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this week and next year's judicial races

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"Doc" Adams, filed to

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ID badges recommended for all school employees

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District Support Team discusses response to school emergencies - page A3

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

If approved, a decision by the recently formed Floyd County Schools District Support Team will find all employees of the school system wearing identification badges

The decision would cover everyone from teachers to cooks, maintenance workers to substitute teachers and would include a code number, written plainly on the badge itself, to run in correlation with

the bearer's name.

The idea was presented during a meeting of the support team Monday and was met with a majority approval.

The badges would be worn around the neck of the employee and include a picture identification as well as the number and other pertinent information about the employee.

The proposal was first mentioned, according to team members, by state man-

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The Floyd County Schools District Support Team refined several ideas during a meeting Monday morning to discuss improving safety in district schools. The group looked at possible improvements such as new ideas for school-based threat assessment teams to handle emergencies prior to the arrival of police or firefighters, and the implementation of identification badges to be

worn by all school employees.

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Prosecutor receives results of **HRMC** probe

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

As promised, local attorney Tom Smith relayed the results of the Highlands Regional Medical Center investigation by Confidential Business Resources (CBR) to the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office late last week, said Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner on Monday.

The material provided by Smith was, in fact, a summary of the investigation, according to Turner, but still proves to be a lengthy report

"They've touched base and delivered their report," said Turner. "Basically it's a summary of their investigation up to this point. We're in the process of reviewing that to determine which aspects of it would need to be reviewed by the grand jury.

Although Turner was not at liberty to divulge any additional information at this time,

Rosenberg honored by colleagues

The career and life of one of an Eastern Kentucky champion for justice was celebrated Saturday at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville as an impressive group of lawyers, politicians, friends and family members gathered for the retirement celebration of John Rosenberg, a man who has been honored by Kentucky Public Advocacy Commission as an Appalachian Hero.

The accolades and awards centered around Rosenberg may have been overwhelming, but many would argue that not enough can be said about Rosenberg who will officially retire after the first of the year.

Rosenberg leaves the "compensated work world" as he referred to it Monday, as executive director of Appalred, the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, having served as the agency's director for 31 years - from 1970 until present. Before coming to Kentucky and onto making the changes and progress in the area that have made him one of the most admired community members in recent memory, Rosenberg worked in the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice. He worked there until moving onto

by SHELDON COMPTON

STAFF WRITER



Candidates ha until Jan. 29 to file for next year's races.

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Floyd County senior citizens turned out in large numbers Monday afternoon to celebrate Christmas together at the Stumbo-Wilkinson Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The seniors enjoyed a buffet lunch and elected their Christmas King and Queen. Elected were Elmer Hall as "Christmas King," representing the Mud Creek Senior Citizens Center, and Opal Bentley as "Christmas Queen," representing the McDowell Senior Citizens Center.

it was, he said, a matter of the summary itself being an involved report that could take time to completely digest and prevent any further information coming to light at this time.

"The truth is we just got this thing in hand and it's a pretty lengthy report," said Turner,

Smith, the attorney CBR requested to serve as local contact with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, said in an interview last week that there were eight cases covered in the report, a figure that equals the number of employees terminated during a two-month probe at HRMC in October, adding that at least two of the eight cases could be, in his opinion, considered for felony prosecution.

During the investigation in October, CBR officials uncovered a number of criminal activ-

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Golf course committee raises next year's rates

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

The committee overseeing the functions of StoneCrest Golf Course met Tuesday afternoon in the course's clubhouse, along with golf pro Larry Ward to compare the course's opening season with the upcoming season.

Among the items discussed were a number of proposals for next year's rates.

According to Ward, the anticipated number of members for the coming year will be 250, and those new members will find at least two increases in price rates as they arrive to sign up for membership.

The most substantial will be an increase in membership to \$1,250. This will mean

that memberships rates will rise to \$30 during the weekdays and \$35 during weekend games. Charter members would be exempt from the rate increase, the committee said.

Another hike in price rates will be found in cart rentals.

Last year, golf carts rentals were \$8. As of Tuesday, the new rate for golf carts will be \$10, still a comparable price when contrasted with other courses around the region. Paintsville had its rates for cart rentals at \$18 prior to StoneCrest's opening, and have, since then, made a very slight adjustment to \$9 per seat - a fee that still garners the previous \$18 for most

(See GOLF, page three)



photo by Sheldon Compton

Members of the StoneCrest Golf Course Advisory Committee began Tuesday's meeting by viewing a video highlighting the long construction process and eventual success of the hilltop golf course. The committee made a decision to raise membership rates later in the meeting but agreed to offer incentives to prospective members for the upcoming season in hopes of balancing the price hike.



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Badges

ager Zella Wells, who herself gathering a list of all employees. wears an identification badge at all times. Wells suggested that the

badge be written into ongoing plans for improvement and changes and be included with the support team's proposal.

Teachers have also chimed in with supportive and positive things to say about the proposed badges, saying the badges would make them feel safer.

The badges would be administered across the board, even including substitutes, with minor changes.

Substitutes would be given a badge at the beginning of the day and asked to sign in. The badge would then be returned to the school's office at the end of the day.

The task of getting the badges worked into a database so as to be useful to law enforcement agencies would include each individual school

Rosenberg

The list would then be given to agencies such as the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and the Kentucky State Police. These agencies would provide their dispatch workers with the list in the event an officer should call in for an identification check.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Scott Hopkins, who attended Monday's meeting, stressed however the importance of an updated version of the list of employees provided to dispatchers, a suggestion quickly seconded by Floyd County Sheriff's Lt. Ricky Thornsberry.

'Those would have to updatconstantly," ed said Thornsberry. "What if you found somebody in the school at night and called in their number and it didn't show up because they hadn't been added to the list? We would be telling them to get out when they were actually authorized to be there."

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One concern linked to the implementation of badges, according to support team members, is that certain employees could simply take their badges with them even though they may no longer be employed by the school and reenter the school without authorization.

This concern was highlighted in terms of substitute teachers during Monday's meetings, considering the constant influx of various substitutes from around the county in and out of schools.

However, this should not be a hurdle along the way to a safer school environment, officials said, if the badges are updated in a consistent manner.

The badge proposal will be taken next to a staff meeting where Supt. Paul Fanning will give an approval to include the item in future school board meetings.

his job with Appalred in 1970.

Among his other achievements Rosenberg, who was a chemistry major while in school, has also been the chairman of the board of directors for the East Kentucky Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology, a project he wishes to continue working on along with several other projects. He was also the recipient of the 2000 Nelson Mandela Award Kentucky Public from Advocacy. The Kentucky Public Advocacy office also presented Rosenberg its Distinguished Service Award which will, in the future, be called the John Distinguished Rosenberg Service Award in honor of its first recipient.

In the wake of so many accomplishments, Rosenberg said retirement would simply allow him flexibility now that his mind has turned to other interests such as family and personal interests.

"I will miss this work. I enjoy this work very much and I have enjoyed coming here every day, but last year was my 70th birthday and when I hit that age it struck me that my life expectancy was somewhat limited, I might want to do some other things," said Rosenberg. "When you're working every day you are much more restricted and I

tioned on Tuesday.

"I'm going to try to raise some additional funding for the science center as the chair of that board," said Rosenberg. "I've always been interested in getting people interested in science and math. I think we have some good minds here, and I also want to get the May House open. I'm real proud of that project."

In addition to those plans, Rosenberg, who first brought the news of his retirement to fellow staff members in August, also mentioned that he will continue to practice law in a private setting and hopes to help citizens. But, perhaps his most ambitious project is the Appalachian Citizens Law Center, an agency that will be headed by Steve Sanders and will work with coal related cases as well as environmental cases.

Rosenberg said on Tuesday he had been able to obtain funding for the center and hopes to continue work on that project, which is presently seeking law clerks for the summer of 2002.

As well as leaving in his absence projects to be shaped into beneficial organizations to serve the public, Rosenberg has expressed intentions, and has, in fact, made his intentions public by becoming a candidate for the

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often cite your career as the very kind of example they need to follow."

Forever humble, Rosenberg exemplified the character that so many have come to know him by in his opening statements Saturday.

"This is just such a thrill," Rosenberg said, addressing a packed reception hall. "And all of you would appreciate being in my place so very much, and all of you could be in my place so very much because all of you do important things for your community and where you live in the roles you play.'

But Rosenberg may have placed his entire life's work in a compact belief in final comments made on Tuesday when he expressed the desire that has pushed him to such levels of achievement during the course of his long career.

"It's just nice to be appreciated and I hope I can keep working to help folks," said Rosenberg. "That's what it's all about, I think."





just feel that I need a little more flexibility in my day so I can feel less obligated."

Fellow staff members at Appalred joked during celebration festivities on Saturday that Rosenberg struggled with the term "retirement" for a few days, often referring to the his decision to leave as a "transition."

"I don't want to use the word 'retirement' because John's not retiring," said Appalred coworker Larry York during Saturday's ceremony. "That's the wrong word. John will be around forever. He's just making some lateral moves of some sort.'

Apart from York's lighthearted comments, transition may be closer to what Rosenberg will actually be involved in, according to his future plans men-

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Showered in gifts and honored with numerous awards during his retirement ceremony Saturday, Rosenberg was given a key to the City of Prestonsburg presented by Mayor Jerry Fannin, a proclamation from Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson establishing December 8 as John Rosenberg Day in Floyd County and several letters of gratitude from various agencies such as Commonwealth of the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

In a letter read by Appalred chairman and local attorney Jay Callis on behalf of Sara Walters Combs of the Court of Appeals, Rosenberg was highlighted as an example for future lawyers.

"When talking to young lawyers," Combs' letter read, "I

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Committee discusses school emergencies

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

School districts across the country have focused their energy on safety in the event of an emergency since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and the Floyd County school district is no different.

The District Support Team of Floyd County has met several times in the past couple of months to discuss and plan for a unified approach to address emergencies and how schools can best handle those situations when and if they occur

Racing Commission raising

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Assembly's

Regulation

fees to meet budget

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debated the merits of raising fees

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and harness racing Tuesday when

Kentucky Racing Commission

presented new administrative reg-

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Shoop told members of the

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increased fees, stating that current

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Rep. Woody Allen, R-

as grooms and hot-walkers.

Among the fees at issue were

was raising fees, he said.

State budget shortfalls have

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mission's budget woes.

The group's most recent gathering took place during a lunch meeting at Reno's in Prestonsburg on Monday as a variety of agencies, along with school officials from across the county, met to fine-tune criteria to be presented to the Floyd County Board of Education in future meetings.

The criteria, which range from new ways to handle bomb threats to possible identification badges for all school employees, will be given to the board in the form of recommendations and, if approved, will become the basis for training sessions and impletwo-year time frame.

One item, according to the support team, that has been something of a gray area for too long when dealing with bomb threats has been determining which official or agency will give the "all clear," meaning the situation has been brought under control and the building is once again deemed safe to enter.

Although, Kentucky State Police is usually one of the first agencies called to such a scene, KSP officials at Monday's meetings explained that their officers would "assist and search," but "would not make an all clear." Traditionally, the "all clear" has been ordered by fire departments which have been called to the scene.

But this could lead to problems if continued without further training in bomb threat techniques, says Floyd County Sheriff's LL **Ricky Thornsberry**

We need a meeting to involve the fire departments." Thomsberry told the group on Monday, "There needs to be more training about what to look for. You can make a bomb that could kill people inside a letter."

Kentucky recently made changes to state law which now says a bomb threat is a class D felony, according to members of the support team Monday, a move that reflects the seriousness of the problem.

In attendance for an absent Supt. Paul Fanning, former Floyd County Schools Superintendent Pete Grigsby Jr. moved the group to accept his suggestion that the school principal be left with the final say.

"It should be the principal's decision to give an all clear." offered Grigsby, adding that the decision could not, however, be made without professional insight. "The principal should be able, since they are responsible for the school grounds and the students in the school, to make that

Golf

rentals at the course.

At Ward's insistence, the committee agreed to also add incentive for those seeking a weekday-only membership in the upcoming year.

According to Ward, the weekday-only membership offer did not fare well during last season, with only two members signing up for that alternative. He cited the price difference in a full membership and the five-day membership as a possible reason for the lack of player enthusiasm for the five-day option, which rests at a price difference of \$150. Many players, said Ward, simply decided to pay the extra \$150 for the full membership.

struggling. Representatives from the harness racing industry also raised

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concerns about the impact the rate increases would have on the industry's future, noting that daily assessments for harness racing tracks have already been raised significantly in recent months.

However, Rep. Jimmy Lee, D-Elizabethtown, told fellow legislators that the committee's role was not to approve or disapprove the fees themselves.

"I don't like raising fees any more than anybody else, but this committee's job is to decide whether the Racing Commission has the statutory authority to raise fees or not," Lee said. "They clearly have the statutory authority to do that, so we should let them."

After some debate, Racing Commission representatives agreed to hold the licensing fee for grooms serving the harness racing industry at the current \$5 level, while raising the fee for other employees to \$10. The committee approved the proposed regulation as amended.

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tee time for the course. Tee time for the upcoming season will rest at 12 minutes per hole, up from last season's eight minutes. This will speed up playing time and, in effect, enable more players to take part in what the course has to offer.

As a final proposal from Ward, StoneCrest will embark upon a large scale advertising campaign for the tri-state area,

mentation over the course of a decision, based, of course, on recommendations from the agencies involved - state police and so forth

> However, the principal would not be alone, even aside from the advice from local agencies at the scene, in determining the safety of the school during a post-threat situation.

> The support team also plans to bring before the school board in upcoming meetings a concentrated plan to initiate a threat assessment team, that would ideally involve the assistant principal, the school counselor and at least one teacher. These three school employees would be trained to provide, with the principal included, a four-person team that could at least handle the early stages of a bomb-related situation prior to the arrival of outside assistance,

> The proposal for changes to bomb threat situations for the school district will be presented after staff meetings to Fanning and the remaining board members in the weeks to come. Support team members will seek a final approval at that time.





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The weekday membership will be offered, but with a more

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Conducted in the lower floor of the hospital, staff members were separated into four rooms and questioned concerning information which had come from initial investigative efforts.

The 30 or more employees were then cut to a field of 15. who were then interviewed again before being cut to a final eight employees.

Although the original number of employees interviewed during the course of the two-month investigation was surprisingly high, HRMC spokeswoman Kathy Rubado was quick to point out as CBR concluded its efforts in October, that not all the employees interviewed were directly linked with hospital vio-The majority, said lations. Rubado then, were simply employees who may or may not have had information about the incidents that could have proven helpful in narrowing the field of suspects.

Turner said on Monday that his office will, in the coming weeks, review the investigation summary and decide what to present to a grand jury for further consideration.

the price so as to present potential members with a wider array of memberships to choose from.

Along with the rate increase for membership to \$1,250, the committee agreed to offer bonuses for those signing up before mid-January.

Those signing up before mid-January - a definite date for which has not been set - will be offered a 25 percent discount coupon for one purchase in the golf shop, 10 free tokens for the driving range and a \$50 discount for all members with the exception of corporate members.

One thing that has been something of a thorn in the side of management at StoneCrest since its opening has been the slow play problem - a problem which even strikes larger scale golf courses such as the Heritage in South Carolina, according to Ward.

To alleviate the problem, Ward convinced the committee Tuesday to agree to an expanded

To be included in the year's budget will be approximately \$20,000 for advertising - an amount similar to last season's promotional efforts - but focused this year less on local touting:

According to Ward, \$15,000 will allotted for billboards to be placed throughout the tri-state area, with the remaining \$5,000 to be used for such things as "goodwill" advertising and free gifts for visitors to the course.



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Guest View Threats come in all nationalities

ohn Walker doesn't fit Attorney General John Ashcroft's terrorist profile. The 20-year-old son of an attorney who once worked for the Justice Department was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in California. He has an American passport, an American education and an Americansounding name. Had he stayed in the United States, nobody would think of rounding him up and jailing him just in case.

But Walker went to study in Yemen and Pakistan and, sometime before Sept. 11, to Afghanistan, where he was photographed carrying an AK-47 and apparently fought for the Taliban. He turned up among Taliban fighters held in an Afghan prison that American planes bombed after the inmates rioted. A Central Intelligence Agency specialist in interrogation died there. The young man is in big trouble, facing possible treason or other very serious charges.

Theoretically, Walker and two other captured Taliban fighters who claim to be American citizens could be eligible for trial in military tribunals. Ashcroft has said those will be reserved for non-citizens, but there are other ways to get around that. The individuals could renounce their citizenship, or the courts could revoke it. If the attorney general is thinking about doing the latter, he should stop. His order to subject immigrants to military trials was overbroad as it is; to take citizenship away from the undeserving to avoid the protections and limitations of a court trial should be regarded as a serious threat to all citizens.

However this case is handled, it is possible that the first person brought to justice for crimes stemming from Sept. 11 will be one of our own. After all the focus on external terrorists and the roundup of natives of Arab countries, that would be a lesson in the danger of false assumptions. Walker's father, Frank Lindh, asks that mercy be shown his son, who was only a teenager when he left home. Lindh says he thinks John, who hasn't been in touch with his family for eight months, was brainwashed.

That may be. Religious fervor miscarried to the extreme can have that effect; Jim Jones and his Kool-Aid cult killers come to mind. You almost have to immerse the brain in some kind of poison to turn religion on its head, and messages of love and peace into calls to kill. But that doesn't excuse what Walker might have done. Interviewed after his capture, he called himself a "jihadi" (holy warrior) and said he supported the Sept. 11 attacks on his country. John Walker is just the latest reminder that threats come in all colors and nationalities, including our own. Attorney General Ashcroft would be wise to keep that in mind as the investigation into Sept. 11 continues.

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Mary's Musing

Bah, humbug!

I'm sure by now you've had the golden opportunity to join the rest of America at Wal-Mart. In addition to the tinsel and candy canes, it's festively decorated with hundreds of determined consumers, bumper to bumper, aisle to aisle, filling their carts with all the goodies. Got to get the Christmas lights, perhaps even a new tree, ribbons and bows, and let's not forget, most importantly, the perfect gift for every single person on "the" list. We want to see them smile come Christmas morning

friends who always buy for them.

And the stores don't help out much. They usually begin early with their special sale promotions or layaway plans that eat our paychecks. By the time Christmas Day arrives, I am so sick of it, I just want barricade myself in the house with a big fat pepperoni pizza. Honestly, if I see one more parent standing in the middle of a toy aisle with a screaming child, telling them that Santa Claus is going to fill their

stocking with a lump of coal if they're not good (while Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer chimes in the background), I'm liable to go berserk. Who decided that Christmas should be like this anyway? It's entirely too much for me.

Christmas began with the ultimate gift,

and now it is so over-

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I don't care if people - and I expect many will disagree with me on this - say it's okay to teach our children these things, but I feel by sensationalizing this lie, we are cheating the ones we love the very most.

It was never meant to be this way. A child lives their life 7, 8, 10 years thinking, waiting, believing that some jolly old man brings them presents, then wakes up one day to realize that he isn't real, that it's a lie - a 7, 8, 10 year lie --- what do you think it does to that child's perspective? His or her respect for their parents? And when he or she finally learns of God, does he or she expect Him to be just another 7, 8, or 10 year lie that will fade once they grow out of it?

You can sit there and say that the whole Santa Claus scenario is a harmless fairy tale that lifts the imagination of a 5-year-old child. You can even tell

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I enjoy taking the time to pick out something special for the people I love. I enjoy watching their eyes light up when they receive this symbol of love from me, a little piece of my heart tied up in a box. But sadly, with many people, it isn't that way anymore. Too many join the holiday ritual only because they feel obligated to buy gifts for their list of family, co-workers or



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anymore. We spend too much time being caught up in the rushing, the buying, we forget the beauty behind it, the reason we celebrate it in the first place. I realize that not all families are like this. I know that many people, thankfully, do put their heart into the season. But there are others, many other homes where children learn about Santa Claus long before they know who God is. It's the ultimate lie, and it sickens me.

me how encouraging this untruth can be beneficial to children in certain ways, i.e., using it as an excuse to make your children behave. But it doesn't blow with me. I think all relationships, blood or otherwise, should begin with honesty and truth. If your relationship with your child --- with anyone - begins with a lie, even if it's a tiny little white lie that's supposed to be good, then where does it go from there? Next, you'll have them believing in the Easter bunny.

But, all this doesn't really matter, does it? It's tradition, right? And, of course, why should it be otherwise?

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A year later, electoral reform is lagging badly

by MILES RAPOPORT

Last November, the United States experienced a near-constitutional crisis produced by voting problems in Florida during the 2000 election.

One year later, as we observe the anniversary of the December 12 decision by the Supreme Court that barred a recount and decided the election, we have made only limited progress toward electoral reform.

Major challenges remain to strengthen our democracy - not just to avoid another disastrous election but also to enable the nation to continue its long historic march toward full representation for all Americans.

The 2000 election was an experience that profoundly affected this nation. Just as the events of September 11 highlighted our vulnerability to terrorism, so too was the election a jarring reminder of the fragility of our democratic system. The election was followed by a flurry of commissions and reports that laid out plans to prevent a replay of the events in Florida. Citizen organizing around these issues also sprang up nationwide. Still, electoral reform - as well campaign finance reform --- has been largely stalled at the federal level and has moved forward in only limited fashion at the state level.

In Congress, major reform legislation has not yet passed. Several proposals would help underwrite sweeping improvements in election administration and technology, but new efforts are urgently needed to jump-start action if legislation is to be passed within the next few months and reforms widely implemented by the 2004 election.

More progress has been made toward meaningful reform at the state level. Florida passed an act to improve voting technology and election administration. Maryland and Georgia have established

uniform statewide voting systems. Other states have begun to phase out punch cards, bring in new election machinery, and to specify conditions for conducting recounts. Still, many proposals remain stalled in state legislatures.

One year after the 2000 presidential election, it is time for us to renew our commitment. Our challenge is to implement an agenda that will not just prevent "hanging chad" debates in the future, but will make our democracy truly inclusive.

One major focus of reform should be to increase participation and help ensure that our government is truly representative and responsive. Election day registration (EDR) is an important measure to consider. The six states that currently have it - Maine, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Idaho and Wyoming - had turnouts almost 10 percent higher than the national average in the last presidential election. Spreading this reform to other states could bring in millions of new voters.

(See GUEST, page five)

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Guest

Among the other reforms that er, vital to the health of democrawould substantively broaden our democracy are those concerned with restoring voting rights to exoffenders. Over 4 million convicted felons are currently denied the right due to state laws that often date back to the Jim Crow era. In Florida alone, according to the Brennan Center for Justice. 600,000 ex-offenders were barred from voting last year. Recently, several states such as Connecticut and New Mexico have taken steps to enable disenfranchised ex-offenders to return more fully to the democratic process. Other states should follow suit.

all existing federal election laws are fully enforced. The 2000 election saw numerous instances in which these laws were infringed upon, including those aimed at guaranteeing bilingual voting information and polling place accessibility to the disabled. In addition, a recent report by the Federal Election Commission enumerated many shortcomings in implementation of the 1993 National Voter Registration Act ("motor voter act").

I know that serious electoral reforms are not easy. They can be technically complex and disturb long-standing institutional arrangements. They are, howev-

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cy. By fighting for a more inclusive political system, we can honor the very highest ideals of our country and help to banish the specter of November 7, 2000.

Miles S. Rapoport is president of Demos, a research advocacy organization, and former Secretary of State of Connecticut.

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"My Telephone Service was the natural choice."



Floyd County Extension Service's "Reality Store" held in the Stumbo-Wilkinson Convention Center yesterday. The program provides students with a hands-on experience about the costs of living on their own. A feature story on the "Reality Store" will appear in Friday's edition.

Central Kentucky Blood Center urges you to give the "gift of blood" this holiday season

by Susan Berry-Buckley, **CKBC** President/CEO

At CKBC, we take seriously our role of managing the supply of blood that community-minded citizens have, in good faith, donated for patient use. That is why we work hard to make sure this fragile resource is used for its intended purpose: to save lives. Red blood cells have a shelf life of just 35-42 days, so on any given day, a selected amount of even a well-managed blood supply, whether it is here in central and Eastern Kentucky or elsewhere in the nation, has to be removed from the transfusion inventory.

The reality of keeping a safe and sufficient blood supply is that there will always be a certain amount of blood components that pass their expiration date without being transfused. Our job is to constantly balance the process of having enough blood donations for everyone who needs a transfusion, while not having so much that precious blood is destroyed unnecessarily. Rest assured, we are tenacious in our pursuit of

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maintaing that balance.

As a private, tax-exempt, community blood center, CKBC has local autonomy. Therefore on September 12, we made the decision to ask donors and groups sponsoring blood drives to reschedule their donations or drives for a later date so that the blood supply could be better managed. CKBC delivered a unified message along with more than 70 blood banks across America who, like CKBC, are members of America's Blood Centers (ABC), a network of community blood centers, ABC members collect about half of the nation's blood while the American Red Cross collects the other half.

Because CKBC must constantly recruit donors to give, the message to "hold off" was the most difficult we have ever conveyed. But, through communication and cooperation, we're it's about life.

High school students "talk back" in new center report

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Policy Research Center released state's ambitious goals for a report recently on findings increasing postsecondary enrollfrom a statewide survey of high ment and graduation rates in school students. Developed collaboratively with the University of Kentucky Policy Analysis Center for Kentucky Education, the report focuses primarily on the future plans of Kentucky high school students. Prepared by Assistant Professor Stephen Clements and Professor Edward "Skip" Kifer of the University of Kentucky Department of Education Policy Studies and Evaluation in the College of Education, the report, "Talking Back," examines, among other things, the postsecondary decision making process-who influences young people at what point in their lives and how prepared and informed they are about going to college. The study also looks at how young people spend their time, why they have chosen college, how they grade high school courses and supporting personnel, and what they think future prospects in their home communities will be. The report underscores the

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The Kentucky Long-Term difficulty of achieving the light of the Commonwealth's history of what the authors term "educational malnutrition." High school graduates traditionally form the largest pool of entering college students, but the decision to go to college is strongly linked to parental education levels and income. Studies, Clements and Kifer note, have shown generational links between poor, undereducated parents and lower academic performance, lack of preparation for college, and actual college-going rates. As this study further illustrates, parents remain young people's strongest influence, and the challenge of motivating first-generation college-goers is formidable. The study finds Kentucky's college-bound youth academically generally well prepared and in possession of computer skills widely regarded as important to the workplace, but the best-prepared students are those who plan to leave the state to attend college.

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Virgie Ousley Hicks celebrated her 90th birthday on Oct. 9, 2001. All of her family was there to help her celebrate the special occasion.

She enjoyed the company of her daughters and sons-in-law. Edna Mae and Wayne Harner of Jackson, MI; Loyce and John Kirk of Paintsville and Crystal River, Fla; and Wanda and Billy Ray Hayes of Hueysville; and her grandson, Dr. Stan Hayes and wife, Krista; and her great-grandkids, Rachael and Will Hayes, also of Hueysville.

She also received many cards from grandkids, relatives, and friends who were thinking of her, but couldn't be there for the occasion.

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Other noteworthy findings include:

E Students rate the instruction they have received in math, science, and English relatively highly, but foreign language instruction receives substantially lower marks. School services such as education and career planning are also given low marks.

Most students have access to a computer, know how to use it, and-perhaps reflecting the success of the state's efforts to boost computer literacy-have learned basic skills such as word processing and spreadsheets in

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Kentucky students want to go to college for the same reasons as other youth across the nation: to get a more rewarding job, to make more money, to learn more about things that interest them, or to prepare for a specific career.

In an especially important finding, the survey shows that students decide to pursue higher education quite early in their careers; more than half make the decision by middle school or earlier. Those planning on four-year schools make the decision sooner than those going to community or technical schools. Kentucky students also are less likely than their U.S. counterparts to say they are going to college to train for a specific career.

Family, friends, and their own deliberation have more influence on youth educational choices than do school personnel such as teachers and counselors.

M Students spend most of their out-of-school time working for pay, socializing with their friends, engaging in sports or hobbies, and relaxing with their families. They devote only about five hours per week to homework-about the same amount of time they spend on the phone.

M Students know very little about ways to finance college. With the exception of the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship, only a small number regard themselves as very familiar

financial aid programs, and large percentages regard themselves as not at all familiar.

In light of the survey results, the study's authors offer specific recommendations:

Alter the discourse on education to include benefits beyond the economic. The current emphasis on the economic benefits of postsecondary education may set some students up for disappointment, undercut the willingness to take academically enriching courses that may not necessarily be economically beneficial, and discourage the pursuit of relatively less remunerative careers in such fields as teaching or public service.

Develop new mechanisms to encourage enrollment in postsecondary education and target these toward those who traditionally do not pursue education beyond high school. Such mechanisms should focus on students no later than middle school and possibly in grade school. State leaders should also enable high school students, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, to participate in introductory-level postsecondary courses to familiarize them with higher education, enrich their high school experience, and possibly encourage them to continue their education.

Sponsor additional research into the fates of good students who leave the state for college and those who come here from out of state.

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Sponsor another, more representative, survey that plumbs the attitudes of those who do not plan to pursue education beyond high school. This group is crucial to the state's goal of increasing the number of Kentuckians in postsecondary education, and greater insight into their attitudes and reasoning would offer policymakers an important vantage point as they craft the policies and programs to accomplish their goal.

The report's findings are based on a 2000 mail survey of randomly selected 16- and 17-year-old licensed Kentucky drivers conducted by the University of Kentucky Survey Research Center for the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center.

Copies of the report are free . upon request while they are available. To request a copy of Talking Back, simply contact the Center by e-mail at htprc@lrc.state.ky.us: by mail at 111 St. James Court, Frankfort, KY 40601-8486; by phone at 502-564-2851 or 800-853-2851; or by fax at 502-564-1412 or 800-383-1412.



Dreaming of a Wireless Christmas?

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For those of you who don't mind taking time to string popcorn for a fun Christmas tree ornament, you might consider using those bothersome packaging peanuts instead of popcorn.

If you're like most people who get packages with two tons of packaging peanuts per pound of packaged material you now have another use for them. They are easy to string and don't get as crumbly as popcorn.

To add variety to your strings of packaging peanuts, consider putting buttons randomly on the strings too. The best buttons are the big colored coat buttons. You can usually find a variety of buttons from any fabric or craft store.

Another use for buttons is to have the kids make ornaments from them. Glue, cardboard, and buttons are the only materials needed. You can cut shapes like pine trees and candy canes out of the cardboard and have the kids glue the buttons onto the cardboard. Most glue will dry the buttons on one side within an hour so the kids can complete the other side of their ornament project.



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Area residents complete parent institute

LEXINGTON - Area residents Lisa Bryant, James Butler, Bernardo Maldonado, and James Short have completed training for the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership. In 1997 the Prichard Committee established the institute, which trains 200 parents each year at seven sites across the state. Institute graduates commit to design and implement projects to improve student achievement and increase parent involvement in their local schools. Primary support for the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership comes from The Pew Charitable Trusts and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Additional support comes from numerous Kentucky businesses, foundations, and individuals including philanthropist Lucille Caudill Little. The Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership is also a partner with Gear Up Kentucky. The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence is an independent, nonpartisan group of volunteers dedicated to improving education in Kentucky. For more information, visit the Prichard Committees Web site at www.prichardcommittee.org.

Keeping away the financial grinch

The holidays are rapidly approaching. Soon we'll be indulging in favorite seasonal rituals: decorating the hearth at home, baking traditional treats, singing carols and corresponding with faraway friends. Then there's the most popular holiday activity of them all-shopping!

CCCS is a non-profit organization that helps individuals and families with budgets and/or repayment plans for those who may be overextended or who may need assistance living within a budget. CCCS is a member of the National Foundation for Consumer Credit and is endorsed and supported by creditors nationwide.

According to CCCS, indulging in the latter is what often lands consumers in financial trouble.

"It's easy to get caught up in the holiday spirit and overspend," says Johnny Cantrell, executive director of CCCS of Central Kentucky. "Quickly, along with all the gift purchases, consumers accumulate debt they can not repay.

"Cantrell adds that holiday merry makers can best avoid financial problems by shopping carefully and sticking to a spending plan.

CCCS offers the following tips to keep from overspending this holiday season:

Trim your gift list. How many presents do you really need to buy? This year, buy only for close friends and family-give everyone else a card. Make a pact with family members to draw names so that each member buys and receives a gift.

Spend less per person. Before shopping, decide and list what you can afford to spend on each person. Then stick to those limits. Spending \$5 extra on someone may not seem like much, but if you do so for everyone on your list, you quickly blow your budget.

Choose less expensive alternatives. It's the thought that counts. Select inexpensive gifts that you know the recipient will appreciate.

Don't shop in a rush. People most likely will overspend if they are hurried. Shop when you have plenty of time and won't feel pressured to buy the first item you see. Shop at less crowded times to avoid the holiday rush.

Pay with cash whenever possible. Take just enough cash for the items you plan to buy. Using cash helps you stick to your allotted budget. If you use credit, use only your lowest rate card and plan to pay it off within three months.

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The family of James Earl Wright would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of James Earl Wright



Card of Thanks The family of John David "Dee" Case would like to thank all those neighbors, friends, and families who helped during the passing of our loved one. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, cards, or said prayers and kind words. Thanks to Randy Osborne and Larry Adams for their words of comfort. We are especially appreciative of The First Baptist Church for their service and food. We are appreciative to the Sheriff's Department for their escort to the cemetery, the Hall Funeral Home for their thoughtful and professional sevices and a special thanks to the following pallbearers: Jerry T. Case, James M. Case, Randy Davis, Jessie Hall, Jack E Holthouse, Brad Murrel, Rick Smith and James Oliver, Honorary pallbearers, John V. Case, Johnnie Case, Richard Gore, Rondali D. Lawson, Michael Pack, Doug Prichard, Robert "Carver" Prichard, Roy D. Prichard, Terry Scott, Ballard Smith Gilford Smith and Jeffery Terry,

The Family of John David "Dee" Case



Card of Thanks

The family of Lois Slone would like to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family, who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and words of comfort expressed. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to Clergyman Sherman Williams 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 Lois Stone

Card of Thanks

The family of Cheryl Lynn Briggs Shepherd would like to thank all of the friends, neighbors, and family who shared in our loss of a loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort. A special thanks to Rev. Jennings West and Bobby Carpenter, and the singers Mark Hayes, Palmer Slone, and Bill Slone, the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, and the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control.

The Family of Cheryl Lynn Briggs Shepherd



Obituaries

Champ Clark Gibson

Champ Clark Gibson, age 89, of Langley, Ky., husband of Alda Hazel Hobbs Gibson, passed away Sunday, December 9, 2001, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, Ky.

He was born August 17, 1912, in Dema, Ky., the son of the late Miles Gibson and Lucy Bradley Gibson. He was a retired foreman for Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, and a member of Church of Christ, the Hueysville, Ky.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son. Dennis Clark "Denny" Gibson of Langley, Ky.; three daughters, Gwendolyn Mitcham of Lexington, Ky., Judy Turner of Murfreesboro, Tn., Myra Beth Sandfoss of Ft. Thomas, Ky.; one brother, Miles Gibson Jr., of Danville, Ky.; one sister, Stella Martin of Langley, Ky.; five grandchildren, Thomas Clark Hewlett, Mark Hewlett, Christy Hewlett Bianconcini, Beth Hewlett Lindsay, and Bryan Sandfoss; and five great-grandchildren, Kevin Logan Preston, Justin Charlie Lindsay, Hunter Allen Lindsay, Teal Nicole Hewlett, and Natalie Elizabeth Hewlett.

Funeral services for Champ Clark Gibson will be conducted Wednesday, December 12, 2001, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with the clergymen, Chester Varney and Gus Andrews, officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home

Pallbearers: Thomas Clark Hewlett, Mark Hewlett, Bryan Sandfoes, David Gibson, Miles

Sharon Gail

Blackburn Sharon Gail Blackburn, 54, of Allen, Ky., died Tuesday, December 4, 2001, at her residence, following an extended

Rebel Nelson Rebel Nelson, 68, of Prestonsburg, Ky., died Sunday, December 9, 2001, following an

extended illness. Born on February 1, 1933, in Floyd County, Ky., he was the son of the late Homer and Pearlie Jane Hackworth Nelson. He was a self-employed owner of Pyramid Body Shop. He was a Korean War veteran.

Survivors include two sons, Randy Nelson and Rick Nelson, both of Warsaw, Ind.; one daughter, Sandy Nelson Brito of Syracuse, Ind.; four brothers, Walter Nelson, Homer Nelson Jr., John Nelson, and Ronnie Nelson, all of Prestonsburg, Ky.; three sisters, Eva Adams of North Manchester, Ind., Geneva Whitaker, and Vickie Poe, both of Prestonsburg, Ky.; and six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, several step-children and step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Shelby Jean Prater and Delores Jean Nelson; and two grandchildren, Gregory Brian Nelson and Nathan Nelson.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 12, 2001, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Larry Adams officiating.

Burial will be in the Nelson Family Cemetery, Prestonsburg, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral (Paid obituary) home.

Furman Dingus

Furman Dingus, 89, of Martin, widower of Faye Vanhoose Dingus, and the father of Charles "Crush" Dingus, died Monday, December 10, 2001, at his residence, following an extended illness.

He was born December 10, Kent Gibson and Gerald Gibson. 1912, in Alphoretta, Ky., a son (Paid obiluary) of the late Bill and Flora Reynolds Dingus.

Furman attended Pikeville College, the University of Kentucky, and taught school at Dinwood and Stephens Branch. He operated a dry cleaning business in Martin, and worked as a lineman and bookkeeper for Columbia Fuels. He was a Past Master of the John W. Hall Masonic Lodge No. 950, and was a 55-year Mason, as well as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Martin. Survivors include one son, Charles D. "Crush" Dingus of Martin; his wife, Delores; one brother, Phillip Dingus of Martin; one sister, Blanche Dingus of Martin; two grandchildren, Deanna Faye Dingus and Kris Douglas Dingus; four step-grandchildren, Michael Click, Brian Click, Mary Reynolds and Belinda Jarrell, and six step- great-grandchildren Funeral services for Furman Dingus will be conducted Thursday, December 13, 2001. at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with Elders of the Church Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating. Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Ky., under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky. Visitation is at the Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Foster Howell

Foster Howell, 74, of Grethel, Ky., died Saturday, December 8, 2001, following an extended illness.

Born on June 15, 1927, in Floyd County, Ky., he was the son of the late Butler and Lizzie Evans Howell. He was a retired coal miner and member of U.M.W.A.

He is survived by his wife, Maxie Hall Howell.

Other survivors include four sons, Roy Howell of Teaberry, Ky., Larry Howell, Michael Keith Howell, and Timothy Foster Howell, all of Grethel, Ky.; one daughter, Roma Lou Howell of Grethel, Ky.; five half sisters, Elva Hall of Harold, Ky., Evalene Akers of Galveston, Ky., May Newsome of McDowell, Ky, and Ruby Keathley and Irene Kiser, both of Teaberry, Ky.; six grandchil-dren, Sandra, Kelvin, Anthony, Stephanie, Cory, and Kimberly; and four great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Megan, Madison, and Cody.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charlie Howell and Albie Howell; two sisters, Octavia Adkins and Elsie Hall; one half-brother, Hatler Howell; and one grandchild, Tameric.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 11, 2001, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiat-

Burial was in the Hall Family Cemetery, Grethel, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



and He found an empty place,

Transportation Enhancement Program applications now available

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is now accepting applications for TEA-21, Transportation Enhancements and Renaissance Kentucky Streetscape project funding. Only state, city and county government agencies are eligible to apply. Application forms are available online at http://www.kytc.state.ky.us/ Multimodal/doc/app2002.doc or by contacting the Division of Multimodal Programs at (502) 564-7686. The deadline for submitting applications is February 6, 2002.

The Transportation Enhancement Programs are made possible by the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The law sets aside10 percent of Kentucky's annual federal Surface Transportation Program funds for projects or activities that add community or environmental value to any planned or completed transportation project. Each project must fall into one of 12 categories such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, control and removal of outdoor advertising, historic preservation, landscaping or scenic beautification. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has provided over \$73 million to 231 state enhancement projects.

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

"Transportation Enhancement Funds and the Renaissance Kentucky Program provide us with the opportunity to fund non-traditional projects that improve and enhance the quality of life in the commonwealth." said James C. Codell, III, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary. Funds for Transportation Enhancement projects are contingent upon final approval of the Federal Highway Administration and a 20 percent match of local funds. For more information concerning the Federal-Aid Transportation Enhancement Program and application guidelines, refer to the web address shown above.

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illness.

Born on November 21, 1947, in Letcher Co., Ky., she was the daughter of the late Hubert Stallard and Monnie Marie Wright Stallard Beverly.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Blackburn.

Survivors include one broth-Robert Beverly of er. Paintsville, Ky.; six sisters, Pat Bradshaw, Janie Beverly and Monnie Osborne, all of Prestonsburg, Ky., Vickie Hale of Paintsville, Ky., Toni Hayes of W.Va., and Kathy Mullins of Letcher County, Ky.

Private arrangements were conducted on December 4. 2001, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Breast Cancer Association.

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pallbearers listed

Pallbearers serving at the funeral of Readie Scroggins were Mike Worley, Barney Holloway, Mark Scroggins, Mike Scroggins, Alex Adkins, Nicky Boyd, Justin Tackett and Andy Tackett.

pallbearers: Honorary Denver Tackett, Willie Norris and Gary Tackett.

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So He closed your heavy eyes and whispered "peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, For part of us went with you, the

day God called you home. Love, your son, Terry

We love you, Papaw From all the grandchildren, and sons and daughters. 'World's Greatest Coalminer 32 years



Holidays can still be happy without alcohol

often a welcome guest at holiday gatherings, but isn't always cause to celebrate. Holidays can be especially dangerous because people often celebrate by overdrinking, making themselves susceptible to alcohol-related troubles such as drunken driving and ruined family celebrations.

Impaired driving can occur with very low blood alcohol percentages. At least 50 percent of all holiday traffic fatalities nationally involve alcohol, according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Kentucky State Police statistics from the 2000 Christmas holidays show that 50 individuals were injured and one killed in automobile crashes where alcohol was a factor. According to Healthy Kentuckians 2010, a health prevention report compiled by the Cabinet for Health Services, underage drinking kills six times more young people every year than all illicit drugs combined.

There is an alcohol-related traffic fatality every 32 minutes

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FRANKFORT - Alcohol is and an alcohol-related traffic injury every two minutes in the United States, according to Western Insurance Information Service. Two out of every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash during their lifetimes. And, contrary to popular belief, 87 percent of drivers with a high blood alcohol content in fatal crashes have had no alcohol convictions during the past three years.

> "Most people realize alcohol doesn't make a party. Overindulgence can really put a damper on the celebration, especially with the recent change in the DUI law which says that a blood alcohol level of .08 indicates illegal intoxication," according to Mike Townsend, director of the Division of Substance Abuse in the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services.

> So, having a safe and sober holiday may be the best gift of all. Parties can be festive without alcoholic beverages. Hosts

can serve alternatives such as non-alcoholic beer, punches, soft drinks or flavored coffee and tea. Creating other holiday traditions such as caroling, cooking special dishes, playing favorite games and other entertainment prevent people from overindulging. Establishing traditions that don't center on alcohol with children early in life may help keep them away from a dangerous pattern as they grow into adulthood.

"Guests shouldn't feel embarrassed by refusing a drink and hosts shouldn't feel obligated to serve alcohol. People who are driving, taking medications, recovering alcoholics, pregnant or young should not drink alcohol period," said Townsend.

Townsend said that people tend to forget that alcohol is a drug, a depressant. It can affect people in a variety of ways and serves as an uninhibitor that may lead people to say or do things they normally would not if sober. Drinking alcohol can lead to irresponsible behavior and unwise choices such as unsafe



The directors of the Floyd County Senior Citizens Centers worked together to hold an "All-County Senior Christmas Party" for their area seniors. Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson sponsored the event, as well as attending accompanied by his wife, Donna. The party was held at the Stumbo-Wilkinson Center, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park on Monday afternoon, December 10. Shown are area directors, Lois Curry, Wheelwright Center; Loretta Bentley, Mud Creek Center; Edna Blackburn, Martin Center; Nannetta Yates, Betsy Layne Center; Sharon Hansford, Wayland Center; Al Gunter, Prestonsburg Center; and, Ellen Brown, McDowell Center,

Kentucky Transportation Secretary elected to Leadership Position in National Transportation

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sex or getting into fights.

The following tips can help partygoers reduce the risk of alcohol use, if they choose to drink:

Drink slowly and avoid gulping an alcoholic beverage. On the average, the body can only metabolize one drink an hour

Eat food with your alcoholic beverage to slow consumption.

Realize that alcohol metabolization is based on the size of the individual. For example, a 200-pound person will be less affected than a 110-pound person who consumes the same quantity of alcohol over the same period of time.

Remember that wine coolers are not soft drinks. They have as high an alcoholic content as beer.

Don't drink and drive or even ride with someone who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs

If you have a problem with alcohol or are a recovering alcoholic, decide how to handle the temptation to drink before going to a party.

If you or someone you know has a problem with alcohol, help is available by calling 1-888-729-8028, a toll free prevention hotline sponsored by the Division of Substance Abuse or by contacting your community mental health center.

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Transportation states.' Kentucky Cabinet has been named Vice President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Codell was elected to the position by his peers at the AASHTO Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas this week. "Transportation in Kentucky and across the nation is facing some real challenges in the coming year," Secretary Codell said. "I look forward to confronting these issues head on as we strive for a safe, efficient and environmentally sound transportation system for the Commonwealth and the nation."

In addition to his duties as vice president, Codell will also serve as AASHTO's Chairman Reauthorization of the Committee for 2002.

Made up of senior transportation policy advisors from all 50 states, the committee will focus on transportation issues of national importance for the reauthorization of TEA-21, the transportation equity act for the 21st Century. "Our role is to develop and articulate the AASHTO policy for reauthorization and transportation issues and coordinate with national stakeholder organizations," Codell said.

Secretary Codell has been active in AASHTO since joining the administration of Governor Paul Patton in 1996. Additionally, Secretary Codell is serving as Chairman of the Standing Committee on the Environment for AASHTO. Brad Mallory, President of AASHTO said, "Under the leadership of Jim Codell we have established AASHTO's Center for Environmental Excellence. This program is an essential element of our strategy to promote





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THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES



Wishing you the best and brightest of holiday seasons



Big Sandy

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social studies.

Eric Westfall placed first in math.

At the completion of this first competition, the John M. Middle Grades Stumbo Academic Team was tied for second place overall in the testing competition.

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MOUNTAIN ARTS CENTER "ARTS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT" SPRING 2002 TERM

Laura Ford, Arts Education Director, Announces Classes to Begin Monday, January 7th!

For several years, the MAC has been serving Eastern Kentucky by bringing the arts to our region. The MAC facility continues to offer education to the children of Eastern Kentucky - classroom education in the areas of art, music, and drama.

CLASSES WILL CONSIST OF: Preschool Music and Art Group 1 - ages 3-4 Preschool Music and Art Group 2 - ages 5-6 Elementary Art - ages 8-12 Art For Teens - Ages 13-18. Introduction To Music - Ages 7-14. Open to beginning music students. Children's Theater - ages 7-14

Deadline to Register for Classes - Wednesday, Jan. 2 Deadline to Apply for Scholarships -Monday, Dec. 31 Classes Begin: Monday, January 7, 2002 Class Space Is Very Limited -Call Soon To Register!

CALL TODAY FOR INFORMATION ON CLASSES - 889-9125, ASK FOR LAURA FORD

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Senior Citizen Holiday

Covered dish dinner, live entertainment, games, gift exchange and door prizes all at the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center, located at Archer Park, on December 21, beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call Ruth Owens or Avanell Hicks at 886-6588.

Earn college credits before graduation

Don't let the lack of a high school diploma keep you from earning your college degree or diploma. Students who do not have a high school diploma or GED may still qualify for financial aid while attending college level courses. Contact Jennifer Leedy at Mayo Technical College for more information. 789-5321 extension 291.

Middle Creek Vol. Fire Dept. Annual Christmas

project When: December 12, 14, 17 and 19 Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Middle Creek Vol. Fire Dept. Free used toys, household

items and clothing. Everyone Welcome, Merry Christmas.

Call: 606-0017 or 886-3606

F.C. Conservation meeting

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

County Extension Meet

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

Toys for Tots drop-off center

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

Teresa Carroll at (606) 886-0077.

Maytown Lifetime Learning Center

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

Call 285-0539 for more information.

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

John M. Stumbo school competes in academic meet

The John M. Stumbo Elementary Academic Team competed

Where: Middle Creek Vol. Beth for more information.

Roadie's hosts Otter Creek Santa Donations

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

Love Line Christmas donations

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

PHS grads of 1992 plan reunion

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

Quilt Guild to meet

The Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Floyd County Co-op Extension office. New membership is encouraged. Hand quilting techniques taught and shared, new ideas welcomed. Bring: Two -18" sq. muslin; batting, hoop, needle, thimble, thread and scissors. More info, call 886-2668.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

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

FREE study hour available to all elementary and high school students. Hours 4:30 to 5:30 each Tuesday and Thursday. Gym time allowed after completion of homework. Tutors avail358-9473 on Wednesdays to speak with Hopkins or leave a message on other days. Or they may call the HOMES Inc. headquarters in Neon, toll-free, at 1-877-271-1791, ext. 10.

Attention Veterans!

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

SHARE group meeting A Highlands SHARE

Pregnancy & Infant Loss support group meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18, from 7 pm until 9 pm in the Floyd Room at Highlands Regional Medical Center. "Coping with the Holidays" will be the topic discussed. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Jeanie O'Bryan at 886-7468.

Laryngectomy Support Group — Meets every Third Thursday of each month at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Medical Office Building, meeting room B. Further info, call Connie Clifton, (606) 886-2995.

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

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

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

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



Urgent news for people who took Fen-Phen or Redux

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Doctors are urging you to have an echocardiogram to determine what care you may need. **Call us today** to find out more about this test and be informed about your legal rights.

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for the first time this year in the Jenny Wiley Academic Conference at McDowell Elementary on November 10. The Jenny Wiley Academic Conference includes all Floyd County schools.

Schools that participated in this first competition were: John M. Stumbo Elementary, Mountain Christian Academy, Duff Elementary, May Valley Elementary, McDowell Elementary, Osborne Elementary, and Prestonsburg Elementary.

Students competed in the following testing areas: math, language arts, science, social studies, and general knowledge. Students also compete in writing skills in the English compostion event. Quick recall is another team competition event in which the competing teams participate. Elementary academic teams include students in grades three to five.

The John M. Stumbo Elementary Academic Team consists of the following students: Whitley Jones, Jace Short, Willie Stanley, Keturah Tackett, Bethany Newsome, and Jordon Hall.

Whitley Jones placed fifth in the county in social studies. Jace Short placed third in the county in general knowledge. Whitley Jones placed fifth in the county in general knowledge. Willie Stanley placed second in the county in math. Keturah Tackett placed fifth in the county in math.

Bethany Newsome placed fourth in the county in language arts.

Jace Short placed first in the county in English composition. The John M. Stumbo Elementary School Academic Team is coached by Shearry Ord.

able.

Mud Creek Clinic

A social security representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, each Tuesday (except holidays) throughout Nov., and Dec. This representative will assist in filing retirement and disability claims, and survivors benefits, in addition to SSI, Black Lung and accepting applications for social security numbers.

Housing assistance in Wayland area

HOMES Inc. has opened an office in the Wayland Community Center to assist low income persons in the Right and Left Beaver areas with housing needs. Nelson Hopkins is in the office on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help persons who need repairs on their existing homes or with securing new housing. Area persons may call ■ Narconon—Free assessment, evaluation and referral services can help you to overcome your drug addiction problems. Call 1-800-468-6933, or visit www.stopaddiction.com.

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

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Commentary

NBA to Louisville?

by BILLY REED TIMES COLUMNIST

In the midst of the current furor over whether the city should build a \$250 million downtown arena for an NBA team, it might be worthwile to consider



Louisville has changed in the last 46 years. and it much was easier to get something built in the early

1950s than it is now,

The Kentucky State Fairgrounds was essentially the brainchild of Lawrence Wetherby, the only Kentucky governor from Louisville. He served as Lt. Governor under Earle Clements from 1946-50, was named to replace him in '50 when Clements appointed himself to fulfill a term in the U.S. Senate, and was elected on his own in 1951.

The latter was the same year that Happy Chandler was fired as major-league basetball commissioner. He came back to Kentucky determined to rebuild his political base. In 1955, running against Judge Bert Combs, who represted the Wetherby-Clemens faction of the Democratic party, Chandler was elected governor a second time. Part of his campaign was built upon dismissing the the Fairgrounds as a "white ele-

Those were the days when the Democratic machine essentially raneverything in Kentucky from county school boards to the legislature to the lucractive

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Football

South Floyd grid team holds banquet



VanHoose receives MAC East Division honor

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CLEVELAND, Ohio Marshall University's J.R. VanHoose and Buffalo's Darcel to a 3-0 record last week, includ-Williams were named Mid-American Conference East Division Co-Players of the Week for the fourth week of the 2001-02 season.

VanHoose, a 6-10 senior center from Paintsville, who helped lead his high school team to a state championship, led the Herd ing a 79-76 MAC opening win over Northern Hlinois. VanHoose recorded 13 points, nine rebounds, four assists and a blocked shot against NIU. And

for the former Paintsville Tiger, it was basically just another day at the office.

He recorded double-doubles in points and rebounds in road wins at Big South Conference favorites Winthrop (26 and 13) and Radford (26 and 15). He is the MAC's leading active career scorer with 1,499. The

Thundering Herd has now won five straight games to improve to 5-3 on the year.

Wednesday

December 12, 2001

SECTION • B

Sports Editor: Steve LeMaster

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Williams, a 6-6 senior forward from Buffalo, sparked the Bulls to a 2-0 week with 22 points and 11 rebounds in a 65-54 win over Cornell and 19

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Overview...

J.R. VanHoose (40)

Henry Webb's style of basketball is very entertaining to watch and with the way the Raiders played Saturday the 15th Region champs seem to have things rolling in the right direction.

Look for South Floyd to be right back in the thick of things come tournament time.

The Millard Mustangs have a bright future on the hardwood as they seem to have a good nucleus of players and fan support that showed despite the loss on Saturday,

Hats off to everyone involved in the Q95 Classic the atmosphere was great and the hospitality was greatly appreciated.

South Floyd scoring M. Hall 15, Skeans 12, H

Hall 5, R. Tackett 21, J. Hall 2, Johnson 2, A. Tackett 6, T. Hall I I, Ray 6, Slone 9, Meade 3.



South Floyd regroups, thumps Millard 92-47

Shelby Valley pulls away late to defeat Betsy Layne, 57-42

by JAMIE HOWELL SPORTS WRITER

In Saturday's final game of the Q95 Classic Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose had to like the effort his team gave against a much big-



ger group from Shelby Valley. Betsy Layne fell behind 10-3 early on, but battled back to trail only 21-19 at the break. The Bobcats coming off a lopsided

loss to Paintsville last week seemed to play with more intensity on Saturday. Shelby Valley is one of the fifteenth regions better teams, and the Bobcats played them tough every step of the way. Both of Betsy Layne's leading scorers for the contest came off

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Betsy Layne girls hold on, beat Sheldon Clark

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

For the Betsy Layne Ladycats, Monday night's 53-48 win over the Sheldon Clark Lady Cards avenged several losses over the past few years. And it further more solidified Betsy Layne's case as one of the top team in the 15th Region. The win over Sheldon Clark came after a setback to Magoffin County the previous Thursday night. "We played excellent team defense," said Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers. "But

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

South Floyd High School head football coach Nathan Jones, assistants coaches and the Raiders themselves, welcomed in Morehead State University head coach Matt Ballard as the guest speaker for their football banquet last Thursday night, Jones, who is set to enter his third season at the helm of the Raider football program, dubbed the evening great.

"It was an extremely great evening," said Jones. We had a great dinner and Coach Ballard was a wonderful speaker. We were excited to have him come speak at the banquet."

Several awards were handed out during the ban-

Overall MVP-Jeremy Tackett (Sr.)

Offensive MVP-Josh McCray (Sr.)

Defensive MVP-Josh Johnson (Sr.)

Most Dedicated-Landon Hall (Sr.), Gerald

Martin (Jr.) O' Lineman of the Year-Todd Caudill (Jr.) "D' Lineman of the Year-Jeremy S. Tackett (Sr.)

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Cheerleading

Cheer Excite Senior All-Star tryouts scheduled

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Gymnastics And More is the site of the Cheer Excite Senior All-Star tryouts scheduled for December 22 beginning at 5 p.m. Tryout requirements include a standing handspring, round

by JAMIE HOWELL SPORTS WRITER

Oh what a difference a week makes, just one week ago Coach Henry Webb's South Floyd Raiders dropped their first two games of 2001. Saturday night in the Q95 Classic the defending 15th

Q95 CLASSIC Scoreboard

Prestonsburg 68,	Wolfe County 6	3
Magoffin County 63,		
South Floyd 92,		5
Shelby Valley 57,	Betsy Layne 4	Į,

Region champs got back on the winning track by cruising to the easy win over Millard, Henry Webb's ballclub jumped out to an early 27-12 lead and never looked back. South Floyd was led in scoring by talented shooting guard Rusty Tackett with 21 points. The Raiders play an exciting brand of basketball, as they love to pressure the basketball and shoot the three point shot. South Floyd's pressure defense caused numerous Millard turnovers and led to 20 first-half points for the Raiders.

In most cases one would seem to get the impression that the Raiders really poured it on the Mustangs, but that was

not the case as Coach Webb played his entire roster in the contest. Twelve of the Raiders dented the scoring column and even those who didn't score played a good floor game.

Adam Coleman helped to keep the Mustangs close in the early minutes, he led Millard with 22 points. Millard also likes to shoot from the outside as they connected on five three pointers in the game. South Floyd used the full court pressure defense to race out on top 52-23 at the break and the rest as they say was history. Michael Hall and Joe

(See MILLARD, page two)



(See BEAT, page three)

photo by Jamie Howell

Justin Allen (14) battled Magoffin County's Jason Arnett for the ball in Friday night's game against the Hornets.

by JAMIE HOWELL SPORTS WRITER

Blackcats rally to beat

Magoffin County 67-65

The Prestonsburg Blackcats came from behind Friday night to beat Danny Adams Magoffin County Hornets and get their first win of the 2001 season. The game was a very close contest during the first half with Prestonsburg holding a one point lead after both the first and second quarters. Coach

Duo achieves success

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Johnson (No. 81) and Shawn Whitt (No. 121).

both sophomores at Prestonsburg High School,

recently finished the 2001 motocross season

Series in the very competitive 125C class at

Daniel Boone Motocross Park in London.

Johnson finished fifth and Whitt finished sixth in

overall season points. Both were awarded tro-

phies as well as other gifts at a banquet held

(See DUO, page two)

Two young men from Prestonsburg, Wayne

Both motocross athletes ran the Sheltowee

in motocross

with successful runs.

Jackie Day Crisp seemed to be just trying to find which combination of players would be the one to put a spark in his team, as twelve players saw action for the Blackcats. Prestonsburg sharpshooter Justin Allen led the Blackcat attack with his game-high 19 points on the strength of five three-pointers. Magoffin County was hit hard in 2000 by

(See BLACKCATS, page two)



Former Betsy Layne Knausz was back in action on Floyd County surface Saturday as he led a struggling Fleming-Neon team against Magoffin County In the Q95 Classic. named player of the game for the **Pirates** as they fell to Coach Danny Adams Hornets.

Defense pushes Lady Bears past **U.Va.-Wise**

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Pikeville College picked up the intensity on the road and cruised past the University of Virginia's College at Wise 82-61 Monday night.

The Lady Bears forced 38 turnovers, as the Lady Cavs had five players with at least five fumbles. Pikeville had 18 steals, including six by senior Charity Burke, and turned the miscues into 36 points to roll to the win.

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their free throws late to hold on

for the win by the final score of

5742. Brian Roberts and Jeremy

Daniels also contributed to the

Bobcat effort, as they netted

nine points each. Betsy Layne is

an improving basketball team.

and by district tournament time

will be a force to be reckoned

with in Floyd County. Shelby

Valley will be one of the

favorites at tournament time in

Defeat

the bench for coach Rose. Brent Newsome and Wes Senters led the Bobcats with nine and eight points respectively. The Bobcats had trouble finding the range from the outside early as they could only manage five first quarter points, but when Brent Newsome and Wes Senters came off the bench it seemed to put a much needed spark in the Bobcats, Betsy Layne also shot well from the free throw line, connecting on 19 free-throws for the contest.

In the early going Shelby Valley put constant pressure on the Bobcats, which caused several turnovers. The Bobcats took a timeout midway through the first quarter to regroup. After the timeout, Betsy Layne started to chip away at the lead and trailed by only two at the half. In the third quarter Shelby Valley began to pick up their game and on the strength of some easy transition baskets, built a 10point lead after three at 44-34, Shelby Valley was led in scoring by Kris Prater with fourteen points; his seven third quarter points helped the Wildcats build on their lead. Kelsey Friend also came off the bench for the Wildcats and had an excellent game tossing in fourteen for the contest.

In the final period of play, Betsy Layne had to start looking more to the three-point shot to get back in the game. The longrange shot would not fall for the Bobcats, and as a result they had to start sending Shelby Valley to the free-throw line. The Wildcats took advantage of the opportunity by connecting on

group of players. Jack Slone and

Adam Tackett came off the

bench to give the Raiders some

good minutes. Slone scored nine

points and Tackett added six in

the reserve roles. South Floyd

continued to play good basket-

ball in the second half and after

three quarters held a 75-36 lead.

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their district as well. Also, at the conclusion of the contest, a Q95 Player of the Game was selected from each team, and they were Brent Newsome for Betsy Layne and Kris Prater from Shelby Valley.

Betsy Layne scoring:

B. Roberts 9, Daniels 9, C. Roberts 2, Kidd 3, Senters 8 B. Hamilton 2, B. Newsome 9.



Millard

Skeans are also key contributors this year for the Raiders and both lit up the gymnasium Saturday with some nice shooting from the perimeter. Hall scored 15, and Skeans added 12 for the Raiders.

In the second half, Webb substituted regularly with a fresh

Bears

"Our effort was tremendous, and it showed on the scoreboard," said Coach Bill Watson, whose team improved to 5-6 on the season. "We were aggressive on the defensive end, we were active, and it paid off for us. We did a lot of good things. If we play like this that the rest of the way, we'll be alright.'

Pikeville scored the first 12 points of the game, including six by freshman Amelia Cody, who was making her first collegiate start. Pikeville started a big lineup - 5-11 and 5-10 guards with 5-10, 6-1 and 6-2 forwards, and it caused Wise some early problems.

Wise (2-8) battled back and took a 15-14 lead before Pikeville

regained control with seven unan-

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swered points. Cody and Amanda Collins had 12 points each to lead a balanced Lady Bear attack. Eight players had at least six points in the win. Collins also had eight rebounds to lead Pikeville to a 42-36 edge there. Senior Michelle Stanley had five assists to go with her eight rebounds

Burke had a balanced worksheet: six points, six rebounds, six steals and four assists.

Lauren Carr led U.Va.-Wise with 17 points on 3-of-4 shooting from the arc. Brooke Hardy tossed in 11. Each player had 10 rebounds. Mandy Sexton added 12 points.



Last year the pair were equally as successful with their 2000 season.

Johnson finished first in season points in the 80 Open class in the Mountain Top Series at Pine Mountain Motocross. He qualified first in aiso Huntington, second in Louisville, third in Columbus, with third overall in points in the 125 Beginner Class in the Regional Arenacross Series.

Whitt had several first-place

Motocross. He also had the following overall season points finishes; fourth in the 125D, and sixth in the Schoolboy classes in the Sheltowee Series at Daniel Boone Motocross. Motocross is a very exciting sport and is very demanding,

finishes and ended the season

first in overall season points in

the 125D class in the Mountain

Top Series at Pine Mountain

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needed to succeed.

both physically and mentally. The season is long; it begins in late March and doesn't end until states. late October. Both young men competed in the events with the dedication and determination

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Blackcats

graduation, but still managed to give the Blackcats all they wanted and the Hornets held a ten point lead midway through the third period. The Blackcats managed to connect on nine three-point shots in the contest, compared to only two for the Hornets.

Brad Bevins ran the point guard position for Prestonsburg. and seemed to fit the role well as he dished out five assists and also scored sixteen points. In the first quarter both teams exchanged baskets and the lead went back and forth throughout the period as Prestonsburg held a one point lead at 16-15 after one. Prestonsburg bench played a key role in the final outcome as Coach Crisp kept his team fresh by frequently substituting players in and out. Eight Blackcats dented the scoring column, and the addition of several football players who joined the team after their season only helped the Blackcats. The teams continued to exchange baskets in the second quarter as neither team held more than a four point lead in the first half of play. Joey Willis came in for the Blackcats in the second quarter and gave coach Crisp some solid minutes, even with a sore thumb that he had injured in the football playoffs, Willis scored six points and played excellent defense for Prestonsburg. At the half the Blackcats held a slim 31-30 lead over the Hornets.

Magoffin County was led in scoring by Adam Russell with 19 points, followed closely by

Reed

construction of the new inter-

Whatevear the governor wanted, in other words, the governor generally got. And one thing Wetherby wanted and got, along with reforms in education and the coal industry, was a new state Fairgrounds that would attract all kinds of new events and tourism to the state. Early on, for example, William H. King was hired to book concerts and boxing matches.

At that point, Louisville was considered one of the more proContinued from p1

Someman Heart

Luke Russell with 14. In the third period Magoffin County seemed to come out of the locker room like a different basketball team, the Hornets turned up the heat on Prestonsburg and began to build a lead. Prestonsburg went ice cold from the floor in the third period and couldn't get anything to fall. Prestonsburg guard Justin Allen began to heat up in the fourth quarter, with the Blackcats trailing by ten Allen hit four three pointers to bring the Blackcats roaring back. Matt Slone also came oft bench for coach Crisp and played a good defensive game. Prestonsburg also has found some needed size in their lineup this year with T.C. Hatfield and Brandt Brooks the middle is looking much better for the cats. In the final :30 seconds, with the score tied at 65-65. Prestonsburg called timeout to set up the last shot. Chris Kidd took the pass from Trevor Compton and hit a soft eightfoot jumper with six seconds left, and the Blackcats Joey Willis intercepted the inbounds pass to secure the win. Prestonsburg improved to 1-2 with the victory as Magoffin Co. fell to 0-2.

Q95 Classic

The Prestonsburg Blackcats went on to score a 67-61 win over Wolfe County in the Q95 Classic Saturday at South Floyd High School's Raider Arena. Junior Chris Kidd received player of the game honors for the Blackcats.

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But the business community wanted it downtown, touching off a debate similar to the one we are seeing right now.

Brown's ultimate compromise was the \$13 million renovation that increased seating, added luxury boxes, etc. Crum was mollified.

It can be argued that the Final Four's success in Freedom Hall did a lot to help the NCAA supplant the NIT as THE major postseason tournament, besides encouraging a lot of other cities and universities to build larger arenas. After its 1958 success, the Final Four returned five times over the next 11 years, making its last appearance here in 1969 (Lew Alcindor's senior year at UCLA). As national TV exposure increased, college basketball steadily moved from a regional to a national sport, leading the NCAA to begin take the Final Four around the country to arenas newer - and, in some cases, larger - than Freedom Hall. For the last decade or so, it has been the NCAA's policy to hold the Final Four only in domed stadiums, all the better to pack in more fans and make more money. Whatever happens with the downtown/NBA project, the least U of L will get out of it is another renovation and modernization of Freedom Hall. The only NBA town where the pro team and the college team share an arena is Milwaukee (the Memphis situation is temporary, pending construction of a new NBA arena there.) And, by the way, whatever happened to Marquette? Here's what: In the 24 years since Al MGuire re coached the team to the 1977 NCAA title, Marquette has failed to make the NCAA field 15 times. It hasn't come close to reaching the Final Four. Last year it averaged slightly more than 11,000 fans to the Bradley Center, the downtown arena it shares with the NBA's Bucks. Don't think that U of L couldn't go the way of Marquette. There's no guarantee that Rick Pitino will be as wildly successful as he was at Kentucky, and even if he is, it's difficult to imagine him coaching more than another eight or 10 years. What then? So gussying up Freedom Hall is a viable option, provided that U of L, not an NBA team, gets the most input in the plan. Happy Chandler's "white elephant" still is a lot better than a pig in a poke.

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gressivecities south of the Mason-Dixon line. Indeed, the ball park now known as Old Cardinal Stadium was an integral part of it because the city thought it could attract a majorleague baseball team. It was roughly the size as Crosley Field, Fenway Park, and Wrigley Field.

Neighboring Freedom Hall was built mainly to house the World's Championship Horse Show, but it also could be converted into what was then the nation's largest basketball arena. When Lexington Lafayette and Louisville Eastern played for the 1957 State High School tournament championship, the game drew a crowd of more than 18,000, then a record for a game played south of the Mason-Dixon line. But those records were smashed a week later when Adolph Rupp's "Fiddlin' Five" defeat Temple and Seattle to win Rupp his fourth NCAA title.

Those sort of numbers scared the bejeezus out of U of L coach Peck Hickman, who thought it would be impossible to fill the arena on a regular basis, especially with a team that was on NCAA probation for recruiting violations. After winning the NIT in 1956, U of L was pretty much on top of the world. But then the NCAA accused the program of stealing two players, Don Goldstein, and Alex Mantel, from NYU and barred it from the post season for two years.

In Freedom Hall's early years, Hickman's misgivings proved correct. In fact, it wasn't until 1965-'66, Wes Unseld's sophomore year, that U of L cracked the 10,000-mark in average attendance, and not until the late '70s that the Cards began selling out on a regular basis.

After U of L won its first NCAA title in 1980, Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. appeared at the welcome-home pep rally and boomed "Why are we meeting here in this old building?' Rightly or wrongly, Crum took that as a committment to build a new arena, preferably on campus.



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The toughest of job descriptions

by STEVE MICKEY NASCAR COLUMNIST

The role of Winston Cup crew chief has evolved over the years to the point that it is one of the most difficult jobs in all of each weekend. racing. Gone are the days where a crew chief had a dozen or so guys to keep up with and a couple of cars that he had to make seeing a work force that could

During the week, a crew chief must be the head mechanic on the team as well as oversure were ready to go racing number around 75. He not only

Q95 Classic players of the game



Adam Coleman, Millard





Rusty Tackett, South Floyd



has the worries of running such the 1999 Winston Cup a huge operation, he has to make sure that everything is ready to go on Thursday when it is time to basically pack up the shop and head to the next race. Once at the track, he must become the crew chief strategist for the team as well as a part-time psychologist for his driver if needed.

All of these demands are beginning to take its toll on the sport as in the past week two of the best in the business decided it was time to step aside and let someone else have to deal with the pressure and demands that go along with the job. Todd Parrott and Robin Pemberton decided that they had given enough of themselves to the job and that it was time to let someone else take over the headaches.

Parrott had been the driving force of Robert Yates Racing's No. 88 with driver Dale Jarrett. He and Jarrett had been together since the team was formed in 1996 and together reached the pinnacle of the sport by winning

Honor

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points and 15 rebounds in a 79-60 MAC opening win over we've had trouble scoring." Akron

picked-up West Division Player of the Week honors by averaging 18.5 points, five rebounds, three assists and 1.5 steals per game as the Huskies dropped decisions to South Florida (79-74) and

Raider Award (Team Player)-Adam Tackett (So.) JV MVP-Brandon Little

(So.) Freshman of the Year-Robert Mullins

Most Improved-Jordan Curry (Jr.), Matt Tackett (Sr.) Left Beaver **Ouarterback** Club Scholarship-Josh Johnson

Championship.

He will assume the role of team manager with Jarrett's team working with new crew chief, Jimmy Elledge who has held the same title with Andy Petree Racing's No. 55 team with driver Bobby Hamilton this past season. Elledge brings three years of experience as crew chief to his new team, but will now be with an organization whose goals are considerably higher than anything that he was use to with APR.

Cheer

off back handspring, toe touch, an advantage to those who attend. and series of jumps including a herky, pike and hurdler. Participants will be required to takeup their own cheer (30 seconds) and a dance with the music of their choice (4-8 counts).

Preparation clinics will be held Dec. 17 and 20. Preparation clinics will include jumps, motions, gymnastics and dance routine. Clinics are optional but will likely serve as

Beat

Senior point guard Devon

Reynolds scored 15 points to lead host Betsy Layne. The Ladycats (3-2) went 9-for-12 from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter to hold off a hardcharging Sheldon Clark.

The host Ladycats jumped on Sheldon Clark early and held a 15-6 lead at the end of the opening period. The visiting Lady Cards battled back to outscore Betsy Layne 18-7 in the second quarter to take a 24-22 lead into the half. Betsy Layne came out after the half and outscored its visitors in both the third and fourth quarter to score the fivepoint win.

Tabetha Witt and Kesha Newman had seven rebounds apiece to lead Betsy Layne on the boards.

Reynolds was the only Betsy

Parrott says his move from the crew chief to team manager was done to make the team stronger. He admitted that he needed help in maintaining the level of performance that his UPS team had reached and that Elledge will take some of the responsibility off him. He still plans on being at the track each weekend and will remain in a highly visible part of the team that he helped to build.

While Parrott is still going to

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Cost is \$5. The clinic on Dec. 17 will be held from 7-9 p.m.. The Dec. 20 clinic is scheduled to begin at 7 and conclude at 8:30.

A mandatory clinic will be held Dec. 21, 10 a.m.-noon. The mandatory event will give those trying out the chance to learn tryout routines including group cheer, group dance, gymnastics and jumps.

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Layne player to break into double-figures. Kim Tackett, Whitney Lykens and Natasha Stratton all had eight points apiece for the Ladycats. Tiffany Meade added five points and freshman Kim Clark four - in the winning effort.

Heather Horn paced Sheldon Clark with a game-high 16 points. Junior center Kellie Moore had 14 points and Nikki Copeland flipped in eight as the Lady Cards suffered their first defeat of the young season.

SHELDON CLARK (48)

Moore 14, Copeland 8, Wellman 6, H. Horn 16, Meade 2, B. Horn 2.

BETSY LAYNE (53)

Mitchell 3, Reynolds 15; Tackett 8, Meade 5, Stratton 8, Lykens 8, Witt 2, Clark 4.

Enjoy The Taste

Northern Illinois' P.J. Smith

Marshall (79-76).

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Adam Russell, Magoffin County

That Started It All.









Kris Prater, Shelby Valley

Brent Newsome, Betsy Layne



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Marshall men slip past Northern Illinois, 79-76, to win fifth straight

"When I looked down the

court I saw Monty wide open and

I got him the ball," said

VanHoose, who finished the night

with 13 points, nine rebounds,

and a team-high four assists.

"They were celebrating their

made basket and I was able to

find him down court. We just

made the plays we had to down

MAC) staved off a strong second-

half comeback by the Huskies.

The Thundering Herd led

Northern Illinois by as many as

Marshall (5-3, 1-0 in the

the stretch."

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -Marshall University guard Monty Wright took a full court pass on an inbounds play from center J.R. VanHoose and scored on a layup with only seconds remaining to give Marshall a 79-76 win over Northern Illinois in Mid-American Conference men's basketball action Saturday night.

Wright's layup followed a layup by the Huskies' P.J. Smith that cut Marshall's lead to 77-76 with about eight seconds to play.

15th Region Girls' Basketball Win/Loss Records

Team	 Reg.	Dist.
Magoffin Co		
Pikeville		
Sheldon Clark	 	0-0
Betsy Layne		
Pike Co. Cent.		
South Floyd	 	
Johnson Cent		
Shelby Valley	 	
Paintsville		
Allen Central		
Belfry		
Elkhorn City	 	
Feds Creek		
Piarist School	 	0-0
Prestonsburg	 	0-1
Piarist School	0-0.	0-0
Phelps		0-0
Millard	0-5.	

15th Region Boys' Basketball Win/Loss Records

Team	Overall		Dist.
Elkhorn City			
Sheldon Clark			
Shelby Valley			0-0
Pike Co. Central			
Paintsville			0-0
Johnson Central		1-0	0-0
Phelps	1-1	1-1	0-0
Betsy Layne			
South Floyd	1-2	1-0	
Allen Central		1-1	
Prestonsburg			
Millard			
Belfry	0-1	0-1	0-0
Piarist School	0-2		0-0
Feds Creek	0-2	0-1	0-1
Magoffin County		0-2	
Pikeville		0-1	0-0

16 points in the first half, only to see the lead dwindle to 43-39 at the half. Northern Illinois (1-5, 0-1 in the MAC) would take the lead four times in the second half leading by as many as seven points. However, at the 1:41 mark VanHoose hit a layup from Latece Williams to tie the game at 74-74. From there, Williams blocked a Leon Rodgers shot and made a layup on the other end with 34 seconds to go to put Marshall up to stay (76-74).

"Our team this week has had a never say die attitude," said Marshall head coach Greg White. "The bottom line is we needed to win and we did. I would take another 20 like this."

Marshall's Tamar Slay continued his solid play by scoring a game-high 28 points. The 6-9 senior guard from Beckley, W.Va., also recorded six rebounds, three assists, and three steals in the victory. Arguably, Marshall's best performance on the night came from senior forward Latece Williams. The Rome, Ga. native, recorded a double-double with 16 points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

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1. Male (32-4) 2. Ballard (32-2) 3. North Hardin (30-4) 4. Lexington Catholic (25-8) 5. Pleasure Ridge Park (26-4) 6. Scott County (24-6) 7. Paducah Tilghman (28-5) 8. Mason County (25-7) 9. Shelby County (25-7) 10. Russellville (24-8) 11. Highlands (22-9) 12, Ashland (22-10) 13. Glasgow (26-6) 14. East Jessamine (22-7) 15. Butler (17-11) 16. Covington Catholic (22-6) 17. Seneca (13-14) 18. Frankfort (20-8) 19. Bullitt Central (20-10) 20. Clay County (25-8) 21. Elizabethtown (14-12) 22. Bowling Green (23-7) 23. Webster County (20-9) 24. Grayson County (23-8) 25. South Floyd (21-11)

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Poison Oak Miss Cleo's gifts

by CLYDE PACK

Talk about a media blitz! How many times a day are TV viewers fortunate enough to see Miss Cleo and her fortune-telling cards?

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COMMUNITY AGLOW WITH HOLIDAY LIGHTS

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

"If you want to see the Christmas lights, come to Drift," was the invitation offered by Ruby Akers, president of the Drift Woman's Club. I took "Miss Ruby" up on her invite, and, I have to admit, I was quite surprised by what I saw in this small, and sometimes overlooked, community.

Lights of varying colors set neighborhoods aglow from one corner to the next. From the Drift Presbyterian Church to the far community limits, Christmas shone from one end of the small county nest to the other.

One house in particular, though, stood out among the rest. Chosen as the Drift Woman's Club Yard of the Month for the month of December, the home of Richard and Myrtle Bowens is gaily decorated for the holiday season. Mere words and photographs alone cannot capture the essence of



photo by Kathy J. Prater Myrtle and Richard Bowens enjoy visits from those who drive past their home to view the festive holiday decorations that Richard has worked on for the past fifteen years.

what one sees upon driving past the Bowens' home.

In addition to an abundance of greenery, holiday bows, Santa Clauses and reindeer, the Bowens' home decorations have an added feature - motion. The Santa Clauses, reindeer and elves in this yard move. They ride carousels and sleighs and travel from from the far end of the yard to the front porch. Lights dance and paddle wheels of color turn 'round and 'round. And, as if all this motion isn't enough to keep

busy, a holiday

for the kids."

Bowens relates that as a child, he lost a father, as well as a stepfather, "So I had to go to work early. I didn't get much time to be a kid. I worked the coal mines by day and that old theater by night." "That old theater" in Bowens' words is the now abandoned Drift Theater that still sits near the community's post office.

"I labored all my life," he continued. "And now, I just tinker around, a little bit more each year, with these Christmas things. The kids seem to like it."

Bowens says that he first began working on his holiday display "about 15 years ago." "I use simple motors and pulleys to turn the carousel and the paddle wheel and get Santa Claus' sleigh to travel from the yard to the front porch, it ain't much hard to do," he modestly related. "My daughters have helped me quite a bit, too. They bring things by to add to it. Just last week my daughter from Lexington brought that little movie screen, it has a film for every holiday." No doubt Bowens' daughter has heard many a tale of her



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Just for Fun

Could you pass the 8th grade in 1895?

Remember when our grandparents, great-grandparents, and such stated that they made it through life "just fine" on only an 8th grade education? Well, based on the 8th grade graduation examination given back in those days, it's small wonder. Take a glance at this 8th grade final exam given in Salina, Kansas in 1895 and see how well you do today. The exam is from an original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, Kansas. It was reprinted by the Salina Journal.

8TH GRADE FINAL EXAM:

Salina, KS - 1895 Grammar (Time, 1 hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of Capital Letters.

2. Name the Parts of Speech and define those that have no modifications.

3. Define Verse, Stanza and Paragraph.

4. What are the Principal Parts of a verb?

Give Principal Parts of do, lie, lay and run.

5. Define Case, Illustrate each Case.

6. What is Punctuation?

Give rules for principal marks of Punctuation.

7 - 10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

ARITHMETIC (Time, 1.25 hours)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.

2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?

3. If a load of wheat weighs 3942 lbs., what is it worth at 50

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4 squares BAKER'S unsweetened baking chocolate

1 tsp CALUMET baking powder

1. Microwave chocolates and butter in a large microwavable bowl on high 1 1/2 to 2 minutes or until chocolate is almost melted, stirring halfway through heating time. Stir until chocolate is completely melted and smooth. 2. Stir sugar into chocolate until blended. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour, baking powder and salt. Stir in nuts. Drop by rounded tablespoons, 1 1/2 inches apart, onto greased cookie sheet. 3. Bake 12 minutes or until set. DO NOT OVERBAKE. Cool 5 minutes; remove from cookie sheet. Cool completely on wire racks. Store in airtight container. (Makes about 3 dozen.)

"Frosty the Snowman" video is also available to capture your attention.

Cars filled with bright-eyed children and wondering adults parade past the Bowens' home each evening to enjoy the festive display. "Lots of people drive by," said Richard Bowens, "but I don't do this for the publicity at all. I do it



photo by Kathy J. Prater Santas take a quick ride on a carousel constructed by Richard Bowens, of Drift.



A softly lit Nativity scene with "an angel on high" standing watch over the beloved Christ Child is testimony to the fact that the Bowens' remember the "reason for the season" amid all the Santas, lights, and motion.

cts. per bushel, deducting 1050 lbs. for tare?

4. District No.33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?

5. Find cost of 6720 lbs. coal at \$6.00 per ton.

6. Find the interest, of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.

7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 6 ft. long at \$20 per metre?

8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.

9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance around which is 640 rods? 10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt.

U.S. HISTORY

(Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided.

2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.

3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.

4. Show the territorial growth

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Big spender

Sometime around Thanksgiving my husband started telling me he would like to get me a nice Christmas present this year. (He talks about it every year.) He'd say things like, "I wish you'd think of something and tell me what you'd like to have.

Detecting a serious note to his request one day, I said, "Well, I'd really like to have some new bar stools for the kitchen." He told me I didn't need any new bar stools and explained, "The ones we have are good for a long time yet."

The subject came up again a few days ago and, again, he seemed really anxious to please me. To let me know how concerned he was, he made a few suggestions like, "You don't need a diamond ring, and you don't want a fur coat. But if you can think of anything, within the bounds of reason, I'd like to get it

for you.' He seemed to be thinking pretty big so I decided this might be my chance. "How about a new car?" I asked. Then he continued, "As I said, anything within the bounds of reason-up to a hun-

dred dollars." Maybe if I ask for a who now lives in Nicholasville tank of gas for the car I have ... at least he can't say I don't need that. He says I spend more time on the road than I do in the kitchen.

I have an idea I'll get a real pretty card. He splurges on those.

Seeing Home Folks

My friend Jean Hall and I were exploring one of the Lexington malls a few days ago when I ran into a long lost cousin. I was absorbed in looking at some item when someone touched my elbow and I turned to see Clinton Akers

with his wife Lucille.

Clinton and Lucille both grew up on Prater Creek and lived there with their daughter, Dana, until a few years ago when they moved to Nicholasville. He has retired, but Lucille still works at a bank in Lexington.

We became so engrossed in conversation that we forgot about shopping. I didn't get around to asking about his brothers. Avery and J. B. Akers, who also live down that way, or about those two grandchildren he and Lucille are so proud of. But I did find out he subscribes to our

paper, and I'll use this means to say how glad I was to see him.

Happy Birthday!

Jayne Halbert Howard had a birthday last Sunday, and I'd like to send good wishes just three days late. Jayne is the daughter of Lorraine "Sis" and the late Denzil "Hoss" Halbert, and I've known her since she was just a little bright eyed girl.

Jayne is a registered nurse now with three children of her own, and she's married to a guy I call that handsome Joe Howard. Many more birthdays, Jayne!



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School Happenings

Adams Middle School **Youth Services Center**

Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m

Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. for more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812.

Allen Central Middle School and Youth Service Center

School is currently collecting Food City receipts. Students may turn them in to their homeroom teachers.

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

Allen Elementary Family **Resource Youth Service** Center

Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Telephone: 874-0621

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

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

Clark Elementary

Dec. 13 - Regular SBDM meeting, 6:00 p.m., in the school library. Open to all.

Dairy Queen "buy one, get one free" cards still on sale through the Family Resource Center.

After School child care hours are 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., school days.

FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.

MCCC services are available at the center. Call for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

The Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. Center is located in the Clark Elem. school building. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Office phone is 886-0815.

McDowell Family Resource Center.

Floyd County Health Department nurse, Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday. Services provided include: immunizations, T.B. skin tests, school physicals (Head Start, kindergarten, and sixth grade), WIC appointments, prenatal and postpartum care and others. If you are in need of an appointment, call 377-2678 to schedule.

GED classes each Monday and Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Instructor - Linda Bailey, of the David School.

McDowell Family Resource Center hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are in need of assistance, call the center at 377-2678.

Mud Creek Family Resource Center / John M.

Stumbo Elem. The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Center is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

Piarist School

The Piarist School is currently collecting Food City receipts to be used toward the purchase of school equipment and technical tools. You may send your receipts to school with Piarist School student, or any you may mail them in to the following address:

The Piarist School, Highway 80, Box 870, Martin, KY 41649.

Call 285-3950 for further information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the

Elementary Prestonsburg Family Resource Center or its programs.

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center Adult education classes

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

The David School

Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001: Monday and Wednesday:

McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Call 377-2678. Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus,

12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Tuesday and Thursday:

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

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

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

Thursday: 100 Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1:00 4:00 p.m. Call 886-0709.

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

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

W.D. Osborne Rainbow **Junction Family Resource** Center

Dec. - Nutrition program

place.

Poison

Of course, the dollar amount cited above is just a guess. I have no way of knowing how much money these poor lonely souls spend on Miss Cleo's advice. But common sense (now there's an anchronism if I ever heard one) would tell you that since TV ads cost a bunch of money, in order to be on TV practically 24-7, she's bound to be raking in some serious dough.

So what makes plain, ordinary, apparently-otherwise-normal people buy into all this? Again, I'll admit I'm no expert on psychic powers and paranormal experiences, but my "guess" (and that's all it is) would be that people now, as they always have been, are just plain gullible.

It's sort of like when I was a kid in Muddy Branch and Booten Puckett would recite a little rhyme, charm our warts and make them go away. He said they would, we believed him, and they did.

And remember the old movies about the snake-oil salesmen?

It's the same thing. After proclaiming their elixir would cure everything from a toothache to lumbago, and grow hair on a door knob, the slick-talking city feller (most always played by John Denher) would say, "If you don't believe me, just read the label.

And that's exactly what Miss Cleo's callers are doing: reading the labels. They're simply taking what they see (and hear) at face value. It probably never entered their minds that the conversation they've just heard between the caller and the so-called psychic might have been staged. I'm not saying it was, just that it could have been.

Obviously, I don't believe in fortune tellers, horoscopes nor ouija boards. And just for the record, I also think professional wrestling is fake. But what I do believe is that Miss Cleo, as well as all the other Miss Cleo wannabes, do indeed have two wonderful gifts: the gift of gab, and the gift to turn the first gift into big bucks.

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

Ten Years Ago (Dec. 11 and Dec. 13, 1991)

Floyd County Attorney Jim Hammond apparently will not question State Representative Greg Stumbo's account of an auto mishap early Sunday morning that resulted in Stumbo's arrest on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants. In a press conference Monday, Hammond said the DUI charge against Stumbo, Majority Leader for the Democratic Party in Kentucky's General Assembly, would be amended to public intoxication because an investigation could not prove Stumbo was driving at the time of the mishap...Officials at Martin Engineering and Construction Company said Monday during a press conference that their records concerning school construction projects in Floyd County are open for public inspection. Company owner Sam Martin, whose firm is providing construction manager services for the new Left Beaver High School project, issued a challenge and a welcome to auditors, accountants, attorneys and taxpayers, to inspect their records concerning school construction projects...Two men escaped from the Floyd County jail around 3:30 a.m., Monday, while on cleaning detail at the facility. Alvin "Tiger" Branham, Jr., 20, of Auxier and Stevie Crum, 20, of Harold, escaped by jimmying the third floor door between the men and women's side of the jail, according to Jody Mullins, deputy jailer...A Life Line Company ambulance, which was transporting a dialysis patient home to Minnie, Saturday afternoon, collided head-on with a van, killing two and injuring five others. The victims included the van's driver, Ivle Moore, 68, of McDowell; and a paramedic in the ambulance, Billy Dean Johnson, 40, of Weeksbury...Pay scale inequities among Prestonsburg city employees continue to be a hot topic of discussion for the Prestonsburg City Council, and council is prepared to take matters into their own hands. Council reviewed a proposal they commissioned from Paul Combs and Associates, a consulting firm from northern Kentucky, that would equal out pay scales for the employees...Certified and classified employees of the Floyd County School System delivered an apparent ultimatum to the board of education, Tuesday night-talk or we walk. Carol Stumbo, president of the Floyd County Education Association, told the board that the teachers group was disappointed that the board and Superintendent Ron Hager had not followed the terms of an agreement signed in September to head-off a repeat of last year's teacher strike ... Members of a search committee to select a new Floyd County superintendent will be named at the January meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education. Chairman Ray "Shag" Campbell asked that the teachers, board, principals and parent-teacher organizations name their representative for the committee...A Floyd County woman was listed in good condition Thursday, after a tractor trailer, transporting coal, struck the driver-side door of her compact car, Wednesday, at the intersection, of Route 122 and Ky. 80 in Martin. The truck reportedly ran the red light

at the intersection as Helen Wicker, 50, of Mousie, proceeded onto Ky. 80... A boil water advisory will remain in effect for residents of the Mud Creek area in Floyd County, probably throughout next week, until testing for contamination is complete, according to Eula Hall, chairperson of the Mud Creek Water District. Water service was restored, Wednesday, for most of Mud Creek, after last week's flooding and cold weather caused several breaks to occur in approximately 35 miles of the area's water lines. Service was interrupted from Harold to the top of Ligon hill, last week, as workers tried in vain to provide water to area residents ... Payments to Left Beaver High School construction manager Sam Martin were halted Tuesday night, by the Floyd County Board of Education until its legal counsel determines if there is a contractual obligation. Attorney Cliff Latta advised the board to withold the \$13,608.40 December payment to Martin until he is furnished with a breakdown of payments made to date to determine if the payments are a legal obligation ... A 21-year-old Floyd County man was arrrested Wednesday night, and charged with attempted murder in connection with a stabbing incident. Ronald Dean Hall of Melvin, is accused of stabbing Richard Hill, 31, of Wheelwright three times in the abdomen after an argument at the home of Hill's brother, George Hill...There died: Ivle Moore, 68, of McDowell, Saturday, at Minnie from injuries sustained in an automobile accident; Ralph Lewis, 46, of Banner, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Berlie Conn, 70, of Martin, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, from injuries received in an automobile accident; Ed Marshall Marcum, 55, of Louisa, Tuesday, at Humana Hospital in Louisa; Thurmel "Jack" Prater, 63, of Alanson, Michigan, formerly of Hueysville, Sunday, at the Northern Michigan Hospital; Noah D. Thacker Jr., of Florida, a native of Martin. November 26, in the Methodist Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida; William R. "Bill" Davis, 77, of Paintsville, Sunday, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center; Delmar Castle, 38, of Melvin, Saturday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Chester Arthur Patrick, 81, of Paintsville, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Donnie Bailey, 42, of Flat Gap, Saturday, at his residence; Flora Mae Walters, 73, of Delbarton, West Virginia, Wednesday, at her mother's residence in Columbus, Ohio; Rhoda Compton, 94, of Hi Hat, Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Carrie Hall, 78, of Bevinsville, Friday, at her residence; Stella Bevins Johnson, 76, of Raccoon, Thursday, at Kentucky River Regional Medical Center in Jackson; Liddie McGuire Miller, 88, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Billie Dean Johnson, 40, of Weeksbury, Saturday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Marcelino Castillo, 88, of Beaver, Wednesday, at his reisdence; Matt Hamilton, 69, of Galveston, Thursday, at his residence; Myrtle Keathley Hall, 74, of Galveston, Wednesday, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville; Clyde Justice, 52, of Harold, Wednesday, at his residence; Worley O. Mace, 76, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Thursday, at Mount Carmel East Hospital; Alvin "Ousley" Elliott, 57, Thursday, at

The Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw, Indiana.

Twenty Years Ago (December 16, 1981)

Magoffin crash claimed the lives of four, Harold Dean Howard, Eddie Montogomery, Patty Howard, and

and "Shop with a Cop."

"Clothing Closet" available to all students.

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

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or Karen.

Jason Edward, seventeen-month-old infant, in a two-car collision near Salversville ... Trial of Torrence Wright, 40, of Printer, accused of killing his wife, Barbara, 37, at their home, enters day three...Drug raid results in the arrest of three men, Lonnie Neeley, 26, Tommy Minix, 30, and David Pack, 32, and the confiscation of more drugs...Fire levels a 72-year-old church at Hueysville, last Thursday, apparently caused by a gas furnace...There died: James Leslie Arthur, 56, of Allen; Wayne Martin Sr., 66, of Dema; Rose M. Tackett, 70, of Green Acres; John Milton Stumbo, 70, of McDowell; Dewey Hunt, 83. of Prestonsburg; James Boyd Timmons, 61, of Lima, Ohio; Sarah Hale, 88, of Risner; Claybourne Stephens, 72, of Allen; Paul B. Akers, 63, of Dana; Draxie Collins, 51, of Lexington, formerly of Melvin; Henry Ousley, 82, of Hippo; Sherrill Haywood, 67, of El Paso, Texas, formerly of Floyd County; Arch Bayes, 72, of Ivel; Maryland (Bird) Hall, 102, of Florida, formerly of Kite; and Jim Steele, 79, of Harold.

Thirty Years Ago (December 16, 1971)

Honoring a campaign promise, Gov. Wendell Ford restored to May Lodge the portrait of Ex-Governor Bert T. Combs, which had been taken down early in the Nunn Administration ... Dixie, Prestonsburg's third low-rent housing complex, will be open to tenants in January, Mrs. Judith D. Archer, executive secretary of the Municipal Housing Commission, said this week ... Fifty-three Kentucky counties had neither a murder nor manslaughter case during the first nine months of the year, but Floyd, with four murder cases, was not among them...Decision by a U.S. District Court judge in the eight-year-old litigation over the acquisition of land in historic Black Bottom for the Combs airport, has encouraged other landowners there who have sought relief from state courts...Funeral rites were conducted for Emroy Vida Bartram, 54, of Martin, fatally injured last Wednesday in the Salisbury mine of the Island Creek Coal Co....There died: Virgie Lee Akers, 84, of Banner; Ollie Dillon, 61, of Water Gap; Lonie Laferty, 71, of Lima, O., formerly of Garrett; Elmer Greer, 64, of Abbott Creek; Harry Jarrell, 57, of Water Gap; Ora Compton, 75, of Virgie; Sallie Badget Hager, 91, of East Point; James Carl Hayes, 42, of Harold; and Mary Belle Jervis, 72, of Endicott.

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Happy Birthday



Rimini-Ashton is seven

Rimini-Ashton Bradley, the daughter of Randy and Polly Bradley, of Abbott Creek, celebrated her 7th birthday on November 24, 2001. Rimini-Ashton was joined by a host of family and friends wishing her a special day. Among them were her parents, her brothers, Trent Bradley, age 16, Chance Bradley, age 14, and Case Bradley, age 11, and her sister, Whitney Bradley, age 12. Her grandfather, Warner Willis, Jr. also attended the celebration with his friend, Jan Burke, of Middle Creek. The birthday celebration was held at Sea Side, Florida, where the group also enjoyed observ-Ing Thanksgiving Day together. Rimini-Ashton is the maternal granddaughter of Warner Willis, Jr., of Middle Creek, and Mary Lucille Noakes, of Prestonsburg. She is the paternal granddaughter of Lula Bradley, of Prestonsburg, and Charles E. Bradley and Della M. Bradley, step-grandmother, also of Prestonsburg.

Weddings



Butler-Vanderpool to wed

A wedding ceremony uniting Earlena Mae Butler and Jesse Lee Vanderpool in holy matrimony will take place on Saturday, January 5, 2002. The open church ceremony will be held at the Little Mud Lick Church of God, on Little Mud Lick Road, Staffordsville. Brother Tobe Wheeler will officiate and a reception in the newly united couple's honor will be held at the church immediately following the couple's exchange of vows. Earlena is the daughter of Robert and Dollie Butler, of Hager Hill, and is employed as senior Medicare billing clerk at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital, Lexington, Ky. Jesse is the son of Virginia Higgins Vanderpool Barker, of Ashland, Ky. and the late Jesse Vanderpool. He is employed as a project engineer with Lexmark, of Lexington, Ky. Following the wedding ceremony, the couple will reside in Lexington.

Christmas Bear Felt Stocking

The nice thing about making a stocking is that you're only limited to your imagination. Embellishment of this stocking is easy for kids because anything small can be glued to the stocking. What would we do without a glue gun!! Mixed buttons always add a nice decorative touch for kids.

For unknown patterns it's best to draw it on paper and cut this out for your template. The stocking is about 16 to 20 inches long and about 11 to 15 inches from the heel to toe. The individual items can be sized according to preference. For example, the bear's hat and present can be oversized for a visual effect. stitch, you should use red cotton. You should keep about a two inch space from the bear's feet to the bottom of the stocking. Next add the arms just below the neck. The package is centered on the bear and is about an inch or so below the bear's body. Stitching the package with green gives a good effect here. The hat does not have to be angled but is the next item to be glued or stitched. Follow this with the brim.

You can stitch on the nose or find some kind of satin cloth to make a soft upside down triangle or if you can satin stitch - have at it! The mouth can either be satin stitched, drawn on with a pen or cut out of cloth scrap and glued on. blanket stitching is preferred - if using glue, stay close to the edge.

Finish off with the bow tie by cutting a 15 inch scrap fabric and tie this in a shoe string bow. Sew or glue on the bear's neck. The final touch is a pom pom to the tip of the hat and adding any embellishment you like.

Here's what you'll need

1/2 to 1 yard of felt - Red is the color of choice but there's no rule here.

Individual squares of felt of different colors - craft stores sell these **Yesterdays**

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Forty Years Ago (December 14, 1961)

A balanced budget, an equitable and effective tax program, and a modern sewerage system-these are the main aims of the city administration which will take office here January 2. Mayor-Elect George P. Archer told the Community Development Council at its weekly luncheon meeting Wednesday...More than \$444,401 worth of food stamp coupons have been issued to more than 7,374 persons in Floyd County since the pilot program of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture began six months ago, it was announced this week ... "This Red Cross chapter has been in existence more than 30 years, and in all that time it has never had a grant from the National Red Cross, but it appears now that if we are to keep operating we will have to ask for one," Miss Ella Noel White, executive secretary of Floyd Red Cross Chapter, said last week ... Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dixon, of Louisville, a son, Bert Thomas II, Tuesday, November 21, at Louisville...There died: Benjamin Franklin Little, 84, of Price, Monday at McDowell Memorial Hospital; William Vance Porter, 57, formerly of Dwale, last Thursday, at Wayne, Michigan; Elizabeth Boyd, 74, of Banner, Tuesday, at her home; Edward S. Ratliff, 34, of Ivel, Friday, at the Paintsville Clinic; Zona B. Patton, 74, of the Bayes Branch section, Friday, at Lexington; John Ratliff, 57, formerly of Wayland, at Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday of last week; Mrs. Atchie J. Bolden, 39, of Tram, Monday, of last week, in Washington, D.C.; Ellen Brown, 84, of Garrett, Monday at the home of a daughter; Thelma Wells, 47, of Auxier, Nov. 29, at Miners' Memorial Hospital, Pikeville; Elbert S. Martin, 86. of Wayland, Wednesday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago (December 13, 1951)

Floyd County political leaders, county and district officials, and the Prestonsburg high school band had their part in the inaugural activities at Frankfort, Tuesday, as Governor Lawrence W. Wetherby became the 45th person in the 159-year history of the Commonwealth to be sworn in as its chief executive...The Floyd County Extension Advisory Committee heard at its meeting here Monday in the County Agent's Office, John Mellon, of West Prestonsburg, outline his plans for establishing a pickle market in Floyd County...Dewey Lake has attracted its half a million visitors this first year of its impoundment, and when the 500,000 mark was reached, it had yet almost a full month to go ... Nobody's making any money at it, but the folks working at it are announcing with considerable pride the opening here on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 21-22, of the Community Toy Shop...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Holbrook, of Brainard, a son, Bobby Dean, Dec. 5; to Mr. and Mrs. Erman Waddle, of Abbott Creek, a daughter, Deborah Gay, Dec. 1, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Burl Spurlock, of Prestonsburg, a son, John Archer, Dec. 6, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Charley Wallen, of David, a son, Paul Edward, Dec. 4... There died: Curtis Caudill, 20, of Ligon, Sunday night in an auto wreck in Pike County; Docia Kendrick Taylor, 83, Monday, at the home of a daughter on Cow Creek; Cpl. Sterling Douglas Tackett, 28, of Printer, April 7, in a Jeep wreck in Korea; Cpl. Robert L. Johnson, 20, of Garrett, killed in action in Korea; Clark Hinton, 52, Betsy Layne, Dec. 1, in California; Andy Kidd, 82,

You will need to cut out the hat, brim, stocking top, the bear, the bear's arms, the heart and package. Normal colors are green for the stocking, a light brown color for the bear, red for the heart and hat, white for the brim and stocking top and blue or green for the package.

The bear is the first to be glued or stitched to the stocking front. If you

The heart is pinned for stitching or glued to the stocking cuff. White pearl cotton should be stitched only along the top edge. - the same goes for gluing - you only want to join the stocking cuff to the stocking front.

With the two stocking halves, pin the front and back together -white

squares.

Pearl cotton No.#5 - this is a thread like material - you'll also need this thread in brown, green, white and red.

1/2 yard of ribbon - 3/8 inch wide One-inch by 15 inch scrap of colored fabric for a bow tie.

1/4 inch black beads for eyes. 1 inch pom pom last Thursday, at his home at Printer.

Sixty Years Ago (December 11, 1941)

Body of George Symon, 59-year-old mine superintendent for the Stephens Elkhorn Coal Co. at Manton, was recovered Monday night. A gas explosion, about 6000 feet back in the mine, is believed to have resulted in the mine veteran's death...In the wake of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, Sunday, it was said that soldiers discharged at age 28, will return to active duty ... Prestonsburg Boy Scout Commissioner Carey Burchett called upon business firms and households to preserve waste paper against the imminent national paper shortage...Utilities not financially able to employ guards for their plants were told the government will provide them protection against sabotage...A round-up of enemy aliens was being made this week. At the postoffice here, it was said that no Japanese were known to reside in Floyd County. There are a number of Italians and Germans, however...Ace Davis, 50, tooldresser in the local gas field, and a familiar figure in Prestonsburg, died at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, of burns sustained at a gas well on Sycamore Fork of Johns Creek, Pike County...There died: Newton L. Lykins, 84, former Floyd resident, at his residence at Glasgow, Ky.; Thomas Lafferty, 40-year-old Bull Creek farmer, of peritonitis resulting from a ruptured appendix; Nevada George, 73, at the home of her son.

PASS

of the United States.

5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas.

Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.

7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?

8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, & 1865

ORTHOGRAPHY

(Time, 1 hour)

1. What is meant by the following: Alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication?

What are elementary sounds? How classified?

 What are the following, and give examples of each: Trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals?

4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u'.

5. Give two rules for spelling words

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with final 'e'. Name two exceptions under each rule.

Give two uses of silent letters in spelling, Illustrate each.

7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: Bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup

8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: Card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.

9. Use the following correctly in sentences, cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.

 Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Naw you know that great-grandpa wasn't just full of wit and wisdom collected over the years, he was well educated to start with!

These reindeer make sure Santa becomes airborne with the help of a set of pulleys.

DRIFT

father's adventures operating movie showings at both the Drift and McDowell theaters of yesteryear.

When asked how he ever found time to manage to get married between laboring in the coal mines and running movie projectors, Bowens replied with a chuckle, "Well, I guess it was those theaters, I met my wife at the old McDowell theater. She worked at the McDowell Hospital back then." Myrtle Bowens was assistant dietifian at the McDowell Hospital for 25 years.

"I don't know how he does all this," she said as she gazed about her yard, motion and lights aglow everywhere, "but I do know he sure does love doing it."

The Bowens' live on a back street in Drift, not far from the abandoned theater in which Mr. Bowens used to work. If you find yourself with a little time to kill this holiday season, take a drive past the Bowens' home. And be sure to take along your children and grandchildren, you'll be glad you did.

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Photo Caption: Harold Warman, Jr., (left) President and CEO of Highlands Regional Medical Center, presented a check for \$1975 to Tim Skeens of the American Red Cross Disaster Services. Highlands employees donated the money to the American Red Cross Liberty Fund to help with disaster relief for the September 11 Attack on America.

Prestonsburg Super 8 has free "Rooms at the Inn"

families together for the holidays

Getting together for the holidays can be difficult, especially when family members or friends are in nursing homes, hospitals, veterans' homes or other treatment facilities. But the Prestonsburg, Super 8 motel has a holiday program that is making holiday gatherings a bit easier for people in need. The program, "Super 8 Rooms at the Inn," offers free accommodations to out-of-town guests visiting friends or relatives in nearby treatment centers.

"Being with family and friends is important, especially during the holidays," says Super 8 President Robert N. Weller. "Super 8 offers Rooms at the Inn to ensure that the cost of a motel room doesn't stand in the way of visiting a friend or rela-

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Super 8 Motels is celebrating its eleventh year of the program. Rooms at the Inn was inspired by a similar program started in 1987 by Super 8 franchisees Linda and Gary Tharaldson of Fargo, South Dakota. "Christmas and Thanksgiving were associated with a lot of bad memories for us." say the Tharaldsons. "We decided a program like this would help us change that-turn a negative into a positive."

In 1990, Super 8 Motels Inc. adopted the initiative as a national program. Since that time, Super 8 motels across http://www.Super8.com

Annual program helps bring tive during this special time of North America have given away year. We sincerely hope the pro- more than 11,000 rooms to holi-

The Prestonsburg Super 8 motel is making rooms available on Christmas Eve (12/24) and Christmas Day (12/25). Advanced registration for the program is not required but is recommended, because the number of available rooms is limited.

Super 8 Motels Inc. founded in America's heartland in 1974, is one of the world's largest economy lodging chains, with more than 2,030 motels and 123,000 rooms throughout the United States and Canada. Motel locations and on-line reservations are available on the Super 8 web page at

Company is on its way: **SEKTDA** launches campaign to seek national coverage

SOMERSET The Southern SEKTDA states, "SEKTDA has tional training workshops for sampling of the region's cultural Kuczko, Executive Director for press kits, and to conduct educa-

and Eastern Kentucky Tourism hired Geiger & Associates, a regional tourism industry mem-Development Association Florida-based firm to assist with (SEKTDA) has launched a activities such as coordinating national media-marketing pro- editorial research visits for key gram designed to generate national and regional travel media coverage for the region as writers and photo journalists, to a tourist destination. Sheila develop collateral materials and





bers. The first editorial research

tour took place October 19-24 with 19 media participants who contribute to publications such as Mountain Living, Log and Timber Style, Country Home, Southern Living, Courier, Family Fun, Delta Sky, United Airlines Hemispheres, Fodor's Guidebooks, Dallas Morning News, Houston Chronicle, St. Louis Post Dispatch, Pittsburgh Post, Nashville Tennessean and many others.

Numerous articles have already been published on the wonderful experiences found in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. In addition to the articles an international radio broadcast in Canada was broadcast about on the Southern and Eastern Kentucky's State Parks, and Kentucky renowned photographer Len Kaufman, who regularly takes photographs for National Geographic, photographed a

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Powerful BB guns can kill or injure

BY FREDERICK M. BARON AND PENNY GOLD

You may remember the story of Little Rock, Arkansas, attorney Bob Cearley, who handles cases in which BB gun (or "airgun") users have been seriously injured due to defects in the guns.

We now have an important update on this story; The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has filed a lawsuit against Daisy Manufacturing Company to recall two models of Daisy's "Powerline" airguns.

The lawsuit "seeks to compel Daisy to notify consumers that the model 880 and model 856 Powerline Airguns are defective, and present a substantial risk of death or injury to anyone using the airgun," an October 30 news release from the CPSC announced.

"CPSC's staff has learned of at least 15 deaths and 171 serious injuries that have been attributed to alleged design and manufacturing defects." the CPSC says. "About eighty perwere children under the age of 16. Children have been killed after being shot in the head or chest. Other children have been seriously injured after B.B.s. punctured the heart, spinal cord, or skull, causing paralysis and brain damage.' Bob Cearley has been handling BB gun injury cases for plaintiffs for more than 10 years. He has said that one of the dangers of modern BB guns is the ability to expel BB projectiles with extreme air pressure.

edly, allowing enough pressure to build up to fire a BB at a rate of up to 1,100 feet per secondenough to pierce the skull, heart or other vital organ of anyone standing nearby. And many purchasers and users don't know this.

Cearley said that a BB could become lodged in a narrow passage near the barrel cartridge, leading the user to believe all the projectiles had been shot. However, a residual BB could eventually fall into place and accidentally discharge while users were playing and "shooting air" at one another.

That may be what happened in a recent case reportedly settled in Pennsylvania. In that case, reported in the March 16, edition of the Legal Intelligence, a teenager was severely braindamaged when his friend, believing that his Daisy Powerline BB gun was out of ammunition, accidentally shot him.

Bob Cearley has had several clients suffer the same kinds of fates because of BB guns. His first case involved a 10-year-old cent of those who have been boy in Little Rock, who was shot killed or injured by the airguns in the heart and became a paraplegic due to oxygen loss to his brain.

Cearley noted that some models of airguns are designed so that they can be pumped repeat-

winners Urban gran

National Education The Association (NEA) has highlighted its commitment to improving the quality of public education by dipping into its own pockets and awarding 25 winners of the 2001-2002 Urban Grants Program \$5,000 each to further efforts to improve teaching and learning.

The grants support grassroots initiatives that school staffs develop primarily in under-served urban schools. Projects focus on such issues, as improving teacher quality and retention, providing orientation programs for new teachers, creating diversity awareness and forming family literacy programs.

"The Urban Grant winners deserve high praise for devising creative solutions to meet today's pressing education challenges," said Bob Chase, NEA president. "NEA is proud to provide the resources to put these reform plans into action."

The 25 grant winners come from 15 states. Oregon and Utah boast the most winners with three recognized programs each. Local NEA associations, frequently partnering with their school districts, will receive the grants.

The awards are a part of a larger NEA effort to improve the quality of education in America's public schools. Over the past decade, NEA has invested more than \$100 million in public school

In 1996, Cearley represented a Marquette, Michigan, youth who became partially paralyzed after being shot through the skull with an air rifle.

Both Cearley and the attorneys for the Pennsylvania plaintiff alerted the CPSC to the dangers of these guns.

For more information on the CPSC's recommendations regarding these airguns, go to the CPSC web site at DisplayText or call the CPSC's contact for this case, Scott Wolfson, at (301) 504-0580, ext. 118.

improvement projects that empower teachers and school employees to address specific issues. More than 200 grants have been awarded since the program's 1985 inception.

Many of this year's winners created innovative mentoring programs for teachers new to the profession. With a growing shortage of teachers, these programs aim to provide new teachers with an experienced mentor to help them develop their skills and approach in the classroom. By both attracting potential teachers and assisting those already in the classroom, the ultimate goal of mentoring programs is to increase the retention rate of teachers in public schools.

IN KENTUCKY

The Jefferson County Teachers Association (JCTA) and the Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) have engaged in a collaborative endeavor to support and assist early career educators in the district. A major focus group in this category is teachers who hold emergency certificates. The New-Teacher Mentoring Program is dedicated to working with these individuals to assimiliate them to the rigors and requirements of teaching through professional growth experiences and mentoring opportunities. (The JCTA is a three-time grant winner.)

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The proposed operation is located on the Harold and McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour and auger the methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Eula H. Scott and Peggy A. Steele, Danny and Betty Reed, Bobby & Tammy Jarrell, John W. Sturgill, Combs Brothers Investments Company and David Betscher, Zachary Heirs, Betty Reed, and Bonita Akers. Mary Bell Newman, William Newsome, Jr. and Josephine K. Newsome, J & N Land Company, Inc., Dwayne and Julie Kidd, Gerald, Kathy, and Andy Newsome, Curtis Marvin and Marie Tackett, Charles, Sola, and Palestene Akers, Richie and Bonita Pauline Newsom, Green, Ocie Alley, Wesley Boyd, and Jake and Melvina Akers. The operation will underlie land owned by Eula H. Scott and Peggy A. Steele, Danny and Tammy Jarrell, John U.S. W. Sturgill, Combs Frankfort, Kentucky Brothers Investments

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APPLICATION

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> Authority of Prestonsburg

Prestonsburg

tion is provided in the bidding documents. Copies of the bidding documents may be purchased at the following location: Lynn Blue Print & Supply Co. 328 Old East Vine

Lexington, Kentucky 40507 Telephone: (859) 255-1021 Attention: Plan Distribution

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on December 20, 2001, at 10:00 a.m.

(local time) at the Housing Authority's main office for purposes of answering and to consider any suggestions.

The Housing

Authority of Prestonsburg By: Brenda Harris,

Executive Director 67 miles Southeast ACCEPTING BIDS The Left Beaver

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Site work includes considered. walks, curbs, drives, The owner reserves parking area, storm the right to reject any water lines, site struc- and all bids, or to Bidders' questions tures, utility work, and waive any formalities seeding and sodding. in the bidding. Bids Heating and cooling received after the will be a geothermal scheduled heat pump system time for the receipt with floor mounted Will above-ceiling unopened to the bidand heat pumps. The sys- ders. No bid may be tem includes hydron- withdrawn for a periic loop piping, circu- od of 30 days subselating pumps, and quent to the opening chemical treatment. of bids without con-The addition and sent of the Owner. existing building will A Pre-bid meeting be fully sprinklered. will be held on Exterior lightning Wednesday, will be H.I.D. fixtures. December Interior lighting will be 2001, at 10:00 a.m. primarily fluorescent local time at the office lamps with incandes- of Mr. Greg Adams, cent fixtures for 23 Martin Street, accent. Emergency Allen, KY 41601. lighting will be self-

the Haves Branch prises an alternate to be purchased for the Road. The Latitude is non-refundable 37'-27'-49" and the The structure will be amount of \$125.00 Longilude is 82'-47'per set, payable to 01", and is located on the Martin and bearing walls with Documents may be Wayland 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps. The bond (Surety) currently in affect, and the original bond for the increment is as follows: Inc. No.1, Current \$ 8,500.00, \$29,600.00 100% of the original made bond amount is to included in this Lynn Blueprint & request for release Company, for bond release. Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling All bids shall be and grading, samwill be factory-fin- accompanied by Bid pling and testing, limished solid core wood Bond of not less than ing, fertilizing, seedin hollow metal 5% of the amount of ing and mulching,

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> objections. and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, # 2 Hudson Complex, Hollow Frankfort, KY 40601,

by Feb. 1, 2002 A hearing date for this bond release request has been set for Feb. 4, 2002, at

9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcemernt's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing

or informal conference is received by Feb. 1, 2002. PUBLIC NOTICE The Prestonsburg closing returned

Housing Authority would like to remind anyone who may be making excavations near or on the Housing Authority property, that it is necessary to report to

frames. #12 Blaine Hall Street Kentucky 41653 Additional informaand Street Department

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100 feet of KY Route for a permit for a sur-979. The operation face coal mining and will not involve relo- reclamation operacation of the public tion affecting 591.65 road.

The has been filed for Weeksbury, in Floyd public inspection at and Pike Counties. the Department for Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Route 122's junction Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Road. The proposed Suite Drive, Prestonsburg. Kentucky 41653. Written comments; of Beaver Creek. objections. OF be filed with Director of South, Kentucky 40601.

requests for a permit Company, Joyce N. conference must be Johnson, received within 30

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5429,

Amendment No.1 the Department for In accordance with the provisions of KRS Surface

acres located 1 mile

application southeast 01 (2) The proposed Mining operation is approximately 1 mile southeast from Kentucly with Caleb Fork 6, operation is located on Pine Fork of Caleb Fork of the Left Fork

(3) The proposed requests for a per- operation is located mit conference must on the Wheelwright the USGS 7 1/2, minute the quadrangle map. The Division of Permits, operation will use the #2 Hudson Hollow surface area, surface Complex, U.S. 127 remining and steep Frankfort, slope methods of mining. The surface This is the final area to be disturbed advertisement of the under this operation application. All com- is owned by Collins ments, objections, or and Mayo Collieries Grethel Mullins, Clinton and days of today's date. Eva Little, Joe and Mary Tackett, Johnny

and Shirley Johnson, Pauline Hall, Josie Little, Wavy and Katherine Johnson, and the Ballard Johnson Heirs. (4) The application has been filed for public inspection at

Mining

of Bottom of Charley County, and City of Perry lot on a rock; Prestonsburg. thence strait line to a Kentucky, real propmaple: erty taxes for the year marked thence strait up the 2001, and all subsehill bearing right to quent years which top of point to Fayett are not yet due and Renolds line; thence payable. Any and all

LEGAL NOTICE

Due to the proposed construction of the Minnie-Harold Connector (KY 979); project officially designated as Floyd County; Item 12-301.00; Project No. No. FD040366376501R; the Commonwealth of Kentucky; Transportation Cabinet; Department of Highways has deemed it necessary to relocate a number of known and unidentified graves located in four(4) cemeteries, more fully described as follows:

AKERS CEMETERY - PARCEL NO. 44

Located 0.2 miles east of KY 979 (mile post 16). This cemetery is located on the greater

tract of Parcel 19 owned by Flora Akers. Access to the cemetery is through a gated road that lies on and below the left side of said cemetery. Fourteen graves or more (14) have fieldstone markers but no inscriptions.

YATES-MOORE CEMETERY - PARCEL NO. 47

Located approximately 0.25 miles east of KY 979 (milepost 17). This cemetery is located on the greater tract of Parcel 27 owned by Emmitt and Jennifer Branham. The cemetery lies on and above the left hand side of the road and is enclosed with fencing. Of the fourteen or more (14) graves three (3) are unidentified. Two graves are marked but the next of kin need to be located. These two graves are identified as follows: Grave # 9- John E. Blanton- 1/11/1940-? (possibly recent) Grave # 15- A. J. Yates- 9/10/1828-2/2/1895

The Department of Highways hereby requests information from anyone having knowledge of the identity for the unknown graves, the next-of-kin of any grave or any family member having a legal interest in the graves to be relocated.

PLEASE CONTACT:

KYTC-Department of Highways Division of Right of Way 109 Loraine St.-Pikeville, KY 41501 Lannie Damron or Harry Smith (606)433-7791 ; Ext. 261 or 308

tion with KY 80 and is Fire located 1. O mile District is accepting Southeast of Martin. sealed bids for a The latitude is 37 degrees, 33 minutes, 19 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees. 44 minutes, 58 seconds.

The facility is located on the Harold and Martin USGS 7 1/2 p.m., at Station #2, in minute quadrangle McDowell, KY. We maps. The surface reserve the right to area is owned by reject any and all Martin Coal Processing Corporation and CSX/Chessie System. Department for Mining Surface Reclamation and Inforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, #6. Suite Prestonsburg, KY 41653, Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the public housing Modernization Project Nos. KY36P035-501(00) KY36P035and 501(01) will be received by The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg. Prestonsburg, Kentucky, on January 8, 2002, at 10:00 am, local time, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The project consists of site drainage, accessible parking, landscaping,

Protection 2001 2002 or International 4400 Series Pumper Truck. The sealed bids will be accepted until 12-19-01 at 4:30 p.m.,

and will be opened 12-20-01 at 6:00

bids. Bidders may contact Shannon Hall or Derek Thacker at 606-377-6773, for a The application has specification packet been filed for public on this truck. Bids inspection at the should be marked "Bid" and mailed to : Left Beaver Fire **Protection District** Shannon Hall, Fire Chiel 840 KY RT. 680 P.O. Box 426 McDowell, KY 41647 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS For the Project Titled: ADDITION AND RENOVATION JOHN M. STUMBO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Floyd County Schools will receive sealed bids for construction of the above named project until 2:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, December 27th, 2001, at Greg Adams Office located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, Kentucky. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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Louisville, KY Associated General Contractors of KY, Inc., 1717 Alliant Drive, Suite 10, Louisville, KY.

Associated General Contractors, 2321 Fortune Dr., Suite 112, Lexington, KY Construction Market Data, 1951 Bishop Lane, Suite 202, Louisville, KY.

Johnson-Romanowitz, Architects, 300 E. Main St, Lexington, KY

Adams-Frazier-Anderson, Inc; 715 Westland Drive, Lexington, KY Poage Engineers, 446 E. High Street, Lexington, KY.

the Housing Authority before doing any work, and to report any incidence of gas odor in the Housing Authority community. Phone numbers of

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Buck Coal, Inc., 544

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persons to contact: Prestonsburg. Housing Authority, 606)886-2717 Daytime Hours 8:30 -4:30.

After Hours: Nelson, Donald Maintenance Supervisor, (606)889-0569; Charles Maintenance Shell, Staff. (606) 886-1543; Brenda Harris, Executive Director, (606) 886-2519.

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C8 - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2001

Lady Colonels defeat Florida Atlantic, 103-92

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BOCA RATON, Fla. Coach Larry Joe luman's Eastern Kentucky University Lady Colonels got their scoring shoes back on, defeating Florida Atlantic on the road Saturday afternoon, 103-92.

EKU, which led all of NCAA Division I last season in scoring average with its 88.4 per game average, was able to pour through 51 points in the opening half and 52 in the second period in upping its record to 5-2 on the season. Florida Atlantic fell to 2-4 on the year.

"I thought both teams

time on the free throw line." said Inman. "This was a great and exciting game to watch. "I was very proud of our

offense tonight. We hadn't shot the ball well all season. With so much foul trouble, I was glad to see Synisha Smith and Katie Kelly step up for us."

After leading 51-41 at the break, FAU cut the lead to seven at 57-50 with 16:43 left, but that was as close as the Lady Owls could come the rest of the way. The Lady Colonels led by as many as 22 (95-73) before settling for the 11-point victory.

Sophomore guard Katie played hard tonight, but I felt Kelly scored a collegiate

FLW Tour coverage begins on PAX Jan. 19

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Beginning Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, the Wal-Mart FLW Tour is pleased to present live coverage of its events on PAX TV. The show, FLW Outdoors, will run every Saturday afternoon and will include live coverage of tournaments.

This is the first time in history the world's most lucrative bass fishing series has aired live on television. Featuring the best bass anglers in the country, the FLW Tour awarded a record \$4.45 million during its sevenevent season in 2001. In addi-

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tion to tournament coverage, PAX will air, in a magazinestyle format, live programming covering outdoor sporting news, guest appearances by fishing legends, angler profiles and news from the fishing world.

To find the PAX TV network on your local channel, check out our new station finder.

FLW Outdoors showtime

Every Saturday beginning Jan. 19

3-4 p.m., Eastern/Pacific III 2-3 p.m., Central/Mountain

like both teams spent too much career high 24 points to lead five double-figure scorers for Eastern. She hit 6-10 from the field, 2-4 three's and 10-11 from the free throw line.

> Senior guard Zoey Artist added a double-double for EKU with 16 points (8-16 from the field) and 15 rebounds. Junior forward Teresa McNair and senior forward Synisha Smith each scored 14 points, while senior forward Charlotte Sizemore was able to net 12 points.

> Eastern hit 35-71 from the field for 49.3 percent and 27-34 from the free throw line for 79.4 percent, while outrebounding Florida Atlantic, 45-35.

> The game was a rough one as 57 fouls were called, 34 on the Lady Colonels. Four players fouled out, including McNair, Sizemore and freshman forward Miranda Eckerle of the Lady Colonels.

> FAU hit 49.2 percent (29-59) from the field and drained 32-44 from the charity stripe (72.7 percent). Guard Chantale Jones led the Lady Owls with 24 points.

> Eastern goes back on the road next weekend as the Lady Colonels make an appearance in the Pella Corporation Cyclone Classic at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. The Lady Colonels open the tourney Friday with a 6:00 p.m. CST matchup with Valparaiso University. Iowa State plays Niagara in the nightcap Friday, with the finals set for Saturday night.



Johnson named to all-tournament team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

With the holiday season, comes basketball tournaments. Basketball tournaments of all sorts and sizes.

December 8-9 the Johnson Central Golden Eagles played at Oldham County High School in the third annual Coaches vs. Cancer Classic. Dock Johnson, Johnson Central's All-State guard candidate, was named to the alltournament team.

Johnson led the tournament in scoring, averaging 22 points per game. He also averaged six rebounds and five assists per contest. Johnson was 8-of-16 from behind the three-point-arc. He hit 12-of-24 field-goal attempts. He was 18-of-19 from the free-throwline.

Against South Oldham. Johnson hit for 32 points. He was 10-of-10 from the free-throw-line while also dishing out six assists.

Johnson has a 4.0 grade-pointaverage.

Johnson Central (1-4) finished the tournament with a 78-65 win over North Bullitt. Host Oldham County beat Dixie Heights to win the tournament.

P'burg JV team scores win over Magoffin Co.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

After posting a quality win over Shelby Valley earlier in the week, the Prestonsburg junior varsity team beat Magoffin County 54-40 Friday night. Coach Bobby Hackworth saw his Prestonsburg team race out to a 35-19 halftime lead before holding on for the convincing 14-point victory.

Nick Jamerson scored 15 points and Kris Bentley added

14 points including four threepointers to lead the Blackcats. Trevor Compton and Tyler Burke each had four points apiece in the win. Jesse Chaffin had three points while Michael Morrison and John Stephens added two points apiece en route to the win.

C. Baker flipped in nine points to lead Magoffin County. B. Marshall, J. Back and C. Marshall had six points apiece.

Prestonsburg outscored Magoffin County in each of the first three quarters before being outdone 14-4 in the final period.

Note: The Prestonsburg freshman basketball team is in a tournament in Paintsville. The Freshman Blackcats opened the tourney by scoring a win over the host Tigers. The P'burg freshman squad will return to action Thursday. The team is coached by James DeRossett.

JCMS claims YMCA tourney championship

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Saturday was the final game of the Pikeville Area Family YMCA Pepsi Classic boys' basketball tournament at Pikeville College. The tourney saw Johnson County Middle School hold on in the fourth quarter to defeat Pikeville 39-34.

Johnson County downed Mountain Christian Academy in the second semifinals on Saturday morning to advance. Pikeville beat South Floyd in the last minutes of the first semifinal game to advance.

The tournament, which featured Floyd County participants Mountain Christian Academy, South Floyd, Betsy Layne, John M. Stumbo and Allen, proved to be a very competitive

Patrick (Johnson County Middle School). Brent Hamilton (Pikeville Junior High), Brad Ratliff (Pikeville Jr. High), Ryan Johnson (South Floyd Middle School), Josh Johnson (South Floyd Middle School), Milam Adam (Mountain Christian Aca-

demy), Mitchell Riddle (Virgie Middle School), Manual Newsome (Virgie Middle Kyle Goodson School). (Dorton), Brandon Kidd (John M. Stumbo).

Pikeville won the cheerleading contest. Betsy Layne and Paintsville tied for second.

Ladycats drop foul-plagued contest to Knott Co. Central

by JAMIE HOWELL SPORTS WRITER

Monday night at Prestonsburg High School the Prestonsburg Ladycats took on the Knott County Central Lady Patriots. It was a game that saw six players foul out of the

by the press into easy transition baskets to help build a comfortable halftime lead at 34-25.

Knott Central has a great player in Tonya Amburgey, she led the Lady Patriots with a game high 22 points. Knott Central Ioves to shoot the three point shot as they attempt-



photo by Jamie Howell

Michael Hall (10) went against Millard defenders. Hall, a junior, scored 15 points against the Mustangs.



High in the air, the duo of Wayne Johnson and Shawn Whitt, recently completed a successful sea-

event.

County Middle School), Keith



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The following players were named to the all-tournament team: Kyle Rice (Johnson

contest and a total of fifty three personal fouls called, the Lady Patriots came away with the 70-61 victory over Prestonsburg. The Ladycats, which had already lost to Knott Central this season, played the Lady Patriots much closer this time around. Molly Burchett and

Ramanda Music led the Ladycats in scoring each tossing in 19 points, Burchett is only a freshman and already shows signs a being a good one - her floor game really helped to make the Knott County Central game close.

At the end of the first quarter Prestonsburg trailed by only two at 14-12, but in the second period Knott Co. came out in the full court press and really bothered the Ladycats. Prestonsburg was called four times in the second period for the five-second count when they couldn't get the inbounds pass in due to the pressure defense. Knott Central turned the turnovers caused

be highly visible on race day,

Robin Pemberton has said that

he has had enough of the road

and that after 22 years of being

a weekend warrior he is ready to

leave it behind him. The long time crew chief of Rusty

Wallace won't be staying with Wallace's Penske South opera-

He plans on staying in the sport, but is looking for a job

that will cut down his travel

time and give him more time at home with his family. Like

Parrott, the time that Pemberton

and Wallace have been together

has been highly successful and

it wasn't a question of being

As soon as Pemberton

announced his resignation from

Penske South, the rumor mill

began placing him with several

different teams for the 2002

season. The most persistent

rumor has him accepting a job

with Petty Enterprises that

would put him in a leadership

position that doesn't require he be at the race track every week-

forced out of a job.

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tion.

ed fourteen for the game, connecting on four of those attempts.

In the second half the Ladycats began to chip away at the lead and at one point late in the third quarter would get as close as two, but wouldn't be able to get any closer. Prestonsburg got some solid minutes from Vicki Bowling and Amanda Webb off the bench, as both pitched in four points for Prestonsburg.

The Ladycats trailed 50-44 at the end of three quarters of play.

In the fourth quarter Prestonsburg went cold from the field and had to foul to try and get back in the game. Knott Central connected on their free throws, and held on late to defeat Prestonsburg 70-61.

Prestonsburg scoring

Burchett 19, Hyden 4, Music 19, White 5, Bowling 4, Harris 6 Amanda Webb 4.

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end.

Penske South, immediately following the announcement that Pemberton was stepping down, announced that longtime crew member Billy Wilburn would take over the crew chief position. Wilburn has been with Pemberton and Wallace for years and the expectation is that it will be business as usual for the No. 2 team in 2002.

Parrott and Pemberton's departure as crew chief may just be the beginning of other moves that we may be seeing in the not too distant future. The demands of the job have definitely grown to the point that may just be too much for one person to handle.

Many teams already have created the positions of car chiefs, pit coordinators and shop managers to try and take some of the load off their crew chiefs. It may be that if an owner wants to keep his crew chief that he needs to take away some of his responsibilities instead of relying on him to run the show for him.