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Two get life for murder of elderly couple in Martin Co.

The Associated Press

INEZ — Two people charged with the murders of an elderly Martin County couple were sentenced to life in prison.

Clarence R. Raines Jr., 29, and Nancy Ann Thacker Messer, 28, both of Inez, had entered plea agreements last month, admitting to the 2004 murders of retired Martin County educator Robert Allen, 86, and his wife, Jane, 82. They were killed in their home.

Messer was sentenced Thursday to life in prison without the possibility of parole for 25 years. Raines was sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole. Both would have faced the death penalty if the case had gone to trial.

"I've been on the bench for 25 years and I don't think I've seen a case that involved a more horrific act for less," said Martin County Circuit Judge Daniel Sparks.

Messer was found with jewelry stolen from the home.

In a confession, Raines said they attacked the couple with hammers, then burned the house.

Woman gets 12 years for role in 2003 killing

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

WHITESBURG — A Floyd County woman was sentenced to 12 years in prison Friday for her participation in the 2003 death of a Michael Ray Slone.

Letcher County Circuit Judge Samuel Wright, acting as special judge in the case, sentenced Mitzie Johnson, 50, of Drift, to 12 years

for one count of complicity to commit first-degree assault and five years for one count of facilitation to commit kidnapping. The sentences are to run concurrently.

Johnson accepted the plea bargain from the Commonwealth Attorney's Office under the condition that she testify "truthfully" against other parties in the case. The prosecution dismissed a charge tampering with physical evidence

against her.

The body of Slone, 27, was found on August 4, 2003, at an abandoned strip mine at Topmost. Det. Bruce Kelly with the Hazard state police post said Slone died of an apparent gunshot wound. His body was thrown over an embankment on M.D. Moore Road, after he was imprisoned, terrorized and killed, authorities say.

Also accused in the case is

Johnson's cousin, Billy Johnson, 43, of Bevinville, who is charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping, tampering with physical evidence, unlawful imprisonment and two counts of first-degree assault. A superseding indictment released in April against Billy Johnson alleges that he hit Slone with a pool stick and that injected him with two



(See SENTENCE, page two) Michael Ray Slone



Sgt. Steve Little examined plaques which were recovered after being pried from tombstones at two Salyersville cemeteries. photo by Tom Doty

More grave plaques recovered; defendants plead not guilty

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Salyersville couple, who were arrested after an investigation into allegations they received stolen grave plaques honoring war veterans that had been mounted in two Magoffin County cemeteries, were arraigned in district court Friday.

Thelma and Larry Davidson appeared in court via a monitor from the Floyd County Detention Center. Thelma Davidson was placed under a \$5,000 cash bond and Larry Davidson was given a \$10,000 cash bond. Each was

ordered to appear in court for a preliminary hearing Nov. 2.

Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum also told the court that more charges are pending.

After the hearing, Sgt. Steve Little, who worked the case with Sheriff John K. Blackburn, went back to Mountain Metal, where the couple allegedly tried to fence the plaques as scrap metal, and found five more plaques that the scrap yard had received earlier in the week. The owner of Mountain Metal informed Little that his staff had found the other plaques and that one of the staff members there was new to the company and hadn't

known that the standing policy was to check out such items to make sure that they weren't stolen. Little and Blackburn praised the crew at Mountain Metal, noting that they never would have gotten a break in the case if it hadn't been for them.

Magoffin County Sheriff Randall "Bob" Jordan arrived at the Floyd County Sheriff's Office on Friday afternoon to take custody of the Davidsons, who will be charged in Magoffin County with theft as well as desecrating graves. Jordan was also able to bring back the plaques after Sgt. Little contacted

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Former Times GM charged with kidnapping

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

BRADENTON, Fla. — William "Bill" McHugh, the former acting general manager of The Floyd County Times, was arrested last week in Bradenton, Fla., and charged with three counts of kidnapping and one charge of grand theft auto.

McHugh is accused of taking a silver Chrysler that was parked in front of a bowling alley on West Cortez Road in Manatee County, on Saturday, Oct. 22, and driving off in the vehicle, which contained three children who were under the age of 12.

According to a Bradenton police report, one of the children used a cell phone to call their father and report the incident. According to police McHugh took the phone away from the child and spoke into it briefly before hanging up. One of the

other children also had a cell phone and used it to contact the Manatee County Sheriff's Department by dialing 911.

Two deputies were able to find the vehicle by getting the children to describe nearby landmarks. Authorities found the vehicle approximately four miles away at a strip mall and arrested McHugh as he exited the car.

On Tuesday at his arraignment, McHugh was placed under a \$1.5 million dollar bond and was scheduled for his next court appearance on Dec. 9.

McHugh had apparently been missing for a week and a family member was quoted in a Michigan newspaper as being concerned about McHugh, who had not been acting like himself.

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Probation revoked for sex-scheme defendant

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman who was placed on probation in 2001 after pleading guilty to robbing area men after promising them sex

for money saw her probation revoked after a hearing in circuit court Friday.

Tammy Woods was sentenced to serve out her three-year sentence in prison after the hearing.

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U.N. delegation coming to East Ky. on poverty tour

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A United Nations human rights representative is expected to visit the mountains of Kentucky next week as part of a nationwide poverty tour.

The Rev. John Rausch, director of the Catholic Committee of Appalachia which is organizing stops in two Appalachian towns, said the independent expert for the U.N. Commission on Human Rights will visit the Berea and Hazard areas.

Arjun Sengupta of India will meet with impoverished residents, government leaders, and social activists who are reaching out to the needy, Rausch said.

"When we think of world poverty, we

think of emaciated children," said Rausch, a Catholic priest based in Stanton. "He won't see that here. But, in Appalachia, there are people who lack the resources to live a dignified life. There are people who don't have access to social services that would bring them a fuller life."

Sengupta will tour the United States through Nov. 8, according to a U.N. press release. He will be in Kentucky on Monday and Tuesday.

The purpose of the trip is to understand how the United States addresses extreme poverty. In particular, the delegation will examine measures taken to ensure the poor — especially those in marginalized groups — have access to

government services, jobs, health services, education, information and goods.

Sengupta will report his findings to the Commission on Human Rights early next year, the press release said.

In Hazard, Mayor Bill Gorman said he expects Sengupta to find some poverty in and around his town. "But basically the quality of life here is pretty doggone good," he said. "We have pockets of poverty. You'll also find the same thing in Louisville, in Cincinnati, in New York and all over the country."

Gorman, who met with the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in Hazard during his poverty tour of Appalachia in 1968, said the region has seen major economic improvements since then. He said Hazard

has become a regional center for health care, now employing some 4,000 professional and hourly workers in that industry. Coal remains a major employer, along with timber, oil and natural gas, and a number of factories also have opened, producing wood products, plastics and clothing.

Gorman said he welcomes the U.N. visitors.

"Our people are friendly and receptive, and if we have a problem that they can recognize that we can attack, we'd be more than willing to listen," he said.

Rausch said Sengupta's delegation is scheduled to arrive in Berea on Monday

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FLOYD COUNTY

■ Thelma Osborne Bentley, 77, of Martin, died Saturday, October 22, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Sarah Arnett Davis, 83, of David, a Magoffin County native, died Friday, October 21, in the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Alvonía Hall, 88, of Melvin, died Thursday, October 27, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home, Robinson Creek.

■ Pauline Hamilton, 80, of Beaver, died Wednesday, October 26, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 30, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Kevin Johnson, 33, of Teaberry, died Friday, October 21, in the emergency room at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Donald Ray McGarey, 52, of Eastern, died Saturday, October 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Sandra L. Osborne McGarey. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Eugene Mullins, 77, of Craynor, died Monday, October 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Avalia Hall Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Albert Linzie Ratliff, 66, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, October 26, at the Riverview Healthcare in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Janet Goble Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Anthony M. (Antna) Baker, 77, of Dorton, died Monday, October 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Gracie M. Baker. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 27, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Vertie Bartley, 86, of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, October 27, at Mt. View Health Care Center. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at 11 a.m., in the Lucas and Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

■ Robert E. Bishop, 85, of Montrose, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, October 20, at Hospice Care Center. Graveside services were held Monday, October 24, at the Western Reserve National Cemetery in Akron, Ohio. Arrangements were under the direction of Hummel Funeral Home.

■ Nora Ann Dockery, 56,

died October 22. She is survived by her husband, Herbert Dockery. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 25, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Linda Kay Fletcher, 56, of McCarr, died Tuesday, October 25, at her home. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Fannie Dell Hackney, 77, of Canada, died Wednesday, October 26, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 29, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Shawn Joseph Hays, 29, of Pinsonfork, died Tuesday, October 25, in the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room. He is survived by his wife, Regina Lou Hays. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 27, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Fayette Ferguson Jones, 82, of Rockhouse, died Tuesday, October 25, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, October 28, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Gary L. Keene, 23, of Meta, died Wednesday, October 19, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 22, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Isaac Lester, 75, of Steele, formerly of Buchanan County, died Wednesday, October 19, at Buchanan General Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 23, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

■ Shawn Travis Michaels, 29, of Feds Creek, died Tuesday, October 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, October 28, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Fern Thacker Moore, 87, of Greasy Creek, died Saturday, October 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Fred Moore. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 25, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Ronnie Prater, 49, of Greasy Creek, died Tuesday, October 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Adkins Prater. Funeral services were held Friday, October 28, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Shelby Jean Robinson, 51, of Sidney, died Thursday, October 20, at ARH Skilled Nursing, South Williamson. She is survived by her husband, Frank Robinson. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 23, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Brandon Hi Slone, 18, of Kimper, died Wednesday, October 19, as the result of an automobile accident. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 23, under direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Virgie Jude Stacy, 79, of Hatfield, died Friday, October 21. She is survived by her husband, Simon Stacy. Funeral services were held Monday, October 24 under the direction of West Funeral Home.

■ Jack Clayton Thompson, 64, of Pikeville, formerly of Feds Creek, died Thursday, October 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Judy Lynn Burke Thompson. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 23, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Mildred Cleo Varney, 78, of Turkey Creek, died Sunday, October 23, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Avery E. Varney. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 26, under the direction of Rogers

Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Elder Mitchell Baldwin, 71, of West Liberty, formerly of Hager Hill, died Tuesday, October 25, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Peggy May Baldwin. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 28, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Valda Barker, 64, of Lowmansville, died Tuesday, October 25, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, October 28, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Glen Estep, 93, of Springfield, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, October 23, at Ridgewood Nursing Home in Springfield. He is survived by his wife, Marge Estep. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 26, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Margie Fairchild, 85, of Flat Gap, died Monday, October 24, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 27, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Willa Dean Wells, 65, of Van Lear, died Monday, October 24, at U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 28, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Woodridge Williamson, 73, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Friday, October 21. He is survived by his wife, Alice E. Mollette Williamson. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 29, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Kermit Collins, 79, of Newport, North Carolina, a Knott County native, died Tuesday, October 25, at the Carteret General Hospital, Morehead City, North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Joanna Hall Collins. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Daniel L. Goble, 36, of Topmost, died Thursday, October 27, at his residence. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 30, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Hindman.

■ Wilma Holland Hicks, 58, of Mousie, died Tuesday, October 25, at Topmost. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Virgie Jude Stacy, 79, of Hatfield, died Friday, October 21. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 22, under the direction of West Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Donald Hensley, 56, of Salyersville, died Saturday, October 22, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 26, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Grover Cleveland Salyer, 90, of Salyersville, died Saturday, October 22, at the Flaget Memorial Hospital in Bardstown. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 25, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Sentence

syringes of Oxycontin. Billy Johnson, who suffers with a heart condition, was transferred from the Kentucky River Regional Jail in Perry County to the Floyd County Detention Center, after requests were made and approved by his attorneys.

Billy Johnson's girlfriend, Susan Moore, 33, of Langley, faces one count of complicity to commit kidnapping, complicity to commit first-degree assault by allegedly injecting Slone with Oxycontin, unlawful imprisonment and complicity to commit murder.

Also charged is Chad Edward Conn, 38, of Bevinville, who is accused of assisting in the kidnapping and assault of Slone.

Authorities say that Mitzie Johnson lured Slone to the location where he was terrorized and murdered.

She admitted guilt to the crime during a taped telephone conversation on July 30, 2003, with Kentucky State Police. Reportedly, she gave authorities the whereabouts of Slone's 1993 Chevy truck, which was found in Knott County.

Slone's brother, Jim Slone, said Johnson did "seem" to apologize to family members who were in the Letcher County courtroom Friday by telling them that she lured Slone to the residence because she thought he would be warned, not murdered.

"We will never have complete closure," Slone said, "but it's a start."

Following the sentencing, attorneys held an approximate five-hour bond hearing for Billy Johnson, represented by a family member, Gary E. Johnson,

from Richmond.

"It was long," Bailiff Larry Adams said, "very long."

The prosecution and defense raised several arguments for and against lowering Billy Johnson's bond, which was previously set in Knott county at \$1 million.

Wright said he would take the arguments under consideration, but he gave no ruling Friday.

Gary E. Johnson filed a motion for exculpatory evidence in the case on Sept. 12, the same day he filed a motion to preserve evidence, substances and materials seized from Billy Johnson's garage and other evidence collected from Moore, Mitzie Johnson, Chad Conn, Johnny Fogel, William Jason Johnson and Christy Johnson, whom he termed "coconspirators" in the case.

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About the surgeon

Dr. Laura Velcu, M.D. is fellowship trained in bariatric surgery, an intervention for weight loss to control morbid obesity. She received her medical degree from Carol Davila School of Medicine and Pharmacy. Dr. Velcu completed her surgical residency at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, New York. She also completed a surgical fellowship in complex and minimally-invasive surgery at University of Pittsburgh, Magee Women's Hospital, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Velcu is certified by the American Board of Surgery and a member of the American Society for Bariatric Surgery. She is actively involved with research in the field of bariatric surgery.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

Expectations weight loss surgery group meetings are being planned on a monthly basis. Please watch for additional details and forthcoming announcements about the support groups in the future.

For information, call Bariatric Surgery Program Coordinator Robin Barker, R.N. at 606-638-3813.



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State lands grant to protect bingo halls from terrorists

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Kentucky has been awarded a federal Homeland Security grant aimed at keeping terrorists from using charitable gaming to raise money.

The state Office of Charitable Gaming won the \$36,300 grant and will use it to provide five investigators with laptop computers and access to

a commercially operated law-enforcement data base, said John Holiday, enforcement director at the Office of Charitable Gaming.

The idea is to keep terrorists from playing bingo or running a charitable game to raise large amounts of cash, Holiday said.

But to some, the idea of protecting bingo halls from terrorists is nonsensical.

"It's almost ludicrous," said

Rick Bentley, a Henry Clay High School sports booster as he volunteered last Thursday at a noisy, smoke-filled Lexington bingo parlor. "The thought would never even enter my mind."

Holiday, who applied for the grant, said that terrorists do not currently profit from charitable gaming in Kentucky to the best of his knowledge.

"But the potential there, to

me, is just huge," he said. "You can earn a lot of money very fast and deal entirely in cash."

With more than 1,300 organizations licensed to raise money through gambling, charitable gaming raised \$51 million in 2003.

Holiday said if the grant stretches far enough, he also wants to offer forensics accounting training to his 10 auditors.

Local teachers to attend national conference

The administration and faculty of The David School will be attending the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) annual conference on Nov. 3 and 4 at Louisville.

This year's theme, "Curriculum: Create and Cultivate" explores the best teaching and learning processes

for students of the 21st Century.

"This is great opportunity for us to be part of a national conversation about learning and curriculum," said Marilyn Huegerich, principal of The David School.

The David School has been a provisional member school in good standing of the ISACS since 2004. ISACS is one of the

oldest and largest regional independent school association, which is widely respected for an accreditation process, grounded in the review of a school's published aims and intended outcomes by a group of qualified

peers. Currently The David School is engaged in the seven-year accreditation cycle.

The David School students will be on their fall break and do not have school on Nov. 3 and 4.

McHugh

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McHugh was out on bond after being charged with six counts of sexual abuse involving two people in Floyd County. His bond, which had originally been set at \$50,000 cash for each case, was reduced to \$25,000 for each case at a preliminary hearing held on Oct. 10 in district court. At the hearing McHugh's attorney, Jerry Patton, assured the court that his client was not a

flight risk.

One of the conditions of McHugh's bond was that he not have any violations of law pending the outcome of his case, which is currently being considered by a grand jury. Judge Eric Hall was unavailable on Friday, but courthouse staff noted that the arrest violates the judge's order and will most likely result in forfeiture of the bond.

Woods

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which saw testimony from two probation officers. They testified that Woods began her probation in Floyd County but was approved to finish it in Fayette County after moving to Lexington.

Doug Smith testified that he was assigned the Woods case in Sept. 2002 after she moved to Lexington. He noted that he began getting phone calls about Woods from people who claimed she was working at a bar in Lexington, which Woods later admitted was true. Smith said that he told Woods quit the job

and that she complied with his order.

Smith also testified that Woods failed a drug test in April 2003 and admitted that she had used some cocaine. Smith testified that, "It was the highest amount I ever saw on a test."

Smith also said that Woods violated her probation by visiting an inmate at the Lee Correctional Center and did so 13 times. She was also arrested on several occasions in Fayette County for charges such as terroristic threatening, giving a false name to an officer and speeding.

Plaques

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the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and determined that he only needed to photograph and log the evidence before turning the markers over to Jordan, who will see that the plaques get returned to the cemeteries in Magoffin County.

Jordan pointed out that the plaques were bolted to cement foundations and that they are now severely warped after they were pried off the graves.

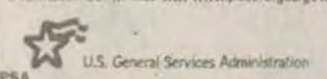
Blackburn stated that the case

left him cold.

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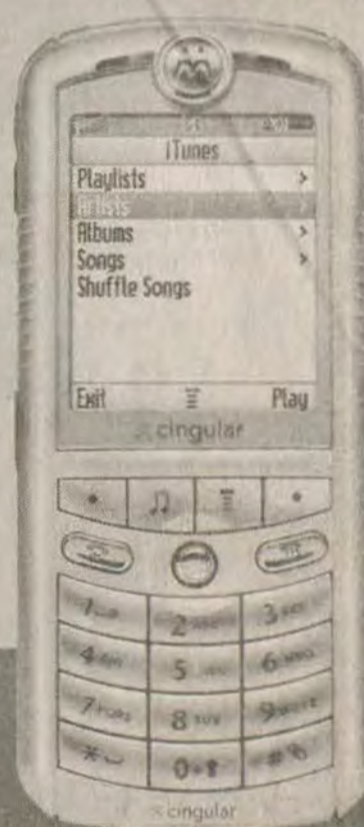
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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

County jails need state help

Kentucky's county jails and fiscal courts know all about money problems associated with housing the accused before they are tried as well as the convicted serving their sentences. All across the state, local jails are a drag on county finances. More often than not, the income jails receive for housing convicted state inmates fails to cover their operating costs.

It is especially frustrating when a jail houses someone prior to his or her trial, only to see the individual convicted and then given credit for "time served" and allowed to walk away.

Under state law, jails receive the daily rate of \$30.51 from the state for inmates only after they are convicted and begin serving their sentences in the county jail. Before conviction, counties foot the bill for holding inmates. Those bills can grow large when trials are delayed.

County officials want to change the system in order for jails to receive money for inmates they hold before trial. That makes sense to us too, but only as a temporary remedy for helping county jails come closer to breaking even.

In the interest of a permanent solution, we are more intrigued by the idea of the state taking over the operation of county jails altogether, something that representatives of county officials have advocated for years.

The financial problems jails face aren't small. Vince Lang, executive director of the Kentucky County Judge-Executives Association, said Kentucky jails face a \$100 million deficit from housing inmates. Counties must make up for those shortfalls from general revenues.

We agree with Daviess County Commissioner Mike Riney that the state ought to be responsible for inmates from the time they are arrested on state charges. The state already relies heavily on county jails to house Class D felons. The logical next step is to take over all the jails.

The General Assembly should recognize that county jails are under increasing financial pressure, and too many county governments are having to divert too much revenue away from needed expenditures toward propping up jails.

It seems reasonable to believe that the state could operate a system of regional jails more efficiently than the current system of many county jails.

In the short term, compensating jails in some fashion for housing inmates prior to conviction, including those sentenced to "time served," will help jails avoid deficits. But in the long run, allowing counties to get out of the jail business completely makes the most sense of all. It is an idea worth exploring.

— Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer



guest Column

America's broken immigration system

by ROGER E. HERNANDEZ

Immigration to the United States first broke the million mark in 1905. It did so again five more times before 1914. In total, some 15 million immigrants arrived on American shores in the two decades between 1901 and 1920. It was the heaviest immigration period in history.

Until now. These days, says a report from the Pew Hispanic Center, it took only a single decade to reach a similar figure. Nearly 14 million people came between 1991 and 2000, according to the study; its authors expect an additional 16 million between 2001 and 2010.

What's more, Pew also says that over the past two years, new illegal immigrants have outnumbered those who arrived as legal permanent residents, 1.013 million to 872,000.

It can sound like the "invasion" that keeps nativists up at night (and playing vigilante on the border). Those xenophobes might have less trouble sleeping if they knew enough U.S. history to real-

ize the country has been through this before — only more so.

When almost 9 million immigrants arrived in the first decade of the 20th century, the United States had a population of 76 million people. When nearly 14 million arrived between 1991 and 2000, the population was 249 million. In other words, immigrants today are a much smaller percentage of the total population than they were 100 years ago.

Those immigrants were as feared back then as Hispanic immigrants are now. But given a couple of generations, the kids and grandkids of immigrants today will become American too. The genius of American culture, then and now, is that it is powerful enough to irreversibly assimilate immigrants yet flexible enough to accept the contributions immigrants bring.

But the inevitability of assimilation does not alter the reality that the system of immigration laws is broken. And there is no historical parallel for that.

There are perhaps 11 million illegals in the country, and the Pew report predicts 9.5 million more will come to the United States without authorization between 2001 and 2010. That cannot be permitted. There is the matter of terrorists sneaking in. There is the matter of

the rule of law.

But how to stop illegal entries?

Tougher patrol of the borders should be part of any plan, but so should providing more opportunities for legal immigration. If more people get visas, fewer people will attempt illegal crossings. And even if the total number of immigrants remains the same, the percentage of those who enter without permission will be smaller.

That, along with a reasonable plan to allow illegal immigrants with jobs and community roots to stay instead of being deported, is part of the McCain-Kennedy bill now floating around Congress. The administration has shown itself friendly to the same general principles, if not necessarily the mechanics.

But with Iraq, Katrina and gas prices weakening President Bush's political muscle, nothing may get done for a while. Until then, it's smart to remember the problem isn't immigration — we've been through that before. The problem is illegal immigration, and that's a new one on us.

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— beyond the Beltway

Where's Edward R. Murrow when you need him?

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

I've just seen George Clooney's marvelous new film, "Good Night, and Good Luck," a stylish recreation of the time, 50 years ago, when the greatest of all broadcasters, Edward R. Murrow, played St. George to Joe McCarthy's dragon and saved the Republic, more or less. And a grand time it was. (The title, by the way, is taken from Murrow's signature sign-off.)

I suppose that the more youthful among you won't remember either Murrow or McCarthy. Pity. You should see the film anyway. It is entertaining, inspiring and (dare I say it?) educational.

For the rest of us, it is a time machine that carries us back to an era when courage in a television reporter meant something more than standing out in a windy rainstorm, yelling into a microphone.

Murrow was the iconic star of CBS News, then the gold standard of television news. Handsome and urbane, he was a marvelous writer and possessed of one of God's great voices — the whole package.

He'd made his name during World War II with his rooftop radio broadcasts from London while German bombs dropped around him. He came home a hero and almost immediately became the biggest news star of television's infancy.

McCarthy was the obscure junior

senator from Wisconsin when, in February of 1950, he waved a sheet of paper during a speech and announced he had in his hand a list of 205 Communists in the State Department.

He had no such thing of course, but the statement caused an immediate sensation, making him the darling of the out-of-power Republicans. When the Korean War broke out that June, he rode anti-Communism to national prominence and soon achieved a Torquemada-like status in our society, finding Communists under every bed and in every government office.

To be called a Communist by McCarthy, to be denounced as a Communist sympathizer by him, was to be judged guilty, without trial or opportunity to defend one's self. People lost their jobs, their careers and more than a few were driven to suicide.

Nor did he lack for imitators. Before long, blacklists were being filled with names of Communists, real and imagined, some famous, some not. They became unemployable.

Into the teeth of this assault on civil liberties stepped Murrow, dragging a reluctant William Paley, head of CBS, behind him. In an historic broadcast, he denounced McCarthy for his methods, then did a very clever thing. He offered the senator a full half-hour of prime-time network television to answer the broadcast; in effect, calling him out. McCarthy took the bait.

That did him in. McCarthy was a five-minute performer, at best. Give him longer and he revealed himself as the mean-spirited hoodlum and bully he was. It didn't help that he showed up drunk. From that moment, the fear he

inspired began to recede and he was made vulnerable to his enemies.

Ironically, the McCarthy episode marked the beginning of the end for Murrow, too. His influence at CBS began to wane as the network turned to more lucrative entertainment interests, less to controversial crusades. He was to

have other triumphs but none quite so momentous.

That, roughly, is the story the film tells. Shot in black and white, it's tightly written, beautifully acted (particularly by David Strathairn who doesn't portray Murrow so much as channel him) and directed with surprising sureness by Clooney.

In an absolutely brilliant stroke, Clooney does not use an actor to portray McCarthy. The senator, who was neither handsome nor urbane, is shown entirely via the actual film clips of his appearances on television. You get a chance to see his failed rebuttal to Murrow and feel your own revulsion or — if you happen to be a right-wing nut — sympathy for the man.

The film serves as a blessed reminder of what was once possible in the news business, when people still paid attention. You could bring evildoers low simply by exposing them.

People today would rather watch reality television than real television.

Good night, and good luck.

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TV Listings

SUNDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON OCTOBER 30, 2005. Grid of TV programs from 9:00 to 4:30 AM.

Best Bets

SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2005

8 p.m. NBC

The West Wing

Santos (Jimmy Smits) comes under fire from a third party, shining a spotlight on his and Vinick's (Alan Alda) positions on abortion...

8 p.m. TLC

Possessed Possessions

Medium James Van Praagh hosts this new two-hour special in which psychics and paranormal experts examine people's personal items...

8:30 p.m. ESPN

NFL Football

A bye week in the NFL is a time to rest and reassess, and it couldn't have come more conveniently for the New England Patriots...

9 p.m. CBS

Movie: Vampire Bats

Lucy Lawless reprises her role from the TV movie 'Locusts' for this new thriller. Her character, a wildlife expert, has left the Department of Agriculture to teach college...

9 p.m. HBO

Rome

Caesar (Clarian Hinds) returns home in triumph after the defeats of Scipio and Cato (Paul Jesson, Karl Johnson) and intervenes in a confrontation involving Vorenus and Pullo (Kevin McKidd, Ray Stevenson)...

9 p.m. NBC

Law & Order: Criminal Intent

Someone opens fire on a young actor (guest star Jeffrey Hephner) and his fiancée, killing her and wounding him. Goren and Eames' (Vincent D'Onofrio, Kathryn Erbe) investigation leads them to a girlfriend-turned-stalker...

10 p.m. NBC

Crossing Jordan

In the new episode 'Total Recall,' the discovery of a body has Woody and Macy (Jerry O'Connell, Miguel Ferrer) reopening a 10-year-old case...

MONDAY OCTOBER 31, 2005

8 p.m. A&E

Star Wars: Empire of Dreams

This two-hour documentary traces the roots of the original trilogy that also includes 'The Empire Strikes Back' and 'Return of the Jedi'...

8 p.m. HISTORY

Houdini: Unlocking the Mystery

Magician Lance Burton hosts this new profile of fabled illusionist and escape artist Harry Houdini...

8 p.m. TCM

Movie: Poltergeist

In 1982, the same year that Steven Spielberg was charming us with 'E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial,' he was scaring us out of our wits with another tale of other-worldly creatures...

9 p.m. ABC

NFL Football

Statistics through the season's first quarter dictate tonight's matchup between AFC North rivals Pittsburgh and Baltimore...

9 p.m. LIFETIME

Movie: Blessed

It's no 'Rosemary's Baby,' but this 2004 take on the spawn-of-Satan story is a campy treat for Halloween night...

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Best

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9 p.m.
WB

Everwood

Nina (Stephanie Niznik) urges Andy and Jake (Treat Williams, Scott Wolf) to seek counseling to repair their friendship. Ephram (Gregory Smith) learns that Amy (Emily VanCamp) may be seeing someone else. Harold and Rose (Tom Amandes, Mernlyn Gann) look to the future in the wake of the election loss. Vivien Cardone and Chris Pratt also star in the new episode "Free Fall."

9:59 p.m.
NBC
ER

Clemente, Abby and Neela (John Leguizamo, Maura Tierney, Parminder Nagra) provide hush-hush treatment to a VIP. Dubenko (Leland Orser) keeps an eye on the staff from home via a television camera and makes several lives miserable in the process. Reluctantly forced into a management capacity, Sam (Linda Cardellini) has a nasty job to do. Pratt (Mekhi Phifer) deals with painful emotions surrounding his father in the new episode "Dream House."

10 p.m.
TBS

Movie: Wayne's World 2

America's favorite slacker, Wayne Campbell (Mike Myers), goes on a quest to find acts for a monster rock concert and keep the lovely Cassandra (Tia Carrere). Dana Carvey and Christopher Walken also star in this 1993 "Wayne's World" sequel, co-written by Myers and the talented Bonnie and Terry Turner ("3rd Rock From the Sun"). Michael A. Nickles ("8 Heads in a Duffel Bag") plays the late Jim Morrison, who brings the concert idea to Wayne in a dream.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2005

8 p.m.
BRAVO

The Cosby Show: A Look Back Bill Cosby, Phylicia Rashad, Malcolm-Jamal Warner and Keshia Knight Pulliam are among the cast members reminiscing about one of the top series of the 1980s in this special from 2002. Noticeably absent is Lisa Bonet, who maintains she didn't "feel the love" when she was approached about participating. However, her image is seen in the many clips from the original show included here.

8 p.m.
WB

What I Like About You

Barry Bostwick guest stars as Jack, Holly and Val's (Amanda Bynes, Jennie Garth) dad. They bend over backward to impress him but catch him in some behavior with his business partner that makes a less-than-good impression on them. No harm done, however, as now that the family secrets are out, Dad and the girls are free to have a good time together. Nick Zano also stars in the new episode "Someone's in the Kitchen With Daddy."

9 p.m. check local listings
PBS

Global Health: America's Response
A follow-up to the miniseries "Rx for

WEEKDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON																				
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24	TBS	Dawson's Creek	Movie				Becker	Becker	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	The Steve Harvey Show	The Steve Harvey Show	The Drew Carey Show	The Drew Carey Show	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear				
3	NBC	Today Cont'd	Live With Regis and Kelly		The Tyra Banks Show	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives			Passions	Be a Millionaire	Be a Millionaire	Oprah Winfrey						
4	PBS	George Shrinks	Barney & Friends	Sesame Street	Between the Lions	Teletubbies	Mister Rogers	Reading Rainbow	Varied Programs	Pre GED Connection	Berenstain Bears	George Shrinks	Zoom	Postcards From Buster	Cyberchase	Maya & Miguel				
6	ABC	Maury	Montel Williams		The View	News	The Insider	All My Children			One Life to Live		General Hospital	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Joe Brown					
10	WGN	The Beverly Hillbillies	The Beverly Hillbillies	Rockford Files	Matlock		Magnum, P.I.	News			Magnum, P.I.	Da Vinci's Inquest		The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show					
3	CBS	Family Feud	Mercury Media	Live With Regis and Kelly		The Price is Right	News	The Young and the Restless	The Bold and the Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		The Andy Griffith Show	Green Acres					
11	FOX	My Wife and Kids	The Bernie Mac Show	Judge Mathis	The People's Court		Judge Hatchett	Judge Hatchett	Malcolm in the Middle	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	That '70s Show	My Wife and Kids	Jerry Springer					
13	CBS	Dr. Phil	Martha		The Price is Right	News	The Young and the Restless	Bold & B.	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		The Ellen DeGeneres Show							
14	ESPN	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	Varied Programs			SportsCenter	Varied Programs												
28	DSC	Varied Programs										48 Hours: Hard Evidence		The New Detectives	The FBI Files					
31	TNT	NYPD Blue	ER		ER	Judging Amy	Judging Amy	Law & Order			Law & Order		Charmed							
31	A&E	Varied Programs		Investigative Reports			City Confidential	American Justice			Varied Programs									
49	TNN	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	7 Days	MacGyver		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.								
20	NICK	Dora-Explorer	Blue's Clues	Backyard	Dora-Explorer	Go Diego	LazyTown	Blue's Clues	Dora-Explorer	Go Diego	LazyTown	Rugrats	Robot	Varied Programs						
17	USA	Movie Cont'd	Nash Bridges		The District	The District		JAG	Movie		Varied Programs									
40	FAM	The 700 Club	Living		Gilmore Girls	Step by Step	Full House	Full House	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Boy World	Boy World	Full House	Full House	Grounded					
22	LIFE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	The Nanny	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie								
15	ESPN2	Cold Pizza Cont'd	Cold Pizza		Varied Programs															
25	AMC	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs																	
66	HGTV	Carol Duvall	Carol Duvall	Room	Room Service	Country Style	Designing	That's Clever	House	Decorating	Sensible Chic	Mission	Divine Design	Design-Dime	Designers	House	Designer			
61	SCIFI	Varied Programs																		
44	HIST	Varied Programs										Modern Marvels		Varied Programs						
33	TOC	Varied Programs										Paid Program		Varied Programs		Paid Program		Varied Programs		
14	HBO	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs															
15	HBO2	Movie	Varied Programs																	
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29	DISN	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	The Koala Brothers	Rolie Polie Olie	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	Little Einsteins	Higglytown Heroes	JoJo's Circus	House of Mouse	Lilo & Stitch	Varied Programs						
22	SHOW	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs		Movie	Movie							
25	TMC	Movie Cont'd	Movie	Varied Programs																

Survival: A Global Health Challenge," this new documentary looks at current U.S. policy on world health issues, focusing on President George W. Bush's ambitious HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment program. Scientists and government officials offer their thoughts on this initiative and U.S. health policy in general.

10 p.m.
A&E
Biography

The new episode "Paris Hilton" profiles the fun-loving young hotel heiress who became a television star on the fish-out-of-water reality series "The Simple Life." The persona she's projected on that show has made her an easy target for parody, most notably in a "South Park" episode shocking even by that edgy cartoon's standards. Of course, that infamous sex tape also contributed to her infamy, but she handled the scandal well.

10 p.m.

NBC
Law & Order: Criminal Intent
A true story out of Texas and Oklahoma inspired "Prisoner," guest starring Corbin Bernsen as a prison warden who discovers that his allegedly kidnapped wife has been living happily with an escaped inmate for many years. To solve the mystery, Goren and Eames (Vincent D'Onofrio, Kathryn Erbe) have to dig into the warden's past, unearthing some unpleasant secrets.

10 p.m.
TCM

Movie: Foul Play
Goldie Hawn and Chevy Chase make an appealing team in writer-director Colin Higgins' 1978 suspense-comedy about an attempt to assassinate the pope. A San Francisco librarian (Hawn) gets enmeshed in the scheme, then struggles to convince a police detective (Chase) that she is being threatened by a tall albino and a killer known as "The Dwarf."

Burgess Meredith is hilarious as Hawn's landlord; Dudley Moore also costars.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2005

7 p.m.
DISCOVERY

Before the Dinosaurs
We've seen lots of shows -- both fictional and scientific -- about dinosaurs, but what about the creatures that preceded those fabled animals? This new special goes back in time before the age of the dinosaurs with re-creations of some of the critters that reportedly roamed the Earth back then, including giant scorpions and one big reptile that represented 80 percent of all life on the planet in its day.

8 p.m.
ABC

Movie: Catch Me If You Can
Music and science have their prodigies; so why not crime? In this 2002 comedy-drama, a teenager (Leonardo DiCaprio) hits the road after finding out his parents

are divorcing. He has a knack for impersonation and supports himself by assuming different identities and forging checks. Tom Hanks plays the FBI agent trying to stop him. Martin Sheen and Christopher Walken also star, with Amy Adams as a hospital worker who catches the young con man's eye.

8 p.m.
HBO

Movie: Meet the Fockers

It took four years to come up with a sequel to the comedy hit "Meet the Parents," but the result was just as potent. Ben Stiller returns as nurse Greg, whose prospective, ex-CIA father-in-law, Jack (Robert De Niro), wants to meet Greg's parents. As played by Barbra Streisand and Dustin Hoffman, they prove to be the polar opposites of ultra-conservative Jack, thus jeopardizing their son's looming wedding. Blythe Danner and Teri Polo also return.

8 p.m.

TCM

Movie: Gaslight
Director George Cukor brings a classy patina to this 1944 big-screen adaptation of the creaky stage melodrama about a woman who begins to fear her husband is trying to drive her mad. Ingrid Bergman won an Academy Award for her role as the mentally tortured wife of a man hiding a dark secret from his past, while Oscar-nominated costars Charles Boyer and Angela Lansbury (in her film debut) are equally noteworthy.

10 p.m.
HBO

George Carlin: Life is Worth Losing
The acerbic comedian who mines other people's stupidity for chuckles is back this new special taped at the Beacon Theater in New York. The title comes from one of his extended bits on the subject of suicide -- which he believed the human race is in the process of committing on a grand scale.

Prestonsburg welcomes a new surgeon; Dang Tuan Pham, M.D.

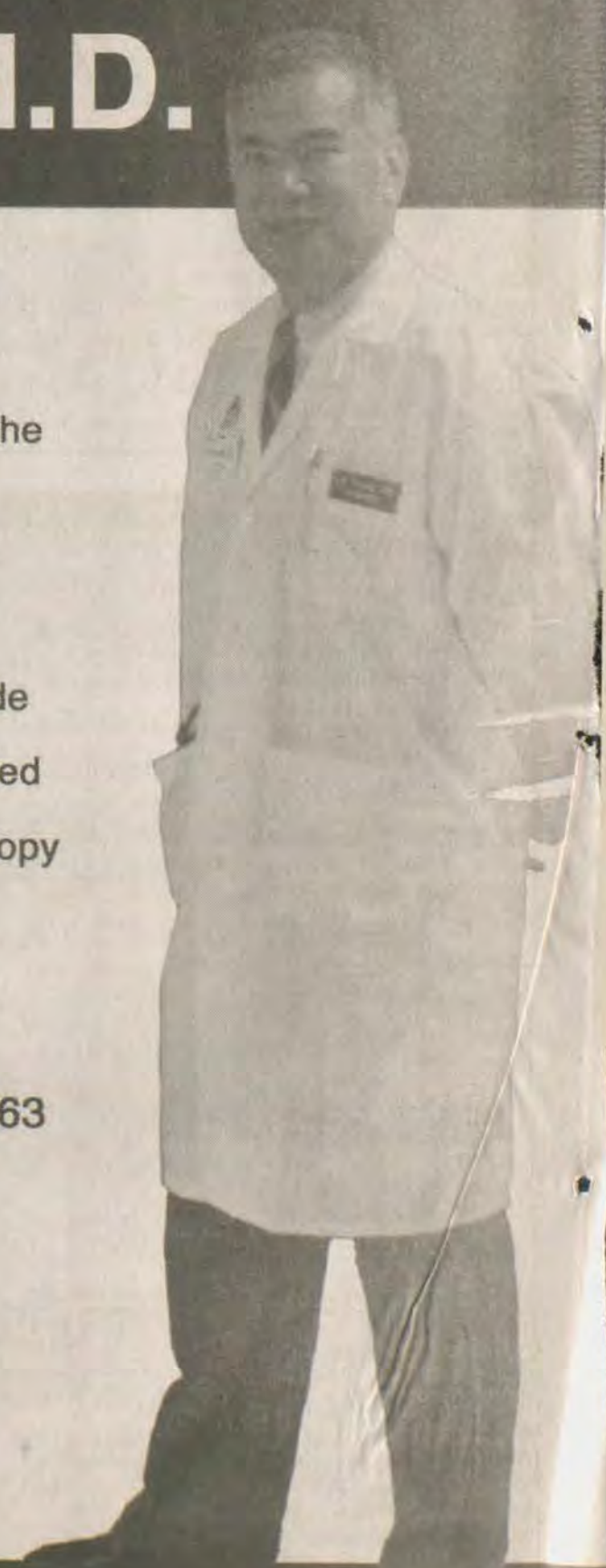
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This Town, That World

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

Shudderingly we report that tonight is Tick-Tack, and the night after is Hallowe'en...But always comes the dawn—and how glad most people will be to see it!

IMPROVEMENT NOTED

On the whole, though, we would say youngsters turned spooks and goblins and other eerie creatures, are more considerate of the rights of us who are too old to catch them than in other years ...



Norman Allen

Church youth here are going collecting funds for United Nations Children's Relief tonight, rather than going soaping up the premises and creating pandemonium in general. An excellent idea that deserves public support, I say.

THEY WOWED THE CROWD

Speaking of youngsters, did you see the miniature majorettes at the recent football game here? The band was good, its instructor, Mr. Smith, has done a fine job—but those little majorettes, who were trained by Mrs. Jody Fannin, took the fancy of the crowd. They will be back for the homecoming game against Paintsville.

THE GHOST THAT WAS DOUBLED-CROSSED

I've always had a desire to spook the goblins—I mean to say, scare them out of their shrouds or whatever it is they wear.

I have long known of the perfect example of such a trick. The hero (?) of the incident was the late "Uncle" Wiley Patton, whose classic practical jokes still are recounted around Right Beaver Creek firesides (when the youngsters will stop watching television long enough to listen).

A square dance or some such "party" was scheduled for a certain night, and in those days the youngsters of the neighborhood converged on the host's home on foot. So it was that they were obliged to walk past a long "graveyard point" which sloped back to the timberline, and that gave Uncle Wiley an idea.

He had "Aunt" Polly Martin help him don a sheet. Then, arming himself with a pine knot which he proposed to convert into a torch at the proper moment, he climbed the hill and took cover.

What he didn't know was that, soon after he left the house, Aunt Polly had dressed her husband in similar attire, supplied him with a pine torch and sent him to hide a few yards uphill behind the prankster.

A full moon rose, and the "graveyard point" looked more ghostly than usual to the youngsters as they hurried past.

(See ALLEN, page eleven)



Things may have gotten a little messy on a recent Saturday at the Blue River Post Office, but Postmaster Sheryl Shepherd, pictured above in witch's hat, said that the fun had by all was worth it. The post office held a pumpkin decorating contest in conjunction with Hershey's Candy. Pictured, from left to right, are: Mikayla Wallen, Dylan Crisp, Postmaster Shepherd, Abigail Cook, Davonna Wallen, Austin Slone, Miranda Sue Tussey, and Chase Cook. Not pictured: Shawn Gilme.

Kids decorate pumpkins with tasty treats at Blue River P.O.

Postmaster Sheryl Shepherd, of the Blue River Post Office, along with Leave Replacement Miranda Sue Tussey, coordinated a pumpkin decorating contest for children within their service area this past October 22. The event, held nationwide on the same day in select post offices, was sponsored by the United States Postal Service and Hershey's Candy. While children busied themselves decorating the pumpkins, postal service employees took the opportunity to refresh, and update, patrons in regard to the many convenient services offered by the postal service, as well as those available on the internet at usps.com. The children enjoyed their afternoon of Halloween fun decorating their pumpkins with the many Hershey's candies available, as well as enjoying sneaking a few bites of the tasty treats, as well! A pumpkin decorated by Davonna Wallen was named the winner of the contest. All children participating received gift bags filled with candy and trinkets. Postmaster Shepherd says that she thoroughly enjoyed the day of fun and having the opportunity to meet and greet so many members of the Blue River community.



Davonna Wallen is pictured with her winning pumpkin and prize teddy bear.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Grapes of Death'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Zombies roam the south of France in this shocker from the 1970s.

The film begins with a young French lass, Elizabeth, getting menaced by a decomposing ghoul on the least crowded train I've ever seen. She decides to get off the locomotive before her stop but rues the decision when she finds that she has escaped into the very area from which the monsters are coming.

Turns out that the local winery is to blame because they decided to use some low rent pesticides to protect their grape crop. The non-EPA approved chemicals in the spray have an unexpected side effect and turn people into crazed killers with skin problems way beyond the scope of Clearasil. These are not technically zombies since they are still alive, but they do sport zombie attributes, like the aforementioned skin problems as well as a taste for human flesh.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

Elizabeth gets into several sticky situations before it dawns on her that nobody can be trusted. One encounter with a farming family is particularly savage and shows that the poisoned grapes exacerbate family conflicts with deadly results. Elizabeth barely escapes the crazed farm family and stumbles into a worse situation when she makes it to a smaller village. The people there are totally transformed and go after her like she voted for Le Pen. Here the film defies stereotypes by having two construction workers rescue the barely clad Elizabeth. One even attempts to explain the phenomenon, opining, "This place is full of wackos."

The workers may have a handle on the situation but they prove to be poor planners and choose to hide out in a local winery, which turns out to be the zombie equivalent of a roach motel. The nihilistic finale shovels on the gore as our intrepid survivors find out that French wine is overrated and certainly not worth a jaunt in the country.

What makes this zombie knockoff work is director Jean Rollin. He got his start making erotic vampire pictures and quickly developed a style all his own which incorporates lush photography with grotesque situations. He also understands that logic is the last thing you need in a horror movie so you won't find anyone in a Rollin film doing anything to avoid a ghastly demise.

Rollin also has an eye for exotic locations and sets his story in the volcanic valleys of Ce'vennes which proves to be a picaresque locale. The zombies add a sharp and ugly contrast to the proceedings and sport decent make-up that was provided by an Italian gore crew which had churned out plenty of chunk blowing effects for Italian cannibal and zombie flicks. The only gift Rollin lacks is one for gab so don't expect a lot of dialogue here beyond the standard "Look out!" and "Run faster."

Best line: "Flowery speeches don't impress me. I'm a peasant."

(See LAGOON, page eleven)

The best sales bonus

by BEATRICE E. BROWN

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE WORKING WOMAN'S SOUL"

One icy, winding road and an early-morning commute — which included dropping off my daughter at her bus stop in time — had "accident" written all over it. Sure enough, as I approached the hill, accelerating a bit to overcome the drag, I was faced with the choice of running head-on into the garbage truck or swerving off the road. Choosing the latter earned me a collision with a telephone pole. My daughter and I were both very lucky. We were alive, no broken bones, just the bruised ego of having to report to my boss that

I totaled the company car.

My boss, Dave, was an interesting man for whom I had a great deal of admiration. He was an artist by education, but managed to become one of the most talented sales and marketing vice presidents I had ever met. He grew up in New Jersey, but his career had taken him to California. Here, he associated with "Hollywood" types and generally lived what we called the "Big Life." From all indications of his lifestyle, Dave would find a kitchen to be a waste of space in a house, and reservations to a gourmet restaurant as the answer to all things relating to food. Parties at his house were always lavish, catered affairs. One could always count

on Dave to be the life of the party and the center of lively conversation. In a word, he had FLAIR!

Despite all that, I knew that he was a fair and positive person. Yet I couldn't help but hesitate to report being the first salesperson to wreck a company car. As a single mother of three children, my commission-paid job was not only critical to our survival, but Dave's confidence in my ability to perform in my region was key to my keeping it.

The follow-up examination by my family physician revealed that the painful area left from the automobile accident was actually a palpable mass that would need to be assessed by an oncology surgeon. Like a second-year

medical student studying pathology, I had some life-threatening tumor. After a series of biopsies, blood tests and other medical probes, I was scheduled for surgery. I hoped that whatever they found would be treatable!

Arrangements were made for live-in help for the children, my will was written and recorded, and family was put on notice. The night before my scheduled surgery, the doorbell rang. Thinking that perhaps a neighbor was stopping by to offer last-minute assistance, I opened the door and was surprised to find standing on my porch a half-frozen, shivering man — my boss, Dave. "What are you doing here?" I asked. "I'm here to take care of the kids of the best salesperson in the world," he answered, as he came

through the door with his suitcase. "Where's the spare bedroom, and what time do the children

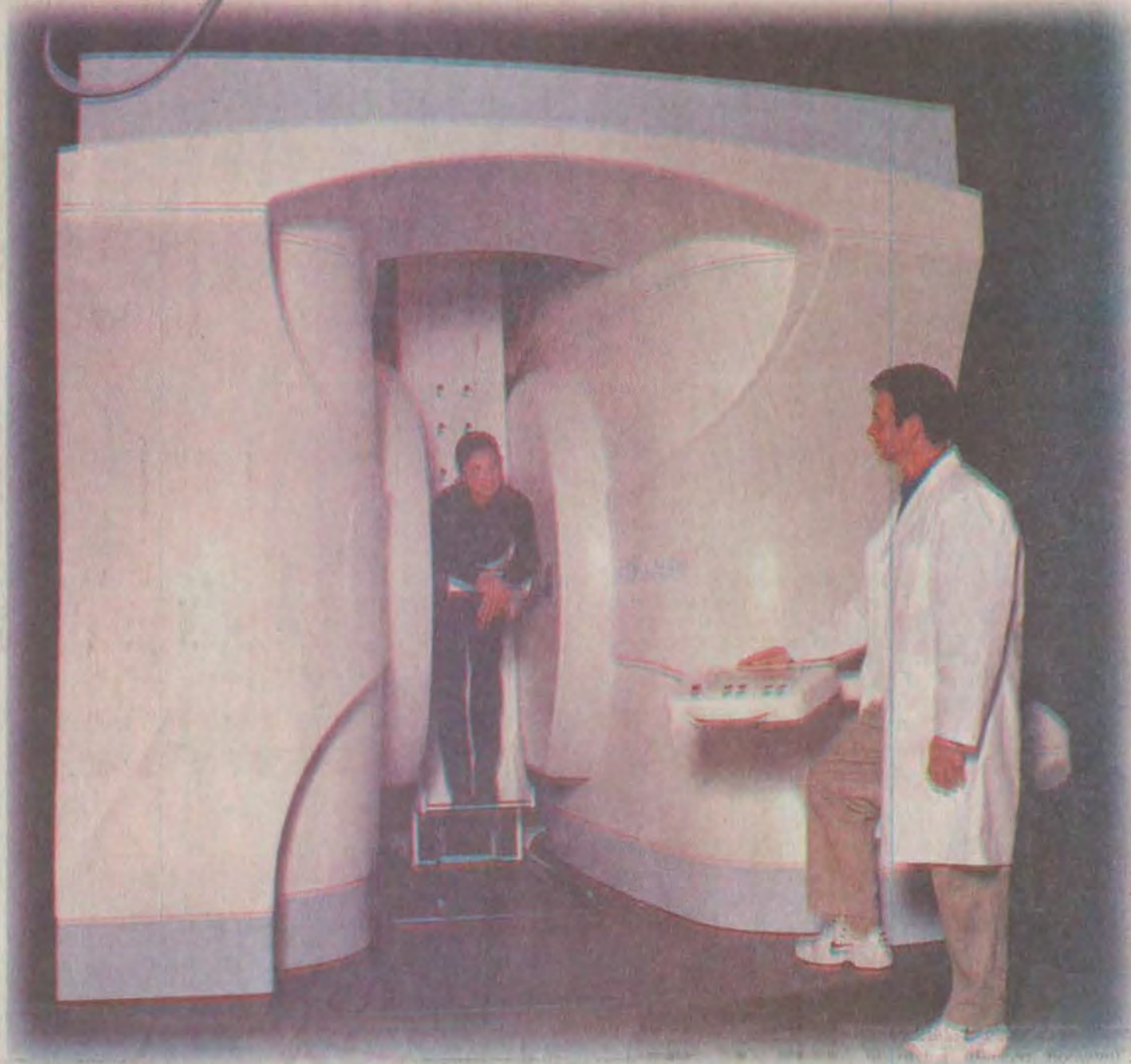
need to have breakfast before I drive them to school?" I will never forget the scene in my kitchen the next morning as I left for the hospital. It had been transformed! The children were greeted with a white tablecloth, linen napkins, fine china and silverware as Dave, now wearing chef attire, served Cheerios from a soup tureen.

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Poverty

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and will visit sites around Hazard, including a homeless shelter and a medical clinic that serves needy patients.

"Dr. Sengupta would like to meet with folks who are experiencing this kind of poverty," Rausch said. "He would like to meet with those groups and individuals who are trying to address the problems these people face. And he would like to confer with government officials and those who are challenged to make this society a more just and fair society."

Rausch said the delegation

won't find third-world conditions on the visit. But its members will see poverty in the eyes of people who endure annual floods because they can't afford to move to higher ground and children who don't go to school because they're embarrassed by their clothing.

"When you're in a culture of poverty overseas, everybody is on the same level," Rausch said. "There is no jealousy because your neighbors are poor, too. Whereas in the United States, you recognize how little you have."

Lagoon

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1978, unrated.

Contest Update

October's trivia contest brought in the most responses in the history of the contest, but we regret to report that there were only 12 correct entries. It seems that most readers didn't recall that Christopher Lee essayed the role in Hammer Studios 1959 remake of "The Mummy." Some readers also went with Karloff, who actually originated the role before turning it over to Lon Chaney Jr. for several of the sequels.

We randomly selected Ada Allen, of David, as the prize winner, but also answering correctly were Pennie Wiley and Renee Hall, both of Prestonsburg; Marilyn Barnes, of Pikeville; Helen Conn and Lisa Parson, both of Allen; Melissa Hackworth, of Printer; Judith Marshall, of Eastern; Carol Conley, of Williamson, N.Y.; Franklin Price and Dianne Price, both of Blue River; and Patty Hopkins, of Minnie. Thanks to everyone for playing.

November's contest salutes the African-American films of the 1970s. We will be awarding a double dose of action to this month's winner with one copy of Anchor Bay's Drive-In Double Feature DVD featuring "Brotherhood of Death," in which three men return to their hometown after service in Vietnam and must fight a new war against racism. Pro footballers Mike Thomas, Roy Jefferson and Mike Bass star. In "One Down, Two to Go" you get four action cinema legends teaming up against organized crime. Fred "The Hammer" Williamson, Jim Brown, Richard "Shaft" Roundtree and Jim "Enter the Dragon" Kelly star.

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Which of the following characters did Pam Grier not play?

- A. Foxy Brown
- B. Coffy
- C. Jackie Brown
- D. Cleopatra Jones

Allen

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Suddenly there appeared coming out of the cemetery a white-shrouded figure, giving with long leaps and waving a firebrand, and the group of youngsters broke into a wild terrified rout.

Just then the plot thickened considerably.

Uncle Wiley, between leaps and chortles, heard a noise behind him and glanced over his shoulder to see another ghost which was rapidly overtaking him!

The old story goes to the effect that those youngsters and the wily Mr. Patton ran a dead head for the shelter of the house.

WE SURRENDER!

It may or may not be apropos to say that Floyd County has had its weird political campaigns, and some political "literature" that was even more weird, if possible. However that may be, we stand ready to surrender No. 1 position in the department of

"campaign literature" to Dickerson county, Virginia.

The better part of a page in THE DICKENSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published at Clintwood, recently had to do with the merits and high accomplishments of a gentleman who is a candidate for County Treasurer. We skip a solid biographical background established by the article to quote this sentence. "The enormous respect with which he is held over the county is at times a bit awesome."

And if such "enormous" and "awesome" respect aren't enough, read this further qualification:

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Scrapes are signposts for deer – and deer hunters

by STEVE VANTREESE
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH – Whitetail bucks believe in the power of advertising through "scrapes" and deer hunters who tune in may prosper. "We call them signposts," said Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources biologist and

research coordinator Karen Alexy. "Scrapes contain olfactory (scent) and visual signals for deer."

A scrape is a patch of ground where a buck has opened a bare spot by scraping away leaves and or vegetation by hoof. It may be saucer-sized or, more rarely, as big as a child's swimming pool.

Almost invariably, a scrape is opened beneath an overhanging branch

reachable by the buck. "One of the most common marking behaviors is using the overhead branch, the licking branch," Alexy said. "A buck rubs against the branch, breaking it a lot of the time, to mark it with scent from glands on his head, by his eyes and in his mouth. He licks and chews the branch."

The scrape itself is perfumed by the buck by urinating down its hind legs,

across the tarsal glands, and into the bare, scuffed earth.

"The tarsal glands contain bacteria that we believe give the deer an individual scent and can communicate information about its level of dominance and its reproductive condition," Alexy said.

Some scrapes are rather insignificant, being opened and never revisited, Alexy said. Others, however, become

deer community bulletin boards that are attended and worked by multiple bucks making repeated visits. Does, too, visit scrapes, apparently to keep track of bucks using any given areas, she said.

"In some research of scrape activity, I had one scrape that 13 different bucks were visiting," Alexy said.

(See HUNTERS, page two)

Five Wildcats earn Academic All-America nomination

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Five University of Kentucky football players – Taylor Begley, Jeremiah Drobney, Antoine Huffman, Hayden Lane, and Jacob Tamme – have earned nomination for the Academic All-America Team sponsored by the College Sports Information Directors of America and ESPN The Magazine.

There are two rounds in voting for Academic All-America. The first round is the Academic All-District IV Team, comprised of players from the states of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama. The district winners will advance to the national ballot.

To earn a nomination for Academic All-America, a player must be a starter or key reserve, have a 3.2 career grade-point average, and be a sophomore or higher in academic and athletic standing. Here is the information on UK's nominees:

■ Begley, a senior kicker from Danville, has graduated with a 3.82 grade-point average in electrical engineering. He has a 4.0 GPA in the same field as he works on his master's degree. He has been a four-year starter at placekicker. He holds the school record for consecutive extra points made with 92. He is second in school history in extra points made (107), fourth in scoring (185 points), and fifth in field goals made (26). He has made the All-District Team the last two years.

■ Drobney, a senior tight end from Massillon, Ohio, has a 3.81 grade-point average with a major in finance. His career totals feature 24 pass receptions for 251 yards and two touchdowns. He was on the All-District Team last season.

■ Huffman, a senior cornerback from Jonesboro, Ga., has graduated with a 3.46 grade-point average in telecommunications. He has a 3.50 GPA in his master's degree program in mass communications. He has two interceptions and 23 pass breakups in his career and is just two PBU away from the school career record. He has won numerous awards for his dedication to service in the University and community. He was on the All-District Team last season.

■ Lane, a junior offensive tackle from Lawrenceville, Ga.,

(See ACADEMIC, page two)



Above: The Betsy Layne B-team captured the Floyd County B-team girls' basketball championship. The Allen Central C-team held off Osborne and took the C-team title.

photos by Steve LeMaster



Allen Central, Betsy Layne capture county titles

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT – Floyd County girls' basketball tournament play continued Friday night with B- and C-team champions being crowned. Allen Central defeated Osborne 26-22 in the C-team game. In the B-team game, Betsy Layne beat South Floyd 35-14.

Both Allen Central and Osborne enjoyed leads in the C-team title game. The two squads went into halftime tied at 10. Allen Central led 18-16 at the end of the third quarter.

Six different Allen Central players scored in the championship win. Logan Cline paced

Allen Central with nine points. Megan Jones tossed in seven points and Brandi Johnson netted four in Allen Central's title triumph. Amber Shepherd, Beanna Huff and Deshea Elliott rounded out the Allen Central scoring with two points apiece.

Gabrielle Bailey led Osborne with a game-high 16 points. Kiana Hall and Mickeah Johnson finished with four and two points, respectively.

Bailey was named the Floyd County Conference C-team player of the year.

In the C-team cheerleading competition, McDowell won

and Osborne finished runner-up. McDowell won the dance team competition.

John M. Stumbo was the recipient of the C-team sportsmanship trophy.

McDowell claimed the team free throw award. In addition McDowell's Chelsie Tuttle earned the individual free throw award in the C-team tournament.

Betsy Layne got out to an early lead and controlled in the B-team championship victory. The Ladycats took a 17-6 lead into halftime of the B-team title game. Betsy Layne led 29-11 at the end of the third quarter.

Courtney Burgess led Betsy

Layne with a game-high 12 points. Taylor Hott added nine points in the B-team championship win and Jessica Jarrell netted six for the Ladycats. Taylor Watkins, Keleigh Wagner, Audri Ray and Katrina Conn all had two points each.

Chelsie Tuttle paced South Floyd with eight points. Heather Little and Kandase Vicars each had two points for the Lady Raiders. Ashley Castle and Meshana Ray scored one point each for South Floyd.

Hott took home the B-team individual free throw trophy

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KBA Showcase schedule released

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The Kentucky Basketball Academy will host a total of six teams from the 14th and 15th regions Saturday, Nov. 26 in the annual KBA Showcase held at Rupp Arena. From the 15th Region, preseason favorite Paintsville and Betsy Layne are both participating. Buckhorn, Knott County Central, preseason favorite Leslie County and Perry County Central are the 14th Region teams headed to this year's showcase.

Prestonsburg played in last year's KBA-hosted event.

In this year's event, Betsy Layne is pitted against Lynn Camp and Paintsville versus

(See SHOWCASE, page two)

Area players selected for volleyball showcase

by STEVE Iamenter
SPORTS EDITOR

Whitley County High School will host a volleyball showcase Saturday, Nov. 13. The showcase will feature top senior-players, selected by area coaches, from the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th regions. The event will begin at 1 p.m. with the 12th Region all-stars taking on the 14th Region all-stars. In the second and final match, a team of top seniors from the 13th Region will play the 15th Region squad. The two losing teams will play in a consolation match at 3 p.m. The winners will meet in a final match at 4 p.m.

The awards presentation will follow at 5 p.m. Each player will receive a plaque and a T-shirt and a 10-member Senior All-Southeast Kentucky team will be selected. In addition, first-, second-, and third- all-

(See VOLLEYBALL, page two)



Prestonsburg natives Lauren Preston (top) and Misty Marsillett are freshman members of the Pikeville College bowling team.

Blackcats roll to win, 56-7

P'burg takes advantage of six East Ridge turnovers

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – After knocking off Pike Central and Shelby Valley in back to back weeks, the only thing left for Prestonsburg to accomplish was a senior night win over East Ridge on Friday. Prestonsburg Coach John Derosssett was looking to fine-tune his Blackcats in preparation for next weeks playoffs and his eight seniors would deliver in a big way as the Cats knocked off East Ridge 56-7.

Tyler Hamilton, Cody Crider, Zach Ousley, Kyle Boggs, Dave Shaffer, Derrick Williams, Brenton

Hamilton and Brandon Peters were playing their final game at Blackcat Stadium and the group went out in style in front of the home crowd. Prestonsburg would win the toss and elect to take the opening kickoff. Blackcat quarterback Bobby Hughes capped the opening drive on a 21-yard run of left tackle to give the cats the early 6-0 lead at the 9:13 mark of the opening quarter. Seth Moore connected on the first of his eight extra points to give the cats the 7-0 lead.

East Ridge would cough up the pigskin on the first play from scrimmage, and Tyler Layne would come up with the loose football at the East Ridge 14 yard-line.

After stopping the Cats on downs, East Ridge would proceed to march 75 yards for what would prove to be

(See ROLL, page two)



Junior running back Lincoln Stone (33) worked his way to positive yardage on a carry against East Ridge.

photo by Jamie Howell

Roll

the Warriors only score of the night. Keith Miller would find the endzone from one yard out as East Ridge evened the score at 7-7 after one quarter of play.

Prestonsburg would take control of the game in the second quarter as the cats put 21 points on the board to take a 28-7 lead at the half. Bobby Hughes found Chase Martin in the corner of the endzone from 12 yards out to give the Blackcats a 14-7 lead with 9:45 left in the first half.

East Ridge would need only one play to fumble the football away as Zach Ousley came up with the ball at the Warrior 20 yard-line.

Junior tailback Lincoln Slone would put six more on the board

for P'burg on a 16 yard scamper at the 4:33 mark of the second quarter. After the third turnover of the half for East Ridge, Prestonsburg would need only one play to tack on another score before the half. Hughes found Chase Martin alone in the endzone with a 20-yard touchdown pass as the cats built a 28-7 halftime lead.

Prestonsburg wasted no time in getting the football back in the second half as the Warriors fumbled away the ball in the opening minute of the third quarter at their own 43.

Senior fullback Brenton Hamilton would score two third quarter touchdowns for the Blackcats, the first from four yards out, followed by a 16 yard

run late in the quarter as Prestonsburg took a 42-7 lead. Blake Meade came up with an interception at the East Ridge 28-yard line and the cats would put six more on the board on a 19 yard touchdown pass from Hughes to Wes Woods.

East Ridge trailed 49-7 after three quarters of play. Tyler Hamilton would scoop up the sixth East Ridge turnover of the game at the Warrior 20-yard line at the 9:00 mark of the fourth quarter

Hughes finished the game with three touchdown passes.

This week, Prestonsburg travels to Middlesboro for a first-round playoff game versus the Yellowjackets. Middlesboro finished second behind Leslie

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County

and Allen Central claimed the team free-throw award. Allen won the B-team tournament's sportsmanship award.

Adams' Alexis DeRossett was named the Floyd County Conference B-team player of the year.

The Floyd County A-team tournament is scheduled to begin this week.

C-TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE: Kristian Waugh, Allen; Samantha Hall, Adams; Regan Clark, Betsy Layne; T.J. Tackett, John M. Stumbo;

Kelsey Dye, McDowell; Chelsia Slone, McDowell; Chase Harmon, McDowell; Meagan Jones, Allen Central; Amber Shepherd, Allen Central; Beanna Huff, Allen Central; Brandi Johnson, Allen Central; DeShea Elliott, Allen Central; Gabrielle Bailey, Osborne; Kiana Hall, Osborne; Brandi Hamby, Osborne; Allyson Tuffs, Osborne; Mickeah Johnson, Osborne.

B-TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE: Brittany Hurd, Allen;

Jessica Jarrell, Betsy Layne; Rebekah Potter, MCA; Erica Newsome, Allen; Chelsie Tuttle, South Floyd; Ashley Castle, South Floyd; Heather Little, South Floyd; Alexis DeRossett, Adams; Julie Compton, Adams; Taylor Bragg, Adams; Latasha Bragg, Allen Central; Sarah Kinney, Allen Central; Cassandra Stewart, Allen Central; Megan Jones, Allen Central; Amber Shepherd, Allen Central.

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Academic

needed only three years to graduate with a 3.95 GPA in a double major of anthropology and classics (Latin and ancient history). He has begun work on a master's degree in history. On the field, he

has started the last 18 games for the Wildcats. He made the All-District Team a year ago.

Tamme, a sophomore tight end from Danville, has a 3.83 grade-point average and his

major is integrated strategic communication. As a Wildcat, he has caught 27 passes for 273 yards and three touchdowns, including 11 for 113 yards and one TD this season.

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Showcase

defending state champion South Laurel.

Games - 12 in all - will begin at 8:50 a.m. and run throughout the day and into the night.

Tickets for the KBA Showcase are \$12. The price covers all 12 games.

The schedule follows.

KBA SHOWCASE

Saturday, Nov. 26

8:50 a.m. - Barbourville-Buckhorn

- 10 a.m. - Betsy Layne-Lynn Camp
- 11:10 a.m. - Louisville Holy Cross-Deming
- 12:20 p.m. - Pineville-Adair County
- 1:30 p.m. - Clinton Co.-Knott County Central
- 2:40 p.m. - Green County-Leslie County
- 3:50 p.m. - MMI-New Creations (Ind.)
- 5 p.m. - Harlan-East Jessamine
- 6:10 p.m. - Henry Clay-Brentwood Acad. (Tenn.)
- 7:20 p.m. - South Laurel-Paintsville
- 8:30 p.m. - Franklin County-Perry Co. Cent.
- 9:30 p.m. - Sayre-Lincoln County

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Volleyball

southeast teams will be selected.

The 15th Region Senior All-Stars are Yumekia Hunter (Middle, Allen Central), Amanda Mills (Setter, Allen Central), Elizabeth Mosley (Middle, Allen Central), Brittany Chapman (Outside Hitter, Belfry), Kayla Allen

(Outside Hitter, Johnson Central), Alyson Caldwell (Setter, Johnson Central), Lindsey Weddington (Setter, Pike County Central), Jessica Martell (Outside Hitter, Pikeville), Lindsey Cross (Outside Hitter, Pikeville), Chelsie Jarrell (Outside Hitter,

Paintsville), Leslie Holbrook (Outside Hitter, South Floyd) and Megan Castle (Outside Hitter, South Floyd).

Alternates from the 15th Region are Veronica Cantrell, Courtney McKenzie and Katie Cook.

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Hunters

Scrapes are most common where deer activity is heaviest. Where more deer are hanging out, generally most associated with an attractive food source, scraping will be more common.

There are traditional sites where scrapes tend to appear every autumn because of the common usage of the area by deer and the convenience of overhanging branches along regular travel lanes, Alexy said.

Scrape activity is greatest during the upswing of deer movement just prior to the peak of the rut, the whitetails reproductive period. The last of October and the first several days of November are high points for scrape making and visiting, Alexy said.

"Then scraping drops dramatically when the peak of the actual rut arrives," she said.

The reason? Bucks take far less interest in mere advertising for available does when the female deer in the area are becoming physically ready for breeding. Bucks then go on the roam for the real thing.

Scraping resurges about a month later when a lesser number of does that weren't bred in the mid-November peak of rut begin coming into estrus for a more limited second rut period, Alexy said.

A hunter that locates a scrape, particularly a large, heavily used scrape, can play it to advantage by recognizing that a mature, dominant buck may be associated with and nearby the signpost, the biologist said.

"You know that there's probably a dominant buck in the area, although you won't necessarily see him at the scrape,"

Alexy said. "Most scrape visits, especially by dominant bucks, are at dusk or during the night.

"Instead of hunting over a scrape, I would hunt a scrape line where multiple scrapes may be between a food source and bedding site and show you a travel route," Alexy said. "Try to find the route that a buck has been taking from a bedding area toward a major scrape and set up there where he may show up while there's still some daylight as it nears dusk."

Recognizing active scrapes is simple enough during the peak of the scraping period because it's also when leaves are dropping from hardwood timber.

"Scrapes that aren't being worked get covered up pretty quickly by falling leaves," Alexy said. "Bucks will keep an active scrape cleaned out."

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Above: Floyd County Girls' Basketball B-Team All-Conference. Bottom: Floyd County Girls' Basketball C-Team All-Conference. Top: South Floyd finished runner-up in the Floyd County C-team tournament. Second from top: Osborne finished runner-up in the Floyd County C-team tournament.



photos by Steve LeMaster



photo by Jamie Howell

The Prestonsburg defense held East Ridge to just one touchdown Friday night. Visiting East Ridge got on the scoreboard in the first period of Friday night's regular-season finale.



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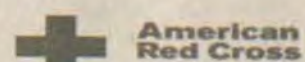
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