

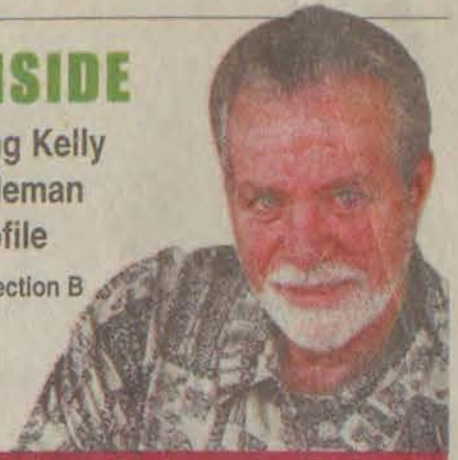
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### McDowell ARH to hold blood drive

The Central Kentucky Blood Center is sponsoring a community blood drive on the campus of McDowell ARH Hospital today from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Free gifts will be given to all donors.

All blood types are urgently needed during this holiday season and all are encouraged to participate in the giving of the "gift of life."

For more information, contact the hospital's Community Relations Department at 377-3447.

### Corrections

In the Friday, Dec. 28, edition of the Times, a photograph on page A7 was incorrectly identified as Devon Scalf. The image depicted was actually that of Henry P. Scalf.

A news article in the Wednesday, Dec. 19, edition of The Floyd County Times stated that Larry Edward Greer, the former school bus driver whose trial was dismissed after the primary evidence was lost, was once a bus driver for the Opportunities Unlimited School. Greer, however, has never been employed by the Floyd County school system, and was, in fact, a school bus driver at Mountain Christian Academy, a private school in Martin.

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The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., left Floyd Countians and Americans in general in shock and mourning. Above, Prestonsburg police, fire and emergency workers, some in tears, gathered Sept. 14 to pray and to remember their New York colleagues killed at the site of the World Trade Center disaster.

### Story of the Year ...

# UNDER ATTACK ... and beyond

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

For the most part, community newspapers such as The Floyd County Times are devoted to providing their readers with intensely local news coverage, rarely venturing across county lines.

Sometimes, however, national events can change the definition of local news, transforming the entire nation into one community.

Such was the case Sept. 11. As Floyd Countians were getting settled in to their work and school routines that Tuesday, the horrific events in New York City and Washington, D.C., unfolded before their eyes on television.

The first reports that morning were that the World Trade Center was on fire, then that the fire had been caused by a plane crash. But it was just scant minutes later that many watched a second plane crash into the second tower, and realization dawned that the day's events were not a tragic accident, but something far more insidious.

Four commercial airlines had been hijacked by 19 terrorists on kamikaze missions, with the first two crashing into the World Trade Center, ultimately collapsing the New York landmark. A third plane plowed into the Pentagon in Washington.

The fourth plane, it would later be learned, was brought down after passengers aboard, through cell phone calls to friends and relatives, learned of the day's events and guessed their plane's hijack-

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U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Joseph R. Chenelly

Marines with C Company, Battalion Landing Team 1/1, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) raise the first American flag in Afghanistan after the seizure of a forward operating base on Nov. 26.

## Disaster strikes county twice

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

Floyd Countians were there when fear struck the nation on September 11, but for some, the hit only added additional worry to those already coping with unwanted disaster. When the nation cried out amid the rising smoke, many Floyd Countians were still struggling with the aftermath of one of the worst natural disasters of the season. As the nation tried to rise above the ashes, Floyd Countians

were hit once again with the worst forest fire season in a decade.

Rains began on Friday, August 3, and ended only after floodwaters ravaged mud and debris throughout the county, impacting nearly 1,000 homes and 49 county roads, creating 115 mudslides, and damaging or destroying nearly 150 bridges. An estimated 300 homes were submerged. With millions of dollars in damages

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## Police, courts kept busy with 4 murders

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

This past year Floyd County law enforcement officials and prosecutors alike found themselves busy investigating and deliberating four murders, two of which carried over from 2000, two which were high-profile and especially violent, and one which remained unsolved heading into the new year.

Perhaps the most disturbing of the four murders which happened in Floyd County in 2001

was the murder of Cardinal Country Store clerk Bonnie Jean Hall. Hall's body was found in the early morning hours of July 11 at the store's Watergap location by officials, having been shot twice in the back at close range.

Later that day, police arrested 22-year-old James Austin Gunnels of Dwale at a relative's home and charged him with Hall's murder, along with several other offenses, including first-degree robbery.

(See MURDER, page three)

## Board takes one step forward, another back

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

The year 2001 was a bit of a "one step forward and another step backward" sort of year for the Floyd County Board of Education, beginning with the resignation of former board chairman Terry Dotson in January.

In his resignation address, Dotson said that "the last three years (of board service) have been some of the most rewarding in my life, but they've also been some of the most frustrating." Dotson was also quoted as saying that as a board, "We

tend toward micromanagement."

Upon Dotson's resignation, District 1 board member Johnnie Ross took up the helm as board chairman.

In one regard, the grip of state management, though not entirely relinquished, was loosened somewhat when Kentucky Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit informed the board in early January that he was "convinced that the school district has turned the corner." Wilhoit, however, issued a recommen-

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## Born in tragedy, Blackcats' season ends just shy of gold

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

One year later, one huge win later.

Flashback. During the 2000 season the Prestonsburg Blackcats went looking for a regional championship. After finishing the season a mediocre 5-5, Coach John DeRossett's group of football players reeled off three straight playoff wins that included both a district and a regional championship. And with the wins, the P'burg fans got behind their team. A loss to Boyle County in the regional

championship ended the run in 2000.

Such would not be the case this past season, 2001, as the Blackcats completed a 9-1 regular season with a perfect record in the district, and promptly went on to beat district rival Belfry for the region title. The Blackcats beat the Pirates at Josh Francis Field in Prestonsburg.

One week later the Blackcats traveled to Mason County and disposed of the Royals, 18-13, for the semi-

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**Blackcats**

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state victory and a pass to the state finals. The Blackcats fell to the Bardstown Tigers in the finals and ended a stellar season with a 13-2 record.

"Be sure to tell the last person out of town to turn the lights out," said Coach DeRossett, during a pep rally sendoff to Louisville and the Class 2A State Finals in Louisville. "We're going to Louisville to win a championship," he yelled, just before players and coaches boarded charter buses.

Although the Blackcats fell to Bardstown, every player gained valuable experience, whether he played or didn't play — valuable experience which could be deemed as the experience of a lifetime.

Prestonsburg entered the 2001 season with a boatload of talent returning from a very good 2000 team. The returning talent left the Blackcats a region favorite going into the 2001

campaign. A talented class of underclassmen coupled with several talented seniors had many football fans in Prestonsburg talking about a repeat regional championship and a return trip to Louisville.

However, Prestonsburg had a huge loss just weeks before the season opener against Sheldon Clark that didn't show up in any type of box score or stat sheet. It was a loss of a life which triggered the emotions of more than a few Blackcats.

Prestonsburg football took more than a hard lick in early August when junior lineman Josh Francis was killed in a one-vehicle accident. He was 16. Francis, also a standout member of the PHS wrestling team, would have started on both sides of the football.

The Blackcats had defeated Corbin in a scrimmage the night before Francis was killed. Francis, a junior, was a likely

starter on the offensive line at guard and on the defensive line at either one of a couple different positions. The loss of Francis left family, players, coaches and fans mourning and asking questions.

The Blackcats wore commemorative patches with the No. 59 on their jerseys in memory of their fallen teammate. Several ceremonies were held at both home and away games in remembrance of Francis.

"Everything we did this past season was for Josh Francis," said senior standout Matt Slone. "Josh was everyone's best friend, he meant so much to the team."

The PHS football team began the season Aug. 17 on the road with a 34-12 win over Eastern Kentucky counterpart Sheldon Clark. With Francis in mind before, during and after virtually every game, Prestonsburg marched to its best regular season finish since 1993.

Week Two saw the Blackcats solidify lofty preseason rankings which had them ranked as high as fourth in Class 2A in some polls. PHS met Bell County in the Pride of the Mountains Gridiron Classic in Hazard on Saturday, Aug. 25, and came away victorious, 25-16. Then, six days later, history was made.

The Blackcats' third game of the season, Aug. 31, will be a game which will forever have a home in many Prestonsburg fans' heart. On the last day of August, Prestonsburg opened its new football field, Josh Francis Field, with a 43-23 win over rival Paintsville.

Prestonsburg junior tight end Tommy Nelson scooped up a fumbled ball and returned it for the historic first-ever score on the new field. The Blackcats held a one-touchdown lead at the intermission before erupting for the win in the second half.

After playing two of the first three games on the road and the first home game of the season, one week later, Sept. 7, Prestonsburg took a long bus ride to Whitley County to take on the Class 4A Colonels. A field-goal proved to be the final difference as the Blackcats dropped their first and only game of the regular season.

After falling to Whitley County, Prestonsburg reeled off 10 straight wins en route to the Nov. 30 date in Louisville. One of the wins was a 41-6 win over Portsmouth East (Ohio) in the inaugural Reno's Bowl.

In all, the Blackcats played and won eight games on their new field. Last-minute preparations were made to the field — just in time for the first home game.

"The guys who worked on this field did a tremendous job," DeRossett said. "We now have one of the best facilities around."

A new field certainly didn't hurt Prestonsburg's push for a state finals trip.

PHS' only other trip to the state finals was back in 1993. The Blackcats, after downing Danville to get there, lost to Mayfield that season in a heart-breaker.

To start the '01 season, Slone was returning from a 2000 grid campaign in which he carried the ball 221 times for 1,542 yards. In 2001, Slone rushed for over 2,200 yards. He found the endzone for a score on over 30 different occasions.

Junior fullback Mikeal Fannin also eclipsed the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the season. The two, Slone and Fannin, gave Prestonsburg two extremely talented backfield weapons to break long runs at any time.

Junior quarterback Joey Willis had his first full season under center and did quite well, passing for over 1,000 yards.

Versatile split end Chris Spriggs, linemen Kevin Younce, Tony White, receivers Chris Jervis, Austin Clark, and defensive veterans John Hunt and Andrew Howell — all seniors — all contributed greatly, along with a host of underclassmen. Transfers Brandt Brooks, a linebacker, and Matt Williams, a noseguard, also made tremendous commitments during the glorious season.

"We had a lot of players coming back and a lot of those players we've got coming back played some JV during the '01 season," said Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett. "Guys like Kevin Jervis, and some of the sophomores played some JV. Mikeal Fannin, even Joey Willis, played some JV at the beginning of the 2000 season, before moving in there at quarterback. They got kind of a double season in one, playing JV on Mondays. We played a quality schedule there. Then as the season kept going we kept making a few changes."

Community support for the PHS football team is now at an all-time high.

"In 2000, the community got behind us, especially with closing the field down and hosting a state semifinal game; you couldn't have asked for a nicer experience," said DeRossett.

The 2000 season was the last season for the Prestonsburg High School field, known affectionately as 'The Pit.'

"We went into this past season knowing if we worked hard enough we could make it back to the state-semifinals," said DeRossett. "We preached to our kids in the offseason what it took and they responded by going out and playing to the best of their abilities. And come 2001, we were ready. And once again, the community was behind us — stronger than ever!"

The Prestonsburg defense mixed well with a versatile offense. Before playing Bardstown in the state finals, Prestonsburg had given up three touchdowns in a game only twice — once to Paintsville and once in the first round of the

playoffs to Powell County. The Blackcat defense pitched three shutouts, a 85-0 bashing of Betsy Layne, a 62-0 victory over Shelby Valley, and a 33-0 win over Leslie County.

"We convinced ourselves a couple of years ago to play speed on defense," added DeRossett. "We don't play a read defense, we play a defense where we want kids to get up the field. We think the faster you are on defense, the better off you're going to be."

DeRossett foresaw a real even, competitive playing field in the region.

"I thought the region would be super tough," said DeRossett. "We knew Whitesburg would come on, Pike Central, physically, was one of the strongest teams in the district, and Belfry is always Belfry. It's a real good district, year-in and year-out, along with a very competitive region. It's like we talked a little bit about in the offseason, we

knew if we did get back to the state semifinals, it would probably be a little bit easier game because Lexington Catholic and Boyle County moved up but with the competition in the region and district we had no guarantee of that. And Mason County was a big test for us, but our kids showed what kind of character they had, not only in that game but the entire season."

When the 2002 season kicks off in August, some faces will be gone from the PHS football. Then again, several will return. The '01 trip to Louisville for the last Friday of the month let the Prestonsburg football faithful know where their team stood against the rest of the state. A return trip to the state finals in the fall is a likely topic on the dry erase board in the Prestonsburg coaches office. If it isn't now, it will be soon, as offseason workouts toward a return trip continue.

**Notice of Public Meeting**

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, an open meeting is being held on Wednesday, January 9, 2002, at 12 p.m. (noon), in the Council Room of the Municipal Building in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The meeting is sponsored by the City of Prestonsburg. The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss the plans for the development of the city's recreational facilities. Anyone with a significant supporting or opposing view is invited to voice that opinion at this meeting, or in writing to:

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within two (2) weeks of the date of the meeting. For more information about the meeting, contact Amy Barnes at Big Sandy Area Development District at 886-2374.

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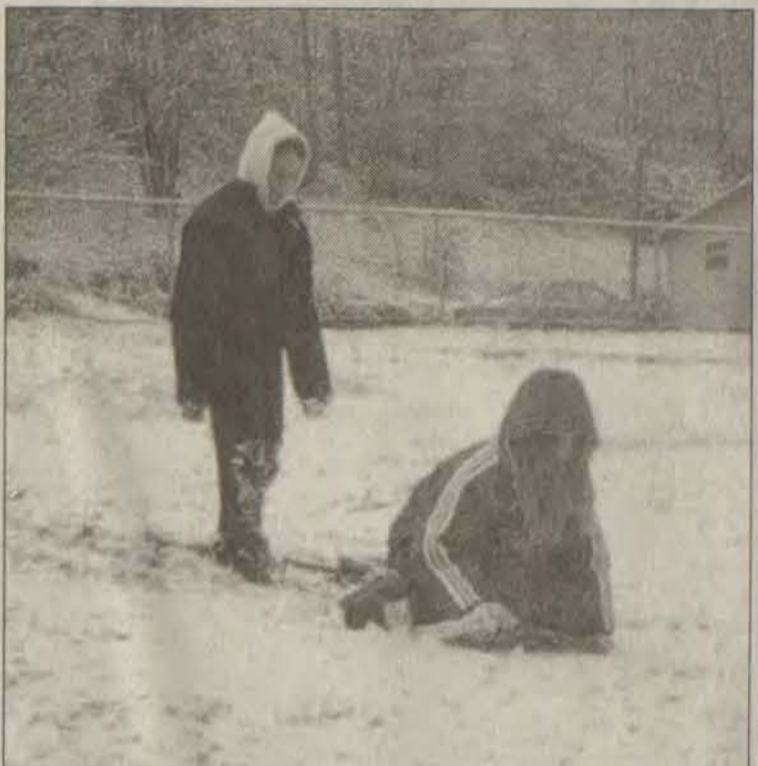


photo by Mary Music  
**Michele Williams, 10, and her brother Charles, 9, spent Saturday morning trying to capture a few memories in snow that fell that morning. Although their sled didn't quite take off as they expected, the two had fun trying. They reside in Prestonsburg with their parents, Charles and Maria Williams.**

**Disasters**

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reported, those in Mother Nature's path were left — furniture spread on lawns like carpet — wondering how and where to start new again.

After surveying the damage, especially in the Mud Creek area where several paved roads were dissolved to indistinguishable piles of mud and rock, Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson declared a state of emergency for the county, a declaration supported by Gov. Paul Patton, who issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency the following Monday. Relief was on the way for those facing financial turmoil following the floods, but many families still had a long way to go before reaching a sense of normalcy again.

Since the September 11 attack the nation has come together with newfound patriotism and togetherness, symbols of American life previously lost in the shadows on the streets and in the subways.

As volunteers flocked to New York City to clean up the ashes from those attacks, friends, neighbors and volunteers from all across the nation held temporary quarters here in Floyd County, where they cleaned up the destruction left behind by the August rains.

When President Bush issued a state of emergency for the county, FEMA was on hand to lend support to hundreds of residents affected by the flood. Agencies such as Red Cross and volunteers from throughout the nation flocked to the hills to help those in need, bringing in teams to clean up after the flood and offering services, clothing, food and cleaning supplies to families targeted by the raging water.

Reflecting on the August floods and the Sept. 11 attacks seemed discouraging enough to Floyd County, but as the year progressed, so did the devastation, as acre upon acre of Eastern Kentucky hillsides smoldered and burned in the dry October winds. Firefighters from across the region worked endless hours with the Kentucky Division of Forestry officials to subdue the blazes, many of which burned dangerously close to homes throughout the area. Weeks of burning leaves and timber filled Floyd County with a blanket of

smoke, aggravating health problems in older residents as well as those with allergies or breathing problems. Many residents with those ailments flocked to doctors offices for assistance.

Unlike the floods, however, Mother Nature wasn't a contributing factor in the fires that ravaged the hills in October. Division of Forestry officials reported that most of the fires — at least 90 percent — were intentionally set, a fact that was even more discouraging to Floyd County residents who suffered with the smoke.

By November 2, 49 fires were reported in Kentucky, primarily in Perry, Letcher, Breathitt, Owsley, Knott, Whitley, Clay, Magoffin, Johnson, Lawrence and Floyd counties, 41 of which were reportedly intentionally set.

Within weeks of the initial onset of the forest fire explosion throughout the region, the Kentucky National Guard deployed hundreds of ground and air troops to relieve many firefighters who battled the blazes while working 15 to 16 hours per day. Aerial forces including Blackhawk helicopters, armed with "Bambi Buckets" transported thousands of gallons of water toward the burning ridges, as residents of the county begged for rain. Additionally, firefighters from Florida and California armed with "pumper trucks" came to protect possible structural damage as the troops carved fire lines along the burning hillsides.

By the time the rains finally came to the region, an estimated 173,000 acres of Kentucky hillside were lost to the smoldering ash. The Kentucky Division of Forestry recently reported an estimated \$2.3 million in funds paid out for firefighting efforts, with \$2 million expectedly slated to be paid to out of state firefighters who assisted in suppressing the burning blazes.

Very few arsonists who contributed to the October fires were arrested.

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*The Big Sandy Area Development District and Area Colleges, through a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission, are offering classes that have been designed to assist residents of the Big Sandy Region secure the skills necessary to adequately compete with other applicants for employment with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and other employment opportunities.*

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**Conversational Spanish**—Beginning Spanish with emphasis on law enforcement language  
**Day/Time:** Thursday - 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
January 17, through March 28, 2002

**Cost:** \$80.00  
**Location:** Pikeville College, Pikeville, KY  
**Deadline for Registration is JANUARY 11, 2002**  
**Class size is limited to 20**

**Communication/Job Interviewing Skills**—Basic Communication, Writing, Oral Skills, One-on-One and Panel Interview Techniques  
**Day/Time:** Monday - 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
January 14, through April 22, 2002

**Cost:** \$40.00  
**Location:** Big Sandy ADD building, Prestonsburg, KY  
**Deadline for Registration is JANUARY 11, 2002**  
**Class size is limited to 20**

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## Murder

After Gunnels was taken into custody. The Floyd County Times was contacted by an eyewitness who gave a chilling account of meeting Gunnels and Hall just minutes before Hall's death. Explaining she had attempted to give her story to officials without success, the anonymous eyewitness detailed an encounter with both Hall and Gunnels when she stopped into the store for an early-morning purchase, adding that the man she identified as Gunnels had told her the pair were "just killing time" — words that would later prove terribly insightful.

Later, when an additional charge of first-degree rape was added to Gunnels' mounting list of offenses, discussion moved to the possibility of seeking a death sentence against the confessed killer.

These facts — Gunnels' confessions and disturbing details of Hall's murder and rape, presented in the form of several letters to prosecutors, The Floyd County Times, and others close to the case — lent a certain dark quality to an already tragic event and sealed Gunnels' self-promoted, cold-hearted and remorseless disposition with both his victim's family and many Floyd Countians, as well.

Another case which remained a consistent roller coaster of ups and downs and twists and turns throughout the past year, but actually began with the discovery of a young woman's body on an abandoned strip mine in September 2000, was the murder of Grethel resident Carolyn Ann Bishop.

Bishop's body was discovered in September at a strip mine in Ligon, brutally beaten and stabbed, leaving officials with one lead suspect — her estranged husband, Dwayne Bishop.

Bishop, who had been arrested and detained at the Floyd County Detention Center the previous night on a drunk driving charge, was also charged while in jail with the murder of his wife shortly after the discovery of Carolyn Bishop's body.

Blood was found on Bishop's clothing and also on his motorcycle, located later in the investigation. Continued efforts uncovered a long history of domestic violence between the two and this, coupled with several accounts in which relatives claimed Dwayne Bishop had threatened his wife's life in the past, set the stage for what proved to be a long chain of motions filed on behalf of the accused murderer.

Prosecutors fought to have both the DNA evidence and the domestic violence history — both crucial to the prosecution's case — included in the case, while Bishop's own defense lawyer fought to be removed from the case entirely after Bishop attacked the integrity of her efforts, going so far as to make public his claims that he was being "set up" as part of an elaborate "conspiracy" to convict him for the murder of his wife.

Bishop made those claims, against the advice of his lawyers, during a personal interview with The Floyd County Times at the East Kentucky

Correctional Center in West Liberty.

The accusations only brought another episode into the case's continuing saga, as the court ordered a competency hearing to judge Bishop's mental state based, in large part, on his crippling stroke against his own defense.

The competency hearing is scheduled for January 30, which will bring the case into its third calendar year.

A third murder gaining headlines, which also occurred in 2000 but continued throughout 2001, involved two relatives and gained national attention through the syndicated column "News of the Weird."

Following an altercation while the two were performing construction work on a home near Banner, eyewitnesses claimed to have watched in horror as a disagreement led to 37-year-old George Andrew Jarrell shooting and killing his cousin, Bill J. Jarrell, 28, of Abbott.

According to police reports at the time, George Jarrell left the construction site during the altercation and returned with a shotgun moments later.

During interviews with The Floyd County Times later, family members said George Jarrell retrieved a "pump" shotgun and returned to shoot his cousin twice in the head at close range before leaving the scene.

Jarrell was arrested by authorities later that evening and charged with murder.

As has been the case with Bishop, Jarrell's case has also

endured a number of stages, forcing continuances for new trial dates and then, finally, a question about the accused killer's mental state, brought to the court's attention by Jarrell's attorney in the case, Stephen Owens, who requested the court to consider George Jarrell's frame of mind at the time of the alleged incident.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner also filed a request for Jarrell's mental evaluation, although stating that he had seen nothing in his dealings with the defendant to support a claim of incompetency or insanity.

Of the four murders making headlines in Floyd County in 2001, there is only one for which there have been no arrests or solid lead developments to materialize.

The murder of James David Childers, 52, of Wayland and brother-in-law of that city's mayor, Tom Murphy, left offi-

cial facing an unusual set of circumstances which included several of Childers' family members as possible suspects.

According to reports at the time, Childers' body was discovered at approximately 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, after his brother, Ed Childers, arrived at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Childers' body was covered with a blanket and a sheet along with a 4-by-8 piece of plywood in the back of his brother's truck, having suffered a number of gunshot wounds.

Authorities questioned several family members, including Ed Childers, and came away with conflicting accounts, such as who actually discovered Childers' body and then, even more confusing to their efforts, whether Childers was even killed in Floyd County after additional sources said he may have been murdered in Lawrence County.

Reports also indicated that although Childers' body had been found at roughly 2 p.m., authorities were not notified of the incident until over six hours later, which was after 8 p.m. that Saturday evening.

When questioned about the unusual circumstances surrounding Childers' death, Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn hinted that something didn't seem right about the information gathered.

To date, there have still been no arrests made in connection to Childers' death, as authorities continue to guard the case, pending a time when the results can be presented officially to a grand jury.

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## Terror

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Several of the passengers and flight attendants overpowered the hijackers and forced the plane to crash in a remote Pennsylvania field instead of its intended target, speculated to be the White House or Capitol in Washington.

Back in Floyd County, about the same time all of these events were taking place, word went out that the Dairy Cheer restaurant in Prestonsburg was on fire. And although it seems almost laughable now, several newspaper and rescue workers would later admit that the first thought to go through their minds was that terrorism had struck Floyd County.

In the days and weeks to fol-

low, Floyd Countians united with fellow Americans near and far, first in grief, then in remembrance, and finally in determination.

Prayer vigils were held in Prestonsburg at the courthouse and city hall on Sept. 14. Six days later, an anonymously-organized event was held at Prestonsburg High School's Josh Francis Field united attendees in song, prayer and patriotism.

Several weeks later, on Oct. 7, the U.S. began its military effort against terrorists and their sponsors in Afghanistan, ultimately driving the Taliban government of that country out of power.

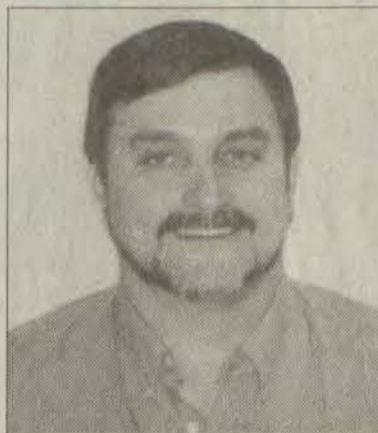
However, at year's end,

Osama bin Laden, the terrorist mastermind believed to be behind the Sept. 11 attacks whose name would become synonymous with evil, remained an elusive, with rumors of his fate ranging from death to escape, and government officials admitting they just were not sure what had happened to him.

Meanwhile, even with victory in Afghanistan, President George W. Bush pledged that the nation's war against terror would continue.

In time, life would regain some semblance of normalcy, although nearly everyone would agree that things had changed with the Sept. 11 attacks, with life before seeming impossibly distant from life after.

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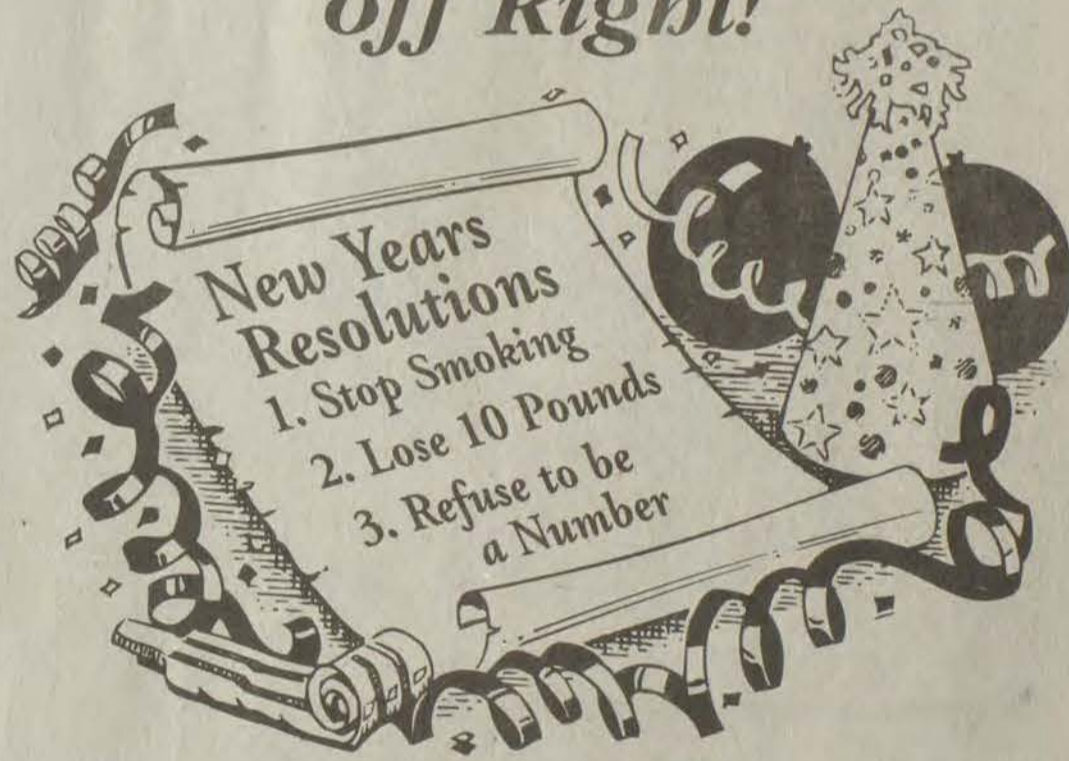
## JACKIE EDFORD OWENS MAGISTRATE—Dist. 2

During my last term as Magistrate, I was able to build not only the **Right Beaver Community Park** at Garrett, which consists of a **walking track**, a **basketball court**, a **little league field**, and a **baseball field** for Allen Central's home games, but **I also built** the **Allen Central Football Field** and **Track Facility** for the students of Allen Central and the community. In our agreement, the track is left open for the public to use for a walking track. I was able to help raise **\$14,500** to buy track equipment at Allen Central from **donations** from **myself** and **local businessmen**. People, **these are the facts**. **I have proven what I can do for District 2, and our kids.**

P.S.—I remember when people walked **beside the highways** and the kids practiced **on the roads** and **strip jobs**.

Pd for by Jackie Owens—550 Prater Fk. Rd.—Hueysville, Ky.

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## Guest View

# Getting down to basics

American education has long been criticized for graduating far too many students from high school who don't measure up in reading, writing and math.

Just because a student has earned a diploma, doesn't mean he is proficient enough in the basic three Rs to make it on a job or to meet the demands of college work.

Employers and colleges realize it right away. Colleges report that nearly half of all college students end up taking at least one remedial course somewhere along the way.

Being unprepared for the rigor of college work is one of the factors that contribute to more than one-quarter of all freshman at four-year colleges and nearly half at two-year colleges dropping out after the first year.

In short, it's time to raise the bar for all students.

But how high? What will meet the demands of business, industry and higher education?

The American Diploma Project, a national project that Kentucky will participate in, intends to determine that. The state is among five states that will help develop standards to assure businesses and colleges that high school graduates are proficient in reading, writing and math.

The project will examine graduation standards in each of the five states and match them against the expectations of businesses, colleges and universities to determine where there are gaps. Once gaps are identified, efforts can be made to close them.

That will likely mean tougher graduation requirements and a more rigorous curriculum all of which may cost more. But it's a worthwhile investment in students and our future.

The project's ultimate goal is to standardize what is required for a high school diploma throughout the nation so a diploma earned in Covington means the same as one earned in Lexington or in California or in New York. Increasingly, high school graduates compete with students from across the state and nation if not beyond when it comes to getting into college, winning scholarships and landing jobs.

More importantly, by closing the gaps between what students currently know and what businesses and higher education expect them to know, the value of a high school diploma will be raised.

A diploma will truly mean the student is ready for the challenge ahead.

—The Kentucky Post



## Guest Column

# New Year's resolutions to save the world

by ERICA HESCH

If you're like most Americans, you want our world to stay beautiful for many generations to come. Many people, including myself, want to commit to a few changes that will have an impact on using the world's resources wisely. Like me, you might feel overwhelmed with just the thought of the many changes we all need to make.

The usual New Year's resolutions seem to fall through because they're based on depriving oneself of something — usually food. Instead, if we focus on giving to others, and ourselves, our New Year's resolutions might stick.

Hence came my New Year's resolutions for 2002. I hope that it might encourage others to add similar ideas to their lists.

I chose three resolutions to focus on this year. I'm going to:

- Avoid buying clothes that require dry cleaning, which harms the environment, and buy natural fiber clothing when possible.

- Seek out concentrated products such as detergents, which use far less packaging, and try to buy eco-cleaners, which are much less damaging to the environment, and will leave my house

smelling like nature, rather than chemicals.

- Install water-saving faucets and showerheads — they can cut water consumption in half, saving money and conserving a vital natural resource.

Feeling expansive, I have further decided to:

- Buy organic food — it tastes better and helps preserve the environment. It is also increasingly available at supermarkets, or better yet, visit your local farmer's market and meet the people who grow your food.

- Recycle and repair clothes. Pass along clothes to friends, charity shops, and yard sales. (Last year we held a clothing swap at my office and it was a great success — we all got "new" clothes and leftovers went to charity.)

- Use old clothing and sheets for dusting and cleaning rags, instead of disposable paper towels — you'll free up space in your closets, too!

- Pack lunches using reusable containers instead of plastic and paper. As a bonus, your lunches will stay fresher.

- Volunteer to cook and serve food in a soup kitchen or shelter once a week or month — you'll probably meet a lot of great people, too!

- When traveling, choose locally

owned accommodations and restaurants — which are cozier and friendlier than national chains. Let lodging management know that you don't need clean sheets and towels every day.

There are also plenty of resources available to help us keep our New Year's resolutions. Co-op America's National Green Pages makes it easy to celebrate life and peace, while supporting businesses that are good corporate citizens. It is a directory of thousands of unique socially and environmentally responsible businesses that put their customers, communities and the environment at the top of their agenda. It can be found on the Web at [www.greenpages.org](http://www.greenpages.org). This is where I found my water-saving showerhead and eco-friendly cleaning products.

I hope these ideas and resources will help you get started on your own list of New Year's resolutions this year. We're all in this together, so let's get started!

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# The death of local TV news

by JIM HIGHTOWER

There's a blunt bumper sticker that says: "Kill your television."

Don't bother. Television is busy killing itself. It's said that you can't commit suicide by strangling yourself, yet that's exactly how the television industry — now in the hands of massive conglomerates like Viacom and GE — is killing off its news divisions and local stations.

The conglomerates, always trying to crank up their profits and stock prices to absurd levels, constantly are squeezing the budgets, shrinking the staff, and consolidating their operations until there's no news left on their "news" broadcasts and no locals left in their "local" programming.

The latest advance in this strangulation process comes from CBS, which has

just applied a brand new chokehold to its own local station in my town of Austin, Texas. Viacom, the global conglomerate that owns CBS, recently whacked the station, called K-EYE, by eliminating its programming and business departments. Gone are K-EYE's general manager and program manager.

Oh, tut-tut, say the corporate brass, we still have a GM and a PM ... It's just that they're no longer based in Austin. Or in Texas. Now, the programming and business decisions for Austin's "local" CBS station are being made 1,000 miles away by managers in Tampa, Fla.

I'm sure the general manager there is highly qualified, but what he knows about the people, culture, business and news of our city is diddlyquat. Local television news is not a one-size-fits-all widget-making business. Its job is to provide information and insight about

our unique community. Our new Tampa overseer, however, seems oblivious to such concerns, instead taking the corporate perspective: "It's just a better way to do business," he declared, "and it's probably the wave of the future."

When we let business rule news, the conglomerates profit, but our democracy shrivels. Local TV's responsibility ought not be to a handful of absent executives and Wall Street investors, but to our communities.

Radio talk-show host and author Jim Hightower is a former agricultural commissioner of Texas. His latest book, "If The Gods Had Meant Us To Vote, They Would Have Given Us Candidates" (Harper-Collins), has just been released in a fully revised and updated paperback edition.

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# Community Calendar

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**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.

**Red Cross moves to new location**

The American Red Cross, Big Sandy Area Chapter has moved to a new location. We are now located at the Big Sandy Area Development District Building, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Phone 886-8330.

**Earn college credits**

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.

**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.

**Mud Creek Clinic**

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

**Housing assistance in Wayland area**

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

**Attention Veterans!**

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

**"Looking for a Support Group?"**

■ Laryngectomy Support Group — Meets ever 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 Pke-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 first Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside the Pikeville Independent School. For more info., call (606) 377-6142, or (606) 478-5099.

■ Narconon—Free assessment, evaluation and referral services can help you to overcome your drug addiction problems. Call 1-800-468-6933, or visit [www.stopaddiction.com](http://www.stopaddiction.com).

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## CPSC issues 'What's In and What's Out' list for a safe new year

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) says consumers who hope to

eliminate hazards in their homes should check what's in and what's out for a safe New Year.

**Out:** Falling asleep amid scented candles.

**In:** Extinguishing all candles at bedtime and when leaving a room. Candle fire deaths increased 750 percent from 1980 to 1998.

**Out:** Old chests that lock automatically. Lane cedar chests manufactured before 1987 can lock automatically, suffocating children.

**In:** Lane cedar chests with new locks. Obtain free new locks from Lane at 888-856-8758 or [lane.furniture.com](http://lane.furniture.com).

**Out:** Not wearing helmets.

**In:** Getting the helmet habit. Helmets can prevent serious head injuries while cycling, skateboarding, skating, scooter riding and in snow sports.

**Out:** Old freezers with automatic latches. Chest Freezers made between 1945-1970 can trap and suffocate children.

**In:** Disabling latches on old chest freezers. If you don't know how, contact: [aham.org/freezer\\_safety.htm](http://aham.org/freezer_safety.htm) or 800-267-3138.

**Out:** Wrong toy, wrong age. Small parts can choke kids under 3 years old.

**In:** Right toy/right age.

**Out:** Placing baby on its stomach to sleep. Increases the risk of SIDS and suffocation.

**In:** Placing baby on its back to sleep.

**Out:** Babies sleeping in adult beds. Many babies die annually while sleeping in adult or makeshift beds.

**In:** Babies sleeping in cribs.

**Out:** Smoke alarms with dead batteries.

**In:** Working smoke alarms.

**Out:** Holiday lights with no label. Holiday lights without a testing lab label such as UL or ETL may be fire hazards.

**In:** Checking the label on holiday lights.

**Out:** Old playpens. Some older playpens have top rails that must be rotated when set up. These rails can collapse, entrapping babies.

**In:** New playpens. Top rails lock into place automatically.

**Out:** Old cribs. Older cribs may be unsafe, due to missing or loose hardware, too much space between slats or cutouts on headboards.

**In:** New cribs meet safety standards to protect baby.

**Out:** Cribs with soft bedding. Soft quilts, comforters, and pillows can suffocate babies.

**In:** Cribs without soft bedding.

**Out:** Babies left in or near water for even a moment.

**In:** Babies always within reach in or near water.

**Out:** Drawstrings on the hood & neck of kids' jackets & sweatshirts can strangle.

**In:** Snaps or velcro. On the hood and neck of kids' jackets & sweatshirts.

**Out:** Window blind cords with loops. Children can strangle in cord loops.

**In:** Cutting any loops on window blind cords.

**Out:** Backyard playsets on hard-packed earth, cement or asphalt. Falls can cause serious head injuries.

**In:** Backyard playsets on soft surfaces — Sand, wood chips, mulch, shredded rubber

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dition that the district remain under state management for another three years, with the primary focus shifting from financial affairs to instructional ones.

Floyd County native, Zella Wells, was appointed as the district's new state manager in June, following the resignation of former state manager, Woodrow Carter. Whereas Carter had taken a direct and quite visible role in his management responsibilities, Wells initially contended that her approach would be more "backseat" in nature. Wells expressed great confidence in the board to manage its responsibilities and issue directives and informed the board that she would be available for comment and consultation but that she would not be directly involved in the decision making process. As an added exclamation point, Wells declined to take a seat at the formal board meeting table, opting instead to take her place in the attending audience seating.

However, as Wilhoit received reports of numerous and often lengthy board meetings, in addition to reports of a breakdown in board member relationships, he issued a directive to Wells in early December to take a "more active leadership role" with the board as well as taking an assigned seat at the board table, citing "ineffective

leadership" from board Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning as a catalyst for this decision.

The board gained another step in a forward moving direction when they began work in early summer to improve their working relations with one another, only to once again fall backwards some weeks later when board member Carol Stumbo accused board chairman Johnnie Ross of penning an editorial that appeared in the Floyd County Times that resulted in the causing of "much trouble" at one of the district's larger high schools.

The board also attempted to move forward in the arena of academics and "excellence in education" by implementing a new policy requiring all middle school students participating in athletic activities to maintain a 2.5 grade point average. After much objection from parents and coaches voicing demands that the board rescind the policy claiming that it was "unfair" to students, the board relented, but only to the point that the exact wording of the policy was altered to students being held to the policy "except in cases of documented learning impediment or impairment." The controversy around the 2.5 GPA policy still surrounds the existing school board.

Even more controversy surrounded the newly implemented

board policy of increasing the current school instructional day by fifteen (15) minutes in order to raise the academic standard. District teachers represented by the Floyd County Educator's Association (FCEA) turned out in large numbers to oppose the board's policy even to the point of issuing ultimatums in regard to its rescission, "the rescission (of the 15 minute policy) should take effect no later than Friday (September 14)," instructed Donna Collins, president of the FCEA.

After a valiant battle to persuade the FCEA to shift its position on the matter, the board finally succumbed in mid-October to a revision of the policy allowing an earlier dismissal time of each school day as well as for allowing "early Wednesdays" to be utilized each Wednesday of each week.

Also, after gaining a board member for the vacated district 2 seat which had gone unfilled for the greater portion of the year 2001, Dr. Chandra Varia, a Martin physician and philanthropist, was appointed to the empty seat. After much welcoming to her new position, the honeymoon was soon short-lived as Varia wasted little time in pointing out operational deficiencies to her fellow board members.

According to Varia, her fellow

board members had been guilty of allowing athletics and teacher concerns to take the forefront of meetings over discussion of more important academic issues such as state testing scores. Varia challenged each board member and the county's teachers to "think for just one minute about why you became board members and why you became teachers."

Another issue that tended to divide the district in opinion was that of the naming of the newly constructed Prestonsburg High School football field. Despite board chairman Johnnie Ross' request to allow more student and community input into the naming of the field, and despite what appeared to be a gerrymandered polling process at the aforementioned school, the field was officially named after an impassioned appeal to the board by two Prestonsburg High School students to accept their proposed name of "Josh Francis Field." Francis was a Prestonsburg High School football player who was killed in an automobile accident in August.

At the close of the year 2001, the last regular board meeting was still marked by a lengthy meeting, controversy over the 2.5 GPA middle school athletic policy, and a predisposition to allow athletics to dominate academics.

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## Change in state law helps burglary victim get back on her feet

After her home was burglarized and her ex-husband was charged with the crime, a Danville mother of two felt she had nowhere to turn to help get her life back to normal.

In addition to dealing with the emotional aftermath of the crime over the past summer, the woman had lost thousands of dollars worth of items, including a TV, jewelry, a child's coin collection and two computers and printers she needed to work out of her home as a systems analyst.

"My livelihood was gone," she said.

Then came notice from her insurance company that it wouldn't cover any of the losses because her ex-husband, whom she divorced in 1999, was still named on the mortgage and the homeowners insurance policy.

"That was the last slap in the face," she said. "I just felt like this was so unjust ... I felt so abandoned."

Her first ray of hope came, she said, when workers at the Kentucky Department of Insurance told her about a state law, then only one year old, that Rep. Bob Damron, D-Nicholasville, had sponsored in the General Assembly's 2000 session. Damron's legislation had amended state law to prohibit insurance companies from denying a claim resulting from domestic violence and assault.

Once Department of Insurance workers notified the woman's insurance company about the new law, the company reversed itself and cut a check to help cover the woman's losses, said Roger Snell, a spokesman for the department.

"This clearly was a consumer-friendly law we were able to use on her behalf," Snell said.

"When someone finally said, 'Yes, we can help you,' it was such a relief," the woman said. "I was so happy. I can't tell you what a ray of sunshine that was after such a terrible situation."

She called the \$8,100 payment she received from her insurance company "a really fair settlement."

Damron said the law worked as intended to make sure victims of domestic crimes aren't further victimized.

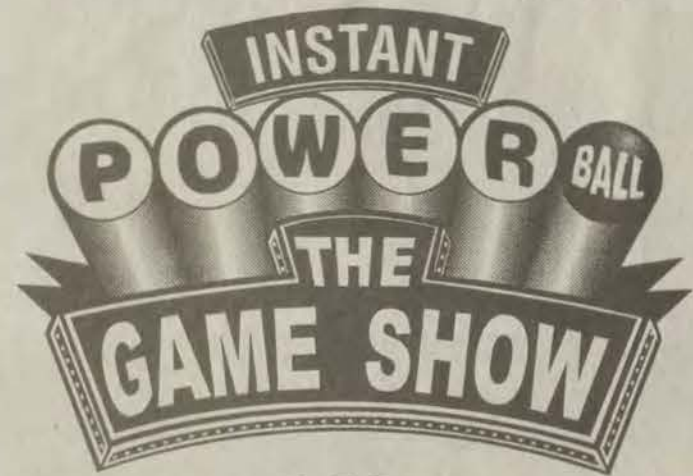
"I'm very glad the Department of Insurance workers were able to intervene and use this law to protect the interests of someone who needed and deserved the help," Damron said. "Their efforts quite directly helped this woman through a difficult time in her life."

Now that she's getting back on solid financial ground, the woman helped by Damron's legislation has put her Danville house up for sale, moved with her children to her mother's house in Louisville, and started

looking there for a house of her own. She said she hopes any other people who have ordeals like hers know about Damron's legislation and how it can help protect them.

"If others find the same relief and assistance that I did, it would be wonderful," she said. "That was the one bright spot during a period of darkness in my life."

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## Auto racing

### Evernham tabs Gaughan for engine endurance test at Kentucky Speedway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Ray Evernham tabbed two-time NASCAR Winston West Champion and 2002 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series driver Brendan Gaughan to conduct a one-day engine endurance test at Kentucky Speedway.

"This is just an R&D test that Ray Evernham facilitates for Dodge. We're just doing an endurance test on the engine to see how it reacts under race conditions. It's not a new engine, we're just working on a few small things that will hopefully make us a little better next year," said Aaron Brown of Evernham Motorsports.

Gaughan took the 2001 NASCAR Winston West title after posting six wins and a total of 10 top-five and 11 top-10 finishes for the season. His extensive stock car driving experience made him a logical choice to drive during Evernham's test.

"The Winston West car is just a Winston Cup car on a regional basis, the difference is about 70 to 80 horsepower depending on the motors you're using. Other than that they're basically identical, except for a quarter- or half-inch on the spoiler, so it's what I've been driving all year with a little more power," Gaughan said.

The 26-year-old also brought home two top-five and a top-10 finish in seven NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series starts in 2001. Gaughan placed second at Texas, third at Mesa Marin and 10th in Chicago. He is looking forward to bringing his Orleans Race team and NAPA sponsorship to the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series full-time in 2002.

"On the truck series, we had a goal this year that when we show up, they (other drivers) knew we

(See **SPEED**, page C8)

## Golf

### PGA Club Professional Championship to move to Valhalla Golf Club

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The 35th PGA Club Professional Championship, the showcase event for PGA Professionals, will be moved from the Ocean Course in Kiawah Island, S.C., to Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, June 20-23.

The site change was made due to the Ocean Course anticipating changing the putting surfaces from Tidwarf to Tif Eagle during 2002. The PGA Club Professional Championship, however, will visit the Ocean Course in 2005.

(See **GOLF**, page C8)

## Wrestling

### Superior numbers gives Golden Eagles win over Perry Central

by TONY McGUIRE  
SPORTS WRITER

The Johnson Central Golden Eagle wrestling team made the trip to Hazard this week to take part in the Perry Central Commodores tri-meet. Despite splitting the six matches 3-3, the Golden Eagles came away with the win because they were able to bring more wrestlers and won on points.

In the first match Perry

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## Among legends we treasure ... among the very best is King Kelly Coleman

by BOB WATKINS  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Some legends die hard. Others, smoothed by time's passage, own a place among our treasured things.

King Kelly Coleman. A name that belongs forever in the first paragraph of

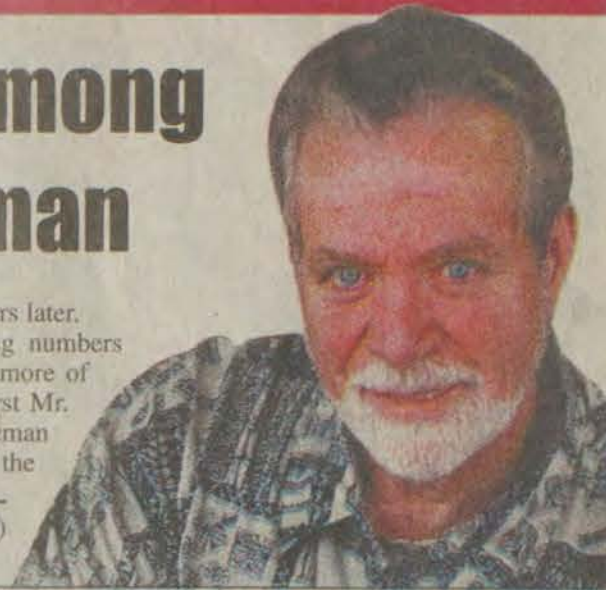
any basketball story, indeed sports in Kentucky.

Certainly in part because of Coleman's compelling on-court achievements - 4,337 points scored in high school (nobody else is close); and 68 points and 28 rebounds in one State Tournament game. Points and rebounds,

records that still stand 45 years later.

Yet, as much as imposing numbers and records - and there are more of both, including the state's first Mr. Basketball, 1956 - Kelly Coleman is the local embodiment of the

(See **COLEMAN**, page three)



Prestonsburg and Cordia players gathered the basket awaiting a rebound.

photo by Jamie Howell

## Blackcats fall to Cordia

by JAMIE HOWELL  
SPORTS WRITER

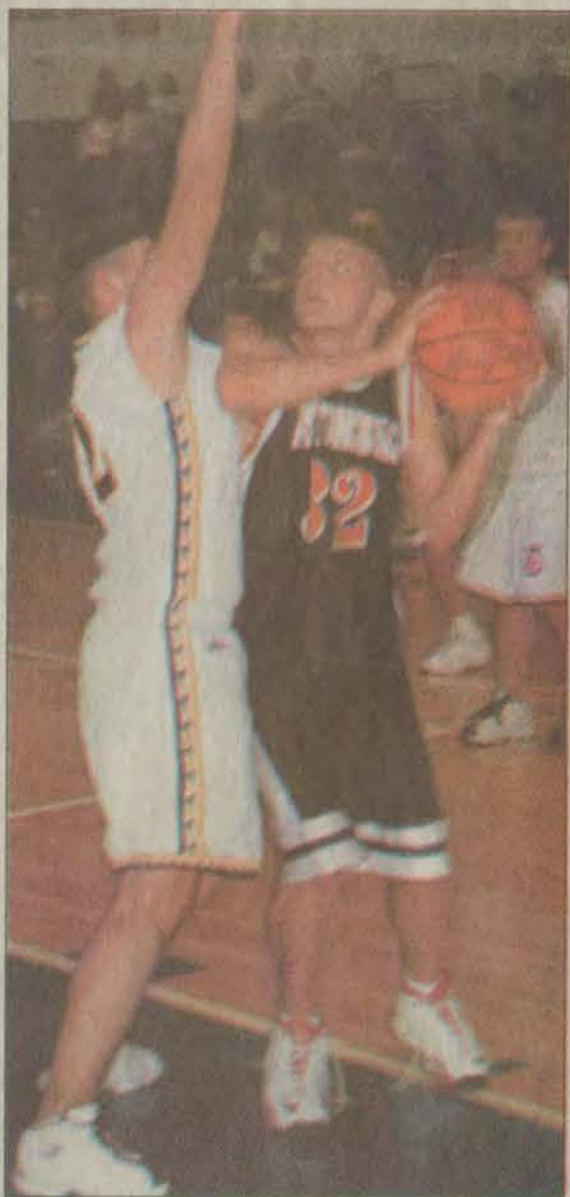
Early in this young basketball season, the Prestonsburg Blackcats have enjoyed success and disappointment in their efforts. Pre-stonsburg started the year on a down note by dropping their first two games, one to the Millard Mustangs and one to the Shelby Valley Wildcats. After starting the year at 0-2, the young Blackcats seemed to be stuck in the mode they have been in for the past few years, but Prestonsburg regrouped and rallied to win their next four games and seemed to be

on a roll.

The Blackcats reeled off wins over Magoffin County, Wolfe County, Allen Central, and Elkhorn City. The wins had the town of Prestonsburg talking about the success of this year's team.

After the big road win over district foe Allen Central, the Cats have since fallen o hard times again losing their last three. Prestonsburg started their losing streak at Sheldon Clark, and have dropped two games in the Hobert Potter Classic at Shelby Valley los-

(See **CORDIA**, page C8)



Junior Chris Kidd (32) looked to put in a score against Cordia on Friday night.

photo by Jamie Howell

## Bobcats lose to Monticello, beat Deming

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Winning the first game of a tournament doesn't always assure a team of a second round victory.

If ever, very, very rarely does it do so. Such was the case when one Floyd County team began a tourney last week with a victory. But the Bobcats would bounce back to win in their third game of the tourney.

The Betsy Layne Bobcats, coach by Brent Rose, after winning the first game of a tournament in Gallatin County, dropped a second round game to Monticello, 61-56.

Betsy Layne trailed 10-7 at the end of the first quarter and 27-25 at the half. Monticello outscored

(See **BOBCATS**, page C8)



## Lady Tigers edge P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

What hurts worse, a blowout loss or a one-point loss? The Prestonsburg Ladycats have experienced both this season and the latter came Friday in the Lady Eagle Holiday Classic at Johnson Central High School.

Prestonsburg took on Paintsville and fell 57-56 after a fourth quarter in which the Lady Tigers outscored the Ladycats 14-8 to clinch a one-point victory in what was by far the closest game in the tournament to date.

Prestonsburg put up a strong first quarter effort. The Ladycats held an 18-10 lead at the end of the first quarter only to see Paintsville bounce back in the second stanza. The Lady Tigers outscored P'burg 18-13 in the second period. Prestonsburg held

(See **TIGERS**, page three)

## Raiders beat Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Two old friends met Friday night. It was a matchup of two teams which are now considered perennial 15th Region boys' basketball favorites. In one corner, you had the old hand, Pikeville. The Panthers, coached by Dave Thomas, have had some great runs in the 15th Region, including a streak in the 90s. In the other corner you had the South Floyd Raiders. The Raiders, coached by Henry Webb, are coming off a year in which they surprised some people in the 15th Region by winning the crown and dancing all the way to Rupp Arena.

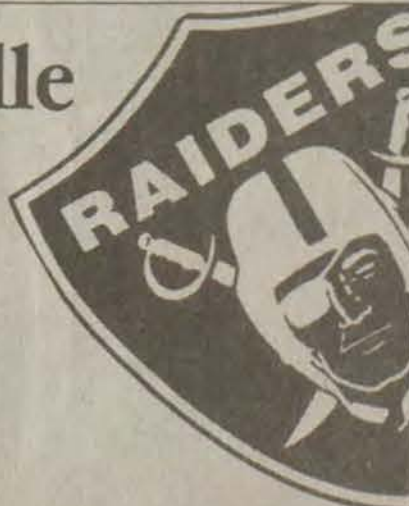
The scene was set Friday

night and neither team disappointed as the Raiders battled back from a 41-36 halftime deficit and scored a 70-63 win. Pikeville edged South Floyd 17-16 in the first quarter and 24-20 in the second period to go into the break with a 41-36 advantage.

The game with Pikeville was South Floyd's first since its return from Florida and Westminster Academy.

The second half saw South Floyd go directly back to work. The Raiders went about their basketball playing ways in workman-like fashion. South Floyd held Pikeville under double-digits in the third quarter, outscoring the

(See **RAIDERS**, page three)



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## Coleman helping lead struggling Minnesota-Morris team

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Prestonsburg High School graduate Brooke Coleman signed to play her collegiate basketball at the University of Minnesota-Morris last spring. Now, Coleman finds herself right in the thick of things as her and her teammates struggle to find wins.

Before the Christmas break, as of Dec. 19, UMM was 0-9. UMM's closest win of the season came in the first game of the year when it lost to the South Dakota School of Mines

& Technology, 93-63. That game was played way back on Nov. 16.

In a recent 106-31 loss to North Central Conference foe South Dakota State, UMM went into the half trailing 56-17, and it didn't get much better in the second half, but nonetheless, Coleman put together a nice effort on the boards pulling down six rebounds. The very next day, Dec. 15, Coleman jerked down seven rebounds in a 85-30 loss

(See **LEAD**, page two)



# National, state celebrities to appear in Kentucky Speedway ticket campaign

## SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Kentucky Speedway will take its multi-market single-event and season ticket advertising campaign off the race track beginning Sunday, with billboards and print advertisements featuring national and local personalities not commonly associated with race events.

The four-month campaign will include outdoor, transit, newspaper and magazine advertising. Ads will primarily target the Greater Cincinnati and Dayton markets in Ohio, as well as the Kentucky markets of Louisville and Lexington. Ads also will reach Columbus, Cleveland and Toledo in Ohio, Indianapolis, Ind., and select West Virginia markets.

"The strategy is three-fold: build on the popularity of rac-

ing, raise awareness for our venue and support 2002 single-event ticket sales that begin January 7," said Mark F. Cassis, executive vice president and general manager at Kentucky Speedway. "We wanted to expand our scope to include endorsements from well-known people who are not normally associated with motorsports to let prospective customers know that our events appeal to a diverse audience. This campaign will certainly help us meet our strategic goals," Cassis added.

Advertising appearing in Greater Cincinnati and extended Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia markets will feature former Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver and current FOX/HBO television personality Cris Collinsworth. A Greater

Cincinnati print ad will additionally showcase Bertrand Bouquin, head chef at the Maisonette Restaurant, one of the nation's longest-running Mobile Five-Star rated restaurants.

The Collinsworth advertisement reads: "Passes at 200 m.p.h....I love auto racing." The Bouquin advertisement debuts a new recipe exclusive to Kentucky Speedway. The head-

line reads: "My latest recipe. Take 750 horsepower and add a dash of burning rubber...I love racing."

Kentucky advertisements will feature University of Kentucky Head Basketball Coach Tubby Smith and University of Louisville Head Football Coach John L. Smith in

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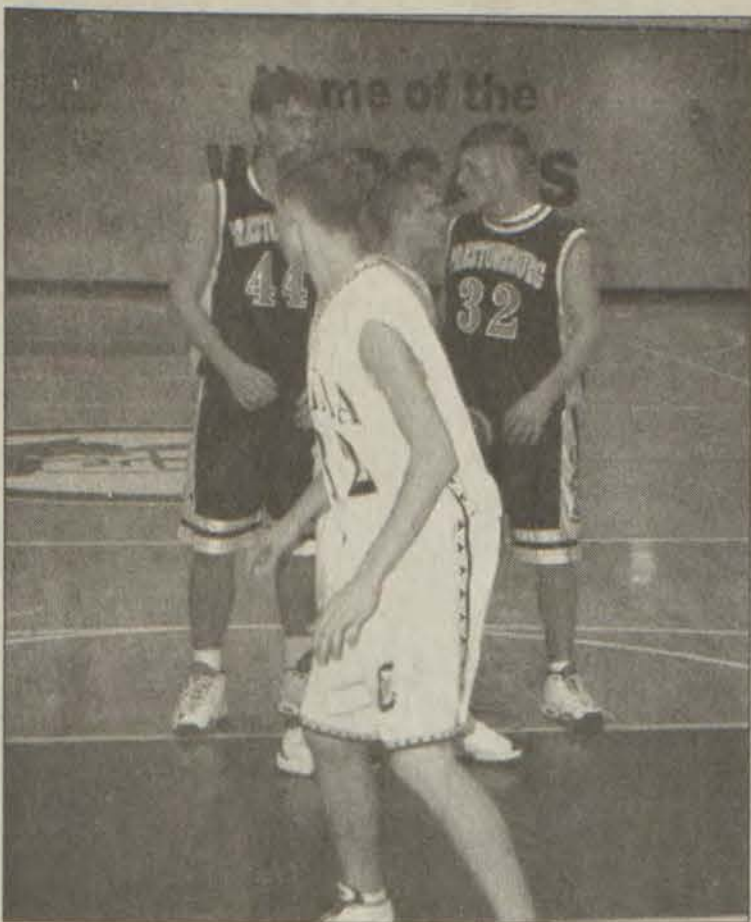


photo by Jamie Howell

Chris Kidd (32) and Brandt Brooks (44) awaited Cordia's next move.

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to the University of South Dakota.

The Lady Cougars have this month and nearly the entire month of February to get it together before their conference tourney begins on Feb. 27 with a first round game.

Playing at a guard position, Coleman, 5-9, is averaging four points and four rebounds per game. She is currently joined in the UMM starting lineup by freshman guard Michelle Didier (5-8), sophomore guard Stacy Nordgren (6-0), junior forward Erin Reger (5-7) and senior center Kimi Bragdon (6-1).

Coleman has done her part this season. When UMM head coach Tad Banker recruited and signed Coleman he promised her playing time. Through Dec. 19, Coleman had contributed nicely, leading her team in assists in three games and rebounds in two others. She has yet to lead the Lady Cougars in scoring in a game and has not yet recorded a double-double both could come at any time.

Coleman is averaging 26.3 minutes per game. She has connected on three three-pointers this season, while starting in eight of her team's first 10 games.

The preseason NSIC coaches poll had Minnesota-Morris picked to finish last in the 10 team conference. Minnesota-Duluth was picked ahead of the Lady Cougars.

Winter weather in Minnesota is brutal. But the basketball is competitive.

The University of Minnesota-Morris women play their first game of the new year on Friday, when they play host to University of Minnesota-Crookston.

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## PC

Central's Jacob Melton came away with an impressive 13-1 win over Johnson Central's Jimbo Music in the 112-pound class. Melton controlled the match from the beginning but was unable to clearly place Music's shoulders to the match.

In the 125-pound class, Johnson Central's Matt Vanhoose dominated Perry Central's Eric Joseph from start to finish. The match was called with :58 remaining in the match as Vanhoose took a 15-0 lead.

Perry Central's Joe Utt and Johnson Central's Shane Webb locked horns in the center of the ring for nearly the entire first period with neither wrestler being able to gain a clear advantage. With :14 remaining in the first, Utt scored with a takedown to take a 2-0 lead. Early in the second, Utt, leading 4-0, put an end to the 130-pound match by pinning Webb.

Johnson Central tied the matches at two apiece when Brenton Dials pinned Perry Central's Jon Watts just 13 seconds into the match.

In the 215-pound class, Perry Central's Robbie Napier fell behind early, but came from behind to take a 3-2 lead after the first period. Napier started in the down position in the second period and quickly escaped

giving him the 4-2 lead. After escaping, Napier scored with a take down and immediately rolled Johnson Central's Daniel Webb into a neat package for the pin.

Perry Central's Nick Cory and Johnson Central's Drew Trimble (103-pound) finished the evening's festivities. Trimble jumped out to an early lead and kept Cory on the defensive for the entire match. Each time Cory would escape, Trimble would counter with a takedown that would increase his lead. In the final period, the Johnson Central wrestler proved to be too much, and was able to tie the meet at three matches apiece.

Due to the larger number of wrestlers, Johnson Central went on to record the match win on points.

## P'burg coach Butcher helped build JC grappling program

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Prestonsburg assistant principal Jerry Butcher wears many

hats. In addition to serving as the assistant principal he also assists in football and heads up a rapidly growing successful PHS wrestling team. Butcher's wrestling days began at his high school alma mater, Johnson Central.

At Johnson Central, Butcher excelled in both football and wrestling before moving on to play collegiate football at Western Kentucky University. he eventually went to work in the Johnson County School Systems and was an assistant coach for the JCHS football team and the head wrestling coach. During his tenure as head coach, the JCHS wrestling program had many firsts, including its first state champion in 1992 when Bobby Vanhoose captured an individual title.

The Prestonsburg wrestling program is growing each and every day. Wrestling is new to the student-athletes of PHS, but many have taken a keen liking to it, including state title contender Nick Chaffin. The Prestonsburg wrestling team was in a tournament at Woodford County over the weekend but results were unavailable at presstime. Results from the Woodford County tourney will appear in Friday's edition.

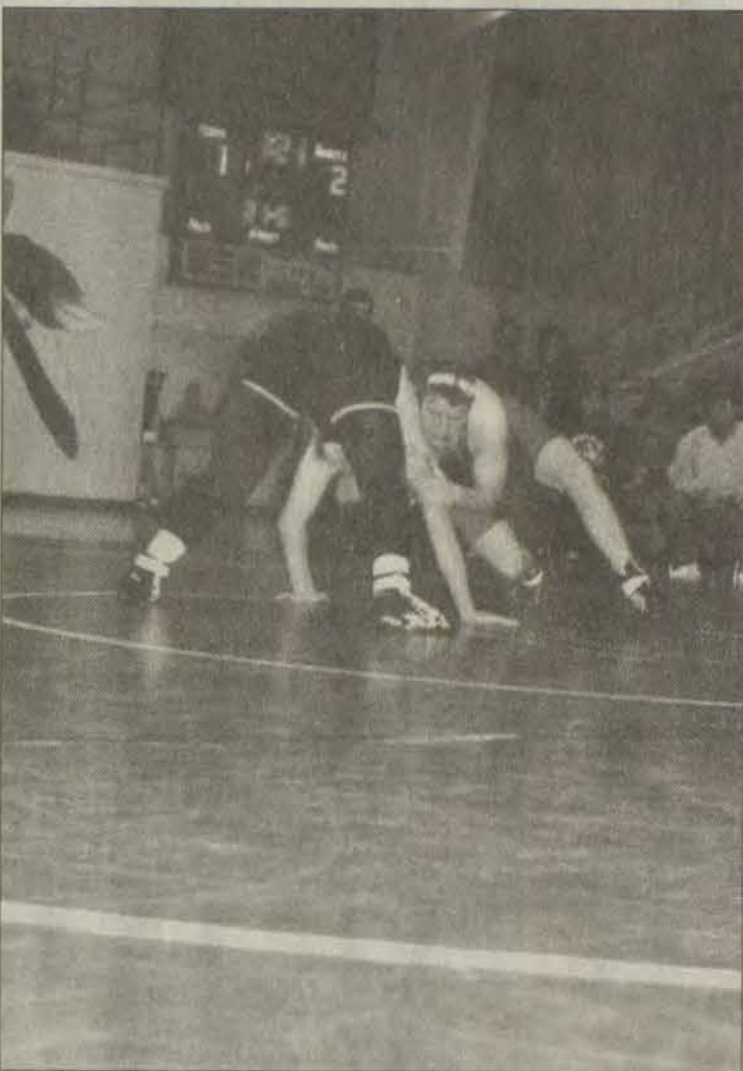
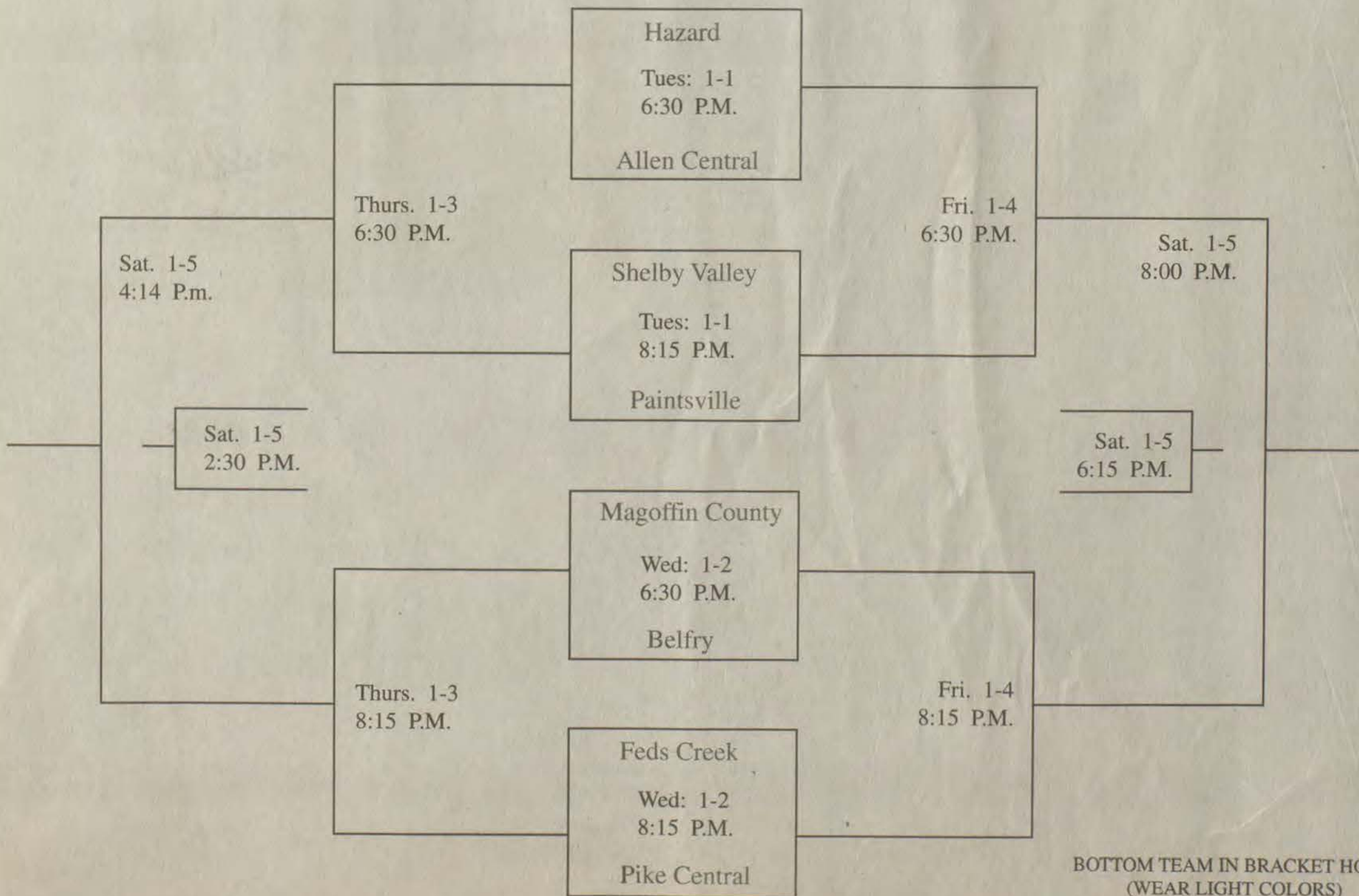


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Perry Central's Robbie Napier breaks down Johnson Central's Daniel Webb with a front face lock.

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Early on Kelly Coleman loved baseball, but, like most eastern Kentucky boys, took up basketball with passion and dreams. He was cut from the team in eighth grade, but tried again the following year, did not play until game three of his freshman year when he was thrust into Copper John Campbell's starting five.

"It was in a Pikeville tournament and when the manager told me I was starting I was so nervous I couldn't get my pants on," he remembers.

Coleman got his pants on and went out to score 19 points. Three seasons later he would be dubbed 'King (of the Mountains)' by freelance writer Gordon Moore in 1955. Only son of a coal miner's four children, King Kelly was thus pressed into a role for which he became a reluctant icon.

Attention came loudly and often to little Wayland. Scoring points at 40-a-game and up, Coleman discovered what he was good at and became cocksure and quotable. His celebrity grew and the nickname didn't hurt. Yet, a shadowy element came with it, corruption. Among the good-intentioned fans were bad ones (gamblers and promoters); and crooked college recruiters come also to buy a high school star from a Kentucky hamlet where 20 bucks meant something and a new car was like hitting Lotto South. Coleman took both from fans and college recruiters.

Innocence and 'havin' fun playin' basketball' for a teenager

was gone replaced by real world hard ball.

"Seemed like every game we played my senior year (1955-56) there was more and more pressure," Coleman recalls. "If you scored 50 you were expected to get 55 next time and if you didn't somebody wanted to know what's wrong with

Kelly? It kept building up. It was a lot of pressure on a kid." Then came the 1956 State Tournament. Coleman and the Wayland Wasps won their way into the Sweet 16 and headed to Lexington the focus of the usual adulation and expectation. Dream trip for every kid who ever bounced a basketball in Kentucky.

For King Kelly it would become a nightmare that would scar him for life.

He scored 50 in the first game, a win over Shelbyville.

"But every time I would touch the ball they'd boo me," he says. "Every time. Up until that tournament I'd never heard booing like that. It got worse as the tournament went along. Then there was the thing with Wah Jones."

Ex-UK football and basketball star Wah Jones, a man whom Coleman had admired for his accomplishments at Harlan High and UK, disparaged the 18-year-old to reporters, suggesting he was selfish and overrated. Already wounded by fans booing, King Kelly was stung by Jones, remarks. Today, 45 seasons later, he still becomes emotional discussing it.

Part of the reason for the boos had to do with Coleman having already signed a basketball scholarship with West Virginia (instead of UK). Speculation was, and the NCAA agreed, Coleman had been paid to sign with the Mountaineers.

"Basketball for me was never the same after that tournament," Coleman says.

"Most people think there would be a lot of good memories from those high school days, but in fact there was a lot of unpleasantness. I don't have what you'd call great memories.

I know that's sad to say, but it was really a pretty tough time. I wouldn't want to go through it again."

A powerful and determined 6-4, 215-pounder, Coleman finished the tournament in a blaze, scoring 68 in a Saturday consolation game. He was ready to move on, become a freshman at West Virginia alongside Jerry West, but the scholarship was nullified when Mountaineer basketball was put on probation for recruiting violations.

UK basketball interests, had blown the whistle on West Virginia, some believed, in an effort to recruit Coleman to Kentucky.

Coleman did sign with UK, but never registered. Years later he would say the simple truth. Personalities would not have let him play for Adolph Rupp. In part because each man was too strong-willed to abide media and fan attention paid the other. Rupp was the star at Kentucky and there would be no co-billing, even with the talented King Kelly.

Instead, Coleman would go on to 3-time All-America status at Kentucky Wesleyan. His jersey No. 45 is retired.

"College was fun, a good time," he says. "Kentucky Wesleyan was a great place to be. It was small and I enjoyed my time there alot."

He was drafted ninth overall by the New York Knicks who paid him a \$2,000 bonus. Picked ninth in today's NBA market, Coleman would negotiate for millions.

But King Kelly not only played basketball hard, he partied hard too, and scuffled with teammates and coach Dick Braun also. He earned himself a reputation and, after two years in the American Basketball League, was out of basketball. He settled in Detroit.

"It was my own fault, all those things," he says wistfully. "I probably got what I deserved.

"A few years ago a New York reporter called and asked how it was that Jerry West and Oscar Robertson and me came out together and they became stars and I didn't?"

Coleman laughed. "I told him the truth. They were just more dedicated. I was more interested in having a good time. That was it. Oh, I could rebound with Oscar, and I always thought I was better than West anyway. But they just wanted it more than I did at the time."

Today, Coleman, who will be 64 in September, is a man guarding his privacy.

Until recent years he has avoided discussing anything to do with his place in Kentucky basketball lore, even refusing induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. "Basketball is taken too seriously," he has said.

But Coleman is coming out, is less reticent discussing the old days over a cup of coffee, is maybe more trusting. He will be featured in Tom Thurman's History of Kentucky Basketball on KET in March.

As time is wont to do, the years have mellowed him ... somewhat.

Coleman is handsome, well-spoken with piercing blue eyes and neatly trimmed white beard. He spends time between Crossville, Tenn. and Wayland, fishing and sharpening his golf game.

"I fish a lot," he says. "And I'm playing golf again. They have some great courses down there. But I still get back to Wayland when I want."

Nearly half-century removed, what does he think of the Legend of King Kelly?

"You enjoy the fact that people remember you sometimes of course," he says quietly. "But I spent a lot of years avoiding all that. It got to be too much and I

(See COLEMAN, page C8)

**Stevens autobiography to be released**

Gary Stevens, who began his career at Idaho's bush tracks before becoming one of the most successful jockeys of all-time, has penned an autobiography that is scheduled for release in May to coincide with the Triple Crown races.

Author Mervyn Kaufman assisted with the book entitled The Perfect Ride, which was published by Kensington Publishing, Daily Racing Form reports.

Stevens got his earliest competitive riding experience on quarter horses at the age of 14. The 38-year-old Caldwell, Idaho, native gained his first thoroughbred winner at Le Bois Park on a horse trained by his father, Ron.

**15th Region records**

(Note: Late Friday, Saturday games not included.)

Boys	
Paintsville	8-4
Shelby Valley	7-1
South Floyd	6-5
Sheldon Clark	5-3
Pike Co. Central	5-3
Belfry	4-1
Allen Central	4-4
Prestonsburg	4-4
Elkhorn City	4-5
Betsy Layne	5-6
Johnson Central	3-6
Millard	2-4
Pikeville	2-6
Phelps	1-3
Feds Creek	1-4
Magoffin County	1-6
Piarist	0-7

Girls	
Magoffin County	9-4
Betsy Layne	8-2
Sheldon Clark	8-2
Johnson Central	7-3
Belfry	6-4
Shelby Valley	5-3
Elkhorn City	5-6
Pike Co. Central	5-8
South Floyd	4-5
Paintsville	4-5
Allen Central	4-6
Pikeville	4-6
Prestonsburg	2-5
Feds Creek	1-2
Phelps	1-7
Piarist	0-7
Millard	0-7

He was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 1997 and a year later earned an Eclipse Award. He has won the Kentucky Derby three times - on Winning Colors in 1998, Thunder Gulch in

'95 and Silver Charm in '97. This year Stevens was the regular rider of Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner point Given before the colt's retirement after winning the Travers Stakes.

**Raiders**

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Panthers 15-9 to take a 51-50 lead into the final quarter. The Raiders outshot Pikeville in the fourth period, edging the host Panthers 19-13 to score the seven-point victory.

Michael Hall led South Floyd in scoring with a game-high 20 points. Another junior, Tyler Hall, was close behind with 19 points. Josh Johnson had 13 points and Rusty Tackett added 12, giving South Floyd Coach Henry Webb four double-digit scorers. Charles Ray added four points and Jack Slone chipped in with two to round out the South Floyd scoring.

Dave Cecil paced Pikeville with 16 points. Justin Kerr had 12 points. Brandon Manica and Don Paul Branham each had 11 points apiece for the Panthers. Robert Shurtleff had six points for Pikeville.

Both teams, South Floyd and Pikeville, will not return to play until this Friday. South Floyd travels to Prestonsburg and Pikeville heads to Millard.

**South Floyd Raiders**

Nov. 30 at Tates Creek, 57-78(L)
Commodore 4 Classic
Dec. 1 Paul Dunbar, 56-57(L)
Commodore 4 Classic
Dec. 8 Millard, 92-47(W)
Q-95 Classic
Dec. 11 at Piarist School, 95-28(W)
Dec. 14 at Allen Central, 62-66(L)
Dec. 15 Piarist School, 106-30(W)
Dec. 18 Betsy Layne, 87-68(W)
Dec. 20 Deerfield Beach, Fla., 72-78(L)
Ft. Lauderdale Beach Holiday Classic
Dec. 21 Orlando First Academy, Fla., 76-72(W)
Ft. Lauderdale Beach Holiday Classic
Dec. 22 Provo, Utah, 56-76(L)
Ft. Lauderdale Beach Holiday Classic
Dec. 28 at Pikeville, 70-63(W)

**Next game**

Jan 4 at Prestonsburg

**Tigers**

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a slim 31-28 lead at the break. Prestonsburg won the third quarter 17-15 but lost out in the end.

Desiree Haney, one of the most talented sophomore players in the state, came through with 12 points to lead Paintsville in scoring. Paintsville head coach Mark Baldwin had eight players score against Prestonsburg.

Ramanda Music once again led Prestonsburg in scoring. Music

tossed in 23 points. Megan Hyden scored 16 points and Molly Burchett flipped in 11. Abby Shaffer, a transfer who played for Paintsville last season, had three points. Heather White had two points and Vicki Bowling added one for the Ladycats.

The win improved Paintsville's record to 3-5. Prestonsburg is now even on the season with five wins and five losses.

**WpMotorsports unveils 2002 team during Kentucky testing**

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WpMotorsports Inc., of Morganfield, unveiled its 2002 race team of drivers Damon Lusk and Bobby Norfleet during a test session held in December at Kentucky Speedway. Both drivers will compete in selected NASCAR Busch Series and ARCA RE/MAX Series events in 2002.

Norfleet will pilot a Chevrolet in both series. Car numbers and sponsors will be announced at a future date. He is one of three African Americans ever to compete in NASCAR and will become the fourth such driver to compete in the ARCA RE/MAX Series in 2002. Norfleet completed five NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series races in 2000 and looks forward to making a transition to stock cars.

"This will be a new opportunity for me to be in stock car racing with WpMotorsports," Norfleet said. "I'm here to get comfortable with the car and get some laps under my belt. My goal is to be in the season-opening (ARCA RE/MAX Series) race at Daytona. It's a rapid learning curve."

The veteran Lusk was at Kentucky to help Norfleet's transition. "Bobby is just trying to get some seat time to get him tuned up to speedway racing. I'm trying to see if I can help him out a little bit by getting him

a feel for a couple of different scenarios. We'll see if our base package is the same, and if it isn't, we'll try to make some minor adjustments."

Lusk will drive the car No. 22 Dynatek Chevrolet on the ARCA RE/MAX circuit and the No. 12 Chevrolet in the NASCAR Busch Series in 2002. During a limited 2001 season, Lusk entered five ARCA RE/MAX races and drove to two top-10 finishes. He also competed in his first NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race where he qualified 21st and finished 11th. In 2002, Lusk will compete for the ARCA RE/MAX Series Superspeedway Championship by running 14 events. He also will make limited NASCAR Busch Series appearances.

Lusk has made two starts at Kentucky Speedway, both in 2000. In July, he finished 17th in Kentucky's 150-mile event and bettered that performance with a 13th place finish in the Blue Grass Quality Meats 200. His career best in the ARCA RE/MAX is fourth in Atlanta in the same year.

Both drivers also will participate in the WpMotorsports ONE-RACE AMERICA program in 2002. The inner city program seeks to bridge the gap between NASCAR and various underrepresented ethnic communities that are unfamiliar with motorsports.

**National**

Their respective cities. The advertising concept, including the media buy, was developed and executed by the Cincinnati-based Powers Agency.

Kentucky Speedway will host race events on four weekends in May, June, July and August in 2002. Speedway officials anticipate a second consecutive sellout crowd for the return of the NASCAR Busch Series event on June 15.

The speedway's inaugural NASCAR Busch Series event drew a standing-room-only crowd of 70,338 to set a Greater Cincinnati sports attendance record.

Beginning Monday, single event tickets will be available and can be purchased five easy ways

- Online at www.kentucky-speedway.com.
- By phone at 1-888-652-

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RACE (toll free).

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# Weight goals: not all or nothing

**KAREN COLLINS, MS, RD, CDN**  
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Some dieters may be working against themselves by setting unrealistic weight loss goals, according to researchers at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Although health experts now emphasize that even a modest five to ten percent weight loss brings significant benefits, many overweight dieters would consider such a small loss worse than disappointing.

For example, when obese women entered a weight-loss program for a University of Pennsylvania study (published in the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology), they considered a loss of 55 pounds "acceptable," and a 37-pound loss "disappointing." After almost a year in a well-rounded treatment program, the weight loss for these women averaged 35 pounds—less than what they considered disappointing, but enough to bring numerous health benefits, according to experts. If the women were dissatisfied with the amount of their weight loss, one wonders whether they kept the habits that had helped them lose weight, or if they gave up in frustration and returned to old habits—and their former weight.

A new follow-up study of the obese at the University of Pennsylvania, published in the Archives of Internal Medicine,

found that those who were most overweight aimed for the greatest weight loss. And in studies reported in Obesity Research and the International Journal of Obesity and Related Metabolic Disorders, researchers found that women tended to set greater weight loss goals than men.

Although they are not in total agreement, many experts discourage dieters from aiming for too great a weight loss. The more weight someone has to lose, the greater the number or degree of changes needed in diet, exercise, or both. Some people may be ready to make big changes. Others who are capable of making and sticking with several moderate changes, might find too much change difficult to maintain. If they followed the latter course, they would most likely regain the weight they had lost, and lose their self-confidence about making less ambitious changes.

To help people calculate the healthiest weight for themselves, both the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines (issued in 2000) and World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations use body mass index (BMI) as a guide. (BMI is a measure of body fat based on weight and height). Both the USDA and the WHO guidelines recommend a BMI of less than 25, which for most adults means a maximum weight of 135 to 185 pounds, depending on height. The American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) sup-

ports this recommendation and notes that, given a healthy weight as a base, any gains during adulthood should be less than 11 pounds.

For those who are overweight, the National Institutes of Health recommends a loss of 10 percent of current weight over a six-month period. Researchers from South Africa report in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association that we need to stop

thinking of weight as a measure of willpower, personality, or moral virtue. Few experts would object if people comfortably achieved a weight loss greater than 10 percent and still maintained healthy eating and exercise habits. But those who are overweight shouldn't let "all or nothing" thinking, or unrealistic expectations, keep them from achieving the benefits that even modest weight loss can bring.

## Firststar investments and insurance take U.S. Bancorp name

Becomes first name change since the companies merged in February

Firststar Investment Services and Firststar Insurance Services are now U.S. Bancorp Investments and U.S. Bancorp Insurance Services. These are the first business lines to make the name change from Firststar to U.S. Bancorp since the merger of the two financial institutions in February. Operating as independent, wholly-owned subsidiaries of U.S. Bancorp (NYSE: USB), these two divisions are working to build the best bank-based retail brokerage and insurance operation in America.

"U.S. Bancorp Investments and Insurance has the capacity, capability, resources and expertise to deliver the investment and insurance products and services our customers want," says Steven Short, head of U.S. Bancorp Investments and Insurance. "The recent marriage of brokerage and insurance will further enhance our ability to meet all of the customer's needs in a single point of contact."

The name change, which took effect on December 1, means while customers may bank at a Firststar branch, they will now complete investment and insurance transactions with U.S. Bancorp Investments or U.S. Bancorp Insurance Services.

Throughout this transaction, customers will continue to receive outstanding service from the same people they have come to know and trust over the years. Account numbers will

remain the same for all customers. U.S. Bancorp Investments customers will continue to receive their same brokerage statement and can access their brokerage accounts online.

U.S. Bancorp Investments has experienced doubled-digit sales growth in 2001 in spite of unstable market and economic conditions. U.S. Bancorp Investments is on track to sell almost \$2 billion in annuity and mutual fund products by year-end. These results are in addition to the strong sales of investment products such as stocks, bonds and options. U.S. Bancorp Investments, coupled with U.S. Bancorp Insurance, is a significant contributor to the company's bottom line.

"These results reflect a strong partnership that exists within U.S. Bank's consumer banking division," Short said. "For example, through this partnership, U.S. Bank recently scheduled more than 29,000 customer appointments in a one-day blitz called 'Catch A Calling Star,' which is a testament to the business opportunities that we can make together."

U.S. Bancorp Investments provides full-service, professional financial solutions inside U.S. Bank and Firststar branches. Currently, almost 400 dedicated financial consultants and 1,500 financial specialists are available to discuss customers' goals, assess their current financial situations and determine their comfort with risk in order to provide customized financial plans to suit their needs. U.S. Bancorp will continue to grow this business as it hires more financial consultants in the western states.

## Don't let frauds take advantage during this season of giving

by **FREDERICK M. BARON & PENNY GOLD**

The end of the year is a time of giving—to family, friends, and to charity. Unfortunately, it can also be a time when those who seek to defraud Americans through telemarketing schemes can be most active.

According to the national non-profit organization AARP, around 10,000 operations work to defraud customers every day, cheating one out of six consumers every year. Common schemes involve phony prizes, sham investments, and, most heartbreaking during the holiday season, crooked charities.

So how do you know if the telemarketer calling you is legitimate? The U.S. Federal Trade Commission says you should beware if an unknown caller says you've won a prize but asks you to send money first, or says you have to act right away.

And don't trust telemarketers who instruct you to wire money, offer to have someone pick up a payment from your home, or say he or she is a law enforcement officer who will help you—for a fee.

And the AARP says taking the following positive steps can help weed out fraudulent calls:

■ Ask telemarketers for their company's name and address

and a clear explanation of the offer they are making.

■ Call the state Attorney General's office or the local consumer protection service in your area and the state or city where the company is located. Ask if any complaints have been made against the firm.

■ Ask about the company's refund policies.

■ Ask the caller to send you written material to study before you make a purchase or contribution.

■ Talk to family and friends, call your lawyer, accountant, or banker, and get their advice before you make any large purchase, investment, or contribution.

■ Tell the caller you want your telephone number to be removed from telemarketing lists if you don't want to be called. If calls continue, contact the police. It's illegal to call a person after he or she has asked to be removed from a list.

If you are contacted by a telemarketer who you think is trying to commit a fraud, the AARP recommends that you report the call to your state attorney general. Your state's attorney general is listed in your telephone book and on the National Association of Attorneys General website ([www.naag.org](http://www.naag.org)).

You may also contact the Federal Trade Commission ([www.consumer.gov](http://www.consumer.gov)) for a consumer complaint form, or call 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357), TDD: 202-326-2502.

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## Reality check is here

by CLYDE PACK

It seems that not a day goes by without some scientist somewhere coming up with a new idea that will either make our life a bit easier or otherwise lengthen it.

Personally, as my grades in high school attest, I'm not the least bit scientific. I do admire those who are, though, and am thankful for all the brilliant minds who've dedicated their lives to the betterment of mankind. Still, one has to wonder sometimes if some of the people upon whom we've come to depend are really and truly in touch with the real world.

Like, for example, the college professor who, after a lengthy and expensive study, concluded that if you want your marriage to last a long time, the husband should simply do what the wife wants.

Well, duh!

Where has this guy been for the past hundred of years or so? What's supposed to be new about that? And just how many dollars do you suppose were spent to come up with this startling conclusion? Any man married at least three days knows that.

Furthermore, for less than a buck, anybody could go to the Staffordsville Mall, or walk into any novelty store in any town in America, and buy one of those little refrigerator magnets that reads, "When mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy."

You sure don't need a Ph.D. to know that's true.

While there are a lot of lengthy marriages in which husbands would not admit to this theory, I'll bet if the truth were known, deep down inside their little chauvinistic hearts, they know better. Then again, maybe they don't. After all, a clever little woman can sometimes be manipulative enough to have her words come out of his mouth without him even suspecting that she's a ventriloquist, and he's merely the dummy.

The aforementioned "lengthy and expensive" study could obviously have been completed much sooner and much cheaper if, instead of using 130 newly-wed couples in a six-year study, he would have gone with eight or ten oldie-weds for 15 or 20 minutes each.

A prime example would be the couple of ninety-somethings I saw interviewed on TV awhile back who were celebrating 75 years of marital bliss.

"Whenever a problem comes up," the man said, as he lovingly patted his wife's hand, "we always sit down and talk it over. Then we do exactly what she wants."

So as far as I'm concerned, this is one "scientific study" that was totally useless, and only proved what everybody with an ounce of common sense should have known already. I guess it also proves that scientific studies have no place whatsoever in the sacred realm of matrimony. After all, marriage is not a science, it's an art.

# Lifestyles

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Adam and Lulie Prater. The couple lived on a small farm at Pyramid, near Brush Creek Mountain. Adam was a rural mail carrier who suffered a stroke while delivering mail one cold winter's day, his horse came home without him.



The swinging bridge located at Ball Alley Curve, Prestonsburg. The bridge withstood high winds and flood waters for many years and is still standing today, though not in use.

This die-hard Bluegrass fan braved the elements to attend a Bluegrass Festival held on the grounds of Marlow Tackett's Riding Stables in early June.



Misty Daniels, a Pike County native and former performer at the Mountain Arts Center and Jenny Wiley Theatre, took time out from her busy New York City schedule to spend a week teaching drama to Floyd County youths.

## The year in

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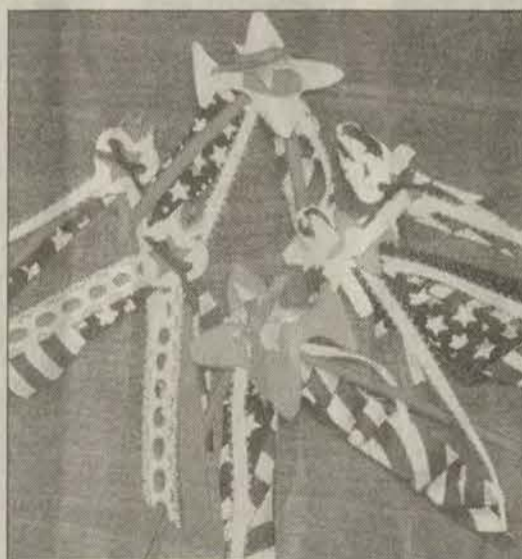


photo by Kathy J. Prater

These Floyd County students enjoyed a day of fun and food during "Environmental Day" held at Dewey Dam Spillway this past May.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

These "Liberty Pins" were crafted by a Prestonsburg High School art teacher who wanted to do something to show her support for her country following the September 11, 2001 attack on the U.S.



Mickey McGuire, a Prestonsburg attorney, performed in national and world ballroom dancing competitions in 2001.



photo by Mary Music

Russell Rice, of Little Paint, operates "The Cane with a Brain" wood workshop from his home. He is shown here at work crafting one of his unique creations.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Jenny Wiley Theatre kicked off its 2001 season with "The Taffetas," a dinner show starring four "singing sisters."



## Small World

### Style setter

Many other women I know are a lot like me. They go rushing about during the holiday season, trying to get all the little errands done. But since I don't know all women's traits, I think I must be the most disorganized of all.

It was the week before Christmas and we would be having the family dinner at our house. I still had groceries to buy, and a few last minute gifts, when I remembered it was time for my weekly session at the beauty shop. I wouldn't be able to do much else unless Thelma got my hair out of my eyes so, even if the turkey didn't get baked, I would have to keep that appointment.

I couldn't wear house shoes with the black slacks I had on, so I ran to the closet to get a pair

of shoes and be on my way. I made it to the shop and Thelma had me ready to go under the dryer when I looked down at my feet. My shoes were the same color but the one on my left foot was plain leather while the other had patent stripes across the front.

I had planned to go on to Wedington Plaza for other errands and didn't really have time to go home and change shoes. Thelma agreed that, if I moved fast enough, maybe no one would notice my footwear. I might have gotten away with it, but some of the stores had hard floors. One shoe sole was soft and the other hard so, as I walked, I made a sound like plink, thump, plink, thump.

This was very embarrassing and, when I'd get near someone I knew, I would just stand

there as if I was trying to decide about something.

Since I've had some time to think about this experience, I plan to notice other people when I go back to the shopping center. Some people who saw me that day might decide it's a new fad to mix your shoe patterns. How else do all those new styles get started?

### Happy New Year!

In many ways, it seems this last year has gone like a whirlwind. It passed so quickly, and yet it was a year that will never be forgotten. We who understand gratitude have so many things to be grateful for. But we have also been shocked and saddened beyond anything we ever dreamed of, and the date 9-11-01 will forever be inscribed

in the memory of anyone living at the time.

Even at a great distance from Ground Zero, we have been made aware of wrenching heart-break. And we have learned that many people who appear to be ordinary citizens are really heroes in a time of testing. We are forever indebted to those brave few who gave their lives that many more might live, and their country be less damaged. And we owe our thanks and moral support to the wonderful servicemen who continue to guard our liberties.

My wish for our readers is that we might all be equal to the challenges that another year will bring. And in the midst of chaos, I wish you peace of mind and heart, and that you might truly know the Great Giver of any real peace. Happy New Year!



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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

■ 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.

## May Valley Family Resource Center

■ Jan. 2 - Recycling Program, 4th grade.

■ Jan. 7 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., school library. Open to public.

■ Jan. 17 - School assembly -

"Exotic Animal Program."

■ Jan. 18, 25 - Nutrition Program, 5th grade.

■ Each Wednesday - Health Dept. Nurse. Services offered: WIC, blood pressure checks, immunizations, TB skin tests, and Head Start, Kindergarten, 6th grade, and well-child physicals. Must call center at 285-0321 for appointment.

## McDowell Family Resource Center

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

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

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

## Mud Creek Family Resource Center / John M. Stumbo Elem.

■ The Bridges Project will be

at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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

## Piarist School

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

The Piarist School, Highway 80, Box 870, Martin, KY 41649. Call 285-3950 for further information.

## Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Jan. 7 - 6:00 p.m., regularly scheduled SBDM Council meeting.

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

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

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

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

## South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Jan. 8 - Stress Management classroom presentations.

■ Jan. 14 - Tobacco and Alcohol classroom presentations.

■ Jan. 15 - Stress Management classroom presentations.

■ Jan. 22 - Sexual Harrassment Awareness classroom presentations.

■ Feb. 25 - Nutrition classroom presentations.

■ Feb. 25 - CPR classes.

■ Adult education classes available.

■ Walking track open to public.

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

## The David School

■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

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

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

■ Tuesday and Thursday:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ "Clothing Closet" available to all students.

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

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# Our Yesterdays

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

## (December 31, 1991 and January 2, 1992)

Floyd County School's classified employees were on the job Monday despite talk of a work stoppage at the December board of education meeting. About 30 classified workers met Sunday afternoon to discuss whether or not to stage a strike against the school system but, after an almost two hour closed session, the employees offered no details of their plans...After 38 years of distinguished service in Floyd County, Circuit Judge Hollie Conley stepped down from the bench for the last time Friday, December 27, at a reception and portrait unveiling given in his honor. The circuit courtroom overflowed with family, friends, and colleagues who came to bid farewell to the long-time jurist and Floyd Countian...An eight-year-old Auxier boy was injured, Friday, when he apparently rode his bicycle into the path of an oncoming pickup truck. Luke Anthony Cantrell, son of Scott Cantrell of Auxier, suffered a skull fracture when his bike collided with a Ford Ranger truck driven by Timothy F. Crisp of Lexington, said deputy sheriff Lloyd Powers, who investigated the accident...An early morning fire, Sunday, destroyed the Park Place Market at Minnie and members of three fire department responded to the blaze. Derrick Thacker, chief of the Left Beaver Volunteer Fire Department, said Monday that the department received a call at approximately 3:34 a.m., from a motorist passing by the market...Floyd County's District Judge's seat will apparently be vacant at the beginning of 1992 as an appointment by the governor is not expected until the second week of January. The seat will become vacant January 1, when District Judge Harold Stumbo will be sworn in as Floyd County's Circuit Court Judge. Stumbo defeated Paul Burchett for the post in the November 5 election. Outgoing Judge Hollie Conley announced last January he was retiring...When 137 state lawmakers convene the 1992 session of the General Assembly on January 7, they're likely to bring with them 137 personal agendas, but one critical issue will be share and share alike. Faced with a projected \$155 million budget shortfall for the fiscal year that will be to decide where and how to drop the budget ax...Spirited discussions on the pros and cons of liquor by the drink license took up the majority of Monday's Prestonsburg City Council meeting. Dillinger's Bar and Grill owner Clyde Woods was denied a liquor license from the city despite having met all the requirements to be eligible to serve liquor by the drink...Prestonsburg has been named as a possible site for a proposed \$3 million harness racing track, according to the Appalachian News Express. Pikeville, Hazard, and Ashland are other contenders for the track that local officials consider a potential boon for tourism...Mayors John David Preston of Paintsville and Ann Latta of Prestonsburg will know, next week if their recent appointments to the Paintsville-Prestonsburg Airport Board need approval from their respective councils. Following a hearing Monday, Johnson Circuit Judge Sephen N. Frazier said he would rule on the issue next Monday, January 6. The Floyd/Johnson County Pilots' Association claims in a lawsuit that the six appointments must be ratified by the city councils...There died: Gomer Conn, 77, of Martin, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Tan Howell, 90, of Banner, formerly of Branham's Creek, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Sylvia G. Smith, 48, of Mousie,

Monday, at her home on Martin Branch, after an apparent heart attack; Victor Martin, 75, of Powells Creek Road, Thursday, at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville; Wilburn Otto Cornett, 81, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Carrie L. Mollett, 85, of Wabash, Indiana, Monday, at her residence; Sarah Jane Layne, 84, of Taylor, Michigan, formerly of Kimper, Wednesday, at her residence; Keith Junior Castle, 31, of Griffin, Georgia, formerly of Knott County, Tuesday; Oscar Spears, 67, of Banner, Sunday, at his residence; Daisy Tuttle Freeze, 81, of Jeffersonville, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, at Mountainview Nursing Home; Ida Conley, of Hindman, Monday, at the Knott County Health Care Center; Carmella Combs, 29, of Clear Creek, Wednesday, at her home; Grethel Cox, 64, of Tomost, formerly of Mousie, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mae Goldy Martin, 48, of Pikeville, Thursday, at her residence; Mary Louise Castle Case, 61, of McDowell, December 28, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Marvin Dixon Sr., 84, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Edith Patrick Smith, 70, of Chesapeake, Va., Sunday; Ellis Mullins, 63, of Elizabethtown, Sunday, at the Hardin Memorial Hospital; Amie Carver Greer, 68, of Printer, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Eunice Mae Bays, 76, of West Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Thomas Lyndon Hastings, 66, of East Point, Tuesday, at his residence; William Rice Sr., 54, of Warren, Michigan, Thursday; Olive P. Bowling, 84, of Caney Creek, Wednesday, at her residence; Chester W. Mosley, 73, of Melvin, Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ruby Woods, 72, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Willie "Bill Jim" Carr, 62, of Banner, Wednesday, at the Laruel Nursing Home in Tazwell, Tennessee.

## Twenty Years Ago (January 6, 1981)

New Judge-Executive, Jerry Lafferty Jr., says changes are ahead and says that drug-fight aid will be asked for...Ransom Mullin, 25, of Floyd County was held in the Johnson County jail under a \$165,000 bail after holding three police officers hostage after they arrested him for public intoxication and possession of marijuana...The television's "Dukes of Hazard" announced that a \$25,000 trust fund has been created to benefit the survivors of those who were killed in the Topmost mine tragedy...Harris Brothers Construction Company Inc., ended 35 years of operation with the year 1981, and sold its equipment and real estate to Floyd S. Pike Electrical Contractors...Floyd Circuit Judge Hollie Conley administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials Lawrence Hale, jailer; C. "Ollie" Robinson, county court clerk; Henry Hale, sheriff; Arnold Turner, county attorney; Harold Stumbo, district judge; Elmer Rice, county surveyor; Roger Nelson, coroner; Gerald DeRossett, magistrate of district 1; and Frank DeRossett, circuit court clerk...There died: Rainley (Snow) White, 85, of Prestonsburg, Sunday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Rebecca Burchett, 78, of Sugar Loaf, January 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Minnie Leslie, 86, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Thursday at Monterey Nursing Inn; Rilda Slone Watson, 78, of Caney Creek, December 26 in Florida; William T. Derosssett, 61, of Richmond, Virginia, formerly of Martin,

Friday, at McGuire Veterans Hospital; Kenneth A. Grantier, 80, of Teaberry, Saturday at his residence; McKinley Little, 58, of Minnie, Saturday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Guy Hopkins, 72, of McDowell, Friday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Beulah P. Carpenter, 85, Tuesday in Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Susie J. Jones, 93, of Estill, December 25, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Repts Osborne, 64, of Martin, Saturday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Radford Knox Barnett, 63, of Martin, Wednesday at his business; Millie Hamilton Tackett, 73, of Beaver, Monday at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Willie Carroll, 72, of Martin, Sunday at Veterans Hospital in Lexington; Nanny Kirby Hutchinson, 91, of Wheelwright, Friday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Jay L. Adkins, 25, of Galveston, Wednesday, en route to Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Gregory Shell, 21, of Allen, December 24.

## Thirty Years Ago (January 6, 1971)

As Circuit Judge Hollie Conley delivered his instructions to the grand jury, Monday, he said. "It was reported that some of our officials are involved in whiskey. If you get sufficient evidence, indict—regardless of who it is"...Development of the Goble Branch area of Dewey Lake as a camping area, at a cost of \$530,299 will begin this year, Commissioner of Parks Ewart W. Johnson has notified Dr. George P. Archer, mayor of Prestonsburg...Floyd county's first mine-connected fatality of the new year occurred Monday, the first work-day of the year, when Edward Johnson, 45, of Bypro, car repairman at the Price No. 1 mine of the Island Creek Coal Company, was crushed to death beneath a supply car on which he had been working in the company's repair shop...Every Kentucky state park except one lost money during the fiscal year ending last June 30—and Jenny Wiley State Park was the biggest loser of them all...There died: Oak Mullins, 66, of David, Dec. 22, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Virginia Kidd, 55, of Harold, Dec. 21, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Leander (Dump) Miller, 65, of Prestonsburg, Dec. 23, at a Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Artie Tackett, 79, Dec. 24, at her home at Printer; Jasper Watkins, 79, of Dema, last Wednesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Susie A. Keathley, 88, Dec. 23, at her home at Betsy Layne; Mrs. Rebecca Hall, 84, Dec. 21, at her home at Banner; Verlin Decker, 81, of Prestonsburg, Christmas Day, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home here; Mrs. Opal Juanita Jenkins, 48, formerly of the Left Beaver section, last Thursday, at Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Byron C. Beard, 57, Dec. 24, at his home at McDowell; Tim Slone, 49, of Halo, Dec. 26, at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Fred Ousley, 58, Dec. 22, at his home at Pyramid; Mrs. Stella Martin, 75, last Thursday, here; Mrs. Samantha Moore, 83, Dec. 21, at her home at Wayland; William Ray Flanery, 67, Friday, Dec. 24, at his home at Langley; Mrs. Lucy M. Cartmell, 77, of Emma, Dec. 26, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Noah Hall, 83, of Galveston, Sunday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Eliza Blevins, 50, formerly of East Point, last Monday, at Minford, O.; Lamar Sturgill, 59, of Dema, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

## Forty Years Ago (January 4, 1962)

The drive to raise between \$75,000 and \$100,000 to purchase a 40-acre site for a proposed junior college here was off winging last Wednesday, days before the official January 2 drive opening...62-year-old George Brown, of Brainard, motorman of one of two electric locomotives which collided, head-on, inside the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company No. 1 mine at David, Tuesday afternoon, was instantly killed as the operator of the other motor, and his brakeman, escaped almost unscathed...With its smallest modern-day docket before it, the criminal term of the Floyd Circuit Court may complete its work within a week, Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill said Tuesday morning...The pre-Civil War home of Frankie Woods on the Woods Branch of Cow Creek and its contents were destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Scott Collins, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Melody, Dec. 16, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin...There died: Malcolm Hubbard, 82, of Dock, at his home, Christmas Eve; Russell Wallen, 56, of Allen, Wednesday, at Allen; Paris Luster, 30, of Grethel, Dec. 23 near Lancaster, Ohio; Mrs. Minda Robinson, 66, of East McDowell, Dec. 28; Jackson P. Baldrige, 68, native of Bonanza, Saturday, at New York City; Milford Johnson, 58, of Teaberry, last Wednesday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Luther C. Evans, 44, of Martin, Dec. 21, at Huntington; Mrs. Dolly S. Hager, 67 of East Point, Monday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Preston Hamilton, 58, Christmas Day, at his home at Craynor; Mrs. Anna Rose Little, 35, of Minnie, Dec. 26, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; James H. (Punch) Branham, 40, formerly of Water Gap, Dec. 22, at Pataskala, O.; Mrs. Nanny S. Goble, 80, Dec. 21, at her home at Ivel; Mrs. Myrtle H. York, 52, of West Prestonsburg, Dec. 26, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Nancy Maxey, 85, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

## Fifty Years Ago (January 3, 1952)

The holiday season passed quietly in Floyd County, without a death by gunfire, in marked distinction to neighboring Magoffin, where three were killed...Television, a factor in human life almost as new as nuclear fission, moved into Floyd County during the year just ended, and in 1952 it promises to become less of a novelty to hundreds of this section's people...The prisoner-of-war list released by Communist forces shortly before Christmas brought to seven the number of Floyd Countians admitted to be Red prisoners...Wheelwright's new gymnasium will accommodate a basketball crowd for the first time, Friday night, when Coach Adrian Hall's Maroons meet the Pikeville High School Panthers...The Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company has acquired the independent telephone facilities on Left Beaver Creek, it was said this week, and that section may soon get the adequate phone service citizens there have long wanted, it was said here a few days ago...Featured in an advertisement of Cyrus & Burke Firestone Home & Auto Supply, a 17-inch

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# Birthdays



## Lindsay turns one!

Lindsay Nicole Banks celebrated her first birthday on October 19, 2001 with a "Barney" theme birthday party held at her Mamaw's house. Lindsay is the daughter of Michael and Lola Banks, of Hueysville, and the granddaughter of Mildred and Howard Richardson, of Irvine, and Jerry and Patty Banks, of Hueysville, and Judy Ward, of Prestonsburg. A host of family and friends, including her big sister, Taylor, joined Lindsay in celebrating her special day.



## Dylan celebrates Christmas Day birthday!

Dylan Hamilton, of Teaberry, celebrated his seventh birthday on December 25, 2001. He enjoyed his special day with friends and family. Dylan is the son of Jamie and Dee Dee Hamilton. He is the grandson of Jimmy and Wilma Martin, of Teaberry, and Barbara Hamilton, of Mare Creek. He is the great-grandson of Ray Hamilton, of Dayton, Ohio, and Charlie and Dixie Hirby, of Perrysville, Ohio, and Euggle Martin, of Teaberry, and the late Adren Martin. Dylan is a first grade student at Stumbo Elementary.

# New Arrivals

## Highlands New Arrivals

**Dec. 19, 2001**

A Daughter, Bethany Dawn McGinnis to Jody Amanda McGinnis

**Dec. 20, 2001**

A Daughter, McKeazie Mae Underwood to Bridgett & Gary Underwood

**Dec. 21, 2001**

A Son, Byron Glenn Slone to Tammy & Carter Slone

**Dec. 21, 2001**

A Son, Alonzo Conley III to Alonzo & Regina Conley

**Dec. 21, 2001**

A Daughter, Autumn Faith

Stumbo to Jessica & Robert Stumbo

**Dec. 21, 2001**

A Son, Dylan Blake Castle to Jennifer Ann Laffety

**Dec. 21, 2001**

A Son, Andrew Jeffrey Stratton to Patty & Jeffrey Stratton

**Dec. 22, 2001**

A Son, John Treavor Bailey to Sheila & Johnny Bailey

**Dec. 22, 2001**

A Daughter, Kayleigh Dawn Slone to Danielle & Kevin Slone

**Dec. 23, 2001**

A Daughter, Jonna JoMarie Mullins to Amber Lynn

Mullins

**Dec. 23, 2001**

A Son, Justin Tyler Hunt to Jessica Clearessia Hunt

**Dec. 24, 2001**

A Son, Micheal Dwayne Howell to Christina Marie Lewis

**Dec. 24, 2001**

A Daughter, Peyton Michelle Bailey to Jessica Tami & Delbert Bailey, Jr.

**Dec. 26, 2001**

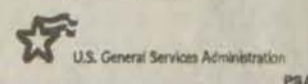
A Daughter, Rachel Lynn Trusty to James & Kimberly Trusty

**Dec. 26, 2001**

A Son, Ezra Trenton Ray Hall to Travis & Tonya Hall

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## Lucas is three!

Lucas Grant Frazier, the son of Landon and Betsy Frazier, of Melvin, turned three years old on December 20, 2001. Lucas is the maternal grandson of Ronnie and Colleen Johnson, also of Melvin. He is the paternal grandson of Roy and Debbie Frazier, of Price. Lucas enjoyed celebrating his special day with family, friends, and lots of birthday cake and gifts.

## Yesterdays

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Firestone television, for \$269.95...There died: Jimmy Ratcliff, 42, in an auto accident near Eastern, Dec. 22; Curtis Donathan, 22, of Grethel, in an automobile mishap on Abbott Mountain, Dec. 22; William Edgar Akers, 34, Dec. 21, at his home at Brainard; Oscar Miller, 55, Dec. 23, at his home on the Auxier Road; Mrs. Polly Patton Conn, near 100 years old, Dec. 20, at her home at Printer; Crit Montgomery, 90, Dec. 21, at Dwale; William Bayes, 69, Tuesday, near his home at Tram; Wiley Louis Thompson, 59, Dec. 20 at his home at Lancer; Mrs. Queen Stone Hackworth, 79, Dec. 20, at the home of a son-in-law on Middle Creek.

## Sixty Years Ago (January 8, 1942)

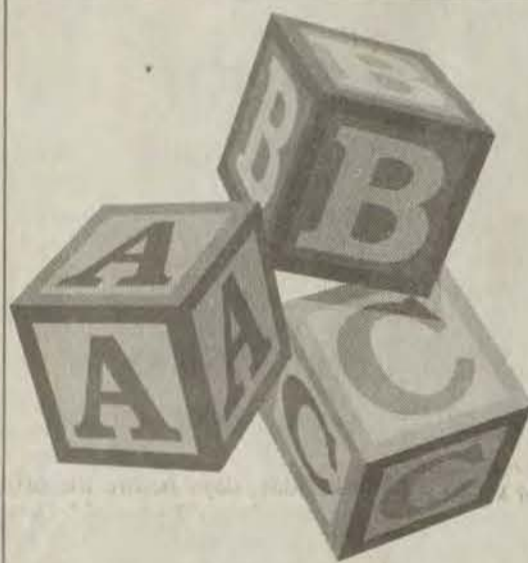
Mrs. Annie Elliott Stumbo, widow of Dr. W. L. Stumbo, last Monday became the first woman sheriff in Floyd County history. She was appointed by County Judge Edward P. Hill Jr., to fill the vacancy created by the death of her husband who was elected at the November election but died before taking office...Commonwealth's attorney John Allen said this week, that the grand jury will investigate the death in a jail fire, Sunday, of William Oliver Stephens, 38...County officials who took the oath of office, Monday, were: Edward P. Hill Jr., county judge; W.W. Burchett, county attorney; A.B. Meade, county clerk; Guy Horn, jailer; Clive Akers, tax commissioner; M. C. Wright, coroner; Waits May, surveyor; and magistrates Glenn Burchett, District 1; John A. Hicks, District 2, Henry Stumbo, District 3, and Dewey Roberts, District 4. Jerry F. Howell took the oath as Representative at Frankfort...Wartime rationing has become a reality here with the appointment of a tire rationing board for the county. The members are: J. R. Hurt, F. C. Hall and H. B. Patrick...There died: Thomas Hill, 52, of Cliff, Tuesday at a Paintsville hospital; Harry Chaffins, formerly of this county, Dec. 31, at Mousie; Oscar Robinson, 40, Dec. 29, at Harold; Mrs. Martha Carroll Johnstone, 53, Jan. 1, at Betsy Layne; Rev. William Wicker, 76, Dec. 31, at the Martin General Hospital; Martha Alice Jarrell, 17, Dec. 29, at Allen; Mrs. Nancy Jane Conley, 75, Dec. 31, at Swamp Branch; James Grace, 53, Dec. 30, at Salyersville.

# Weddings



## Couple plan spring nuptials

Ms. Tina Wells, of Auxier, and Mr. Jerry Miller, of Middlecreek, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Kay Miller, to Tristan Thomas Parsons, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parsons, of Prestonsburg. A spring wedding is planned.



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Pursuant to Application Number 8 3 6 - 5 4 2 9 , Amendment No.1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville in Floyd and Magoffin Counties. The amendment will redesignate 68.79 acres of underground acres as surface disturbance and auger area, making the total area within the permit boundary will be 1058.8 acres.

The amendment area is approximately 1.5 miles northwest from Route 2029's junction with Ky Route 7, and located in Salyers Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the Martin, Wayland, Handshoe, and David U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the contour and auger methods of mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Roy Shepherd-Heirs, Betty Reed, Bobby & Lenora Slone, and CONSOL of Kentucky Inc. It will underlie lands owned by Roy Shepherd-Heirs, Betty Reed, Bobby & Lenora Slone, and CONSOL of Kentucky Inc.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

The bond now in effect for Permit Number 860-5164, Increment Number 2, which was last issued on 06/13/01. The application covers an area of approximately 695.86 acres, located 4.1 miles southeast of Kite, Knott County, Kentucky, in Floyd and Knott Counties. The permit area is approximately 0.7 mile east of the junction of KY 7 with KY 1498, and 0.08 mile east of Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 18 minutes, 14 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 45 minutes, 15 seconds.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a hearing must be received by the Director, Division of Field Services, by Feb. 1, 2001.

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Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, 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 Enforcement'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.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a hearing must be received by the Director, Division of Field Services, by Feb. 1, 2001.

The bond now in effect for Increment #1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$11,000. The entire remaining bond amount of \$11,000 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding, mulching and tree setting, completed in summer 1991; and the establishment of an adequate vegetative cover.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., HC 82, Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828, has applied for Phase I bond release on Permit Number 860-5164, Increment Number 2, which was last issued on 06/13/01. The application covers an area of approximately 695.86 acres, located 4.1 miles southeast of Kite, Knott County, Kentucky, in Floyd and Knott Counties. The permit area is approximately 0.7 mile east of the junction of KY 7 with KY 1498, and 0.08 mile east of Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 18 minutes, 14 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 45 minutes, 15 seconds.

The bond now in effect for Permit Number 860-5164, Increment Number 2, is a surety of \$34,900.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$27,600.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed in the fall of 2001. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate condition for the surrounding wildlife.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 8, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 11, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., at the Prestonsburg

Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 8, 2002.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Pursuant to Application No.: 836-0025

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Brashae Coal Company, Inc., Box 628, Hindman, Kentucky 41822, has applied for Phase II and III Bond Release on Increment #1, of Permit number 836-0025, which was last issued on 11/06/01. The application covers an area of approximately 442.39 acres, located 0.5 mile southeast of Manton, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.5 mile northeast of Wolfpen Branch Road's junction with Kentucky Route 1210, and located 0.5 mile northeast of Wolfpen Branch. The latitude is 37° 34' 22". The longitude is 82° 48' 25".

The bond now in effect for Increment #1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$11,000. The entire remaining bond amount of \$11,000 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding, mulching and tree setting, completed in summer 1991; and the establishment of an adequate vegetative cover.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 8, 2002.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606-886-2330), intends to apply for Phase III Bond Release for Increment No. 1 on permit No. 836-5116, which was last issued on Sept. 18, 1998. Increment No. 1 covers an area of approximately 542.68 acres. The operation is located approximately 2.3 mile south of Langley in Floyd County.

The permit area is 0.6 miles south of KY 777's intersection with the Hayes Branch Road. The Latitude is 37°-27'-49" and the Longitude is 82°-47'-01", and is located on the Martin and Wayland 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The performance bond (Surety) currently in affect, and the original bond for the increment is as follows: Inc. No.1, Current \$

The Bond now in effect is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$615,200.00. Approximately 85% of the original bond amount of \$2,204,900.00 is included in the application for Phase II Bond Release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding, mulching, and the establishment of initial growth of vegetation completed spring, 2000.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 11, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 8, 2002.

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All Bids must be submitted, in duplicate originals, on Form of Proposal included in the Project Manual. Mailed Bids shall be addressed to the offices of the Floyd County School Board. Facsimile bids will not be accepted.

All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than 5% of the amount of the total bid. A 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful Bidder. All bonding and Insurance requirements are contained in the Instructions to Bidders and/or the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract. The award of the contract shall be made on the basis of the lowest and best bid in the interest of Floyd County School Board. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the bid opening. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and shall have the right to reject any and all bids.

Project Description: The project consists of the construction of a series of free standing canopies with an internal drainage system, between several buildings on the school's campus. Canopy columns nearest the vehicular traffic patterns and parking areas will have a protective concrete bollard.

A new accessible concrete ramp to match an existing ramp will be constructed on the North side of Building #6.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Floyd County Board of Education is requesting sealed bids on a modular classroom. All bids must be marked on the outside of the envelope, "Sealed Mobile Bid Enclosed." The bids must be at the Floyd County Schools Maintenance Department, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen KY 41601, by 10:00 a.m., on January 8, 2002. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

For further information, contact Gregory Adams at (606) 874-2049, or 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601.

Sealed proposals will be received for construction of the above named project until 11:00 a.m., local time, on Tuesday, January 8th, 2002, by Floyd County School Board, at the office of Mr. Greg Adams, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, Kentucky. Bids received after the stated time will not be accepted, and will be returned unopened to the bidder. Faxed bids will not be accepted.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase II bond release on Permit No. 836-0216, which was last issued on August 21, 2001. The application covers an area of approximately 1054.61 acres, located 3.79 miles northeast of Ivel, in Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 3.79 miles northeast from U.S. 23's junction with Ivy Creek County Road, and located 0.95 mile north of Ivy Creek. The latitude is 37° 36' 18". The longitude is 82° 37' 35".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 is \$5,300.00, and for Increment No. 2 is \$1,900.00.

Documents may be obtained from the distribution department of Lynn Blueprint & Supply Company, 328 Old East Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, (859) 255-1021. If documents are to be mailed, an additional non-refundable charge of \$10.00 per set is required, made payable to Lynn Blueprint & Supply Company, Inc. The successful bidder is responsible for all additional sets they may require.

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There will be required demolition of existing concrete and bituminous asphalt surfaces for the installation of the column footings.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606-886-2330), intends to apply for Phase II and III Bond Release on Increment No. 1, and a Phase III Bond Release on Increment No. 2 of Permit No. 836-5254 which was last issued on Nov. 17, 1994. The Increment cover approximately 6.40 acres, located 1.4 mile north of Teabery in Floyd County.

The permit area is 0.40 mile south from KY 979's junction with the Akers Branch Road, and is located on the McDowell 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The performance bond (Surety) now in effect for Increment No. 1 is \$5,300.00, and for Increment No. 2 is \$1,900.00.

Approximately 100% of the original bond amounts (\$7,500.00 for Increment No.1, and \$9,500.00 for Increment No. 2), is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in Fall 1993. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation, and the approved post mining land use plan.

Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by Feb.18, 2002.

A hearing date for this bond release request has been set for Feb. 19, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3940 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Feb. 18, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 19, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement'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 February 18, 2002.

The performance bond (Surety) now in effect for Increment No. 1 is \$5,300.00, and for Increment No. 2 is \$1,900.00.

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Pursuant to Application Number 836-0295 In accordance with

KRS 350.055, Virginia 25541, has notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1149 Newmans Branch Road, Milton, West

The proposed operation will disturb 299.14 surface acres and will underlie 55.78 acres of overlying auger, all of which

operation is approximately 0.5 mile southwest from KY 680's junction with KY 979, and located on Hamilton Branch of Mud Creek.

Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**AN OPEN LETTER TO NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS OF FLOYD COUNTY:**

Recently, I was issued a Notice of Violation for violating Kentucky State Laws regarding the improper handling and disposal of household garbage and illegal open burning. Other people in Floyd County and across the state have been caught and fined for the illegal dumping of garbage and illegal burning.

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTS:**

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3. You cannot burn household trash such as plastics and metals.
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5. You need to sign up for regular garbage collection from a county-licensed hauler. Keep your receipts so you can show proof if your garbage somehow ends up in an illegal dump.

If you are not currently subscribing to a collection service or have any other general questions about proper garbage disposal, you should contact the Floyd County Solid Waste Coordinator, Mike Vance, at (606) 886-8060.

Be aware if you are caught illegally disposing of your garbage, you can be fined up to \$5,000 dollars and be required to clean up the dump site. If you witness illegal dumping, call toll free 1-888-NODUMPS and report it to state officials.

Please join me in creating a clean and healthy environment.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE**

In accordance with 405 KAR 16:120E, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY, 41653 (Phone No. 606-886-2330), on their mining Permit number 836-5381 Wanda Shepherd, Denzil Ray Hall, Richard P. Hall Heirs, James K. Hall, Dorothy or Everett Blanton, located 1.1 mile south of Langley in Floyd County. Blasting is proposed to begin on or about January 30, 2002

The proposed operation is approximately 0.9 mile south of KY 90's junction with KY 777, and is located 0.1 mile east of Turkey Creek. Blasting will be conducted during daylight hours, Monday thru Saturday. No blasting will be done from sunset to sunrise. Access to the area will be blocked ten (10) minutes prior to shot by a company representative. Appropriate signs and markers will be placed at all entrances to the mine to regulate entry to the blasting area.

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minute prior to a blast, three short blasts will be given. The all clear signal following blasting will be one (1) long blast of an air horn or siren. All blasting will be conducted during the designated time periods, except in case of emergency conditions. Emergency conditions may include

but not be limited to rain, lightning or other atmospheric conditions, management problems or safety to the public or operator. In the event of an emergency, all residents/personnel within one-half mile will be orally notified, and the signal sounded before detonation.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Due to the proposed construction of the Minnie-Harold Connector (KY 979); project officially designated as Floyd County; Item No. 12-301.00; Project 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  
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# Las Vegas to host NHRA preseason test session

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway will host a pre-season test session for NHRA Professional and Sportsman teams Feb. 1-3. This will be the final opportunity for most Professional teams to fine-tune their new equipment prior to the

beginning of the 2002 NHRA POWERade Drag Racing Series the following weekend in Pomona, Calif.

"The 2002 season will be our best ever and we look forward to kicking off the year with a visit by the top NHRA Professional and Sportsman teams," said Chris Blair, LVMS director of

drag racing operations. "This will enable everyone to get an extra shot at The Strip before the third annual SummitRacing.com NHRA Nationals in April."

The track will open each morning at 7 a.m. with testing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to the testing time set aside for the teams, NHRA Sportsman

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For information, call The Strip's office, 702/632-8213, or visit LVMS.com for early registration forms.

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## Speed

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were there and we'd do well," Gaughan said. "We finished second in Texas, third at Bakersfield, led a lot of laps in Kansas and led a lot of laps in Vegas so NAPA decided it was time to go up one more level and return to the truck series. There's a lot of pressure bringing NAPA back to the series because they only know one way to do it. We're just happy to be the ones to be doing it."

The NAPA Dodge truck is expected to race in The Kroger 225 at Kentucky Speedway on Saturday, July 13, at 8 p.m. Kentucky Speedway season tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by logging on to www.kentuckyspeedway.com, calling 1-888-652-RACE or visiting the Kentucky Speedway ticket office at 2216 Dixie Hwy., Suite 200, in Ft. Mitchell.

## Golf

The 35th PGA Club Professional Championship, featuring a purse of \$350,000, will be the first conducted in Kentucky. Valhalla Golf Club, selected by Golf Digest as one of "America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses," was the site of the 1996 and 2000 PGA Championship. Valhalla also will host the 65th Senior PGA Championship, senior golf's oldest and most prestigious event, in June 2004; and the 37th Ryder Cup Matches in September 2007.

"In just a few years, Valhalla Golf Club has established itself as a world-class venue," said

PGA of America President Jack Connelly. "We are delighted that we can maintain our tradition of outstanding CPC venues in bringing this national championship to Valhalla for the first time."

Pikeville native Robert Damron will once again be playing on the tour this season.

The PGA Club Professional Championship, which began in 1968, will be televised live all four rounds by The Golf Channel. The Championship, along with four Regional PGA Club Professional Championships and 41 Section Championships, are presented

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- 2003 - TBD
- 2004 - Longaberger Golf Club - Nashport, Ohio - June 24-27
- 2005 - The Ocean Course, Kiawah Island, S.C. - Date TBD



photo by Tony McGuire  
Johnson Central's Drew Trimble escapes from Perry Central grappler Nick Cory.

## Bobcats

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the Bobcats 20-13 in the third frame before recording the victory. Betsy Layne owned the final quarter 18-14 but couldn't come up with enough points to rebound from a nine-point deficit heading into the final period.

Senior center Jeremy Daniels paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 24 points. Sophomore guard Jordan Kidd added 18 points in the setback. Brandon Hall had four points and Jordan Scarberry and Josh Allen added three points apiece. Wes Meade and Chris Cochran rounded out the Betsy Layne scoring with two points apiece.

The win pushed Monticello's season worksheet to 5-7.

Daniels scored a team-best 16 points and Hall added 11 as the Bobcats scored a 73-65 win over Deming following the loss

to Monticello. Brent Newsome pushed in 10 points while Kidd and Meade each had seven points apiece in the win over Deming.

Allen had six points and Cochran added four points for Betsy Layne. Nathan Newsome flipped in two points and Bobo Hamilton added a single tally in the winning effort.

It wasn't total smooth sailing for the Bobcats in the win over Deming. Betsy Layne went into the second quarter deadlocked with Deming, 14-14 and entered the half trailing by two points before outscoring its opponent 22-14 in the third quarter and 24-22 in the final period.

The win pushed the Bobcats to five wins versus six losses on the season. Deming's record fell to 3-8.

## Cordia

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ing to the host school Shelby Valley on Thursday, and the Cats returned to action on Friday night to take on the Cordia Lions, only to fall 88-68.

Prestonsburg has used several different combinations of starting lineups this year, and Friday night was no different as Coach Jackie Day Crisp shuffled his lineup in an effort to find the right combination to help his team turn things around again.

The Blackcats played hard early and jumped out on top led by the hot shooting of Chris Kidd his nine points in the first period kept the Blackcats close and after one quarter the Cordia Lions led 19-13.

After the first quarter, the Cats went to a smaller lineup and that's when the Lions Clinton Stacy took over. Time after time Stacy scored off the easy layup and Prestonsburg had no answer to stop the inside game of Stacy. Cordia has a talented guard, in Matt Hurt his twenty-nine points led all scorers, Hurt connected on five three-point bombs in the contest. Cordia also used the transition game to their advantage by converting on fast breaks for 28 points.

The Blackcats trailed at the half by five at 38-33, but the Cats would get no closer on this night. Prestonsburg's Chris Kidd kept

the Blackcats close early in the third period, and finished the game as his team's leading scorer with 22 points, Kidd is one of the 15th Region's most underrated players as night in and night out he comes through with a big game to help his team. Prestonsburg has some solid players off the bench as well; Jeremy Clark came off the bench to toss in 11 points in the losing effort.

Cordia built on their lead late in the third period and after three led the Cats 61-50. Prestonsburg's Matt Slone and Justin Allen combined for 17 points in the contest, both connecting on two long range bombs, but the Blackcats could not contain the play of Stacy and Hurt and the Lions would pour it on late to run by the Blackcats with the 20-point win. The Lions placed four players in double-figures on the night, led by Matt Hurt.

Cordia scoring was as follows: Matt Hurt 29, Clinton Stacy 25, Greg Combs 9, Brent Perkins 11, Mitch Smith 10, Ricky Turner 4.

Prestonsburg scoring - Chris Kidd 22, Jeremy Clark 11, Matt Slone 9, Justin Allen 8, T.C. Hatfield 7, Josh Murdock 4, Joey Willis 3, Trevor Compton 2, Brad Bevins 2.

## Coleman

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had my fill of it. It's hard to explain. After that State Tournament I was never more than 75 percent the ball player I'd been before. It just wasn't that much fun.

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In introductory pages for the 1998 book Blue Yonder by Lonnie Wheeler, there is a map page of Eastern Kentucky with a photograph super-imposed onto it. A picture that symbolizes the glory of basketball in Kentucky. On the shoulders of two jubilant fans being carried off the court is a player wearing a seeming wistful half-smile, his jersey says Wasps. No. 66 is King Kelly Coleman.

A legend in Kentucky sports for millions, but more important a man at peace with himself. And so it goes.

Epilogue: For more on King Kelly Coleman and other Kentucky basketball personalities and lore visit a bookstore near you for a copy of Blue Yonder, The United State of

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7. Clem Haskins, Taylor Co. 3,325
8. Fred Hale, Wm'town 3,233
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