be kept "meeting-free throughout the district."

Smith informed the board that "a plan needs to be in place for handling of extra time (flex time) for certified personnel" and that this plan should be "in place by the next board meeting."

Smith also said that teachers have commented to her that they "are asked to do more every day, but yet with less

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REPUBLICANS RALLY



photo by Margaret Morgan

Candidate for Lt. Governor Steve Pence greeted Paintsville Mayor Doug Pugh at a Republican rally at Bull Creek Trade Center at Watergap Saturday. Looking on was Linda Greenwell, who is running on the Republican ticket for state auditor. Republicans, beaming over recent poll results showing their gubernatorial slate with a solid lead in the final days before the election, took advantage of the cushion to rally in the state's most Democratic county.



The Republican party saw a good number of supporters come out Saturday to Bull Creek Trade Center at Watergap for a rally that offered live music, food and guest speakers running for election in next week's statewide election.

photo by Sheldon Compton

Silt pond overflows in Martin

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A Martin coal processing plant spent much of Monday morning with mining inspectors explaining how an as-of-yet unspecified amount of coal silt overflowed from one of the plant's silt ponds and into Left Beaver Creek, leaving the water gray-black

as a result. Martin Processing Company, a coal processing plant near the forks of Right and Left Beaver Creeks in Martin, declined to make an official comment on the spill Monday, saying only that one of the company's five silt ponds had overflowed during the night due

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photo by Sheldon Compton

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Officer Neil Jackson snapped pictures of Beaver Creek Monday from a bridge in Martin. Jackson and other Fish and Wildlife officers were on hand to check the waters for dead fish or other wildlife that might have been affected by runoff that spilled from a silt pond at Martin Processing Company earlier that morning.

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Today
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Bus system gains prominence

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Forty-five years after being the site of the nation's worst school bus disaster, Floyd County school buses are receiving national attention once again, this time for safety and efficiency.

The Floyd County Department of School Bus Transportation has

been put on a national map, thanks to director Karen Johnson, who is featured in an October article in School Bus Fleet Magazine, a national publication regarding the school bus industry.

The article, a presentation of the "5th Annual Great Fleets Across America" includes information about "the very best of what student transportation has to offer" in each

of the 50 states. Several beneficial qualities of various school transportation departments throughout the United States are indicated in the article, including programs, employee enthusiasm, safety practices and cost cutting strategies. Noting that the success of the Floyd County

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Jarrell manslaughter sentence upheld

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Kentucky Supreme Court offered an opinion yesterday upholding the 2002 conviction of 39-year-old George "Andy" Jarrell, the Stone Coal man who

shot and killed his cousin, Bill J. Jarrell, on Oct. 6, 2000, while the two were working on the construction of a home along Daniel's Creek.

The Supreme Court affirmed Jarrell's 20-year

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Leanna Hall, a fourth-grade student at Betsy Layne Elementary, won The Floyd County Times' "Color Me Drug-Free" coloring contest. She is the daughter of Richard and Faye Hall, of Dana. She is shown receiving her prize, a Wal-Mart gift card, from Times Editor Ralph B. Davis.

photo by Sheldon Compton



McGuire objects to school board creating new 'litigation' committee

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

GRETHEL — The Floyd County Board of Education will soon have a new committee — the Board Litigation Committee — its purpose being, primarily, to reduce future legal costs to the district.

Board Chair Carol Stumbo recommended the establishment of the committee after consulting with the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky School Boards Association, and Kevin Noland, deputy commissioner for KDE.

Stumbo had received a letter from

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Odds & Ends

■ LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. — Few people enjoy bathroom humor as much as Mary Frazier Long. The 71-year-old retired schoolteacher often gets phone calls from strangers, looking to share a few dirty jokes of their own.

That's because Long has spent almost 20 years collecting photos, stories, jokes and interesting information about outhouses, which are fast becoming a thing of the past, she said.

"The first thing people tear down when they're moving up is the privy. By the 1990s, there

were few left in Gwinnett County," she said.

In 1984, Long and her husband, Dean, published a book called "Old Georgia Privies," with photographs of Georgian outhouses, accompanied by pertinent poems and sayings.

When she retired a decade later, the Lawrenceville resident began lecturing around the state to civic clubs and church groups. She donates fees from her talk, titled "Privies Pursuits," and profits from book sales to scholarship funds.

Long also has documented presidential privies, historic privies, ancient privies and European privies.

At a German castle, she learned that the outhouse opened onto a moat below, "making moats more dangerous than we ever thought."

Long said she's learned more about outhouses than she ever wanted to know and offers this sage advice: "Don't ever site your privy under an apple tree, because all those apples dropping on you will break your concentration."

■ ARLINGTON, Wash. — Corky and Pumpkin were together when they were seized by agents in a drug raid at the Canadian border. Together, they were nursed back to health.

This week, the two black bears will leave the Sarvey Wildlife Center together to join more than 600 creatures at the nonprofit Wild Animal Orphanage in San Antonio.

"They went through the abuse together and are bonded to each other," Sarvey volunteer Jeff Guidry said. "When something is happening to one, the other gets very upset and tries to defend. They're absolutely inseparable."

The bears were seized Jan. 27 when U.S. Customs agents found 166 pounds of marijuana in a trailer carrying the bears at the border crossing in Blaine on Jan. 27.

At the time, the bears weighed 300 to 400 pounds, rather than the normal 200 to 300, because they had been fed whole turkeys. They couldn't climb and their teeth and claws were broken.

After months of eating fruits, vegetables, berries and breads, each has lost more than 100 pounds. Both have shiny coats and are energetic and playful, Guidry said.

During the drug raid, agents arrested Duane Christopher Bradley of Abbotsford, British Columbia, who pleaded guilty in July to conspiracy to distribute marijuana and was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison.

At the time of his arrest, Bradley told investigators he was taking the bears to Hollywood for a movie.

■ GRANT, Idaho — These spuds make good spirits.

A little vodka operation in the heart of Idaho's potato country found itself in rare company with last week's release of the 2003 International Review of Spirits.

Silver Creek Distillers' Blue Ice Vodka was given a 93 rating — second only to the Stolichnaya from Russia and Monopolowa from Austria, each with a score of 94.

Silver Creek's other potato vodka, Teton Glacier, received a 92 rating and earned a gold medal.

The results are a pretty sure sign that Idaho potatoes have what it takes to make world-

class vodka, said Gray Ottley, Silver Creek's director of strategic planning and customer relations.

Blue Ice is ready to launch a major marketing campaign in the coming year.

"They haven't branded the product yet," Ottley said. "Right now it's just vodka in a pretty bottle."

■ SALT LAKE CITY — A cab driver who shuttled a man to and from a U.S. Bank branch is getting a \$2,000 reward.

That's because he pointed authorities to his client who, police said, robbed the bank Nov. 12.

The cab driver's informa-

tion alone didn't do the trick.

Five months later, the U.S. Bank branch was robbed again. Information from another witness let police to the same suspect, Salt Lake County Deputy Sheriff Peggy Faulkner said.

The suspect, Steven Early, has been charged in federal court in the two bank robberies.

The second witness also is getting a \$2,000 reward, police said.

Faulkner said these are examples of how the public can assist law enforcement.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 29, the 302nd day of 2003. There are 63 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 29, 1929, "Black Tuesday" descended upon the New York Stock Exchange. Prices collapsed amid panic selling and thousands of investors were wiped out as America's "Great Depression" began.

On this date:

■ In 1682, the founder of Pennsylvania, William Penn, landed at what is now Chester, Pa.

■ In 1901, President McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, was electrocuted.

■ In 1911, American newspaperman Joseph Pulitzer died in Charleston, S.C.

■ In 1923, the Republic of Turkey was proclaimed.

■ In 1947, former first lady Frances Cleveland Preston died in Baltimore at age 83.

■ In 1956, during the Suez Canal crisis, Israel launched an invasion of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

■ In 1956, "The Huntley-Brinkley Report" premiered as NBC's nightly television newscast, replacing "The Camel News Caravan."

■ In 1964, thieves made off with the Star of India and other gems from the American

Museum of Natural History in New York. (The Star and most of the other gems were recovered; three men were convicted of stealing them.)

■ In 1966, the National Organization for Women was founded.

■ In 1967, the counter-culture musical "Hair" opened off-Broadway.

Ten years ago:

President Clinton, speaking at the Kennedy presidential library in Boston, promoted the North American Free Trade Agreement, saying President Kennedy would have supported it. A group of U.S. luge athletes was attacked by right-wing skinheads in Oberhof, Germany.

Five years ago:

Sen. John Glenn, at age 77, roared back into space aboard the shuttle Discovery, retracing the trail he'd blazed for America's astronauts 36 years earlier. The government cleared the powerful drug tamoxifen as a way for healthy women at very high risk of breast cancer to cut their odds of getting a tumor. South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission condemned both apartheid and violence committed by the African National Congress. Sixty-three people were killed when fire broke out during a disco party in Goteborg, Sweden.

One year ago:

The federal government filed charges against Washington sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad under a 1946 extortion law that could bring the death penalty, accusing him of a murderous plot to get \$10 million. In Minneapolis, a memorial service for the late Sen. Paul Wellstone turned into a virtual political rally as friends and relatives urged Minnesotans to honor his memory by putting a Democrat in his seat.

Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Lee Clayton is 61. Rock musician Denny Laine is 59. Singer Melba Moore is 58. Musician Peter Green is 57. Actor Richard Dreyfuss is 56. Actress Kate Jackson is 55. Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne is 52. Country musician Steve Kellough (Wild Horses) is 46. Singer Randy Jackson is 42. Rock musician Peter Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 38. Actress Joely Fisher is 36. Rapper Paris is 36. Rock singer SA (311) is 33. Musician Toby Smith is 33. Actress Winona Ryder is 32. Actress Tracee Ellis Ross is 31. Actor Trevor Lissauer is 30. Actor Brendan Fehr is 26.

Thought for Today:

"Who, I ask you, can take, dare take, on himself the rights, the duties, the responsibilities of another human soul?" — Elizabeth Cady Stanton, American feminist (1815-1902).

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Inquiries should be directed to: THOMAS W. KEETH, Community Development Manager
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Bus system

School Bus Transportation Department as a "reflection of its leader," the article praises the Floyd County system for emphasizing safety through education of students, training of employees and for beginning the incentive of reducing the amount of "stop-arm runners" throughout the county.

"We're very pleased," said Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning. "It's a great honor to represent not only statewide, but on the national level. This recognition is certainly well deserved by very humble people who go out and work in all kinds of weather and work hard at it."

Fanning went on to say, as does the article, that Johnson's hard work has helped create stronger cohesion within the transportation department.

"Her work ethic certainly can never be challenged," said Fanning. "She believes in leadership by example and she has fortitude and a backbone about her, too. Her opinion is highly respected by the school board."

As the first female transportation director in Floyd County, noted Fanning, Johnson isn't afraid of hard work. Among many other initiatives, he said, she's expanded the weather committee that tests roads during inclement weather — most of the time, driving right alongside fellow employees to report any impasses. Fanning also said that Johnson has promoted "closeness" in the department by initiating season-

al get-togethers for employees and their families.

"She's always seeking to improve transportation of our children," he said, "and she should be commended for that."

When asked what she liked about her job, Johnson said it's ironic that she's even with the transportation department. Her position "fell into place" nearly 20 years ago when she needed a job and happened to find one as a clerk with the Department of Transportation.

"I never dreamed I'd still be with this department," said Johnson, who noted that she was involved in a school bus accident as a freshman in high school. Though she doesn't recall the specifics of the accident, which took place in Knott county, she states that the bus "went over a hill" and children on board, including herself, received minor injuries. This accident, said Johnson, laid the foundation for her determination to promote safety with the school bus system in Floyd County.

"Drivers have such a tremendous job," says Johnson. "Not only are they in charge of a moving classroom, they also have to be on the look out for other vehicles and the weather."

Though she is thankful for the opportunity and recognition this article has given the Floyd County system, Johnson says it's not just her qualities that makes the department stand out.

"We're more of a family

now," said Johnson. "It takes everyone working together. If someone needs help, regardless of whether it's our job or not, we jump in to help — that's our main goal."

Currently, 91 Floyd County school bus drivers transport approximately 3,800 children each day in Floyd County, and Johnson says many more are needed. New applicants complete 30 hours or more of training and, along with school bus monitors, receive at least eight hours of update training throughout the year. This year, the transportation department has kept a closer eye on the "stop-arm runners" who fail to stop when students leave or enter the bus. Drivers are now taking license numbers and turning that information in to the county attorney's office, where offenders are prosecuted. According to Johnson, three individuals, one of whom has pleaded guilty, face charges for this misdemeanor.

According to Johnson, the mechanics excel in their jobs, as there have been no reported breakdowns all year. This, she says, is because the department implements routine maintenance on buses, which get serviced every 20 working days.

The Floyd County School System purchased 10 new school buses this year. They've also added iron crossing guards to the front of the older buses to add extra protection when children cross the road.

Head Start purchased one new bus, said Johnson, and

since the beginning of the school year, each Head Start bus has been equipped with safety vest seat belts to fit smaller children more precisely. This implementation comes long before the federal regulation deadline regarding Head Start children and safety restraints which is set to go into effect in February. Johnson noted that she looks forward to seeing seat belts implemented in all Floyd County School buses within three years.

In addition to the "hardworking" drivers, monitors and mechanics who emphasize improvement of school bus safety, Johnson noted the department staff and individuals who visit schools to teach children throughout the year, using comical characters like "Spongebob Squarepants" or "Buster the School Bus." Bus evacuation drills are performed four times a year by these individuals in each Floyd County school.

"I just want parents to feel that their children are safe on our buses," said Johnson. "If the community needs anything, feel free to give us a call. Children are precious, and we should take good care of them."

Johnson is also the regional director of the Kentucky Association for Pupil

Transportation, member of the School Bus Design Advisory Board and the Bus Specifications Committee for the Kentucky Department of Education. She also serves on the state's School Bus Safety Poster Contest committee and is currently a delegate of the National Association for Pupil Transportation.

The October edition of School Bus Fleet Magazine can be found online at www.schoolbusfleet.com.

Time

respect," and that they feel that they are being "asked to work 24/7."

Smith recently filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court, in Pikeville, against the Floyd County Board of Education, alleging that she was not rehired to her position as a technology resource teacher because of her outspoken role as a leading member of the FCEA.

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Pond

to heavy rain and sent runoff into the creek.

Mine inspector Eddie Dity was on hand at the processing plant Monday, but could not be reached to comment on what fines, if any, would be imposed.

Responding to calls from concerned citizens such as Martin resident Jimmy Tackett, officials with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife scanned the waters from the Twin Bridges in Martin Monday, searching, they said, for signs of affected wildlife.

"We had some calls from people worried about the water and are out to see if there are any dead fish or wildlife," Fish and Wildlife officer Neil Jackson said Monday.

Tackett, who said he lives near the plant in Martin, claims the company has a fixed discharge point where the silt is dumped in the creek.

"Every time it rains and the water is a little muddy. They just pump it full," Tackett said. "This way they don't have to dip their ponds and it saves them money."

Scores

Elementary School — "all increased their CATS scores by double digits."

Watson also said that the Kentucky School Board Association this year recognized Floyd County as being in the top 25 percent of "most improved" districts.

Patterson spoke from the assembled audience saying that she believes that the teachers at Prestonsburg High School (ranked 159 out of 171 districts) were doing their jobs well and that the fault did not lie with teachers.

Patterson said that she feels the board should be looking to parents and students for the answers to what is going wrong within the educational system.

"Our schools are ranking bottom in the state," McGuire said. "We must have the worst parents in the state." He then added, "Our parents are no different than the parents in Johnson, Pike or any other county. It's embarrassing, as a board member, to try to explain, but the proof is in the pudding. When a basketball coach loses, you get a new coach. When your attorney loses your case, you get a new attorney ... Every administrator for the past 20 years has said what Joyce has just been saying ... but what about our administration? It's easy to say that 'We with the salaries are doing fine,' but, again, the proof is in the pudding."

According to Watson, the state will no longer provide regional comparisons of school

members photographed the gray-black waters and took samples from the creek to be analyzed later, adding that, according to mine inspectors, the incident was weather-related.

"Someone had called and said the plant was dumping the runoff into the water, but we've spoken with the inspector and apparently one of their ponds overflowed because of raining," Jackson said.

The processing plant dips its five silt ponds on a quarterly basis, or four times a year, the company said, and takes the silt to a nearby facility. The pond that overflowed following heavy rains this past weekend was due to be emptied, but contained no chemicals or "black water", the company said.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife said that as of Monday there appeared to be no sign of affected wildlife, but said that most of the runoff, which is essentially coal silt and water left over from the cleaning process, had settled to the bottom of the creek.

districts, therefore, future Floyd County results will be compared to past Floyd County results for reference comparisons.

Committee

Noland in response to a letter she had drafted to state education commissioner Gene Wilhoit, in regard to her "concerns about a Floyd County Board of Education member coming out of a closed session of the board regarding litigation and publicly discussing the matters involved in the litigation," according to Noland's letter.

Although Noland did suggest, upon conferring with a colleague, that the board could consider the establishment of a litigation committee as a possible solution to any future problems, Noland's letter also stated, "When a matter is legitimately discussed in closed session by a local board of education, as a general rule there is no violation of law when a person present to the closed session discusses the matter publicly."

Stumbo's recommendation suggested that the litigation committee, if formed, be responsible for processing and managing communication to board members regarding litigation proceedings.

The proposed committee would be composed of the board chair, two board members appointed by the chair, the super-

Upheld

sentence on a charge of first-degree manslaughter, which had been amended from the original charge of murder Jarrell in his indictment on Nov. 8, 2000.

Floyd Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill sentenced Jarrell to 20 years in prison on June 6, 2002, including in his ruling that he be held without the chance of probation or any other conditional discharge until at least 85 percent of the sentence is served.

The opinion offered from the Supreme Court comes after an appeal filed on behalf of George Jarrell, a routine appeal taken to the court following a sentence of 20 years or more.

George Jarrell was arrested and charged with shooting his cousin, Bill J. "Buck" Jarrell, twice in the head at close range with what police described as a "pump gun" after the two had been involved in a physical altercation at the work site.

According to sources at the time of the incident, the two had been arguing over how to paint a door at the home which turned into the men exchanging blows. They then said Jarrell left the site, went to a relative's home and returned with the gun and shot his cousin.

Jarrell fled the scene after the shooting, but was later taken into custody by police along Route 80 at Eastern.

intendent and the board attorney.

According to Stumbo's recommendation, "Committee members will be expected not to inappropriately divulge confidential information and will meet with the board attorney and superintendent as needed in executive sessions to receive information that will be shared with the full board" at a later time. However, the right to vote on, or approve, future litigation action will remain reserved for full board authority.

As the motion to establish the litigation committee came for vote at Monday evening's meeting, held at John M. Stumbo Elementary, board member Mickey McGuire said that he was "very disappointed" that Supt. Fanning would support Stumbo's recommendation.

"The express purpose of the formation of this committee is to keep me from finding out what really happened at May Valley," he said.

McGuire said that he did not believe that the board chair was "qualified to practice law," and that he is "very concerned about finding out the truth about what

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Few men speak humbly of humility, chastely of chastity, skeptically of skepticism."

—Blaise Pascal

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Guest View

Colleges must get a grip on costs

If you've somehow managed to get your kids through college, now would be an appropriate time to breathe that sigh of relief. If you're not quite there yet, you might want to take a sedative. Or acquire a second job. According to a recent study by The College Board, tuition and fees are 40 percent-plus higher than they were 10 years ago, and that's adjusted for inflation. Talk about your sticker shock.

It's bound to get worse before it gets better. In Illinois, so-called "truth in tuition" legislation which freezes a student's classroom costs for four or five years depending on his field of study is likely to have his folks digging deeper, sooner, as college administrators attempt to get ahead of that mandate. The law passed earlier this year may provide students and their parents with some predictability, but we have our doubts that it will hold down costs.

Beyond that, college presidents suggest the reasons for the dramatic increases are reduced support from their respective legislatures and the need to spend more money on technology, salaries and student aid. To some degree that's true in Illinois, where the appropriation for higher education is down about 10 percent from two years ago.

But even with those cuts, the Illinois Legislature's spending on higher ed has increased 47 percent over the last decade, well outpacing inflation of about 28 percent during that span.

Beyond that, funding on education has become a bit of a vicious cycle. Indeed, schools wouldn't have to give out so much more in financial aid to needy students if they were able to restrain their costs in the first place. While we appreciate the need to pay faculty competitively, who's setting that bar? While some of these increases are legitimate, it's also true that today's college living accommodations are not your parents' dorm rooms, and Mom and Dad didn't have that state-of-the-art fitness center, either. Ultimately you reach a point of diminishing return.

We'd suggest higher education is approaching that juncture. You can bet the overwhelming majority of parents and taxpayers who are being asked to shoulder this extra burden have not seen their salaries outrun inflation by more than 40 percent over the last decade. We wrote this last week with regard to the cost of health care, and it applies as well to higher education: It doesn't matter how good you are if nobody can afford you.

Unless America's colleges and universities want to turn themselves into the elitist institutions of yore, accessible only by the affluent, they'll get a grip on these costs. This is not sustainable.

—The Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star



Sticks & Stones

What do we know about the November election?

Curious, I decided to ask around recently and find out how much folks actually knew about the upcoming election in November.

My reasons for doing this were quite understandable, I believe, as I suspected most hadn't the most remote clue of what was happening around them.

Immediately I blamed this, at least in part, on myself. It's usually my first instinct to do so. I began to wonder if we here at the paper had covered the issues properly. Had we introduced this cast of characters often enough?

The answer I came up with was that we had done some coverage, the best we could do under tight circumstances with many other obligations to the public always whispering at our shoulder. At least enough for the average Floyd Countain who happens to buy a paper at least once a week to be able to answer

routine questions, or, failing that, provide some informed opinions.

The names of those I spoke with have been withheld. I have absolutely no desire to embarrass anyone, only to point out what is painfully obvious.

Rather than state the conclusion such a social experiment rendered, why don't you see for yourself.

Q: Is Ben Chandler a Democrat, Republican or an independent?

A: Democrat, but it doesn't really matter. All that matters is who the best person for the job is.

Q: Who is the best person for the job?

A: Ben Chandler.

Q: Why?

A: Because he's a Democrat and would help the working people.

Q: Who will you vote for to be our next governor in November?

A: The best candidate.

Q: Who is the best candidate, in your opinion?

A: Anybody but Patton. If Patton gets in again, you can hang it up.

Q: What do you know about Mr. Chandler and Mr. Fletcher?

A: I know both are the same politicians.

Q: What is Mr. Fletcher's first name.

A: Happy.

Q: It's actually Ernie.

A: Oh, yeah. Happy was his grandfather.

Oh, yeah. His grandfather.

Certainly this 10- or 12-person pocket does not represent all of the county, but it does tell us there are people swimming the voting pool who are just not aware of what is going on. What are they basing their votes on?

If either of the candidates could figure that out, they'd be nothing short of invincible.



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Letters

The will of the people

From the beginning, Republicans have been pro-business, Democrats pro-people. But in the past 30 years, Democrats lost their identification with the unprivileged. Americans feel isolated and are dispassionate. Every election fewer people vote. We feel betrayed by politicians and do not feel our votes will count.

But in Kentucky Ben Chandler, Susan Westrom and Daniel Monjiardo among many others, are bringing the distinction of "for the people" back to the Democratic Party. They are emphasizing the will of the people.

Massive Republican power is being leveled at this state to get Fletcher into office. Money is flowing in from all over the country, as is evident by the number of ads on television for example. But the race is SO CLOSE. As I write

this, polls show us down by a mere 1 percent (47 percent to 46 percent).

Don't be swayed to vote against your interests. Kentucky is a democratic state. Prove that no amount of money is going to buy our votes. To every registered voter: November 4 is the day you will vote again and prove that you are not satisfied sitting on the side lines watching this race be won by corporate money. If we let that happen, who will represent the people?

Dawn Garten
Lexington

Fletcher no hero

I watched a political ad today for Ernie Fletcher. Showed some F4 Phantom Jets in the background, with the voiceover saying Fletcher is a Kentucky hero.

Folks, I know HEROES, and Ernie Fletcher is no hero.

Maybe a good person, but not a hero. A USAF peacetime pilot does not qualify as credentials for becoming a hero.

Those 18-to-20-year-old soldiers walking the point in Baghdad, they are heroes. Those young slender, 110-pound (tunnel rats) who went head first into the tunnels of Vietnam armed only with a knife and a .45-caliber pistol, they were heroes. Those Marines and grunts who spent the winter on the border between China and Korea, they were heroes. The greatest generation, who landed on the beaches of France, those were truly HEROES. Fireman and policeman at the World Trade Center, those were heroes.

I'm offended and angered that Fletcher would try and put himself into the category of true real heroes. The ad should be pulled and Fletcher should apologize to all the real heroes, especially the heroes of Kentucky. Go to Fort Campbell and tell those Special Ops people and the 101st that he is a Kentucky

hero. How dare him to assume the mantle of hero?
Donald Puckett
Cow Creek

DAV offers thanks

The DAV chapter 128 would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated money toward the purchase of a new bugle for our organization. This purchase is a must for the veterans that live in Floyd County.

Special thanks to Kinzer Drilling, Kentucky Wholesale Tobacco, Bush and Burchett, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Robinson, Merion Bros. Monument Company, First Guaranty Bank, Hall Funeral Home, Mr. Chris Waugh, Mr. Charles Johnson, Vanover, Hall and Bartley, Tackett Furniture and Matt Jacobs Cigo.

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Health Extra

Some KCHIP, Transitional Medical Assistance families to start paying monthly premiums in November

FRANKFORT — Some families whose children are covered by the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) will start paying \$20 monthly premiums in November.

Families whose incomes range from 150 percent to 200 percent of poverty will be required to pay the premiums as part of the Cabinet for Health Services' cost-containment efforts. (150 percent of the poverty level is \$2,301 a month for a family of four; 200 percent is \$3,067 a month for a family of four.)

Bills are being sent to families for the premiums next week. Payments are due Nov. 5. The \$20 amount will be the same regardless of the number of children covered by KCHIP in the family.

KCHIP currently serves about 51,000 children in Kentucky and spends about \$95 million in state and federal funds annually. Children ages birth through 18 are eligible if their families meet the income

guidelines. About 19,500 children are in the income group that will pay premiums.

Some 32 states require cost sharing — either with premiums or co-payments or both in their children's health insurance programs.

Some families in another program covered by Medicaid, Transitional Medical

Assistance, will also pay premiums. Beginning in the seventh month of coverage, families will pay \$30 a month premiums. An estimated 2,500 families are affected.

The premium, which was allowed for under previous legislation, promotes the responsible use of health care services and helps parents make the

transition from welfare to work by demonstrating the value of health care coverage.

For more information, families can call Medicaid member services at (800) 635-2570. For the hearing impaired, call (800) 775-0296. If Spanish language services are needed, call (800) 662-5397.

Domestic violence panel discussion hosted

PRESTONSBURG — To further awareness about domestic violence, the Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence sponsored a panel discussion forum on the Prestonsburg Campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Various indi-

viduals from throughout the community spoke with the audience about their personal and professional experiences with domestic violence.

Chris Griffith, who works primarily with domestic violence offenders, explained that a good part of this major problem results from the "legitimization of the problem." He pointed out that the panel only consisted of three men, with about five men in the audience. Ironically, all three scheduled panelists who failed to attend were male.

Father Bob Damron added that, in the region, men are still trying to figure out "their own maleness." Historically, maleness has been defined by power and control. This does not lead to healthy relationships.

Dr. Conrotto, an emergency room physician with Our Lady of the Way Hospital, emphasized the importance of teaching children that "violence does not solve problems."

Many panelists, including Judge Julie Paxton, Floyd Family Court judge, also noted the importance of education.

"This education really needs to start in kindergarten," added Lana Gresham, an attorney with Appalred, which provides free legal services to victims of domestic violence.

Father Damron works with individuals who he described as "broken people," who have lost their spirit and truly believe they deserve this. He reiterated, "You do not deserve this (domestic abuse), no matter what you do."

Bonnie, a survivor of domestic violence, encouraged all victims to break the silence and make a personal choice to be a survivor.

The panel included representatives from Big Sandy Family Abuse Shelter, Floyd County Family Court, Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky (Appalred), Mountain Comprehensive Care, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Floyd County Ministerial Association,

(See HOSTED, page eight)

Website helps first responders combat terrorism

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC) at the University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Department for Public Health have developed "EMS Response to Terrorism - Awareness Level Training for Bioterrorism," an online course that provides first responders with basic bioterrorism information.

"There's every reason to believe biological agents could

be used by terrorists," said Mark Schneider, director of technology at KIPRC and member of the Kentucky Terrorism Response and Preparedness program.

"First responders are our front line in combating an actual bioterrorism event. Our mandate is to provide these responders with effective and easily accessible training to meet these events," Schneider said.

(See COMBAT, page eight)

ARC to showcase education resources

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Appalachian Regional Commission, in partnership with the Federal Interagency Committee on Education and in cooperation with the Kentucky Association of School Administrators and Morehead State University, will hold a conference to increase awareness of education resources currently available in the Appalachian region from federal agencies.

"The goal of this partnership is to make people aware of what is out there and how those resources can be put to work

expanding educational opportunities across the Appalachian region," said Anne Pope, federal co-chair of the ARC.

The conference will take place on Nov. 7, in Baird Music Hall at Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will focus on free and low-cost resources available to address educational needs from kindergarten to high school graduation. School officials, library and museum administrators, and others interested in improving education in their localities are invited to attend.


"There are a lot of resources and a wealth of free educational programs in math, science and the humanities available to local schools, teachers, students and parents every year," said Pope. "Every teacher and every student deserves access to these

first class resources. Opportunities in education lead to opportunities in the job market. People growing up in

(See ARC, page eight)

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AP Poll: Survey shows 9-point lead for Fletcher

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Buoyed by former backers of Democratic Gov. Paul Patton, Republican Ernie Fletcher leads Democrat Ben Chandler with less than two weeks remaining, according to a poll conducted by The Associated Press.

If the election for governor were held today, 52 percent said they'd vote for Fletcher and 43 percent for Chandler. Those numbers include 2 percent who

said they weren't sure but leaned toward Fletcher and 1 percent who leaned toward Chandler. Four percent were undecided or said they would not vote for either candidate.

The poll found 37 percent of those who reported voting for Patton in 1999 now back Fletcher.

The poll indicated voters thought Fletcher was better equipped to handle the state's economy, hold the line on taxes and government spending and to deal with education, health

care and crime.

Better than three in five of those polled had a favorable opinion of President Bush, who came to Kentucky on Oct. 9 for a Fletcher fund-raiser and will return Saturday for rallies in Paducah and London.

The poll was of 600 voters who said they definitely or probably would vote on Nov. 4. It was conducted for the AP, the Daily News of Bowling Green, the Lexington Herald-Leader, WDRB-TV of Louisville and WKYT-TV of Lexington, by telephone Tuesday through Thursday. The margin of sampling error was plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Fletcher's support, though broader, was softer. About six in 10 who favored him said they definitely would vote for him and 15 percent said they could change their mind.

Seven in 10 who favored Chandler said they definitely would vote for him and 12 percent said they could change their mind.

Though he is not on the ballot, Patton is a factor — a largely negative factor — in the race.

Nearly half those polled said they disapproved of the way Patton is doing his job and more

than a third had mixed feelings. Seventeen percent approved of Patton's job performance.

Nearly one in five said their vote would express opposition to Patton, who publicly confessed to an extramarital affair and whose administration is the subject of multiple investigations. Patton is prohibited by

term limits from seeking reelection.

Chandler cast his campaign as a referendum on the national economy and job losses and consistently criticized Fletcher's congressional voting record on those issues.

Ninety-one percent of those polled rated jobs and the econo-

my as extremely important or very important. Yet more said Fletcher would do a better job — 49 percent to 41 percent for Chandler. The rest were uncertain or found no difference between the two.

(See POLL, page nine)

EKU to host reception for prospective students, families

PRESTONSBURG — Students and their families from the Prestonsburg area are invited to learn more about educational opportunities at Eastern Kentucky University at an informal reception Thursday, Nov. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

University representatives will be on hand to provide information about academic programs, the admissions process, financial assistance, housing and other areas of the

University.

"This reception is designed to provide the information that students and families need in an informal, relaxed setting," said Stephen Byrn, director of admissions at EKU.

For more information, call the admissions office, toll-free, at 800-465-9191, e-mail admissions@eku.edu or visit www.eku.edu.

Eastern Kentucky University is a comprehensive university serving more than 15,500 students on its 725-acre

Richmond campus, at its educational centers in Corbin, Danville and Manchester, and throughout Kentucky. Joanne K. Glasser serves as the 10th (and first female) president of EKU, which is preparing to celebrate its centennial in 2006.

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This is a facsimile of the Ballot that will appear in the Tuesday, November 4, 2003, General Election in the Floyd County precincts of #1 Courthouse/Trimble Branch, #3 Depot, #4 Richmond, #5 North Prestonsburg, #6 Porter, #7 Auxier, #11 Jim Banks, #44 Allen/Dwale, #45 Cliff.

CHRIS WAUGH, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK

SAMPLE BALLOT

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VOTER MAY HAVE ASSISTANCE IF:

1. Voter is blind
2. Voter is unable to read English
3. Voter has a physical disability which prevents the voter from voting without physical assistance

WHO MAY ASSIST THE VOTER:

1. Both Election Judges; or
2. Person of voter's choice except:—not voter's employer or agent of that employer—not officer or agent of voter's union—not a candidate to be voted upon.

WHAT IS THE PROPER PROCEDURE?

1. Voter completes the "Voter Assistance Form" (SBE-31) completely, including the reason assistance is needed, and signs name.
2. If any person other than the election judges assists the voter, that person must complete the portion of the form which is an OATH that the assistor will operate the machine as directed by the voter AND this OATH must be attested by the Clerk signing.
3. If the election judges assist the voter, the Democratic and Republican Judges must sign the OATH at the bottom, BOTH JUDGES will enter the machine with the voter, where in the presence of each other, the machine is operated in accordance with the directions of the voter.
4. Election officers should list the name of each assisted voter on the "Record of Assisted Voters" (SBE-31A) form which should be returned with the election material as instructed.

VOTER MAY MAKE APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT ASSISTANCE TO VOTE

There is a portion of this form where the voter may request the Board of Elections to certify the voter as needing permanent assistance due to blindness or other physical disability. If the Board approves the voter's request, voter will have permanent certification, relieving the VOTER ONLY from the responsibility of completing the oath. Even if a voter is certified for permanent assistance, the assistor(s) must still complete and sign their portion of the Oath.

Violations of the laws regarding Assistance to Vote should be reported to the Board of Elections immediately, and noted on the "Precinct Election Sheriff's Post Election Report" (SBE-53)

ELECTIONEERING

Electioneering is PROHIBITED WITHIN 500 FEET* of any entrance to a building in which a voting machine is located, if that entrance is unlocked and used by voters on election day.

Electioneering is defined by law as:

1. Display of signs
2. Distribution of campaign literature, cards or handbills
3. Solicitations of votes for or gainst any candidate or question on the ballot in any manner
4. Solicitation of signatures to any petition

The PRECINCT SHERIFF has the responsibility of ENFORCING the ELECTIONEERING LAWS within 50 FEET OF THE ENTRANCES. VIOLATIONS OF ELECTIONEERING BETWEEN 50 AND 500 FEET should be reported to the Board of Elections IMMEDIATELY.

The precinct Sheriff may request the assistance of any law enforcement officer to maintain law and order at the polls, but it is strongly suggested that Precinct Sheriff make that request through the Board of Elections. (County Board of Elections phone number 886-3816 or 1-800-481-2009)

Any violations of the electioneering laws should be entered on the "Precinct Sheriff's Post Election Report" (SBE-53) *The 500 ft. prohibition does not apply to electioneering conducted within a private residence or establishment by persons having an ownership interest in such property, UNLESS THAT PROPERTY IS THE POLLING PLACE.

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Voters for hike in cigarette tax; oppose more gambling

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Voters think Kentucky should raise the tax on cigarettes to get money for education and social services, even if the poor pay it disproportionately, a poll by The Associated Press indicates.

Those surveyed also opposed an expansion of gambling in general, though they were narrowly divided on specific issues of slot machines at race tracks and the granting of a few licenses for riverboat casinos.

The poll was of 600 voters who said they definitely or probably would vote on Nov. 4.

It was conducted by telephone Tuesday through Thursday for the AP and four other news organizations — the Lexington Herald-Leader, the

Daily News of Bowling Green, WDRB-TV in Louisville and WKYT-TV in Lexington. The margin of error was plus- or minus-4 percentage points.

Fifty-nine percent of those polled said the excise tax on cigarettes should be increased. Nearly as many, 57 percent, favor a raise in the tax even when faced with the argument that it would disproportionately tax the poor. Seven in 10 who favored an increase said the money should go to education and to programs for the elderly and poor.

Kentucky's tax, 3 cents per pack, is the nation's second-lowest. It was set in 1970, and the General Assembly has rejected all attempts to raise it.

Neither candidate for governor has advocated raising the cigarette tax.

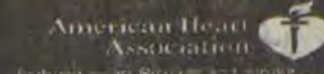
Republican Ernie Fletcher has said he'd be willing to bring the cigarette tax "to the table" as part of an overall "tax modernization."

Democrat Ben Chandler has said raising the cigarette tax would have a disproportionately larger burden on the poor.

Smoking is "one nasty, unhealthy habit," said Donna Fryman, a child care worker in Cynthiana who participated in the poll and agreed to a follow-up interview. "We need to do something to deter smoking. And there are so many smokers, it will bring in some revenue from it."

Janet Kirk, a 30-year smoker from Henderson, said she recently kicked the habit, and price was a factor.

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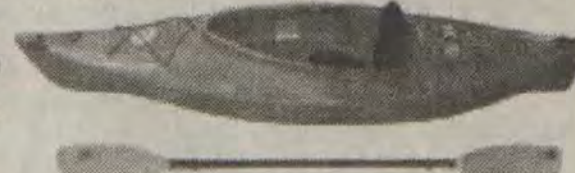
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- #1 Courthouse.....Old Courthouse PVA Office
- #2 Buffalo/EndicottCow Creek Fire Station #2
- #3 Depot.....Mountain Arts Center
- #4 Richmond.....Old Courthouse
County Attorney's Office
- #5 North Prestonsburg Prestonsburg High
School Foyer
- #6 Porter.....Adams Middle School
- #7 AuxierAuxier
Historical Society Building
- #8 Middle Creek/
Jack AllenDavid Fire Station
- #9 Cow CreekAllen Grade School
- #10 Mouth of BeaverAllen City Hall
- #11 Jim BanksGuyan Machinery
- #12 Rough & ToughClark Elementary School
- #13 John Possum.....May Valley School
- #14 MaytownMaytown Fire Station
- *#15 BoscoBeside Hueysville Post Office
- #16 Garrett/Rock Fork.....Garrett Fire Station
- #17 Lackey/WaylandWayland Senior Citizens
- #19 Martin.....Denzil "Hoss" Halbert Gym
- #20 Halbert.....John Halbert's Building
- #21 Drift.....McDowell Senior
Citizens Building
- #22 John Ant/
Frasures Creek.....E.P. Grigsby Field House
- #23 GearheartPilgrim Rest Lunchroom
- #24 Clear CreekSouth Floyd High School
- #25 Jacks CreekOsborne Elementary School
- #26 Lee HallWheelwright
Senior Citizens Bldg.
- #27 MelvinSoutheast Volunteer Fire Dept.
- #28 AntiochEstill Blankenship's Building
- #29 TickeyMud Creek Fire Station #1
- #30 TolerToler Creek Fire Station
- *#31 Mouth of MudBingo Zone
- #32 Little MudOld Spruce Pine School
- #33 IvelIvel B.P. Station
- #34 Betsy Layne.....Betsy Layne
Senior Citizens Building
- #35 Abbott.....Bonanza Freewill Baptist
Church Annex
- #38 WeeksburyWeeksbury Community Center
- #39 Prater Creek.....Lunchroom at the
Old Prater School
- #40 Branhams Creek.....Russell Clark's Building
- #41 Beech GroveAllen Central High School Gym
- #42 Head of Mud.....Ray Hamilton's Building
- #43 ArkansasTad Adkins Bldg.,
on Click Branch
- #44 Allen-DwaleAllen Fire Station
- #45 CliffBig Sandy ADD

This is a facsimile of the Ballot that will appear in the Tuesday, November 4, 2003, General Election in the Floyd County precincts of #2 Buffalo/Endicott, #8 Middle Creek/Jack Allen, #9 Cow Creek, #10 Mouth of Beaver, #12 Rough & Tough, #13 John Possum, #14 Maytown, #15 Bosco, #16 Garrett/Rock Fork, #17 Lackey/Wayland, #19 Martin, #20 Halbert, #21 Drift, #22 John Ant/Frasures Creek, #23 Gearheart, #24 Clear Creek, #25 Jacks Creek, #26 Lee Hall, #27 Melvin, #28 Antioch, #29 Tickey, #30 Toler, #31 Mouth of Mud, #32 Little Mud, #33 Ivel, #34 Betsy Layne, #35 Abbott, #38 Weeksbury, #39 Prater Creek, #40 Branhams Creek, #41 Beech Grove, #42 Head of Mud, #43 Arkansas.

CHRIS WAUGH, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK

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Card of Thanks

The family of Orris (Ossie) Collins would like to thank all those that helped us through our time of sorrow. We so greatly appreciated everyone. Thanks to the ones who sent flowers, food, prayers, or just came and sat with us. A special thanks to Dr. Larry Leslie, Dr. Handshoe, and all the 4th floor nurses at H.R.M.C. You helped to see that our dad did not suffer in the end. Thanks to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home staff, Sheriff Department and Old Regular Baptist ministers. He will be missed by many, but most by his family. God bless you all.

Card of Thanks

The family of Olivia T. May wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We greatly appreciate you all. A special thank-you to Clergyman Roy Harlow for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF OLIVIA T. MAY

Card of Thanks

The family of Ranold Smiley wishes to sincerely thank all those who shared in the sorrow we felt with the loss of our loved one. We greatly appreciate the many expressions of sympathy, which included cards, flowers, food, prayers, and kind words. A special thanks to the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. We will always remember the kindness each of you has shown our family.

THE FAMILY OF RANOLD SMILEY

Card of Thanks

The family of Charlotte G. Mullins would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the flowers, food, and any kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to Mike Fitzpatrick for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

Card of Thanks

The family of Margie Leedy Layne would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the flowers, prayers, and all the kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergymen Belmont Johnson, Jack Hunt, and Ken Maynard, for their comforting words, the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Ky., for the wonderful job, and, as always, the professional courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF MARGIE LEEDY LAYNE

Card of Thanks

The family of Laura Osborne Click would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thank-you to all those who sent flowers, or just spoke kind words. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thanks to Clergyman Donnie Bragg for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF LAURA OSBORNE CLICK

Combat

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The course provides information about characteristics and types of agents that might be encountered, assessment and treatment of contaminated casualties, potential targets, and personal protective equipment. The Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services funded the program through a Homeland Security grant.

"We are excited about the development of this course and its online availability to EMS personnel and other first responders across the Commonwealth," said Charles M. O'Neal, deputy executive director, Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services.

"We feel that it will be an excellent tool to help educate and prepare health care and emergency response personnel to respond to incidents involving or potentially involving weapons of mass destruction," said O'Neal.

The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services has assigned the course the equivalent of four hours of continuing education credit; one hour for disaster management; one hour for patient assessment; and two hours for medical emergencies.

This program is now available to the public. The course can be found at <http://www.kiprc.uky.edu/trap>. Other questions regarding the program can be directed by e-mail to mark1@email.uky.edu.

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Christian Appalachian Project, and the Kentucky Supreme Court. Although scheduled to appear, no representatives were present from the Kentucky State Police, Floyd County Attorney's Office or the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

The Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence meets the third Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Old Courthouse Law Library. Anyone interested in working to end to domestic violence is invited to attend.

ARC

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Appalachia deserve every opportunity to build a better life, and increasing awareness of what is available is one of the ways ARC helps."

Dr. Ronald Eaglin, president of MSU, stated, "We are pleased to host this event. It is an excellent example of the collaboration between higher education and area elementary and secondary educators."

Representatives of more than 10 federal agencies, including the Department of Education, Department of Defense, Institute for Museum and Library Service and the National Science Foundation will conduct breakout sessions covering training, professional development, specialized curriculum, financial and in-kind resources available to teachers and schools as well as the best ways to access them.

The registration fee is \$25, which includes breakfast and lunch. The fee is waived and a limited amount of travel support is also available for participants from ARC-designated distressed counties. A list of these counties is available online at www.arc.gov. Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. and exhibits will be open all day.

To register go to www.kasa.org or for more information contact Shirley LaFavers (Shirley@kasa.org) or Wanda Darland (wanda@kasa.org) at the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, (502) 875-3411.

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Obituaries

Goldia Martin Salyers

Goldia Martin Salyers, passed away, on October 25, 2003, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

She was born February 20, 1911, at Eastern, the daughter of the late Walter S. "Hoosh" Martin and Rebecca Catherine Martin. She was a lifetime residence of Eastern.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hudson Salyers and son, Delbert Glenn Salyers.

She is survived by her daughters and sons, Reba (Glenn) McClanan of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Brenda (Geoffrey) Newman of Derby England, Keith Salyers, Bruce Salyers, and Colby Salyers, all of Eastern, and Velinda Salyers, of Houston, Texas; three grandchildren, Martin McClanan of San Francisco, California, Ann McClanan of Portland, Oregon, and Glenn McClanan Jr., of Los Angeles, California; three great-grandchildren, Ian Hudson McClanan, Kathryn Rebecca McClanan and Benjamin Samuel Hadad IV; one sister, Minnie Conley of Eastern.

Services for Goldia Salyers will be conducted Friday, October 31, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Clinton Moore officiating.

Burial will follow in the Martin Family Cemetery, at Eastern, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is from 6 p.m. till 9 p.m., Thursday, October 30, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

James Everett Tackett

James Everett Tackett, age 88, of Allen, husband of Margaret Griffith Tackett, passed away Monday, October 27, 2003, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was born April 12, 1915, in Belfry, the son of the late Albert Tackett and Melissa Jane Dials Tackett. He was a retired restaurant owner, a member of St. James Episcopal Church, Prestonsburg, and a member of the New England Masonic Lodge, Worthington, Ohio.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Theodore Thomas Tackett of Vienna, Virginia; one daughter, Carolyn Tackett Layne of Allen; five grandchildren, Thomas Blakeman, Sabrina Conn, Ellen Ellis, Mary Bourquin, and Megan Tackett; and seven great-grandchildren, Christopher, Melinda, Joshua, Emily, Luke, Jonathan, and Bryce.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Thelma Lloyd and Hazel Dyer.

Funeral services for James Everett Tackett will be conducted Thursday, October 30, at 1 p.m., at St. James Episcopal Church, Prestonsburg, with the Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home, with Masonic services Wednesday evening, at 7 p.m., at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Florence Jane Sartin

Florence Jane Sartin, age 82, of Wheelwright, widow of Dewey C. Sartin, passed away, Sunday, October 26, 2003, at her residence.

She was born December 9, 1920, at Belfry, the daughter of the late Bud Muncy and Wilda Robinette Muncy. She was a homemaker and a member of the Burton Pentecostal Church at Bypro.

Survivors include seven daughters, Yvonne Johnson of Wheelwright, Donna Hubner of Grove Point, Ohio, Pauline Christeson of Lansing, Michigan, Betty Burdon of Carroll, Ohio, Patsy Goins of Findley, Ohio, Ruby Fitch of Fostoria, Ohio, and Phyllis Wagner of Las Vegas, Nevada; six sons, Paul Sartin, Marion Sartin, and Claude Sartin, all of Wheelwright, Charles Sartin and Hubert Sartin, both of Lincolnton, North Carolina, and Danny Sartin of Bexley, Ohio; three brothers, Joe Muncy of Norfolk, Virginia, Bobby Muncy of Florida, and Lloyd Muncy of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters, Ida Miller of Columbus, Ohio, and Gladys Chapman of Columbus, Indiana; 25 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents; two brothers, Paul Muncy and Silas Muncy; and three sisters, Ethel Dawson, Opal Dawson and Gertie Dorton.

Funeral services for Florence Jane Sartin will be conducted Wednesday, October 29, at 11 a.m., at the Burton Pentecostal Church, at Bypro, with Clergyman Lewis Sandlin officiating.

Burial will follow in the Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

Clyde Blevins

Clyde Blevins, age 74, of Harold, passed away, Monday, October 27, 2003, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was born July 11, 1929, at Justell, the son of the late Ransom Blevins and Carmie Castle Blevins. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Nina Howell of Grethel, and Lou Elkins of Crescent City, Florida; two brothers, Daniel Blevins of Clyde, Ohio, and Glenn Blevins of Grundy, Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Ann Taylor; and two brothers, Denver Blevins and James Blevins.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, October 30, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Tracy Patton officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home, with services being held Wednesday evening, at 7 p.m. (Paid obituary)

A. B. Bryant

A. B. Bryant, 83, of Hi Hat, died Thursday, October 23, 2003, at his residence.

Born October 30, 1919, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Ransom and Nancy Johnson Bryant. He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the U.M.W.A.

He was preceded in death by wife, Bobbie Dawson Bryant.

Survivors include one daughter, Peggy (Denver) Hall of Hi Hat; three brothers, Allen Bryant of Columbus, Ohio, Eli Bryant and Nellie Davis, both of Hi Hat; two grandchildren, Tracy (Joe) Marson, Wayne (Anita) Hall; four great-grandchildren, Jay Marson, Brandon Marson,

Amber Hall and Dorsa Hall.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Marinda Hall, Dellie Hall and Delphia Johnson.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 26, at 2 p.m., at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, at Hi Hat, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Boyd Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

Jason Christopher Akers

Jason Christopher Akers, age 23, of Banner, husband of Kimberly Nicole Akers, passed away, Friday, October 24, 2003, at the University of Cincinnati Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was born August 18, 1980, in Prestonsburg, the son of Christopher Akers of Banner, and Sandy Roberts Childers of Shelby Gap. He was an employee of Prater Creek Ice, and was a member of the Spurlock Bible Church.

Survivors include his parents and wife; two brothers, Alex Branham and Tyler Branham, both of Pikeville; one sister, Jill Akers of Banner; a nephew, Braxton Akers; his paternal grandmother, Emma Lou Akers of Banner; and his paternal great-grandmother, Goldie Conn of Banner.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Millard Roberts and Vaughn Roberts, and his paternal grandfather, Odis Akers.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 27, at noon, at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Clergymen Bobby Spencer, Jim Stephens and Andrew Fletcher officiating.

Burial was in the Pearl Akers Cemetery, at Dana, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Mike Hall, Brian Layne, Tim Koger, Jason Spence, Robert Stephens, Joe Fannin, and Rick Wallen.

Honorary: John Rogers, Kevin Click, Jerry Stanley, James Boyd, Keith Hunt, and Kenny Allen. (Paid obituary)

Lizzie Carroll Gillespie

Lizzie Carroll Gillespie, 74, of East Point, died Friday, October 24, 2003, at her residence.

Born May 8, 1929, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late George Luster and Nannie Stevens Luster. She was a homemaker and a member of the Weeksbury Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Gillespie.

Other survivors include four sons, Richard Carroll, and Gary Carroll, both of Prestonsburg, Raymond Carroll of David, and Sonny Carroll of Brooksville; one step-son, David Gillespie of Hi Hat; seven daughters, Nanie Yates of Wheelwright, Barbara Skeens of Martin, Mary Johnson of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Marie Sammons of East Point, Martha Simmons of Bil, Arizona, Billie Tucker of Ligon, and McCoy Parsons of Greihel; two step-daughters, Jimmie Sue West of Columbus, Ohio, and Barbara Stanley of Belfry; one brother, Daniel Luster of Pikeville; three sisters, May Newman of Star City, Arkansas, Josephine Moore of Pikeville; and Thelma Booth of Columbus, Ohio; 45 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Tom Carroll; step-son, Terry Gillespie; step-daughter, Rat Hall; four brothers, Paris Luster, Woodrow Luster, Jim Luster, and Johnny Lee Luster; four sisters, Stella Clark, Della Pinkerton, Margie Howell and Mary Castle.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 26, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Roger Trusty officiating.

Burial was in the Carroll Cemetery, Little Mud, Printer, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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W.E. Dunlop, MD, appointed Cancer Liaison Physician for HRMC

W.E. Dunlop, MD, of Prestonsburg, recently received a three-year appointment as Cancer Liaison Physician for the Hospital Cancer Program at Highlands Regional Medical Center. The Cancer Liaison Program is an integral part of the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons.

American Cancer Society to develop cancer control initiatives.

The Commission Cancer is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to reducing the morbidity and mortality of cancer through education, standard-setting, and monitoring the quality of cancer care. Its mem-

bership includes Fellows of the American College of Surgeons and 37 national organizations that reflect the full spectrum of cancer care.

Cancer liaison physicians facilitate participation in, and utilize data generated by, the data collection program of the Commission, the National

Cancer Data Base (NCDB). The data-base currently contains information for 12 million malignant cancers diagnosed and treated at hospital cancer programs in the United States between 1985 and 2000. A physician's participation in the

(See DUNLOP, page ten)

Dr. Dunlop is among a national network of over 1,600 volunteer cancer liaison physicians who provide leadership and support to the CoC Approvals Program, and other Commission on Cancer activities at their local facility.

Dr. Dunlop, who has a significant interest in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with malignant diseases, provides leadership as a member of the cancer committee at his/her appointed institution in order to maintain their Commission-approved cancer program, or assists them in seeking approval as a new program. Dr. Dunlop also provides community leadership by volunteering at the division or unit level of the

Domestic Violence essay contest winners announced

The Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence and the Floyd County Bar Association announced the winners of the 2003 Domestic Violence Awareness Essay Contest at the Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil held October 11, at the Jenny Wiley Festival.

Middle school and high school students were each asked to address one or more of the

following three questions: What is Domestic Violence, Who is affected by Domestic Violence, and Why is it important to have a Day of Unity Against Domestic Violence?

In the middle school division, Leandra Padgett received the first place award, which includ-

ed a \$100 US Savings Bond donated by First Commonwealth Bank. Krystal Brooke Newsome earned first place in the high school division and also received a \$100 US Savings Bond, also donated by

(See ESSAY, page ten)



Elexas Thornsberry

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Announces 2003-2004 SGA Officers

The Student Government Association (SGA) of Big Sandy Community and Technical College held elections for officers on all campuses on October 15 and 16. SGA is an opportunity for student leadership on a college campus. Students participating in SGA develop skills in government, public speaking and peer leadership. SGA members participate as student representatives on decision making committees, boards and workgroups. Opportunities for community involvement provide skills and experience which go with the student into the workforce and post-college life.

Elected to office were: President-Elexas Thornsberry, Prestonsburg Campus; Vice Presidents-Kimberly Kretzer, Prestonsburg Campus and Robyn Thacker, Pikeville Campus; Freshman Representatives-Amber Hall, Prestonsburg Campus; Anna

Cline, Prestonsburg Campus and Brandie Williams, Mayo Campus; Sophomore Senators-Kristen Arnett, Prestonsburg Campus and Barbara Sturgill, Mayo Campus. A Mayo Vice President will be elected in the near future. The SGA President will also serve as the student representative on the College Board of Directors.

Dr. George D. Edwards, President of BSCTC noted, "Student leadership is a critical part any institution of higher education. We are in the business of educating students and developing leaders for tomorrow's workforce. We are able to do that more effectively with the involvement of students in decision making. SGA is an excellent opportunity for students and provides

valuable insight into the needs of the student population. Congratulations to the SGA leadership that has been elected. We anticipate a very good year."

Eighty-one percent of those polled said taxes and government spending were extremely or very important, and both candidates disavowed the idea of raising taxes.

They pledged instead to plug a looming budget deficit and to find money for such things as teacher raises and Medicaid by cutting waste and generally slenderizing the state government bureaucracy. In addition, Chandler advocated an expansion of gambling as a source of more state revenue.

Yet fewer than a quarter of those polled said expanded gambling was high in importance. And when asked which candidate could better hold the line on taxes and government spending, 50 percent favored Fletcher to 39 percent for Chandler. The rest were undecided or found no difference.

Fifty-seven percent rated "political reform" as extremely or very important though it was the essence of Fletcher's campaign theme — "time for a change" after 32 straight years of Democratic administrations.

Fletcher's campaign manager, Daniel Groves, said the poll "confirms what we've been saying and that's that people are looking for real change in Frankfort."

Chandler campaign manager Mark Nickolas said it was "hard to take this poll seriously." He said he believed the race was a dead heat with far more undecided voters than the poll indicated.

Robin Adams, a state government employee and registered Democrat in Frankfort, said she would vote for Fletcher though it would be "completely opposite from the way I've voted in the past."

"A lot of it has to do with Paul Patton," Adams said. "His term and the scandal involved and the state of affairs that everything is in — we've seen it coming, and nothing was done to prevent it, and I think it's time for a change."

It was not exclusively a pro-Fletcher sentiment. Judi Hunt, of Olympia in Bath County, said she would vote for Chandler in the hope of getting a better "moral standard" in state government.

"I just hope he's honest and really sincere about making some changes. I think currently we've sort of been let down," Hunt said, referring to Patton.

Younger voters, especially men under 50, most strongly favored Fletcher, the 6th District congressman. The poll indicated he would carry the total men's vote and would split the women's vote with Chandler, the state attorney general.

They also would split the vote in Eastern Kentucky and in the Louisville area. All other regions tilted toward Fletcher, the poll indicated.

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"The cigarettes are extremely high," she said. "I think a higher cigarette tax would be beneficial to our economy and also to help people quit smoking."

On gambling, 55 percent of those polled said they strongly opposed or somewhat opposed an expansion of legal gambling. Forty-three percent were in favor with 2 percent undecided.

On specific issues of gambling, respondents were nearly equally divided about having a limited number of casino boats, such as those offshore in Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. Forty-seven percent favored slot machines at race tracks and 52 percent were opposed.

Opposition was greater — 65 percent — to allowing slot machines at several different locations and to granting licenses for land-based casinos (58 percent opposed).

Gambling is an issue in the governor's race. Chandler has advocated expansion as a way for the state to get more money

without raising taxes. He has said he would prefer to limit it to slot machines at tracks but would not rule out casinos.

Fletcher has said he personally opposes gambling but would be neutral as governor.

Betty Nash, a Democrat from Hawesville, said she was voting for Fletcher because he was "not as totally in favor" of gambling.

"I very seldom ever vote Republican, but I don't want big gambling in the state at all," said Nash, a "home visitor" who works with low-income families for the Hancock County Health Department.

Said Nash: "I've got families I work with that are losing houses and cars and things like that because they go to the boat" — Casino Aztar at Evansville, Ind.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603, or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

HONOR THOSE THAT SERVE!

Bring in family military photos to be placed on Wal-Mart's (P-burg) Wall of Honor. The Wall of Honor honors all branches of the service, past and present. For more info., contact Cindy Hackworth at 886-6681. On Monday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m., D.A.V. Chap. 18 will dedicate the Wall the Honor. Public cordially invited to attend.

FLOYD COUNTY RETIRED TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION TO MEET

Association will meet on Nov. 6, at 10 a.m., at Jenny Wiley Lodge. Deborah E. Bailey will speak on "Long-term Care Insurance." For info., call 886-8978.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christ United Methodist Women of Allen will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar/BakeSale/Chili Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 1, in the church fellowship hall. Selections of beautiful hand-made crafts and delicious baked goods will be available for purchase.

FALL RETREAT

The "Victorious Women's Annual Fall Retreat" will be held Nov. 14-16, at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Ladies age 16 and older are invited to attend. For more info., call (606) 666-2359, or (606) 251-3513.

SPECIAL SING

The Freedom Bible Church, on lower John's Creek, will feature the Jackson Family in a special sing to be held on Nov. 2, at 11 a.m. On Nov. 16, special guest Brother Frankie Bryant will preach during the 11 a.m. service. All are warmly welcomed to both events.

SERVICE FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

A special service for grieving parents and families will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1, at 11 a.m., at St. Martha's Church. This service will reach out to those grieving the loss of an unborn child through miscarriage, accident, or abortion.

All interested persons are welcome. For more info., call St. Martha's Church at 874-9526. Reservations are appreciated, but not required.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS!

The 22nd Annual Holiday Happenings event will be held Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Area artisans, crafters and food producers will be on hand to showcase and sell their products. Call 789-8108 for more information.

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COAL MINER'S MUSEUM

Located in Van Lear. Open Mon-Sat., from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Museum features many exhibits, and a gift and snack shop. Proceeds go to support the activities of the Van Lear Historical Society, Inc. For more info., call 789-8540 or email to: coalcamp@yahoo.com.

RED CROSS CPR/FIRST AID

The American Red Cross Big Sandy Chapter is offering Instructor Training Course in CPR/First Aid on Nov. 17, 18, & 19. If interested, call 886-8330. Space limited, registration required.

TUSSEY REUNION

The 6th annual Tussey Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Pines

Bldg., Jenny Wiley State Park. Festivities will begin at 11 a.m., dinner will be served at noon. Live entertainment, auctions, prizes, old photos and genealogical information (copier will be provided). Professional photographer will be present to interview and film those attending. For more info., contact Cheryl Tussey Shepherd at 886-8863; Brenda Tussey Gray at 886-1249; or Don Tussey at 886-3338.

4-H TEEN COUNCIL MEETING

Interested in meeting new friends? Trying new things? Teaching others? Being a role model for younger people? Then join the 4-H Teen Council this year! Anyone age 13-18 is invited to join. For more information, contact Chuck Stamper, 4-H agent, at 886-2668, or email to: estamper@uky.edu.

FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

"NEWBEE" QUILTERS CLUB

The Floyd County Extension Homemakers Club offers many new learning opportunities, one being the "Beginning Quilting 'Newbee' Club." The Newbee Club will meet monthly, Sept. thru May, on the 4th Thursday of each month, at 6:00 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Service office (UK Co-op Extension), across from Brad Hughes Toyota. Anyone interested in learning basic quilting skills may join. The new program year will begin on Thursday, September 25. This year's project will be "sampler quilt." To register to attend, contact Theresa Scott, agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, at 886-2668, or email to: tmscott@uky.edu.

"LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"

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

Alzheimer's Association, Eastern KY Regional Office - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

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liaison program can impact cancer patient care at their facility in a highly positive way.

For more information on the Cancer Liaison Program and the Commission on Cancer, contact the Commission on Cancer at the American College of Surgeons, 633 N. Saint Clair St., Chicago, IL 60611, or telephone: 312-202-5085.

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

MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, from 7-8:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

Domestic Violence

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Essay

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First Commonwealth Bank. Two students, Whitney May and Savannah Reno, earned the exact same combined scores for second place, and both students received \$75 US Savings Bonds, donated by US Bank. Danielle Ousley received the third place award, winning a \$50 US Savings Bond, donated by Citizens National Bank. Padgett, May, and Reno are all students in Ruth Castle's class at the Wesley Christian School. Ousley attends Adams Middle School, and Newsome is a senior at Prestonsburg High School.

The Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p.m., in the Old Courthouse Law Library. Anyone interested in working to end Domestic Violence is invited to attend.

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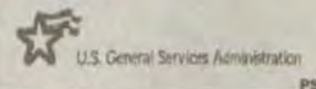
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Prestonsburg updates tourism ordinance

by MARY MUSIC
 STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — In addition to contending with concerns of two Prestonsburg residents who presented requests during the regularly scheduled city council meeting Monday, members discussed several different matters of business.

The first official reading of an amended ordinance pertaining to the Recreation, Tourist and Convention Commission stood on the forefront of the agenda. Upon the request of Mayor Jerry Fannin, Harry Adams hastily read the introduction to the ordinance, which details information regarding the appointment and obligations of the commission.

Most of the changes reflected in this version of the ordinance pertain to the delegation of power of the commission duties. One revision, for instance, handed the power of "the city" to receive tax record information from tourist-oriented businesses such as restaurants and hotels, into the hands of the treasurer of the commission.

Following the acceptance of the reading of the ordinance, council members discussed Fannin's "Mountaintop Project" at Stonecrest. Noting that the last couple of city council meetings were canceled because he was "securing" money in Frankfort for this and other town improvements, Fannin expressed his enthusiasm for the project to members.

According to Fannin, the city has received \$600,000 of the funds needed for the project. During the meeting, he announced that Mountain Enterprises won the bid Friday in Frankfort to begin roadwork for the project. The city has been working to obtain property easements in the Stratton Branch area in order to begin construction. The road is planned to provide an access of the mountaintop from the Dewey Lake area.

While considering the mountaintop project, council members

also spoke enthusiastically about the upcoming construction of a multifunctional facility which is to be located near Stonecrest. The facility, featuring a dirt floor and resembling a "football field with walls built around it," according to Fannin, will provide a huge arena for various sporting events. Council members discussed preliminary ideas regarding the use of the facility for horse shows, rodeos, motocross and tractor pulls.

Council member C.E. "Little Shag" Branham said that the project could be a huge success for this area.

"People would come from all over," said Branham. "It could be the biggest boom in East Kentucky."

Additionally, over 50 miles of riding trails will be available for tourists on the mountaintop. Many of those trails already exist around the hillside. Others will be added at a later date. Additionally, Fannin said, horse stables will be available for visitors who come to ride trails or to attend various sporting events.

"I'm gonna get me a horse," said council member Hansel Cooley.

During the meeting, council members also:

• Passed a motion for the city to utilize a way to thank and recognize the Holiday Inn for its efforts with this year's safe Trick or Treat.

• Thanked the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival Planning Committee, headed by council member Donna Wells, for their "hard work" with this year's festival.



photo by Mary Music

Allen Elementary student John Devin Clifton, 11, spoke with council member C.E. "Little Shag" Branham regarding a petition to build a skateboard park within city limits. During the meeting, the council passed a resolution allowing the city to request grant funding for the project.

Residents get different results from council

by MARY MUSIC
 STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg City Council members held open arms toward one community concern during a city council meeting Monday evening and closed their arms regarding another one. These reactions followed the approachment of two Prestonsburg citizens who requested help from the city for different projects.

Shortly after the meeting began, John Devin Clifton, 11-year-old son of Della and David Clifton, approached the council, asking that they consider funding for a skateboard park within the city limits.

Clifton, who attends Allen Elementary School, came to the meeting armed with a petition requesting signatures for the project. Clifton said he brought the matter to the attention of the city last Christmas in a letter to the mayor.

While addressing the council, Clifton noted that he and his friends enjoy skateboarding, but disliked the fact that they had to travel long distances in order to practice at a "real" park. This, says Clifton, is something he hopes the city can change.

After complimenting Clifton for the presentation of his request, the council quickly passed a resolution authorizing Mayor Jerry Fannin to submit an application for funding of the project.

According to Fannin, the city plans to submit the application for a donation of \$25,000 to the Tony Hawk Foundation.

As noted in the resolution

passed during the meeting, the city will match grant funds received for the construction of the skateboard park. Upon attainment of these funds, the skateboard park is slated to be located at Archer Park. Exact details of the project will be available at a later date.

Following the discussion of several other matters of business, city council members listened to the request of another concerned Prestonsburg citizen.

Brenda Burchett, who came to the meeting armed with a photo album full of pictures of her home and property located on South Highland Avenue, requested that the board tell her what to do about a sewage problem on her property. According to her, sewage has backed up into her home and puddled in her yard.

"My furnace is full of feces," said Burchett. "I don't know what to do."

Burchett, who told The Floyd County Times prior to the meeting that she had contacted the city for help via the telephone at least 88 times within that last several months, said she has gotten the "run-around" from the city in regard to the sewage problem on her property and that "no one wants to help."

During the meeting, Burchett told council members that she was at a loss in knowing what to do next to address the issue. Council members quickly brushed the issue aside from the meeting agenda, stating that it was a concern of the utilities board commission, not the city council.

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Couple pleads not guilty to bank robbery

by SHELDON COMPTON
 STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An Ohio couple arrested in August and later indicted by a Floyd County grand jury in late September on charges that they conspired in the robbery of Branch Bank & Trust in Prestonsburg pleaded innocent to all charges against them at their arraignments Tuesday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Melinda Workman, 21, and Elijah P. Hluch, 23, both of Ravenna, Ohio, pleaded not

guilty to a combination of four total charges pending against them.

Workman was indicted on one count of first-degree robbery, while Hluch faces charges of first-degree complicity to commit robbery, first-degree wanton endangerment and first-degree fleeing or evading police.

Hluch is accused of driving Workman from the scene of the robbery on Aug. 11. Police say that on that day, Workman entered Branch Bank & Trust's location at Glyn View Plaza and held a teller at gunpoint. She then allegedly asked that a black bag she had brought be filled with money.

Once she had the money, police allege the 21-year-old then left and entered a waiting car, allegedly driven by Hluch.

The couple was spotted shortly afterwards by police, who chased them along Route 1428 and then onto Route 194 at Cow Creek. Workman was arrested once police stopped the vehicle, but Hluch fled into the nearby woods, only to be later captured after police initiated a canine unit as part of their search.

After the two were apprehended, police searched their vehicle and reported finding more than \$4,000 in cash.

Both are now scheduled to appear for pretrial conferences on Jan. 15.

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As with any other sport, however, it is very easy to become injured or sore, if you do not follow healthy procedures. Stretch before and after the game, build up the amount of playing time, if you body is unprepared for the exertion, use correct body posture and movement, and purchase equipment that is best for your body form.

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AEP executive talks about future

by MARTHA BRYSON
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CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The country's largest coal-burning utility does not plan to build more conventional coal-fired power plants because its leaders expect industry coal

use to be sharply curtailed, a top American Electric Power executive said Tuesday.

The industry likely will face more pressure to reduce atmospheric emissions from burning carbon-based fuels, said Dale Heydlauff, a senior vice president of Columbus, Ohio-based AEP. Many scientists blame

carbon dioxide from burning oil and coal for contributing to a "greenhouse" or warming effect on global climates.

"AEP leadership has no intention of building another pulverized coal plant ... The risk exposure is just too great,"

he said during Tuesday's meeting of the West Virginia Conference on the Environment in Charleston.

"This is a global challenge, and it requires a global solution," Heydlauff said. "The answer is in technology."

AEP, the Western Hemisphere's largest coal consumer, has a responsibility to help develop a new generation of coal-fired generating plants, Heydlauff said.

Without dramatic developments in emissions control, "coal will be largely squeezed out of the marketplace by 2030 to 2040," he said.

AEP has worked to protect South American rain forests and is working at replanting forests that have been over-harvested, focusing on the role of forests in absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and releasing oxygen.

The company also is explor-

ing the prospect for disposing of carbon dioxide in certain geologic formations underground.

AEP is engaged in a \$1 billion, 10-year demonstration project in which it hopes to prove that it can capture 90 percent of emissions and dispose of them underground, a process called geologic sequestration.

Carbon dioxide can be stored in very deep, unminable coal seams, or saline formations, he said.

"If we don't develop geologic sequestration, the future of the coal industry is bleak," Heydlauff said.

Explosion injures one, damages building

The Associated Press

SALYERSVILLE — A natural gas explosion injured a woman and heavily damaged the Magoffin County Extension Office, officials said.

Brooke Jenkins was in fair condition Tuesday at University of Kentucky Hospital, spokesman Chuck Ham said.

A natural gas leak caused the explosion just before 8:30 p.m.

Monday, said Scott Jenkins, director of Magoffin County 911. He said people had smelled gas for a couple of days but didn't know where it was coming from.

The explosion left Brooke Jenkins with second-degree burns on her legs and a fractured arm, said Scott Jenkins, who is not related to the victim. He said Brooke Jenkins is in her early 20s.

The building exploded when Brooke Jenkins turned off a light, he said.

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Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

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assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

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Drug charges result in no jail time

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — William H. Marsillett, 54, of Prestonsburg, was given a five-year suspended sentence and five years of state supervised probation for drug trafficking in Floyd Circuit Court Tuesday morning.

Marsillett was indicted on March 11 on two counts of sec-

ond-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and pleaded innocent later that month during his arraignment. But the Commonwealth Attorney's Office offered the Prestonsburg resident a plea deal on Aug. 1 and he pleaded guilty to both charges five days later on Aug. 6.

Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill sentenced Marsillett Tuesday morning.

Committee

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happened at May Valley."

"We are a five member board, not two, and not three. This committee gives the chair the right to meet with who they want and to give information to who they want," he said, as he also made some reference to "secret meetings."

"I think it's sad, just really sad, that this motion would be supported by Dr. Fanning," he said.

Earlier in the meeting,

employees of May Valley Elementary addressed the board in support of their school and informed them that "no fearful attitude" prevailed at the school and the school remained loyal to its commitment to protect and educate its students.

Board attorney Mike Schmitt informed the board that no further allegations had been made against any May Valley Elementary employee "since the middle of September" and that "the person who allegedly committed the (offensive) acts was no longer a school board employee."

"Everything will eventually come out," Schmitt said.

McGuire said that Schmitt's comments "comforted" him, but that he still remained opposed to the establishment of a board litigation committee, which establishment, nonetheless, was supported that evening by board vote.

Results

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"This is all utility stuff," said Fanning. "You have to contact the utilities commission board."

Council members Hansel Cooley and C.E. Branham directed Burchett to speak with the city secretary, who could inform her of the next scheduled utility board meeting so that her problem could be addressed appropriately. Council members also directed Burchett, who told members that she and her son were "freezing," to seek help with her heating problem from the Big Sandy Community Action Program.

At the close of the meeting, Fanning requested a motion of adjournment as Burchett attempted to regain the attention of the council members.

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Study: Motorcycle deaths rise in Kentucky after helmet law repealed

by DEE-ANN DURBIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Motorcycle deaths increased by more than 50 percent in

Kentucky and 100 percent in Louisiana after those states repealed their mandatory helmet laws, according to a government study released Tuesday. In the two years before

Louisiana's 1999 repeal, an average of 26 motorcyclists died in crashes, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said. In the two years after repeal, the average was 55 motorcyclists killed.

In Kentucky, there were 24 motorcyclists on average killed in the two years before the 1998 repeal and an average of 38 motorcyclists in the two years after the repeal.

Those numbers amount to an increase of 58 percent in Kentucky and 111 percent in Louisiana.

Supporters of helmet laws say the government should punish states that don't require helmets, since the public often ends up paying medical costs for those injured in motorcycle accidents. Opponents of the laws say the government should spend more to train riders instead of pushing for helmets.

The numbers of motorcyclists wearing helmets dropped dramatically in Kentucky and Louisiana after repeal of the helmet laws. In Kentucky, helmet usage dropped from 96 percent in 1997 to 65 percent in 1999. In

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State survey: smoking rates drop slightly among youths

by DYLAN T. LOVAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — A state survey showed that youth smoking rates in Kentucky have declined slightly, though anti-smoking advocates said the rate of kids who puff would be lower if cigarettes cost more.

Current tobacco use among high school students dropped from 37 percent in 2000 to 34 percent in 2002, and for middle school students it dropped from 22 percent to 15 percent, according to the 2002 Kentucky Youth Tobacco Survey, released Monday.

"This is really encouraging news," said Rice Leach, state Public Health Commissioner. "While the changes are not big, they are clearly in the right direction."

The report, however, points out that the slight drop in those rates is "not statistically significant." The first youth tobacco survey was conducted in 2000.

Anti-smoking advocates said

the survey bolsters their case for an increase on the excise tax on cigarettes, a suggestion that has so far fallen on deaf ears in the state legislature.

"The fact that (youth smoking rates) haven't declined a significant amount since 2000 is not necessarily disheartening," said Paul Kiser, manager of advocacy and education for Kentucky ACTION, an anti-smoking group. Kiser said ciga-

Man pleads innocent to transaction charges

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — A 53-year-old man police say gave two underage girls alcohol and drugs this past July pleaded innocent to those charges in Floyd Circuit Court Monday.

Larry Erwin Slone, 53, of Prestonsburg, pleaded not guilty Monday to a total of four charges of unlawful transaction with a minor.

Slone was indicted Sept. 30 on the charges that on July 24 he

allegedly gave two females — ages 16 and 13 — both alcohol and what was detailed as only controlled substances in court records.

Slone was arrested by the Prestonsburg Police Department and originally charged with two counts of first-degree unlawful transaction with a minor and two additional counts of third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor. He will now appear in court on Feb. 18 for a pretrial conference.

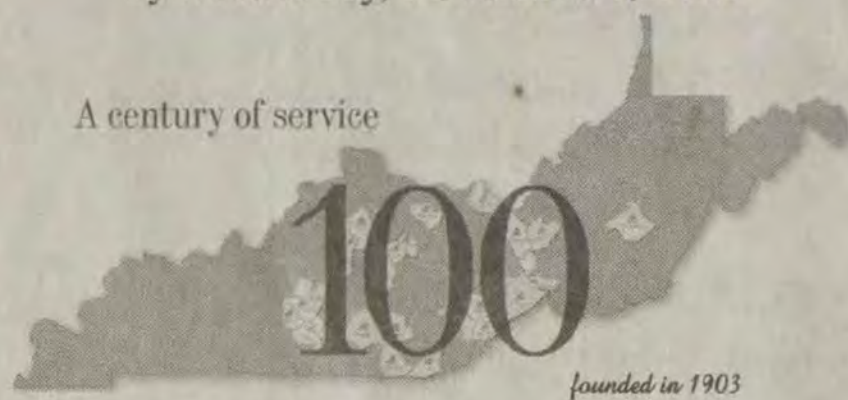


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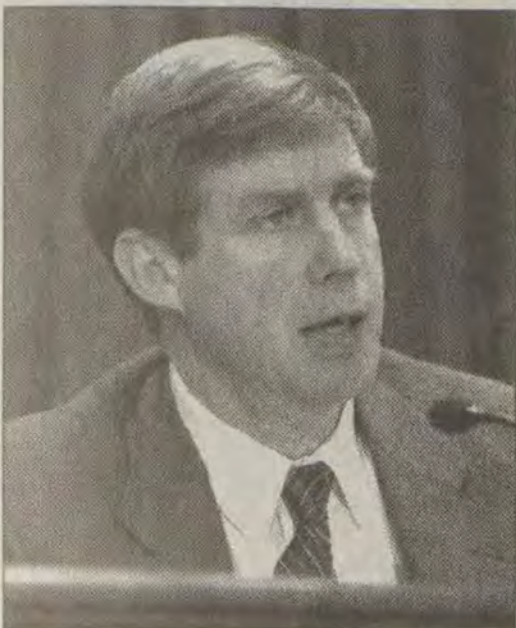
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Professional development key topic for legislative education panel

FRANKFORT — A few changes may be in store for statewide education assessment, according to Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit. Wilhoit outlined seven points



Senate Majority Floor Leader Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, asks a question about Kentucky's Commonwealth Accountability Testing System during the October meeting of the Education Assessment & Accountability Review Subcommittee meeting in Frankfort.

of change Monday to the Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee. Among the highlights of the testimony was a focus on professional development geared toward continuous classroom assessment.

"We must give our teachers in the classroom more guidance," Wilhoit said. "There was an assumption 12 years ago that if we outlined our goals, that the educators on-site would know what to do and how to achieve them."

"That assumption was wrong," he concluded.

The Department of Education wants to focus on helping teachers learn how to make continual assessments in the classroom, so that students know what is expected as part of CATS testing and are prepared for it.

"This is not teaching to the test," said state school board chair Helen Mountjoy. "This is not teaching test-taking skills. It's making sure the students have the skills they need to be prepared for the tests. It's making sure they've acquired the knowledge base they need before they take the tests rather than after."

Among the other strategies discussed was the implementation of the writing portfolio. The most

common complaint, said Sen. Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, is that the input required is not matched by the increase in writing skills, especially at the high school level.

Wilhoit said that another goal of professional development should be to help teachers in all areas create effective writing prompts. In addition, he said, identifying students' future plans and interests could be key to keeping their interest in the portfolio material. "If you don't have them writing about something that will hold their attention, writing becomes a chore, and that's the worst thing we can do," he said.

Wilhoit's presentation also included a summary of the past year's CATS testing results. Elementary and middle schools are showing continued improvement, he said, with high schools not showing the same measure of improvement. Science and social studies scores are not showing any progress at all, he noted.

One reason for that is the different nature of high schools in general, Rep. Jon Draud, R-Crestview Hills, said. "It's just much more difficult to institute structural changes at the high school level."

One difference across all levels of education was the vastly higher

scores in reading than in math. Wilhoit noted that grant programs have helped put an emphasis on reading and literacy programs at schools across the state, and that a similar effort must be made in math. "We're talking about a major initiative," he said.

One positive sign, he said, was a graph demonstrating that students' poverty levels, as measured

by the percentage of students in a school's free- and reduced-lunch program, had little or no correlation with the school's CATS scores. "That's not the primary determinant," he said. "It's consistent exposure to a highly qualified teacher. Not just once a day, but all day, every day. That's the biggest factor in achieving high scores and learning more."

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rette prices increased dramatically from 1997 to 2000, and youth smoking rates dropped drastically during that time.

"If we can get back to increasing the price again through excise taxes or some other means, then we can start to see these declines go on again," Kiser said.

In a poll by the Associated Press and four other news organizations this month, 59 percent said the excise tax on cigarettes should be increased. Nearly as many, 57 percent, favor a raise in the tax even when faced with the argument that it would disproportionately tax the poor.

But some legislators said they oppose a higher excise tax because it would hinder one of Kentucky's signature crops.

"I'm against it," said Rep. Royce Adams, a Dry Ridge Democrat whose northern Kentucky district is full of tobacco farmers. "It's still an important cash crop in my district."

Adams said one reason for his opposition is the loss of sales tax revenue it would create, since fewer people would cross the border to buy cheaper cigarettes in Kentucky.

The state's excise tax on cigarettes is the second-lowest in the nation at 3 cents per pack. It has not been raised in more than 20 years. The state does not tax cigars or smokeless tobacco at all.

Rep. Thomas Burch, D-Louisville, has estimated that a 75-cent per-pack increase would generate around \$200 million for the state. He has pushed for legislation

that would raise the tax to that level. "My view is we should raise it as high as it can go," Burch said. He said a raise of 15 to 20 cents wouldn't generate any significant money for the state budget shortfall.

Though the overall youth smoking rate drop was slight, the survey showed a significant drop among seventh-grade smokers, from 28 percent in 2000 to 17 percent in 2002.

The study defined current tobacco use as using a tobacco product one or more days in the 30 days prior to the survey, which was conducted from March to June 2002.

It also revealed some troubling numbers among high school students who tried to quit smoking. In the 2000 survey, about 60 percent of current smokers tried to quit, while only 49 percent tried to give it up in 2002.

The latest national numbers show that 28 percent of high school and 11 percent of middle school students were current smokers in 2000, the survey said.

More than 3,000 students at 44 public middle schools and 43 public high schools took part in the survey.

Gil Lawson, a spokesman for the Cabinet for Health Services, said the survey will be conducted every two years.

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Louisiana, helmet usage dropped from 100 percent in 1998 to 52 percent in 2000.

NHTSA said some of the increase in motorcycle deaths could be attributed to the fact of more motorcycles on the road. U.S. motorcycle registrations increased by 12 percent between 1996 and 2000, and the amount of miles motorcyclists traveled increased by 5.6 percent.

Still, NHTSA found that the increases in deaths in Louisiana and Kentucky outpaced the national average. In the two years following repeal,

Kentucky saw an increase of 37.5 percent in the number of motorcyclists killed per 10,000 registered vehicles, while Louisiana saw an increase of 75 percent. The national average rose by 18 percent per 10,000 registered motorcycles between 1997 and 2001.

Twenty states and the District of Columbia require motorcyclists to wear helmets, NHTSA said. Twenty-seven states have helmet laws that apply to some motorcyclists, such as teenagers. Colorado, Illinois and Iowa have no helmet laws.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

ALC minus top player McKenzie

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team will tip off the 2003-04 season Tuesday night at home against Kentucky Christian College. The game will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m., following the women's game which is scheduled to begin at 5:30.

The Eagles will return nine players from last season's team. However, three-year starting point guard Tommy McKenzie (12.1 ppg, 4.2 apg), is out for the year with a torn ACL. The loss of McKenzie hands head coach Gary Gibson and his ALC men's program a huge blow.

McKenzie has already undergone successful surgery on the



Gary Gibson

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

New season on tap for Rice, ALC women

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – Second-year Alice Lloyd College women's basketball coach Tim Rice will begin the 2003-04 campaign with much of the talent from last season's team returning.

The Lady Eagles will begin the 2003-04 season Tuesday evening at home against visiting Kentucky Christian College. Tipoff is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. The ALC women will begin the new campaign looking to improve on last season's record of 9-24.

Rice sees much promise in the 2003-04 edition of the Lady Eagles.

"The whole team has worked



Tim Rice

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Caudill nets four tackles

LEXINGTON – University of Kentucky senior defensive end Jeremy Caudill had four tackles – two for a loss – in Saturday's win over Mississippi State. Caudill and the UK defense shut down the State offense in the second half.

photo by Steve LeMaster

South Floyd senior Brandon Little rushed for 101 yards on 26 carries in South Floyd's 14-0 win over Paintsville. Joe Osborne finished with 112 yards on 11 carries and Wes Hall added 85 yards on 15 carries. Hall and Osborne each scored touchdowns for South Floyd.



H.S. FOOTBALL

Raiders have off week to enjoy victory

Opponent could likely come from Harlan County

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – An open date in the last week of the regular season will allow the South Floyd Raiders to enjoy a little

more Friday night's win over district rival Paintsville. South Floyd, which beat Paintsville 14-0 on the road Friday night at Memorial Field, looks to be a third-place finisher in Class A.

District Eight. The Raiders' first-round opponent will most likely come out of Harlan County. With a 21-14 win over Harlan Friday night the Somerset Briar Jumpers, guided by Coach Jay Cobb, a former head coach at Knott County Central, look to be in

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Breathitt Co. likely first round opponent for Blackcats

file photo

Prestonsburg senior running back Chat Yates (1), pictured in action against Sheldon Clark earlier in the season, exploded for over 200 yards rushing and five touchdowns in the Blackcats' win over Shelby Valley on Friday night.



by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – What an exciting possibility of a first round playoff game between two long-time rivals. The Prestonsburg Blackcats will most likely travel to Breathitt County for a first-round playoff game against Coach Mike Holcomb and the Bobcats. Breathitt County is the defending Class 2A State Champion.

Prestonsburg has played Breathitt County several times in the past few seasons with the series very close as far as wins for each school goes.

A game with the Bobcats is not etched in stone until after Friday's games are completed, but barring any unforeseen upsets it will be Prestonsburg at Breathitt County in the first round of the KHSAA State Football Playoffs.

Prestonsburg traveled to Breathitt County last season and fell to the Bobcats to end its season. Several of the Blackcats that lost to the eventual State Champs last season are looking forward to another shot at Holcomb's team.

Both teams love to beat each other on the field, but according to Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett the teams do have a

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MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Adams downs Inez, 18-14

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – A season-ending win was the order of the day Saturday for the Adams Middle School football team. The Blackcats finished the year on a positive note, defeating Inez 18-14 to take third-place in the Big Sandy Valley Football Conference.

"We played Inez at the beginning of the season in the preseason grid and they just blew us away," said Adams head coach James DeRossett. "I think Saturday was a credit to our players and how hard they

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JCMS captures another grid championship

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – The Johnson County Middle School Eighth Grade football team is in a very familiar position. The team, coached by Eddie Blair, is the Big Sandy Valley Conference Champion following a 16-8 win over rival Paintsville Junior High in a title game played at Johnson Central High School on Saturday, Paintsville, which defeated JCMS Eighth in the regular-season, came in as a slight favorite.

Shawn Grim led the Golden Eagles in rushing with 102 yards on 19 carries. He had one touchdown.

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Legendary Jamerson honored

Talented grandson accepts honor

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – University of Kentucky football legend Bob Gain served as honorary captain for the

Mississippi State game Saturday. Gain won the Outland Trophy for the nation's best lineman and was co-captain of the 1950 Wildcat squad that has a claim on the national championship. He and former teammates and their families were honored Saturday.

Players from the 1950 team and their guests had a reception before the game. At halftime, the players

were introduced and each player received a commemorative football. The players were also fitted for ring sizes, as a championship ring will be made for each player.

In attendance was Prestonsburg High senior Nicholas Jamerson. Along with his grandmother, Virginia "Buddy" Jamerson, the

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H.S. FOOTBALL

Pikeville blasts Allen Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Allen Central's final game of the 2003 football season turned out to be its worst loss. The Rebels fell to host Pikeville, losing 69-0 at Hillard Howard Field. Host Pikeville scored on each of its five first-

quarter possessions to build a quick lead Allen Central could never threaten to answer.

Pikeville running back Weston Robinson had three touchdown runs in the first period. Robinson scored on runs of 24, 30 and 43

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Jacob Crider is a reigning state champion in West Virginia.

MOTORSPORTS

Crider takes W.Va. State Championship

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Twelve-year-old Jacob Crider, a seventh-grader at Adams Middle School, has made a name for himself in the sport of hillclimbing. Competing in the AMA (American Motorcyclist Association), Crider recently won a West Virginia State Championship in the 12-16-

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photo by Jamie Howell

Adams Lady Blackcat Alexis DeFossett, pictured in action against Allen on Monday night, scored 19 points in last week's C-team win over McDowell.

Lightning scores victories

YOUTH SOCCER

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - During the past week, the Floyd County U-12 Lightning team traveled to two different counties to play against some tough competition. On Wednesday, they traveled to Johnson County to take on the Raptors. This was an extremely defensive game. Brad Hicks and Nick Conn, the Lightning goalies, were able to deflect everything that was kicked at them. Katy Petry, Keaton Studebaker, Warren

Vierheller, Tyler Hall, and Victor Holbrook all did their part in stopping a lot of shots on goal. By halftime, a Lightning forward, Caleb Petry, had found his mark twice. The midfield action of Zak Key, Hailee Hall, and Joseph Kidd played an important part in keeping the ball in the Raptor's half of the field. During the second half, Nathaniel Fraley was able to drill the ball into the goal. At the end of the game, the Lightning remained undefeat-

ed with a score of 3-0. On Saturday, the Lightning had to travel to Jackson to go against the Breathitt Ice. The playing field was a U19 one, so the players had a lot of passing to do. The goalie and defenders moved up to the centerfield line to help keep the ball in the Ice's half of the field. Unfortunately, the Ice took advantage of this and was able to kick a long shot that rolled into the goal untouched. The lead did not last long. Petry was able to answer with a goal, followed by Brad Hicks, Caleb Petry, and Keaton Studebaker. At halftime, the score was 4 - 1. During the second half, the Lightning turned up the heat and played their type of ball. Tyler Hall, Key, Hailee Hall, Nick Conn, Kidd, and Victor

Holbrook did excellent passing and superb ball handling to keep the ball primarily in the Ice's half. Katy Petry, as goalie, saw very little action. Studebaker was able to obtain a hat trick, scoring three goals, with back to back goals. Fancy footwork by Hicks helped him put the ball in the goal. Vierheller had the opportunity to make his first penalty shot because of a handball by the Ice's defense. Near the end of the game, Caleb Petry was able to put the ball in the net one last time. There was a lot of team effort and assisting with each other that made the Lightning come out on top. The Lightning ended the game with a 9-1 victory. The Lightning's record now stands at 7-0. They have one last game, next Saturday, with the Pikeville YMCA.

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injured knee. Senior guard Matt Spencer (9.7 ppg), junior guard Shannon Akers (5.8 ppg) and sophomore forward Jeremy Daniels (6-5) are the top returnees. Returning lettermen who are also expected to contribute include seniors Ryan Shannon (5-9, PG) and Jason Knott (6-4, C); Junior Jimmy Stumbo (6-6, C); Sophomores John Meade (6-1, PG), Tim Parks (6-5, F), Dock Johnson (6-1, G), and Jeremy Jackson (6-0 G). According to Gibson, Shannon will get the first chance to try and fill the position left vacant by

McKenzie. "It's going to be really tough to try and replace Tommy (McKenzie)," said Gibson. "We're going to give Ryan (Shannon) the first shot at the position." Much will be expected from incoming freshmen Brandon Wheeler (6-5, F, Johnson Central), Jeremy Jones (6-2, G, Powell County), point guard Chris Hurt (5-9, PG, Johnson Central) and redshirt freshman Micah Oden (6-5, C, Jenkins). The Eagles will have to replace 6-6 all-conference center Kent Campbell (15.3 ppg, 6.7 rpg), guard Nick Samons (10.9 ppg) and forward Hondo Hearn (5.3 ppg) from last season's team. They will try to improve on last year's 11-22 record as Gibson begins his third year in the always tough AAC Conference.

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Pikeville

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yards, in that order. With the win, Pikeville improved to 5-1 in the district and 5-4 overall. Panther quarterback Derek Sword got things done for Pikeville in the opening quarter. Sword found Tim Champlain through the air on an eight-yard touchdown and Brett Gibson for a 20-yard strike. In the second quarter, Sword hooked up with Matt Sexton for a one-yard touch-down.

The scoring was abundant for Pikeville, and many different players contributed. Josh Sullivan recovered a fumble in the endzone for a touchdown and Robert Shurtleff scored from one yard out. Brian Elkins

kicked five extra-point boots and Jordan Puckett two, all in the first half. The host Panthers led 56-0 at the break. Pikeville got both of its second-half scores from younger players. Jacob Sword hit paydirt on a 23-yard touchdown run in the third quarter and Ryan Shurtleff netted six points on a three-yard scoring run in the fourth period. Allen Central managed only three first downs in the game. Under first-year head coach Jeremy Hall, Allen Central finished the season 1-9 overall and 1-6 in Class A, District Eight. With only a handful of seniors, much of Allen Central's talent will return next season.

Blackcats

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mutual respect for one another. "Coach Holcomb is someone who when the game is over you can walk across the field and shake hands and congratulate on the game win or lose and still be good friends afterward," DeRossett said. The Blackcats will finish third in Class 2A, District Eight with a win over East Ridge on Senior Night at Josh Francis Field on Friday. Breathitt County fell to Middlesboro 42-14 in what was a district title game last Friday. However, DeRossett thinks people are forgetting about a good football team in Breathitt County. "This is the team that won the state title last year, and until someone beats them out of the playoffs they are the defending champions," added DeRossett. Prestonsburg will face a tough task in traveling to Breathitt County. But the Bobcats aren't unbeatable having lost three games on the sea-

son versus Mason County, Pulaski Co, Middlesboro. Prestonsburg has played some of its best offensive football in the past six quarters as the Blackcat offense, with junior Trevor Compton under center, has put 70 points on the board in that period. The teams do appear to be pretty evenly matched in many areas and in one poll, Dave Cantrell's Rating The State, as published by the Lexington Herald-Leader, the teams are dead even with 59.1 power ratings in Class 2A. If things go as planned, the two teams will meet up on Friday, Nov. 7 in Jackson.

Season

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hard in practice," said Rice. "We're looking forward to the start of the season. The Lady Eagles lost two key players from last season's team. They were forwards Leah Whitley (All Conference, 15 ppg, 7 rpg) and Andrea Kelly. However, obviously, last season's very young team becomes much more experienced after a season of competition. Seniors Delores Jenkins and Erica Webb will be returning along with starting point guard Devon Reynolds, a former standout at Betsy Layne. Other returnees who will be expected to play a crucial role in the success of the team include sophomores Belicia Mullins, Bridget Smith, Jessica Justice, Amy Jackson, Kim Tackett, another graduate of Betsy Layne, and Kristina Thompson. Rice also feels confident in the class of incoming freshmen which includes Rhonda Adams (5-8, Johnson Central), Kayla Combs (6-0, Perry Central), Natasha Stratton (5-6, Betsy Layne), Brandie Williams (5-5, Knott Central), and Tabatha

Adams

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have worked to improve as a football team." The Adams defense scored a safety in the first quarter to take a 2-0 lead. On the next Adams possession, Landon Stone caught a pass from Bobby Hughes for a touchdown and also caught a pass for the conversion to make the score 10-0 in favor of the Blackcats. Seth Seiser ran for another touchdown late in the second quarter to put the Blackcats ahead 18-0 at halftime. Inez scored two touch-

The Adams defense forced Inez into many running situations early in the game. Inez had a chance to score late in the game but the Adams defense held. "The way our defense held late in the game was impressive," DeRossett confided. "It was pretty impressive considering how big Inez was. Nathaniel Stephens, Taylor Clark, Brandon Holbrook, Ryan Barber, James Michael Lafferty and Mason Haywood all made big plays on defense."

Blackcats held on to win.

"Our defense really played a big role in winning this game," added DeRossett.

JCMS

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the first of the game, and one two-point conversion. For the year, Grim, the latest in a long line of successful JCMS running backs, rushed for 1,464 yards on 157 carries and scored 16 TDs.

Golden Eagle quarterback J.K. Ratliff was five of 10 passing for 92 yards and a 32-yard scoring pass to Bryan Childers, ultimately the biggest play of the game. Following the Childers score, Josh Gourdouze ran in the two-point conversion to cap the TD. The JCMS Eighth squad finished the season 9-5. The latest Big Sandy Valley Conference title was the eighth for the Golden Eagles in nine years. Adams Middle School topped JCMS Eighth in the only championship setback.

Honored

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younger Jamerson accepted on behalf of his late grandfather, the late Wilbur "Shorty" Jamerson, one of the top players in UK football history. The late Jamerson, during his college playing days, helped lead the Wildcats to a Sugar Bowl victory while taking game MVP honors. Under Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, the Wildcats were the best team in the country in 1950, according to the Jeff Sagarin com-

puter rankings. (Sagarin is the computer analyst whose rankings are published in USA Today.) Kentucky posted an 11-1 record that season, winning its first Southeastern Conference championship with a league mark of 5-1. The Wildcats topped the campaign with the most famous win in school history, the 13-7 Sugar Bowl triumph that snapped No. 1-ranked Oklahoma's 31-game winning streak.

Crider

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year-old class. Crider has raced for three years and enjoys competing in

the sport of hillclimbing. The closest local track is Moonshine Hill in Delbarton, W.Va. Moonshine Hill has inclines as steep as 70 degrees and is over 500 feet from start to finish. In hillclimbing, racers compete against a clock with the winners being those who complete the hill in the least amount of time. The American Motocyclist Association (AMA) sanctions these hillclimbing races and all riders are required to be in compliance with AMA regulations. Moonshine Hill is located on W.Va. State Route 65 approximately one and one-half miles north of the business district of Delbarton, W.Va. Crider also races in Ohio. During the past season, the young hillclimber managed four first-place finishes. He is the son of Mark and Leighann Crider of Prestonsburg.

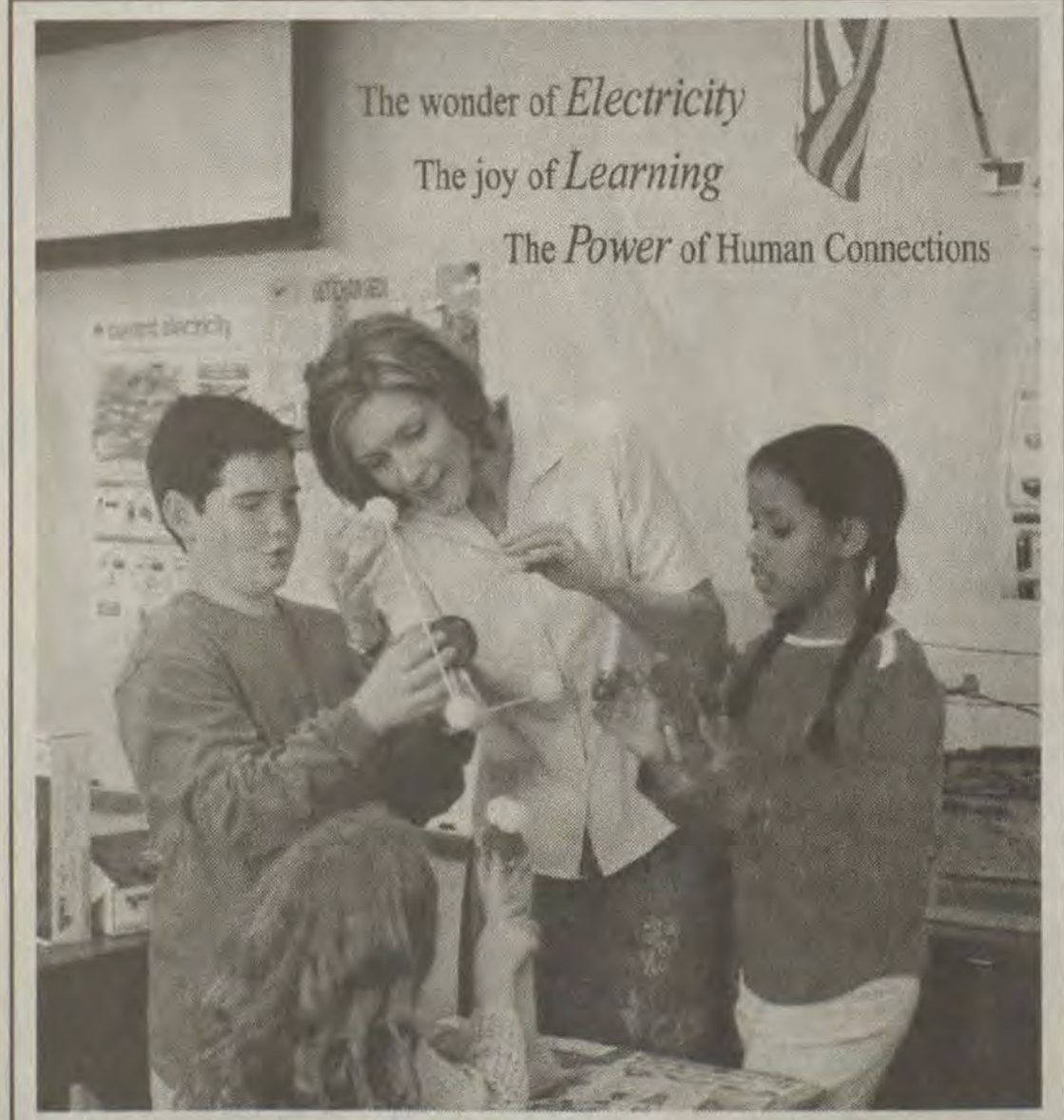
Raiders

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the driver's seat. Either way, South Floyd will have to go on the road to play in the first week of the playoffs. However, it's a trip South Floyd and head coach Donny Daniels are looking forward to. South Floyd hasn't made a trip to the playoffs since 1999. "Our kids were excited after the win over Paintsville," said Daniels. "They worked hard for the win." With the bumps and bruises that come with a football season, South Floyd will have the opportunity to rest up this week as it prepares and waits for next week's game against an opponent

to be determined. Friday night's game against Paintsville saw both Wes Hall and Joe Osborne score touchdowns as Brandon Little, one of the state's leading rushers, was held out of the endzone, but still gained positive yardage, 101 yards, and helped set up the scores. While South Floyd has the week off, Paintsville is busy preparing for Pikeville. The Tigers will travel to Pike County and the town seat to play the Panthers on Halloween Night. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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H.S. FOOTBALL

Mason rolls over Lawrence

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISA — Mason County fived up to its rather high billing Friday night, dismantling host Lawrence County 52-24.

Mason County senior quarterback Dustin Grutz threw four touchdown passes and five different players scored touchdowns as the Royals posted a 27-point win over the host Bulldogs and head coach Gary McPeck.

To say the Mason County offense was balanced would be a very true statement. The Royals trailed early, 12-7, before getting things going and eventually

steamrolling to the victory.

Chris Lofton and Brian Sweet each scored twice, and Kevin Murphy, Jordan Murray and Ty Sargent also scored touchdowns for the Royals (8-1). Murray scored his touchdown on a blocked punt he managed to return for paydirt.

Mason County finished with 210 yards passing and 129 rushing. Grutz completed 15 of 23 passes for 199 yards.

The Bulldogs got 308 of their 354 yards on the ground.

James Storts put Lawrence County on the scoreboard first with a nine-yard touchdown run. Bulldog quarterback Bryan Short

got in from one yard for Lawrence's second score of the game. Then Mason County woke up. The Royals scored 30 points in the second quarter to lead 37-12 at halftime. The Mason County defense held the host Bulldogs scoreless in the second and third quarters. In the third quarter, Mason County put up 14 points to lead 51-12 heading into the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarter, Storts returned to the endzone on a one-yard run and teammate Aaron Smith got in on a 12-yard jaunt.

Lawrence County will next be in action on the road Friday at Greenup County.

Adams wins easy over Allen

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Adams Middle School celebrated eighth grade night on Monday evening with an impressive win over Allen. The Lady Blackcats rode the hot hand of Brittany Collins to a 58-19 win over the Lady Eagles. Adams led 10-9 after one quarter with Collins scoring four of her game-high 23 points in the first quarter. The duo of Collins and Linsey Fields combined for 19 second-quarter points to give Adams a 33-12 lead at the half. With eighth grade night happening all five of the outgoing eighth-graders contributed in the win. Rikki Hughes finished the game with 10 points as did Linsey Fields.

Adams held a 48-14 lead after three quarters and go on to the big win. Tasha Wallen tossed in five points on the night and several Lady Blackcats added a bucket in the game. Julie Ford, Alexis Derossett, Felicia Keathley, Nikki Bradley and

Halee Hicks all finished with two points for Adams. Erica Meade led the Allen Lady Eagles with 10 points.

Allen had four players who finished with two points — W. Slone, A. Robinson, K. Ousley and K. Jarrell.

The Lady Blackcats outscored Allen 23-3 in the second quarter to put the game out of reach.

The second game of the evening pitted the B-teams of each school against one another. Adams took that game by a final of 27-15. Fields led Adams with 16 points. Wallen chipped in six.

The Lady Blackcats led 12-5 after one quarter and 18-9 at the half. Meade paced the Allen attack with nine points and Samantha Williams added two points. Allen trailed 22-13 after three quarters and Adams would hold on for the win. DeRossett and Julie Compton each added a bucket for Adams. Haley Howell rounded out the scoring with one point.

Amanda Blair, Lakan Lowe,

Kristian Waugh and Catie Burchett all added one point each for Allen.

The C-team game went to Adams by a final score of 15-10 with DeRossett leading the way for the winning team with nine points. Meade paced Allen with eight points and Amanda Blair added 2. Adams trailed 3-0 after one quarter and 5-2 at the half before outscoring Allen 13-5 in the second half. Hicks tossed in two points and Keathley added a bucket.

In a tight game in the fourth quarter it was two clutch free throws from Mikki Bradley that sealed the deal for Adams and gave the Lady Blackcats a sweep of the three games.



The Adams Middle School football team capped off another successful season with a third-place finish in the Sandy Valley Conference.

DeRossett leads Adams past McDowell

by JAMIE HOWELL
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PRESTONSBURG — Alexis DeRossett was in the zone on Friday evening as her 19 points helped Adams defeat McDowell 30-8 in a C-team game.

Adams jumped out to a 9-2 lead after one quarter and never looked back. The Lady Blackcats held McDowell to only four first half points and

cruised to the victory. Felicia Keathley tossed in seven points in the game while Halee Hicks added four as Adams totaled of 30 points.

McDowell was led in scoring by Chelsie Tuttle with four points.

The Lady Blackcats led 15-4 at the half and 24-6 after three quarters en route to the win. Adams defense was the key in the game as McDowell was unable to get off many shots from the field. Andrea Conn and Kelsie Dye both netted 2 points

for the Daredevils.

Julie Compton and Stephanie Spears each played good floor games for Adams. The Floyd Co. C-team tournament got underway on Tuesday evening at Allen Central and results will appear in Friday's edition.

BOXING

Rough N' Rowdy Boxing headed to Jenkins

JENKINS — The annual Rough N' Rowdy Brawl boxing contest will get underway Friday night November 7 and resume Saturday night on the 8th at the Jenkins High School Gym. Bouts will start at 8 p.m. on both nights.

Championship jackets, trophies, and \$5,000 in prize monies will be shared among the following four divisions. The men's divisions consist of light heavy weights from 140 to 175 pounds and heavy weights from 176 to 400 pounds. The women's divisions consist of light weights from 100 to 160 lbs. and heavy weights from 161 to 400 pounds.

There will be about 40 fights each night averaging approximately 10-12 fights an hour. Each contestant will fight once on Nov. 7. The winners will return Nov. 8 for a single elimination tournament. After three or four series of eliminations, there will be a champion in each weight class. The Kentucky Athletic Commission will appoint the doctor, officials, judges, referees and sanction all bouts.

Safety is ensured by all contestants wearing heavily padded 16-ounce gloves, protective headgear, a groin protector, and a mouth piece.

"It is not as safe as playing checkers or chess but it's as safe as we can make it," said fight promoter Chris Smith.

Contestants undergo pre-fight physicals and there is a ringside physician and skilled referees on hand.

An added attraction is the

ring girl contest that gets very competitive. The winner is chosen by a crowd applause meter. The champion walks away with a championship jacket, trophy and \$500 dollars while two finalists receive trophies and \$250 dollars each.

Neon's own rising star is country music singer Lee Shepherd will sing several songs pre-show as well as the National Anthem for both nights. Also making a special guest appearance Nov. 7 for one night only is WCW, NOW, and WWE wrestling superstar Buff Bagwell.

Soldiers from the United States Army recruiting command in Hazard will present the colors and help assist all the ring girls in and out of the ring between rounds.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the fights will start at 8:00 p.m. both nights. Preliminary bouts will be on Friday night and the finals will be on Saturday night. Tickets are on sale now at Little Caesars in Whitesburg and Pikeville, Dad's CD's in Norton, Va., and Pitstop Express in Dorton. Advanced general admission tickets are \$12. VIP ringside reserved tickets are also available.

It is not too late to sign up to compete for the prize money, trophies, championship jackets and the prestige of being the roughest man or woman in the Twin States area. Area men, women and ring girls can call 1-800-59-PUNCH or go online at www.boxingcontest.com to register.

New site will cater to East Ky. sports fans

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

A new website, www.kentuckysportingnews.com, is now up and running. The site, according to founder Rob Short, will cater to Eastern Kentucky sports fans. It will include various forums from the high school ranks to the college and the professional levels.

"The site is up and running, but it still has a few bugs," said Short, who lives in Martin County and works in Prestonsburg. "I wanted to start it to give the sports fans of Eastern Kentucky a place they could go online."

With the upcoming high school basketball season creeping up, Short expects everything to get busy and hopes many things will fall in line with the new site.

"We are planning a stats database — you can punch in the stats for your team and keep a running total," added Short. "If we can get someone from each school to keep track of their teams like this we can easily see who is the passing leader and rushing leader, and scoring, and so on. I hope to have this for the start of basketball season."

Short also plans to eventually have games broadcasted live over the site.

"I use a program called team speak for my Americas Army on line gaming. It has channels or rooms in it. We can have some one in each room doing play by play on a different school, some one scanning each channel and updating web page so you can see in one place who is doing what to whom and how."

Membership to the site is free.

Short invites everyone to go online and visit the site.

BRIEFS

BASEBALL

CINCINNATI — The Reds hired Dan O'Brien as their general manager. O'Brien, an assistant general manager at Texas, fills a job that has been vacant since Cincinnati fired Jim Bowden on July 27.

AUTO RACING

HAMPTON, Ga. — Jeff Gordon held off a strong challenge from Tony Stewart to win the rain-interrupted NASCAR Winston Cup race at Atlanta Motor Speedway. The Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, which was halted by rain Sunday, ended under a caution after Ryan Newman was sent spinning into the wall with a tap on the rear bumper by Dale Earnhardt Jr. just as they battled for sixth place four laps from the end. — The Associated Press

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New Twin Towers brings back memories of Robey, Phillips

by ED TAYLOR
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In 1974 three mammoth basketball players stood on the court at Memorial Coliseum to have their photo taken for the newspaper as the newest addition to the University of Kentucky coach Joe Hall's Wildcats. I remember well looking at the photo in a newspaper in Warsaw, Indiana and as a UK fan, boy was I glad the Cats had landed all three. It was a sight to behold the three nearly 7-footers that included Rick Robey, Mike Phillips and Danny Hall of Betsy Layne High School.

I had not kept up with the recruiting process before the start of the '74-'75 season and did not know that UK was actively recruiting Danny at the time. I do remember how I felt that a kid (and he was no kid) from Floyd County was actually going to play basketball for the Wildcats, my team. I watched the season carefully (and listened to some of it season as not all games were televised like they are today).

One can I remember distinctly was an away game (no television) at North Carolina and I was listening to Caewood Ledford call of the game over a Louisville station. Both Robey and Phillips were struggling offensively against then coach

Dean Smith's Tar Heels and Coach Hall inserted Danny into the game. It did not take long for Danny to make some noise with two quick baskets, one a daring hook shot (Caewood's words not mine) and he immediately drew the praise of the legendary UK announcer. Said Caewood, "Robey and Phillips playing time may be in jeopardy!" Danny had a good game that night, I remember three rebounds and six points with a blocked shot. He came in and sparked a UK rally that got them back in the game although they did lose the contest.

Danny would leave UK for Marshall University and had a good career there. In the 1977-78 season Kentucky captured a national championship, something they had not done since the 1958 season, led by Vernon Hatton. I still pull out the old VHS tape and watch the semifinal game when UK edged a good Arkansas team coached by Eddie Sutton. Behind the torrid shooting of Jack Givens, who almost set a single tournament game scoring record, the Cats defeated a young Duke team.

As the 2003-04 season is set to tip off later this month, all us UK fans are hoping the new Twin Towers will be able to bring yet another national title to Kentucky by the time they are seniors. I know. I know. UK is set on winning one this year. But what is wrong if they win another one four years from now. Shagari Alleyne, (7-2), earlier reports had him an inch taller, along with Poland's Lukasz Obrzut (7-1) make up the new towers at UK. Of course,

Alleyne is considered a "project" and is not expected to contribute until his junior season. But the way he played in the blue-white game the other night, he may be more ready than others think. UK coach Tubby Smith says

this year's addition of Wildcat basketball could duplicate last year's team's accomplishments or be even better. Come on, Coach! This team win 26 in a row? This team finish 32-4? This team finish the season as the

country's number one team? This team steamroll through the SEC with 19 wins, a conference championship and tournament championship?

Coach, this team? Here is a trivia question for

you: What two former Martin Purple Flash players signed with the University of Kentucky during the Adolph Rupp era?

Think about that one! Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Lambuth outlasts Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Fifteenth-ranked Lambuth University scored 26 unanswered points Saturday afternoon to knock off Pikeville 33-23.

Trailing 17-7 after a 45-yard Kyle Briscoe field goal with 6:31 left in the opening half, the Eagles stormed back to tie the game by intermission and relied heavily on the foot of Evan Grainer to pull ahead.

Grainer, a 6-0 sophomore from Mayfield, tied the score with a field goal inside the final minute of the first half and gave the Eagles their first nine second-half points to pull ahead.

A late touchdown pass sealed the deal for 6-2 Lambuth (5-1 in

the Mid-South Conference).

The Eagles got on the scoreboard first when quarterback Jonathan Finch hit Matt Davenport for a 23-yard touchdown with 10:18 remaining in the first quarter. Grainer's kick made it 7-0.

But the Bears needed only seconds to even the count. Junior tailback Leonard Moore, who proved his versatility in the pregame by singing the national anthem, took the handoff on the first play 80 yards for a score. Briscoe evened the count only 14 seconds after LU took the lead.

Moore's run was the longest play from scrimmage in school history, surpassing three 79-yard plays over the previous two-plus seasons. He finished with 153

yards on 23 carries.

Pikeville's defense gave it the lead early in the second period. Backup quarterback Adam Etue was hit by Matt Slone and Monte Culp and coughed up the ball at the Lambuth 26. Senior strong safety Kurtis Ellison scooped it up at the 24 and sprinted to the end zone for a 14-7 lead with 13:03 left in the half.

Briscoe's kick came at 6:31 to make it 17-7.

This time Lambuth was quick to score, needing only 1:07 and two plays to find the end zone, coming on a 59-yard Finch-to-Josh Roberts pass to pull within three.

Grainer booted his first field goal, a 24-yard effort, to even the count with 59 seconds left.

Lambuth took the lead on third-quarter field goals from 34 and 40 yards out, and with 7:51 remaining in the game, Grainer added a 30-yarder to make it a two-score lead (23-17).

Finch's third touchdown pass, a 34-yarder to Davenport, made it 33-17 with 4:45 remaining.

The Bears tacked on a score with nine seconds left as Moore ended a 14-play, 90-yard drive with a two-yard plunge.

Pikeville (3-4, 2-4) gained 142 yards on 38 carries. Quarterbacks Justin Price and Jason Armstrong finished 12-of-28 in the air for 130 yards. Matt Price hauled in four for 85 yards to lead the receivers.

Lambuth ended with 104 yards on 41 carries, with fullback Tyrus Knox leading the way with 14 carries and 44 yards.

Tailback Kevin Haynes has been plagued with a leg injury and saw limited time. The MSC's leading rusher, averaging 171.8 yards per game, had only 21 yards on six carries.

In the air, Finch finished 15-of-35 for 228 yards with three scores and an interception. Davenport caught it eight times for 120 yards.

Freshman linebacker Jason Hoath had nine tackles (six and three) to lead the Eagles.

Junior linebacker Michael Sheppard had 10 (five and five) to pace the Bears, who make their longest trip of the season next Saturday playing at Belhaven College in Jackson, Miss.

Kentucky slams Miss St.

LEXINGTON — Derek Abney tied the NCAA career record for kick return touchdowns with an 80-yard punt return in the third quarter and also added a long scoring catch in Kentucky's 42-17 win over Mississippi State on Saturday.

Kentucky (4-4, 1-3 Southeastern Conference) rallied from a 17-0 first-half deficit against the Bulldogs, who have the worst defense in the SEC.

Mississippi State (2-6, 1-3) has lost both its games since coach Jackie Sherrill announced he

would retire at the end of the season.

Abney gave the Wildcats their first lead at 21-17 with an 80-yard punt return in the third quarter. It was Abney's eighth career kick return for a score, tying the NCAA record held by Cliff Branch of Colorado (1970-71) and Johnny Rodgers of Nebraska (1970-72).

Abney, a senior, also caught a 53-yard touchdown pass from Jared Lorenzen in the fourth quarter. It was the 75th scoring pass of Lorenzen's career, breaking the school record set by Tim Couch.

Arless Beach added a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs for Kentucky, which posted its highest point total of the season after a sluggish start.

Mississippi State entered the game allowing an average of 485.9 yards per contest, but Kentucky managed only 141 yards - just 33 on the ground - before halftime.

Kentucky pulled within 17-14 with an 80-yard touchdown drive to open the second half and finished with 410 yards of offense. Lorenzen completed 16 of 24 passes for 256 yards.

Mississippi State's Jerious Norwood had 105 yards rushing

by the end of the first quarter, including a 58-yard touchdown run, but he gained only 28 yards after that carry. The Bulldogs committed three turnovers.

The Bulldogs recovered Lorenzen's fumble at the Kentucky 26 which led to another touchdown, an 11-yard pass from Kevin Fant to Ray Ray Bivines for a 17-0 second-quarter lead.

Kentucky scored 38 seconds before halftime on Ronald Johnson's 7-yard run.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Fitch, Sparks star in Cats' scrimmage

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Gerald Fitch and Patrick Sparks scored 23 points apiece and Chuck Hayes added 22 points and 13 rebounds in Kentucky's Blue-White scrimmage on Saturday night.

The 6-foot-3 Fitch went 8-of-19

from the field, but only 2-of-7 from 3-point range. The senior also had seven assists.

Sparks, a guard who transferred from Western Kentucky, went 9-of-14 from the field and 5-of-9 from 3-point range. Sparks must sit out this season, according to NCAA rules.

The 6-6 Hayes, a junior forward, had five assists and three steals.

The game ended in a 77-77 tie. "It is not about winning or losing right now," said Kentucky coach Tubby Smith. "It is about getting better. I think we left on a high note."

Shagari Alleyne, a 7-3 freshman center from New York City, had 15 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots.

Kelenna Azubuike had 14 points, Cliff Hawkins and Antwain Barbour had 13 points each and Erik Daniels had 12.

YOUTH SOCCER

Bolts down Belfry

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — On Saturday, the Floyd County U8 Thunderbolts played their final game of the season. They played in Floyd County against the Belfry Patriots. With this being the final game of the season, the Thunderbolts played their best, and were victorious with a final score of 10-8.

Colton Parsons led the Thunderbolts in scoring, netting seven of the goals. While this was exceptional, his teammates played vital assisting roles.

Both Jenny Dingus and Josh Crider had assists through excellent passing to Parsons. Jenny Dingus also scored three goals. One of Dingus' goals was a good follow through shot which had initially been blocked by the Patriots.

She scored her other goal off an excellent pass by Parsons. Josh Crider rounded up the scoring by also scoring a goal. Crider was also quick on the field, and able to chase down many of the Patriot players before they were able to score. Kathryn Branham played a superb job of defense. Her multiple successful blocked shots were vital to the Thunderbolts victory.

Throughout the game, Derrek Studebaker demonstrated his strong kicking leg by taking multiple kickoffs, as well as corner and goal kicks. One of his initial kickoffs led to a goal on behalf of Parsons. While Jenny

Dingus was able to score some goals, she also played a vital role in defense. The Thunderbolts played an exceptional game of passing, and if they had not been willing and able to pass as much as they did, they may have not been victorious.

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POISON OAK

Halloween, then and now

In a 1940s coal camp, we didn't wear store-bought masks on Halloween. A mask, to us, was just a small strip of black cloth with eye holes...like Zorro wore in the movies and the Lone Ranger would later wear on TV. What we wore—when we could get one—was a false face.



Clyde Pack

I haven't seen a false face like that in about 50 years or so, and as far as I'm concerned, it's good riddance. They were made of cloth and molded into what resembled a human face, complete with eye holes. They were made stiff with some kind of starch-

like, gluey substance, but softened and lost their shape when they got wet. They were painted to resemble whatever character they were supposed to be, and if you tried to eat through the tiny holes that had been left for mouths, you ended up eating the bitter, foul-tasting glue and paint combination. To top it all off, they were held over your face with a thin rubber band which always broke the first time it was used.

As far as store-bought costumes, they were flimsy one-piece things that tied in the back like a hospital gown, and silk-screened to resemble Superman's suit or Frankenstein's monster. All in all, compared to today's elaborate Halloween fashions, they were sort of pitiful, to say the least. But we didn't pay much attention to stuff like that. Not more than one in ten kids in our neighborhood wore store-bought costumes that their moms had ordered from Montgomery Ward. The rest

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Diane Montgomery, right, of Betay Layne, was pleased with her purchases at the consignment shop. Susanne Gullett, left, owner of the shop, says that most of her customers are surprised to find such a wide selection of quality goods.

Serving the community in a 'unique' way

consignment shop seeks to fill need

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR



photo by Kathy J. Prater

High quality, expensive pageant dresses can be found at a fraction of the cost at the shop, which also carries a full line of infant clothing and accessories.

Recently opened in the building once used for the local post office, in Allen, is a consignment shop that is, just as its name suggests, quite unique in many ways.

The Unique Boutique, owned and operated by Susanne Gullett, of Emma, is unlike most other consignment shops, or second-hand stores, in the fact that it carries only "name-brand" clothing. According to Gullett, she saw a need in the local area for affordable, designer-style, or trendy, name-brand clothing such as those often found miles away in the shopping malls of larger cities. "Not everyone can get to the mall," she said, "and not everyone can afford mall prices."

But, a quick glance around at the sale tags on the items for sale in Gullett's consignment shop will soon

convince that most folks can afford to purchase trendy, quality clothing items from the boutique, which houses a large selection of clothing for men, women and children. Children's pageant dresses and bridal gowns are also available from the boutique, as well as a wide assortment of accessories and shoes. And, most importantly, these normally very costly items are available through Gullett's consignment shop for a mere fraction of the usual cost.

"I'm very picky about what I take in," Gullett said. "I like to get the best brands and I want them spotless and in excellent condition." Being so "picky" has paid off for Gullett, who reports that "business is good" at the shop.

"I think people appreciate being able to come in and find quality items at such a savings," she said. "And," she

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Are you a writer? Submit to Kudzu

Kudzu, an annual literary publication of Hazard Community and Technical College, is now soliciting submissions from the general public as well as students and HCTC employees for its 2004 issue.

A February 1, 2004 deadline has been set for submissions of poems, pen and ink art work, short stories, and personal essays. The short stories and personal essays should not exceed 4,000 words.

With the submissions, please include a few biographical facts, town or county of residence, occupation and/or interests. Please provide a return address, telephone number, and email address (if available).

Those wanting their work returned should send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Donna S. Sparkman, Hazard Community and Technical College, Knott County Branch, One Community College Drive, Hazard, KY 41701.

The work and biographical information should be submitted to Donna S. Sparkman at the above address anytime before February 1, 2004. For more information, call Donna S. Sparkman at (606) 785-4114 or email her at DonnaS.Sparkman@kctcs.edu.

CRITTER CORNER

Halloween-time to watch for children and pets



"Ci-Ci." Ci-Ci is all dressed up to wish everyone a "Happy Halloween." Ci-Ci is a Yorkshire terrier and the constant companion of Mary "Granny" Mosley, of Wheelwright.

by DR. CAROL COMBS-MORRIS, DVM

Is it Halloween already?? I don't even have my dog's costume finished!

As many of you know, every year I get together with Teresa, my friend and assistant, to hand out treat bags at my church. It all started during my stint as Sunday School Superintendent, a position I took only because the church was desperate, and because I was assured that it was only temporary—six months, tops. (I spent three years at the

post.) Handing out Halloween treat bags containing invitations to Sunday School was my attempt to boost our lagging attendance.

The dog came in to the picture because I didn't like the idea of sitting on the church steps by myself after dark, so I decided to bring Casey along for company. Then I worried that he might scare the children, so I stuck an old ball cap and a bandana on him at the last minute. This has evolved into an elaborate tradition with two dogs in coordinating costumes, decorations, and over a hundred bags of treats each year.

I don't know that the whole production has brought in so much as one child on Sunday morning, but it has become quite a hit in the community. The kids also know the church is a safe place they can come if the night gets a little too scary for them, so it's worth the effort to continue.

Our original dogs, Casey and Jack, are both gone now, and we are trying to break in some new dogs. They have some mighty big paw prints to fill, but we hope we have some worthy replacements in

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School Calendar

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Oct. 30 - Parents, plan to have lunch with your child this day. Adult lunch: \$3.

Youth Services Center will sponsor a food drive during the month of October. Students are encouraged to bring cans of soup or beef stew to contribute. The homeroom who collects the most cans will win a party from the Youth Services Center. Food will be donated to local food banks.

School is currently collecting Food City receipts!! Please send them in now through March.

■ AMS is currently organizing a school recreation room. Items needed include ping-pong table, air-hockey table, video games, etc. Anyone who would like to make a donation may contact the Youth Services Center at 886-9812.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist

students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activities, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOTICE School is now collecting Food City receipts. Students may bring receipts to teachers or parents/community members may drop off at office.

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

Betsy Layne High School
■ Jr. and Sr. classes are now taking orders for Thanksgiving and Christmas fruit delivery. Thanksgiving fruit will be delivered Nov. 24 and 25; Christmas fruit will be delivered the week of Dec. 15. Place orders now. For more info., call 478-9138.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

**Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. We are currently scheduling Hep B immu-

nizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ Oct. 31 - Spotlight Ceremony, 1 p.m.

■ Nov. 8 - Free clothing distribution, school cafeteria, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children's, men's, and women's clothing will all be available, in addition to items donated by Christian Appalachian Project. Please bring your own bags.

**School is now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new computers and technological equipment

through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to the school office.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Nov. 3 and Nov. 5, 1993)

Though the campaign was filled with fire and brimstone, the outcome of Tuesday's general election in Floyd County was coldly familiar, as Democrats easily retained courthouse posts they have held without interruption for nearly four decades. Despite a voracious challenge from Republican Gorman Collins Sr., the last member of Floyd County's GOP to hold a high county office, incumbent Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo secured his third consecutive term, Tuesday, as the county's chief administrative officer...Floyd County native Janet Stumbo was declared the winner by The Associated Press, Tuesday evening, in her bid to become the first woman elected to the state Supreme Court...Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers will hold a town meeting November 11, in Prestonsburg. Rogers will be in the circuit courtroom at the Floyd County Courthouse at 10:15 a.m., to talk with persons about national issues such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the economy, and health care reform...There will be a different, but familiar face on the Floyd County Board of Education in January, and a newly appointed board member beat out a last minute write-in candidate to retain his seat. Former school superintendent Ray Brackett defeated District Two board appointee Bob Isaac by 320 votes to Isaac's 737. District three board member Brent Clark, who was also appointed to the board in May, defeated write-in candidate Lance Blackburn by 550 votes...While most election observers predicted a close race in a four-candidate battle for the mayor's seat in Prestonsburg, few would have speculated that a single vote would decide the outcome. But, as the finishing touches were put on the city tally sheets Tuesday, it appeared that Councilman Jerry Fannin had edged his council cohort George Archer by that slimmest of margins. A vote canvass was set for Friday...Quick action by off-duty Kentucky State Trooper Mike Thorpe prevented the robbery of AJ's market in Allen, Wednesday. According to Chuck Hall, Floyd County Sheriff's office manager, a call came in from an employee of AJ's market at 12:49 p.m., Wednesday, reporting a robbery in progress. Hall immediately dispatched units to the scene. Thorpe, who was in Allen at the time, saw the action in the store, and moved quickly to apprehend George Hale Jr., of Arkansas Creek...By a three to one vote, Floyd County School Board members agreed, Monday, to union representation for county school bus drivers. The United Steelworkers' of America were recognized at Monday's special election eve board meeting to be the bargaining agent for the district's 78 school bus drivers...It looks like racing is coming back to Floyd County with the state racing commission's award, Monday, of an intertrack wagering license for East Kentucky Downs...Construction bonds sold in 1980 to build the county landfill at Garth will be refinanced and included in a bond sale to build a new Floyd County Jail, because the coun-

ty was in danger of defaulting on the current bond payment for the landfill. Floyd County Fiscal Court members voted at a special meeting, Thursday, to authorize the sale of up to \$7.2 million to pay \$860,000 owed on the landfill and \$6.3 million to pay for the jail construction...At a special, and at times, heated, meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, Thursday, officials voted to sell to Mountain Racing Incorporated, the property for the harness racing track and stadium facility. County officials also agreed, Thursday, to be responsible for paying off \$2.7 million in bonds for the project if Mountain Racing Inc., is unable to do so, and to retain the title to the property...Prestonsburg Community College Student Government held a friendship rally with the administration, Wednesday, to protest the expected 14.2 percent hike in tuition that has been proposed by the Council of Higher Education in Frankfurt. Dr. Deborah Floyd, Prestonsburg Community College President, said Thursday, that the present cost per semester for a full-time student is \$420...After winning re-election to his seat on the Martin City Council, Tuesday night, former Martin Purple Flash basketball coach Denzil "Hoss" Halbert had a massive heart attack. Halbert, who was at home when the attack occurred, is listed in critical condition in the coronary care unit at St. Josephs Hospital in Lexington...There died: Millard Franklin Hughes Jr., 68, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Bestil A. Mullins, 55, of Plymouth, Ohio, a Floyd County native, October 26, at Mansville General Hospital, Mansville, Ohio; Gilbert Cleve Bentley, 83, of Banner, Sunday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Jarvey Newsome, 74, of Penny, October 29, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Chase Daniel Kerr, son of Danny and Charity Kendrick Kerr of Prestonsburg, was stillborn Monday, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center; Clyde Shepherd, 36, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Jackie Earnest Lynn Delong, 59, of East Point, Monday, at his residence; Kathrine Phillips Haley, 73, of Wheelwright, Wednesday, at her residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(November 9, 1983)

In Election '83, voter turnout was light; Martha Layne Collins was elected governor; John M. Stumbo will continue as judge-executive; and Carla Robinson Boyd will take over as county court clerk, after winning by a landslide...It will be at least six months before Auxier Road residents vote on whether they want or don't want to be incorporated into the City of Prestonsburg...The Planning and Zoning Committee received complaints from Prestonsburg residents on the new zoning map plans, the comprehensive plan, and the subdivision...There died: Kelly Shepherd, 69, of Dwale, November 1, at his home; James Albert Williams, 58, of Minnie, Thursday, at a Cleveland, Ohio, hospital; Jo Webb Martin, 86, of Lackey, last Tuesday, at a Lexington hospital; James Dee Derossetti,

57, of Allen, Friday, in a Lexington hospital; Opal Spears, 69, of Auxier, last Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; James E. Campbell, 58, of Garrett, Wednesday, in a Lexington hospital; Alva Allen Davis of Martin, November 7.

Thirty Years Ago

(November 7, 1973)

Every Democratic candidate for county and district office won easily in Tuesday's election. Here, William O. Goebel Jr., was elected mayor, and only two incumbent members of the City Council, Byron Nunnery and Burl Wells Spurlock, were returned to office...The strike of approximately 300 employees of the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, which began last Wednesday midnight, continues, with no indication of a settlement...Floyd County's Save the Land Club received its corporate charter this week. Purpose of the group was stated as the promotion of enforcement of reclamation laws...Two task forces to deal with the problems of emergency medical services and the shortage of personal and intermediate care hospital beds were formed at the meeting, last Thursday, of the five-county Big Sandy Comprehensive Health Planning Council...The fuel shortage became real for the area this week as "No gas" signs began appearing at service stations...Born: a son, Robert Lee, on October 5, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Watson, of Prestonsburg, Mrs. Watson is the former Virginia Ann Adams; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Moore, of McDowell, on November 3; a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Haskle Hall, of Topmost, on November 4; a daughter, Carolyn Michelle, on October 31, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Cahill, of West Covina, California; a son, Carmel Clinton II, on Oct. 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Carmel C. Barnette, of Martin...There died: Donald Gene Stone, 18, of Hite, Thursday, at a Martin hospital, victim of carbon monoxide poisoning; James B. Williamson, 80, of Emma, Saturday, at a hospital here; Ed Moore, formerly of Langley, October 31, at his home in Petersburg, Ind.; Fair Shepherd, 84, of Hueysville, Friday, at a Martin hospital; Albert Irick, 95, of Harold, October 24, in Jackson, O.; Samuel Beaty Arnett, 66, of Langley, Saturday, Oct. 20; Mrs. Della Allen, 81, of Mt. Clemons, Mich., formerly of this county, at her home last Wednesday; Mrs. Mahala S. Music, 83, formerly of Bonanza, at her home in Nobelsville, Ind.; Van Blackburn, 86, of Gulnare, October 24, at the UK Medical Center, Lexington, victim of burns; Mrs. Kate Salisbury, 88, last Wednesday, at Harold; Marion Hall, 60, Friday, at his home in Wheelwright; Mrs. Millie G. Shipley, 82, formerly of Wayland, at her home in Hixson, Tenn., October 20.

Forty Years Ago

(November 7, 1963)

Edward T. (Ned) Breathitt, 39-year-old Hopkinsville attorney, has been elected Kentucky's 38th Governor, but his victory margin is the slimmest since Republican

Simeon S. Willis was elected to the state's highest office 20 years ago...An estimated 5,000 persons participated in ceremonies in Prestonsburg, near Auxier, last Thursday, when Governor Bert T. Combs dedicated the three-mile section of Ky. 114 from Prestonsburg up Middle Creek, and including the four-lane bridge across the river here, and the new five-mile portion of U.S. 23 from Auxier to Hager Hill, near Paintsville...The Housing and Home Finance Agency of the Community Facilities Administration, last week, approved \$81,000 for construction of a new sewage collection system at Martin, Congressman Carl D. Perkins notified The Times, last Thursday...Although the official returns from all counties are not in, Floyd's majority of 5,700 votes for Edward T. Breathitt is believed to be one of the largest, if not indeed the largest, given Breathitt by any county in the state...Harry F. Patton, 40, of Langley, was killed instantly, Tuesday, in a slatefall in a mine on Turkey Creek...There died: Bosier Wells, 78, of Auxier, Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Paintsville Hospital; James D. Roop, 48, formerly of this county, Sunday, at Flat Rock, Mich.; Mrs. Anis Burchett Clemons, 45, of Buckingham, last Wednesday, at Pikeville Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

(November 12, 1953)

County and state officers, this week, were investigating an apparent plot to blast the property of Magistrate Ellis Martin at Minnie, and Deputy Sheriff Willie Johnson at Melvin, before daybreak, Sunday...Alex Preston Hunt, 36, of Harold, was killed, and Bert Layne, also of Harold, critically injured, in a car wreck Tuesday night, at Broad Bottom...Cpl. Leslie D. Click, of Martin, is still missing in action on the Korean front, and has not been accounted for in the recent prisoner exchanges...The Office of Defense Mobilization announced, last week, that the accelerated tax amortization plan is now in effect for new plants in defense industries in 39 labor surplus eastern Kentucky counties...Born: to Dr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Ley, of Washington, D.C., a daughter, Susanne, November 8; to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Salisbury, a daughter, Claudia Ann, October 24, at Lexington; to Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Weddington, of Prestonsburg, on November 3, a daughter, Lynn...There died: Charles Everett Mink, 55 years old, former Floyd teacher, at St. Josephs Hospital, Lexington, Saturday.

Sixty Years Ago

(November 11, 1943)

Work was resumed today, (Thursday), at the Elkhorn Coal Corporation's mine at Wayland, this county, after a one-day work stoppage caused by decisions of the firm's receivers that it could not ship coal at existing prices...Mrs. Eva Newman, 34, former Floyd County woman, died Sunday morn-

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Need

added, "a lot of our stuff comes in to us brand-new, with tags still on it."

In addition to clothing, you can also find baby accessories like furniture, walkers, mobiles and such, as well as wedding accessories like bridal veils and tiaras, centerpieces, ring pillows, gloves, cake knives and the like.

"I also take in some limited household items and decorative items," she said.

Gullett also carries maternity clothing and plus-sizes for women and men. Several of the bridal

gowns currently in stock, as of this writing, are plus-size fashions.

Gullett accepts clean, "name-brand only" clothing on each Wednesday. "Clothing that comes in clean and on hangers, I pay out fifty-fifty," she said. "If it comes in boxes or bags, I pay seventy-five, twenty-five. So, it pays to bring it in on hangers," she added.

All clothing not purchased after a limited amount of time is donated, according to Gullett, to area centers such as regional family abuse centers, senior centers, and local churches. "And any

time a family is in need, I'm willing to help," she said. "Floods, fires, someone down on their luck...I'd rather help somebody than make a dollar."

Oak

of us would just pull an old silk stocking over our faces, which, seriously distorted our features, and we'd hide our regular clothes by putting our coats on backward, or something. Those of us who didn't use stockings would draw designs on our faces with lipstick or rouge or soot; anything to help disguise us. We did precious little trick-or-treating, but mostly wore our false faces and costumes to school for the Halloween party. I don't know who judged such events, but it seems that every year the boy who won for the best costume had dressed up like a girl, and the girl who won had dressed up like a boy.

An article in Sunday's paper said that this year many kids were planning to wear costumes resembling Spiderman and other super heroes. Some were also going in for Care Bears and SpongeBob

To find out more about Gullett's "unique" way of doing business, telephone her at 874-0681, or stop by her shop, located in Allen.

Square Pants and other TV cartoon favorites. Our granddaughter, Alison will collect goodies from her neighbors in Florida as Dora the Explorer. (As far as her grandparents in Kentucky are concerned, she'll be the cutest Dora in the whole wide world).

As for the older kids and adults, according to the article, they are buying masks of real-life cartoon characters, like politicians Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell, Hilary Clinton and Jesse Ventura.

It should all add up to a more interesting evening for those of us who will be responding to doorbell chimes this Friday night. After all, dropping candy into a plastic pumpkin held by a diminutive George W. Bush or Bill Clinton has got to be more fun than facing a front yard filled with boys dressed like girls, and girls dressed like boys.

Pageants

'2003 Little Miss Jenny Wiley'

Skylar McGuire, the daughter of the late Bobby Ray "Tad" McGuire, and Tommi and James Patton, of Drift, was named the 2003 "Little Miss Jenny Wiley" in the recent Jenny Wiley Pageant, held at the Mountain Arts Center, in Prestonsburg, in conjunction with the Jenny Wiley Festival event. Skylar is the granddaughter of Bobbie and Bob McGuire and Tommy and Myrtle Burke. She attends the first grade at McDowell Elementary.



'2003 Queen Tiny Miss Red, White & Blue'

Brianna Blankenship, age 6, the daughter of James and Jamie Blankenship, of Prestonsburg, was named as the overall winner "2003 Queen Tiny Miss Red, White & Blue" during the Red, White & Blue Pageant held in conjunction with the City of Martin's Red, White & Blue Festival event. Brianna was escorted by Garrett Hammonds, the son of Lora and Joey Hammonds, of Prestonsburg. Both Brianna and Garrett attend Clark Elementary School.



Birthdays

Chelsea is 4!

Chelsea Briana Mullins, the daughter of Tracy and Nioka Mullins, of Martin, will celebrate her fourth birthday on Sunday, October 26, 2003, at her home on Arkansas Creek, with a "Strawberry Shortcake" theme party. Many family members and friends joined Chelsea in celebrating her special day. Chelsea is the granddaughter of Billie Wright, of Arkansas Creek, and the late Rex Wright. Chelsea has one "Big Sister," Chasity Nicole Mullins.



Chasity is 7!

Chasity Nicole Mullins, the daughter of Tracy and Nioka Mullins, of Martin, celebrated her seventh birthday on July 16, 2003, with a "Barbie" theme party held at the home of her grandparents, Billie and the late Rex Wright, on Arkansas Creek. Chasity was joined by her "Lil' Sis," Chelsea Briana Mullins, lots of friends, and several family members in celebrating her special day.



It's a Boy!

Jason Benton Fannin was born on August 5, 2003, at Kings Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. The son of Nanna and Tim Fannin, he weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. Jason is the maternal grandson of Barbara Allen and the late Elmo Benton Allen. His paternal grandparents are Michael and Karen Stambaugh. His family is overjoyed with his arrival!



It's a Boy!

Justin Ryan Webb was born to parents Danny and Jennifer Howell Webb, of Little Paint, on June 16, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz., and was 21 inches long. Justin is the maternal grandson of Gary and Kathy Howell, of Abbott Creek. His paternal grandparents are Wanda Webb, of Little Paint, and the late Tom Webb. Justin has one older brother, Matthew Tyler.



Critter

Woodrow and Nora Frances. (I know, they have weird names.) I wrote about Woodrow last week. He is Teresa's accident-prone Basset Hound—a.k.a. "Woody the One-Eyed Wonder Dog" who has spent the last two Saturdays hamming it up for the SNOOP organization at local festivals. We know he won't be a problem, even decked out in a full Hawaiian tourist costume.

Frances may not be so easy. She is a big, clumsy, mixed breed with less than perfect leash manners, which is my fault. She never met a child (or adult, or dog, or cat, etc.) that she didn't like. The difficulty will come in trying to dress this big bumbling canine in a hula skirt and leis and convince her to stay more or less in a seated position to greet more children than she has ever seen at one time. I hope that the light goes on for her like it did for Casey, Jack and Woodrow—silly costume equals lots of attention and lots of kids, and therefore best behavior is required.

The problem with finding a good dog for events like this is not just having one that will tolerate the costumes, or one that likes children, although both of those are necessities. The difficulty lies in locating that special dog that actually enjoys it.

Note that I am NOT taking my Doberman, Gunner, out for Trick-or-Treat. This is the same dog who stares down heating vents and trembles, as if he knows the Dust Bunny from you-know-where is lurking down there somewhere. He will spend Halloween indoors, away from the scary things that will be going on outside. Most pets should be similarly shielded from what we consider to be the "fun" of

this particular holiday. The truth is, most animals really don't like things that are out of the ordinary and unpredictable. And most of them REALLY don't like Halloween.

It's a good idea to put the animals safely in a back room with food, water, and a radio or TV providing some background noise before the trick-or-treaters are scheduled to arrive. In the excitement, they might run outside accidentally, or might even bite the scary people at the door.

Also be careful of where the kids leave their Halloween loot; chocolate is not good for dogs or cats, and neither are the wrappers they have to chew through in order to get to the candy.

Finally, you need to remember that while most of us have come to regard Halloween as a pretty harmless time for the kids to have some scary fun, it still has its darker moments. Just as you need to pay special attention to your children's safety, you need to think about your pets as well. Keep all animals under close supervision, but especially don't let black or white cats out to wander at this time. Many animal shelters even suspend adoptions of black cats this time of year. There are just too many sick minds out there to chance it.

Whatever your plans for this week, think safety first when it comes to children and pets, and have a happy Halloween!

Wedding Engagement



Greene-Trout

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Greene, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Angela, to Mr. Todd Trout, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Trout, of Pikeville. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, November 1, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

School

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Oct. 27-31 - "Red Ribbon Week." Drug-prevention activities planned each day.

■ Oct. 29 - Health Dept. nurse will be giving flu shots. Must call FRC for an appointment at 285-0321.

■ Oct. 29 - "Halloween Safety" program, Kindergarten classes.

■ Oct. 30 - Balloon Launch. Balloons have students' drug-free messages inside.

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ The Floyd County Health Department is here every Wednesday. Currently scheduling appointments for 5th graders to have their state required 6th grade physicals and immunizations. Other services include: WIC, Kindergarten and Headstart physicals, well-child physicals, blood pressure checks, TB skin tests, etc. Must call the FRC for an appointment at 285-0321.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment for the school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them off at the school office or sending them with a student.

■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parent Support Group

Calendar:

■ Nov. 12 - School Violence, "Safety & Security."

■ Dec. 8 - Stress management.

■ Feb. 17 - Communication & Children.

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visi-

tors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Oct. 27-31 - Red Ribbon Week.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

■ Nov. 8 - Fall Festival, 4-6 p.m. Fun games, prizes, and lots of good food. Everyone welcome.

W.D. OSBORNE "RAINBOW JUNCTION" FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

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

Yesterdays

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Seventy Years Ago (November 10, 1933)

Ishmael Scott, Floyd County's dual slayer, was executed at Eddyville penitentiary shortly after midnight, Friday morning, becoming the first Floyd Countian to die in the electric chair...Arthur Thompson, 19, of Prestonsburg, was shot and killed Saturday afternoon following an argument at a poolroom on Court Street in Prestonsburg...Dennis Spears, 17, of Endicott, was killed by gunfire, Saturday, at the Mouth of Buffalo...Arthur C. Carter was elected Mayor of Prestonsburg at Tuesday's election, defeating D.C. Stephens by a majority of 431 votes...Bill Bentley, 40, of Allen, son of County Coroner T.J. Bentley, was shot and killed, Saturday, on the corner opposite the Floyd County Bank building in Allen...Frank Prurckek, visitor from Chicago, died of bullet wounds, Saturday night, the shooting taking place while a home-brew party was said to have been in process at a boarding house in Wheelwright Junction...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Hereford Jr., of West Prestonsburg, a son, November 6, at the Paintsville Hospital...There died: W.H. Hays, 60, former Prestonsburg man, Thursday, in the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

ing, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, eight days after she and her two daughters were overcome by gas at the Newman home in Pikeville...Petty Officer Clarence D. Wallen, 19, of Wheelwright, has been reported missing by the Navy Department, along with eight other airmen, last October 1, in a flight over the Gulf of Mexico...James L. Allen, of Pyramid, in a formal ceremony at Marshall College, Huntington, November 4, received from army officers, the Air Medal awarded his brother, T-Sgt. Jarvis Allen, who failed to return from a bombing mission, August 17, over continental Europe...Three Floyd Countians reported wounded within the week in the Mediterranean theater of war are: Pvt. Freddie Cottrell, of Prestonsburg; Pvt. Homer Qualls, of Martin, and Pvt. Luther Shell, of Cliff...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Huff, of Little Paint, a daughter, Connie...There died: Herman Smith, 66, of Betsy Layne, Friday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Jefferson Davis Burchett, former Floyd Countian, Thursday, at Pikeville; Andrew J. May, 75, formerly of Prater Creek, November 2, at Whitehouse, Johnson County; Mrs. Albert Dixon, 67, at her home on Bull Creek, Thursday; Hobart Minix, at his home in Prestonsburg, Thursday; Mrs. Garland Coburn, 26, at home in Prestonsburg, Wednesday.

Business/Professions

Air quality in schools could affect student performance

Are your children coming home from school feeling tired, suffering from headaches or consistently getting sick? As a parent, you should know these symptoms may be related to the quality of their school environment.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, indoor air quality is important for health, economic and legal reasons, and studies have shown that poor indoor air quality ranks among the top environmental risks to public health. A radon-related EPA investigation of 29 schools across the country found inadequate ventilation in most of the schools.

If the quality of the air your children breathe is bad, it can cause a multitude of symptoms such as dizziness, sore throat, sinus congestion, shortness of breath and an increased vulnerability to allergy attacks and asthma. These warning signs can significantly reduce your child's

school attendance, productivity, and concentration and memory skills.

Exposure to air pollutants has increased through the years because buildings are being con-

structed with synthetic materials and moderate ventilation to save energy. In schools, pollutants

are emitted from science labs, storage rooms, restrooms, kitchens and newly painted surfaces. Students with allergies, asthma or sensitivity to chemicals may be particularly susceptible. Even students who wear contact lenses are more vulnerable to illnesses in an environment with poor air quality.

Some states require public school districts to adopt a plan to monitor and improve indoor air quality. The Consumer Federation of America recommends that parents get involved to prevent any short- or long-term health problems. Parents can contact school officials and encourage them to obtain and use the EPA's Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Action kit. The free kit demonstrates a practical plan for schools to follow to improve indoor air quality. It includes a CD-ROM with guidelines for teachers and staff

on general cleanliness, proper ventilation, how to store art and science supplies, and what to do about excess moisture.

There are also simple checklists for renovations, repairs, food service and walk-through inspections, such as:

- Are temperatures and humidity within acceptable ranges in the classrooms?
- Is there sufficient air flowing into and out of the room?
- Are exhaust vents free from blockage?
- Are students reporting any problems or concerns?

To help you answer these questions and maintain a healthy school environment for your children, call the IAQ information line at 1-800-438-4318 or visit the EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/iaq/schools to order your free kit.



Carol Murr, left, and Bob Murr, center, receive the Forest Resources Association's 2003 Appalachian Technical Division's Forestry Activist Award from ATD Chairman Steve Brown.

Camp Nathanael earns forestry education award; Trus Joist donates \$1,500 to program

Hazard-The "Wilderness Wonderings" program offered by Camp Nathanael, located at Emmalena, so impressed company officials of the Weyerhaeuser Trus Joist East Kentucky operation, that they nominated the camp for the Forest Resources Association's (FRA) 2003 Forestry Activist award, as well as also making a generous contribution of \$1,500 to the camp's educational program. The FRA followed up by selecting the non-denominational Christian camp for youth, as this year's winner of the award in its Appalachian Technical Division.

"I am very pleased to present \$1,500 to Camp Nathanael's 'Wilderness Wonderings' program," said Derwood Brady, manager of the Trus Joist East Kentucky plant. "We feel that students will leave this program with a much greater understanding of how important forests and forest products are to their lives." Rick Meyer, FRA forester, added, "The FRA award honors a person or group for outstanding efforts to educate the general public about the benefits of multiple-use forest management, timber harvesting, and the forest products industry."

Camp Nathanael's wilderness program, led by Bob and Carol Murr, educates 3,000-5,000 students in grades K-8 each year in forestry and natural resources. The program delivers a strong and clear message that forest products, sustainable forestry and timber harvesting are essential to quality of life.

"We are pleased that Weyerhaeuser had such confidence in our outdoor education program," said Carol Murr. "The \$1,500 gift is an investment in a program that will educationally touch the lives of thousands of children from our mountain counties."

Camp Nathanael's teaching

staff is well trained to deliver activities that are well organized and age-appropriate. Much hands-on learning is packed into a daily session. Teaching methods include drama, magic, active exploration and participation, and displays of outdoor life and habitat.

One of the camp's notable recent accomplishments was a live drama production, "The Forest Speaks." The play chronicles the positive impacts of forest and forest products on the lives of the North American people through various stages of history. It also points out the importance of good stewardship, as practiced by professional

foresters.

Weyerhaeuser's Trus Joist East Kentucky plant employs more than 230 people and produces engineered lumber for residential construction. The mill began operations in Hazard in 1995.

The Forest Resources Association, Inc., is a non-profit trade association concerned with the safe, efficient and sustainable harvest of forest products and their transport from woods to mill. FRA represents wood consumers, independent logging contractors, and wood dealers, as well as businesses providing products and services to the forest resource-based industries.



Jack Tackett

Tackett attends Modern Woodmen seminar

Jack D. Tackett, of Dana, a Modern Woodmen of America representative, recently completed a five-day educational program at Modern Woodmen's home office in Rock Island, Illinois.

The program focused on helping families with Modern Woodmen life insurance plans, annuities, and fraternal member benefits. It also emphasized the effect of social security benefits and inflation on an insured's financial plan.

Founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society, today Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States.

FOR SALE

Brick and cedar home in Langley, on 2-1/2 acres with barn. 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths w/p tub, 2-car garage, security system, 2 fireplaces, living room with wood walls, floors and ceiling. Asking \$130,000. Call 285-0733.

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PRESTONSBURG - Rustic A-frame nestled in, on 1-acre wooded lot. Convenient to hospital, prison, and park. This is your "HOME IN THE MOUNTAINS." Call Shella Crockett. (10803)

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MELVIN - 3-bedroom, 1-bath. Large front covered porch, side deck, and gazebo. Bedroom has walk-in closet. Storage building. Priced to sell at \$50,000. Call Mary Daniels. (10767)

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NEW LISTING

Large country home with city conveniences. Large TV room, plus great room, 5 good-sized bedrooms, 2 baths, full front porch, 2-car carport, completely remodeled in 1994. Large, level lot in Allen. Close to US 23 and Allen Elem. Wonderful home in need of your family. \$144,500. HOME WARRANTY! C-10893

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Large master bedroom has its own sitting room, bath, and covered back porch. Great room with stone fireplace, super-sized kitchen, 2-car garage, fenced lot, and 1-year-old 18' above-ground pool. Priced to sell at \$98,900. HOME WARRANTY! F-10892

REMOVED

HAGER HILL AREA - 3-bedroom, 2-bath doublewide on nice fenced lot. Offers above-ground pool with deck, hardwood floors in kitchen, living room, and dining room. A real bargain at \$49,000. E-10503

REMOVED

Just minutes from town, hospital, and new federal prison. This home is perfect. Approx. 3,300 sq. ft. brick with 3 bedrooms, master suite with whirlpool tub, sitting area, and huge walk-in closet. Covered patio, brick storage building, cherry hardwood floors, and kitchen cabinets. So much to see. \$218,000. H-10699

NEW LISTING

Lakeview Village - \$250,000
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AUTOMOTIVE

130-Cars

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EOE/AA



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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Enterprise Mining Company, LLC, 117 Madison Avenue, Suite B, Whitesburg, Kentucky 41858, has applied for Phase II bond release on permit number 836-5454, which was last issued on 04-10-02. The application covers an area of approximately 12.90 surface acres, and 990.00 acres of underground acres, located 1.5 mile north of McDowell, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.80 mile south from Ky 979's junction with Ky. 122, and located along Hays Branch. The latitude is 37° 22' 40"N. The longitude is 82° 43' 23". The bond now in effect for this permit is a Surety Bond for the amount of \$27,400.00, which is approximately 60% of the original bond amount, is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes backfilling, grading, seeding, mulching, and tree planting.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 11/28/03. "This is the final advertisement of the application". A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 12/01/03 at 9:00 at the Department for Surface Mining

Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing of informal conference is received by 11/28/03.

ACCEPTING BIDS

The City of Prestonsburg is soliciting sealed bids until noon November 14, 2003, for 65 golf carts for its StoneCrest Golf Course. A bid package may be picked up at City Hall, 200 North Lake Dr., between 8:00a.m-4:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-0302

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Parsons Branch Development, 43

Village Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 1.68 acres, located 3.0 miles southwest of Harold, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.7 mile west from KY Route 979's junction with Parsons Branch Road, and located along Parsons Branch of Big Mud

Creek. The latitude is 37° 30' 07". The longitude is 82° 39' 35". The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the incidental coal removal method of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Parsons Branch Development. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of Parsons

Branch County Road. The operation will not involve relocation and/or closure of the Parsons Branch County Road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653. Written comments,

objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within 30 days of today's date.

NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before November 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
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Final	01-P-00327	Joseph Reynolds Jr.	Charlotte Reynolds	10-15-03
Final	03-P-00151	James David Walker	David Walker	10-15-03
Final	02-P-00466	Stella E. Akers	Donald L. Whitely	10-15-03
Final	00-P-00320	Ellis Martin	Wendell L. Martin	10-17-03
Final	02-P-00223	Garnett Hall	Gwendolyn Denise Hall	10-14-03
Final	01-P-00328	Christine Reynolds	Sandy Slone	10-16-03
Final	01-P-00319	Earl Mitchell	Imogene Mitchell	10-16-03
Final	01-P-00322	Gilla Blanton	Clifford Blanton	10-16-03
Final	03-P-00196	Ishmal Shepherd	Faye Shepherd	10-21-03

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
09-29-03	03-P-00372	Barbara Kidd Box 1131 Martin, Ky. 41649	Glen R. Kidd Box 1132 Martin, KY. 41649	
09-30-03	03-P-00374	Castle Barnett P.O. Box 1701 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Ray Barnett P.O. Box 1701 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Keith Bartley P.O. Box 1378 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
09-30-03	03-P-00373	Wayne Akers P.O. Box 557 Martin, KY 41649	Josephine Akers P.O. Box 557 Martin, KY 41649	
10-01-03	03-P-00376	Ralph Neil Clark 113 Chaleit Lane Auxier, KY 41602	Walt Buehring 560 Saddleridge, Dr. Wiberlev, Texas 78676	Jerry A. Patton 119 East Court St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
10-02-03	03-P-00378	Avary Wiley 435 S. Central Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Phyllis A. Wiley 435 S. Central Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
10-02-03	03-P-00379	Brandon James Bryant Box 141 Wheelwright, KY 41669	Jesse Bryant Box 141 Wheelwright, KY 41669	
10-02-03	03-P-00380	Bryan Rodney Ousley 333 Jim Potters Br. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Anna Lee Ousley P.O. Box 297 Auxier, KY 41602	
10-03-03	03-P-00381	Rickey Darrell Conley P.O. Box 184 Lackey, KY 41643	Augustine Conley P.O. Box 264 Lackey, KY 41643	
10-03-03	03-P-00382	Thomas Cecil Jr. 127 Putter Hallow Rd. Harold, KY 41635	Magdaleen Cecil 127 Putter Hollow Rd. Harold, KY 41635	Anthony C. Davis P.O. Box 220 Betsy Layne, KY 41605
10-07-03	03-P-00386	Lula Margaret Ball Hatfield 459 Right Fork of Bull Creek Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Margaret Gaye Hatfield 459 Right Fork of Bull Creek Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
10-07-03	03-P-00387	Alice Ousley 186 Mudd Lick Branch Hippo, KY 41637	Anna Lou Kahnweiler 220 Loch Lomond Rancho Mirage, Cal. 92270	Greg Isaac 199 North Lake Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
10-08-03	03-P-00388	Inez Thompson McGill P.O. Box 252 Wayland, KY 41666	Barbara Ann McGill P.O. Box 252 Wayland, KY 41666	William S. Kendrick P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
10-06-03	03-P-00385	Robert Harris P.O. Box 237 Melvin, KY 41650	Reva Harris Anderson 397 Anderson Br. Rd. Shelby Gap, KY 41563	
10-13-03	03-P-00390	Ronnie Lee Hackworth 303 Jockey Hollow Auxier, KY 41602	Helen H. Slone 303 Jockey Hollow Auxier, KY 41602	William S. Kendrick P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
10-15-03	03-P-00396	Bert Hall Rt. 122 Hunter, KY 41641	Debbie Rowe Box 25 Auxier, KY 41602	
10-15-03	03-P-00394	Chester Shelton P.O. Box 039 Drift, KY 41619	Bobby Hall 219 Lamond Ruelle Winchester, KY 40391	
10-16-03	03-P-00398	Tilden Collins 147 North Highland Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Arbutus S. Kidd P.O. Box 68 Drift, KY 41619	
10-21-03	03-P-00400	Creeda Robinson P.O. Box 554 Martin, KY 41649	David Collins 14928 Boydell Drive Centreville, VA 20120	
10-20-03	03-P-00399	Champ H. Clark P.O. Box 492 McDowell, KY 41642	Richard T. Collins 1445 N. Summit St. Wheaton, IL 60187	
10-21-03	03-P-00401	Earl H. Mesley P.O. Box 068 Minnie, KY 41651	Barbara Jean Caudill P.O. Box 554 Martin, KY 41649	
10-22-03	03-P-00403	Bobbie B. Osborne P.O. Box 276 McDowell, KY 41647	Violet Slone P.O. Box 492 McDowell, KY 41642	
10-22-03	03-P-00402	Evan Riley 161 Riley Lane Harold, KY 41635	Annis Irene Mosley P.O. Box 068 Minnie, KY 41651	
			Anita Jill Osborne 317-R Bainbridge Drive Lexington, KY 40509	
			and Crystal D. Osborne P.O. Box 276 McDowell, KY 41647	
			and Melvin Osborne 160 Bramblewood Morehead, KY 40351	
			Wanda Riley 161 Riley Lane Harold, KY 41635	

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Levisa Fork Mining Company, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for a Phase II and Phase I & II bond release on increments number No. 1 and 2, respectively of permit number 836-5393, which was last issued on 11/21/02. The operation covers an area of 36.84 acres of surface area, located 1.9 mile southeast of Hunter, in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 1.8 mile southeast of KY 122 and the Hunter Branch Road, and located just east of the Left Fork of Beaver Creek.

(3) The bonds now in effect for increment No. 1 and 2 are surety bonds for \$44,800 and \$37,600, respectively, and 85% of the original bond amounts of \$107,300 and \$37,600 respectively, are included in this application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, seeding and tree planting, and was completed in the fall of 2000.

(5) This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by December 1, 2003.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for December 2, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by December 1, 2003.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5452

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Consol of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Hwy 550, Mousie, Kentucky 41839, has applied for a permit for an existing underground coal mining operation, located 2.82 miles west of Hueysville in Floyd County. The proposed operation, will disturb 7.85 surface acres and will underlie 275.6 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 283.45 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.12 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in unnamed tributary of Raccoon Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the Martin, Wayland, Handshoe and David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Edward & Dora Handshoe

and Timothy Gene Francis. The operation will underlie land owned by Consol of Kentucky, Edward & Dora Handshoe, Clayton Ramsey, Margold Warrick, B.W. McDonald, D. Allen, Ralph Crager, Floyd Compton, Timothy Gene Francis, Clinton Handshoe, Craig Hicks, Dallas Sparkman, Virgil Shepherd, Eugene Shepherd, Thelma House, Henry Shepherd, Nelson Prater, Corbett Prater, Malc Prater, Larry Sexton, John Prater, Deb Ousley, Albert Green, Rebecca Martin, Ironton Dean Prater, Carl D. Whitaker, Gorman Shepherd, Betty Reed, and Bobby and Lenora Stone.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 02-CI-1123 EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF VS. GENÉ PAUL BRANHAM SHELBY JEAN BRANHAM UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, OCCUPANT DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 23rd day of September, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$107,355.58, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 30th day of October, 2003, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 225 Beaver Junction Road, Dwale, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the branch at the line of Johny Jarrell, thence running up the branch to a concrete drainage ditch on the state highway property line; thence with the concrete drainage ditch to a culvert on highway U.S. 23; thence with U.S. 23 in a southerly direction to Johny Jarrell's line; thence with Johny Jarrell's line to the branch, the point of beginning, forming a lot of approximately 280 feet in length by 80 feet in width,

Being the same property conveyed to Gene Paul Branham and Shelby Jean Branham, his wife, by deed dated May 19, 1978, of record in Deed Book 234, Page 327, in the office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes, will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale, take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 03-CI-00508 GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC F/K/A CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP. F/K/A GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF VS. JOSEPH W. HANSON AND SHEILA D. DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 23rd day of September, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of

\$82,923.50, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 30th day of October, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located on the east side of Pinhook Hill Road, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on an iron pin set, said pin being a corner with Joe Hanna (DB 276, PG 259) and being on the east side of Pinhook Hill Road; thence with the east side of Pinhook Hill Road N 11 deg. 51' 28" East for a distance of 123.11 feet to an iron pin set, said pin being a corner to Dave McChesney (DB 368, PG 461 and DB 331, PG 106); thence leaving the east side of Pinhook Hill Road with McChesney S 66 deg. 42' 54" East for a distance of 78.13 feet to an iron pin set, said pin being a corner with Dean Coleman; thence with the line of Coleman Road S 19 deg. 51' 01" East for a distance of 83.56 feet to a power pole; thence with the line of Coleman S 03 deg. 56' 30" West for a distance of 60.73 feet to an iron pin set, said pin being a corner with Joe Hanna (DB 276, PG 259); thence with the line of Hanna N 67 deg. 45' 33" West for a distance of 131.01 feet to an iron pin set which is the point of beginning.

The above described having an area of 0.3117 acres as surveyed by Bobby Hudson, LPLS 1253 on 7-6-00.

Being the same property conveyed by Evan Riley and Wanda Riley, his wife, to Joseph Hanson and Sheila D. Hanson, his wife, by deed dated August 28, 2000, recorded in Deed Book 450, Page 634, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser

shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes, will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale, take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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NOTICE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District will conduct a public scoping meeting to gain input from interested agencies, organizations, and the general public, concerning the proposed flood damage reduction measures for the Levisa Fork basin in Floyd County, Kentucky. The meeting is scheduled for:

Date: November 13, 2003
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Prestonsburg High School, 825 Blackcat Boulevard, Prestonsburg, KY
Written comments and suggestions concerning this proposed project should be sent to S. Michael Worley PM-PD, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, WV, 25701-2070. Telephone: (304) 399-5636, Electronic mail: Stephen M. Worley@lrh01.usace.army.mil.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for a Phase I and II bond release

on increment number No. 5 of permit number 836-5173, which was last issued on 1/24/01. The operation covers an area of 92.45 acres of surface area, located 1 1/2 mile north of Craynor, in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 1/2 mile west of KY Route 978's junction with KY Route 880, and located immediately south of Hamilton Branch.

(3) The bond now in effect for increment No. 5 is a surety bond for \$89,300, and 85% of the original bond amount of \$89,300 is included in this application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, seeding and tree planting, and was completed in the spring of 2000.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by December 5, 2003.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for December 8, 2003, at 10 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg

Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by December 5, 2003.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by James D. Johnson. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is DONUTS and MORE. The nature of the business will be Pool Tables and Video Games.

Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application, has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than October

16, 2003, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated, and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for November 20, 2003, at the hour of 2:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of the permit.

HON. KEITH BARTLEY
FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5394, Operator Change

(1) In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Levisa Fork Mining Company, 544 South Lake Drive,

Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise permit 836-5394, to change the operator. The operator presently approved is the Levisa Fork Mining Company. The new operator will be C & C Mining, Inc., 3856 Hwy. 7 South, Dema, KY 41859.

(2) The operation is located 0.6 mile west of Hueysville, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.3 mile east of Coolwater Road's junction with

KY Rt. 7, and is located 0.07 mile south of Saltlick Creek. The operation is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

(3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

PUBLIC AUCTION
NOVEMBER 25, 2003

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, TRANSPORTATION CABINET, WILL OFFER FOR SALE, AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2003. EACH SALE WILL BE HELD AT THE SITE AT THE TIME SPECIFIED.

SALE NO. 1 WILL BE HELD IN PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON NOVEMBER 25, 2003, AT 10:00 AM

A 1.101 ACRE RESIDENTIAL LOT IMPROVED WITH TWO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES, LOCATED ON KY 1441 (RACCOON CREEK ROAD) APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE SOUTHEAST OF THE JUNCTION OF KY 1441 AND US 119, AT ZEBULON.

Residence No. 1
A 1-story 1,374 square foot, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick veneer residence. The house has concrete block foundation, storm windows and doors, gutters and downspouts with shingle roof. The interior of the structure consists of 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, living room with brick fireplace w/insert, dining room, and utility room with washer/dryer hookup, interior finish is a combination of wall to wall carpet, vinyl floor coverings and hardwood floors and drywall, with some wood paneled walls. The residence has a heat pump and central air conditioning. There is a 2-car attached garage, and the property has 1 storage building. All utilities are available with exception of public sewers. Former owners: Laura Blair DB 771, Page 762, Roy Blair, et ux, DB 780, Page 670, and Robert Taylor, et ux, DB 812, Page 394.

These houses share a single septic system. The Purchaser of this property must have an operational septic system approved by the Pike County Health Department, before the electrical service will be restored to the property.

Residence No. 2
This residence contains 1,482 square feet having a block foundation, vinyl exterior walls and shingle roof. The interior of the residence consists of 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, living room, family room, and a utility room w/washer-dryer hookup. The floors are carpet, hardwood and vinyl, and the walls are drywall and paneling. This house is heated with electric wall heaters and the family room has a window air conditioner. All utilities are available except public sewers.

These houses share a single septic system. The Purchaser of this property must have an operational septic system approved by the Pike County Health Department, before the electrical service will be restored to the property.

NOTICE: These houses were built prior to 1978, and have the potential of having lead based paint. Prospective purchaser(s) are advised to conduct the lead paint inspection prior to the auction. Purchaser will be required to sign a waiver on the lead paint inspection with the auction purchase contract.

SALE NO. 2 WILL BE HELD IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON NOVEMBER 25, 2003, AT 1:30 PM

3.5 ACRES OF POTENTIAL, DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY, LOCATED IN FLOYD COUNTY, approximately 2.5 miles north of Prestonsburg, in the community of Abbott Mountain, on the east side of US 23, and on the west side of Old KY 1428. This property lies adjacent to Drains Unlimited. The property fronts US 23 approximately 860 feet, and fronts Old KY 1428 about 900 feet. There will be no access permitted to US 23. There is a 16-foot in width access easement to be used jointly with the adjoining property owners along the southern boundary, for ingress and egress from Old KY 1428. Source of Title: Charles Burchett, et ux, DB 332, Page 84, and DB 332, Page 87, and Crata DeRossett, DB 332, Page 228.

GENERAL INFORMATION & TERMS OF SALE

BOTH SALES WILL BE HELD ON THE PROPERTIES AT THE DATE AND TIMES SPECIFIED

The residences will be open for inspection between the hours 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., on November 6, and 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., on November 15 and from 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., on November 20, 2003.

All potential bidders will be required to register and have in their possession, prior to the auction, a certified instrument as a good faith deposit, made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer in the amount of \$9,600.00 on the Pike County property, and \$10,600 on the Floyd County Property. No cash or letters of credit will be accepted. There will be no exceptions. The high bidder will be required to sign a Purchase Agreement immediately after the property is sold, and submit their certified instrument as a good faith deposit.

It shall be the responsibility of the prospective bidders to inspect and investigate this real estate prior to the auction, to determine pertinent factors of access, zoning, easements, utilities, etc. No refunds or adjustments will be made because the property fails to meet standards of quality of conditions expected, nor will failure to inspect the property be grounds for any claim for relief from bid.

An Auction sign will be posted on the property. The Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The sales are being held in compliance with KRS 45A and 56. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Sara George or Rick Gorfney at our Pikeville District Office (606) 453-7791, or by mail at 109 Loraine Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501.

If you have a disability for which the Transportation Cabinet needs to provide accommodations, please notify us of your requirements 48 hours before the scheduled auction.

LEGAL DEADLINES:

- Wednesday paper, noon Friday
- Friday paper, noon Wednesday

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. III C.A. NO. 00-CI-00823 MARCIA CONN PETTIONER VS. HOWARD FRANKLIN CONN RESPONDENT NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Orders for Sale of Property entered on the 26th day of September 2003, and 19th day of November, 2002, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in connection with the divorce proceedings in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 13th day of November, 2003, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements and appurtenances, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning 450 feet from an iron stake on Spurlock Fork; thence from an iron stake running south 400 feet to an iron stake; thence turning 86 feet toward the left Beaver Creek to an iron stake; thence running with the creek in a northerly direction 400 feet to an iron stake; thence 58 feet back to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Howard Franklin Conn, Jr., and Marcia Conn, his wife, by deed dated July 16, 1999, from Clyde Vernon Conn and Lula Francis Conn, his wife, recorded in Deed Book 436, Page 282, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or 10% down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County Kentucky, real property taxes for the fiscal year 2003, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event that a lien holder

herein is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the lien holder, and it shall be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 02-CI-00089 BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY (SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO MATEWAN NATIONAL BANK) PLAINTIFF VS. LARRY SPEARS DEFENDANT NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 10th day of July, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$30,621.92, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 13th day of November, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or partial of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the waters of Prater Creek, and being a part of Tract Number One described in Deed Book 162, Page 399, Floyd County Clerk's Office and beginning at an iron pin at the southeast corner of the Randy Spears Tract and running south a distance of 95 1/2 feet to an iron pin; thence in an easterly direction of 69 feet to an iron pin; thence in an easterly direction a distance of 99 feet to an iron pin and to the line of Randy Spears; thence with the line of Randy Spears a distance of 90 feet to the beginning point.

For reference to source of title see a deed to Larry Spears and Sheila Spears, his wife, dated August 11, 1986, of record in Deed Book 304, Page 249, and a

deed dated April 26, 1990, of record in Deed Book 335, Page 478, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

AND
1993 Deerfield Doublewide Mobile Home, Vin No. 7993.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2002, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CA NO. 03-CI-00562 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS CUSTODIAN OR TRUSTEE FKA BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A. PLAINTIFF VS. TIMOTHY CRAIG COOLEY GAIL COOLEY AKA GAIL P. COOLEY UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, OCCUPANT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-C/O U.S. ATTORNEY UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-C/O ATTORNEY GENERAL DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 29th day of

September, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$52,274.45, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 13th day of November, 2003, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 2471 Left Fork Abbott, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake at the County Road; thence across the bottom of Jerry Justice's line to a creek; thence down the creek and James Shepard's line 75 feet to a stake; thence across the bottom with Red Wilson's line to the County Road; thence up the beginning.

It is understood that an easement is granted with this property for the purpose of ingress and egress, to the property of Jerry Justice and all future heirs and assigns. The easement is to be located where the presently existing driveway is now located. Maintenance of the driveway is to be shared equally among the property owners.

Being the same property conveyed to Timothy Craig Cooley and Gail Cooley, his wife, by deed dated September 30, 1985, and recorded October 8, 1985, in Deed Book 295, Page 236, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful

bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Peter Fork Mining Company, P.O. Box 2666, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase II & III bond release on Increment No. 10 of Permit No. 898-0042, which was last issued on October 20, 1997.

The application covers an area of approximately 7.69 acres, located 2.0 miles south of Owsley, in Pike and Floyd Counties.

The permit is approximately 1.0 mile from KY 1384's junction with Dog Fork Road, and located 1.0 miles south in Hurricane Creek. The latitude is 37° 28' 05". The longitude is 82° 35' 08".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 10 of Permit No. 898-0042, is a certificate of deposit in the amount of twelve thousand six hundred ninety-four dollars (\$12,694.00). Forty percent (40%) of the original bond amount is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, mulching and tree planting, completed in the spring of 1987 and 1991. Results thus far include the establishment of the approved post-mining land use.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by December 19, 2003.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for December 22, 2003,

at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, located at 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by December 19, 2003.

For the final advertisement in the series, the next to last paragraph should read:

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5333
Renewal #3

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that MATT/CO., INC., 432 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for renewal of an underground coal mining operation, located 2.0 miles north of Emma, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 7.50 surface acres, and will underlie 590.13 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 597.63 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.0 mile east of KY Route 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road, and located in Dial Branch. The latitude is 37° 39' 47", and the longitude is 82° 41' 41".

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe Burchett, and will underlie land owned by Grace Weedman, Roland Blackburn, Clyde Burchett, Rosie Woods, Leonard Gobel, William Jarrell, J.G. Porter, Tri-Star Development, Inc., Vivian Franklin, Rudy Harris, James Wells, Marha Johnson, John Harris, Roland Reid, Joe Burchett, Ed & Bertha Cline, and Bradis Goble.

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

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Peter Fork Mining Company, P.O. Box 2666, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase II & III bond release on Increment No. 3 of Permit No. 898-0011, which was last issued on August 6, 1996.

The application covers an area of approximately 64.54 acres, located 2.0 miles south of Owsley, in Pike and Floyd Counties.

The permit is approximately 1.0 mile south from KY 1384's junction with Dog Fork Road, and located 0.5 mile southeast of the Left Fork of Toler Creek.

The latitude is 37° 28' 38". The longitude is 82° 35' 38".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 3 of Permit No. 898-0011, is a certificate of deposit in the amount of fifty three thousand one hundred dollars (\$53,100.00). Forty percent (40%) of the original bond amount is included in the application for release.

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Floyd County Growers News: *Fly away, ladybug!*

by RAY TACKETT
FLOYD COUNTY EXTENSION
OFFICE

During the last year or so I have been receiving more and more calls involving what local residents not so affectionately refer to as "those spotted bugs" that have invaded their homes. I am referring to the Lady Beetle; better known as the Lady Bug. Floyd county resi-

dents from all parts of the county have made reports of these insects finding their way into their homes. County residents, as well others all across the state, have been surprised to enter their homes only to be greeted by this little insect. In the following article I will try to provide more information on some of the typical questions that I have received through our office.

People first started reporting large aggregations of lady beetles (ladybugs) on homes and buildings in Kentucky during the fall of 1993. Ladybugs are normally considered beneficial insects because they feed outdoors on aphids and other harmful plant pests. However, these beetles are congregating on the sides of buildings, and if given the opportunity, moving inside. Lady beetles do not

sting or carry diseases, nor do they infest food, clothing, or wood. Nonetheless, this particular species (*Harmonia axyridis*) can become a nuisance when large numbers begin crawling on windows, walls, light fixtures, and other indoor surfaces. When disturbed, they also secrete a foul-smelling orange-colored fluid that can stain walls, carpeting, and other surfaces.

Description and Habits

Adult Asian lady beetles are oval, convex, about 1/4-inch long, and pale yellow-orange to dark orange-red. They often have several black spots on the wing covers, although on some specimens the spots may be indistinct or entirely absent. Most specimens have a small, dark "M"-shaped marking on the whitish area directly behind the head.

Eggs are yellow, oval-shaped, and typically laid in clusters on the undersurfaces of leaves. The developing larvae are often red and black and shaped like tiny alligators. Larvae complete their development on plants where their

food is abundant. The immobile pupal (cocoon) stage remains attached to vegetation by its molted skin, but occasionally may be found clinging to exterior walls and foundations of buildings. The average time from egg to adult is about one month, and there are multiple generations per year.

The millions of forested acres throughout Kentucky provide a vast habitat for *H. axyridis*, which is abundant on trees such as apple, pine, oak, maple, and yellow poplar. The beetle also inhabits ornamental and agricultural crops including roses and tobacco. Throughout the spring and summer, the larvae and adults feed mainly upon aphids.

PHS graduate, Amanda Arnett, to appear in Transylvania production

Transylvania University sophomore, Amanda Arnett, has been cast in Transylvania's production of "The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark," by William Shakespeare.

Arnett, a Prestonsburg High School graduate, will play the roles of Player Queen, Attendant to Ophelia, and the Second Gravedigger. Making this production unique is the fact that the production consists of two separate casts, one male and one female, which will be performing on alternating nights.

The play will open Thursday, October 30, at 7:30 p.m., in Transylvania's Little Theater. Performance times for the all-male cast are Oct. 30 and Nov. 5 and 7, at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 1

and 8, at 2 p.m. The all-female cast will perform Oct. 31, Nov. 6 and 8, at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 2 and 9, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6.

The play is one of Shakespeare's most famous tragedies. It revolves around Hamlet, the young prince of Denmark, whose father has recently died, and whose uncle has quickly married his mother. The ghost of his father is seen haunting the castle, and Hamlet learns from the ghost that his uncle killed his father. Urged to avenge his father's death, Hamlet spends the rest of the play trying to verify the ghost's story and then find an opportunity to kill the new king.

The fact that there will be two separate gender specific

casts, one male and one female, adds to the uniqueness of the productions. Inevitably, the productions will differ in subtle ways, providing an avenue for more excellent acting and a way to see what effect gender has on a cast and its audience.

Amanda Arnett is the daughter of Charles and Nan Arnett, of Prestonsburg.

Where Did They Come From?

H. axyridis, sometimes known as the Asian Lady Beetle, is new to Kentucky. Our earliest records date back to a few specimens collected in Hickman County in 1992. The beetle is native to eastern Asia, where it is an important predator of scale and aphid pests on trees. The first specimens recovered in the United States were collected in Louisiana in 1988. Since then the beetle has increased its distribution to include most areas of the United States and parts of Canada.

Hamilton receives Regional Honors Scholarship

Jared C. Hamilton, of Harold, has received a Regional Honors Scholarship to attend Morehead State University. Hamilton is currently enrolled at MSU.

Hamilton, the son of Lucia Hamilton, is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, and student council at BLHS. While at BLHS, he earned the school's calculus award, placed second in district in math (quick recall) and received the U.S. Army

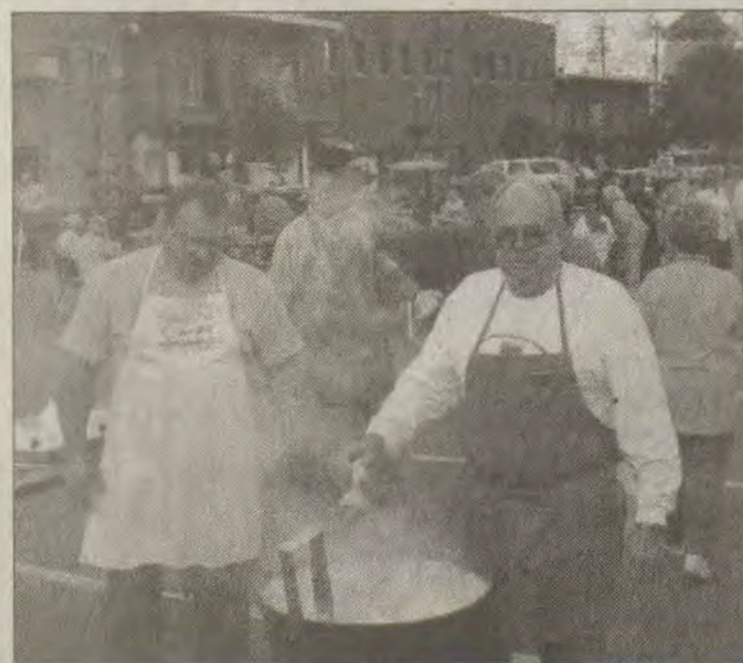
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Lazy Day

Thirty-seven family members recently gathered at the home of Dean R. Merritt, of Emma, for a family reunion. The occasion was celebrated with a pot luck dinner. Pictured above are, left to right, Rhonda Merritt Howard, holding "Girl," Deanna Merritt May, of Martin, Dean R. Merritt, and Delores Merritt Reichenbach, of Prestonsburg. photo by Ann Sizemore



Hey, Good-Lookin'...

photo by H. Allen Bolling Professional Photography
Jim Curnutte, left, and Seldon Horne, right, kept things cookin' during the recent Jenny Wiley Days Festival held in downtown Prestonsburg. Parking lots and streets were closed off to provide ample space for food booths, carnival rides, and arts and crafts exhibits.

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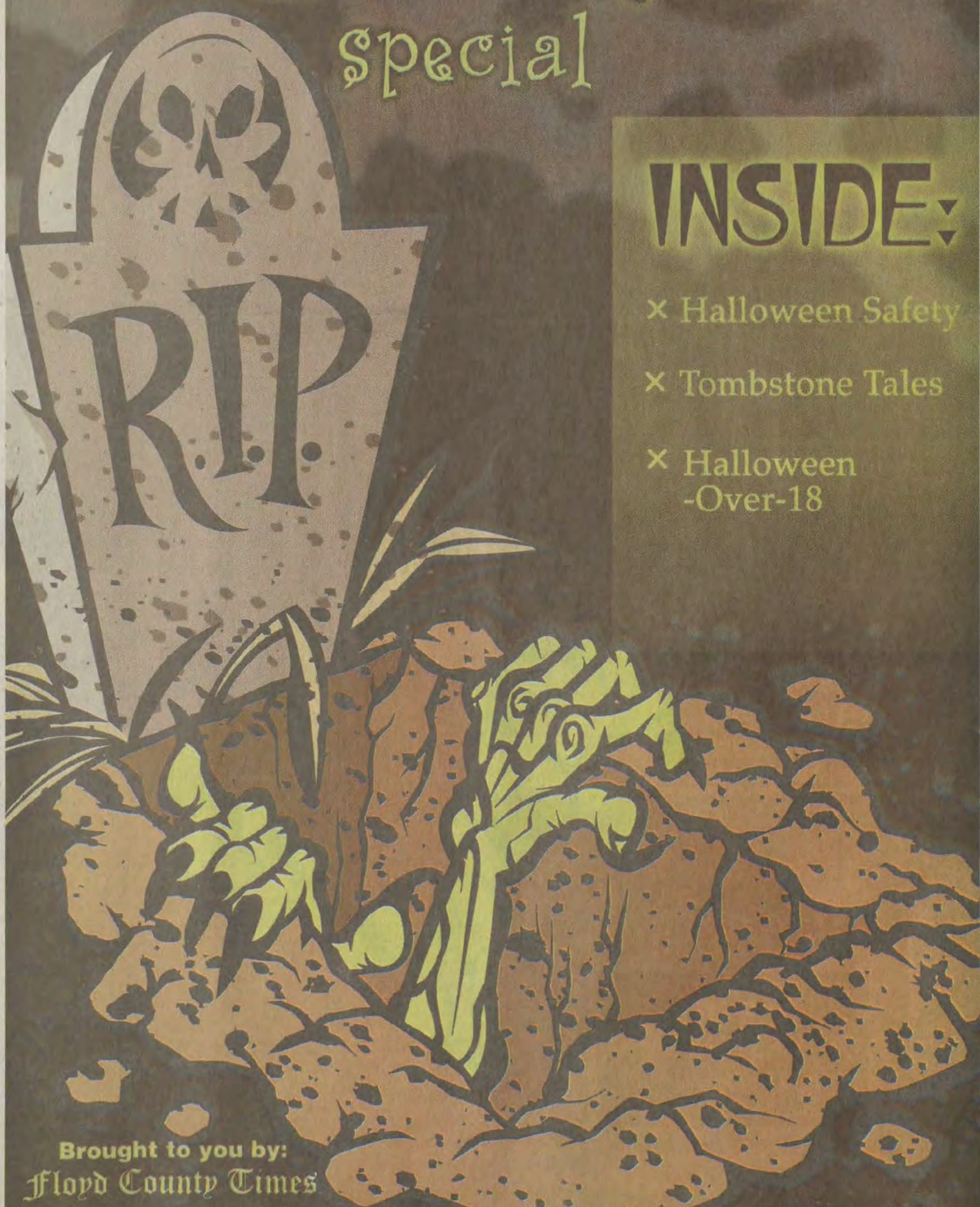
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WHEN THE DEAD COMES ALIVE

At 12:00 at night on Halloween they come back for revenge.

It's the dead. Revenge, Revenge, they say. Sometimes they set your house on fire.

Never go to the graveyard on Halloween in the middle of the night. Because they will set you on fire. Then they pull you down into their grave with them. If their tombstone says on it, revenge, it means they are evil. If it does not it is not. But if it does not have anything on it, watch out, they reach their hands out and grab you.

They will hold you down until you die. Then they marrie you. Sometimes if you're not careful they will pull you down and then they will start eating you and then they spit your bones out. The only thing left is your brain. Sometimes while you are in the grave they will go out and look for a knife and then you're dead.

While they are looking for a knife, you better run for your life. Then they take the knife, if you have not got away, they come to kill you. So get away as fast as you can. Beware of the living dead. So Boo!!
The end!!

by Paige Hall



'WIDDER'S ROCK'

The huge boulder, locally known as "Widder's Rock," used to be one of my favorite things to play on. Along with my brother, Jake, and cousin, Sam, we turned it into a dozen different obstacles in our minds. It had been an airplane, a pirate ship, a robber's hideout, to name just a few. But after the scare Jake gave me last Sunday evening, I dreaded the next time I would have to pass by its stony glare.

"Tildie, would you take Aunt Nancy's eggs up the holler before it gets too dark?" Mama told, more than asked.

"Why can't Jake take 'em?" "Cause that's your chore, Tildie, and cause that's what I just asked you to do."

"But, Mama, it's getting dark," I whined. I caught Jake's crooked grin as I avoided eye contact with Mama.

He just had to butt in. "Since when have you been scared of the dark, Lil Sis?"

"I'm not scared of the dark," I said, almost yelling.

And if I were, you would be the last one to know it. It's bad enough not having another girl close on the holler to play with, but if those two scoundrels branded me a "Sissy," then I would never get any peace. A "Tattletale" would suffer an even worse fate, so I bit my tongue.

"Tildie Jane, are you gonna do what I told you to do, or do I need to get the limb?"

"I'm goin' Mama," I quickly replied, taking note of her use of my middle name. That always meant she was tired of my dawdling.

I put two dozen fresh eggs in a brown paper sack and began my trek up the road to Aunt Nancy's. About every twenty feet, I looked behind me to see if Jake or Sam was following me. Nope, no one there. I felt pretty silly by the time I got to Widder's rock, but not too silly to remember how the landmark got its name.

We'd all heard the story so many times, from so many different people. I was just ten years old, but I had already noticed how different ones told the same

thing in different ways. It all boiled down to: before I was born and before Aunt Nancy lived up the holler, a young couple did. The man was called off to the war and all that came back was a bag of bones in a coffin with an American flag draped over it. That left his lovely bride, Millie, a widow woman, alone in the head of the hollow. The big people usually shushed up if I walked in while they were telling some of the story. I know some said Millie lost her mind for awhile, others called her a tramp. All Miss Lucy would ever say was, "She was from a good family, she just fell on hard times, bless her soul." I like Miss Lucy. If I fall on hard times, I want Miss Lucy to be there.

There I was, right beside Widder's Rock. My mind had wandered so much that I hadn't noticed how close I was to it. I walked to the opposite side of the road, letting my bare feet feel the grass along the roadway as I meandered by the rock.

See, I've already posted it. Nothing to worry about. Just cause Jake caught me off guard last Sunday and scared the holy swan out of me, he won't do it today.

Relieved, I continued on with no more foolish thoughts. I made my delivery to Aunt Nancy, refusing any money as usual, though, she always insisted on trying to pay Mama. I did take half a peppermint stick and promised to take Jake part of it. Yeah, if he wants any of this, he'll have to lick it off my sticky little hand. I took a bite of candy, then stuck the remainder in the pocket of my overalls. I knew Mama would get on me for running with something in my mouth, but it felt so good to be going home, and knowing that there really wasn't anything to fear of my used-to-be-favorite place to play.

Just then, a cool breeze blew up the holler as I rounded the curve and saw Widder's Rock. My auburn hair was braided, as usual to keep the unruly strands from tangling and causing a fight between me and Mama. The left braid struck my hot cheek as though I had just been hit. All of a sudden, my pace slowed as I listened but didn't want to hear. Leaves rushed near me as my heart pounded, from fear or running, as it was hard to say.

"Jake, is that you? Sam, are you in on it, too? You boys are gonna be in trouble," I said, as calmly as I could, do whoever might be there. Still no response. Then I heard a twig break and felt my right hair braid move from the front of my shoulder to the back. That's when the walls of Jerusalem came tumbling down!

"Ahhh!" I screamed without turning. I was facing home, and that is all that I wanted to see. My hair kept time with my paces, first one side, then the other, reminding me of Mille's sad fate.

It had been just such a pleasant Sunday evening that Millie's body had been found. Old Man Henry was on his way hunting when he found her still corpse right in front of Widder's Rock, though it wasn't Widder's Rock at that time. It was just a big rock that no one ever thought needed a name. They say there wasn't a mark on her body made by man or spirit, except for beneath her neck. She had been strangled to death with her own pigtailed, criss-crossed beneath her chin and above her bosom. That's how she was found. Old Man Henry always said he thought it was a snake coiled around her throat when he first came upon her, the way the hair was draped.

Papa always said she had long beautiful hair, like me he says. And she would plait it to keep it out of her way during the days, and just let it down in fluffy waves for special times. He said after her husband died, he'd never seen it laying down her back again.

Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Lord, I had never been so happy to see lights of our little house. I was breathless as I ran into the front room.

"Child, what is wrong with you?" Mama asked as she came toward me.

"What's wrong is that Jake is trying to scare me to death, that's what's wrong!"

"What in heaven's name are

you talking about?" she questioned while shaking her head.

"Mama, this makes two Sundays that Jake has layawayed me at Widder's Rock. Maybe him and Sam both, I don't know. All I know is that he is making some kind of a big joke of it, while I am running myself to death. I know he was there, Mama. I felt his hand grab my pigtail and I heard his footsteps."

"Youngun, you sure do have a lot of crazy ideas in your head. Jake and Sam have both been here shucking corn ever since you left. I've been out there stringing beans and watching them until I heard you tearing in here, and I came to see what was wrong. I thought Aunt Nancy might have been sick or something. Instead, it's just you talking crazy about Widder's Rock."

I was speechless. Mama don't lie. If she said Jake and Sam had been there the whole time, then they had been there. She put her arm around my shoulder and guided me out back toward the garden. Inside the barn, I saw a good-sized pile of freshly shucked corn, within sight of the cane-bottomed chair Mama sat in to string beans.

Jake and Sam walked around the side of the barn, their arms full of fodder. "Gee, what's wrong with you, Tildie? You look like you just seen a ghost." Jake rightly concluded.

by Tamara K. Howard
223 Twin Oak Drive
Garrett,
Kentucky



ATTACK OF THE KILLER PIRANHAS

"I'm so excited!" yelled Jennifer Wing. "We're going to the aquarium!"

"Shhhh!" whispered her best friend Marci Brown. "Do you want everyone to hear you?"

"Why not? We're going to the aquarium!" Jennifer joyously squealed. Marci rolled her eyes and quickened her pace.

"Come on Jen I can see it!" Marci called. The two girls were biggest for "Shark World" the biggest aquarium in the world. Their parents had given them tickets for Christmas and now, in October, they were finally going.

"Tickets please." Said a bored looking ticket girl. After they handed over their tickets they walked to a door shaped like a submarine.

"So, where are the fish?" asked Jennifer.

"I don't know. I don't see them anywhere," Marci replied.

"Wait I see something up there! Come on!" Jen yelled running down the hall. When they reached the end of the hall they saw a tank full of green water.

"I still don't see any fish," Marci said.

"Wait, there's one!" Jennifer exclaimed.

"Jen! That fish is dead! This is strange." "Yeah, I wonder if this is some sort of display on what will happen if you don't clean out your fish tank." "Or maybe it's some sort of Halloween program."

The girls walked on, but every room they saw, had tanks full of sickly green water and dead fish floating on the top.

"I don't like this Marci," Jennifer said.

"I know Jennifer, something is wrong. Have you seen anyone besides us here?"

"No, not even workers."

"I think we should get out of here."

The girls walked back down the path they had come. Something strange was happening in the tanks. "Look Jennifer!" Marci yelled. "Look at the tanks!" "Aaaaaaaghhhh!" That dead fish is moving!!! Jen screamed.

"It's not just any fish either! Look that's the piranha tank!"

The fish, even though they looked like they had been dead for days, started swimming around and around the tank. They swam faster, and faster until they started jumping up, up, farther than any fish should be able to

jump. One of them landed on the floor in front of Marci.

"Eeeeeekkk!" yelled Marci as the fish touched her. It was the last thing she said. She fell on the floor in a rumped heap dead. Jennifer ran out of the aquarium as fast as she could. She noticed that all the fish in the other tanks were jumping too.

The police were called, but no one ever found out what happened to Marci. No doctor could find out what had killed her. All I know is that no doctor had ever before, or ever since then seen or heard of anything like what happened to that poor girl. Jennifer swore it was the fish that killed her friend, but no one ever proved her right or wrong. I'll let you decide what happened.

by Leandra Padgett,
6th Grade, Wesley Christian
School Teacher: Ruth Ann Castle



THE CREEPY OLD SCHOOL

One day there were four kids named Jack, John, Sally, and Bob. They were walking along the sidewalk. Sally asked, "What's that place?" John replied, "It's the old school building." Sally said, "Let's go inside it." "Nooooo! There was a teenager that went in there but never came out," Jack said. "Come on let's go in it, it's not like it's haunted."

So, the four kids went into the old school building. When they opened the door, five rats ran out. It was very dark inside. John searched along the wall to find the light-switch. John switched it on. The lights came on, Jack said, "Let's go in this door." Bob opened the door very slowly.

"It is the gym," said Sally. Together they crept in. Bob said, "Look it is a puppet, so Bob stepped over to get it. The puppets screamed "You're going to die!"

Jack, John, Sally, and Bob ran when they heard these words. They quickly left the gym and ran back into the school building, where suddenly there were very tall puppets. The puppets chased them out of the building. The kids find four basketballs in the schoolyard, and picking the basketballs up, each of them hit a puppet. Each evil puppet fell down. Jack, John, Sally, and Bob made a promise that they will not go in the school ever again.

by Bryan Stratton Wesley
Christian School Teacher Ruth
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GRIM PUMPKIN REAPER

"What to do, what to do?" Jade said thumbing her paintbrush on the table. In front of her sat an empty orange pumpkin which, in two days, it would be due and it was expected to have a design on it. Even now she still had no idea of what 'great' design she could do that would catch the attention and the praise of everyone that saw it. It seemed the longer and harder she tried to focus and think, the more she drifted off into her fantasy world. She remembered the cruel and harsh words she had heard during the days events, the 'accidental' kicks and hits given to her by her classmates. She wished so much that they would pay for their 'cruel acts' against her. In her dream-like trance she suddenly saw a figure. He was a dark figure dressed in black and he looked so evil it scared her back to reality. When her eyes once again saw the familiar wall in her work room she realized that she needed to get back to work and she was determined to focus and finish her project. As

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she looked down at her pumpkin she saw an image that seemed to be looking back at her, but how could this be, she had not even started the project, yet here was a picture that closely resembled the scary one she had seen only moments ago in her mind. The image had a black face with an orange cape and it seemed to send chills up Jade's back as she looked at it. It was evil! She did not know how or why, but she could sense it was almost alive. It was the Grim Reaper.

Jade thought for a moment and she smiled thinking everyone would love the Grim Reaper, and it would catch everyone's attention and of course it would catch lots of praise from everyone that gave their attention. Why it was the best pumpkin picture in the world; with the black face and the orange cape and also the white sideblade. As she looked upon the sideblade she saw something she hadn't before, sort of a reflection like she was looking into a real blade. "I'm just tired." She yawned getting up from her table and walked to the door switching off the light of her workroom and heading to bed.

"RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRHH HHHHHHHHHHHHH" rang the alarm clock at 6:00 a.m. time for school. She dragged her feet out of bed, staggered to the floor not sure if her feet could hold her dreamy weight. In no time at all she was ready, she went to gather her books in her workroom. She picked them up and wanted one last look on her attention-getting, praise-winning pumpkin. As she looked on at the Grim Pumpkin Reaper she noticed that the eyes on the reaper were red. "Why didn't I notice that before?" she thought out loud, but returned to her book gathering, telling herself that she was tired last night.

She walked up the sidewalk to her charming small town Baywalk High School. Today something was different, police cars were everywhere and so were the officers. She looked around and saw no sign of her cheerful friend. She walked into the school, there stood her best friend, the only one that really understood her. But she looked scared, and no wonder for an officer sat beside her questioning her. I heard her voice tremble (a sound I never thought or had ever heard come from her.) "I swear I don't know what happened. Please I told you before they were kids in my class, they liked to tease people, that's all I know!" I heard her say, right before I took her arm and lead her away from the officer. "What is going on?" I asked her. "Eight students in the school, in our class, were murdered here last night, I guess whoever it was, cornered them and killed all eight. The police said it was a sickle or something because of the gashes on their bodies!" She could not believe what she had heard, the last thought she had, had of the bullies were when she wished something would happen to them. Now she was sorry, well at least she was sorry for them, they would never see the light of day ever again. She was now scared of the town she lived in and suddenly wondered about the 'nice' town and the 'nice' people that lived there. Well, she didn't feel safe at all, people were murdered and they hadn't caught the murderer yet, no one was safe. Suddenly there was a sound overhead it was the principal calling school off for the day.

Jade walked home, she didn't feel safe so she started to run, it made her feel a little better when she reached home and opened the front door. Well what was she going to do for the day, she couldn't just sit there fearing whatever was out there. So she went to her workroom to draw, she walked to the door and opened it, switching the light on as she went, but there was someone already in the room. "Hey mom, do you know what happened today?" but the figure did not answer and it was dressed in a black dress with a hood. "mom?" she looked at the figure again, but it melted into the pumpkin and then the room went dark like the light blew out. She stepped back into the hallway with a shriek and bumped into her mother with a load of laundry in her hands. Her mother smiled at her as she handed her the clean laundry to be put in her room and then went thru the hallway to her

bedroom. Jade turned to the entryway of her workroom and flipped back on the light. Her pumpkin was still sitting on the table but she noticed that beside it was a piece of paper that had writing on it. It was the list of all the people that had made fun of her or that had picked on her all that week, and next to the names was a checkmark in red. She took a closer look at the pumpkin she saw the once white sideblade was now stained with red paint, that was already dry. Also the Grim Reaper's face was different, instead of the evil smirk it had on it when she first saw it, the lips now were curved into a smile.

She looked back at the list there was four names on the list that had not been checked off, they again were people that picked on her.

John Hall
Cindy Kidney
Alexia Bramble
Sara Whittle

Were the names on the list, and they were still alive. They were all friends that stayed together all the time. They always hung around together, they would surely be caught together. But how could she keep the Reaper from killing them. She sat pondering the thought when she looked back down at the list, the names that hadn't been check marked. Suddenly had a red mark beside them, they too were check marked. She went to the living room turned on the TV, "We interrupt, this program for some grieving news, four students at Baywalk High School, have just been murdered. For John Hall, Sara Whittle, Alexia Bramble, Cindy Kidney, let them rest in peace. The police are linking the other eight murdered with this and believe they have the same killer." Jade looked at the list then to the pumpkin who will the grim reaper kill next, but with all the names on the list check marked who does he have left to kill?

by Amber Stone
of Allen Central High School,
9th Grade



HAUNTED HOUSE

One day I was riding my horse, Victoria's Secret along a trail beside my house. I was just goofing off and I started to gallop my horse. All of a sudden my little red mare that is 15.4 hands tall, with three white feet and a blaze, came to a dead stop and turned. I fell off, but I jumped right back on and continued on my ride. She did it again and again. I did not come off the second time. I decided to take her back to the barn. Returning home we took a short cut and passed an old house on our way.

The next day I took her back over the same trail. This time we went to the old house, it looked abandoned. I quickly tied her to a nearby tree and was focusing on the house all the while. I slowly walked up to the porch and the door opened. I walked inside and looked around. There was a set of stairs that I found intriguing! I wanted to walk up them, but I did not. Suddenly I heard someone groan. My only thought was getting to the door! The door would not open it was locked! There was NO way to escape.

I grabbed a nearby umbrella and spiders started crawling out of it. I shook the umbrella to make all of the creepy crawlies were gone. Continuing up tip-toeing quietly and slowly. I stepped on the middle step and it fell through, everything was dark and cold. There were no lights at all. I was searching in the darkness for an escape. But there was none so I started crawling around and the floor fell through.

I smelled an awful smell; it smelled like dead fish. Frantically I looked around for a light, as I was looking, the smell got stronger. Finally I found the light switch and turned on the light. Something bumped my arm and there was a dead guy hanging from the ceiling. I screamed as if I were being killed. His head was hanging by a piece of skin and blood was coming from his neck. His eyes were hanging out. I slowly touched it to see if it was real, and as I did it, someone grabbed

my shoulder.

To Be Continued.....

by Whitney May
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School Teacher: Ruth Ann
Castle



"Come on, you are the one who drug me up this hill and now you are thinking about leaving? I think not, Jared," I said.

"Alright already, I get the point brave-heart. You've lived here for two weeks, on top of that you've never been here before and you think you know everything about it!" said Jared sarcastically.

"I may not know anything about it but I do know I'm not afraid of it. Come on, Duke." I said confidently. Duke is my gray, black, and white full bred Alaskan Husky. I am six-foot four inches tall and still yet when he stands on his back paws he's bigger and taller than me. His paw is bigger than a softball, so I've trained him to be an attack dog to obey my every command. He's a loyal dog; he follows me everywhere I go.

"Did you have to bring the mutt?" asked Jared.

"A little protection never hurt, Jared," said Justin. "Besides, Jason can't help it. Duke follows him everywhere he goes, so chill out man." Duke barked playfully at Jared then tackled him.

"Get 'em offa me! Okay, okay he can stay just get him off," screamed Jared. "Jeez he weighs a ton. What do you feed him live horses?"

"Don't have a cow on us now, Jared," laughed Ashley. "Duke won't hurt you unless Jason tells him to."

"Well that's comforting. Jason, get 'em offa me please," Jared said sternly.

"Okay, okay, man you are in a bad mood. What bug bit you in the butt?" I said. "Duke come here." Jared Mullins is a short skinny kid who could make the world's grumpiest people laugh. He's thirteen and lives right next to me with his brother Justin who is fifteen. Justin is about seven inches taller than Jared, he's funny, but he's nowhere near as funny as Jared. Ashley Crider is fifteen and is very sarcastic. She lives about two or three blocks away from us, I'm Jason Johnson, I'm sixteen and I'm the most sarcastic teenager you will ever meet.

"Your such a wuss, Jared. You're backing out of your own ideas. You are the one who said 'Let's go up the hill and look down at the city.' I can't believe you," said Ashley.

"It's getting late and chilly," said Ashley.

"Well, here we are" said Jared.

"You mean to tell me that you dragged me all the way up this hill for a puny little graveyard." I asked angrily.

"This is not just a graveyard, it's a legend. This is haunted grounds," said Jared. "Ghouls rise from the dead and kill anyone who comes up this hill. The Crider family graveyard is truly haunted."

"Yeah, sure. That's the dumbest thing I've ever heard. I mean really, I'm supposed to believe that zombies pop out of the ground when someone comes in? Talk about your creepy security system." I said in disbelief.

"It's true. I saw them!" explains Ashley.

"What you do, forget to say that you are a Crider?" I said with a smirk.

"No, I'm serious. My uncle and I were upon this hill visiting my

grandmother's grave. When he was grabbed by a hand and pulled under. I ran to the house and called the cops. After searching for weeks my uncle was never found.

"I still don't believe it." I said doubtfully. I went ahead to open the gate when I felt Duke come up beside me. Then I felt icy wind hit me coming from the graveyard. I looked at my watch it was five minutes past midnight.

"Well here we go Duke." I said. He whimpered and we

walk through the gate. Justin and Ashley followed close behind. "Jared your not gonna stay here alone are you?"

"No, even though the ghosts and evil spirits can't leave the graveyard. You could probably use some protection." Justin and I chuckled at that.

"We've got Duke!" Ashley said.

"That monstrous dog can't protect you all. Besides 'Tons-of-Fun' (referring to Duke) over there knows nothing about this place," he said. At that Duke growled and started barking.

"Whoa, not again."

"Shhh, I saw something move over there," I whispered. "Duke go check it out." He raced on ahead and dragged something grotesque out from behind a crypt...a skeleton that still had its clothes on. The clothes were ragged and torn. "Uncle Ben! It's Uncle Ben. No, No, No!!!" Ashley screamed as tears ran down her face as she noticed the bones.

"Duke, heel! Come here," when I yelled he quit and trotted back. While she was crying, I looked down at the tombstone by Duke's paw. It read "Here lies Ben Crider. Loved by All. Born November 14, 1962. Died October 2, 2003.

Hey, that's today. I thought. It must be a mistake.

"Jason look! It can't be!" said Jared. I stood up and to my horror I saw a gruesome spirit rising from his grave. I struggled to keep my composure as the ominous ghoul glanced at us and laughed a laugh so evil it brought terrible fear to my heart. As he raised from his grave we heard sounds of bones crackling and dirt moving. Ashley screamed at him. "You did this didn't you?" He looked at her as his ghastly body became solid. His body looked as if it had been charred by a furious blaze. His brain was visible through a gaping hole in his skull. His left arm dangled by a small amount of cartilage. His eyes were such a deep blue, as if they were ice; they would undoubtedly strike fear into the hearts of even the bravest men.

"You know very well who did this" a voice came out of the general area where his mouth would be. His jawbone hung under his mouth by a single strand of muscle. At saying this he reached up with his right arm and popped his jaw back into place, then popped his left arm back in place also.

"I hope you burn for this," she yelled.

He replied with a sinister grin, "You are next Ashley Crider. Long have I waited for the day I get the last of the Crider family. Finally, I can fulfill my vow and rest in peace."

"Ash, what is he talking about? What does he mean?" I asked.

"I don't know. He's a liar!" she said.

"No, you're the liar. Ashley. I killed your whole family and you know why! Well child, you actually have friends. Who are they? Do they know?" he asked as he slowly moved toward us.

"Don't tell him he'll take you too," said Ashley terrified.

"What? What do you want with us?" I asked.

"I don't want you Jason, I want Ashley!" he said dryly.

"You'll not get her without going through me." I yelled.

"A brave young lad, you won't be so brave when you find out exactly what she is hiding," he said with a smirk.

"What in the heck is he talking about?" I asked.

Tears pouring down her face, she said, "I'm a witch, I hope it won't change the fact that you are my friend."

"What are you a 'Harriet Potter'? What's that have to do with anything? I joked.

"That's not all. I murdered him. I couldn't take it any more," she said sulking.

"Why did you kill him, Ashley?" I inquired.

"He abused me as a child."

"What are you saying?"

"He's my Dad. I couldn't take it so I killed him with a meteor shower and a blazing fire."

"And now I can finally finish you!" said the zombie.

"Noooooo!" I screamed. "Duke attack!" Duke lunged at the zombie and the zombie grabbed Duke and threw him

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'Hallow-Over-18': More adults donning costumes, partying on October 31

by MARTHA IRVINE
AP NATIONAL WRITER

CHICAGO — Step into Frank's bar and you'll get a

glimpse of what Halloween is becoming.

The popular tavern in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood has been decked out

for weeks in black and orange, and patrons can order drinks with such names as "Sex on a Tombstone." On the night itself, manager Robby Ehler expects to see a number of costumes that won't be G-rated.

"A lot of the costumes are, uh, not costumes kids would wear," he says with a chuckle. "You'll see sexy cops, sexy pirates — anything sexy basically."

Increasingly, Halloween is a holiday for adults, sometimes celebrated with kids but often without them.

"I've never seen a season like this," says Joe Marver, founder of Spirit Halloween Superstores, a chain of nearly 200 specialty stores nationwide that open just for the weeks preceding the holiday.

Marver says most adults used to wait until the last minute to throw together a costume. But this year, he's already had to reorder some lines of adult-sized garb. (He, too, says pirates are big this year, apparently due to the movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl.")

Adults now represent up to 65 percent of his costume sales, a noticeable shift compared with years past.

"This is an adult holiday," Marver says. "It's party time."

A first-time survey done in recent weeks by the National Retail Federation found that young adults are fueling the trend.

Of those surveyed, 57 percent in the 18-to-24 category said they planned to dress in costume and nearly half said they'd be attending a Halloween party. In the 25- to 34-year-old category, it was 45 percent and 37 percent, respectively.

Survey respondents in their 40s and 50s were more likely to decorate their homes and yards.

"I think our generation is a little more hesitant to let go of

childhood than past generations," says Ehler, the Chicago bar manager, who's 30. "We want to hang onto Peter Pan as long we can."

Heightened adult interest in Halloween has caught the attention of many, from alcohol distributors to non-profit organizations.

UNICEF now enlists a number of top restaurants to donate \$1 for every meal served on Halloween.

Others are carving out their own holiday traditions.

At OrangeYouGlad, a three-woman design firm in New York, Halloween is an "official company holiday."

Last year, the trio dressed as "Domo-kuns" — friendly space creatures from Japanese lore — and attended the packed annual Halloween parade in Greenwich Village. The following day, they traipsed around town posing for photos with tourists and at city landmarks.

"We love it because we get to be creative and fun," says 36-year-old Monica Hsu, one of the firm's partners. And with all the seriousness of life — war, terrorism, economic woes — she adds, "This is one day when people can let go."

In truth, experts say the traditions that gave rise to Halloween — the Celtic "Samhain" festival and the British All Hallows' Eve — were mainly for adults in the first place.

"The notion that Halloween is simply for kids is a misconception based on the centrality of trick-or-treating in the 1950s, when there was an attempt to take the mischief out of Halloween and 'infantilize' it," says Nick Rogers, a history professor at York University in Toronto and author of "Halloween: From Pagan Ritual to Party Night."

He says the Greenwich Village parade was among the first to re-ignite adult interest in the 1970s. Today, he estimates

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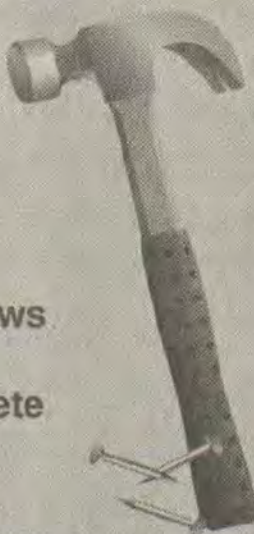
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STATE OFFERS TIPS FOR SAFER TRICK-OR-TREAT

FRANKFORT — Kentucky children are once again preparing to dress up in costumes for the annual Halloween trick-or-treating.

The Cabinet for Health Services is offering some tips to parents and children on ways to make sure this year's festivities are safe for all.

"Every year Kentucky's children look forward to going Trick-or-Treating," said Anita Travis, Manager of the Cabinet's Food Safety Branch. "While it's fun for children to dress up and try their luck in gathering treats and candy, we just want to provide some general food safety guidelines which should be remembered when collecting and consuming the food."

- Only visit homes and businesses that you are familiar with.
- Don't take candy or treats from persons whom you do not know.
- Only eat candy which has been made commercially and wrapped.
- Do not eat candy if the outer wrapper has been noticeably altered.
- Homemade treats should not be eaten unless you know and trust the person who made them.
- Do not eat any candy or food that is unwrapped or appears to be soiled or unwholesome.
- Always wash your hands before eating any foods.
- After handling any unclean

food products, wash your hands thoroughly.

- Be conscious of choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies, or small toys as treats to small children.
- Overall general rule: If in doubt, toss it out.

Also be conscious as to the styles of foods you hand out to other children. Simply follow the above guidelines to help ensure the children that receive your foods will enjoy a safe Halloween.

Halloween is the best holiday ever. You don't get to be yourself for one day. Oh and candy. I love candy. You might get scared, don't worry, it's just people dressed up. Halloween is the best!

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OCTOBER 31

One Halloween, there was a mother named Haley and her child Sabrina. They went to what they thought was a haunted house. To their surprise, it turned out to be a real house of horrors!

Once Sabrina and her mom reached the haunted house, Sabrina wanted to go to the bathroom before they went through the haunted house. When she returned from the restroom, she found her mother's head lying on the floor. She began screaming and calling for her mother. Everything went dark. Suddenly she saw a lightning flash just outside the mansion. She saw blood everywhere. She started to try to escape by feeling her way to the door. Then she felt something cold under her feet. She bent down to pick it up, it was a hand! She ran away as fast as she could. Sabrina found a doorway, when she entered the room; she saw stacks of dead bodies filling the room! She ran out as fast as she could. She came to a set of stairs. When she got to the top, she saw her mother's body hanging from the ceiling. Sabrina was horrified! She heard a man coming up the stairs so she ran into the bathroom. He followed her in and grabbed her. He cut her off her head. But for some reason she came back alive, not in the ghost form but in the human form. She killed the man. Then she saw her mother's ghost. She wished she could bring her mother back to life.

Every year on October 31 the man comes back seeking revenge.

by Candy Osborn



JENKIES

One night, I had a sleep over and all my friends came. They pulled up in a van. I ran to the basement door and let them in. Just then, the lights started clicking on and off. Bats flew out of their nests and rats with red eyes glowing were all around our feet. We screamed. Trying to get up the stairs, we saw a man with a black suit on. He was holding a knife. Candy threw her basketball at the ugly guy with the knife. I threw my pom-poms at him. He started toward us. I remembered another way out of my basement. It was an opening that went to my clubhouse. We crawled through the opening. There were cobwebs and big spiders. Some one grabbed my feet and said surprise! It was my brother. He had come to the basement to get himself a soda. I said brother, help! There is a murderer in here. Then the murderer put his hand over my mouth.

Meanwhile, Candy found her way into my club house. She grabbed a bottle with Jenkies written all over it. She hit the murderer on the head with the bottle and it broke into pieces. The liquid inside the bottle knocked the murderer out. We were able to escape, thanks to the magic in the jenkies bottle! Mom called the police and the man was arrested and we never saw him again.

by Haley Davis



THE SCARIEST DAY EVER

Once there was a girl named Ashley. She was also a witch. She was walking to school just minding her own business when suddenly there was a zombie that jumped out of the bushes and grabbed her. He took her to his house and started to eat her flesh. She put a spell on him and turned him into a frog. She went on to school.

Later on in her day, Ashley discovered that her teacher was a vampire. Ashley tried to cast a spell on her but the vampire was too powerful. The teacher took her to her house. There was a girl there who was tied to a pole; Ashley realized that the girl would not survive without her help. The teacher walked up to the girl, causing her to panic. She knew that she would be turned into a vampire also. Ashley tried to cast another spell on the teacher. This time it worked. She rescued the girl and they became best friends.

by Nikki Anderson

LEFT BEHIND

There once was an old church that sat up on a hill top. The old church was dark and cold. No one ever went there anymore.

When the church was new, the people in the church were singing and the church was filled with joy. Then one Sunday, during church services, the lights went out. Everyone ran out screaming.

They all returned next Sunday. Nobody could figure out what happened the week before. Then the lights went out again. Everyone was scared. They began yelling and screaming again. When the lights came back on, everyone had disappeared. Never to be seen again. Ever since that day, no one ever dared to go within 20 feet of the church.

Two years later six kids were playing Truth or Dare. Haley asked Bryant, the question, truth or dare? "Dare!" Bryant said.

She dared him to go into the old church. Bryant said, "I'll go if everyone else goes with me; and if Daniel and Matthew don't go in, I will tell everyone that they play with Barbie Dolls, and if Sabrina, Chasity and Haley don't go in, I will tell everyone that they wet the bed." So everyone agreed to go inside the old church.

When the all went in, they felt a cold breeze. They tried to turn around and go back out, but the doors slammed shut and locked themselves. The windows began opening and shutting by themselves. The kids yelled and screamed but everyone in their home town of Brooklyn didn't hear a thing. The kids inside, tried to hide, but all they heard was loud screaming and the sounds of feet rumbling on the floor. Then it all stopped.

They got up and looked around. The door was open so they ran outside. But when they looked at the town of Brooklyn, everyone was gone. All that was there were their clothes, glasses and shoes. The kids ran home and all they saw was their families' clothes.

The kids grabbed every book they could find. Then when they got the Bible they searched for some help inside the good book. They found the help they needed. They prayed, "Dear Lord, please come get us too. We have to be by ourselves for 100 years or more. In other words, we were the ones who were left behind."

by Tasha Webb



HAUNTED HOUSE

There once was an old man named Mr. Coleman that lived close to a cemetery. No one in town knew him except for Mr. Bob, who hated him.

One Friday night, Mr. Bob walked into the old man's house and never came back out. Then Saturday, Mr. Coleman's nurse, Mrs. Conley, came to give him his shot. When she walked in she saw Mr. Coleman dead on the floor. She called the police. They said that they would be on their way. She walked upstairs. Mr. Bob was there. He was alive and covered in blood with a gun in his hand. He told Mrs. Conley that he was the one who killed Mr. Coleman. Then he told her to say her prayers... Just then the police arrived they found Mr. Coleman downstairs, and Mrs. Conley was also dead. They walked into the bathroom and found blood on the floor and on the mirror. They looked in the tub. They saw Mr. Coleman in the tub, dead with a gun in his hand.

The police removed the bodies from the house.

Five months later, a family moved into the house. One day Brittany Holbrook and her parents were unpacking their things. They heard gunshots and a scream. It was Mr. Bob's voice. The next morning they heard more gunshots and another scream. About an hour later, they heard someone running and more gunshots and some one running and someone falling. Brittany went upstairs. She came running back down and screaming. Her dad asked her what was up there. She said, "A ghost!"

The ghost came walking down the stairs yelling, "Say your prayers!" It was the ghost of Mr. Coleman. Just then two good ghosts, Mr. Bob and Mrs. Conley told the Holbrook's to get out as fast as they could and never come back. They did just that.

by Amanda Shepherd

WELCOME TO THE DEAD HOUSE

On Halloween night, my house can give you quite a fright. You can see people when they are not there. Some are made of bone and others have skin. Bats fill the chimney. On that dark night, some of the bats turn into vampires and some just fly around and at midnight; they will come down and eat your hair. Then they will vanish into thin air.

Witches and goblins come out to eat. Witches and black cats will lick your feet. They will suck your blood, yes indeed.

If you're knocking on the door, on Halloween night, prepare for the dead because my house can give you it! Skeletons, witches, goblins, black cats. They're all there, and they'll give you a scare.

My house is the haunted house because I live next door to a graveyard and I can hear spooky sounds at night. That is always the way it has been on Halloween.

If you watch closely on Halloween night, you can see a glowing eye above my door. You will hear spooky sounds.

So watch out when you come to my door on Halloween night. You never know if you will get a trick or a treat!

by Juanita King



A WALK

Once upon a time there once lived an old lady who lived down by the riverbank. She thought she would take a stroll at night. She walked down by the riverbank. She saw all the dead fish floating in the water. She asked herself, "Why don't I clean this up." So she went to her attic to get her net. She returned to the riverbank and started cleaning it up. She pulled up one fish then another. The very last one that she started to pull up would not move. She tugged on it, and do you now what came up with it? A dead zombie! Or at least the lady thought it was dead. It started to move. So she hit it in the head. Its head came off. She asked herself, "What should I do if it wakes up?"

She heard someone say, you better get out of here. That water is dangerous. She turned around and saw an old man; she tried to swim across the river, because she was afraid of him. But she was not strong enough. She started to drown, but the old man jumped in and saved her. They became friends and lived happily ever after, or SO YOU THINK!

by Cynthia Hoover



THE VAMPIRE

One Halloween there was a boy named, Jack who was walking home from school. He saw a vampire so he started to run away as fast as he could. The vampire was too fast for Jack, so he darted into his dad's workplace.

His dad said what are you doing here?

Jack said, "There is a vampire after me!" They went to the police together. The police went to the workplace. The vampire was there! The police shot and killed it!

One week later the vampire came back to life. Jack said I know what to do. I'll just get some garlic and put it really close to him. It will kill the vampire. Vampires hate garlic!

The police were happy they told Jack that he didn't even need their help.

The town was saved by garlic. If we left the monster alone, we all would be dead.

by Samantha Caudill



THE HALLOWEEN PARTY

It was October 31st. All the children were dressing up for Halloween. Inside a big house was a little girl named, Heather and her fifteen year old brother, Chris. Heather dressed up as a princess and Chris dressed as a football

player. They were going to a Halloween party at the blue house down the street. They walked to the house. When they walked in, there was no one there. They looked around the room. They saw a dead boy. He had a blue hammer sticking out of his head with blood all around. Heather ran to the door and tried to open it. It wouldn't budge. She ran to Chris for help. He tried to open the doors without any luck. Chris told Heather to go upstairs and hide, but she refused to go. So they both searched the house together. Downstairs, they saw a girl lying on the couch with blood beside her. There was a knife lying on the floor. They also saw a body with no head. Chris and Heather got really frightened and ran away. They say the head belonged on the last body that they had discovered. The both ran to the door and tried to open it again. This time, they got it open. They ran home and said that they would never go there again. When they walked into their own house, the dead bodies that were in the blue house were now in their house! They stood there shivering. Not knowing what to do.

by Sabrina Fick



THE DEVIL CAT AND THE HAUNTED HOUSE

Once upon a time, there was a haunted house up on a hill. It was black and scary. There was a black cat running around inside the haunted house. Everyone just called it the devil cat, because it was so mean. It had red eyes and sharp claws.

Nobody would ever go in this house. Everyone was too scared to go up there.

On October 31, 2003, Halloween night, all the kids in town went trick-or-treating. We saw Jason and Freddy out on the street. They chopped off Sabrina's head. My family was running and

screaming for help. We finally looked up and saw a black house with a black cat running around the house.

I told my mom that was the Devil Cat's house. I had read about it in a book. She thought I was lying. So we went to the house. Mom knocked on the door. The door came open. We went inside and the door slammed shut. It was pitch black inside. I got separated from my mom. I could not see anything so I just stood still. Suddenly I heard someone scream like they were being murdered. Then I felt some one put their hand on my shoulder. Suddenly the lights came on. I turned around and it was my silly mom. She really got me good.

Next, we went home.

by Justin Conley.



THE HAUNTED HOUSE

One time there were three friends named, Jordan, Bubby and Jessica. When they came home from school they passed a deserted house. One day they dared each other to go inside, but no one would. Finally Jordan decided to go in and when he got inside he said, "This place is cool, come on in guys!" Just as he said those words, he fell through a trap door in the floor.

His friends went inside but they could not find Jordan. They checked in two different passages, but he was nowhere to be found. The search was on.

Jessica went in a tunnel. Then she saw bodies hanging everywhere. Babies were eating them, blood was splashing. One zombie jumped out and bit Jessica and she became a zombie.

Bubby was walking; he was scared. He saw a light but he saw traps too. He saw a knife coming toward him but he dodged it. An arrow came toward him. He dodged it too. Now he felt safe until the zombie

attacked and bit him. He became a Zombie to live in the house like the others.

by Ralph Hall



THE RIPPER

There once was a man who carried a knife everywhere he went. He killed people whenever he could. The police caught up with him. They had him cornered and called for more policemen to come and help them. They all teamed up on him but some how he escaped through a tunnel under the earth and the police followed him in. They chased him all around the world but he finally shot every policeman he could.

The police set a trap for him. It was a cardboard police officer. The killer took a bomb and blew up the cardboard officer, but a real officer was there to shoot the killer with a 24 caliber, and he dropped dead in one second. The police officer that killed him received \$1000.00 in reward money. The killer was never heard from again.

by Travis Adkins

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