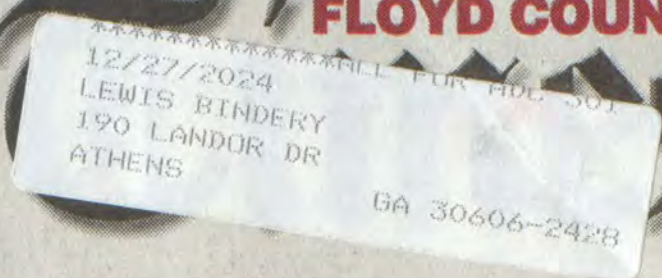




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briefs

Trafficking suspect arraigned

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd county woman charged with trafficking controlled substances within 1,000 yards of a local Christian school was arraigned last week, according to documents filed Monday in circuit court.

Sandy (Brown) Reed, 38, of Martin, pleaded not guilty to two counts of trafficking on Friday, Jan. 9, when she appeared in court with her attorney, public advocate Leta Baharestan.

According to Reed's indictment, filed by the commonwealth's attorney's office on Dec. 18, Reed was charged with trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school for allegedly selling Xanax near Mountain Christian Academy on Sept. 18.

The indictment also indicates that Reed was additionally charged with another trafficking offense for allegedly selling hydrocodone on that same day.

She was arrested Jan. 5 by an officer with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

During the hearing, circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill placed Reed on a partially-secured bond.

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Women's club argues against floodwall

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Concerns regarding a proposed floodwall in Prestonsburg continue to be placed on the forefront for one area organization, whose president says that such a wall would hin-

der, not help, Prestonsburg and surrounding communities.

Christine Page, President of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club, presented city council members with a letter outlining concerns regarding the project, prior to Monday's meeting.

In the letter, Page asks the city's "elect-

ed officials" to make sure that their decision regarding Project 202, proposed by the U.S. Army Corps of engineers, be "an informed and well thought out" one.

"What you decide will have a long lasting effect on our city," she wrote. "There are some things that cannot be replaced."

In the letter, Page explains that the

Prestonsburg Woman's Club was built with assistance from the city several years ago at Archer Park, where it now remains.

A floodwall, she says, will lead to the destruction of the beauty of the park and hinder tourism dollars in the area.

(See FLOODWALL, page three)



photo by Sheldon Compton

New owners Lois Baldrige and Sheila Collins joined Margaret Collins, mother of Billy Ray Collins, former restaurant owner and city councilman, and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin in ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the reopening of Billy Ray's Restaurant Monday morning. The restaurant burned on Sept. 12, 2002, a tragedy overshadowed in June the following year when Collins died. Margaret Collins says the reopening ensures that her son's legacy lives on. Lee Collins, hidden from view, also joined in the ribbon cutting. (See full story on page C1.)

Tourism gives \$2,000 to dance competition

Event which brought 1,000 last year expected increase twofold

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — In an attempt with finding more ways of bringing tourism revenue into the area, the Prestonsburg Tourism and Visitor's Bureau agreed to pay \$2,000 to Dance, Etc. for an upcoming dance competition that will be held at the Mountain Arts Center later this month.

The funds, as stipulated in a motion passed during a special meeting Monday, will go toward the purchase of tro-

phies and other necessities of Dance, Etc. for the event.

The second annual Winter Fest Dance and Cheerleading competition, slated to be held Jan. 24 at the MAC, has already doubled the number of registered attendees that signed up for last year's competition.

According to Dawn Brown, 10 teams registered during last year's annual competition, which was held at Prestonsburg High School. This year, she said, they've already received registrations from 20 teams, and others are expected.

Teams registered will be traveling in a 250-mile radius, she said.

According to member Mark Miller, whose daughter participates on the dance

(See TOURISM, page three)

Black lung law challenged

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A Floyd County attorney is seeking to have a portion of the state's worker's compensation law declared uncon-

stitutional, claiming it denies sick coal miners the right of due process in black lung cases.

Only 35 coal miners out of 1,049 who have filed claims have been granted black lung benefits since the state legislature changed

the process for applying for benefits in 2002.

The change was intended to make it easier for miners suffering from black lung to receive work-

(See BLACK LUNG, page three)

Indecency trial nets 100 days in jail

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Grethel man charged with indecent exposure and disorderly conduct went to trial Tuesday and lost after

a jury of six people found him guilty on both charges.

Ricky Clark, 42, of Nathan Carrol Drive in Grethel, was found guilty on the charges which stemmed from a May 15 criminal complaint taken out by his neigh-

bor, Greg Sparks.

Sparks claimed that five days earlier, on May 10, Clark had intentionally exposed himself while urinating in the road in view

(See INDECENCY, page three)



photo by Mary Music

Dawn Brown spoke on behalf of students with Dance, Etc., during a special meeting of the Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting. Members voted to donate \$2,000 to the team for an upcoming competition.

Branham says he'll run for rep

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The race for the replacement seat in the state representative's office left behind by Attorney General Greg Stumbo got more interesting Monday, with a declaration of intention to run by Prestonsburg City Council member C.E. "Shag" Branham.

Branham, a Democrat who has served a year with the city council, announced his intention to run for the seat during Monday's city council meeting.

(See BRANHAM, page three)



photo by Mary Music

Prestonsburg city council member C.E. "Shag" Branham asked members to reconsider the city's current cable service contract with Charter Communications. During the meeting, Branham also announced his intention to run for the state representative's seat vacated by Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

City may take action over cable bill hike

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Price increases at a local cable company raised eyebrows during Monday's city council meeting, prompting council members to take their own action.

Shortly after the meeting was called to order, member C.E. "Shag" Branham, placed his concerns on the table relating to the city's current cable service contract

with Charter Communications.

The company informed the city of rate hikes a week ago, he said, that are to go into effect during the February billing cycle.

During the meeting, Branham mentioned that the company failed to appropriately warn customers of the increases, a fact that places specific responsibilities on the lap of Prestonsburg city council members.

"I suggest that we take a proac-

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# Odds & Ends

■ **BRICK, N.J.** — For anyone who has lamented New Jersey's failure to designate an official state fruit, consider two words: "Vaccinium corymbosum."

That's the technical name for the blueberry, which became the Garden State's state fruit Monday.

In a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Elementary School, Gov. James E. McGreevey signed the bill into law.

The location was symbolic: A fourth-grade class at the school, noticing New Jersey's lack of a state fruit, nominated the highbush blueberry for the honor and then lobbied lawmakers hard.

"If it weren't for the commitment and civic involvement of the students at Veterans Memorial, New Jersey would still be without a state fruit,"

McGreevey said. "I want to thank them and their teachers for proving that when you believe in something, you can make a difference through government."

Why the blueberry? Why New Jersey?

The blueberry was first cultivated here in 1891, in Whitesbog, by the daughter of a cranberry plantation owner. New Jersey now produces about one-fifth of the nation's blueberries, according to McGreevey.

■ **SYDNEY, Australia** — As Sydney sweltered in the Southern Hemisphere summer, a senior lawmaker issued an unusual edict.

"Now listen: Suits are out in January, shirt sleeves are in," New South Wales state Premier Bob Carr said Tuesday at a

media event he attended with no suit jacket covering his crisp white shirt.

But there was one concession to tradition: "A tie is permissible," Carr said.

Although not the hottest of summer days, downtown Sydney was a sultry 80 degrees Fahrenheit with 84 percent humidity on Tuesday, prompting the usually suited Carr to leave his formal attire at home.

"For goodness sake, this is Sydney in January and we need a revolution in our dress codes," Carr told managers at a printing factory he was visiting, who had donned corporate suits to welcome him.

"We have people here thinking 'Because the premier's arrived, I've got to walk around in heavy coats,'" he said. "Every boss needs to say: 'Listen team, shirt sleeves are permissible, even an open-necked shirt.'"

But Carr's words sent shivers through the fashion world. Vogue Australia's fashion chief Lil Boyd said the casual code should be nipped in the bud.

"Otherwise you might be having pink board shorts — it could be a disaster," she said.

■ **MADISON, Wis.** — A researcher from the University of Wisconsin at Madison has figured out a better way to slice cheese — just use a laser.

"At any other university, people would have just laughed. But this is Wisconsin. It's cheese. And this is no laughing matter," said Xiaochun Li, a mechanical engineering professor and laser expert.

Traditional cheese processing has a number of shortcomings, he said.

Large cutting machines require considerable care to keep cheese from becoming contaminated by bacteria. And it's impossible to slice cheese

very thin because it tears or sticks to the cutting blade.

But now Li, working with engineering graduate student Hongseok Choi, has adapted the same kind of laser used for eye surgery to slice Wisconsin's most famed food product.

At first, Li tried using a traditional commercial laser that uses heat to cut by melting or evaporating; it fried the cheese.

"It smelled really bad," he

said.

Li tried again using a new class of laser that emits light in ultraviolet, and therefore shorter, wavelengths. That laser, known as a cold laser, cuts by blasting apart the molecular bonds that hold materials together.

■ **BRECKENRIDGE, Colo.** — It's ski school, but just for women.

Female skiers looking for a little time off from testosterone are being offered their own four-day camp this week at the Breckenridge Ski Resort.

"The instruction is specified to a woman's body and her strengths and weaknesses," said Laura Allen, program director for Breckenridge Ski and Ride School. "Some women approach

(See **ODDS**, page six)

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 2004. There are 352 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 14, 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garroway as the host, or "communicator," as he was officially known.

### On this date:

■ In 1639, the first constitution of Connecticut — the "Fundamental Orders" — was adopted.

■ In 1784, the United States ratified a peace treaty with England ending the Revolutionary War.

■ In 1858, French emperor Napoleon III escaped an attempt on his life.

■ In 1900, Puccini's opera "Tosca" received a mixed reception at its world premiere in Rome.

■ In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston

Churchill opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

■ In 1953, Josip Broz Tito was elected president of Yugoslavia by the country's Parliament.

■ In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "segregation forever."

■ In 1969, 25 crew members of the U.S. aircraft carrier Enterprise were killed in an explosion that ripped through the ship off Hawaii.

■ In 1970, Diana Ross and the Supremes performed their last concert as a group, at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

■ In 1993, talk show host David Letterman announced he was moving from NBC to CBS.

### Ten years ago:

In post-Cold War breakthroughs, President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed Kremlin accords to stop aiming missiles at any nation and to dismantle the nuclear arsenal of Ukraine. In Phoenix, Ariz., Shane Stant, who admitted to being the "hit man" in the clubbing assault on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan, surrendered to

authorities.

### Five years ago:

Before a jury of 100 silent senators, House prosecutors demanded President Clinton's removal from office, charging he had "piled perjury upon perjury" and obstructed justice.

### One year ago:

Kmart Corporation announced its biggest round of cutbacks yet, saying it would close 326 more stores and eliminate 37,000 more jobs in hopes of getting out of bankruptcy by the end of April 2003. Thousands of General Electric Company employees across the country began a two-day strike to protest higher health insurance costs.

### Today's Birthdays:

CBS commentator Andy Rooney is 85. Former CBS

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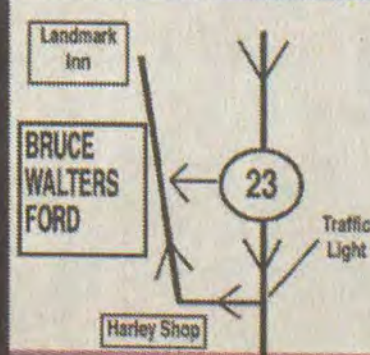
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**Indecency**

of his family and their guests. Sparks also said in his complaint that Clark had come to the side of his home and "started to bang something" making a loud noise that had disturbed his family.

During trial Monday, Assistant Floyd County Attorney Jimmy

Marcum told the six jurors that the case was simple.

"This is a case of a family wanting to live in place and a man who wouldn't let them," Marcum told the jury.

According to Marcum, Sparks and Clark had a past history of

disputes, something which eventually led to Clark's behavior on May 10.

As key evidence in the trial, Marcum provided the court with a videotaped recording of Clark outside his home dressed in only his underwear, chanting in tribal fashion and banging loudly on what Marcum later said was a grill. The incident, which according to the date and time on the recording and testimony from two female students of Betsy Layne High School who were visiting Sparks' home on the night of the occurrence, happened at just before 11 p.m.

"I told him (Sparks) to bring me proof, and that's just what he did," Marcum said after the jury returned their verdict.

The videotape was played for

the jury during trial and was in addition to testimony from the two Betsy Layne teens offered from the commonwealth.

Clark's court-appointed attorney, Mike Studebaker, did not call witnesses during the trial, but argued in closing statements that enough proof had not been established by the prosecution's part to convict Clark.

Studebaker argued that Clark was on his own property and had not intended to cause "alarm or affront" to anyone, as stipulated in the charges.

But the evidence was too much for the six jurors, who returned unanimous guilty verdicts on both charges, something Clark could have avoided had he accepted a previous plea offer from the commonwealth.

Marcum said after the trial that the commonwealth had offered Clark 30 days in jail on the charges, adding that the family might have even settled for a week or two in jail, but that Clark had turned down the offer.

"The commonwealth's offer wasn't satisfactory to Mr. Clark," Studebaker said just before the trial began Monday morning.

Before jurors had been selected, Marcum, who said the fact that Clark had urinated in front of two females was "not something neighbors in Eastern Kentucky do", confirmed that a prior offer had been made to Clark, but said Sparks and his family deserved relief in the situation.

"We offered him a few days in jail and he didn't want to do it," Marcum said. "But people have a

right to live in peace, and he (Clark) is too old to spank."

Following the jury's verdict, District Judge Eric Hall sentenced Clark to a maximum 90 days in jail on the charge of indecent exposure and a maximum fine on that charge of \$250, while adding another 10 days for the disorderly conduct charge with a maximum fine of \$250, for a total of \$500 in fines and 100 days in jail.

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**Floodwall**

Additionally, Page outlined concerns regarding the walk bridge that extends from West Prestonsburg to the downtown area. The woman's club was first to request the lighting of the bridge, she said, and members are now concerned whether or not the construction of a floodwall would damage or destroy the "unique landmark."

Page also asked the city to consider the jobs of employees at industrial parks in West Prestonsburg and Cliff, who will be affected by the displacement of water and the possible relocation of residents who may be "forced" to move when construction begins.

The city would lose revenue, she said, because the lack of available land in Prestonsburg

would force those residents to look outside the city.

"It all boils down to what's best for the city of Prestonsburg and the surrounding communities," said Page prior to the meeting. "We just want what's best for everyone."

During the meeting, Mayor Jerry Fannin said that the discussion of the floodwall, slated on the city council's agenda for the regularly scheduled Jan. 26 meeting, would be moved to Feb. 9, in order to provide better opportunities for comments from area citizens. More information regarding the project will be available following a meeting he will attend later this month with Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, he said.

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**Tourism**

team, last year's competition brought 1,000 people to the area, a number expected to double this year.

"We'd like to see this become an ordeal as big as the ordeals we go to," said Brown. "We spend our dollars in their states, and we'd like to see them come here on our turf and bring some of this money in."

During the meeting, Executive Director Fred James suggested that the visitor's bureau advertise in dance-related magazines in order to draw future competitions and conventions to the Prestonsburg area.

"We certainly welcome any and all visitors to the city of Prestonsburg," said chairman

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**Todd seeks support for Robinson Scholars**

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — University of Kentucky President Lee Todd visited Prestonsburg Monday to meet with several citizens in hopes of boosting support for the Robinson's Scholars Program, a scholarship program aimed at increasing college attendance across 29 Eastern Kentucky counties.

His stop in Floyd County brought him to May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

"I'm here because I share your commitment to improving the lives of Eastern Kentucky's young people," Todd said. "We face tough budget times, and it's essential that UK look beyond state government to find new partners to help us maintain the quality of the programs we offer our students."

Todd asked "every Eastern Kentuckian to consider becoming a partner" with the university in supporting the Robinson Scholars Program, as well as other academic programs.

Accompanying Todd Monday was longtime UK baseball coach Keith Madison and program director Brad Goan.

Madison, who now oversees a drive to increase private gifts to support the program, is heading an assignment that is part of UK's \$1 billion fund-raising campaign to seek private donations for endowments that generate continuing, self-sustaining funding for special scholarships, fellowships and faculty-support through earnings from interest and investment income.

An increase in private donations could help provide a number of scholarships each through the Eastern Kentucky, said UK spokesman Dan Adkins.

Launched in 1997, the program has assisted 239 young people throughout Eastern Kentucky in pursuing a college education, while 116 are in high school preparing to attend UK, Lexington Community College and other community or technical colleges across the state.

Since 1997, 11 students from various Floyd County schools have been inducted into the Robinson's program, which also selects one eighth-grade student from each of the 29 counties.

**Black Lung**

ers' compensation benefits. Thomas Moak, a Prestonsburg attorney who represents disabled miners, said the numbers show it has not had the desired effect.

"It has been a major disappointment," Moak said Tuesday. "A lot of people feel like the deck is stacked against them."

Moak is asking the Kentucky Court of Appeals to declare the state black lung law unconstitutional because it doesn't allow miners to present their own evi-

dence to prove they suffer from the debilitating disease caused from prolonged exposure to coal dust.

The law calls for three randomly selected physicians to decide whether miners have black lung, or pneumoconiosis, and to what degree they suffer from the disease. Based on the findings of those doctors alone, state officials decide whether to award benefits.

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— Gordon Bartrum, a Floyd County coal miner — was not permitted to present independent medical evidence from his physician that showed he suffered from black lung.

That, according to Moak, was an unconstitutional violation of due process. He is asking the Court of Appeals to require state officials responsible for awarding workers' compensation claims to accept testimony from personal physicians before reaching decisions on whether benefits should be awarded.

Miners with any evidence of black lung would be eligible for retraining benefits worth nearly \$65,000 over four years. That would cover basic literacy instruction to college classes. Miners age 57 and older could receive cash instead of retraining benefits.

The modifications to the law have increased the number of people receiving benefits, at least somewhat. In a five-period between 1996 and 2002, the Department of Workers' Claims approved only 11 claims.

The revamped law obviously didn't go far enough, said Susie Davis, president of the Kentucky

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**Branham**

"I have a desire to work for the people and a desire to see the success of Floyd County and East Kentucky," he said.

During an interview yesterday, Branham said he would focus on bringing more job opportunities and school funding to the area if elected.

The key in bringing more jobs, he said, lies in building a "better infrastructure" that would provide larger companies an incentive to relocate in local communities.

"Right now, our community is based on tourism dollars," he said. "We don't have manufacturing jobs available. The coal mines have left, 800 employees have lost their jobs with AEP. One way to bring more jobs to the area is to build an infrastructure based on tourism that will bring in manufacturers."

Branham referred to creating a broadband internet system, that, in tune with the availability of increasing technology, would allow larger companies the opportunity to better communicate with their affiliates.

Another side dish on his plate, said Branham, lies in improving education.

Branham, who previously served on the Prestonsburg Elementary site-based council, says he understands the problems faced by local schools and the Floyd County Board of Education.

During the interview, Branham said that schools in the central part of the state have more funds to work with, and as representative, he'd lobby to curtail that "disproportion in funds," bringing more opportunities to Eastern Kentucky children.

"When you bring companies in, they ask how are the schools in the area," said Branham. "A lot of people don't want to relocate to places where schools have lower scores. By focusing on subjects like math, science and reading, we'd be building an infrastructure of youth to

bring up the levels that we have today in job opportunities."

Branham said that his work with the Prestonsburg city council has provided him with a working knowledge of government operations and local problems within the community, and he wants to promote success in the area.

"I'm a Christian man. I'm an honest man," he said. "More than anything I have a desire to see Floyd County and East Kentucky succeed."

Branham resides in Prestonsburg with his wife, Chastity, and two daughters, Kristen and Allyson.

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haps even take bids to create a system of their own.

"If they don't say 'We're going to raise your bill,'" said Branham, "then we've got other alternatives... We can take bids and do our own."

The city's contract with Charter Communications extends until 2009, said Branham.

During the meeting, members also:

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Life is barren enough, surely with all her trappings; let us, therefore, be cautious how we strip her."

—Samuel Johnson

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Our View

## Blackwater spills demand attention

The increasing frequency of blackwater spills by coal companies is a troubling trend, especially in light of recent history.

One would think that, given the Martin County slurry spill over three years ago, enough attention would have been focused on such problems to prevent the large majority of spills.

It would be hyperbole to say that nothing has been done, because indeed both the federal and state governments have stepped up with greater oversight and swifter action in the event of violations.

But it would be a mistake to assume that the increased attention is all the attention needed. Certainly, that is evident just from the number of spills within the past six months. Four spills have polluted Fishtrap Lake in the past month, and it was just a few months ago that blackwater ran through the city of Martin.

We cannot accept that enough is being done, particularly on the prevention end, when it is becoming increasingly apparent that problems are occurring more frequently.

We thought that, after the Martin County catastrophe, officials were busy cataloging areas of concern, where the potential for further problems was greater. If that is the case, then why are we seeing more spills now?

Don't get us wrong. We feel it is appropriate for the state and federal governments to have taken the steps they have so far to address the problem. But we also feel more needs to be done.

Right now, it appears our officials have grown increasingly adept at responding to and investigating these spills. They need, however, to do a better job of preventing these spills by identifying potential problems and demanding that they be rectified.

We do not think that is asking too much. We understand that not every accident can be prevented, but we cannot understand, nor can we accept, the problem growing worse.

— The Floyd County Times

(See EDITORIAL, page five)



## Sticks & Stones

### Billy Ray's reopening a test in character

It was refreshing to see Billy Ray's Restaurant reopen Monday morning. I arrived just before 10 a.m., the time when the ribbon cutting ceremony was supposed to begin, surprised to find several people eating in the dining room. Lively discussions were well underway, cooks were scampering in the kitchen, tending to a grill full of hamburger patties. Someone asked if I had been waited on. It was a restaurant, just like any other, but one with a history. A phoenix of an establishment, the place burned in 2002 and lost its leader in 2003, making the fact that a couple

had took hold of a corner booth and were having breakfast on Monday morning an achievement in itself.

But it's not about getting breakfast or a famous burger. It's about seeing a man's promise made good that is refreshing.

After the place burned in 2002, owner Billy Ray Collins told the community he would rebuild and reopen. Some believed him, some just humored him. None would see him live to make it a reality.

Collins died the summer after his restaurant burned, but his promise was upheld.

To walk through the business on Front Street, even as a citizen not closely tied with its enormous place in Prestonsburg's history, the electricity was evident.

But beneath that electricity was a solid and realistic sense of what was

ahead. Cooks didn't spend a great deal of time leaning on the counter, new owners weren't seeking out reporters or well-wishers.

People were just working and taking care of business on a busy Monday morning.

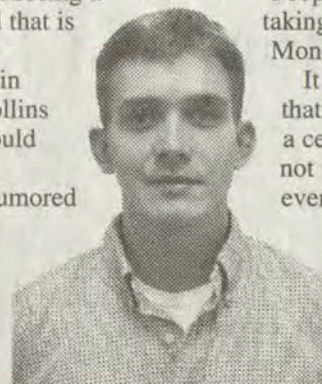
It is the staple of a business that survives for more than half a century. Working continuously, not taking time to accept honor even when most deserving.

"Have you been waited on?"

Humble, unassuming, all business. Unaware and unconcerned of anything except the task at hand.

We could all take a lesson from this grand reopening. Lessons of diligence, tests in fortitude, examples of humility and hard work.

Billy Ray's reopening means more than lunch. It's a clear example of a region's strong backbone and character.



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## Letters

### Proud of Ripkoski

The New Bethel Assembly of God in Salyersville would like to publicly congratulate one of our members. Sgt. Maj. Glen Ripkoski is the Marine JROTC instructor at Betsy Layne High School. He and his JROTC students were recently invited to participate in the governor's inaugural parade. The students march proudly behind Gov.-elect Fletcher. Things like that offer a wonderful experience for the students and their instructor as they make all of Floyd County proud.

Sgt. Maj. Ripkoski and his wife, Crystal, are active members of our congregation, which consists of residents from Magoffin, Floyd and Johnson counties. Glen works with our teens on

Wednesday nights and has proven to be an inspiration and role model for them. He has taught them the importance of manners and respect for themselves and others, along with the word of God. The youth find his lessons both exciting and challenging.

At various times, we have had the privilege of meeting some of his students from Betsy Layne High School. The students were wonderful, respectful young people and they told us how they respected and appreciated the positive impact that Sgt. Maj. Ripkoski has had on their lives and in their school.

We are pleased and proud that the Ripkoski family — Glen, Crystal and Isaiah Thomas — found their way to our church on Burning Fork Road in Magoffin County.

Pastor Sam Smith  
Salyersville

### Office thanks donors

We at the Protection and Permanency Office here in Floyd County would like to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals and businesses that donated gifts and items for the foster care Christmas party and for the needy children in our community. With your help, the children in Floyd County received a much happier Christmas.

Thanks to the Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg; Dairy Queen of Martin; Dairy Queen of Prestonsburg; Kentucky Fried Chicken, Prestonsburg; Pizza Hut, Prestonsburg; Food City, Prestonsburg; Food City, both

locations in Pikeville; Wal-Mart, Pikeville; Pepsi-Cola, Pikeville; God's Appalachian Project (GAP); Visions Project; Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Judy Salyer and Kim Sanders; Elizabeth Bishop and MSU's social work 345 class; Mark and Karen Glascock; Charles and Lori Neeley; Martin and Susan Hall; KSP Det. Byron Hansford; Patricia Crider; Ronnie and Kathy Lafferty; Harold and Pam Ratliff; Big Sandy Auction; and Ron Castle.

We would also like to thank the foster parents who helped with collecting needed items and who helped with the party. If we left anyone that donated off this list, we are sorry.

Gloria Mullins  
Protection and Permanency Office  
Prestonsburg

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# Health Extra

## OLW and DRS announce accreditation

MARTIN — Our Lady of the Way Hospital and Diagnostic Radiology Systems Inc. have announced that Diagnostic Radiology Systems has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology.

The ACR, headquartered in Reston, Va., awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of its practice. Evaluations are conducted by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of facility equipment. The surveyors report their findings to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report.

The ACR is a national organization serving more than 32,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists and medical physicists with programs for focusing on comprehensive health care service.

Diagnostic Radiology Systems, headquartered in Lexington, provides mobile MRI service at more sites in Kentucky, including services for Our Lady of the Way Hospital, than any other mobile service. Diagnostic Radiology Systems is a privately held for-profit licensed healthcare provider,

which has been operating since 1988.

Our Lady of the Way Hospital is a member of Catholic Health Initiatives, a national not-for-profit healthcare organization comprised of 68 hospitals, 43 long-term care, assisted and independent living and residential facilities, and six-community

health services organizations located in 19 states. Catholic Health Initiatives represents more than 67,000 employees and consolidated annual operating revenues of \$5.9 billion. Headquartered in Denver, Colo., it is one of the largest Catholic health systems in the United States.

## AG office recovers \$2 million for Medicaid

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Greg Stumbo announced today the receipt of a check for the state Medicaid Program in the amount of \$2,382,191.47 as part of a global settlement with Bayer Corporation for violating the federal Medicaid rebate law.

The settlement, involving 49 states, the District of Columbia and the federal government, yielded nearly \$242 million total. Medicaid is the federal/state health insurance program that provides health care coverage for the indigent.

"Initiating civil action that recoups Medicaid dollars in state and federal court is a priority of my office," said Stumbo. "Indemnifying these funds is one example of how the attorney general can assist Kentucky in managing its current budget crisis."

Beginning August 1, 1995, Bayer privately labeled Cipro for Kaiser Permanente. Under the arrangement, Bayer manufactured, packaged and shipped Cipro to Kaiser as it had prior to August 1995. However, Bayer

now substituted the Kaiser label coding for the Bayer coding and added the words, "Distributed by Kaiser Foundation Hospitals" for products shipped to Kaiser. The purpose of the private labeling arrangement was to provide Kaiser \$1.5 million dollars annually in additional price discounts on Cipro without reporting these discounted sales to the federal government under the Medicaid rebate law, which calls for pharmaceutical companies to disclose the lowest price they sell a product to any

commercial buyer.

The Commonwealth's portion of the settlement represents \$1,290,269.61 for Medicaid restitution and \$1,091,921.86 in Medicaid penalties.

"With proper resources we can initiate additional actions to recoup millions of dollars and enhance the ability of my office to protect the people of Kentucky," Stumbo said.

The check has been submitted to the Division of Medicaid Services, Cabinet for Human Services.

## Mining operation allowed to reopen after blackwater spills

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A Virginia coal company, ordered to close down one of its mining operations after a series of blackwater spills fouled streams in Kentucky, has been allowed to resume operations.

Environmental regulators in Virginia issued a cessation order Friday against a Black Diamond Co. operation near Big Rock, Va., said Mike Abbott, spokesman for the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy. That order was lifted after the company took steps to prevent future spills, WYMT-TV in Hazard reported Monday.

Inspectors believe Black Diamond, a subsidiary of Rapoca Energy Co., is responsible for three of four blackwater spills into the headwaters of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River and Fishtrap Lake.

The company disputes that claim. Clyde Stacy, owner of Rapoca Energy, said he believes the spills that reached Kentucky and blackened Fishtrap Lake came from a nearby mining operation, which he refused to identify.

"Up the river, continuously for the past two months, some-

body has been letting out blackwater," he said. "We've reported it ourselves."

Rodney Holbrook, manager of Fishtrap Lake for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said no fish kills have been reported as a result of the spills. He said rocks and trees along the Levisa have been stained by the blackwater.

Kentucky Attorney General Greg Stumbo toured Fishtrap Lake on Monday to survey the situation. He said he did so to focus public attention on the need to clean up the environment.

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THE FAMILY OF DON BURGESS TRIMBLE

## Card of Thanks

The family of Fennie Creswell would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors, who helped to comfort us during our time of grief. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Clergyman Gerald M. Fields, for his comforting words, the Allen Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home, for their kind and professional service. Your love and support will never be forgotten; we greatly appreciate you all.

THE FAMILY OF FENNIE CRESWELL

## Card of Thanks

The family of Norman Dewey Osborne would like to acknowledge, with heartfelt appreciation, all those who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. Thanks so much, for the food and the flowers, and for the sense of love that each one has shown to our family. We especially want to thank Clergyman Ted Shannon for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for the assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for providing dignified and courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF NORMAN DEWEY OSBORNE

## Card of Thanks

The family of Lorraine Bentley Bailey would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the flowers, prayers, and all the kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman Larry Adams for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Ky., for the wonderful job, and, as always, the professional, courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF LORRAINE BENTLEY BAILEY

## Card of Thanks

The family of Lillian "Maxine" Blair Stevens would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, and any kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergymen Jimmy Hall and Tony Gollibue for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF LILLIAN "MAXINE" BLAIR STEVENS

We, the family of ABE VANDERPOOL, JR., would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our family and friends during our time of sorrow. Thanks to all of you who sent flowers and food, and thanks to all of you who came by or called, or thought of us, or who prayed for us. We especially want to thank David Garrett and Randy Johnson for their comforting words, and to Ron and Mary Wright for the beautiful music. We also want to thank the staff at Riverview Health Care Center in Prestonsburg, for the kind and gentle care they showed to Abe during his last days. Thanks, also, to Burke Funeral Home for the courtesy they showed us, and to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for the escort. Most of all, we want to thank everyone who touched Abe's life, whether it be an old school friend, a family member, a neighbor, a brother or sister in his church, a customer, or all the doctors and nurses and other health care people whom he got to know during these past years. Abe truly loved people, and talked much about the smallest acts of kindness people showed him.

THANK YOU,

The Vanderpool Family  
Brenda, Mark, Jason, Jennifer, Ethan and Emily

### Abel Hamilton

Abel Hamilton, 73, of Galveston, died Thursday, January 8, 2004, at the Odd Fellows Hall in Michigan.

Born May 23, 1930, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Waldon and Katie Newsome Hamilton. He was a disabled factory worker and coal miner, and was a member of the Little Rachel Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Fox Hamilton.

Other survivors include four sons: Worley Hamilton of Pikeville, Ricky Hamilton, Randy Hamilton and Michael Hamilton, all of Jackson, Michigan; five daughters and sons-in-law: Sharon (Joe) Lagow, Brenda (Ralph) Lafond, Nora (Phillip) Railer, Lorinda (David) Navarre and Lucinda (Ronald) Thornsberry, all of Jackson, Michigan; four brothers: Arnold Hamilton of Johnson County, Avorn Hamilton of Michigan, Johnny Hamilton and James Hamilton, both of Harold; three sisters: Katherine Bryant of Virgie, Daphne Johnson of Craynor, and Alma Keathley of Galveston; 17 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons: Farley Hamilton and James Billy Hamilton; and four sisters: Iva May, Cathy, Mabel and Lack.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 14, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rachel Old Regular Baptist Church at Galveston, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Sam Hall Cemetery, at Bear Fork, in Robinson Creek, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

### Michael Craft

Michael Craft, 22, of Wayland, died Friday, January 9, 2004, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born June 5, 1981, in Martin, he was the son of Andy Craft of Garrett, and Cora Moore Cox of Mousie. He was disabled.

Other survivors include a brother, Kelly Craft of Wayland; step-father, Delmar Cox; step-mother, Judy Craft; five step-brothers: Joshua Mullins, Zachariah Mullins and Matthew Mullins, all of Prestonsburg; and Joel Cox and Curtis Cox, both of Topmost; three step-sisters: Michelle Henson and Angel Goble, both of Lexington; and Melissa Rose of Hindman; aunts: Georgetta, Mary Lou, and Priscilla; and a nephew, Ethan Blake.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, George L. and Ruth Hall Moore; paternal grandparents, Worley and Lillian Boyd Craft; great-grandfather, Reverend Greene Boyd; and a brother, Isaiah Craft.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 13, at 1 p.m., at the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, at Estill, with Freewill Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Moore Family Cemetery, at Steels Creek in Wayland, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

### Dolle Stout Dotson

Dolle Stout Dotson, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 10, 2004, at her residence.

Born June 18, 1924, in West Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late D. Porter Stout and Sally Fitzpatrick Stout. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Thurman Dotson, on October 21, 1958.

Survivors include one son, Steve Edward (Sandy) Dotson of Palm City, Florida; five daughters: Paula (Jay) Calhoun of Indianapolis, Indiana, Doris (Randall) Francis of Georgetown, Rosalee Dotson of Lexington, Jean (Ron) Lemaster and Janet (Lewis) White, all of Prestonsburg; one brother, Steve Sout of Martin; two sisters: Carol Holland of Prestonsburg and Edith Stanley of Columbus, Ohio; 13 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Paul Dean Dotson, on October 8, 2001.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 13, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Bill Campbell officiating.

Interment was in the Family Cemetery, on Ky. 114, Prestonsburg.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Dotson family.

Pallbearers: Chad Shepherd, Joseph LeMaster, Jason LeMaster, Matt Calhoun, Zachary Hackworth, Stephen Dotson, Casey Jones, Randy Howell, Jon Hale, Dan Evans, Derreck Young and Johann Betschart.

(Paid obituary)

### Betty Ruth Tackett

Betty Ruth Tackett, 48, of Turkey Pen Road, Indian Creek, passed away, Friday, January 9, 2004, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

She was born in Floyd County, November 21, 1955, the daughter of the late David and Delphia Blankenship Gayheart.

She was employed by Community Trust Bank at Pikeville.

She is survived by her husband, Rance Tackett, of Turkey Pen.

Other survivors include two brothers, Hillard Gayheart of Stroh, Indiana, and Kenneth Gayheart of McDowell; two sisters, Sharon Reynolds of Turkey Pen, and Gerlie Tackett of Hi Hat; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Roger, General, and Andy Gayheart; and one sister, Euline Gayheart.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Old Regular Baptist Church, at Indian Creek, with James Tackett, Monroe Jones, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Jack Osborne Cemetery, at Indian Creek.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home, Virgie.

Visitation was at the church after 6 p.m.; Saturday with services Sunday night, beginning at 7 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

### Virgil Hall

Virgil Hall, 69, of Minnie, died Friday, January 9, 2004, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born March 6, 1934, in Bevensville, he was the son of the late Dave Hall and Debra Johnson Tuttle. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Wayne Bates of Huntington, Indiana; a brother, James Tuttle of Jeffersonville; four sisters: Helen Johnson of Prestonsburg, Goldie Bullock of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Dorthula Spangler and Carolyn Sue Johnson, both of Bevensville; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and 31 nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Harlis Hall, Marion Hall and Nick Tuttle; and three sisters, Edna Hall, Joann McKinney and Phyllis Jewel Johnson.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, at Bevensville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Shane Mitchell, Jonathan Johnson, Chris Tuttle, James Tuttle Jr., Kenneth Tuttle, Chad McIntyre, Tommy Tuttle and Rodney Johnson.

(Paid obituary)

## History

newsman George Herman is 84. Country singer Billy Walker is 75. Blues singer Clarence Carter is 68. Country singer Billie Jo Spears is 67. Singer Jack Jones is 66. Singer-songwriter Allen Toussaint is 66. NAACP Chairman Julian Bond is 64. Actress Faye Dunaway is 63. Actress Holland Taylor is 61. Actor Carl Weathers is 56. Singer-producer T-Bone Burnett is 56. Movie writer-director Lawrence Kasdan is 55. Rock singer Geoff Tate (Queensryche) is 45. Movie writer-director Steven Soderbergh is 41. Actor Mark Addy is 40. Rapper Slick Rick is 39. Actor Dan Schneider is

38. Actress Emily Watson is 37. Actor-comedian Tom Rhodes is 37. Rapper-actor LL Cool J is 36. Actor Jason Bateman is 35. Rock singer-musician Dave Grohl (Foo Fighters) is 35. Actress Jordan Ladd is 29.

## Odds

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# KSP makes first meth lab find in Magoffin

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — The Pikeville post of the Kentucky State Police busted its first methamphetamine lab this past weekend, after informants turned their attention to an investigation into a Salyersville residence.

According to investigating officer KSP trooper Jason Eversole, informants told officials that a possible meth lab was located at the home of Jack Crace, 40, in Salyersville. Eversole, who works on the

KSP criminal control program, a program targeted toward illegal drug activity, said that his department has received information regarding the production of methamphetamines for the last couple of months. However, he said, investigating officers couldn't "tie down a location" until Saturday.

"To my knowledge, that is the first meth lab that the state police in our district has recovered," said Eversole. "The Johnson County Sheriff's Department has found a few. We had been receiving information about

methamphetamine use and production probably for the last two months, but we haven't been able to tie it down to a specific location until early Saturday."

Upon the execution of a search warrant at the Crace residence, Eversole said, several "elements" needed to produce methamphetamines were confiscated from the home.

Officials arrested Crace and two other individuals — Donald Trusty, 36, of Salyersville, and Tammy Cantrell, 41, of Martha — following the search.

The accused are currently incarcerated at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center, charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, a class D felony, which could net them a 1-to-5-year sentence, and first-degree manufacturing meth, a class B felony which could result in a 10-to-20-year sentence.

Once the meth lab was discovered, Eversole said, officials with Drug Enforcement East, a department within the KSP, were called in to dismantle it.

The quantity of drugs that

could have been produced from the lab at the Crace residence was "limitless" said Eversole, because items needed to operate the lab, such as hot plates, cookware and plastic tubing, are easily accessible.

Meth labs, he said, can be dismantled and moved in a matter of minutes, with little or no preparation.

"It's absolutely made the people safer," said Eversole yesterday. "With meth labs, there's always a risk of explosion, fire and other dangers associated with various chem-

icals that are needed to produce it."

KSP trooper Ben Cramer assisted on the scene, along with Salyersville police chief Matthew Watson, Magoffin County Sheriff Bob Jordan and other officers from their departments.

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# Cocaine charges heard in circuit

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Three men facing cocaine trafficking charges were slated to be arraigned in circuit court Friday morning, but only one of those men made it to the bench.

One month after the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office returned superseding indictments against him and two other individuals, Vernon Slone, 47, of Bevinville, appeared in court Friday for his arraignment.

Slone, charged with two counts of first-degree cocaine trafficking while possessing a firearm, was indicted last year

along with brothers Harold Glenn Thornsberry, 47, of Wheelwright, and Rodney Thornsberry, 48, of Bypro.

A four-month state police investigation led to the arrest of all three men, who were indicted last year in U.S. District Court on several drug trafficking charges.

The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office sought superseding indictments against them on Dec. 18, charging them, collectively, with 13 counts of cocaine trafficking.

Slone, represented by public advocate Harolyn Howard, pleaded not guilty to the charges Friday. However, brothers

Harold Glenn and Rodney Thornsberry did not make it to the hearing.

According to orders filed by Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill, the arraignments for Harold Glenn Thornsberry, indicted for eight counts first-degree cocaine trafficking, and his brother, Rodney, facing three counts of first-degree cocaine trafficking, have been rescheduled to be heard on Feb. 6.

No reasons were given in the order for the rescheduling.

The investigation that preceded the initial arrests of the three men resulted in the arrest of brothers Vernon Slone, Dave Slone and Michael Shannon Slone, all of Bevinville, and brothers Harold and Rodney Thornsberry, of Wheelwright and Bypro, respectively.

According to their initial indictment, the Slones and Thornsberys sold a mixture containing more than 500 milligrams of cocaine between January 1997 and March of last year.

Glenn Thornsberry has already pleaded guilty in federal court to a single count of possession with the intent to distribute a mixture of a substance containing more than 500 milligrams of cocaine.

He is currently serving a 42-month sentence that was passed down by federal court after he entered a guilty plea on those charges.

Federal cases against the other men who were charged in the original indictment from U.S. District Court are still pending.

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# Man arraigned on fraud, sex charges

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It was a double-take in circuit court Friday for a man arraigned twice for charges in two separate criminal cases against him.

Mark Lee Freet Sr., 38, facing nine sexual offense charges and two fraud charges, was arraigned for both cases by Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill during motion hour Friday morning.

Freet was indicted by a grand jury July 8 on two counts of first-degree sodomy, three counts of first-degree sex abuse, two counts of first-degree rape and two counts of incest for alleged "deviate" sexual acts performed on two of his relatives — one of whom was a

minor boy — and another individual.

The alleged crimes took place between August 2000 and August 2001, the indictment says.

According to a separate indictment, Freet is additionally charged with two counts of second-degree forgery for allegedly misrepresenting himself following his arrest in June 2001.

The indictment indicates that upon his arrest he signed into the Floyd County Detention Center as "Robert Freet."

Appearing in court with his attorney, public advocate Harolyn Howard, Freet plead not guilty Friday to all charges against him.

Pretrial conferences are slated to be heard in the cases on April 14.

# Black Lung

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Black Lung Coal Miners and Widows Association.

"It's really not any good at all," she said. "It was just another political move. Nothing but politics. They made no changes that help the coal miner."

Charles Tipton, a disabled coal miner from Louisa, said the state shouldn't have made it so hard for people who suffer from the disease to receive benefits. He said the disease not only makes it difficult to work but also do any other physical exercise.

"As far as walking, you can do very little before you're gasping for air," he said. "You have trouble breathing at night. It's hard to breathe when you lay down at night. It's an awful disease."

The National Black Lung Association estimates 1,500 people die each year due to black lung disease.

Davis said state officials need to revisit the black lung issue, but she said she doesn't expect that to happen any time soon.

"They come in and shake your hand and pat you on the back and promise you the moon and the stars and Mars to go with it, and we end up with nothing," she said. "We've got to have some kind of change for these miners. It's getting worse all the time."

Mark York, spokesman for the Kentucky Cabinet for Environmental and Public Protection, said 718 of the 1,049 claims filed since 2002 have been reviewed by physicians. Of those, 279 have been assigned to

administrative law judges for hearings, and 226 have been dismissed by those judges.

York said 564 of the 718 miners whose claims have been reviewed by the physicians were found not to have black lung. He said 83 others were determined to be in the first stages of the disease, five were in the moderate stage, and one had advanced black lung.

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## Michael named to UT staff

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee announced Tuesday that Lawrence County native Jason Michael will replace Shane Beamer, the graduate assistant coach and son of longtime Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer. Michael, 25, was a quarterback at Western Kentucky quarterback who won a Division I-AA title in 2002. He has been at UT for nearly a year already as an assistant for the conditioning and video staffs.

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### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## MSC honors Knox, Cody

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Two Pikeville College athletes have been named players of the week by the Mid-South Conference.



Cody



Knox

Centers Teon Knox and Amelia Cody were named the top performers for the week in basketball, leading their teams to a combined 5-0 record for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 10.

Knox, a 6-8 senior from Baltimore, averaged 15.67 points and 9.67 rebounds in three games last week. Pikeville

(See MSC, page two)

## Trip south hands Lady Bears a loss

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PULASKI, Tenn. — Cool shooting from the field after halftime and a poor effort from the free throw line cost the Pikeville College Lady Bears in an 83-76 loss at Martin Methodist College on Monday night.



Williams

The win gave former Lady Bear Coach Randy

(See LOSS, page two)

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

## Lady Rebs squeak past Prestonsburg

by JAMIE HOWELL  
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EASTERN — A 58th District matchup that looked early like it would end in a blowout turned into one of the most entertaining games of the season thus far. Allen Central led

26-12 early in the second quarter and seemed to be on its way to a lopsided win. However, the Lady Blackcats of Prestonsburg had different ideas. Prestonsburg fought back from 16 points down to tie the game at 52-52 in the fourth quarter before Allen Central finally came away with a 62-

59 win.

Allen Central was led in scoring by Becky Thomas, who finished with 21 points. The junior center also pulled down 12 rebounds.

The Lady Rebels led 19-10 after

(See PAST, page five)



photo by Jamie Howell  
 Prestonsburg head coach Jack Pack diagrammed a play during a timeout.



photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central scorer Justin Hall went up for two of his game-high 24 points in Friday night's win over Prestonsburg.

## Rebels run off, leave Prestonsburg

### AC improves standing in district/conference

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Allen Central High boys' basketball coach John Martin

got just the effort during Friday night's home game against Prestonsburg that he expects each time out.

The host Runnin' Rebels beat the Blackcats soundly, 78-55.

"We played about as well as we can play," said Martin. "This is the first time, with maybe the exception of the

Betsy Layne game, that we've played all four quarters."

Allen Central held a lead over 58th District/Floyd County Conference rival Prestonsburg at the end of every period. Allen Central led by 11 points

(See REBELS, page two)

### H.S. WRESTLING

## Francis Memorial Duels set for Saturday

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Josh Francis Memorial Duels wrestling tournament is scheduled to take place Saturday at Prestonsburg High School. The first annual high school wrestling tournament, which was previously scheduled for December, before being called off because of a flu outbreak that forced Floyd and several other area school systems to

(See SET, page five)

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

## Pike Central 96, South Floyd 68

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Visiting South Floyd exited the first quarter of Monday night's game against host Pike County Central with a 14-13 lead, but soon saw its small advantage disappear. Host Pike Central came alive and outscored the Lady Raiders 31-13 in the second quarter. The deficit was too much for the Lady Raiders to overcome. Pike Central went on to win 96-68. The 96 points is the most Pike Central has scored in a single game this season.

Following halftime, Pike Central maintained the flow of the game, outscoring South Floyd 28-17 in the third quarter.

Haley Ratliff led Pike Central in

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### SWEET SIXTEEN

## Boys', Girls' Sweet Sixteen tickets on sale

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Tickets are on sale now for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Boys' and Girls' Sweet Sixteen basketball tournaments.

The boys' tournament will be played March 17-20 in Rupp Arena in

Lexington.

The girls' tournament will be played March 24-27 in E.A. Diddle Arena in Bowling Green.

Each state tournament was played in the same respective venue last season.

Rupp Arena is home to both the University of Kentucky Wildcats and

the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen Tournament.

E.A. Diddle Arena currently serves as home to both the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers and the Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls'

(See SALE, page two)

### DIRT TRACK

## 201 Speedway Awards Banquet set for Saturday

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

SITKA — Following its 19th year of successful dirt track racing in Eastern Kentucky, the historic 201 Speedway will recognize its 2003 track champions during an awards banquet to be held in the Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg Saturday night at 7 p.m.

Plans for the 2004 racing season at 201 are already under way with

one of the fastest rising dirt Late Model racing series planning two trips to the red clay of 201. The Battle of the Bluegrass Late Model series will race the high banks of 201 on two dates during the 2004 season, the first on May 1st, and a second on July 3.

The Battle of the Bluegrass will also run a series for Open Wheel

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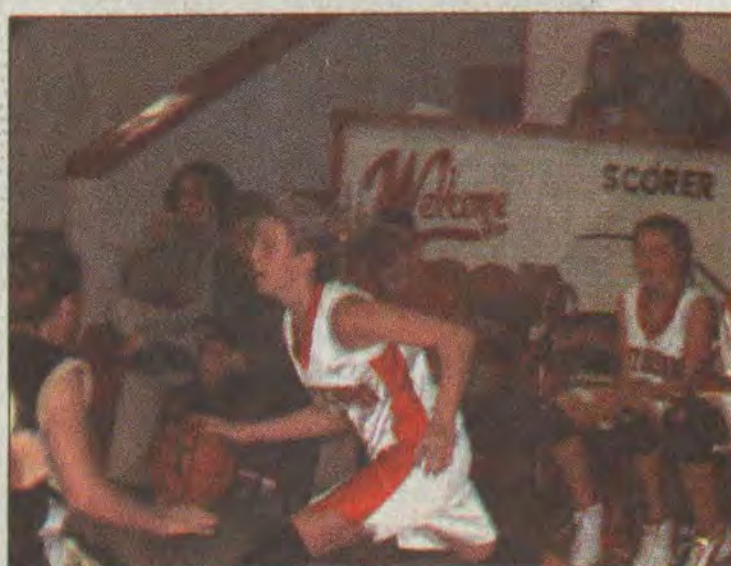


photo by Jamie Howell  
 Prestonsburg freshman Meaghan Slone dribbled around a defender in Monday night's game against Cordia.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

## Lady Blackcats blast Cordia

by JAMIE HOWELL  
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Jack Pack and the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats needed a game in which they could "get well" after a heartbreaking loss to Allen Central the last time they took to the hardwood. Monday night Prestonsburg got just what the doctor ordered in a blowout win over vis-

(See BLAST, page two)



**Blast**

iting Cordia. Prestonsburg led 17-9 after one quarter and never trailed on its way to a 59-39 win. Prestonsburg was led in scoring by Darcey Hicks, who scored 13 points. Senior Heather White tossed in 12 to help push Prestonsburg to the easy win. Meaghan Slone tossed in nine points in the win and Molly Burchett added nine as well. Chanel Music added six points for the Lady Blackcats and Brittany Collins finished with

four. Three players (Amanda Keathley, Pam Slone and Katie Lemaster) each added a bucket for the Lady Blackcats in the win. Prestonsburg led 33-20 at the half and 53-24 after three quarters of play. Pack got the chance to see some of his younger players in action as Prestonsburg held a 30-point lead in the early stages of the fourth quarter. Jessica Noble led Cordia in scoring with 14 points. Prestonsburg displayed some

pressure defense that caused Cordia to turn the ball over 22 times on the night and the Lady Lions only connected on 12 field goals in the contest. Prestonsburg only went to the line seven times in the game and hit on three-of-seven free throw attempts. The third quarter proved to be the big quarter for Prestonsburg as the Lady Blackcats outscored Cordia 20-4 in the period to build a 29 point lead. Prestonsburg will be at home tomorrow night to take on Phelps as the Lady Blackcats look to get back to .500 on the season. Prestonsburg currently sits at 7-8 on the season.

Modifieds, with 201 one of the first tracks to be offered a date with the new series. Keeping with its trend of bringing exciting dirt track racing to Eastern Kentucky, 201 Speedway is eyeing its third decade of Late Model racing. A look at the 2003 track champions follows. Late Models - David Powers of Salyersville took the top Late Model honor for the second straight year. Powers was the driver of the No. 97 J.M.C Motorsports, Stinger Grand Prix, powered by a Cropper Racing Engine from Flemingsburg and spon-

sored by Green's Lawnmower Sales and Service, Fannin's Sawmill of West Liberty, CD's Family Buffet, also of West Liberty, Danny Meenach C.P.A, Quality Chiropractic in Morehead, Dr. Rob Flusky, J4 Trucking of Salyersville, Robo's Market in Sandy Hook, Powers Garage in Salyersville, and Howard's Performance, also in Salyersville. Super Bombers - Glenn Patton reigned supreme in the Super Bombers field. Patton, the driver of the No. 7A, High Tech Motors-powered 2003 Chevy Monte Carlo and a Draughn Racing Chassis,

sponsored by Daniel Boone Motor Inns, located in Pikeville and Hazard, Bud Rife Construction, Justice Land Surveying and Engineering, Harold Autobody and Frame Shop, and P&H Hardware. Bombers - Veteran racer Bannie Blair, driver of the No. B4, 1976 Camaro of Howard and Blair Motorsports, sponsored by Auto Glass of America, Sandy Valley Fasteners, Dad's Paylake, Last Lap Racing, Trophies and Monograming, and J.C. Fyffe's Septic Service took tops among Bombers. Open Wheel Modifieds - Clint Shuts of Prestonsburg,

**Loss**

Roberts a sweep in the series this season. Roberts, who coached the Lady Bears for three between the two winningest coaches in the program's history - Roy Cutright and Bill Watson - picked up a 79-75 win in the Gatti's Classic on November 22. Pikeville (10-9) built a 41-37 lead by the half, but when it cooled to 36.1 percent after that - including an 0-for-6 performance from the arc - it opened the door for the Red Storm to sweep in for a win. Martin Methodist (4-12) shot only slightly better in the second half - 47 percent, up from 44 - but was 6-of-14 from the three-point stripe. Junior guard Selena Williams recorded a double-double for the Lady Bears, scoring 23 points and pulling down 13 rebounds. Despite her team hitting only 19-of-32 (59.4 percent) from the line, she hit 9-of-10 from the stripe and pulled down eight rebounds off the offensive glass. Freshman forward Heather Dillon came off the bench for 14

points and seven rebounds, while freshman guard Tonya Amburgey recorded 13 points. Junior center Amelia Cody had six points and 11 rebounds. Half of Pikeville's 46 rebounds came off the offensive boards, including six from Cody. Martin Methodist had all five starters reach double figures in scoring and two post double-doubles. Latoya Torian led the way with 17 points and 11 rebounds, while Jennifer Moss flipped in 15 points and handed out 10 assists. Jana Bachrate added 14, Danielle Dyer 13 and Zuzana Janesikova 10. Pikeville will be back in action on Thursday night, traveling to Johnson City, Tenn., to play Milligan College. The Lady Bears will be home on Saturday at 4 p.m., playing Knoxville College.

**MSC**

knocked off East-West (Ill.) University 89-56, Knoxville 61-58 and Strayer (D.C.) University 102-82. Knox had 18 points and eight rebounds in the win at Knoxville and destroyed Strayer with a 23-points, 20-rebound effort. He also had six assists, two steals and one blocked shot for the week, hitting 50 percent from the floor and going 5-of-5 from the free throw line. "Teon was incredible against Strayer and had a solid week all around," said Coach Randy McCoy. "He's having another very good year for us and will play a key roll in our success as we head toward

league play in February." For the season, Knox is ninth in the Mid-South Conference in scoring with an average of 14.1 points per game, and his 8.44 rebounds has him second in the league. Cody, a 6-2 junior from Hazard, posted consecutive 16-point games in a 73-63 win over U.Va.-Wise and an 81-61 win over Virginia Intermont College. The Cordia product also averaged eight rebounds a game and picked up five steals and four assists for the week. She had a double-double with 10 rebounds against VI. Cody shot 63.63 percent from the floor and 66.67 percent from

the line last week. "Cody has been a consistent inside threat for us this season and has posted some valuable minutes for us," said Coach Bill Watson. "It was an area of concern for us losing two All-Americans in the post last year, but Cody has been solid all year." Cody is ninth in the Mid-South Conference with an average of 11.8 points and her 7.78 rebounds per game are fourth in the league. She's also among the league leaders in field goal shooting, steals and blocked shots. The Lady Bears will be back on the road Thursday night playing at Milligan College, and will be home on Saturday afternoon, hosting Knoxville at 4 p.m. The Bears will be home Friday night at 7:30 and Saturday at 2 p.m., playing host to The Ohio State University at Marion.

**Game**

scoring with a game-high 21 points. A total of nine different Lady Hawks scored in the win. Six Pike Central players scored in double figures. Paige Lowe scored 18 for the Lady Hawks and Mishay Weddington added 12. Tiffany Thompson had 12 for Pike Central. Kim Coleman and Rachel Miller ended with 10 points apiece. Megan Ousley led South Floyd with 17 points. Ashley Johnson finished with 13 and Brandy Anderson netted nine. Tab Trammel flipped in eight and Amanda Johnson added seven. South Floyd was back in action last night against defending 15th Region Champion and 58th District frontrunner Betsy Layne. Results were unavailable at press time.

**Sale**

Sweet Sixteen. A KHSAA Sweet Sixteen Ticket Application can be found online at <http://khsaa.12dt.com/tickets>. After making an order online, order status may also be reviewed. Mason County is the defending Boys' Sweet Sixteen State Champion. Sacred Heart is the reigning Girls' Sweet Sixteen champ. Both teams also currently rank number one in the state.

**Rebels**

at halftime and had three different players score in double figures. Allen Central led Prestonsburg 19-13 at the end of the first period. Justin Hall and Ryan Hammonds each hit for six points in the first period for Allen Central. Hammonds got his six points on a pair of three-point field goals. The Rebels had to hold off a hot-shooting Trevor Compton. The Prestonsburg guard had 11 points in the first quarter, nine coming on three three-pointers. The two teams combined for 15 tmade three-pointers. Prestonsburg hit eight and Allen Central connected on seven. Each team also displayed adequate accuracy from the free throw line. Allen Central connected on 13-of-15 attempts and Prestonsburg made 15-of-19 tries. Hall led Allen Central in scoring with a game-high 24 points. Hall, who had three treys in the

second quarter, finished with four three-point field goals. Junior center Tim Griffith, who Martin has seen steady improvement in all season long, netted 19. Rossi Samons scored 16. Ryan Hammonds and Austin Francis added eight points apiece. David Kilburn rounded out the scoring for the Rebels by checking out with three points. Ryan Collins, Paul Francis, Josh Martin, Corey Little and Tyler Slone all played, but did not score for Allen Central. Prestonsburg's Compton finished the game with three made three-point field goals and a team-high 18 points. Joe Blackburn scored 14 and Nick Jamerson, who played the game while being a little bit under the weather, added 11. "They were hurting without Nick (Jamerson) in there," added Martin. "He's their best player, when he's not in there, it hurts them." John Mark Stephens scored

four points for Prestonsburg, and Nathan Lafferty, a player who transferred to the home of the Blackcats from Allen Central last winter, netted three. Jesse Chaffin and Lewis Barnett scored two points apiece. Michael Stephens broke into the scoring column in the third quarter on a successful free throw. Minus a hard-luck appearance in the Hazard Invitational that included three losses, Martin looks at Allen Central's record in a positive light. "We had two tough tournaments there at Belfry in the Mountain Schoolboy Classic and then the Hazard tournament," Martin added. The Hazard tournament included for the Rebels a loss to South Floyd. Martin, like many, still sees a very unpredictable field in both the 58th District and 15th Region. "The district is real wide-open, I'd probably have to say Betsy Layne has the most talent," Martin said. "In the region, you'd probably have to still go with Shelby Valley." Allen Central is now 6-6 on the season. The Rebels weren't in action last night. Prestonsburg was back on the hardwood at home against Sheldon Clark. Results of the Sheldon Clark-Prestonsburg game were unavailable at press time.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Bears complete sweep of Strayer**

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE - Teon Knox recorded his second straight double-double to help Pikeville College knock off Strayer University 86-76 Sunday afternoon. The Bears, ranked 25th and 16-2 on the season, won their ninth straight and second in a row over the Tigers, who the defeated 102-82 on Saturday night. Knox, a 6-8 senior from Baltimore, hit 19 points and pulled down 12 rebounds one night after a 23-point, 20-rebound performance against Strayer. He also blocked three shots. Two teammates were also in double figures, with B.J.

Townsend tossing in 17 and Emanuel Tekie coming off the bench to score 11 thanks to three three-point baskets. Senior Kevin Gaines had eight assists and pulled down nine rebounds as the Bears won the battle of the boards 52-43. Gains also had six points. Strayer (5-10) got a terrific effort from junior High Jones, who finished with 32 points and six rebounds. He hit 12-of-20 from the floor and knocked down three three-pointers. Warren Jefferson came off the bench for 17 points and seven rebounds. Pikeville will be back in action on Friday night, playing host to Ohio State-Marion. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Lady Bears beat Virginia Intermont**

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE - Two Pikeville College Lady Bears turned in double-doubles on Saturday in an 81-61 win over Virginia Intermont College. The win turned around an 84-62 loss the Lady Bears suffered at the hands of the Lady Cobras on Dec. 20 in Bristol. Pikeville (10-8), winners of two straight in the new year, jumped out to a big lead early. After scoring the first seven points of the game, Virginia Intermont caught up with a pair of free throws by sophomore Ashley Booker with 12:30 to play to tie the game at 15.

But the Lady Bears put the game away with a 19-2 outburst. Five Lady Bears scored in the stretch, with junior Amelia Cody scoring seven and freshman Ashley Wireman six. The streak ended with Wireman's second trey of the run, putting Pikeville on top 34-17 with 5:18 remaining in the half. The lead was 45-28 at the half. Virginia Intermont (10-2) trimmed the lead with an 11-4 run early in the second half, getting seven from senior Brandi Owens to pull within nine, 48-39, with 14:29 showing. But Pikeville responded with a 9-1 run to build the lead back to 17; 57-40, with 10:44 to play when freshman Brienne Daniels

hit two free throws and never looked back. Cody and Williams had double figures in both points and rebounds. Cody had 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Williams poured in 15 and grabbed 11 rebounds. Junior guard Ashley Ratliff joined Wireman with 14 points. Ratliff hit 6-of-8 from the floor and Wireman nailed three of her six three-point shots. The Lady Cobras, who have lost two straight after opening the season with 10 consecutive wins, had only one player in double figures. Owens was 4-of-6 from the arc to finish with 19 points. Virginia-Intermont had 11 players in the scoring column, with the next highest coming freshman Whitney Nash with eight.



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# Sweet 16 Scholarship Program will award 32 students

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — In addition to its title sponsorship of the Boys' State Basketball Tournament, National City Bank will be awarding 32 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. One boy and one girl from each of the 16 basketball regions will receive the honor. Scholarships are open to all athletes (not restricted to basketball). Winners will be recognized at both State Tournaments in March.

The application form is posted on the KHSAA website with the return deadline of March 1.

■ Another element of National City's sponsorship is a tour of the State Championship trophy that will be awarded in March. The tour kicked off at the Hazard Invitational in early January and will continue throughout the state with stops at National City branches as well as high school basketball contests. The trophy and scholarship applications are the special features of the display.

Following is a complete listing of the trophy tour:

Jan. 2 — Hazard Invitational; Jan. 6 — London (South Laurel vs. Monticello); Jan. 7 — London (400 S. Main St. Branch); Jan. 8 — Corbin (25E Cumberland Gap Branch); Jan. 9 — Hindman (WYMT Classic); Jan. 12 — Danville (Lincoln Co. at Danville); Jan. 13 — Danville (S. Fourth St. Branch); Jan. 14 — Bardstown (Bardstown Kroger); Jan. 15 — Bardstown (Nelson Co. at Bardstown); Jan. 16 — Louisville (Louisville Invitational

Tournament); Jan. 19-20 — Louisville (Main Branch Tower); Jan. 20 — Louisville (DeSales at St. Xavier); Jan. 21 — Louisville (Rockford Lane Branch); Jan. 22 — Louisville (Pleasure Ridge Branch); Jan. 23 — Bowling Green (Main Branch); Jan. 23 — Bowling Green (Warren East at Warren Central); Jan. 24 & 26 — Bowling Green (Scottsville Road Branch); Jan. 28 — Versailles (Lexington Road Branch); Jan. 30 — Lexington (Harrodsburg Road Branch); Feb. 1 — Lexington (The Stadium Entertainment Complex); Feb. 2 — Lexington (Fayette Mall Branch); Feb. 3 — Lexington (Henry Clay at Lafayette); Feb. 4-5 — Lexington (E. Main St. Main Branch); Feb. 6 — Lexington (KHSAA Draw Show at WKYT); Feb. 6 — Lexington (Bryan Station at Paul Dunbar); Feb. 10 — Owensboro (W. Third St. Branch); Feb. 12-13 — Owensboro (Frederica St. Branch); Feb. 17 — Mayfield (Paducah Tilghman at Mayfield); Feb. 20 — Hopkinsville (Logan Co. at Hopkinsville); Feb. 20-26 — Louisville (Branches to be determined).

Additional dates and sites will be confirmed and added. Please check out the KHSAA website for tour updates.

■ The third annual KHSAA HYPE Student Leadership Conference is set for today at The Stadium Entertainment/Meeting Complex in Lexington. A group of approximately 300 students from across the state is registered to attend the one day conference. Group session topics will

include presentations on Getting Involved in Special Programs/Being a Positive Role Model, Healthy Lifestyles & Leadership, Teamwork and Attitude, Respect and Sportsmanship.

Kirk Disrude of Maine West High School in Des Plaines, Ill., and Stephen Bargatze of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association are the featured speakers. The program is set to begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

■ The KHSAA Annual Meeting of member school delegates is slated for Thursday in the Patterson Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. Delegates will start the day with various professional development and information seminars, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Eighteen proposals will be reviewed and voted on by member school delegates. An open "round table" discussion by the authors of the proposals, KHSAA Staff and Board and the voting delegates will be held beginning at 11:15 a.m. (ET). The voting session of the meeting will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Voting by the membership is the first step in the amendment process. Proposals require two-thirds of the voting delegates in attendance for passage. Proposals that receive the two-thirds vote are then reviewed by the Board of Control and then forwarded on to the Department of

Education for review.

To view the meeting agenda and or the proposals, log on to the KHSAA website and choose either of the links below.

Annual Meeting Proposals  
http://www.khsaa.org/annualmeeting/annualmeetingproposals2004.pdf

Annual Meeting Agenda

http://www.khsaa.org/annualmeeting/delegateassembly-order2004.pdf

If you have any questions, contact the KHSAA Office.

■ The annual January meeting of the Board of Control will be held Friday at the Association office in Lexington. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA.

■ Statewide boys' and girls' basketball stats rankings begin this week. Schools have until noon on Thursday (and each Thursday thereafter) to submit information. Leaders will be posted on the KHSAA website Thursday

(See SWEET, page four)

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

# Belfry 53, Knott County Central 42

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY — Host Belfry played and defeated one of the 14th Region's better teams, beating visiting Knott County Central 53-42.

Vickie Hall fired in a game-high 22 points and Anna Bevins netted 20 as the talented senior duo led the Belfry girls to the victory.

Bevins, a 5-6 senior, scored a career-high 41 points on Thursday against Tolsia (W.Va.) to help her team defeat the second-ranked team in Single A in West Virginia. The three-sport athlete is averaging over 20 points this season.

Coach Mark Gannon's host Lady Pirates led 12-8 at the end of the first period. Knott County Central battled back to tie the game at 24 leading into the half-time.

After the intermission, Belfry came out and outscored Knott Central 15-9 in the third period to regain the lead and keep it for good.

The Lady Pirates finished strong by outscoring Knott County Central 14-9 in the final period.

Elisha Hall pushed in 10 points to lead Knott Central.

Brittany Bentley and Keisha Johnson each had nine points for the Lady Patriots.

In a 64-33 win over Pike County rival Phelps, Bevins and Hall again led the way for Belfry, finishing with 21 and 18 points, respectively.

Blue Chip Shootout  
At Waggener  
Pikeville 45, Moore 43

LOUISVILLE — Evin Shockey scored 13 points and Samantha Howard added 10 to lead Pikeville past Moore in the Blue Chip Shootout. Emily

Colvin added nine as Pikeville (5-6) and first-year head coach Cindy Halbert inched closer to getting back to the .500 mark.

Pikeville outscored Moore 15-8 in the first period and 16-8 in the final frame. The Lady Panthers led 25-23 at halftime before registering the close victory.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Lady Eagles get back on winning track

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — A career-high 45 points from senior Delores Jenkins put the Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles over the top Saturday for a win over visiting Montreat. Jenkins hit for 45 points on 16 field goals, four three-point field goals and nine free throws. She also had nine rebounds, two assists and four steals in 40 minutes of work. The Lady Eagles (5-14) defended their home hardwood by winning 86-70.

Belicia Mullins netted 26 for Alice Lloyd.

The host Lady Eagles went into halftime with a 43-38 advantage. Montreat committed 32 turnovers while Alice Lloyd lost possession of the basketball

27 times. Devon Reynolds and Bridget Smith scored four points apiece for the Lady Eagles and Jessica Justice added three. Kayla Combs and Erica Webb both netted two.

Combs and Kristina Thompson each had six rebounds.

ALC players were unselfish with the basketball. The collective group combined for 18 assists. Reynolds led the way with six dishes.

The Lady Eagles hit on 10-of-23 three-point field goal attempts. Mullins had six of the treys and Jenkins drained the other four.

Julie Buchanan tossed in 26 points for Montreat (1-10). Jamie Gragg scored 19.

## COACHING MILESTONE

# McCoy wins 100th as PC win streak reaches eight

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Seniors Teon Knox and Kevin Gaines recorded double-doubles to lead Pikeville College past Strayer

University 102-82 Saturday night.

The win pushed Pikeville to 15-2 on the season and gave the Bears and eight-game win streak as they reached the century mark for the first time this season. Prior to tonight, the Bears had scored in the 90s only twice, reaching 98 against Johnson Bible College on Dec. 13.

In addition, the win was the 100th for Randy McCoy since taking over the Bears to start the 1999-2000 season. In his fifth season, McCoy trails only Paul Butcher on the wins list for men's basketball. In 11 seasons, Butcher won 153 games.

McCoy is now 100-55 in four-plus seasons with two Mid-South Conference titles and two NAIA tournament berths, including a final four appearance in the 2001 tournament.

The Bears put up some tremendous numbers in the win. Knox had 23 points and pulled down a career high 20 rebounds. Gaines had 14 points and five rebounds, but wowed the crowd with 14 assists. The point guard from Las Vegas is fourth in the country in assists.

And junior B.J. Townsend paced the team with 26 points by hitting 12-of-14 from the floor and both of his three-point tries. In addition, senior Greg Davis hit four three-pointers in only six tries to finish with 12 points.

Those coming to the Pikeville College Gym expecting a rout were surprised when the game went to the half with the Bears on top 46-41. The Bears pushed their lead to seven

(46-39) when Martin Gerlero scored with 17 seconds left in the half, but a layin by Warren Jefferson with 10 seconds left trimmed it to five at the half.

Jefferson scored 30 seconds into the second half to pull the Tigers within one, 46-45, before the Bears rolled out a 16-3 run to put some distance between them. Townsend had two layins and a dunk in the run, which ended with the Bears on top 62-48 left with 15:58 remaining.

Strayer (5-9) continued to battled, pulling within six (77-71) on a basket by freshman Thomas Rose. But the Bears got five straight from sophomore Emanuel Tekie to push it back to double figures and led by as many as 22 late before settling for the 20-point win.

The Tigers got 24 from junior Darnell Scott, who was perfect on his five three-point tries. Junior Hugh Jones recorded a double-double, flipping in 20 points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

Junior guard Warren Jefferson finished with 19 points.

Pikeville had a solid first half, hitting 43.6 percent from the floor, but sizzled after the break. They hit 22-of-34 (64.7 percent) after recess. They also hit 5-of-9 from the arc.

## JUNIOR BASKETBALL

# Mavs play past Tar Heels

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Play in the Prestonsburg Junior Basketball League continued Saturday. A breakdown of the games follows.

Junior Varsity Division: Mavericks 19, Tar Heels 16 — Andrew Skeans tossed in eight points to lead the Mavericks to a 19-16 win over the Tar Heels. Rebekah Potter added four points in the win and three players (Bradley Hicks, Katy Petry and Julia Burchett) all finished with two points. Erica Meade rounded out the scoring with one point for the Mavericks. D.J. Ousley led the Tar Heels with 10 points. Joshua Head netted four points and Kayla Hall added two points in the loss.

Cardinals 21, Blackcats 19 — Wil Allen led the way with 11 points in the Cardinals win. Josh Craynon tossed in four points in the win and three players (Nathaniel Fraley, Cody McCoy and Samantha Williams) all added two points in the win. The Blackcats were led in scoring by Bradley Stanley with seven points. Nicholas Conn and Nikki Bradley each finished with four points and Julie Compton added two for the Blackcats. Robert Grigsby rounded

out the scoring with two points.

Training League: Mavericks 10, Lakers 8 — The Mavericks pulled out the win in an exciting game as Cassie and Catie Burchett led the winners with four and three points respectively. Owen Caudill added two points for the winners and Nathan Armstrong rounded out the Mavericks scoring with one point. Trey Stapleton led the Lakers with four points and Savannah Bryant added two. Haley Howell finished the scoring for the Lakers with two points.

Knicks 21, Sonics 10 — The Knicks got nine points from Tyler Shelton and eight points from Tyler Keens in the win over the Sonics. Thomas Spears added two points for the Knicks and Zachary Romans finished with two for the winners. Adam Castle tossed in seven points for the Sonics and Bradley Ousley added three.

Bulls 15, Warriors 13 — Wesley Robinson scorched the nets for 13 points to lead the Bulls past the Warriors. Brittany McKenzie added two points for the winners. Adam Crisp finished with 10 points for the Warriors. B.J. Holiday added two points for the Warriors and Blake Goble rounded out the scoring with one point.

Raptors 20, Hawks 17 — Tyler

Sparkman sparked the Raptors past the Hawks with 10 points and Kelsi Tackett added six in the win. Michael Ousley scored four points in the win. Charlie Joseph led the Hawks with nine points and Tate Goble added six in the loss. Leanna Goble finished off the scoring with two points.

Pee Wee Division — Mavericks 19, Hawks 11; Robert Campbell tossed in 10 points to lead the Mavericks past the Hawks. Seth Marcum added five points for the winners and Grant Martin rounded out the scoring with four. Madison Moore scored eight points for the Hawks and Josh Crider added two. Kateland McDonald finished with one point for the Hawks.

Lakers 11, Wildcats 10 — Katelyn Rose scored all 11 of the Lakers points with two points coming on the game winning shot at the buzzer as the Lakers beat the Wildcats. Eric Collins scored all 10 of the Wildcats points.

Pistons 18, Cavs 7 — Jordan Slone led the winners with eight points and Dylan Slone added four in the game. Austin Bailey finished with four points for the winners and Shantale Collins netted two. Dustin Moore, Autumn Hall and John Wesley Cooksey each had two points for the Cavs. Summer Hall rounded out the scoring with one point.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Montreat 62, Alice Lloyd 61

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — When a team is on the type of losing skid the Alice Lloyd College men's basketball squad is currently on, the ball tends to bounce the other way almost every time. Even in the close games.

Hoping to close out play Saturday with a home sweep of visiting Montreat College, Alice Lloyd's men's team fell short. Montreat prevailed over the host Eagles, winning 62-61.

The ALC women's team defeated its counterpart from Montreat, convincingly, 86-70, earlier in the afternoon.

Montreat led Alice Lloyd 34-25 at the break.

Noble Anthony led Montreat with 19 points and seven rebounds. David Robinson

scored 17 and Jazz Cathcart added 11. Ben Griffith scored nine and Jason Marley added five. Tony Orr scored for Montreat on a free throw.

Alice Lloyd didn't get many second chances on the offensive end of the floor.

The Alice Lloyd men managed just four offensive rebounds. Montreat won the rebounding battle 30-25.

Guard Shannon Akers, a graduate of Shelby Valley High School, netted 19 for the Eagles. Sophomore Jeremy Daniels, a Betsy Layne grad, added 16. Matt Spencer tossed in 11.

Ryan Shannon flipped in nine points for Alice Lloyd and Jimmy Stumbo finished with four.

Tim Parks, scoring on a pair of free throws, rounded out the Alice Lloyd scoring.



photo by Jamie Howell

Haley Howell and Terry Adams, of the Training League Lakers, looked to gather in a rebound during Saturday's game.

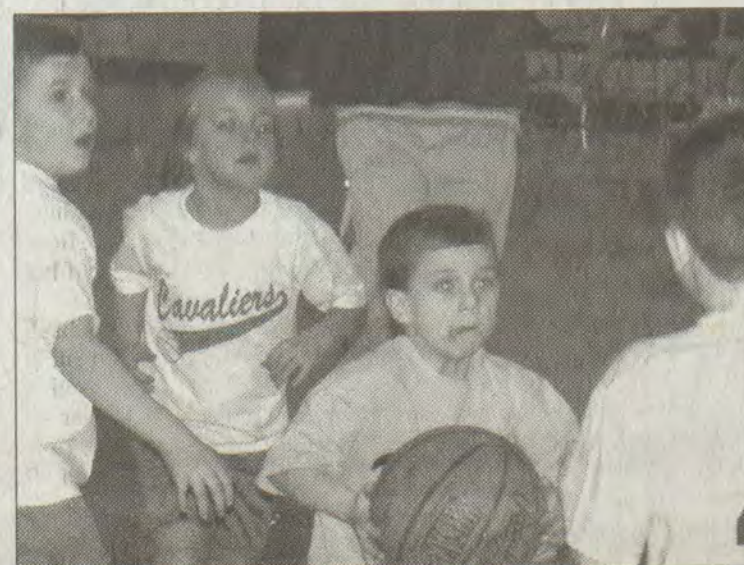


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Dylan Slone drove to the basket.

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# PC bowlers first, second in Queen City tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI — The women's bowling team from Pikeville College won its third tournament of the season on Sunday, taking the fourth annual

Bearcat Hoinke Classic. Meanwhile their counterpart on the men's side led most of the way before a sensational performance by Nebraska cost it the title.

The Lady Bears A team won

the tournament by 107 pins over second-place Lindwood (Mo.) University. Pikeville's B team was third, finishing 422 pins out. McKendree (Ill.) College and Morehead State's B squad rounded out the top five in the

10-team field.

Half the field came from schools in the top 10 in the most recent power rankings, and all but one was from a top 20 program.

Three Lady Bears made the five-player all-tournament team, four were in the top seven, and six in the top 12. All 10 bowlers had top 30 finishes.

Lindsey Durham, a senior from Louisville, finished second with an average of 216.556, only three pins from the title. Senior Patty Trusty was third with an average of 216, five behind Durham, while senior April Ellis was fifth averaging 210.222.

Senior Teresa Sanderson led the Pikeville B team with a seventh-place finish, while sophomore Abbi Stolarz was 10th. Sophomore Michelle Leonard finished 12th, with senior Stacey Wyatt 16th.

Sophomore Tracy Miller was 22nd, sophomore LaDeanna Damron 24th and sophomore Ashley Day 30th.

Pikeville led the 27-team men's field until the final match, bowling head-to-head with University of Nebraska. While Pikeville rolled a solid 235, Nebraska posted a phenomenal

275 to pull out the win.

Lindonwood, Saganaw Valley State and Morehead State completed the top five.

Pikeville B finished 17th,

while Pikeville C, a split men/women team, was 22nd.

Sophomore Tony Preston of Louisville finished third to make the all-tournament team, averaging 223.222 for the nine games. Teammates Josh Harper and Craig Guldenschuh also had top 10 finishes. Harper, a junior from Hopkinsville, was seventh with an average of 217, while Guldenschuh, a junior from Louisville, tied for ninth when

## COMMENTARY

# Astros expected to dominate NL Central after inking Clemens

by ED TAYLOR

SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The very good and very talented Houston Astros just got better with the signing of former retired New York Yankee Roger Clemens. Clemens, who lives in the Houston area, signed with the Astros this past weekend and only adds to an already pitcher rich Houston team. Earlier in the winter the Astros signed another former Yankee hurler when they inked Andy Pettite, a 20 game winner last season in New York.

Clemens will join the likes of Pettite, Wade Miller, and Roy Oswalt in the Houston rotation

this season. The Astros already had one of the best pitching staffs in major league baseball with the likes of Tim Lincecum, Jerome Robertson, Carlos Hernandez and Brandon Duckworth. The latter will compete for the fifth hurler in the Astros rotation.

Only the Chicago Cubs could come close to rivaling the Astros rotation and that would only be on paper. I think the Astros has passed the Cubs with the signings of Pettite and Clemens.

Now, While the Cubs and Astros are getting the coveted hurlers, the Reds are having to interview the pitchers no one

else wants. The Reds are hoping to ink Scott Sauerbeck, who pitched out of the bullpen for Boston last season.

The Red Sox decided not to offer Sauerbeck a contract for this season.

The past two seasons has been nothing but the Reds taking what no one else wants. New GM Dan O'Brien says he is comfortable with the Reds roster as spring training nears. He must have received a memo from the front office to that effect.

Let's face it. The Reds are heading to the basement this

(See **ASTROS**, page five)

# Bears climb to 21st

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OLATHE, Kan. — The Mid-South Conference continues to flex its muscles nationally, now boasting two of the top four and three of the top six teams in the country.

Meanwhile, Pikeville College improved to 16-2 on the season and moved up four spots to 21st in this week's national ratings.

The Bears were tied at No. 25 with Biola (Calif.) but used three wins last week to scoot up to 21st. Pikeville knocked off East-West University, Knoxville College and Strayer University.

Pikeville's win on Sunday

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### Boys' Basketball Rankings

1. Mason County
2. Lexington Catholic
3. Pleasure Ridge Park
4. DeSales
5. Wayne County
6. Scott County
7. Fern Creek
8. Covington Catholic
9. Seneca
10. Apollo
11. Elizabethtown
12. Hopkinsville
13. Hazard
14. Jeffersonton
15. Boone County
16. Warren Central
17. North Laurel
18. Owensboro Catholic
19. Clay County
20. Daviess County

### Girls' Basketball Rankings

1. Sacred Heart
2. Lexington Catholic
3. Christian County
4. Rockcastle County
5. Mercy
6. Henderson County
7. Jackson County
8. Mercer County
9. East Carter
10. Newport Central Catholic
11. Scott County
12. Elizabethtown
13. Assumption
14. Perry County Central
15. Butler
16. Christian Academy-Louisville
17. Pulaski County
18. Boone County
19. Clinton County
20. Woodford County

## HORSE RACING

# Two mares bring \$800,000 during opening session of January sale

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — La Galerie and Spring Meadow each brought \$800,000 to top the opening session Monday of Keeneland's January Horses of All Ages Sale.

La Galerie, the 8-year-old daughter of Southern Halo and a champion at 2 in her native Argentina, is carrying her first foal, by War Chant.

Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales as agent for Three Chimneys owner Robert Clay and Gary Biszantz, owner of Cobra Farm, the bay mare was purchased by Rick Trontz, as agent for Betty Mabee.

Eric Hamelback, general manager of Live Oak Stud, pur-

chased Spring Meadow on behalf of Charlotte Weber, owner of the farm. The 5-year-old daughter of Meadowlake, winner of the Grade III Las Flores Handicap last year and earner of more than \$485,000, was offered as a racing or broodmare prospect.

Hamelback said she would be retired but that no breeding decision had as yet been made.

For the session, 226 horses sold for \$14,861,100, an average price of \$65,757 and a median price of \$30,000. Last year, 208 horses grossed \$10,683,200, an average of \$51,362 and a median of \$30,000.

The sale continues through Friday.



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**REMATCH —** The Betsy Layne girls will look for another win over Allen Central when the two teams meet up again on Friday night. The girls will play before the boys play in the first game of a doubleheader.

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## Sweet

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evening of each week. Here's a look at some of last week's top performers.

Zack Mefford of Williamstown scored his 1,000th career point back in December against Henry County. On the year, Mefford has helped the Demons to an 8-4 mark, averaging 23.3 points-per-game.

Brandon Ratliff of East Ridge nailed seven three pointers in a 70-62 loss to Clay County in the WYMT Classic last week at Knott County Central. On the year, Ratliff has connected on 46 of 94 three point attempts.

Brandon Embry of LaRue County became only the ninth player in school history to surpass the 1,000 career points mark in the Nelson County Tournament back in December.

Brian Kirk of Augusta scored a career-high 55 points back on Dec. 12 against Carroll County.

Rick Kissinger of West Carter scored 15 points in the final minute of a 58-55 come-from-behind win over rival East Carter last Friday night. After scoring 17 points in the opening half of the game, Kissinger helped West Carter erase an eight point deficit with the scoring exhibition. Three days earlier against Lewis County, his trio of three pointers in the final minute helped send the game to overtime in an 84-83 double overtime win.

Rachel Howard has set an Owensboro Catholic girls' school record for career games played. Through 15 games this season, Howard has seen action in 127 games in her career for the Lady Aces.

Caldwell County connected on 33 of 45 free throws in a win over Olive Branch, Miss. back in December in the Dragon Fire Invitational in Collierville, Tenn.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

# Lawrence County 56, Greenup County 44

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISA — Lawrence County built a 30-13 halftime lead and went on to defeat Greenup County by nearly 20 points.

Katie Arrington scored 12, Amber Jude 11 and Bree Frazier 10 for the Lady Bulldogs (6-4), who play at West Carter on Thursday. Lawrence County managed to outscore Greenup County 10-4 in the first period and 20-9 in the second frame to build a comfortable cushion heading into the halftime.

Danielle Adkins led Greenup County (0-10) with 23 points.

Greenup County (44) — Adkins 23, Dean 7, Justice 3, Newberry 1, Nickel 3, Slater 2, Tabith 5. PF: 14. FT: 14-32. 3-pointers: Tabith, Nickel.

Lawrence County (56) — Humphrey 6, Jude 11, Arrington 12, Schaeffer 8, Frazier 10, Delong 7, Fletcher 2. PF: 26. FT: 7-14. 3-pointers: Frazier.

GREENUP COUNTY	4	9	15	16	— 44
LAWRENCE COUNTY	10	20	14	12	— 56

## Boyd County 52, Paintsville 33

SUMMIT — Paintsville trailed Boyd County 20-2 at the end of the first period and could never recover.

The Lady Lions held a 29-12 advantage at the half and were never threatened.

Visiting Paintsville trailed 29-12 at halftime. Boyd County (10-4) was led by senior forward Jessica Easterling with 12 point while Ashley Easterling added 11.

Chelsea Jarrell led Paintsville (5-8) with 10 points. Ashley Hall, who recently scored her 1,000th career point, netted seven.

Paintsville (33) — Hanev 3, Reynolds 2, Moore 5, Hall 7, Jarrell 10, Carroll 4, Blair 2. PF: 13. FT: 7-11. 3-pointers: none.

Boyd County (52) — Galloway 8, Swann 9, Mahar 6, Caniff 11, Easterling 12, Ashworth 2, Badgett 4. PF: 16. FT: 8-12. 3-pointers: 2(Swann 1, Mahar 1).

PAINTSVILLE	2	10	10	11	— 33
BOYD COUNTY	20	9	16	7	— 52



Past

one quarter and 35-28 at the half. Terri Mullins added 18 points on the night for Allen Central and Jessica Isaac finished with 10.

Prestonsburg also had three players finish in double figures led by Molly Burchett, who had game-high 23 points.

Senior forward Heather White tossed in 17 points for Prestonsburg and Darcey Hicks added 13.

Allen Central led 47-39 after three quarters of play, but Prestonsburg went on a 13-5 run to start the fourth quarter and tied the game at 52-52.

Allen Central then scored the next five points to go up 57-52. However, Prestonsburg again mounted a rally and tied the score at 59-59 with only 14 seconds left on the clock.

Prestonsburg was whistled for a reach in foul with only 10 seconds left on the clock. To say the least, the foul call was not be popular with the Prestonsburg bench.

A technical foul was given to the Prestonsburg bench and Allen Central got two free throws and possession of the basketball allowing it to put the game away.

Tab Caudill netted nine points for Allen Central and Yumekia Hunter rounded out the Lady Rebel scoring with two points.

Meaghan Stone finished with four points for Prestonsburg and Chanel Music rounded out the Lady Blackcat scoring with two.

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photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central guard Terri Mullins worked Friday night against the Prestonsburg defense.

Set

call off classes, will feature many of Eastern Kentucky's top high school grapplers.

Teams scheduled to join host Prestonsburg in the tournament include Sheldon Clark, Johnson Central, Perry County Central and Lawrence County. The event is shaping up as a formidable tournament and one the Prestonsburg wrestlers can't wait to host.

"We're looking forward to Saturday," said Prestonsburg High head coach Jerry Butcher. "Everyone has been working hard in preparation for this event."

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The Prestonsburg wrestling tournament will be held to honor Josh Francis, a Prestonsburg High student, who in August 2001, just before his junior year, lost his life in a tragic car accident. Francis wrestled and played football at Prestonsburg. The Prestonsburg High football field also bears his name.

Wrestling in the inaugural Francis Memorial duels is expected to get underway at the Prestonsburg High School gym at around 11 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Astros

season and will not even contend from day one of the 2004 season. The Reds did add a left handed bat in John Vander Wal. Guess what? Vander Wal place for last place Milwaukee last season. Tell you anything.

The Reds also have indicated that they will sink or swim with Brandon Larson at third base this season. You all know Larson. He has tried to make the big league club for the past two seasons and has failed. He flourishes big time in Triple A but when he comes to the parent club, he just can't make it.

Houston and Chicago will contend for the NL Central title. St. Louis, who had really dropped in the talent pool, will finish third while Pittsburgh, who made some good moves, will come in fourth. Milwaukee has done well in the free agent and trade markets. They will finish fifth with the Reds holding

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up the rest of the league.

Now, O'Brien says the Reds are not through yet and they will not be finished when spring training ends. What does that mean? Just another note from ownership to tell the press what they want to hear.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Bears

over Strayer which moved the win streak to nine in a row will count towards next week's poll, which runs Sunday through Saturday.

"The key to moving up in the poll is to keep winning, and we need all the wins we can get before starting league play," said Coach Randy McCoy, who picked up his 100th win on Saturday. "Obviously having three of the top six teams in the country in your league says a lot about the strength of your remaining schedule - that's half of our conference in the top six nationally."

Mountain State (W.Va.) University, the former College of West Virginia, was again the unanimous No. 1 team, picking up all 12 votes. MSC stronghold Lindsey Wilson moved up one spot to No. 2 after last week's second-ranked team, Oklahoma Baptist, lost twice at home and fell to ninth.

The shakeups atop the poll continued with Concordia

(Calif.), the defending national champ, moved up one spot to third, with Georgetown leaping two places to fourth, jumping over Cumberland College, the third Mid-South team in the poll, which dropped one place to sixth after losing Saturday at Brescia (Ky.) University.

Lubbock Christian (Texas) was the week's big winner. With road wins over then-No. 9 John Brown (Ark.) and Oklahoma Baptist, the Chaps jumped from 15th to fifth.

After Cumberland College, the top 10 is rounded out by Columbia (Mo.), Cumberland (Tenn.) University, Oklahoma Baptist and Lewis-Clark State (Idaho).

Pikeville will be back in action this weekend, playing host to The Ohio State University at Marion for a weekend doubleheader. The teams tip off on Friday night at 7:30 and then will play Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m.

In addition to the four ranked teams, Mid-South Conference member Lambuth (Tenn.) University got two votes in this week's rating.

The NAIA will release a poll every Tuesday between now and March 9.

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photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg players gathered around during a timeout in Friday night's game at Allen Central. The Blackcats returned to play last night against Sheldon Clark. Results were unavailable at press time.

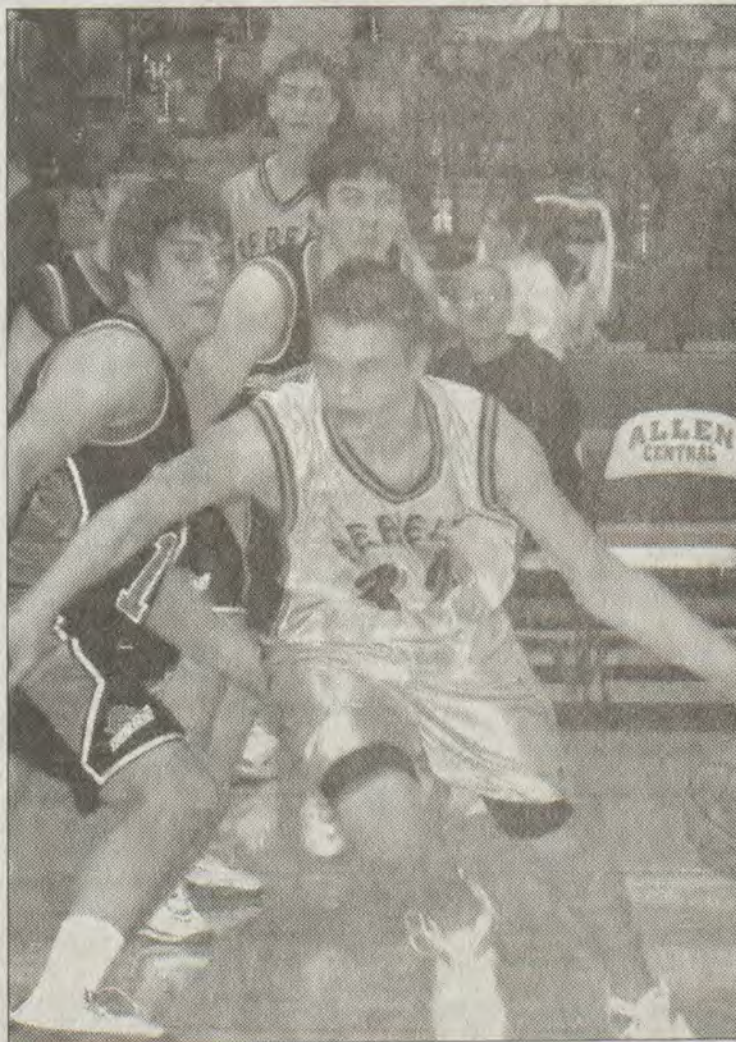


photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central junior forward Ryan Hammonds worked the ball against Prestonsburg junior Jesse Chaffin.

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driver of the No. 135, 2001 Lightning chassis powered by a L & T racing engine, and sponsored by Clintrac Interprises of Prestonsburg, Chapman Printing, Gary Smith & Son's Construction, Ratliff Body Shop, W.B.C.I Fraternity, and Homescent Candles was the most consistent driver in the Open Wheel Modifieds division.

Roadhogs - Rick Baker of Busy in Perry County, driver of the No. 66 1985 Chevy Caprice, and sponsored by, Mike's Construction of Busy, Craig's Heating and Cooling in Viper, P & C Radiator Shop and Steam Cleaning in Busy.

Four-Cylinders - West Van Lear's Jack Clevenger, driver of the No. -3 Toyota Celica, sponsored by Fast Change Oil & Lube in Prestonsburg, Colorama of Prestonsburg, and Car Creations, also of Prestonsburg, took his fourth championship in the Four-Cylinder division.

WYMT-TV Mountain Top Ten

Girls

1. Perry County Central
2. Whitesburg
3. Rockcastle
4. Jackson County
5. Betsy Layne
6. Pulaski County
7. South Laurel
8. Cawood
9. North Laurel
10. Leslie County

Boys

1. Hazard
2. Pulaski County
3. Clay County
4. North Laurel
5. Perry County Central
6. Breathitt County
7. Shelby Valley
8. Corbin
9. South Laurel
10. East Ridge

No change at top of prep polls

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — There's no changes this week at the top of the Associated Press high school basketball polls. The Mason County boys grabbed 12 of 13 first-place votes to retain the number one spot again this week. Lexington Catholic ranked second and got the one remaining first-place vote

This week, Clay County, after a short effort in the WYMT Classic, dropped from fifth to sixth.

The Sacred Heart girls received all 13 first-place votes to stay on top on the girls' side. Christian County and Rockcastle County remain second and third, respectively.

The top teams in the Kentucky AP high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

BOYS

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Mason Co.	(12)	15-1	129	1
2. Lex. Catholic	(1)	11-3	116	2
3. Lou. Pleasure Ridge Park	-	12-4	95	3
4. Wayne Co.	-	12-1	74	6
5. Lou. Fern Creek	-	11-2	43	7
6. Clay Co.	-	13-1	39	5
7. Apollo	-	10-4	36	4
8. Elizabethtown	-	10-3	29	8
9. Lou. DeSales	-	11-3	28	-
10. Scott Co.	-	12-3	23	-

Others receiving votes: Daviess Co. 22, Warren Central 11, Hazard 11, Lou. Seneca 7, Owensboro Catholic 7, Lou. Ballard 6, Graves Co. 6, North Laurel 6, Montgomery Co. 6, Henderson Co. 5, Lex. Bates Creek 5, Hopkinsville 4, Perry Co. Central 2, Cov. Catholic 2, Breathitt Co. 2, Lex. Lafayette 1.

GIRLS

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Sacred Heart	(13)	12-1	130	1
2. Christian Co.	-	14-1	107	2
3. Rockcastle Co.	-	14-1	87	3
4. Lex. Catholic	-	9-5	71	5
5. Jackson Co.	-	11-1	69	4
6. Henderson Co.	-	13-3	57	6
7. Lou. Mercy	-	9-4	45	7
8. Elizabethtown	-	11-2	27	-
9. Scott Co.	-	10-2	23	9
10. Newport Central Catholic	-	9-3	22	8

Others receiving votes: East Carter 21, Muhlenberg North 10, Boone Co. 8, Lou. Christian Academy 7, Cov. Holy Cross 6, Lou. Assumption 4, Bullitt East 4, Marshall Co. 4, Mercer Co. 4, Ohio Co. 3, Pulaski Co. 2, Barren Co. 2, Daviess Co. 1, Owen Co. 1.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 7 Kentucky 75, No. 20 Vanderbilt 63

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kelenna Azubuike, Gerald Fitch and Erik Daniels each scored 16 points and No. 7 Kentucky opened defense of its Southeastern Conference title with a 75-63 victory over No. 20 Vanderbilt on Saturday night.

Kentucky (10-1) committed 23 turnovers but held off a second-half rally by the Commodores (12-1, 1-1 SEC), who had been off to the best start in school history.

Kentucky, which went 16-0 in the SEC last season and also won the league tournament, has not lost to Vanderbilt in 27 games at Rupp Arena since the facility opened during the 1976-77 season.

The Wildcats have won 16 of their last 17 SEC openers and 22 of their last 23 games against Vanderbilt.

Vanderbilt, which lost by 62 points at Kentucky last season, cut a 13-point deficit to 57-55 on Matt Freije's three-point play with 5:52 left, but Kentucky scored 11 of the next 13 points.

A driving, off-balance, left-handed shot by Cliff Hawkins gave Kentucky a 68-57 lead with 3:24 left, and the Commodores came no closer than seven points the rest of the way.

Azubuike matched his career high in points (set last season against Vanderbilt) and grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds. Daniels, who scored or assisted on Kentucky's first seven baskets, added seven rebounds and four assists, and Fitch had six assists. The Wildcats recorded assists on 20 of their 27 baskets.

Hawkins, the point guard, added 12 points and seven rebounds for Kentucky, which shot 54 percent from the field. Kentucky outrebounded the Commodores 42-23.

Freije, the SEC's preseason player of the year, missed his first five shots from the field and didn't score until 8 minutes into the second half. He finished with 13 points.

Mario Moore and Scott Hundley each scored 15 points for Vanderbilt, which went 5-of-23 from 3-point range (21.7 percent), 15 percent lower than its season average.

Kentucky led 15-3 and then 27-15 with 5:40 left in the first half. But the Wildcats' 14 first-half turnovers allowed Vanderbilt to rally, even though Freije's only shot of the half was an air ball. Vanderbilt closed the half on a 17-7 run and trailed only 34-32.

An 8-0 run to open the second half extended Kentucky's lead to 10 points, and Kentucky led 48-35 with 14:40 left.

The game was only the second outside of Nashville this season for Vanderbilt, which has played 10 home games.

2004 WYMT Mountain Classic Basketball Tournament

SCOREBOARD

Site: Knott County Central

Jan. 6

Perry County Central 59,

Whitley County 45

Shelby Valley 61, Knott

County Central 50

Jan. 7

Clay County 70, East

Ridge 62

Hazard 63, Betsy Layne

52

Jan. 8

Knott County Central 54,

Whitley County 44

East Ridge 70, Betsy

Layne 66

Jan. 9

Perry County Central 97,

Shelby Valley 65

Hazard 61, Clay County

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Jan. 10

East Ridge 75, Knott

County Central 67

Clay County 53, Shelby

Valley 47

Championship game

Hazard 71, Perry County

Central 58

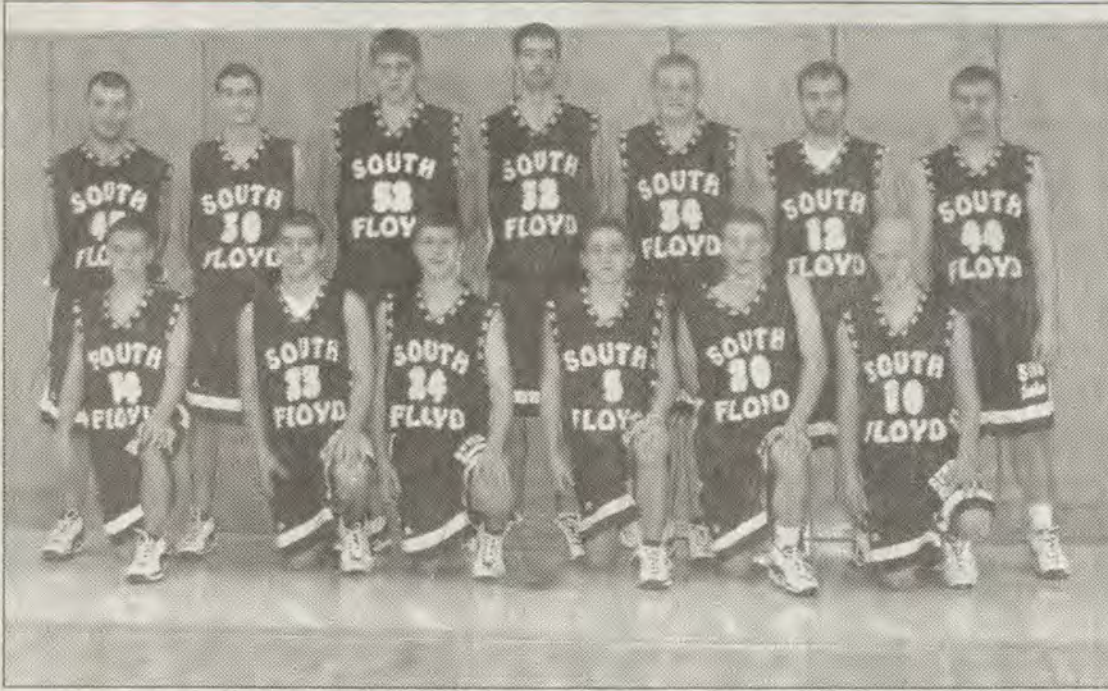
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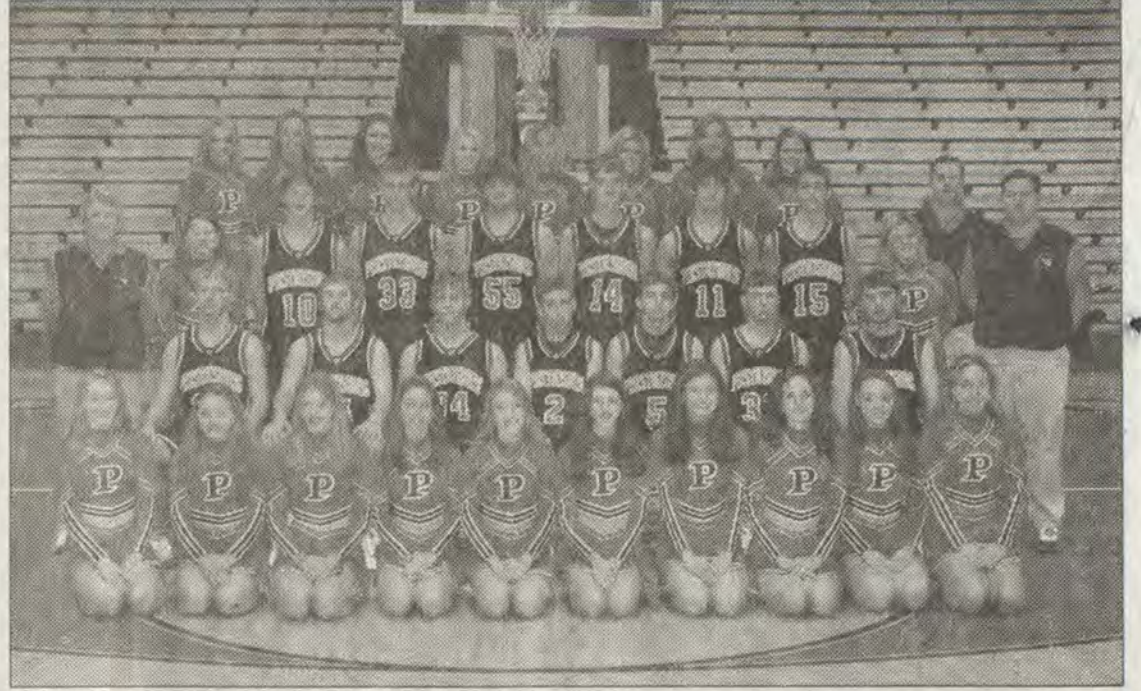
# GAMES OF THE WEEK

## South Floyd vs. Prestonsburg

In a matchup of last season's 58th District Champion and Runner-up, the South Floyd boys, four-time defending 58th District champs, will take on the Prestonsburg boys Friday night. Tipoff is tentatively scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The girls' basketball teams from the two schools will play in a first game of a doubleheader at 6 p.m. Each girls team is looking for its first district win of the 2003-04 season.



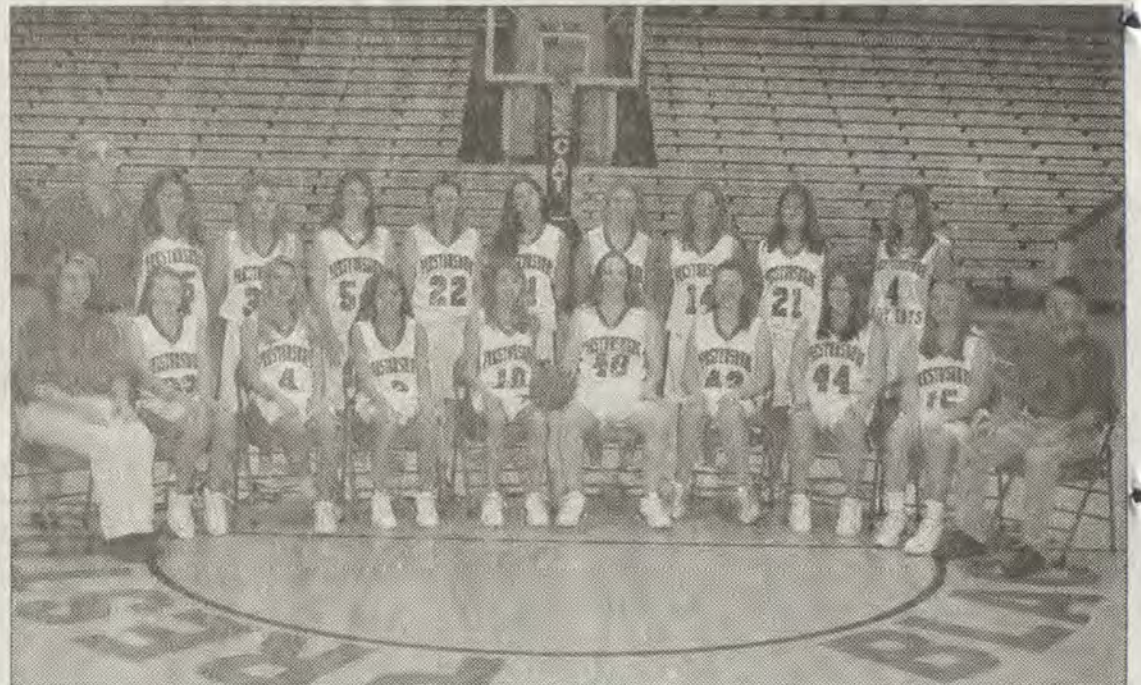
South Floyd Raiders



Prestonsburg Blackcats



South Floyd Lady Raiders



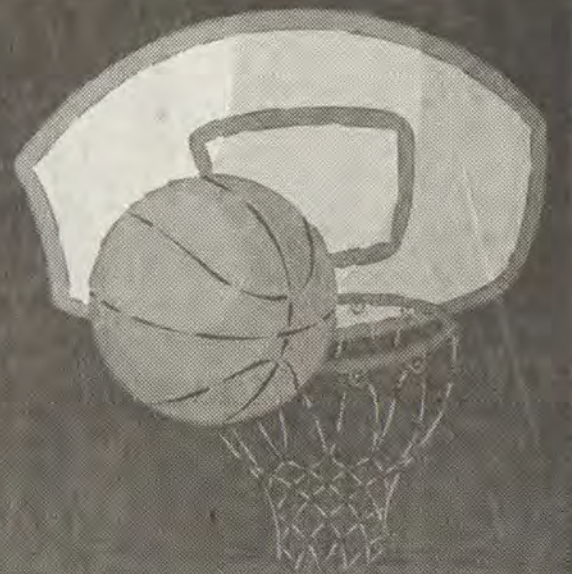
Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats

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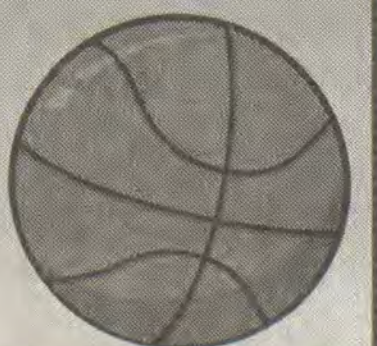
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### POISON OAK

## Monotony of winter, promise of spring

Even the lingering patches of snow and the occasional bits of bright sunshine that struggle to penetrate dense cloud cover can do little to erase the bleakness of the eastern Kentucky hills in January. As if lower temperatures and ice on our windshields weren't reminder enough, the monotonous, monochromatic brownish hue is a stark testimony that yells, "It is indeed wintertime, and don't you forget it."



Clyde Pack

The seemingly eternal drabness is almost enough to make one wish for more fresh snow. The only problem with that, of course, is that snow is no respecter of either people, places, or things, and is not particularly choosy as to

where it falls. As we all know, it would just as soon cover Route 23, as it would a naked oak atop some rugged hillside.

This time of year always reminds me of those ole grainy movies on the late, late show, which were often filmed in black and white for the express purpose of establishing a somber atmosphere. It apparently worked in the movies and, at least as far as I'm concerned, it works in real life, too.

But the thing about watching an old movie is that in the instant it takes to twitch a thumb on the remote control, one can be transferred to some tropical island in the South Pacific.

(See OAK, page three)

### KIM'S KORNER

## Into every life ...

There's probably not very many of you out there that haven't heard of postpartum blues.

And if you're like me, you've more than likely associated these particular "blues," otherwise known as the "baby blues," as only occurring after giving birth.

This past Sunday I heard that many individuals have been experiencing the postpartum blues as a result of the passing holidays.



Kim Frasure

Do what? Yep, that was my reaction when I heard it! Then the explanation continued that so many people run on such high levels of energy rushing to complete every aspect of the holiday season tasks to their own standards of perfection, that once it's all over, depression sets in.

Not only does depression set in, but many other symptoms as well. Insomnia, weepiness and/or sadness that persists all day long, diminished interest in almost all activities, difficulty with concentrating, changes in appetite, anxiety, moodiness and irritability, excessive guilt, and oh, panic attacks!

The effects of panic attacks are horrible, and can range from heart racing, dizziness, confusion, a feeling of

(See KORNER, page three)

## 'HIS LEGACY LIVES ON'



photo by Sheldon Compton

The new restaurant boasts a much larger, more modern kitchen than the original Billy Ray's. We think Billy Ray would approve.

# BILLY RAY'S REOPENS 'AS PROMISED'

by SHELDON COMPTON  
 STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — There's not many things that could keep 92-year-old Margaret Collins from Florida in mid-January, but Collins, a retired school teacher and the mother of former restaurant owner and city councilman Billy Ray Collins, wasn't about to go anywhere this past Monday morning that would have caused her to miss the reopening of her son's landmark business, located along downtown's Front Street.

"This is the first snow I've seen in 15 years," Collins said Monday, wiping tears from her face. "This is what he would have wanted."

Billy Ray Collins, former owner and operator of Billy Ray's Restaurant for more than 20 years, died in June following a long battle with cancer and diabetes. The year before, in September, he made a vow to the loyal patrons of his eating establishment to reopen the business

after a fire consumed the original Front Street location when a gas leak erupted into flames.

Monday, roughly seven months after Collins' death at age 69, that promise was made good as Collins' longtime girlfriend, Lois Baldrige, and longtime business partner, Sheila Collins, joined Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and Collins' mother, "Miss Margaret", as a multitude of locals have come to know her, attended a ribbon cutting ceremony just outside the restaurant's front on the chilly winter morning.

"This is for Billy Ray," Fannin said simply and then made it official, cutting the ribbon that many feared would never be placed across the eatery again.

In the early morning hours of Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002, the restaurant that Collins had made his life's work burned when a concealed gas pipe under a row of cabinets began leaking from

(See BILLY, page three)



photo by Sheldon Compton

"Miss Margaret" Collins takes her rightful place at the head of the table during grand reopening festivities held Monday morning at the newly rebuilt Billy Ray's Restaurant in downtown Prestonsburg. The event was a very emotional one for many of the eatery's former patrons, who consider themselves to be friends, one and all, to former owner Billy Ray Collins, who passed away this past June.

### CRITTER CORNER

## A 'smelly' business

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris,  
 DVM

Clients often give me strange looks when I smell the insides of their pets' ears. Actually, both the odor and appearance of the external ear canal can tell you a lot about what is going on deep inside. Maybe this is a boring subject, but people ask ear questions all the time, so I'll have a go at it.

I received an e-mail this week from a reader with an ear problem in her cat. Since she didn't specifically say that the question was for the column, I won't use her name. Here is a paraphrased version of her e-mail:

"My cat has lots of brown ear wax. How do you tell if it is ear mites or an infection? You told me one time about smells in the ear but I'm not

sure I remember correctly. My cat is about fourteen years old, stays indoors and is not exposed to other cats. He got to go outside a few times last summer on a leash—can cats pick up mites outside?"

One vet told me it could be a yeast infection and could be due to damp ears after a bath, although I do dry them when I

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"Jo Jo" and "Kappi." Kappi, the cat, has been living with Katbird Isaac for "many, many years." Jo Jo, a black Cocker Spaniel, is five years old and was "a precious gift" to Kelly Adam. Kelly reports that the two animals "love each other very much."



# School Calendar

## ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

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

## ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

■ Jan. 15 - SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m.  
■ Jan. 26 - Basketball

## Homecoming.

■ Bridges parent meeting, 1:30 p.m.

\*\*Lost coats have been turned in to the center office - please have your child come claim their coat.\*\*

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

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

## ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

## BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

## CLARK ELEMENTARY

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

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center pro-

vides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

## DUFF ELEMENTARY

\*\*School is now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new computers and technological equipment through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to the school office.

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

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school.

Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

## MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Jan. 22 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in school library. All invited.

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

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

■ Lending library available to parents for check out of videos of their interest.

## MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ Feb. 17 - Communication & Children.

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

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

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

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

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# YESTERDAYS

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

## Ten Years Ago

(Jan. 19 and Jan. 21, 1994)

Take about 18 inches of snow, add a pinch of arctic air, and you've got the recipe for trouble. Floyd County, and most of Kentucky, were left reeling from that mixture, this week, as the second major winter storm of the year blitzed the Bluegrass, bringing even the most reliable services to a standstill...Coins clink as they are added to a treasure chest, but a local discount stores check will sing through the voices of eastern Kentucky children, as it is added to the storehouse of funds to build the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. Last week Wal-Mart manager Terry Hall presented a check for \$3,000 to Billie Jean Osborne, founder of the Kentucky Opry, and Paul P. Hughes, president of the Opry Board of Directors...Persons who lives in the Fifth Educational District, interested in filling the vacant seat on the Floyd County School Board, have until January 28, to submit an application to the state's educational commissioner. The board seat vacated by Hattie Owens, who took a county road department job, will be filled by Education Commissioner, Thomas Boyesen...An Ivel man was killed, Friday afternoon, after an explosion at his home caused a fire, which destroyed his residence. William Taylor Hammonds, 83, was alone at his home when his residence caught fire after some type of explosion, according to state police...Below zero temperatures and freezing snow hampered efforts by five area fire departments to battle two fires at Allen, Sunday morning. The apartment home of Jimmy "Fudd" Parsons was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived on the scene around 12:20 a.m., only to discover water in a nearby fire hydrant was frozen. The inferno also posed a hazard to a home located less than four feet away, said Captain Joe Reynolds, with the Allen Fire Department. Fire departments from Cow Creek, Prestonsburg, Maytown and Betsy Layne were called to render mutual aid with their tankers...Severe winter weather has caused the cancellation of Friday's Floyd County Fiscal Court meeting, but a hearing on whether to continue a price freeze on garbage rates in Floyd Circuit Court is expected to be held. Floyd County Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo announced Thursday, that today's fiscal court meeting would be canceled and rescheduled for a later date. A large crowd is expected at that meeting to protest a December order by the Floyd County Solid Waste Commission to double residential and commercial garbage rates...After spending most of the week in forced hibernation, eastern Kentucky began showing signs, Thursday, of stir-

ring back to life. But, when the snow and ice are long gone, the effects of winter's wrath are likely to linger...Though postal workers are teaming up and working around the clock to get the mail delivered, some areas of the county may not see mail service until Saturday. In some areas of the county, mail carriers can't get to the mailboxes, because the graders covered up the mailboxes with snow, explained Edith Risner, Prestonsburg postmistress...Tuesday night's sub-zero temperatures were the latest developments in this week's severe winter storm, which produced the largest number of calls to local emergency workers. A state of emergency was declared for the State of Kentucky by Governor Brereton Jones, late Monday night, and National Guardsmen were activated across the state to help deal with the aftermath of the storm...Prestonsburg Community College was the featured college in a recent edition of the Newsletter of the Southern Association of Community, Junior, and Technical Colleges...There died: William Dee Crum, 56, of Martin, Monday, at his residence; Elizabeth "Lizzie" Jervis, 78, of Endicott, Sunday, January 16, at Hazard Medical Center; Verna M. Prater, 67, of Benton, Wednesday, January 12, at Marshall County Hospital; Hobert Hall, 66, of Galveston, Sunday, January 16, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital; Ernie Lee Rowe, 44, of Pikeville, Saturday, January 15, at his residence; Chester Adkins, 24, of McDowell, Friday, January 14, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Ernest Vernon Vance, 46, of Old Middle Creek Road, Prestonsburg, Sunday, January 16, at his residence; William T. Hammonds, 83, of Ivel, Saturday, January 15, at his residence; Archie Spencer, 71, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly of Minnie, January 3, at his residence; Warren G. Hamilton, 73, of Ligon, Thursday, January 13, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lacy Blackburn, 76, of Drift, Thursday, January 20, at his residence; Carrie Music Wells, 89, of Auxier, Tuesday, January 18, at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Lawrenceburg; Greenville "Buck" Slone, 61, of Blue River, Wednesday, January 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

## Twenty Years Ago

(January 25, 1984)

Prestonsburg's surviving alcoholic beverage dealers got a break Monday, when the city council slashed the sales tax on alcoholic beverages from five percent to two percent...Activists from Floyd County are expected to join a rally at the state Capitol building, in Frankfort, in support of two bills with potentially far-

reaching impact on Eastern Kentucky...Bob McAninch, chairman of the county's solid waste board, asked the county to co-sign a loan for the department for \$40,000, but the county may already be in trouble for a \$52,500 loan they previously co-signed, because they expected to receive their quarterly check for state revenue-sharing monies. The Floyd County Board of Education voted to levy a three percent tax increase on gross receipts of utility companies operating in Floyd County...There died: Joe Taylor Hyden, 67, of Martin, last Friday, at his home; Steve Hamilton, 87, of Stanville, Saturday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Charlie Flanery, 77, of Wheelwright, last Thursday, at McDowell Hospital; John N. Patton, 78, of Martin, January 18, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Tiffany Renee Miller, still-born daughter of Glynnes Marie Cline Miller and Joe Raymond Miller Jr., of Prestonsburg, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

## Thirty Years Ago

(January 23, 1974)

Flood insurance will be required, by July 1 of next year, in this, and all other political subdivisions of the United States if home-builders are to get federally-insured loans for building in flood-prone areas...With damage resulting from floodwaters, Jan. 10, and 11, estimated at \$48,500, the Floyd Fiscal Court decided, Monday, to seek state or federal help, or both, rebuilding roads and bridges...Paul B. Francis has ended, 50 years in business, here, with the sale of the Paul Francis Co. Inc., to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Ratliff, of Endicott...This week a year ago, the weather was unseasonably mild with forsythia and crocuses blooming in some spots, and at least one report of a "tarpon" attempting to cross the road...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Robinson, of Langley, a son, Jan. 12; to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Little, of Melvin, a son, Jan. 13; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Johnson, of Risner, a daughter, Jan. 11; to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Senters, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Angela Dawn, Dec. 17...There died: Roy Dean Ray, 17, of the Mud Creek section, Saturday night, after being stabbed at a gathering at Beaver; Mrs. Mary Poor Bodor, 93, of Martin, Sunday, here; Mrs. Mary Stumbo Martin, 63, formerly of the Left Beaver section, last Tuesday, at the Mayo Clinic, Minnesota; Leo Hunt, 61, Friday, at his home at Endicott; William Ira Hager, 81, of Weeksbury, Thursday, at McDowell; Bennie Helton, 72, native of West Prestonsburg, Dec. 25, at Warsaw, Ind.; Mrs. Elizabeth D. Scott, 84, last Wednesday, at her home at Harold;

Walker Endicott, 62, of Johns Creek, Saturday, at Martin; Shirley Morrison, 60, Thursday, at his home at Cliff; Mrs. Mallie Hunter, 84, formerly of Garrett, Friday, in Ohio; Ray Tibbs, 75, formerly of Auxier, last Thursday, in Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Myrtie Wilburn, 83, Sunday, at her home near Harold; Mrs. Mary J. Prater, 77, of Hueysville, Monday, here.

## Forty Years Ago

(January 23, 1964)

President Johnson included in the trimmed-down budget which he sent to the Congress, Tuesday, a total of \$18.4 million for flood control reservoirs which are designed to protect the Big Sandy valley...An additional \$1 million has been made available to eastern Kentucky by the Department of Agriculture under the winter relief program, Governor Edward T. Breathitt announced Friday...Ezra James and Grady Skeens, employees of the Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company were badly burned, Friday evening, on Cow Creek, when a meter house fire was ignited, accidentally...New rules to preserve order and dignity in the courtroom have been invoked by Circuit Judge Hollie Conley, and the system apparently is working...Two Floyd County stream snagging and clearing projects have been approved by the U.S. Corps of Engineers for completion, at a cost of \$73,000, Congressman Carl D. Perkins said last week...There died: Mrs. Lucy Hopson, 82, of Auxier, Saturday, in Dayton, O.; Wiley Nelson, 51, Friday, at his home at David; Mrs. Polly Johnson, 88, Floyd native, Saturday, in Pike County; Mrs. Rosanna Thompson, 56, of Melvin, Tuesday; Mrs. Laura Cooper, 84, of Emma, Tuesday, at Louisa; I.N. Hall, 85, of Banner, Tuesday, at Wayland.

## Fifty Years Ago

(January 28, 1954)

The old First National Bank building is being remodeled to accommodate most city offices, and also to serve as a possible community meeting place...Borda Martin, of Garrett, was killed, and his driving companion, Melvin Hayes, of Lackey, was seriously injured, Sunday afternoon, when their auto collided with another car on Jones Fork...Dewey Reservoir attracted 437,000 visitors last year, the U.S. Corps of Engineers reports...Carl H. Corbin resigned his post as member of the city council here, Monday...B. F. Reed, of Drift, has been elected president of Lonesome Pine Council, Boy Scouts of America...The Martin Kiwanis Club was

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**Critter**

bathe him. Since I had both ear mite medicine and medication for yeast, the vet suggested that I use both—on alternate days. I did this until the ears looked good, but the problem started back after a few days. The cat is getting tired of having his ears cleaned, and now needs another bath due to the medication. Also, can humans get mites from their cats or dogs?"

I'll try my best to answer the basic questions here, but it sounds like this kitty needs to actually see his doctor to have his ears examined. It sounds like they're on the right track, but it usually saves time, money and aggravation to know exactly what you're treating—especially when the cat is getting progressively more annoyed about the situation.

The most common ear problems in cats and dogs are ear mites and infections caused by bacteria and/or yeast. One of the reasons they are plagued by so many ear disorders is the anatomy of the ear canal itself. Our ear canals are short and straight, and our eardrums lie relatively close to the surface. In contrast, the ear canal of a cat or dog is shaped like the letter "L". Take a look at the inside of your pet's ear. The upper part, or vertical canal, drops away right behind the first little fold of cartilage. If you use your fingers to trace down the outside of the animal's head beneath the opening, you can feel where the ear canal takes a right angle turn inward. This is the bottom of the "L", or the horizontal canal. The eardrum lies at the far end of the horizontal canal.

When scientists need to grow bacteria or yeast in a laboratory, they provide their cultures with a warm, moist, dark environment—the same type of environment that exists naturally in the ear of a dog or cat. They have wonderful little incubation chambers attached to their heads!

Other factors play a role in ear problems. The position of the pinnae, or earflaps, can make a big difference in air circulation. Drop eared dogs, on the whole, have more ear problems than those with erect ears. Once again, people are to blame for this with our selective breeding. Pay attention to the wildlife shows—wild canines such as wolves, foxes, dingoes, etc.

always have upright ears. So do the more wolf-like domestic breeds—Malamutes, Huskies, Elkhounds, etc. Cats are much more recently domesticated, and have kept their wild ear shape—at least until the development of the Scottish Folds!

Some dog breeds have hair that grows down into the ear canal itself. Poodles and Shih-Tzus often have this problem. Your vet or groomer can help you keep this plucked out so the canals stay cleaner. Then there are some breeds that seem to form abnormal amounts of cerumen, or ear wax that just invites infection. Cocker Spaniels are notorious for this; in fact, we refer to their frequent and peculiar gummy, smelly ear infections as "Cocker Ear".

Allergies, Demodectic mange and other skin conditions can also predispose ears to trouble.

So how do we diagnose the specific ear problem affecting a particular animal? My first approach is to "look and smell," followed by taking a small sample of any material present in the ear canal.

Ear mites are small bugs that live inside the ear. They tend to cause a black material to be present in the ear, which is usually either thick or dry and flaky. Although we usually have to identify them under the microscope, sometimes you can see them moving with the unaided eye as tiny, pin-point size white specks against the dark background. We occasionally see such severe cases in kittens that

they have formed a solid plug of debris that has to be soaked loose and removed from the ear with forceps. They can rarely cause a mange-like condition around the ears and eyes of severely affected animals. Ear mites are spread by direct contact with affected animals, so it is important to treat all the pets in the household if one has mites. To my knowledge, they do not affect people—I have

never met a vet that got them, and at one time or another, most of us have picked up about every external parasite that can be transmitted from an animal!

Ear infections are diagnosed by making a smear of the discharge on a slide, staining it, and examining it under the microscope. The most common infections are bacterial, yeast, or a

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**Billy**

one of its joints, igniting a nearby pilot valve.

When the smoke cleared, it was to the tune of \$145,000 in damages and a firm promise from a man with a history of backing them up.

"I never found Billy Ray to be dishonest in anything," longtime councilman Hansel Cooley said of Collins shortly after the restaurateur's death in June.

Collins vowed to rebuild and reopen the restaurant, which had been "the" place for lunch for more than 60 years and was housed in a building that had stood along Front Street since 1927.

"It's a very emotional time," said Baldrige, Collins' girlfriend of 35 years. "We are very grateful for all the encouragement we've received and hope people will come back. We look forward to seeing everybody."

Roughly a year before his death, Collins was diagnosed with lung cancer and underwent

surgery to have a portion of one of his lungs removed, but several months later the cancer which would ultimately take his life, returned.

Monday morning, a small framed photograph of a youthful Billy Ray watched over a dining room full of excited and satisfied customers, fittingly taking his place among the scores of historical photos that have long adorned the walls of the restaurant.

Margaret Collins, who said she remembers her son's early battles to establish the restaurant as a family spot for dining, said after the ceremonies Monday that orders had already been placed for a plaque to commemorate Billy Ray's dedication to his restaurant, and to his customers.

The plaque, she says, will be short and to the point, just like the personal commentaries and observations of her son, saying only, "His legacy lives on".

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**School**

**PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

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

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

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

**PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL**

**\*\*SPECIAL NOTICE -** The PHS SBDM Council meeting scheduled for Jan. 19, has been CANCELLED. A special-called meeting will be held in its place on Jan. 21, at 5 p.m., in the school media center.\*\*

**SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER**

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

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

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

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

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

**STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

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

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

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

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

**FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE**

Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

Tuesday: Betsy Layne

High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

Wednesday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11:30 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 358-3400.

Thursday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 285-5111; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

All classes and materials free of charge. Feel free to contact any of the above numbers or the David School at 886-8374 for further information.

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**Yesterdays**

organized Wednesday...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. (Tommy) Blackburn, formerly of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Marsha, January 1, at Columbus, O.; to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Martin, formerly of Prestonsburg, a son, Bill David, January 18, at Elkins, W.Va.; to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Senters, a son, Larry Dwayne, January 13, at Lackey...There died: Mrs. Ellen Triplett, 54, Floyd native, Saturday, at Willard, O.; Andrew Shortridge, 59, Wednesday, at his home here; Clifford Messer, 40, formerly of Handshoe, Friday, at Lima, O.; Mrs. Darcus S. Haywood, 73, of Dock, Wednesday, at the Prestonsburg Hospital; Henry E. Akers, 63, Monday, at Drift; Ralph Farris, 64, of Van Lear, Monday, of an injury suffered at an Abbott Creek mine; Henry H. Flannery, 56, formerly of Martin, January 7, at Dearborn, Mich.; Mrs. Nora K. Robinson, Auxier native, Saturday, at St. Louis, Mo.; John L. Harrington, 73, last Thursday, at Paintsville.

**Sixty Years Ago**

(January 27, 1944)

Three Floyd soldiers have been decorated for heroism—Cpl. William H. Hopper, of Lackey, awarded the Silver Star for his action as a tank gunner in Italy; Pfc. Willis Sexton, of Hueysville, and Pfc. Earl Hamilton, of Bypro, the Soldier's Medal to each, for rescue work following plane crashes...Mrs. Lottie Reynolds McGuire, Floyd teaching veteran of 26 years, was killed Saturday morning, at Dwale, when hit by a train...Bodies of six former residents of the Quicksand section were taken through Prestonsburg, Sunday, for burial in the family cemetery, all victims of a fire which destroyed a home at Spencerville, O., Friday night. They were Mrs. Sadie Handshoe, 32, her children, Ruby Murle, 7, Palestine, 6, Paul Glenn, 3, and infant Charles Donald, and her sister, Miss Cletha Messer, 19...The Lackey Theatre and five other buildings burned, Thursday of last week...A rifle bullet claimed the life, Monday, of Miss Lucy Carroll, 17, of Blue Moon...Word has been received that Ashland

P. Stephens, formerly of Hueysville, died January 4, of wounds received in the battle for New Britain, and that Harry Porter, formerly of Allen, is missing in the Pacific theatre of war...Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Collins observed their 25th wedding anniversary, January 15, at their Lackey home...There died: William C. Howe, 70, of Betsy Layne, at Drift; Beatrice Jean Hull, 6, of Drift, at a Martin hospital of burns, sustained last Friday; William Ramey, 84, Friday, at Dwale; Rush Hunt, 59, of Minnie, last Thursday, at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Rhoda Osborne, 74, of Northern, Tuesday, at a Martin hospital.

**Seventy Years Ago**

(January 26, 1934)

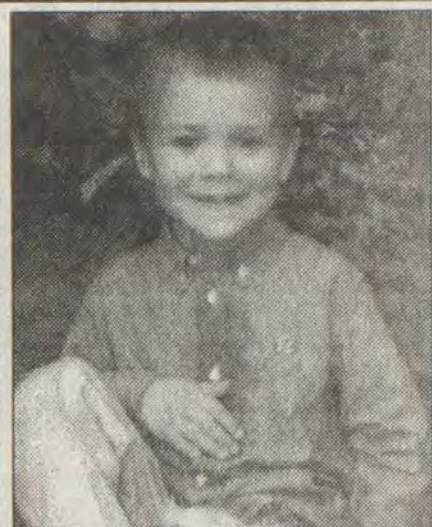
An attempt to kindle a fire with gasoline resulted in the death, Monday, at a Martin hospital, of Odie, 13-year-old daughter of Tom Jarvis, of Buffalo. Three other children of the family—Columbus, 21, Hazel, 17, and Henry, 11, were burned...Mrs. Cora Hamilton, of Grethel, was seriously burned, Saturday, when her dress caught fire from an open grate...Goble Street here, newly paved, is now open to traffic...Mass graduation for all Floyd County high school seniors, has been suggested by County Superintendent John Stephens, and City Superintendent Ishmael Triplett...Floyd Tackett, about 35, was shot and killed Sunday, at Betsy Layne...Talk of a retail sales tax is being heard at Frankfort...Contract on the Paintsville-Inez road has been awarded to the Womack-Rayburn Company, of Grayson, on its \$51,139 bid for grade and gravel surfacing of 10 miles of the route...The Prestonsburg debate team, composed of Nancy Stapleton, Elsie Stephens and Ted Green, defeated the Ashland High School team Friday night...W. J. Turner, of Drift, this week, purchased the F. P. Howard building on Court Street...There died: Mrs. Eliza Watkins, 45, native of this county, last Thursday, at Pauley, Pike County; Anthony Roberts, 24, Sunday, at Harold.

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*Birthdays*

**Nick is 4!**

Nicholas McDonald celebrated his 4th birthday with a "Bob the Builder" theme party held at his Nanny Deanna May's house on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2003. Nick enjoyed the day surrounded by family and friends who had come together to celebrate the joyous occasions. Nicholas is the son of Ted McDonald, of Auxier, and Stephanie Sizemore-McDonald, of Prestonsburg.



**Kennedy turns one!**

Kennedy Paige Rose celebrated her first birthday on November 9, 2003, with a host of friends and family. She enjoyed a "Care Bears" theme party complete with a Care Bears First Birthday cake, decorations and balloons. Kennedy is the daughter of Kenton and Crystal Rose, of Prestonsburg. Her paternal grandparents are Wilce and Maxine Rose, also of Prestonsburg. She is the maternal granddaughter of Windell and Brenda Watson, of Pyramid. Her maternal great-grandparents are Harvey and Gerie Watson, of Carey Creek.



**Kateland is 6!**

Kateland McDonald celebrated her 6th birthday with a "SpongeBob" theme party held on December 12, 2003. Many family members and friends attended to help Kateland celebrate her special day. Kateland is the daughter of Ted McDonald, of Auxier, and Stephanie Sizemore-McDonald, of Prestonsburg.



**Oak**

Unfortunately, changes in a local landscape take a bit more time than that.

I suppose that the operative word here is patience. Eventually these same ugly hills that hideously hover over us, while now completely void of any hint of color, like a butterfly emerging from its cocoon, will give way to the dogwood pinks of spring and the green lushness of summer. Only then will that annual renaissance occur, not only within our environment as tiny green shoots dig themselves through layers of dead leaves, but also within our very souls as all creatures undergo a rebirth—that resurgence of energy that

manifests itself in humans through the insatiable urge to buy garden tools, large bags of manure, and brand-new weed eaters—all of which occurs, of course, just before we start complaining about how hot it is.

I guess what it all boils down to (as cliched as it sounds) is that it's an actual fact that the human animal, be it related to weather or whatever, is never really satisfied. And maybe, at least in this case, that's not so bad either, because the restlessness we experience with each season, gives us something we can look forward to, as we long for the next one.

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**Korner**

impending doom, and even suicidal thoughts.

There were many factors to consider during this report on postpartum blues.

It seems the existence of this condition can be caused by either hormones or environmental, psychological, or even genetic factors.

In my particular case, Spouse swears I get all weepy, upset, aggravated, and gloomy every single year before Christmas.

Just this past year I was standing at the kitchen sink washing dishes a couple weeks before the holiday, crying silently into the suds.

When he came in and saw the tears flowing and asked what was wrong, I, of course, just shook my head as if to say nothing. Because there wasn't one particular "thing" I could

attribute my emotions too. That was when I heard, "Oh, it's almost Christmas, time for you to get the blues, huh."

"What," I shrieked! Then he continued, "This happens every year and has for the past twenty some odd years, wife. It'll be okay - it is every year."

"Well," I thought, "he's a nut! I don't do this every year. What's he talking about?" But then, the more I began to reflect on holidays past, the more I realized that he was, truly, right.

If any of you are experiencing any of the symptoms of postpartum blues, seek the help you need. Depression, panic attacks, and the rest of the symptoms that go along with such are definitely none of which to ignore!

Until next week, may your "blues" be turned to joy, & May God Bless You All!

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# When Love Lived In This Place

By Frances A. Cantrell

I pressed my hand against my face and imagined it was you. I felt the warmth fill up my heart, the way it used to do.

I closed my eyes and imagined the smile upon your face. And then my mind went back in time, when we two first embraced.

Sometimes the sun kissed your pillow, with sleep still in your eyes. I'd reach out and pull you close, and listen to your sighs.

With tenderness and compas-

sion, we loved and cherished each other. With a dedicated love so deep, there was no need for any other.

Our lives were like any other lives, with jobs and chores and such. The years went by so quickly that we didn't notice much.

Then illness came and death and grief, it was all that I could bear.

The empty hunger in my heart, the want to have you there.

Then I remember the tenderness, and the smiles that graced

your face. When we adored each other, and Love lived in this place.

## Critter

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combination of the two. In general, infections cause a characteristic smell in the ear, while mites have little or no abnormal smell.

In years past, about all we had was some generic medications for mites or for "canker ear" (an old term for a variety of infections). Nowadays, the medications are more specific, which allows us to go after the particular offender. It is also possible to have a mixture of mites, yeast, and bacteria, and as in the case of the reader's cat above, multiple treatments may be needed.

If your animal has a problem with its ears, get it properly diagnosed, treat it as prescribed, and be sure to continue treatment for a sufficient time. Even after the ears get back to normal, keep a close watch, since ear infections tend to be a chronic, recurrent problem. Be sure to keep in touch with your vet also if the ears don't respond as they should. Sometimes clearing up one problem reveals another, deeper infection that also needs attention.

## Girl Scouts offer new strawberry 'Pinata' oatmeal cookie

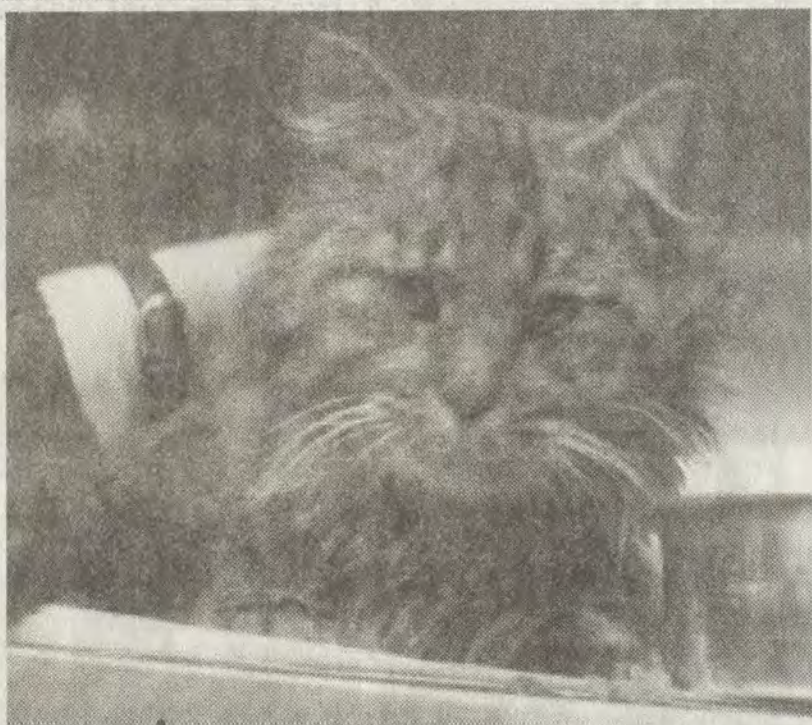
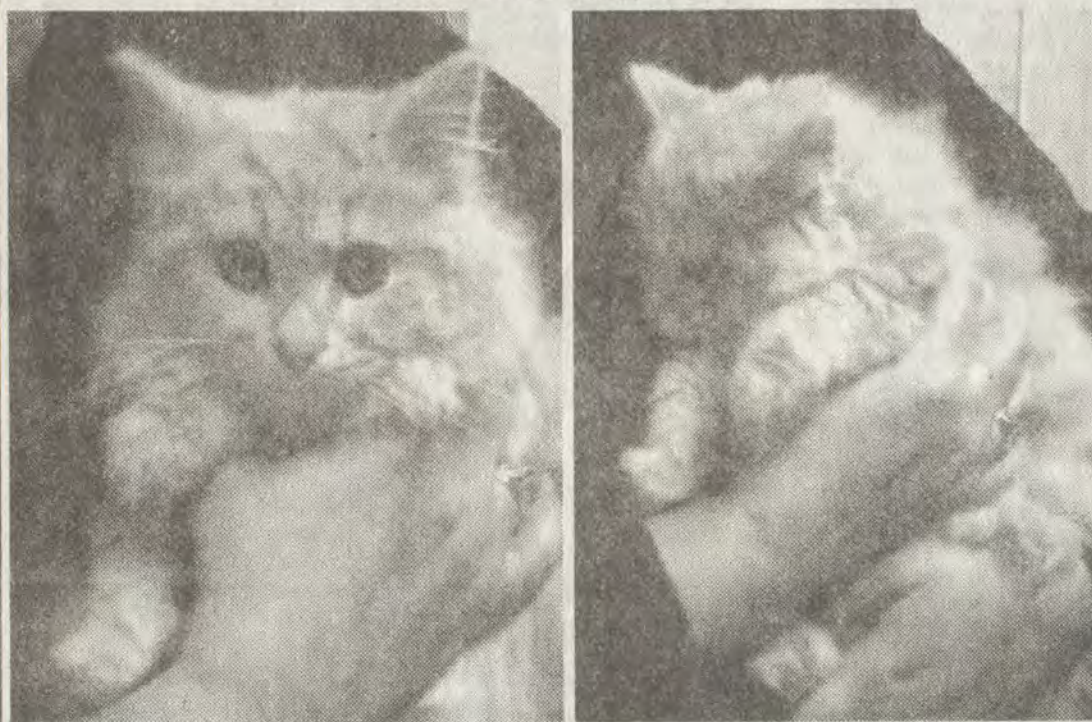
There's a good reason this is a great time of year - Girl Scout cookies! This once-a-year event helps Girl Scouts enjoy special activities and supports the troops in your area. This year, Girl Scouts are offering eight varieties of cookies including a

reduced-fat lemon cookie and the newest "Pinatas," strawberry-filled, iced oatmeal cookies! Buy Girl Scout cookies - call the Wilderness Road Council at 800-475-2621, or contact a local Girl Scout or troop leader.

## Pet Adoption Corner

Whether you're looking for a playful puppy or an indoor cat, the Floyd County Animal Shelter is sure to have just the pet for you! If any of the animals pictured here catch your eye, please drop by the shelter to meet them, and if they've already been adopted, to meet their friends!

This week's featured pets are two longhaired cats, a tan six-month old male above, and below an eleven-month old male Maine Coon.



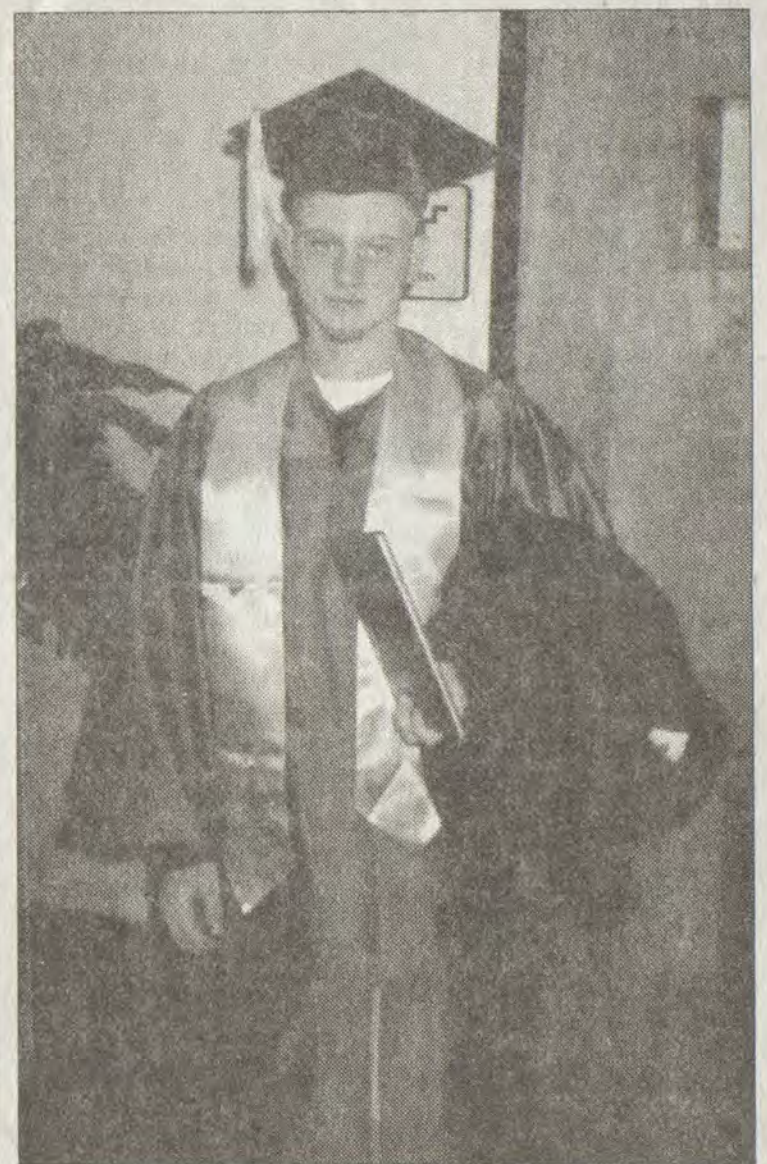
The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in West Prestonsburg. The shelter is open from 10:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday and 10:00 to 3:00 Saturdays, and can be reached by phone at (606) 886-3189.

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Brian M. Tackett, the son of Garland and Terrie Tackett, of Staffordsville, was recently awarded his G.E.D. diploma during a graduation ceremony that took place on December 12, 2003, at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Paintsville campus. Tackett, 22, had quit school in the eighth grade. His teachers and family are very proud of his commitment to further his education. Brian is the grandson of Betty Kincaid and the late Mark Kincaid.

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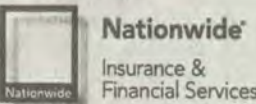
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**812-Free**

**FREE PALLET:** Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

**FREE FILL DIRT** right fork of Bull Creek. call 606-874-2444.

**815-Lost & Found**

**FOUND:** Female Blue Healer dog in Allen area. Dog has just had surgery. If you have any information call 874-8414 or 874-2600.

**850-Personals**

When responding to Personal ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

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Both require a minimum of one (1) year lease, both have lots of parking with chain-link fence and city water.

Both are located (1) mile from the Allen red light on Rt. 1428, across from the State Garage and Allen Grade School.

Call 606-874-0588 and ask for Kathie.

**900-Legals**

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 02-CI-01216 CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. PET CONN AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Final Judgment and Order of Sale, of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 13th day of November, 2003 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of 37,172.41, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of January, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 17 Newsome Street, Martin, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Being Lots 3, 4 and 5, in Block H, of the Osborne Addition to Martin, Kentucky.

Deed of Conveyance from Sanford Ousley and Ann Ousley, his wife, to Ike Conn and Pet

Conn, his wife, dated December 12, 1980, of record in Deed Book 252, Page 340, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained

herein.  
**PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:**  
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**NOTICE OF SALE FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II ACTION NO. 01-CI-00900**

**MOUNTAIN MACHINERY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. CARBON TECH FUELS, INC. DEFENDANT**

By virtue of the Judgement entered in the Floyd Circuit Court, on the 10th day of January, 2003, the plaintiff shall proceed to offer for sale, one-half mile N.W. of the intersection of Kentucky Highway 1210 and US Highway 80, near Martin, Kentucky, in Floyd County, Kentucky, along and just north of Stephens Branch, Highway 1210, up Henry's Branch on the H.B. May heirs property; said property being encompassed in Kentucky Mine Permit Number 836-5272, to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Wednesday, January 14, 2004, at 1:00

p.m. or thereabout, upon terms of full payment at the time of sale, the following described coal separator, which is being sold for the enforcement of liens in the amount of ONE HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$101,550.00) plus interest, costs, attorneys fees, and cost of sale, owned to plaintiff, Mountain Machinery, Inc., by the defendant, Carbon Tech Fuels, Inc. Said coal separator located at the aforementioned site in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Coal Separator #3, Serial Number 281-3. For more information concerning this sale, please contact Ray S. Jones, II, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1378, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, (606) 432-5777.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5432, Major Revision #3

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that AEP Kentucky Coal, LLC, 248 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a major revision to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.0 mile southeast of Pyramid, in Floyd County. The major revision will change the post-mining land use designation for a portion of the previously approved area; the previously approved permit

acres will be unchanged, making a total of 1567.9 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.75 mile southeast from KY Route 850 junction with Pitts Fork County Road, and located north of Left Fork of Middle Fork. The latitude is 37° 33' 50". The longitude is 82° 51' 36".

The proposed operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by John T. & Anna Lea Thornsburg, Phyllis & Kenneth Reffett, Elmer Reffett Heirs, Billy Reffett, T.L. Reffett Heirs, and Peachie Pitts.

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

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids will be received by Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission for (1) New (2004) Chevrolet 1 ton Cab/Chassis 4WD Truck. Bids will be received at the

Commission's office, located at 2560 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, until 3:00 p.m. (local time), on January 19, 2004, and then at such office, publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Copies of the specifications on this vehicle may be examined at the Commission's office. Prospective suppliers may obtain copies of the specifications, at no charge, from the Commission's office, or by calling (606) 886-6871, and requesting "Specifications for New (2004) Chevrolet 1 ton Cab/Chassis 4WD Truck."

The Commission reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any and all bids. Bids shall not be withdrawn within 30 days after the opening of the bids. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes, bearing the bidder's identification, and labeled in the lower left-hand corner: "Bid for New (2004) Chevrolet 1 ton Cab/Chassis 4WD Truck."

The bid shall be awarded to the supplier with the lowest and/or best bid. Turner E. Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC BANK SALE**

The following item will be offered at public sale on January 23, 2004, 11:00 a.m., at Citizens National

Bank, 50 Franklin Corner, Prestonsburg, Ky, 41653.

2002 Chevrolet Blazer VIN #1GNDT13WE2K178354

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid for following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees. All bids are subject to a minimum bid restriction. Shannon O'Bryan Citizens National Bank P.O. Box 1488 Paintsville, Ky 41240-5488 (606) 886-4000 Ext. #241 Employees of Citizens National Bank and their immediate family are not eligible.

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN TITLE**

Lien Holder: Orney Corporation P.O. BOX 266 Prestonsburg, KY 41653 606-889-0242 Debtor: Keith and Cheryl Fielden Vehicle: 1972 Volkswagon Beetle Orney Corporation intends to obtain title to the above described vehicle if a written objection is not received from debtors in 14 days of this notice for unpaid debt.

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# Business/Professions

## KCTCS President discusses legislative agenda

PRESTONSBURG - Dr. Michael McCall recently met with community and college leaders to discuss the 2004 Legislative Agenda.

An impressive group of professional community leaders and college leadership came together at the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) recently to hear Dr. Michael McCall, President of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) discuss the challenges facing the KCTCS colleges and

impact of the 2004 General Assembly Session on education in Kentucky.

Dr. McCall, assisted by Vice Presidents Tim Burcham and Ken Walker, presented a program beginning with the three goals of KCTCS as mandated by House Bill 1; Access, Training, and Remedial/Continuing Education. Dr. McCall said, "KCTCS, along with Big Sandy Community and Technical College and the other colleges in the KCTCS system, is the true point of access for higher education in Kentucky. Training

and our workforce education programs are vital to the economy and the need for remedial education is a critical part of the educational services we provide."

McCall went on to discuss the KCTCS objectives for the 2004 legislative session. The first objective was to gain support for the CPE (Council on Postsecondary Education) recommendations for KCTCS. The second objective was to gain support for KCTCS special initiatives which includes implementation of a Classification and Compensation

Plan, Remedial/Developmental Programs, Homeland Security, and development of a Center of Excellence in Automotive Manufacturing. The third objective was to gain support for the KCTCS Capital Budget. This includes new construction, maintenance of existing facilities, renovation of existing facilities, expansion of existing facilities, capital equipment, information technology equipment or system acquisitions, and new or expanded leases of real property.

Dr. George D. Edwards,

President of Big Sandy Community and Technical College explained the pressing needs of the college and the impact that funding cuts and rising costs will have on students, faculty and staff. He talked about the improvements to math and science labs that a funding increase would allow. He also told the group how increases in enrollment have filled our classrooms to capacity and created a need for more faculty, equipment and classrooms. Dr. Edwards said, "Our increase in enrollment is wonderful but it has

created new challenges as we strive to meet the needs of over 4400 students currently enrolled at BSCTC."

Dr. McCall concluded the evening by asking the group for their support and active participation in lobbying the 2004 General Assembly for more funding for education. He said, "Your legislators listen to you when you speak. It is important that you tell them how important funding for education is to you and your community."

## BSCTC relocates masonry program

Big Sandy Community and Technical College has relocated their Masonry program to the Hager Hill Campus. Masonry is a new course of study offered at BSCTC. Masonry students learn construction skills using

stones, bricks and mortar. For more information on the Masonry program please call Randell Haney at 606-789-5690.

Additional information: Bricklayers and stonemasons

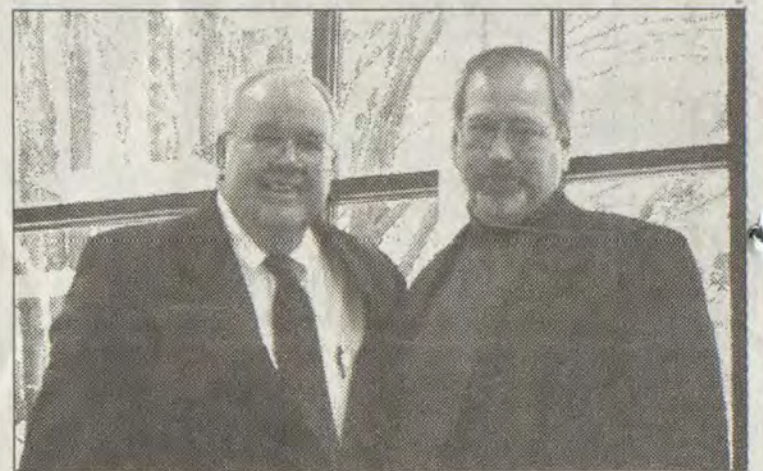
work in closely related trades creating attractive, durable surfaces and structures. The work varies in complexity, from laying a simple masonry walkway to installing an ornate exterior of a high-rise building.

Bricklayers-also called brick-masons-build walls, floors, partitions, fireplaces, chimneys, and other structures with brick, precast masonry panels, concrete block, and other masonry materials. Additionally, bricklayers specialize in installing firebrick linings in industrial furnaces. Stonemasons build stone walls, as well as set stone exteriors and floors. They work with two types of stone-natural cut, such as marble, granite, and limestone, and artificial stone made from concrete, marble chips, or other masonry materials. Stonemasons usually work on nonresidential structures, such as houses of worship, hotels, and office buildings.

The vast majority of masons are bricklayers. Workers in these crafts are employed primarily by building, special trade, or general contractors. Bricklayers and stonemasons work throughout the country but, like the general population, are concentrated in metropolitan areas.

Nearly 3 in 10 of all bricklayers and stonemasons are self-employed. Many of the self-employed specialize in contracting small jobs, such as patios, walkways, and fireplaces.

Job opportunities for skilled bricklayers and stonemasons are expected to be excellent, as the growth in job opportunities outpaces the supply of workers trained in this craft.



Dr. Edwin Barnes, left, and Dr. George D. Edwards, president, BSCTC.

## Time to file FAFSA, attend College Goal Sunday

A new year brings new opportunities, and one opportunity college-bound students need to take advantage of is filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, most often called the FAFSA. Students should always file the FAFSA even if they don't expect to need or receive student aid.

The FAFSA is the form students fill out to see if they qualify not only for federal grants and loans but also for many state and college student aid programs. Both students and their parents have to provide the information for the FAFSA, unless the student is independent under federal

guidelines.

Basically, to be considered independent for the 2004-2005 school year, a student has to be one or more of the following: at least 23 years old, married, a veteran, a parent, or a graduate student. Otherwise, the student is considered dependent, and the parents will also have to provide information.

The FAFSA asks for information about 2003 income, assets, and expenses. The information is plugged into a formula set by Congress to determine how much federal and state aid the student is eligible for.

The quickest, easiest way to fill out the FAFSA is online at

www.fafsa.ed.gov. People who submit the FAFSA online usually get a response seven to 14 days faster than people who submit a paper FAFSA.

People who want help filling out the FAFSA should attend the nearest College Goal Sunday session. College Goal Sunday, funded by the Lumina Foundation and the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and sponsored by the Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, will be held at 17 sites around Kentucky on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. Financial aid professionals will go over the FAFSA in detail and answer questions. For a list of College Goal Sunday sites, visit www.kasfaa.com or www.kheaa.com.

## Visiting speaker advises BSCTC faculty

PRESTONSBURG - Speaking at an inservice meeting on Friday, January 10, at the Mayo Campus, Dr. Edwin Barnes, from Burlington, North Carolina, delighted the faculty and staff of Big Sandy Community and Technical College with a collection of witicism, advice and observations

gleaned from a long community college career. Dr. Barnes challenged the audience to attend to the "little things" and to treat everyone with respect. He cautioned, "It's not what you say that is always important, it is what you do. The little things you do have the potential to change the lives of other people."

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## Alice Lloyd College receives Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation Grant

Alice Lloyd College recently received a grant of \$23,500 from the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation. This scholarship will benefit students with financial need who have demonstrated high personal character, academic promise, and service to the community. Additionally, the Foundation has made a grant of \$5,500 to the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Endowed Scholarship Fund at Alice Lloyd College. This endowment was established in 1998 to provide support in perpetuity for Sullivan Scholars at ALC.

The Algernon Sydney

Sullivan Foundation, now located in Oxford, Mississippi, was chartered in New York State in 1934. Its purpose is to promote service to others and service to the broader community, values exemplified by Algernon and Mary Mildred Sullivan, the parents of the organization's founder.

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