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briefs

Man gets 1 year for mail theft

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man charged with mail theft was formally sentenced Friday in Floyd Circuit court.

B.J. Woods, 23, of Banner, indicted in June for two counts of mail theft, entered a guilty plea following a pretrial conference Nov. 18 in which he accepted an offer from the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

According to his indictment, Woods stole two checks totaling \$300 out of the mailbox of a Tinker Fork resident, Dorothy Schmidt, while he was walking past her home on Dec. 14, 2001.

Arresting officer Chris Collins, of Kentucky State Police, wrote in the arrest citation that Woods admitted to removing the checks from an envelope in Schmidt's mailbox, sticking them in his pocket and walking away.

During court Friday, presiding Judge John David Caudill adhered to the prosecutor's recommendation when he sentenced Woods to two concurrent one-year sentences for the crimes.

Woods is currently incarcerated at the Floyd County Detention Center.

Shooting victim's son not indicted

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Jason Tackett, the son of a man shot and killed by a Kentucky State Police Trooper in July, will not see a charge of terroristic threatening against him pursued in circuit court.

Tackett's father, Aaron Tackett, was

shot and killed by KSP Trooper Kerry White during a traffic stop near Watergap on July 1.

The 23-year-old was charged with one count of second-degree terroristic threatening and later arrested in October for allegedly calling KSP Post 9 in Pikeville and threatening White by saying the veteran officer was a "dead man."

Tackett had been accused of using a 911 emergency line to make the call, according to citations filed at the time.

But a Floyd County grand jury took no action on the case, according to documents containing grand jury results filed Friday in Floyd Circuit Court.

White shot and killed Tackett's father with a single shot to the upper chest after

stopping him for speeding along U.S. 23 near the Watergap overpass on the evening of July 1 last year. The 57-year-old was later transported to Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, where he died from the gunshot.

Tackett was with his father at the time

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photo by Sheldon Compton

Car salesman Stuart Isaac proved a diligent worker Friday morning as he faced a parking lot full of vehicles rendered as an ineffective display after an overnight snow storm blanketed the area.

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Today Sunny High: 36 • Low: 36

Tomorrow Rain, snow High: 40 • Low: 21

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First snowfall of the season blankets Floyd County

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

FLOYD COUNTY — Travelers awoke Friday morning to roughly three inches of snow and ice-covered roads following a week of frigid weather that came to a head during the night and dropped the season's first significant amount of accumulation.

School buses and parents did not find themselves caught behind scrapers and road crews clearing

one-lane paths along U.S. 23 and secondary roads across the county because school was canceled ahead of time Thursday in anticipation of the snow.

Thursday morning the forecast was calling for roughly an inch of accumulation, but by that afternoon, the forecast had been updated to allow for a possible three inches.

None of that would fall before late evening Thursday, but during the night, the weather would live up

to expectations.

The National Weather Service in Jackson reported, as of Friday morning, that light snow would continue to fall, but advised that total accumulation would be less than an inch.

An extended forecast revealed the region would, most likely, not see very much more snow through the weekend.

But the approximately three

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Salyersville woman gets three years for child abuse

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Circuit Judge Danny Caudill presided over sentencing Friday for a Salyersville woman who was indicted in February on 14 counts of criminal abuse.

Kristel Shireman, 22, withdrew her not guilty plea last month and opted to plead guilty to those

charges in Floyd Circuit Court, after reaching a plea agreement with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Turner Jr., selected as special prosecutor in the case, Shireman abused or allowed the abuse of her daughter, who was at the time 2 years old, while she was living in a van with her boyfriend, Kevin Cole, 27, of

Salyersville, and several other people who would "come and go" during the week of July 1-5, 2000.

According to the indictment, handed down Feb. 14, Shireman "tortured" her daughter by burning her arms and feet, and by causing trauma and contusions to both of her feet, ankles, arms and wrists, head, mouth, back, buttocks, her

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GOP picks a Stumbo of their own

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — The Floyd County Republican Party stepped into the ring for the state representative seat with an announcement Friday evening, appointing a cousin of former state Rep. Greg Stumbo to head the race.

Bobby Stumbo, who currently acts as chairman for the Floyd County Republican Party, announced his intention to run for the position during a meeting Friday.

Stumbo, who operates T & B Grocery in Right Beaver, says he will do everything he can to improve Floyd County if elected.

"I don't know who [the Democratic Party] is going to pick, but I am willing to run against any one of them," said Stumbo. "I want to do the best that I can do to give the people here what they need. If there's anything I can do for anybody, I will do it, and that's for all the people, not just a select few."

Stumbo said he wants to fill the state representative



photo by Mary Music

Right Beaver resident Bobby Stumbo was selected Friday to represent the Floyd County Republican Party in the election for state representative. If elected, Stumbo will be replacing his cousin, Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

seat in order to give Floyd County better representation in the legislature. If elected, he said his main focus would be bringing jobs to the area.

During an interview Friday, he said the state representative seat would provide him with the ability to

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Man crashes through restaurant ceiling

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Owners of Peking in the Glyn View Plaza at Prestonsburg were pretty confident their lunch and dinner buffets made for a popular mealtime destination, but they never thought they'd have customers crashing through the ceilings.

But that's exactly what happened Thursday evening at the small restaurant located at the far end of the plaza.

According to Prestonsburg Police Officer Bryan Hall, at approximately 8 p.m. Thursday, the police station received a call that someone had fallen through the ceiling at the restaurant.

"His legs just crashed through the ceiling," Hall said.

Hall said he and assisting officers spoke with employees of the restaurant and were told that the man entered the restaurant with a female companion. While the woman busied herself with ordering takeout, the man stepped into the back area of the building to use the restroom.

Shortly afterwards, the employees reported hearing a loud thump and discovered during a quick inspection a set of legs dangling from ceiling.

"He just pulled himself back up and went back into

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# Odds and Ends

■ **OLYMPIA, Wash.** — Foiled again, and again, and again.

Chris Kirk returned to his apartment in Olympia and found everything in it covered with foil. The walls, ceiling and cabi-

nets were covered. Each CD was wrapped, as was all his spare change. Even Kirk's toilet paper was unrolled and wrapped in foil.

About the only thing that wasn't covered was a book: "Cruel Tricks for Dear Friends."

The practical joke was organized by Kirk's longtime friend, Luke Terrice, who was staying in the apartment while Kirk made a trip to Los Angeles.

Terrice says a small group of friends foiled the apartment with about 100 dollars worth of the kitchen wrap. He expects his buddy Kirk will soon find a way to get even.

■ **COSTA MESA, Calif.** — Officers in Southern California didn't need a crime dog to sniff out a pot farm — they just followed their own noses.

Police found more than a thousand marijuana plants and a sophisticated growing operation Tuesday in a warehouse in the Costa Mesa area. During the raid, officers confiscated about \$75,000 worth of water pumps, electric valves and giant lights used in cultivating the illegal weed.

But the growers apparently didn't buy any air freshener. Police say people in the area complained they could smell the pot blocks away.

Police arrested Paul Marrison and booked him for investigation of cultivating marijuana. He's also suspected of stealing the electricity to power all the grow lights.

■ **KNOXVILLE, Tenn.** — Stan Cooper had a cold surprise for his fiancée. It wasn't ice for her ring finger, but snow on her

lawn. Jackie Shelton woke up Wednesday to find her front yard covered in snow. Cooper had rigged up a homemade snow machine to create the winter wonderland.

He used an air compressor and pressure washer, and tested the prototype at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where he works.

Cooper says he proposed to Shelton on Christmas Day and gave her a ring. But he couldn't give her a white Christmas.

In order to produce his snowy surprise, Cooper had to

wait until the temperature dropped this week.

Shelton, who loves snow, says at first she thought her fiance had lost his mind. But she added, "He's so sweet."

■ **KISSIMMEE, Fla.** — A rookie public defender who exchanged words with a judge was held in contempt, handcuffed and ordered to sit in the dock with her client — who consoled her.

Kemie King, 27, was ordered this week to sit next to jail-inmate clients in the courtroom's jury box as Circuit Judge

Margaret Waller continued hearing other cases.

The incident happened during a hearing for Esteban Mercado, 48, who was accused of violating terms of his probation by driving with a suspended license.

Waller complained King arrived unprepared. King replied that it was not her fault, and she did not have the proper documents to proceed.

"Oh please, do not argue with me. Do not argue with me, or I'm going to put you in jail,"

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## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2004. There are 355 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

Forty years ago, on Jan. 11, 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

### On this date:

■ In 1757, the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, was born in the West Indies.

■ In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created.

■ In 1815, Sir John A. Macdonald, the first prime minister of Canada, was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

■ In 1861, Alabama seceded from the Union.

■ In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on

display at the 13th Automobile Show in New York.

■ In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began a trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

■ In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

■ In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

■ In 1973, owners of American League baseball teams voted to adopt the designated-hitter rule on a trial basis.

■ In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

### Ten years ago:

NATO leaders concluded a two-day summit in Belgium by warning Bosnian Serbs of their willingness to order bombing raids in former Yugoslavia to relieve embattled Muslim enclaves. President Clinton, who attended the summit, then traveled to the Czech Republic for a short visit.

### Five years ago:

President Clinton and House Republicans clashed in impeachment trial papers, with the White House claiming the perjury and obstruction allegations fell short of high crimes and misdemeanors and GOP lawmakers rebutting: "If this is not enough, what is?"

### One year ago:

Calling the death penalty process "arbitrary and capricious, and therefore immoral," Illinois Gov. George Ryan commuted the sentences of 167 condemned inmates, clearing his state's death row two days before leaving office.

### Today's Birthdays:

Producer Grant Tinker is 78. Producer David L. Wolper is 76. Actor Rod Taylor is 74. The former prime minister of Canada, Jean Chretien, is 70. Actor Mitchell Ryan is 70. Rock musician Clarence Clemons is 62. Movie director Joel Zwick ("My Big Fat Greek Wedding") is 62. Country singer Naomi Judd is 58. Golfer Ben Crenshaw is 52. Singer Robert Earl Keen is 48. Musician Vicki Peterson (The Bangles) is 46. Actress Kim Coles is 42. Actor Jason Connery is 41. Rock musician Tom Dumont (No Doubt) is 36. Rhythm and blues singer Maxee Maxwell (Brownstone) is 35. Singer Mary J. Blige is 33. Musician Tom Rowlands (The Chemical Brothers) is 33. Actor Marc Blucas is 32. Actress Amanda Peet is 32.

### Thought for Today:

"In much wisdom is much grief; and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow." — Ecclesiastes 1:18.

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Stumbo

create a recycling program to rid county residents of their garbage bills while providing for a cleaner environment.

Additionally, Stumbo said he hopes to bring a YMCA to the area to help children stay off drugs.

As representative, he said he would find a way to bring proposed bills back to Floyd County, hosting "town hall meetings" where individuals could vote on the issues at hand before they are filed.

"You're going down there to represent the people," he said. "You should know what the people want. The people should have a voice to be heard."

Stumbo also said Friday that he is interested in creating a two-party system in Floyd County, which has long held a Democratic majority.

"I believe a lot of the problems in Floyd County can be linked to the one-party anarchy," said Floyd Skeans, who was present during the meeting. "They don't have absolute power, it's almost absolute. If you have two systems being competitive, it automatically

balances the power in the county. That's the whole foundation of a democratic society."

The Republican Party selected Stumbo from a slate of seven who considered running, one of whom being James Allen Williams, current district 4 magistrate, who now shows his support for Stumbo's election.

"I think we as a party want the best for our county, the best for the people of this county," said Williams. "We'd like to see the county well represented and have somebody in there that represents the beliefs of the people and who will try to create jobs for the county."

During the meeting Friday, Williams said he decided not to run for the state representative position because he felt he could serve the people better in the magistrate position he now holds.

Democrat Katherine "Catbird" Isaac, who noted during the meeting that she is a "friend" of Stumbo, says she will support and stand behind his ability to do the job effectively.

"He got his ideas mostly by listening to people," she said. "He and I have had a few arguments, believe me, but if I didn't think he was doing the right thing, I wouldn't support him. Would I vote for Bobby

Stumbo? Yes, I would." Stumbo, standing as the Floyd County Republican chairman for the past 12 years, has served on the county Board of Elections for eight years. A special election is slated

to be held on Feb. 17. Stumbo encouraged all Floyd Countians to come to the polls, regardless of their party title. "We got to have votes from both sides," he said.

Democrats have yet to name a candidate for the race. County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson told The Floyd County Times that he believes that decision will come Monday or Tuesday.

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Bishop may get another new lawyer

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — After years of battling with his attorneys, accused murderer Dwayne Earl Bishop will soon see the passing of yet another defense attorney, following a hearing Friday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Bishop, accused of the 2000 murder of his wife, Carolyn Ann Bishop, has repeatedly accused his attorneys and local authorities of willingly corrupting his case since his arrest three years ago.

During court Friday, public advocate Robert D. Ganstine, who works with the public

defender's office in Morehead, requested to be removed from Bishop's case.

Ganstine cited in the motion that "irreconcilable conflicts have arisen in the case that seriously impairs" his ability to represent Bishop. Additionally, Ganstine based his request to withdraw on "recent personnel changes" at his Morehead office.

Similar motions have been filed amid Bishop's accusations by attorneys who have represented him since his initial arrest three years ago.

Presiding Judge John David Caudill placed the issue on hold Friday, pending the appearance of another public advocate to

replace Ganstine. "When someone else makes an appearance as co-counsel, then I'll consider your motion," Caudill told Ganstine during the hearing.

During the proceeding, public advocate Harolyn Howard, who has represented Bishop through the majority of the proceedings in his case, requested that another public advocate from the Pikeville office, where she is employed, replace Ganstine.

Caudill, however, said that it wouldn't be a "good idea" to do so.

"I don't think that's a good idea," he said. "It would compound the situation based on the history of the case."

Bishop filed suit in U.S. District Court against Caudill, the Pikeville Public Advocacy Office and the Commonwealth's

Attorney's Office on Dec. 9, alleging corruption in the ongoing case against him. In his complaint, Bishop alleged that a "corrupted circle" including Caudill, his attorneys, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, and "the law" have worked together to hinder the investigation into his wife's murder.

"He's had big complaints with his attorney, Harolyn Howard, and the last thing we need is to give him another attorney from the same office," Caudill said following the hearing Friday.

A trial date has yet to be set in Bishop's case.

Ceiling

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the bathroom for a little while and then came out and left," Hall said.

Police suspect the man, who was still at large as of Friday, must have entered the bathroom and then crawled into the ceiling, attempting, they assume, to gain access to one of the adjacent stores, but slipped and crashed through the thin ceiling structure.

"They (the store employees) were acting like it was no big deal," Hall said. "They said they didn't know why he was up there because they didn't keep money."

Officers spent the better part of an hour attempting to locate the suspect, who had been

described as wearing a blue sweater and baseball cap and having left in the direction of nearby Food City, but had no luck. A running vehicle nearby was checked out, but police decided the vehicle belonged to someone leaving from work, rather than a possible getaway option.

"We're assuming that he might have been trying to gain access to Rite-Aid, which is in that same line of stores," said Hall.

The incident is currently being treated as only a criminal mischief case, police said.

Abuse

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upper leg and hips and her spleen. Additionally, Shireman was charged with criminal abuse for withholding food from the child during that time, depriving the child of necessary medical services and for pulling out the child's hair.

The child was hospitalized following the incident and continues to undergo psychological treatment by local mental health care providers, officials said.

Turner said last month that the group drove the van to Michigan, where social services were called to investigate a foot injury and bruise on the child's head. Shireman left Michigan, returning to Kentucky 24 hours after social services found no evidence to support the claims of abuse, he said, and they remained in the Magoffin County area for five days before they were picked up.

According to Turner, there was "a lot of drug use" during this time and Shireman was indicted because, regardless of what happened, the child was her responsibility.

In court Friday, Caudill adhered to the plea agreement, which stipulates that Shireman terminate all parental rights and have no contact with her daughter or the child's adoptive family. In exchange for a guilty plea, the commonwealth dismissed 11 of

the criminal abuse charges against Shireman, leaving her accountable for three of those charges, for which they offered an 8 year sentence. She is to serve three years concurrently on each count. Following the completion of her sentence, she will be placed on probation for 10 years.

Shireman's attorney, Peyton Reynolds, appeared in court with her Friday.

The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office arranged for the plea agreement in order to adhere to the desires of the custodial grandparents, Mary and Chalmer Rowe, of Salyersville, who were present in court yesterday to sign custodial paperwork.

Additionally, Turner said, a speedy resolution to the trial would also benefit the well-being of the child, who has suffered psychological injuries in addition to the physical injuries she has now overcome.

The case against Shireman was originally set to be heard in Magoffin County by Judge John R. Morgan. A motion requesting a change of venue for the case was filed in Magoffin County courts Feb. 20, stating that it would be "impossible" to find a jury for the case because of extensive media coverage in the area.

Charges against Kevin Cole, who was Shireman's boyfriend at the time of the incident, have been dismissed, said Turner, because of statements given by the child during the investigation.

Odds

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Waller told King.

The two argued back and forth until the judge finally said: "Contempt."

While cuffed, King was consoled by Mercado.

"He said, 'I'm really sorry,'" King said. "I told him it really wasn't his fault."

Snow

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inches that fell Thursday night was enough to keep road crews busy Friday morning clearing primary roads such as U.S. 23 and then moving on to secondary roads throughout the day.

Some businesses, such as Discount Auto Brokers in Prestonsburg, found themselves forced to spend most of Friday morning cleaning off merchandise, sweeping snow from cars on display along North Lake Drive.

The picture was the same

throughout much of the city as residents bundled up and left the warmth of their homes to shovel, sweep or salt their driveways, pushing snow and ice to the side and cleaning off vehicles.

The snowstorm comes after roughly a week of chilly weather that have seen temperatures drop into the teens several nights consecutively, a cold front that was directly preceded by a few days of unseasonably warm weather that saw temperatures reaching the mid-70s.

Federal judge postpones Pike County vote fraud trial

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A federal judge has postponed the vote fraud trial of former state Sen. John Doug Hays and nine others accused of conspiring to influence the outcome of a judicial election in Pike County.

U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell took the action Friday, just three days before the trial was to begin, because two attorneys are withdrawing from the case, citing potential conflicts of interest.

Complications arose when Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome, who was convicted about two months ago in a separate vote fraud case, stepped forward to testify in the upcoming trial.

Newsome offered his testimony to prosecutors in hopes of a shorter sentence, defense attorneys contend.

Steve Owens, the attorney for Hays, and Scott C. Cox, the attorney for co-defendant Ross Harris, are withdrawing because they represented Newsome in his trial.

"The court finds that if there is not a conflict now, there is a serious potential for conflict to arise," Caldwell said.

As attorneys representing Hays and Harris, Owens and Cox would need to try to challenge the credibility of Newsome in the trial, which is now set to begin on June 28. Since both represented Newsome, to do so would create a conflict of interest.

Caldwell said she wanted to allow enough time for Hays and Harris to find new attorneys and for the attorneys to prepare for the trial.

Newsome has told prosecutors that Harris gave him \$25,000 before elections in 2000 and 2002.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth Taylor said he plans to

seek another indictment that would include the allegations Newsome has made. That would ensure that Newsome takes the witness stand and make it unnecessary for the judge to rule whether he should be permitted to do so.

Defense attorneys had asked that Newsome not be allowed to testify.

Louisville attorney R. Kenneth Westberry, representing Harris in Friday's court proceedings, said the statements by Newsome are completely unreliable. He said even federal prosecutors called him a liar in his trial.

Westberry said Newsome, an inmate in the Fayette County Detention Center, came up with the story after he learned that prosecutors were seeking a stiffer sentence for him. He faces three to 15 years in prison.

Prosecutors claim that Newsome told them he received cash from Harris through a "bag man" whose identity he didn't know. However, Newsome said his brother later identified that person as Glenn Turner, one of the co-defendants in the case, who works for Harris.

The trial was moved to London after concerns were raised about whether a fair trial could be held in Pikeville. That created a 2 1/2-hour commute for defendants and witnesses.

Delaying the start of the trial until June alleviates concerns raised by defense attorneys that wintery conditions in January would create dangerous driving conditions and cause delays in the trial.

Son

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of the stop and fatal shooting and later fled into the nearby woods, eluding questioning.

The Mud Creek resident's lawyer at the time, Ned Pillersdorf, has said Tackett has reported seeing no gun before fleeing the scene, but contends he heard a single shot while running away.

State police spokesman Scott Hopkins has not said what might have caused the traffic stop to result in a shooting death, except

to say that White "had to resort to lethal force to protect himself" during the course of a struggle with Aaron Tackett.

Tackett also recently found himself jailed on assault charges after allegedly being involved in an altercation with his mother Dec. 31, according to court records.

As of Friday, he was being held at the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$1,000 cash bond.

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— Felix Frankfurter

## GuestView

### Task force shows what a little effort can do

In its short existence, the Floyd County Drug Task Force has shown what a little cooperation, a little money and a lot of determination can do.

In less than a year, the task force has managed to make 77 drug arrests in a series of raids. Of course, that's the easy part. What has been more impressive is that, to date, of those arrests, every case which has reached a conclusion has resulted in a conviction.

All of this has been made possible not by a large grant, not by the creation of a new agency, but by a little bit of seed money to make undercover buys, some old-fashioned police work and the cooperative efforts of existing law enforcement agencies.

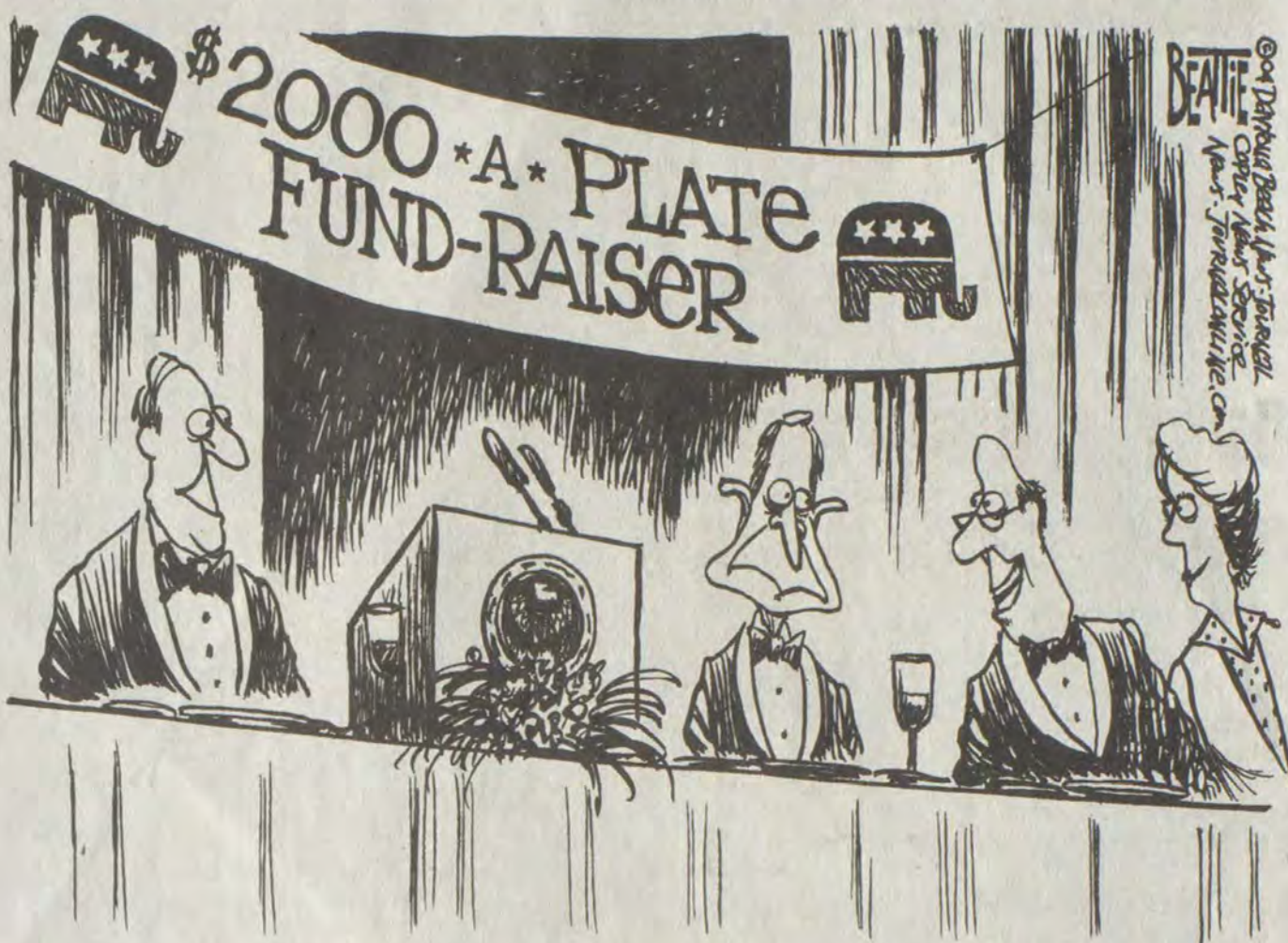
During its roundup this week, the task force's already impressive record grew even more so. Rather than concentrating on street-level dealers, as in the past, officers were able to branch out into the realm of doctor-shopping.

These latest cases have only just begun, so we cannot tell if they will be as successful as those in the past. We do know that doctor-shopping is a murkier crime which can be difficult to prosecute, so we would not be surprised if the task force's perfect record takes a couple of knocks. However, we wouldn't be surprised if it didn't, either.

The individual components of the drug task force — the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, the Prestonsburg Police Department and the Martin Police Department — have each had their own levels of success dealing with the drug problem in the past. However, it is becoming ever more clear that the synergy produced through their joint efforts is a much more formidable force in dealing with the explosion of drug activity in Eastern Kentucky, particularly in prescription drug abuse, than could be achieved singularly.

Whatever it is that is making the task force so successful, other communities would do well to emulate, and taxpayers should be glad that what little money these investigations have required has produced an enormous return on investment.

— The Floyd County Times



"Your campaign has enough money. Considering what happened in 2000, maybe you should start raising money for Ralph Nader."

### — Jim Davidson

## The people before profits recipe for success

There is a businessman who hails from the Deep South who has become almost a legend in his own time. His name is Truett Cathy, founder of the Chick-fil-A restaurant chain.

Based in Atlanta, Ga., this company is one of the nation's largest privately-held restaurant chains and Cathy has become one of America's most respected businessmen. The company's motto is, "We didn't invent the chicken, just the chicken sandwich." Today sales have grown to over \$1.2 billion and they have experienced growth for 34 consecutive years.

What makes this story even more remarkable is that Cathy is a committed Christian and has taught a 13-year-old boys' Sunday school class in Jonesboro, Ga., for over 50 years, and his stores do not open on Sunday, one of the biggest sales days for restaurants.

A Georgia native, he grew up in

Atlanta during the depression. At the age of 8, he showed his entrepreneurial skills by setting up a Coca-Cola stand in his West End Atlanta front yard. While operating his beverage stand and delivering the Atlanta Journal in his downtown public housing neighborhood of Techwood Homes, Cathy developed the "people first" business philosophy that distinguishes Chick-fil-A today.

In a recent interview with NBC Nightly News, Cathy said, "I see no conflict between Biblical principles and good business practice. Corporate America needs faith in something more than just the bottom line."

Many times Cathy has been asked why Chick-fil-A has not gone public, which is unusual for a restaurant chain of its size. His answer is that, "Too often Wall Street analysts are more interested in profits than they are in principles and people. If I had a widow invest her savings in Chick-fil-A and the company didn't pay the return she expected, I would feel obligated to make up the difference to her. Feeling that way about it, I might as well sign the bank note and be personally responsible rather than take other people's

money."

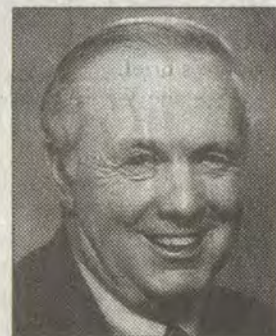
He also believes the reason many companies fail is their desire to grow faster than they can manage. When a downturn comes along, they have to lay people off. As he says, "You don't build a good reputation by discharging people, but rather by developing people."

Truett Cathy has written a new book titled, "Eat Mor Chikin: Inspire More People," that is now available in bookstores and most online book retailers. In his book, Cathy shares many life lessons for business, family and faith, encouraging readers to open themselves to unexpected opportunities to make a difference in someone else's life.

The author of this book certainly lives what he preaches. Along the way to his 80-plus years, he has built 11 foster homes for the more than 150 children who call him Grandpa, and sponsored scholarships for 16,500 Chick-fil-A restaurant employees. His Giving-Back Philosophy, which is consistent with my own, has earned him the title of "the most generous man in business."

His commitment to people has also earned him tremendous loyalty from his people. On average, fewer than 5 percent of Chick-fil-A operators leave the

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### — beyond the beltway

## War is still no damn good

by DONALD KAUL

I rise to the defense of the Vietnam Syndrome; the theory, forged in our disastrous Southeast Asia adventure, that war is a pretty messy business that should be avoided if at all possible.

(You would think that the history of the past thousand years or so would make this self-evident, but it hasn't. Conservatives tend to define the syndrome as "an irrational fear of war." Oddly enough, few — and I mean very few — of these bellicose conservatives have ever served in the military, let alone fired a shot in combat. On the other hand, maybe that's not so odd.)

In any case, in the years following the Vietnam conflict, the Vietnam Syndrome more or less guided our foreign policy. We tried to stay out of war and on the occasions that we tiptoed near one — Lebanon or Somalia for example — we backed off as soon as we suffered casualties.

The first Gulf War changed all that. It was so quick, so easy, so . . . so heroic, that we forgot about Vietnam. The war demonstrated what could be achieved with overwhelming force and that our force was such that we could overwhelm anything, we thought.

Thus this neo-con administration came up with its "pre-emptive war" strategy, which now informs our foreign policy. This holds that it is irresponsible to wait for an attack or the threat of an attack before responding militarily. Modern weapons are too fearsome for that. Rather, prudence requires us to attack a hostile nation if we have reason to believe that it has weapons of mass destruction. The Bush administration has refined this to mean that we can attack any nation we suspect of having such weapons or is even thinking about getting them.

This is the opposite of the Vietnam Syndrome. This is the Gulf Syndrome.

The Vietnam Syndrome is better. Conservatives have distorted the hard-won lessons of Vietnam. They seem to be under the impression that it was a noble enterprise that was torpedoed by protestors at home.

Typical conservative nonsense. It was an awful war, a terrible mistake, and the protestors at home were right to oppose it. I'm proud I did it.

I was reminded just how awful it was by a recent series in the "Toledo Blade" investigating conduct of American "Tiger Force" troops in Vietnam in 1967. "Rogue G.I.s Unleashed Wave of

Terror in Central Highlands" was the title.

The reports states: "For seven months Force soldiers moved across the Central Highlands, killing scores of unarmed civilians — in some cases torturing and mutilating them — in a spate of violence never revealed to the American public . . ."

"Women and children were intentionally blown up in underground bunkers. Elderly farmers were shot as they toiled in the fields. Prisoners were tortured and executed — their ears and scalps severed for souvenirs. One soldier kicked out the teeth of executed civilians for their gold fillings."

Some Tiger Force veterans contacted by "The New York Times" in a follow-up story took issue with the "Blade" report. They admitted the atrocities but said they didn't consider themselves a "rogue unit."

"The story that I'm not sure is getting out," said one of them, who served as a medic in the unit, "is that . . . we were under orders to do it."

And David Hackworth, who founded the unit and was perhaps the war's most decorated soldier, added, "Vietnam was an atrocity from the get-go. It was that kind of war, a frontless war of great frustration. There were hundreds of My Lais. You got your card punched by the

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# Faith Extra

## Minister's Moment: Good ways to open to God

by PASTOR STEVE PESCOSOLIDO

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This morning I was at the hospital talking with two folks from church, and happened to become aware of two things that work

great together. One of the church members was receiving IV medications in preparation for surgery. She was very open to receiving the Versed medication that calms the nervous system. Now she is not one to improperly use medications, but one who knew the circumstance and wel-

comed the physical comfort this medicine would bring. Now if all she had was the medicine, no companionship, no spiritual security in Christ, she would gain very little. Yet, this believer had both trusted companionship and a relationship with Jesus Christ. I humorously said that I

might title this article, "Versed and Bible Verses". Two good things that work together are calming medication and genuine prayer. But the more I thought about what I was observing, the more good ways to open ourselves to God came to me.

Consider any good thing that

God has created or provided. Let's begin with food. Don't our hearts open when we share a good meal with trusted family or friends? The Bible even teaches that the early church went to prayer after breaking bread in the host's home (Acts 2). There is an openness or at least a vulnerability when we eat. I am aware that folks that smoke cigarettes like to have a cigarette after they eat. My guess as to why they do this is that they feel that weakness and vulnerability and they reach for a lift from the nicotine. What if a person went to the Lord when they felt such vulnerability? I believe it would be very easy to sense the wisdom and the love of God at times like these.

How about another good thing — music. At a recent funeral, there were two songs that truly opened and warmed my heart. The Spirit of God was allowed to touch our hearts and

the congregation could feel the warmth of God's presence. We must, of course, be careful what kind of music we allow to open our hearts. Some music would plant negative or harmful ideas into our souls. Yet, when David played upon his harp for King Saul, the soothing presence of God's Spirit came upon the king.

I suppose the point or the reminder of this morning's lesson for me is that we could really find God or let Him find us when we experience good and proper things. There are many other good things such as rest, study, exercise, hugs, letters, gifts... When our hearts open, let us direct them to Jesus. His Spirit will give a peace far greater than any nerve medicine. The Spirit of Jesus Christ is the best food, the best music, the best nourishment for our souls. Try to open your heart to Him this year!

## Ousted Alabama justice seeks return to office, calling his expulsion 'dangerous'

by BOB JOHNSON ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Roy Moore, who was ousted as Alabama's chief justice for refusing to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the state judicial building, asked the state Supreme Court on Thursday to return him to office.

Moore argued in legal briefs that his expulsion sets a "dangerous precedent" and requires judges to deny their oath of office and religious faith.

The former chief justice was appealing the Nov. 13 decision of the Alabama Court of the Judiciary to oust him for refusing a federal court order to move the 5,300-pound monument from the Alabama Judicial Building's rotunda.

U.S. District Judge Myron

Thompson found the monument to be an unconstitutional promotion of religion by government. Moore maintains that the commandments are the moral foundation of American law.

"I've been removed from public office — the highest judicial office in this state — by an unelected, politically appointed body, and they did not question why I did not obey an unlawful order of the federal court," Moore said at a news conference. "Basically, I was given the choice to fail to acknowledge God or keep my job."

The Court of the Judiciary consists of judges, lawyers and others appointed variously by judges, legal leaders and the governor and lieutenant governor.

Moore's appeal will be decided by seven retired judges chosen at random to form a stand-in Supreme Court after the elected justices disqualified themselves from hearing the former chief justice's case.

Attorney General Bill Pryor, who prosecuted Moore before the Court of the Judiciary, has 20 days to file a response to Moore's brief.

Suzanne Webb, a spokesman

for Pryor, said he needs to study the papers before making any comment.

Moore and his attorneys argue that the Court of the Judiciary made a mistake by not considering whether Thompson's order to move the monument was legal.

"The Court of the Judiciary's crucial failure to distinguish between lawful and unlawful orders sets a dangerous precedent for all judicial officials in that ... it requires obedience to all court orders including those that are illegal and unethical," the brief argues.

Moore's attorneys also filed a motion Thursday objecting to the way the replacement justices were chosen.

Moore, known as the "Ten Commandments judge," designed the granite monument and moved it into the rotunda one night in July 2001. After a seven-day trial in 2002, Thompson ordered the monument removed.

Thompson's order was upheld by a federal appeals court, and the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear Moore's appeal.

After Thompson missed

Moore's deadline to remove the monument, the Judicial Inquiry Commission suspended Moore from office and brought ethics charges against him before the Court of the Judiciary. The monument was moved into a storage room by order of the eight associate Supreme Court justices.

In the brief filed Thursday, Moore said moving the monument would have forced him to "forsake an acknowledgment of God."

"Both the Alabama and the federal constitution prohibit Alabama from forcing public officers to choose between their job and their God," the brief said.

At the news conference, Moore said he is still seeking a book deal and that his income for now comes solely from speaking fees.

Moore said he hopes the book will help people understand what is meant by "the rule of law" and "separation of church and state."

"We are at a very critical point in our country to determine whether the federal government can tell us what to think. A lot of people seem to be missing it," he said.

### Beltway

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numbers of bodies you counted."

"What he neglected to say is that combat veterans of all wars can relate equally horrifying stories. War itself is an atrocity, which is why we should try to avoid it, rather than jumping into it.

I'm not saying that Gulf II is a carbon copy of Vietnam, but there are disquieting similarities. As Mark Twain once said:

"History doesn't repeat itself, at best it rhymes."

The rhymes are ringing.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. Email: donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

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chain in any given year, while most remain with the company for more than 20 years. The average store operator earns more than \$100,000 with some earning in excess of \$300,000.

Unlike the fictional stories in the popular Horatio Alger rags-to-riches books, Truett Cathy did not have to employ fictional stories to make points about his success. He actually lived them and his story is true.

To me what is most refreshing about the life and success of Truett Cathy is that he has proven that honoring a holy and righteous God and obeying His laws can best help us to achieve long-term success. Unfortunately, many people have never learned this simple truth. In today's dog-eat-dog corporate world of big business, some executives have flunked the test and are sitting behind bars, while others are on the way.

In reality, whether it's right

or wrong, we do learn from others. If you are aspiring to achieve success or greater success in the business world, or just in life, you might want to check out Eat Mor Chikin: Inspire More People by S. Truett Cathy. It could make a wonderful difference in your future.

A fellow Georgian, former President Jimmy Carter says of Cathy's life and book, "Truett's commitment to principles has enabled him to achieve both spiritual and financial prosperity. In his wonderful book, he tells how this simple philosophy led him to become a mentor and role model to young people, a customer-oriented restaurateur, a community leader and philanthropist. It is one of the most remarkable success stories of our time."

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him

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Wilma Jean Adkins, 82, of Allen, died Tuesday, December 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lorraine Bentley Bailey, 69, of Hager Hill, formerly of Hippo, died Sunday, December 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Carl Baldrige, 80, of George's Branch, East Point, died Thursday, January 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Imogene Hall Cole, 75, of Drift, died Tuesday, January 6, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Novie Martin Collins, 57, of Grethel, died Tuesday, January 6, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital Emergency Room. She is survived by her husband, Raymond Collins of Grethel. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dewey A. Conley, 73, of Findlay, Ohio, a native of Floyd County, died Friday, January 2, at Birchaven Retirement Center, in Findlay. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Feenie Hall Creswell, 75, of Ashland, formerly of Floyd County, died Sunday, December 28, at King's Daughters' Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Willard D. (Bud) Edmonds, 54, was died November 22, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Jewell Crum Edmonds. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 25, 2003, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Fay Daniels Yost Francisco, 81, of Harold, died Friday, January 2, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 5, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Joe Richard Gunnells, 45, of Stanville, died Friday, December 26, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Stella G. Hall, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, January 2, at King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dwella Mae Hall, 91, of Nicholasville, formerly of Greenup and Floyd County, died Monday, January 5, at the Royal Manor in Nicholasville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 8, under the direction of Reed Funeral Home, in Greenup.

Peggy Lee Hall, 50, of Blue Jay Circle, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, January 4, 2004, at Cleveland Clinic. A service was held Thursday, January 8, under the direction of Ducro Funeral Home, Ashtabula. Burial was in the Kelloggville Cemetery, Monroe Twp.

John L. Hamilton, 75, of Newark, Delaware, died at his home on Tuesday, January 6. A funeral service was held at R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, 122 West Main St., Newark, Delaware 19711 on Monday, January 12, 2004, at 1 p.m.

Bernice Hansford, 84, of Wayland, died Tuesday, December 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral

services were conducted Friday, January 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Aleen Cooper Harris, 92, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, December 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Kenneth Hatfield, 46, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, December 28, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Elder Delmas R. Johnson, 58, of Wheelwright, died Thursday, December 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Caldwell Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Grover Curtis Keathley, 73, of Harold, died Friday, December 26, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

David (DK) Newsome, 91, of Melvin, died Saturday, January 3, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Norman Dewey Osborne, 84, of Ft. Myers, Florida, formerly of Drift, died Tuesday, December 30, 2003, at Hope Hospice House, Ft. Myers, Florida. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 4, 2004, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Roy Edward Patton, 67, of Belleville, Michigan, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, December 31, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Frances Bevel Patton. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 5, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Jettie Sparks Shreve, 89, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, January 8, at her residence. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, January 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Jewell Smallwood, 80, of Harold, died Wednesday, December 24, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Franklin Lee Smith, 68, of Stanville, died Saturday, January 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Revia Church Smith. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lillian Maxine Blair Stephens, 76, of Wayland, died Monday, December 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

John Stone Jr., 67, of Cadiz, a native of Betsy Layne, died Tuesday, December 30, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Marcia Dress Stone. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 3, under the direction of Goodwin Funeral Home.

Don Burgess Trimble, 56, of Ivel, died Monday, December 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Janice Griffith Wright, of Martin, died Thursday, December 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## Magoffin County

Laura Jane Risner Holbrook,

65, of Salyersville, died Monday, December 22, at South Williamson Memorial, South Williamson, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 26, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

## Lawrence County

Walter Scott Kasee, 81, of Blaine, died Wednesday, December 24, at St. Mary's Medical Center, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 27, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Millie Gilliam Maxie, 77, of Martha, died Monday, December 22, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 26, under the direction of Eldridge Funeral Home.

Sheldon P. Preece, 51, of Louisa, died Thursday, January 1, at UK Medical Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Sharon L. Lemaster Preece. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 4, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

## Pike County

Helen Little Allen, 62, of Cleveland, formerly of Pike County, died Monday, December 29, in Cleveland. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 2, under the direction of Craciun Berry Funeral Home.

Clara Adams Baldwin, 88, a native of Pike County, died Saturday, December 27, at the Jenkins Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 31, under the direction of Polly and Craft Funeral Home.

Jimmy Dean Blackburn, 65, of Hardy, died Wednesday, December 31, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Anna Baker Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 3, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Carl Richard Blankenship, 32, of Barrenshee, died Friday, January 2, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Melissa Mayhorm Blankenship. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 5, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Della Blankenship, 87, of Newtown, West Virginia, a native of Woodman, died Monday, December 29, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 2, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Nellie May Copley, 90, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, a Pike County native, died Thursday, December 25. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 28, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Martha Griffey, 75, of Lexington, formerly of Phelps, died Wednesday, December 31, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 3, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Ival Coleman May, 85, of Marrowbone, died Tuesday, December 30, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 2, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Robert Eugene Ratliff, 38, of Dalton, Georgia, formerly of Pike County, died Monday, December 29, at the Hamilton Medical Center, Dalton. He is survived by his wife, Janice Parker Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 2, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Lucille May Robinson, 65, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, December 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Richard Robinson. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 3, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Joseph L. Walters, 79, of Island Creek, Pikeville, died Wednesday, December 31, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lizzie Christine Walters. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 4, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Melinda Sue Wolford, 33, of Matewan, West Virginia, formerly of Phelps, died Thursday, January 1, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 7, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

## Martin County

Goldie J. Brammer, 85 died Monday, December 22. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 27, under the direction of O.R. Woodyard Co. Chapel, in Columbus, Ohio.

Mary Fitch, 61, of Inez, died Thursday, January 1, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Paul Fitch. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 3, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Larry (Doc) Maynard, 49, of Inez, died Sunday, January 4, at U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Tina Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 7, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Daisy Alice (Pug) Newsome, 77, of Deborah, died Sunday, January 4, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Jay Newsome. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 7, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Dorothy Ward, 59, of Tomahawk, died Tuesday, December 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Oakey Ward. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 2, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

## Johnson County

Paul Matthew Arrowood, 86, a Johnson County native, died Monday, December 29, at St. Luke Medical Center in Newport.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian Pack Arrowood. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 1, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" Castle, 90, of Tutor Key, died Friday, January 2, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 5, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Jimmy Charles Fraley, 65, of Walton, formerly of Van Lear, died Monday, December 29, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Patsy Fraley. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 1, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Neva Lemaster, 77, died Tuesday, December 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Evan LeMaster. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 2, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Irene Mellon, 102, died Thursday, January 1, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 5, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Johnny Venson Preston, 85, of Flat Gap, died Monday, December 29, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 1, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Alice Conley Stewart, 90, a Van Lear native, died Tuesday, December 30, at Woodland Oaks in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 2, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Alma Marie Wheeler, 81, died Tuesday, December 30, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. She is survived by her husband, John M. Wheeler. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 3, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Mary Elizabeth Blackburn Whittaker, 59, died Wednesday, December 24, at St. Joseph

Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 27, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

## Knott County

Truman Ray Conley, 62, of Mousie, died Tuesday, December 30, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Conley. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 1, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Raymond Lemmon Dobson, 20, of Vest, died Wednesday, December 31, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Bessie Hall, 62, of Ewing, a Floyd County native, died Monday, January 5, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Edna Little Hall, 86, of Kite, died Saturday, December 27, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 31, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Mildred Hall, 86, of Jeffersonville, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, died Thursday, December 25, at Xenia, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Ray Jacobs, 66, of Pippa Passes, died Monday, December 29, at Corbin. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 1, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Proctor Risner Jr., 61, of Newton, Illinois, formerly of Knott County, died Sunday, December 28, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Anita Jean Risner. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 2, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

# Obituaries

## Geneva Blanche (Bea) Crisp Patton

Geneva Blanche (Bea) Crisp Patton, 84, of Langley, died Thursday, January 8, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born October 23, 1919, in Martin, she was the daughter of the late Wilson and Phoebe Patton Crisp. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles B. Patton.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Charles David and Susannah Patton of Walton; daughters and sons-in-laws: Catherine (Babs) and Gene Sparks of Melbourne, Florida, Charlene and Larry Johnson of Langley, Sharon and Edgle Jr. Moore of Ezel, and Deanna and Jesse Samons of Vero Beach, Florida; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Clyde Crisp and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, January 11, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jesse Samons officiating.

Burial will be in the Patton Family Cemetery, at Langley, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Johnnie Randale Stratton

Johnnie Randale Stratton, 54, of Deerfield, Michigan, passed away, suddenly on Friday, January 9, 2004, at his home.

He was born on March 29, 1949, in Prestonsburg, the son of Willie and Octavia (Conn) Stratton.

On January 31, 1986, he was married to Vickie Altherr.

He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam war. He later became a factory worker for General Motors and worked at the Willow Run factory and also in Arlington, Texas. He also worked a short time for the Blissfield Pharmacy driving the delivery truck. His hobbies included ice fishing and traveling, especially up north. He was a loving husband and father who will be sadly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Vickie Stratton.

Other survivors include a daughter, Cody (Estill) Martinez of Ypsilanti, Michigan; two sons: Johnnie R. Stratton II of Ypsilanti, Michigan and Alan Stratton of Deerfield, Michigan; one brother, Joe Stratton of Chelsea, Michigan and one granddaughter, Alyssa Rich of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Funeral services for Johnnie will be held on Monday, at 7:30 p.m., at the Tagsold Funeral Home, in Blissfield; during the visiting hours, which are also Monday, from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. (Paid obituary)

## Rev. Moultrie H. McIntosh

Rev. Moultrie H. McIntosh, 80, former rector of St. James Church, Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, January 6, 2004, in Lexington.

Survivors include three children, John M. McIntosh, David C. McIntosh, both of Lexington; and Margaret E. McIntosh, of Reno, Nevada; five grandchildren, and his former wife, Helen Churchill Wigginton McClure, all of Lexington.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Saturday, January 10, at Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington. W.R. Milward Mortuary-Broadway is in charge of arrangements.

The 11 a.m., Sunday service at St. James Church will be a memorial to Fr. McIntosh in recognition of his services to the community, and will be conducted by Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross.

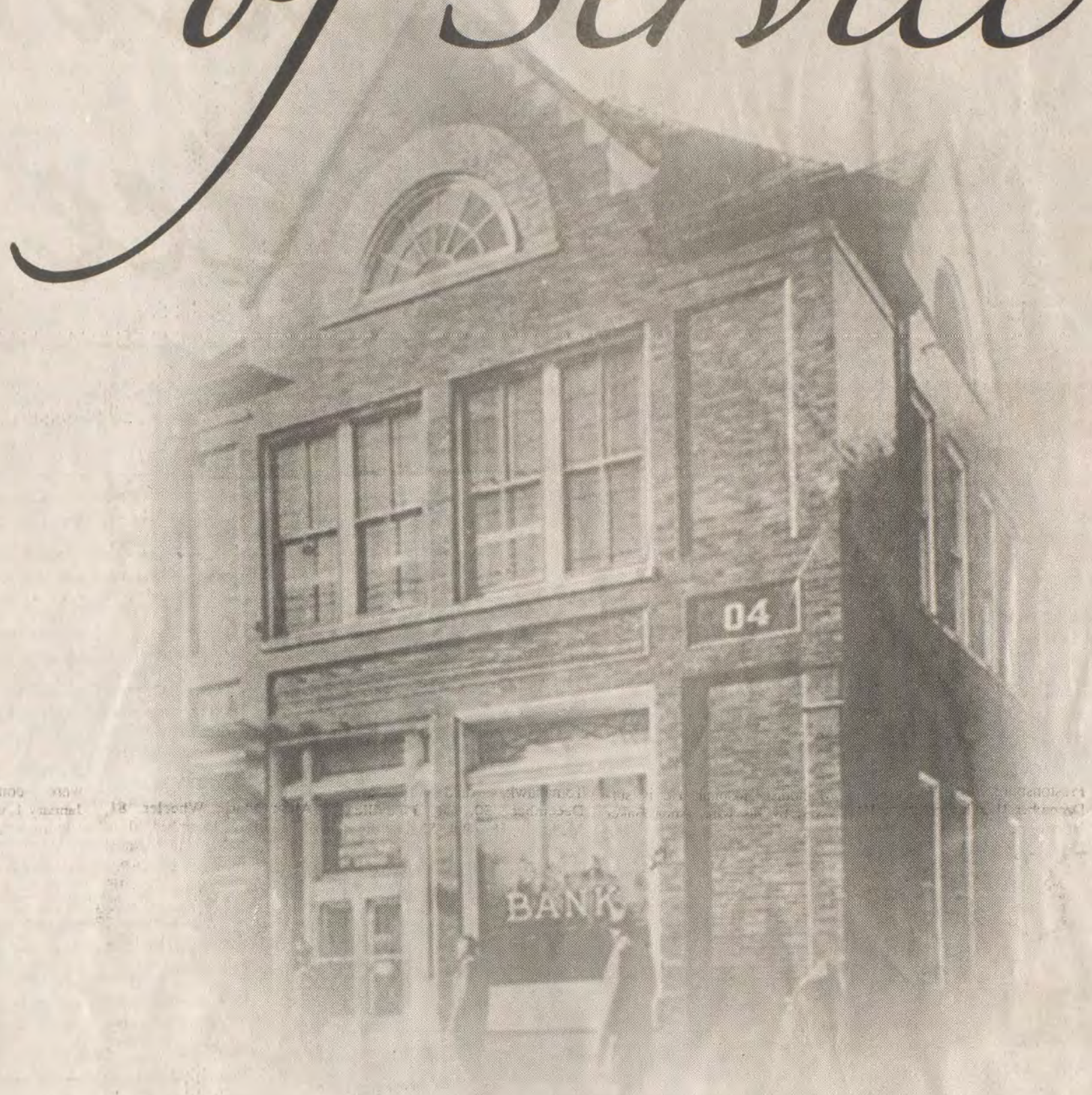
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# Reader's Choice

**BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY**

- Area Attraction \_\_\_\_\_
- Church \_\_\_\_\_
- Civic Club/Organization \_\_\_\_\_
- College \_\_\_\_\_
- Community Festival Event \_\_\_\_\_
- Dining Atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_
- Elderly Care Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_
- Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_
- High School \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospital/Medical Facility \_\_\_\_\_
- Local Band \_\_\_\_\_
- Middle School \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to camp out \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to lose weight \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to meet friends \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to spend Saturday night \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to take out of town guests \_\_\_\_\_
- Place to work \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST FOOD**

- Barbecue \_\_\_\_\_
- Biscuits \_\_\_\_\_
- Brand of Soft Drink \_\_\_\_\_
- Burgers \_\_\_\_\_
- Catering \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken \_\_\_\_\_
- Chili \_\_\_\_\_
- Chinese Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Decorated Cake \_\_\_\_\_
- Desserts \_\_\_\_\_
- Donuts \_\_\_\_\_
- Fish and Seafood \_\_\_\_\_
- French Fries \_\_\_\_\_
- Fresh Meat for Grilling \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Cookin' \_\_\_\_\_
- Hot Dogs \_\_\_\_\_
- Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_
- Kid's Meal \_\_\_\_\_
- Mexican Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Onion Rings \_\_\_\_\_
- Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Roast Beef Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_
- Salad Bar \_\_\_\_\_
- Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
- Shakes/Malts \_\_\_\_\_
- Steaks \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST PEOPLE**

- Accountant \_\_\_\_\_
- Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
- Bank Teller \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_

- Barber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Boss \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Building Contractor \_\_\_\_\_
- Bus Driver \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Salesperson \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Chiropractor \_\_\_\_\_
- City Employee \_\_\_\_\_
- Club President \_\_\_\_\_
- Coach \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Dental Hygiene \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Dentist \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrician \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- EMT/Paramedic \_\_\_\_\_
- Firefighter \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Home Attendant \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture Sales Person \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- General Physician \_\_\_\_\_
- Hairstylist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Heating/Air Service Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Jeweler \_\_\_\_\_
- Law Enforcement Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Loan Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Mechanic \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Nurse \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Optometrist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Painter \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper Carrier \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor/Priest \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_
- Photographer \_\_\_\_\_
- Physical Therapist \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumber \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Politician \_\_\_\_\_
- Principal \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Radio Announcer \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_

- Secretary \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Store Cashier \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_
- Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaches at \_\_\_\_\_
- Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Waitress/Waiter \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_
- Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_
- Employed at \_\_\_\_\_

- Car Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Car Wash \_\_\_\_\_
- Commercial Printer \_\_\_\_\_
- Concrete \_\_\_\_\_
- Construction/Remodeling \_\_\_\_\_
- Convenience Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Crafts \_\_\_\_\_
- Daycare Center \_\_\_\_\_
- Deli \_\_\_\_\_
- Dry Cleaners \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrical Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Electronics \_\_\_\_\_
- Eyewear \_\_\_\_\_
- Exterminating \_\_\_\_\_
- Farm/Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial Institutions \_\_\_\_\_
- Financing \_\_\_\_\_
- Floor Coverings \_\_\_\_\_
- Florist \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture \_\_\_\_\_
- Garage \_\_\_\_\_
- Gas Station \_\_\_\_\_
- Gifts \_\_\_\_\_
- Grocery Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Guns/Ammo \_\_\_\_\_
- Hearing Aids \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Decorating \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Janitorial Service \_\_\_\_\_
- Jewelry \_\_\_\_\_
- Landscaping \_\_\_\_\_
- Laundromat \_\_\_\_\_
- Manufacturing \_\_\_\_\_
- Mine Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Mining Company \_\_\_\_\_
- Mobile Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Motel/Hotel \_\_\_\_\_
- Motorcycles/ATV \_\_\_\_\_
- Music Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_
- Office Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Oil Changes \_\_\_\_\_
- Pawn Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_
- Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Rental Items \_\_\_\_\_
- Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Retail Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Security \_\_\_\_\_
- Sewing/Alterations \_\_\_\_\_
- Tanning Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Tire Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Tools & Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Truck Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Upholstery \_\_\_\_\_
- Videos \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE**

- Athletic Shoes \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto-Body Repairs \_\_\_\_\_
- Bath Towels \_\_\_\_\_
- Bed Linens \_\_\_\_\_
- Cabinets \_\_\_\_\_
- Carpet \_\_\_\_\_
- Dairy Items \_\_\_\_\_
- Dress Shoes \_\_\_\_\_
- Film Developing \_\_\_\_\_
- Frozen Foods \_\_\_\_\_
- Health & Beauty Aids \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Health Care Needs \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Mortgage Loan \_\_\_\_\_
- Kids Clothing \_\_\_\_\_
- Men's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_
- Perm \_\_\_\_\_
- Pet Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Produce \_\_\_\_\_
- School Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Seafood items \_\_\_\_\_
- Shoe Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Snack Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Stereo \_\_\_\_\_
- TV-VCR Repair \_\_\_\_\_
- Used Automobiles \_\_\_\_\_
- Vinyl \_\_\_\_\_
- Women's Clothing \_\_\_\_\_

**BEST BUSINESS**

- Antiques/Collectibles \_\_\_\_\_
- Appliances \_\_\_\_\_
- Artwork/Framing \_\_\_\_\_
- Athletic Supply \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Parts \_\_\_\_\_
- Bait/Tackle \_\_\_\_\_
- Beauty Salon \_\_\_\_\_
- Bookkeeping/Tax \_\_\_\_\_
- Building Supplies \_\_\_\_\_

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Wise women down host Lady Eagles

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – In the first game of a doubleheader with the men's and women's basketball teams from both Alice Lloyd College and the University of Virginia-Wise, the Wise women prevailed, beating the host Lady Eagles 79-67.

Alice Lloyd trailed by seven at half-time as Wise held a 34-37 lead.

Balanced scoring helped the visiting team leave Kentucky with a win. Four different players scored in double figures for the Lady Cavaliers. Caroline Baca led UVA-Wise with 19 points. Sara Helton scored 17 and Chelsea Lee added 14. Rachel Helton chipped in 10.

Chrissy Bowen came in off the bench and scored eight for the Lady Cavaliers.

Terri Ann Hill and Molly Baldwin scored five points apiece and Melissa Large rounded out the Lady Cavs' scoring on a free throw.

Belicia Mullins led Alice Lloyd with 19 points. Delores Jenkins scored 14 and Amy Jackson chipped in 10.



Jenkins

(See EAGLES, page four)



photos by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne junior Kim Clark (4) had 11 points and dished out seven assists in Thursday night's win over Shelby Valley. Shelby Valley's Esther Fleming (14) is pictured defending as Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers looked on.

Below: Clark's backcourt mate, Kristen Smith (23), dished out six assists and scored six points in the win.

# Second-half surge vaults Betsy Layne girls

## Host Ladycats outscore Shelby Valley 51-22 in second half

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – In high school basketball, a regulation game consists of two halves. Tuesday night, the Betsy Layne girls' team that took to the floor in the second half was a much more crisp unit compared to the first half squad. To say the Betsy Layne team that took to the floor in the second half against visiting Shelby Valley was a more effective squad would be an understatement. Betsy Layne, after leading 25-18 at halftime, outscored Shelby Valley 51-22 in the second half to win in impressive fashion, 76-40.

Senior Whitney Lykens exhibited

senior leadership and tossed in a game-high 28 points for Betsy Layne. She had Betsy Layne's only two three-pointers of the game. Lykens also had four steals and five rebounds.

Kristal Daniels had a double-double for the Ladycats. She scored 21 points and pulled down a game-high 15 rebounds.

Kim Clark had 11 points and seven assists for the host Ladycats.

Daniels, who scored just six points in the first half, came alive in the second half, netting 13 points in the third quarter alone.

As a team, Betsy Layne shot 53-percent from the field and 86-percent from the free-throw line. The Ladycats hit a sizzling 12-of-14 tries from the free-throw stripe.

Shelby Valley hit on 14 of 23 attempts from the free throw line and did not hit a three-point field goal.

Kristen Smith scored six points and Breann Akers came in off the bench to add four as Betsy Layne kept its so-far

(See SURGE, page two)



MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Eagles continue to slide

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team is on a losing streak which stretches back to December 2003. The Eagles have struggled both at home and on the road, resulting in several losses.

On Thursday night, Alice Lloyd played and eventually lost to visiting UVA-Wise. The visiting Cavaliers beat Alice Lloyd

69-60. The Virginia school led the Kentucky school 34-26 at halftime.

Bobby Hendrick paced Wise with a game-high 22 points. Brandon Green netted 11 for the Cavaliers.

Blake Mellinger and Matt Young



Shannon

(See SLIDE, page two)

# Betsy Layne girls eye third straight 'A' title

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – For two straight cold winters, the Betsy Layne girls' basketball team has cut nets down in January and days later made a trip to Richmond to play in the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic. Betsy Layne is the two-time

defending 15th Region All "A" champ and looks to be the favorite here in 2004. Betsy Layne seniors Whitney Lykens and Tabetha Witt have played key roles on each of the two previous 'A' title teams.

Betsy Layne beat Allen Central for a title in 2002 and last year downed Pikeville in the finals after upending

Allen Central in a nail-biter in the semifinals.

The 2004 15th Region All "A" Classic pairings pit Betsy Layne against Paintsville in the opening round of the tournament on its second night. This year's 15th Region All "A" Classic is scheduled to begin on Monday, Jan. 19, just over a week from today, and run four

consecutive nights. A champion is scheduled to be crowned in the title game on Thursday, Jan. 4.

Akers feels her team has room for improvement.

"We're a little bit behind from where we were at this time last season," Akers

(See ALL-A, page two)

H.S. BASKETBALL

# National City Sweet 16 Trophy Tour set

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – National City Bank, the title sponsor for the Boys Sweet 16, is taking the trophy that will be presented to the 2004 Boys Sweet 16 Champion around the state on a tour, and they may be coming to your town soon.

The National City Trophy Tour provides students and fans with a chance to see the big trophy, as well as offering high school seniors a chance to win one of 32 one-time \$500 scholarships to be awarded to 16 boys and 16 girls throughout the

(See TOUR, page two)

WYMT MOUNTAIN CLASSIC

## East Ridge 70, Betsy Layne 66

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR



Rose

HAZARD – The hardwood of Knott County Central High School has been unkind to the Betsy Layne Bobcats and head coach Brent Rose.

Betsy Layne suffered a second straight hard-fought loss in the WYMT Mountain Classic Friday night, losing to East Ridge, an upstart program from

the 15th Region. Betsy Layne trailed by 19 at halftime before battling back and falling short as East Ridge won 70-66.

East Ridge (9-3) jumped out to a 16-8 lead in the first quarter and outscored Betsy Layne by 11 digits in the second period.

Brandon Hall led Betsy Layne in scoring with 17 points. Jordan Kidd

(See GAME, page two)



# In January, both deer and bowhunters are die-hards

by STEVE VANTRESE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**PADUCAH** — January deer are different creatures — and that pretty much goes for the late season bowhunters who pursue them, too.

Kentucky's last whitetail hunting of the fall-winter progression is the concluding days of the

archery deer season, which runs through Jan. 19 this year. The late days come after a succession of firearms seasons, and they represent the dregs of a bowhunting period that opened way back in early September.

"Deer are completely different animals in January than the animals people were hunting back earlier in the fall," said David Yancy, a deer biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

"The rut (breeding) activity is almost all over and they're moving much less. Their metabolism slows down this time of year and they try not to expend as much energy."

Winter deer — the females and young from the previous year, at least — become more gregarious and "yard up" in extended family groups, Yancy said.

"Generations of does and fawns will group together and form small herds. You might see 12 or 15 walking single file toward a corn field in late afternoon."

Mature bucks, on the other hand, remain solo and fall into deeper seclusion as they attempt to rebound from the rigors of the rut.

"The bucks that survived the rut traveled a lot of ground pursu-

ing does and most probably didn't feed much during the peak, so they lose a lot of weight and they're really worn down by this time of year," Yancy said. "They're spending more time bedding and resting as they try to recover."

Late bowhunters would do well to focus their efforts on thick cover areas that become more attractive to deer when temperatures drop. Also, prominent food sources for late season feeding —

especially agricultural delicacies like waste corn or winter wheat — that lie close to heavy cover are important in locating January deer.

"Thickets that offer good thermal cover, like cedar thickets that can break the wind, are especially good when it gets really cold," Yancy said. "The deer have been hunted for months, too, so they're pretty skittish this time of year and prefer to bed in really thick stuff."

Yancy said thicket edges near fields or food plots are often first choice for late days hunters.

The hunters who stake out tree stand or ground blind positions to intercept late days deer aren't the ordinary archers, however.

"Only the real die-hards are still bowhunting now," Yancy said. "It's pretty cold and it requires some different clothing just to be able to stay out there when it's really bitter."

Kentucky's hunters already

have taken a new record number of deer for the entire fall-winter season — more than 115,400. Last year the total was 115,082, a record at the time.

Typically, January's late hunting only adds a few hundred more to the total. Over the past four years with the bow season running up to three weeks into the month, the January bow harvest has ranged from 835 to 1,412 deer — not a great number for an entire state of bowhunters.

## Eagles

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Rhonda Adams and Erica Webb each finished with seven points. Bertha Sebastian netted three. Kristina Thompson, Jessica Justice and Devon Reynolds added two points apiece.

Bridget Smith scored on a free throw.

Alice Lloyd lost the rebounding battle, 22-35. The Lady Eagles grabbed just five offensive boards.

## Stratton returns

After battling illness and injury, Alice Lloyd College freshman Natasha Stratton has returned and is playing for the Lady Eagles. Stratton, last March, finished an outstanding prep career at Betsy Layne High School.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# ALC ladies leave Asbury looking for answers

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PIPPA PASSES** — Two different Alice Lloyd women's basketball players scored in double figures and the Lady Eagles outscored Asbury by 20 points in the second half, playing to an 82-56 win. Alice Lloyd, coached by Floyd County resident Tim Rice, led 31-25 at halftime.

Belicia Mullins led Allen Central in scoring with a game-high 21 points. Erica Webb scored 20 and pulled down seven rebounds. Delores Jenkins had 17 points.

Nine different Lady Eagles scored. Devon Reynolds and Jessica Justice netted six points

apiece and Bertha Sebastian, who became eligible this semester, added five. Rhonda Adams scored three. Kristina Thompson and Natasha Stratton had two points apiece to round out the scoring for the ALC women.

Turnovers led to the ultimate demise of Asbury. The visiting team committed 34 turnovers. Alice Lloyd had just 19. As a team, the Lady Eagles had 15 steals with Webb getting four of the swipes.

April Henderson led Asbury in scoring with 15 points. Jamie Keller netted 14 and Rheaylynn Cook added 10. Cook also had 10 rebounds. Asbury held a 29-26 advantage in the rebounding department.

by RONALD BLUM  
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**NEW YORK** — Pete Rose is an angry man.

He feels he's done his part, confessed that he bet on baseball. But instead of absolution, he keeps hearing more condemnation: His apology came too late, was insincere, upstaged the Hall of Fame and brought him more money.

"Now you're coming clean, and it's not good enough," he said Thursday during a 30-minute interview with The Associated Press. "It's not right. So how can I win? How can I win if people aren't going to be fair with me?"

Now 62, his hair thinner and his tummy chubbier, Charlie Hustle craves a full, free and unconditional pardon from baseball commissioner Bud Selig. He wants to get into the Hall of

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added 15 points and Preston Simon chipped in 12. Brandon Kidd had eight for the Bobcats.

Brandon Ratliff poured in a game-high 31 points for East Ridge. Betsy Layne outscored East Ridge 29-20 in the third period and 21-15 in the final frame, but ran out of time, leaving the comeback effort short by a couple of buckets.

Robbie Spears added eight points for East Ridge.

Hazard beat Betsy Layne 63-52 in the opening round of the WYMT Classic in a game played on Wednesday.

Results from the semifinals and championship game of the WYMT Classic were unavailable at press time.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Rose craves forgiveness

Fame — but what he really wants is the chance to manage a major league team again.

Rose says a reinstatement with restrictions would be unfair. "I don't know if they would ever say, 'We'll reinstate you but you can't work in baseball.' I don't think that's the American way, I really don't," Rose said.

He alternated between pleas for forgiveness and the cockiness he made famous during a record-setting playing career that stretched from 1963 to 1986. Wearing a bright red pullover in a suite at a Manhattan hotel, he sat back and reflected, leaned forward and vented.

In his second autobiography, "Pete Rose: My Prison Without Bars," he finally confessed that he bet on the Cincinnati Reds while he managed the team in the late 1980s, baseball's capital crime, one that led to the lifetime ban he agreed to in 1989.

Rose had hoped the release of the book Thursday would be end of the end of the public debate over whether he deserved a second chance. He would be the

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had eight points apiece for Wise. Chris Papst, Ricky Brown and Jeremy Housewright each had six points.

Alice Lloyd had promising spurts in the second half, but couldn't keep the game within a couple of possessions on a very consistent basis.

Ryan Shannon led Alice Lloyd with 13 points and three assists. Shannon Akers scored 12 and Jimmy Stumbo chipped in 11.

Tim Parks had nine points and Jeremy Jackson chipped in six. Jason Knott tossed in five points. Matt Spencer and Jeremy Daniels each had two points.

UVA-Wise outrebounded Alice Lloyd 36-34. The Eagles had 17 turnovers in the loss.

first person on the permanent ineligible list to ever gain reinstatement.

Instead, initial reaction to excerpts published by Sports Illustrated earlier this week was largely negative. Hall of Fame vice chairman Joe Morgan, his former Reds teammate, condemned the commercial aspect of the confession and saw no contrition.

"I'm kind of surprised that people are jumping the gun before they read the book," Rose said. "I thought I was remorseful when I needed to be remorseful

in here. And I must tell you that it's hard to be remorseful on paper. You know, talking to you or talking into a camera, it's a lot easier to be remorseful because you can look at me and hear my tone and things like that."

He professes to understand Selig's plight. Rose admitted to Selig in November 2002 that he bet on baseball. And while the commissioner, according to his aides, appreciates Rose's popularity with fans, he also wonders

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# AN ARGUMENT FOR PETE FOR THE HALL

## Pete Rose's Major Records

- All-time Major League record for most career hits-4,256
- All-time Major League record for most games played-3,562
- All-time Major League record for most at bats-14,053
- All-time Major League record for most singles-3,315
- All-time Major League record for most total bases by a switch hitter-5,752
- All-time Major League record for most seasons of 200 or more hits-10
- All-time Major League record for most consecutive seasons of 100 or more hits-23
- All-time Major League record for most seasons with 600 or more at bats-17
- All-time Major League record for most seasons with 150 or more games played-17
- All-time Major League record for most seasons with 100 or more games played-23
- Only player in Major League history to play more than

- 500 games at five different
- Positions-1B (939) 2B (628) 3B (634) LF (671) RF (595)
- Major League record for playing in the most winning games-1,972
- All-time National League record for most years played-24
- All-time National League record for most consecutive years played-24
- All-time National League record for most career runs-2,165
- All-time National League record for most career doubles-746
- All-time National League record for most games with 5 or more hits-10
- Modern National League record for longest consecutive game hitting streak-44
- Modern National League Record for most consecutive game hitting streaks of 20 or more games-7 — The Floyd County Times

## All-A

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said. "But, you never want to peak too early."

All 15th Region All "A" Classic games will be played at South Floyd High School's Raider Arena.

A complete tournament schedule with first round pairings follows.

## 15TH REGION ALL "A" CLASSIC

- Monday, Jan. 19: Game 1 — Shelby Valley vs. Pikeville
- Monday, Jan. 19: Game 2 — Phelps vs. South Floyd
- Tuesday, Jan. 20: Game 1 — Betsy Layne vs. Paintsville
- Tuesday, Jan. 20: Game 2 — Allen Central vs. Piarist
- Wednesday, Jan. 21: Semifinals games
- Thursday, Jan. 22: Championship game

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Commonwealth during the district basketball tournaments in March.

One boy and one girl from each of Kentucky's 16 regions will receive a scholarship. This scholarship award is open to any senior student-athlete in Kentucky and is not just for basketball players. Scholarships will be based on excellence in four areas — Academic Achievement, Leadership, Citizenship and Sportsmanship.

National City has signed a three-year contract to be the title sponsor for the National City/KHSAA Boys Sweet 16 through 2006.

## H.S. BASKETBALL

# Walters expected back in two weeks

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PAINTSVILLE** — A severe ankle sprain is expected to keep Johnson Central senior guard Mike Walters out of the lineup and off the hardwood for at least two weeks.

Walters came down awkwardly in the fourth quarter of Tuesday night's road game at South Floyd. After seeing the doctor on Wednesday, Walters found out

that he had a severe sprain.

The injury comes at a bad time for Johnson Central. The Golden Eagles will face crosstown rival Paintsville at home Tuesday night. Johnson Central is currently a perfect 1-0 in the 57th District after beating Sheldon Clark 54-52 in overtime in Martin County back on Dec. 16.

Tipoff for Tuesday night's game between Johnson Central and Paintsville is set for 7:30 p.m.

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perfect record in the 15th Region intact.

Betsy Layne Tabetha Witt, Kaitlin Lawson and Candice Meade rounded out the scoring for Betsy Layne with two points apiece.

The host Ladycats put an exclamation point on the game by outscoring Shelby Valley 31-9 in the final period.

Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers praised her team's late-game performance.

"It thought we played the best 10 minutes we've ever played," said Akers, referring to the late

game surge.

In the fourth quarter, Lykens netted 11 of her game-high 28 points.

Esther Fleming led Shelby Valley with 13 points. Sha Howell scored eight and Ashley Tackett chipped in six.

Next up for Betsy Layne, the defending 15th Region Champion, is a Tuesday night road trip to South Floyd and a date with the Lady Raiders. The Ladycats and South Floyd's girls will hook up at 6 p.m. in the first game of a boys-girls doubleheader.

photo by Steve LeMaster

**A runaway second half Thursday night allowed the Betsy Layne Ladycats to roll past visiting Shelby Valley.**



photo by Steve LeMaster

**The Betsy Layne bench looked on during the first half of Monday night's game against Shelby Valley. Betsy Layne has won two straight 15th Region All "A" titles.**



# Anderson, Burns, Begley win SEC stats titles

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

LEXINGTON — The final Southeastern Conference defensive statistics have been released and Kentucky linebacker Chad Anderson and defensive end Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns have won statistical championships. Also, kicker Taylor Begley should be added to the list of offensive league leaders released Wednesday.

Anderson, a sophomore from Canton, Ohio, enjoyed a breakout season at inside linebacker and led the SEC with an average of 11.4 tackles per game. He had a total of 125 tackles during the season, including single-game highs of 21 tackles at Georgia and 20 stops vs. Arkansas.

Burns led the league in tackles for loss with 18, good for 62 yards of opponent losses. His single-game bests included four TFL in the win over Murray State and 3.5 at Alabama.

In addition, kicker Taylor Begley should be added to Derek Abney as Wildcats who

led the league in offensive statistics. Begley nailed all 40 extra-point attempts this season, one of seven SEC kickers who made all of their extra-point tries during the 2003 season, thus tying for the league lead in extra-point percentage.

Media and fans should note that statistics became finalized following the bowl games. Since 2002, bowl games have been included in official NCAA statistics; prior to 2002, bowl games did not count in official stats.

■ Although seven starters had departed each of the previous two seasons, and with as few as one senior in the starting lineup of several games, Coach Rich Brooks' young Kentucky defense played tough in 2003.

Despite the youth, inexperience, and the growing pains of adjusting to a new defensive system, Kentucky allowed 22.8 points per game in regulation play (not counting points allowed in overtime). Under

defensive coordinator Mike Archer, that average was the best for any Wildcat defense since 1993, when Archer was in his first tour as the UK coordinator.

In addition, the average of 22.8 points per game in regulation was the best showing for a first-year UK defense in 30 years, since Fran Curci's 1973 squad.

■ Not counting the points scored in overtime by Arkansas, the Kentucky defense held 10 of 12 opponents under 30 points in regulation play, including a streak of nine consecutive games.

The last time Kentucky held nine consecutive opponents under 30 points was 1988-89, when the Wildcats limited 12 consecutive foes under 30, the last six games of 1988 and the first six games of 1989. The last time it happened in one season was the first nine games of the 1981 campaign.

■ One of the primary goals in the 2003 season for Coach Rich Brooks was the reduction of big plays allowed on defense, and the Wildcats succeeded.

The following is a chart of plays that went for 20 yards or more and 40 yards or more. The figures for the previous defensive system in 2001-02 are averages per season.

20+ yards TDs	48 plays	9 11
2003	48 plays	9 11
2001-02*	61.5 plays	15.5
16 plays	7	

\* averages per season under previous defensive system

■ Ten starters are slated to return for the Kentucky defense in the 2004 season, including DE Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns, NT Lamar Mills, OLB Durrell White, ILB Chad Anderson, ILB Dustin Williams, OLB Deion Holts, CB Earven Flowers, SS Mike Williams, FS Muhammad Abdullah, and CB Bo Smith.

Additional returning defenders with significant game experience include DE Trey Mielsch, NT Ellery Moore, ILB Justin Haydock, ILB Jon Sumrall, OLB Raymond Fontaine, CB Antoine Huffman, FS Claude Sagaille, and FS Maurice Marchman.

Kentucky must replace DE

Jeremy Caudill, a fixture in the Wildcat defensive line the last four seasons, and CB Leonard Burrell, a part-time starter in 2003 who tied the school career record for pass breakups.

A total of 22 lettermen return on defense. Also competing for playing time in spring practice will be several returning non-

lettermen, six freshman red-shirts, and two junior college transfers, linebacker Cedric Koger and defensive end B. Jay Parsons.

■ The Kentucky football coaches have returned from the

(See **STATS**, page four)

**BASKETBALL**

## Pikeville YMCA announces basketball registration

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville Family YMCA will hold registration for its youth basketball leagues through January 23. There will be separate boys' and girls' leagues for players ages 3-15. For more information, contact Greg Boggs at 606/433-9622.

Registration for the Pikeville Family YMCA adult leagues was also ongoing as of press time.

**Youth basketball tournament**

The Grundy (Va.) Lady Gladiators will host a tournament Feb. 28-29 for boys ages nine and under and girls in age groups from 10-and-under to 17-and-under.

The entry fee is \$100 per team and trophies will be awarded for first through third place in each age division. For more information, contact David Peck at 276/531-8271 or Teresa Riley at 276/530-7591.

**PRO FOOTBALL**

## Bengals raise ticket prices for next season

CINCINNATI — Buoyed by their breakout season, the Bengals are raising ticket prices.

Prices will increase from \$1 to \$6 per seat, depending upon the location at Paul Brown Stadium, the club announced Tuesday. It's the first time in two years that the Bengals have raised prices.

Prices remained the same for 2003, when the Bengals were coming off a 2-14 season that solidified their position as the NFL's worst team over the last 12 years. First-year coach Marvin Lewis led them to an 8-8 record this year, keeping them in contention until the final game. — *The Associated Press*

**Rose**

whether to fear another foulup by the career hits leader, whose dark side was exposed to the public during that sordid summer of 1989.

"I understand that Bud has to be 150 percent sure, because he can't take a chance of being embarrassed," Rose said. "His reputation's at stake. ... I don't think anything in that book is going to make him feel less about

me than when he woke up this morning."

But just a few minutes later, he balks when asked how he would respond if baseball asked him to stop his legal betting at racetracks as a prerequisite for a return.

"I would do anything they say," he repeats several times, "but they also have to understand one of my means of entertainment is periodically going to the races."

Dr. J. Randolph Hillard, chairman of the psychiatry department at the University of Cincinnati, saw Rose shortly after the ban began and concluded that he had a "clinically significant gambling disorder" and should never gamble on anything.

Rose initially supported Hillard, then changed his mind. He says his gambling now is completely legal and only periodic.

He tries to avoid discussion of details of the gambling that led to his outlaw status. He won't address claims by his former associates that he placed bets from the clubhouse — a charge he denied in the book — and denied accusations that he

refused to bet on the Reds when pitchers Mario Soto or Bill Gullickson started.

"I'm here to tell you that I bet on baseball, and who cares if I bet on so and so," he said.

Morgan and others said Rose should have made his admission at a news conference, not in a for-profit venture.

"I didn't do this book for money, I did the book to explain myself," is Rose's response. "The people who don't like it will say, 'You're selling your confession.' I confessed 14 months ago."

And he brushes aside the anger from people who were upset the book came out this week, taking attention away from the election of Paul Molitor and Dennis Eckersley to the Hall of Fame. Rose said the publication date was set by the publisher and that if details of the book hadn't leaked out in advance, everything would have been OK.

"It seems like no matter what I do, it's wrong," he said. "I mean, if I waited 'til march, I'd have been interfering with spring training. If I waited 'til the All-Star game, I'm trying to take away from the All-Star game?"

He hopes all the controversy won't hurt his chances for the Hall of Fame, if he ever becomes eligible on the ballot. He doesn't think the voters will hold it against him.

"The writers are fair," he said. "They are some writers that won't vote for anybody."

At times, it seems like his primary comfort is the fans, the ones who cheered as he got a record 4,256 hits, the ones who cheered him during on-field appearances at the World Series in 1999 and 2002.

He can recite accomplishments and recollections of old feats as if they occurred yesterday. The confidence is still there, the hunger to achieve, the willpower he thinks that can carry through any trouble.

But the ban and the five-month prison term he served on tax charges did pierce that tough Ohio armor in one unexpected way.

"I'm not the same guy today as I was 15 years ago," he said. "You know, I hug my kids and my boys now. And I kiss my boys, I tell them I love them."

"You know," he said, "I was a tough guy."

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**YOUTH BASKETBALL**

## Falcons beat Betsy Layne a third straight time

**Five players end in double figures for MCA**

by **JAMIE HOWELL**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

MARTIN — Last year's Floyd County Grade School Boys' Basketball Champions are gearing up for another run at a title this season. On Thursday night, the Falcons defeated Betsy Layne for the third time this year. MCA won 71-55.

Five players ended in double figures for the winners led by Landon

Slone with 17 points. MCA built an early nine point lead and never looked back. Jeremy Pack tossed in 14 points for Rick Hughes team and Byron Hall added 14 as well. Taylor Clark ran the point for Mountain Christian and added 12 points on the night. Clinton Turner finished in double figures with 10 points for the Falcons. Jordan Chaffins rounded out the MCA scoring with four points. Sam Keathley led Betsy Layne with 19 points. Another Bobcat to finish in double figure was Tyler Hamilton with 10 points.

Ted Honaker tossed in 12 points in the losing effort. Brennan Case

finished with six points for the Bobcats and Tim Honaker added six as well.

MCA led by nine at the half, and increased the lead in the third quarter to 11. MCA continued to increase the lead in the final quarter and went on to win.

**Adams-Allen Central called off**

The middle school boys' basketball game scheduled for Thursday night between Allen Central Middle and Adams Middle was called off. The game, which was scheduled to be held at Allen Central Middle, may or may not be made up.



photos by Jamie Howell  
**Mountain Christian Academy eighth-grader Landon Slone (23) helped his team to wins this week over Allen and Betsy Layne. Slone is pictured driving the lane in Thursday's win over Betsy Layne.**



**MCA's Jeremy Pack (5) and Jordan Chaffins (33) awaited the basketball's arrival off the cylinder.**

## H.S. Girls' Basketball Scoreboard

Belfry	80	Tolsia, W.Va.	65
Berea	86	Kentucky School f/t Deaf	13
Betsy Layne	76	Shelby Valley	40
Brown	78	St. Francis	45
Burgin	34	Sayre	32
Campbell County	58	Bishop Brossart	45
Clay County	54	Barbourville	31
Cordia	74	Piarist School	26
Cumberland	45	Evarts	41
Daviess County	52	Apollo	47
Elizabethtown	52	North Hardin	41
Hancock County	58	Evansville Day, Ind.	24
Hazard	57	Knox Central	56
Henry Clay	64	Madison Central	62
Knott County Central	62	Breathitt County	57
Lexington Christian	43	Paul Dunbar	35
Lyon County	40	Providence	27
Marshall County	54	Graves County	40
Model	50	Harrodsburg	37
Muhlenberg South	67	Warren East	66
Murray	67	St. Mary	64
Newport Central Catholic	53	Newport	39
North Laurel	50	Pulaski Southwestern	39
Ohio County	88	Breckinridge County	55
Oldham County	54	Trimble County	32
Oneida Baptist Institute	49	Red Bird	38
Owensboro	59	Trinity (Whitesville)	56
Owensboro Catholic	50	Butler County	47 (Overtime)
Owsley County	85	Buckhorn	27
Paducah Tilghman	70	Calloway County	64
Pike County Central	70	Pikeville	60
Rockcastle County	65	Corbin	37
Russell County	57	McCreary Central	38
Scott	43	Dixie Heights	36
Simon Kenton	51	Lloyd Memorial	34
South Laurel	63	Somerset	61
Taylor County	55	Adair County	46
Wayne County	57	Monticello	33
Webster County	55	University Heights	16
Whitesburg	68	Fleming-Neon	33
Whitley County	52	Lynn Camp	25

• All games from Thursday night.



# Boundless announces Late Model Series

by DOC LEHMAN

After weeks and weeks of rumors, innuendo and speculation it has been confirmed that Boundless Motorsports Racing, Inc., is forming a dirt Late Model series to coincide with the their entrance into dirt motorsports. The new Boundless dirt Late Model series will be a third series to the Boundless portfolio that now includes DIRT Motorsports featuring Modified racecars and the World of Outlaws Sprint Car series.

Boundless announced officially Thursday, Jan. 8 that it is has formed a dirt Late Model series, the World of Outlaws Late Models, to begin racing this spring. Boundless has also received commitments from 12 nationally known drivers that will appear at each event to ensure promoters and fans a marquee list of drivers at each event.

Among the 12 drivers committing to the series is Scott Bloomquist, Mike Balzano, Darrel Lanigan, Billy Moyer, Chub Frank, Dan Schlieper,

Steve Francis, Dale McDowell, Rick Eckert, Rick Aukland, Bart Hartman and Wendell Wallace.

Boundless officials are currently working on preparing a schedule for the 2004 season and hope to hold 40 racing events at 25 different facilities.

"Boundless is giving us the chance to have a real say in our future," stated Scott Bloomquist. "As drivers, with the Boundless series I feel like we have the opportunity to become a member, not just a participant."

"The opportunity to develop a series from the ground-up was an attractive draw for me and other drivers. I believe that our commitment to this Series is a move that will translate into the growth of a relatively untapped Late Model Series fan-base that numbers in the hundreds of thousands nationwide."

Boundless officials are also excited about the future prospects for their new series.

"I'm very excited about the positive responses we have seen to date, especially from the drivers," said Bobby Hartsliel,

Boundless Chief Operating Officer. "I believe that the Series will be exciting and beneficial for Boundless, the drivers, the promoters and the fans alike."

"The Late Model Series is a perfect fit for the expansion of the Boundless entertainment platform," Paul A. Kruger, Boundless Chairman and CEO. "We're confident that with the commitment of drivers and sponsors, the series will be a revenue source that will continue to build as it gains momentum with fans and the racing community."

As the series begins to book races and hire additional staff members, many teams are looking at the new series with a positive outlook and see long-term benefits for the sport.

"I think it's going to be a great series for the racers, fans and the tracks," commented Mike Balzano. "The program they have put together, mainly for the drivers that are going to be there for sure. In years past guys followed series for points didn't necessarily mean they would be at all of

them. This way you know who is going to be there. We have 12 committed to running the series plus however many other drivers want to race for the kind of point and purse money they are going to pay. I look for this thing to have, I would think, at least 15 or 20 guys follow the series to go after that point money. It will be bigger paying races from South Dakota to New York."

Balzano was also quick to squash many rumors and innuendo that has permeated the industry in recent weeks, especially regarding the subject that the 12 signed drivers would be treated with extra payouts and benefits.

"You know all the series pay, and I don't care what you want to call it, you can call it show up money, tow money, winner's circle money, guarantee money, whatever you want to call it," explained Balzano. "I don't know who started that crap that they were paying drivers to show up, but every series pays drivers to show up, so its no different from any other series. The only difference is they didn't have a

points list to go by from last year so they picked guys they needed to follow the series. And here's another thing, they had to pick guys who were willing and able to travel too."

"Some local guys might say yeah I'd like to have a little extra money to show up but are they going to drive to South Dakota or Texas or Las Vegas if they take us there? So the guys who are going to do it this first year they are committed to doing the traveling. We are committed, financially committed. Next year it could be a whole different list of guys. It could be off the points form this year or contract them. However they do it it's a good deal."

"I just think there will be way more than the 12 guys they have committed and that's good for the track's because they and the fans know who will be there and they know it will be one hell of a race."

One selling point to the series will be promoters can advertise with no qualms who will be at Boundless dirt Late Model events, thus assuring ticket buyers who will be in attendance to entertain them.

"From a promoter's point of view the Boundless Late Model concept could prove to be more beneficial than any other series in the past," said Mark Richards, owner of Rocket Chassis. "No other series has been set up where there will be 12 drivers contractually committed to be at a specific race event. That's a big plus for promoters who can advertise, months in advance, the elite drivers to draw in the fans."

"Another advantage to this Series as a driver is that the Series will have a more balanced purse— it won't be a top-heavy purse that only benefits the top couple of drivers."

Another driver is anxious to start competing with the World of Outlaws Late Models for a variety of reasons.

"I think it's going to be a great series," commented Chub Frank. "I think once we get past Florida we'll get everything organized and it will be a great series for the fans."

And the fans are something Frank has on his mind.

"I've had promoters call us before and ask if we were going to be at there races," explained Frank. "With this deal they know at least 12 of the drivers who will be there. So they can advertise that and the fans know and they will know who will be there and it's not some kind of false advertising because there has been times when owners have said that this certain guy will be there and they don't show up, but with this deal if they are advertised they will be

there."

Another enticing factor for Frank regarding the World of Outlaws Late Model series is the philosophy of allowing teams to make decisions regarding issues relating to mechanics and engineering, such as allowing them to choose what type or brand of tires, shocks, springs, etc... that they choose to use.

"The driver shave a little more say in the matter," said Frank. "They (Boundless) won't shove stuff down our throats like some of the others do. So it's definitely a better deal. Like the open tire deal. And people don't understand, like with that other series, the guys traveling will have to have three or four different brands of tires just to go racing. So those guys will end up with four times more tires than other guys."

"There is so much going on about tire rules that I sat down and figured it out the other day that we run about seven or eight compounds of tires throughout the year and that's all we run. They're making a big deal that there is 16 compounds, and I don't even think there are that many, I think there are 13, but we run seven or maybe eight compounds maximum all year long. This deal with claims that we have all these tires is a joke."

"The thing is the local guy is going to run only two or three compounds at their tracks anyway when we are there. Most of the time you only run two or three compounds. The only reason we carry so many compounds is we are going to a different racetrack every night and every racetrack has different conditions. That's why the traveling guys have so many different tires because we go to so many different racetracks and many people don't understand that the local guy he only needs two or three compounds because he knows the racetrack because he runs there every week. The traveling guy needs more compounds because unless he has been there before he doesn't know what it will take."

"And, in this series you can run Goodyear, Hoosier, American Racers, whatever you want. If you want to run Firestone you can as long as they are within the size dimensions."

Based in Richardson, Texas, Boundless is a racing and sports entertainment company. Boundless is currently pursuing the acquisition of dirt motor sports racing sanctioning organizations, promotional organizations and racetracks in the United States. Boundless also may acquire the rights to other international racing series in the United States and internationally.

## BRIEFS

# Vaughn will not play in 2004

## BASEBALL

NEW YORK — Mo Vaughn will not play baseball in 2004 and is doubtful for 2005 because of an arthritic left knee.

The injured New York Mets first baseman went on the disabled list May 3 with joint and cartilage damage in his knee and didn't play again last season.

Vaughn hoped to go to spring training, but after working all winter he had been advised not to

try a comeback, he said in a conference call.

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners agreed to terms with free agent shortstop Rich Aurilia, then traded Carlos Guillen to the Detroit Tigers for Ramon Santiago and minor league shortstop Juan Gonzalez.

Aurilia signed a one-year contract for \$3.15 million.

## BASKETBALL

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — An MRI taken on Shaquille O'Neal's strained right calf revealed no serious damage, but the Los Angeles Lakers' star will miss at least two more games.

O'Neal will sit out Friday night's game against Atlanta and Monday night's game against Cleveland, both at Staples Center.

SALT LAKE CITY — Jerry Sloan plans on coaching the Utah Jazz while his wife undergoes treatment for pancreatic cancer.

Sloan said he will miss Friday night's game at Denver and others to be with his wife.

## FOOTBALL

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Jim Mora, San Francisco's defensive coordinator, agreed to become coach of the Atlanta Falcons.

A source close to the negotiations, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that Mora would become the Falcons coach.

Mora, the son of former New Orleans and Indianapolis coach

Jim Mora, was a finalist for the San Francisco job last year before the 49ers hired Dennis Erickson.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Ron Zook got a two-year contract extension despite recently completing his second straight 8-5 season with a loss in the Outback Bowl.

Zook, who took over for Steve Spurrier when he resigned after the 2001 season, has led the Gators to a pair of five-loss seasons, something the program hadn't faced since 1988-89.

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas All-American linebacker Derrick Johnson will stay in school for his senior season instead of entering the NFL draft.

PHOENIX — The Maricopa County Attorney's Office declined to press charges against Kansas State University quarterback Ell Roberson, who was accused of sexually assaulting an acquaintance on New Year's Day.

Prosecutors said they wouldn't press criminal charges against Roberson because he could not have known that the 22-year-old woman who accused him did not consent. County attorney spokesman Bill FitzGerald declined to elaborate.

## NFL Playoffs

### Today

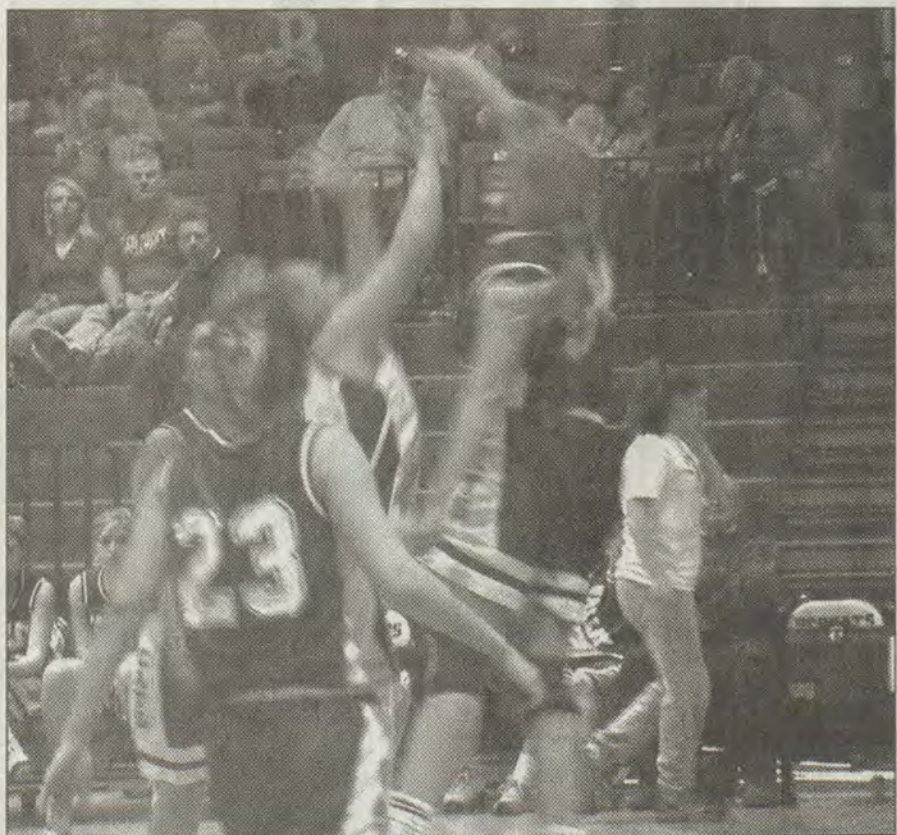
Indianapolis at Kansas City 1 p.m. (CBS)  
Green Bay at Philadelphia 4:45 p.m. (FOX)

### Sunday, Jan. 18

AFC Championship Game 3 p.m. (CBS)  
NFC Championship Game 6:45 p.m. (FOX)

### Sunday, Feb. 1

Super Bowl at Houston 6:25 p.m. (CBS)



photos by Steve LeMaster

Tabetha Witt went up for a shot in the first half of Thursday night's game against Shelby Valley's Sha Howell. Witt had two points in Betsy Layne's win.



Witt (34) and teammate Breann Akers went up for an offensive rebound in the first half.

## AUTO RACING

# Lowe's to sponsor Kyle Busch's Busch ride

## SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Lowe's and Hendrick Motorsports on Friday announced a multi-year agreement that will feature Lowe's as primary sponsor of the No. 5 Chevrolet driven by Kyle Busch in the 2004 NASCAR Busch Series. In addition, four Lowe's vendor partners, including Shop-Vac, Gladiator GarageWorks, Briggs and Stratton and Pella, will rotate associate sponsorship of the No. 5 Chevrolet throughout the season.

"The success of Team Lowe's Racing, with Jimmie Johnson and the talented 48 team led by Chad Knaus, has resulted in an unprecedented level of interest and excitement from our customers, our employees and our vendor partners," said Dale Pond, Lowe's senior executive vice president of merchandising/marketing. "We're honored that our vendor partners view the Team Lowe's Racing program as an effective way to raise awareness of their products."

"This expansion of our relationship with Hendrick Motorsports gives our vendor

partners exposure for their brand with one of the most respected and successful organizations in motorsports while giving the most loyal fans in all of sports, our customers and employees a second championship-caliber team to root for at the track."

The move combines Busch, who signed with Hendrick Motorsports in February 2003, with a team that won the 2003 Busch Series championship with driver Brian Vickers. Vickers moves to the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series in 2004.

"This team is very close to my heart, so I'm excited that Lowe's and its vendor partners are enthusiastic about joining us in the Busch Series," said Ricky Hendrick, team owner. "They have been an integral part of Hendrick Motorsports' success over the past few years and we look forward to continuing that in 2004."

Busch, 18, posted two runner-up finishes and five top-10 qualifying efforts in seven Busch Series starts last season. The Las Vegas native also earned two victories and three pole positions in ARCA Series competition.

"As a young driver, I just

couldn't ask for a better situation," said Busch. "With a sponsor like Lowe's and the resources at Hendrick Motorsports behind me, I know this is a special opportunity to learn and develop on and off the race track."

Lance McGrew, the 2003 Busch Series championship crew chief, returns to lead the team in its third season.

"I'm looking forward to the upcoming season for a lot of reasons," said McGrew. "We have a talented young driver in Kyle Busch and a great sponsorship program with Lowe's and their vendors. It should be another fun year for us."

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annual American Football Coaches Association Convention and have resumed recruiting. Signing day for high school players is Wed. Feb. 4.

The University of Kentucky holiday break continues this week. The players will return for the beginning of the spring semester on Wednesday.



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