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briefs Drug hotline goes in operation

SOMERSET — The newest facet to the anti-drug organization UNITE was announced recently. The program made an official announcement Thursday that a new Drug Tip Line is up and running and ready for business. Citizens throughout eastern and southern Kentucky are encouraged to call the tip line to report illegal drug activities such as growing, manufacturing or selling drugs, said Leslie Cupp, spokeswoman for Congressman Hal Rogers, whose congressional efforts helped get the program started. The phone line will be manned from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, but anyone calling after hours may leave a message, Cupp said. Operation UNITE serves 29 Kentucky counties and has been supplied with \$16 million in funding in the past two years to create the new drug initiative. Those interested in placing a call to the new drug tip line should call toll-free at (866) 424-4382.

County owes hospital \$87,000

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER PRESTONSBURG — County officials received a visit Friday from a representative with Highlands Regional Medical Center informing them that the county owes the hospital nearly \$87,000 in medical bills.

Don Willis, credit collection manager for the hospital, appeared before the fiscal court to inform magistrates that the money due is related to medical attention given to inmates of the detention center, one of whom had spent his entire jail stay at the hospital. Submitted as part of a claims list from the jail, county officials noted that the

detention center had included medical bills for inmates for approximately \$4,000, far short of the bills brought to the court's attention by Willis Friday. In fact, Willis, who urged the county to pay at least \$15,000 to make up for the \$2,000 deductible payments the county is required to present for each inmate treated, said that the amount submitted by the jail

fell quite a bit short of equaling this figure. "The prisoners included on the list we were given were about half of them," Willis said. "But there's no amount out from any of them and I'm just wondering if this was left out intentionally or by mistake." (See BILLS, page three)



Dorm room windows of the Lawson Residential building at Pikeville College show the concerns of students at the school, which has served notices of termination to several faculty members.

Professors get pink slips at Pikeville College

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER PIKEVILLE — As part of its annual budget adjustments, Pikeville College fired approximately half a dozen teachers last week, resulting in questions from both students and unaffected faculty members. The school served notices of termination to "less than half a dozen" undergraduate professors, according to college spokesman Terry Spears, as part of its annual budget adjustments. Spears did not say exactly how many teachers were

cut, adding only that the positions ranged throughout various departments of instruction and that seniority was considered during the decision-making process. "We did cut a small number of faculty, but this happens at colleges all across the country every year," Spears said. "We plan to continue to provide the same high quality education we've always offered." Spears said that in the past year, budget adjustments have called for the dismissal of several staff members, but that this most recent series of notices was the first to see teachers lose jobs.

"This is a measure designed to provide the most efficient management of the budget," said Spears, explaining Thursday that Pikeville College President Hal Smith had met with some students expressing resistance to the cuts. "President Smith met with students yesterday," he said. "Some of them had requested it and we believe they have a better understanding of the situation now." In dorm room windows across the campus, the phrase "save our faculty" has been placed as a show

(See COLLEGE, page three)

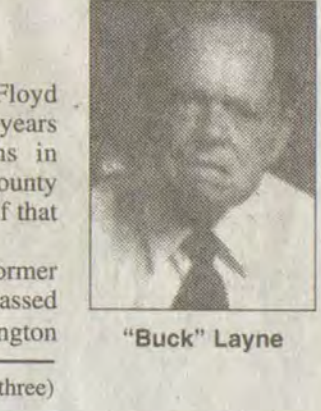
Jarrell seeks dismissal of manslaughter conviction

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER PRESTONSBURG — A man charged and convicted of manslaughter for the 2000 death of his cousin asked a judge Friday to vacate that sentence and his conviction because of ineffective representation. Judge Danny Caudill presided over a motion hour hearing Friday for George Andrew Jarrell, 39, who is currently serving a 20-year sentence on a first-degree manslaughter charge for the death of his cousin, Bill J.

Jarrell. George Jarrell was found guilty of the manslaughter charge following a trial in April 2002. He was originally indicted for murder, a charge amended down to first-degree manslaughter following a 2002 trial in Floyd Circuit Court. Reportedly, George Jarrell and his cousin, Bill, were working on a home when a dispute led to a physical altercation. George Jarrell, after leaving the scene, returned one

Former Times necrologist dies

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man who spent 57 years chronicling the annual deaths in Prestonsburg for The Floyd County Times has now become a part of that list himself. Russell "Buck" Layne, 95, former necrologist for The Times, passed away Thursday at Cabell-Huntington



"Buck" Layne (See LAYNE, page three)

Floodwall issues discussed by fiscal court

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER PRESTONSBURG — Things have "snowballed" and gotten out of hand. That's according to statements from Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson during the county's regular fiscal court meeting Friday afternoon when talking of a floodwall proposal that has brought concern to many Prestonsburg residents. Thompson and attending county magistrates listened to a group of citizens who arrived at the meeting to show support for a proposed floodwall that officials say would

protect downtown Prestonsburg in times of flooding. Thompson said that the study, which was conducted as part of a \$6 million grant, was first started with the best of intentions from the county, the city and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, but said out-of-line comments from surveyors soon led to officials dealing with an excitable group of concerned citizens. "There's something of a controversy about this right now," Thompson said Friday. "We got this grant and we thought



The Floyd County Fiscal Court told concerned visitors that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would soon open an office in Prestonsburg to discuss — and hopefully dispel — the rising controversy surrounding a proposed floodwall during its regularly scheduled meeting Friday afternoon. (See FLOODWALL, page three)

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# Odds and Ends

**■ HARLEVILLE, S.C.** — Harleyville is cashing in on the commodity of its town limit signs.

The town is now peddling the signs that were once stolen at least twice a year, presumably by fans of Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Harleyville started selling the green-and-white signs six months ago and more than 700 have been bought for \$20 each, netting the town \$5,600 after suppliers' costs were paid. It costs an additional \$5 for shipping.

The signs, which apparently

have a prestige among some cyclists, had been disappearing from their posts, prompting the police chief to plead with people not to steal them.

But since the town put a price tag on the signs, at least one thief has paid for his stolen sign.

"I have a Harleyville sign in my garage that I 'happened upon' about fifteen years ago," the handwritten note from Alliance, Neb., said. "I'm enclosing my check (actually a money order) for twenty dollars. ... Now I'll consider it mine."

The manila envelope had a return address of "Just Me," and included a newspaper clipping and photograph of the garage where the sign hangs.

then fled in a green vehicle with a cardboard sign reading "lost tag" over the license plate and duct tape over the make of the vehicle.

The man drove to a nearby bowling alley, changed clothes in his car, then walked back to the bank to retrieve the note. He stuffed it in his pocket.

A police officer saw him take the note down and told him to stop. The man was captured as he tried to get into his car. Police found a brown bag full of money in the car, along with clothing matching the description of what the robber was wearing.

Eugene D. Golden, 36, was charged with nonaggravated robbery. He was being held Thursday on \$50,000 bail.

been-caught look, and the chase was on."

Pace, 18, first tried to retrace his steps, then ran through the building before he was stopped by deputies at the locked door.

Pace was arrested for drug possession and resisting arrest. The arrest caused him to miss a scheduled hearing on drug and driving charges filed after a traffic stop last month.

**■ PORT SALERNO, Fla.**

— As many as a thousand sharks and fish were found dead when federal officials pulled a large abandoned fishing net from the

ocean.

Two divers from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, accompanied by state officers and two commercial fishing vessels, pulled the 500-yard "ghost net" from nearly 80 feet of water.

A loggerhead sea turtle also was found dead in the net Thursday.

"We have an investigation under way (in) reference to that ghost net," said Jeff Radonski, a special agent with NOAA's fisheries enforcement division in Miami. "It's a crime scene just like anywhere else. We pick up

clues and leads from that."

The net, made of thick fabric lines to catch coastal sharks, was first spotted a week ago off the coast of St. Lucie Inlet.

The "sheer weight of all the animals" kept the Coast Guard from retrieving the net last week, divers said.

"It was pretty gruesome," diver Nick Chrobak said.

The mid-sized turtle, bloated and dead for days, was measured and documented by biologists from the Florida Marine Research Institute and later taken to a laboratory to be preserved as evidence.

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**■ PARKERSBURG, W.Va.**

— A man was arrested for robbing a bank after he returned to take down the note demanding money he had left taped to a drive-through window.

Police say a man walked up to the drive-through at Community Bank Wednesday and taped a note to the window saying an explosive device would be detonated if tellers did not give him cash.

Bank employees handed over \$21,066, said Parkersburg Police Chief Robert Newell. The man

**■ DES MOINES, Iowa**

— A man going through a courthouse metal detector emptied his pockets, tossing a small bag of marijuana into the security tray.

When Clyde Lamar Pace II realized what he had done, he tried to flee. But he ran the wrong way from Polk County deputies into a locked revolving door.

"He threw in a baggie of marijuana without realizing it, and the person working the security post said, 'Hey, what is this?'" said Chief Deputy Bill Vaughn. "He kind of gave that old I've-

## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2004. There are 348 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

One hundred years ago, on Jan. 18, 1904, actor Cary Grant was born Archibald Leach in Bristol, England.

**On this date:**

■ In 1778, English navigator Capt. James Cook reached the Hawaiian Islands, which he dubbed the "Sandwich Islands."

■ In 1788, the first English settlers arrived in Australia's Botany Bay to establish a penal colony.

■ In 1862, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71.

■ In 1912, English explorer Robert F. Scott and his expedition reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald Amundsen had beaten them to it. (Scott and his party perished

during the return trip.)

■ In 1919, the World War I Peace Congress opened in Versailles, France.

■ In 1936, author Rudyard Kipling died in Burwash, England.

■ In 1943, during World War II, the Soviets announced they'd broken the long Nazi siege of Leningrad.

■ In 1943, a wartime ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread in the United States — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

■ In 1970, Mormon president David McKay died at the age of 96.

■ In 1990, a jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckey and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, of 52 child molestation charges.

**Ten years ago:**

Retired Adm. Bobby Inman withdrew his nomination to be defense secretary, denouncing what he described as attacks on

his character and reputation. Iran-Contra prosecutor Lawrence Walsh released his final report in which he said former President Reagan had acquiesced in a cover-up of the scandal, an accusation Reagan called "baseless."

**Five years ago:**

Defying global outrage over the massacre of 45 ethnic Albanian civilians in Kosovo, Serb forces pounded villages with artillery. The Yugoslav government also ordered the American head of the Kosovo peace mission to leave the country and barred a U.N. investigator who was looking into the massacre.

**One year ago:**

Top U.N. officials warned Iraq it was running out of time to cooperate and avoid war. Protesters nationwide and overseas demonstrated in opposition to possible war in Iraq. Michelle Kwan won her sixth straight

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# Recycling, other proposals, could reduce coal waste in Appalachia

by MARTHA BRYSON HODEL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — New technologies to reduce the amount of water in coal sludge, coupled with new methods for recycling and reusing the sediment, could help limit the number and size of coal waste dams in the rugged terrain of the Appalachian coalfields, especially in populated areas.

From mine-mapping robots to horizontal drilling, there are a number of new ways to detect underground voids, possibly preventing a calamity like the October 2000 slurry spill in Martin County, Ky.

An estimated 250 million to 300 million gallons of sludge was released into eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia streams when the bot-

tom of the pond collapsed into an abandoned mine that was thought to be much farther below the surface.

J. Davitt McAteer, a former assistant secretary of labor, was named to head up a program to help prevent future spills by creating an impoundment location and warning system, and to review recycling and other technologies that could help minimize the need for impoundments.

A plant in Cadiz, Ohio, is experimenting with a relatively simple process for recycling, McAteer told the 31st annual West Virginia Mining Symposium in Charleston on Friday.

The Cadiz plant takes material from old sediment ponds, and separates coal fines from clay and other contaminants. The

process reduces the volume of the material by about 50 percent and produces a high-energy substance that can be burned like coal.

A symposium participant, who did not give his name, told McAteer that Internet availability of the location and warning system for impoundments just gives additional ammunition to community activists and environmentalists seeking to cause problems for the industry. He suggested the Web site should limit the information about the impoundments themselves.

McAteer said the information needs to be public.

"If I lived downhill from one of these ponds, I'd want to know about it," McAteer said.

To reduce the volume of slurry, the U.S. Department of Energy has patented a technology that involves adding a bind-

ing agent such as an asphalt emulsion to the mixture of coal and water before mechanical de-watering begins. There are other commercially available technologies for reducing the volume of material going to the slurry ponds.

Alternatives for storing the waste also are being reviewed. The Illinois Clean Coal Institute is developing a process for placing coal waste in old underground mine workings, while Penn State University is working on a way to create a coal-water slurry fuel that, when mixed with pulverized coal, produces electricity while reducing emissions of nitrogen oxides.

In the United Kingdom, the University of Greenwich is experimenting with encapsulating coal waste in cement, then using the final product as a building material.



photo by Kathy J. Prafer

Greg Suhoski, left, and son, Troy, happily accepted the keys to a brand-new Pontiac Vibe from John Gray Pontiac-Buick-GMC salesman Jeremy Hall. Suhoski, of Pikeville, formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa., and wife, Tara, were at the dealership last week when Greg decided to take the "GM Hot Button Challenge", winning himself a new car, valued at over \$20,000. One thousand cars and trucks will be given away nationwide as part of the GM Hot Button campaign, with Suhoski being the 12th person, to date, to win. Suhoski's win will be included in a commercial set to air during the upcoming Super Bowl. The John Gray dealership, in Paintsville, currently has other Hot Button challenge vehicles on their lot. For a chance to win, simply stop by and register.

## College

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of support from some members of the student body, while other students wore personalized shirts bearing the same message.

Spears said he could not detail the college's situation with funding as of last week, saying only that he "didn't know how to answer" questions in regard to the school's budget.

In addition to student fears, Spears said the college is aware that some of the remaining instructors have expressed disagreement in seeing their colleagues fired.

Smith is planning a meeting with a number of faculty members to address those concerns, Spears said.



Daysha Nicole Bartley was the first baby born at Pikeville Methodist Hospital in 2004. The 7 pound, 2 ounce girl was born 30 minutes after midnight, Jan. 1. For her good timing, she received a one-year scholarship from Pikeville College, and the hospital waived the cost of her delivery. She is shown with her parents, Crystal and Gregory Chase Bartley, of Mossy Bottom, as they receive the scholarship award from Missy McCoy, of Pikeville College, while Dr. Rick McClellan, who delivered the baby, looks on.

## Bench warrant issued for no-show drug suspect

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill issued an arrest warrant Friday for a female who didn't appear for her scheduled court date.

Sabrina Moore Chaffins, charged with four counts of first-degree trafficking, two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance and one count of second-degree possession of a hallucinogenic substance, was scheduled to enter a guilty plea

for those charges in court Friday. However, she didn't show up for court, leaving Caudill no choice but to issue a warrant for her arrest.

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, Chaffins was charged for trafficking and possession after she was allegedly caught shoplifting at Wal-Mart.

Upon searching the woman, he said, officials found thousands of dollars worth of Oxycontin.

## Jarrell

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hour later with a gun that he used to kill his cousin.

Jarrell, currently incarcerated and acting on his own behalf, filed several motions regarding his case that Judge Danny P. Caudill took under advisement Friday.

One of those motions asked the court to vacate the verdict and 20-year sentence given him based on the alleged ineffectiveness of his attorney, Steve Owen.

"He's attacking his own attorney's conduct in the case," said Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, who noted that these types of requests aren't unusual in the legal system.

According to Turner, Jarrell exhausted his chance for another trial after the state Supreme Court ruled against him during the appeal process.

He is now asking the court for an evidentiary hearing, which, if Judge Caudill agrees, will bring his attorney into court

to face Jarrell's accusations of incompetence.

In such cases, said Turner, the judge has the option to either base his findings on the record, including transcripts and recordings, of the trial or through an evidentiary hearing.

Turner said it is rare that judges rule in the defendant's favor for these cases.

"The standard is pretty high," he said. "It's not enough to say you have an attorney to come in and do a sorry job, that he gave a bad opening or closing statement. It has to be severe.

"I would be very surprised if he rules that way. It rarely happens. I don't see it happening here."

The commonwealth objected to Jarrell's motions in court Friday.

If Caudill rules against Jarrell, he can appeal to the Court of Appeals.

Attorney Steve Owens could not be reached for comment.

## Floodwall

we had something good here and the next thing you know, people are ready to burn the courthouse down over a floodwall."

Problems begin to crop up with citizen dissent along North Arnold Avenue, where residents approached both city and county officials in near outrage at the possibility of losing their homes and other structures as a result of construction efforts for the floodwall.

County officials said earlier in the week that surveyors had apparently taken it upon themselves to comment to various residents, comments that many say were unfittingly alarming.

"These young people, these surveyors... these people had no right to tell people the things they told them," Thompson said Friday. "It's like when somebody gets a little power and can't handle it."

Retired husband-and-wife teaching team, Carlos and Norma Neeley, attended Friday's meeting to support construction of a floodwall, saying their home in Black Bottom had been flooded a number of times, adding that arguments of what cosmetic effect the floodwall would have on the city are second to the fundamental concern of safety.

Others have said that the downtown area has not suffered significant flooding since the late 1950s and that a floodwall would only add an eyesore when protection might not even be needed, but Thompson contended that safety should be the main issue of the fiscal court.

"Our primary concern is for public safety," said Thompson. "We have to think of what is best for the majority of people."

Progress toward getting the floodwall built among such debate could require a final decision based on those fiscal concerns, Thompson said.

"Regardless of what the atti-

## Bills

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Floyd Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson offered to arrange a meeting that might see resolution to the \$15,000 portion of the payments due to the hospital, but admitted that the entire amount would have to wait.

"All we can do right now is try to take care of what we can," said Thompson. "We do appreciate you accepting the prisoners and helping us expedite this."

Floyd Jailer Roger Webb was not present at Friday's meeting to speak with Willis and county officials about the payments owed to the hospital. He also could not be reached for comment as of press time.

Thompson says he under-

stands the hospital and Willis' position, adding that the \$15,000 the facility had to acquire quickly could be covered as "catastrophic circumstances", which would include situations such as the unnamed prisoner's extended treatment.

"I know how it is," Thompson said. "When the number starts getting up to around the \$100,000 range, people start wondering what's going on."

A meeting to further discuss the money owed to the hospital and a plan to make payment could get underway by Wednesday or Thursday of this week, Thompson said.

Thompson says he under-

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Plans are underway to implement a policy applying to ambulance services throughout the county that would require emergency dispatch workers to seek out the most efficient option of service.

The idea was brought to the attention of the Floyd County Fiscal Court by Emergency 911 Director Bill Dotson, who said that a policy would soon be discussed that would change the way dispatchers would approach calls.

According to Dotson, the ideal policy would require dispatchers, who must first contact the primary service for a certain area, to inquire as to how long that primary service provider would take in responding to a given incident.

"What we would like to see is a policy where if someone is in an accident, the company should be required to, by law, say it's

going to take 20 minutes or 15 minutes or 10 minutes to get there," said Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson. "That dispatch worker could then contact another service to see how long it would take."

The policy would serve to keep the focus on safety, something he feels might have been lost somewhere along the way.

"I'm afraid there's more interest in getting calls than in safety," he said.

Officials agree that the policy would be dependent on a great deal of integrity from the county's three ambulance services — TranStar, Left Beaver and Repond.

The county also has interlocal

agreements with several area services, as well, Thompson pointed out during Dotson's report.

Dotson says it comes down to telling the truth.

"This policy is designed to make people take responsibility and tell the truth," Dotson told court officials during his director's report Friday.

According to Dotson, a meeting will be held on Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. in the fiscal courtroom to discuss the policy and seek successful implementation of its structure.

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# Court looks to quicken ambulance response

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# Judge considers what to do with absent lawyer

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — During motion hour Friday, court officials mulled over a question of representation for a Harold man, indicted last year on a manslaughter charge.

Tracy Dean Yates, 48, of Harold, was indicted Sept. 30 on a charge of second-degree manslaughter, three counts of fourth-degree assault, operating on a suspended license and leaving the scene of an accident.

According to his indictment, Yates caused the death of Stacia Page Collins on Dec. 12, 2002, by running the vehicle he was operating into the vehicle in which she was a passenger.

Three other individuals were injured in the accident.

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, the question of representation for Yates was presented in court during a status hearing Friday.

Yates' attorney, Benjamin Hall, from Pikeville, failed to appear for the last scheduled hearing in the case; nor was he in attendance during motion hour

Friday.

Judge Danny P. Caudill issued an order for Hall to appear in court to decide whether or not he is still representing Yates.

A pretrial conference is slated to be held next month.

Yates, who filed a handwritten motion for the reduction in his \$25,000 cash bond last month, entered a not guilty plea in court on Oct. 17.

Included in charges against Yates that were presented to a grand jury in December 2002 was an additional charge of reckless homicide. Court documents indicate that no action was taken by the grand jury on that charge.

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# expression

Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.  
— Felix Frankfurter

## Guest View

# Keeping promises the tricky part

Trimming a budget can be an easy task. Living with the consequences is the hard part. Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who promised repeatedly in his campaign to spare education from any cuts, may soon learn that his proposed take of \$70 million from higher education and \$6.9 million from elementary and secondary education merely robs Peter to pay Paul in trying to close a \$261 million budget shortfall — and breaks a key campaign promise. Unless, of course, Family and Youth Resource Centers, pre- and after-school programs and university research programs don't really qualify as part of the education structure! . . .

Gov. Fletcher has said that the pain of cuts will not be as great as the pain of new taxes, which he has vowed not to support. In time, he may discover otherwise unless his tax modernization scheme effectively raises new revenues without the public suspecting that subtle tax increases will be included.

As expected, Democrats have assailed the governor's proposed education cuts and, as expected, the hot potato will be tossed to the legislature. The proposed cuts add to the intrigue of the governor's first budget, for which a Jan. 27 deadline for presentation to the General Assembly is bearing down.

Meanwhile, give the trophy for hypocrisy to Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly for his comments in defense of the cuts.

"You can't blame this administration for a broken promise," he said. "How long have they been on the job? What policy have they implemented that has created the revenue crisis that we currently face?"

That's a direct reference to the budget shortfall inherited from the administration of former Gov. Paul Patton, who presented tax reform proposals and a budget that were held hostage by the Republican-controlled Senate.

Patton is blameless on that score. Self-serving, small-minded politics shifted a huge fiscal problem to the new governor, who is learning early about promises, especially the apparently empty ones.

— The Gleaner, Henderson



— Jim Davidson

## Some timely advice from a wise educator

It is absolutely thrilling to be even a small part of the lives of successful people. I'm sure you have also found this to be true.

This past week I got a letter from a man who was retiring after 33 years in the field of education. His name is Garrett D. Bowling and he is retiring from the Trimble County School System in Bedford. He taught math, physics and Russian for a combined total of 22 years. He also served as a high school principal for six years and assistant to the superintendent for five years.

The reason he wrote to me, is because, having read my column each week in The Trimble Banner, he knew I was a strong supporter of education and the important role it plays in our lives.

Along with his letter, he sent me a copy of an email that he mailed to the staff just before he retired. He said, "I am enclosing a copy of this email letter in hopes that in some small way others might know the joys of having been part of our children and their future."

There were the usual "Thank You" but some advice he received early in his career by a fellow educator by the name of Dorothy Cropper made all the difference in the world for him. This advice could be a tremendous help to many young educators just starting out, along with others in society who may be discouraged and thinking about packing it in.

In order to give you a good understanding of what Mr. Bowling was saying, I am going to share a portion of his e-mail to the staff. Just think about what he is saying and the fact that he cared enough to share his thoughts.

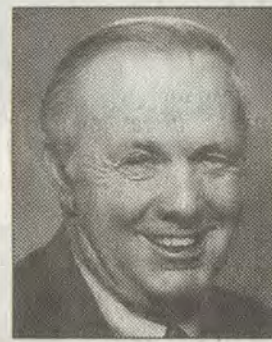
In a like manner, if it will help someone I am delighted to pass it along.

He begins, "A SPECIAL THANKS to the greatest bunch of partners any employee ever had the good fortune to have worked with, and I do mean partners: This has been a great ride. We have had our eye on the kids of Trimble County. No matter whether we agreed or disagreed, we have all had as our goal the well-being of the students of Trimble County."

"I hope I have touched a few lives in some positive way. I sure know the kids

of Trimble County have touched me greatly. There is no better feeling than to see the many great successes of the great kids, and to have had the privilege of having a small part in their lives.

"Thanks to the many friends and colleagues I have had the great fortune to work with over these past years. You have meant so much to my family and me."



Now get ready because here is the advice I mentioned earlier: "Let me share with you younger folks a piece of wisdom that was imparted by a great lady and friend, Dorothy Cropper."

"At a time very early in my career, I was feeling sorry for myself I guess, and was about to get out of education, where I could at least make some money if not be appreciated,

as I felt was happening. I said to her one day, 'No one cares about education, no one appreciates what I am doing, not the kids, not the parents, and especially not the administration. I might as well pack it in.'

"She said, 'Let me give you a piece of advice. Give it 10 years. Those people who you think do not care, really do. Those yea-hoos that you think are not going to do anything or amount to anything will be out there making a living,

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## — beyond the beltway

# Oh, no! You told the truth?!

by DONALD KAUL

One of the most damaging things a political candidate can do is to blurt out the truth. People, and their unelected representative — the media — will put up with a lot of things, but truth isn't one of them.

Let a pol succumb to fatigue and say something so self-evident that only an idiot could object to it and he is immediately attacked by all the idiots in the vicinity (which is a big enough majority to carry any election). We've seen it happen again and again.

The first example that springs to mind is George Romney who, while running for the Republican nomination for president in 1968, said he turned against the war in Vietnam when he realized he'd been "brainwashed" by the military.

Well, of course, he had — so had most of the rest of us — but from the way the press responded, you'd have thought he'd kidnapped the Lindbergh baby. It

effectively ended his candidacy.

Then there was Sen. Bob Dole who, when asked to comment after losing the 1988 New Hampshire primary to George Bush, the Elder snapped: "I want him to stop lying about my record." The truth was that Bush had misrepresented Dole's record shamelessly, but the media immediately branded Dole as "a sore loser" and he was toast.

Howard Dean seems to be the king of the Cliché That Outrages in this year's campaign. He has repeatedly gotten into trouble with offhand comments that, in any context other than political, would have been considered banal.

For example, early on he said that if elected president he would adopt an "even-handed" approach to the Israel-Palestine conflict so that the United States could maintain its useful role as an honest broker. Makes sense, doesn't it?

Not to the people who care desperately about the problem. He was instantly branded as a closet anti-Semite and an enemy of Israel. The kindest thing said about him was that he was "naïve."

Dean got into trouble more recently when he said the capture of Saddam Hussein hadn't made the United States any safer. The other Democratic candi-

dates jumped all over him for that one and the influential commentators scorned him as — you guessed it — naïve.

You have to wonder whom those commentators are influencing. Pacifying Iraq has little or nothing to do with Saddam Hussein at this point. To think he's been running the resistance from his hole in the ground is ludicrous. (Even less does his capture affect our "War on Terrorism." His role there was minimal and always had been.)

Yet the media, television and print alike, have gone along with the gag. They don't accept any version of the truth unless it has "White House Press Office" stamped on it.

I'd like to run for president just one time. I'd run for the Unconventional Wisdom Party. I would advocate nothing but common sense things that drive Inside-the-Beltway types crazy. For example:

■ Shrink the military. Don't just cut the fat; cut the lean. Our military is about five times the size necessary to defend ourselves — too big for its own good. If it were smaller we'd have to think twice before jumping into every war that came along.

■ Legalize gay marriage. Marriage is good. We need more married people in this country rather than fewer. Besides, I'd be interested in seeing whether the divorce rate went down or up.

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# Faith Extra

## Former KKK leader tests prisoners' faith

by MEREDITH FISCHER  
RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH

POWHATAN, Va. — The walls crumbled. The barbed wire disappeared. The stale smell of urine and sweat drifted away.

For a few minutes, the inmates locked inside the Deep Meadow Correctional Center felt free.

"Hallelujah," they sang, their voices echoing within the cafeteria walls.

Jesus was going to deliver them home.

More than 300 inmates at the medium-security facility packed inside the cafeteria, unaware of whom they would meet.

It was easy to see Johnny Lee Clary wasn't from around here.

Clary, an Oklahoma native, had long blond hair, bright blue eyes and black cowboy boots. Unaware of his past, the prisoners began to clap as Clary walked to the makeshift pulpit beside the bars.

"If I tell you who I used to be, you might not be clapping," he said.

Clary told his story, one of

evil, redemption and racial reconciliation, to a room full of inmates, half of them black, all of them criminals, all holding Bibles.

"I was the national leader of one of the most violent hate organizations," Clary said, silencing the crowd.

Clary told the crowd his path to the Ku Klux Klan began when he was raised in a house filled with hate, in Del City, Okla., where everyone was one color, his color.

Clary said his father taught him to "use the 'N' word." His father, an alcoholic, and his uncle would tell stories filled with racial slurs. Then at age 11, Clary said, he watched his father kill himself.

"He took a .45-caliber pistol and blew his brains out right in front of me," Clary said.

After that, Clary's mother sent him to live with his sister in Los Angeles. He said his sister's boyfriend beat him.

"The more he hit me, the more I hated," Clary said.

The seed of hate was planted. One day, Clary said, he was

watching television. David Duke was on. The message appealed to Clary. The seed grew.

Duke reminded Clary of his father. Only instead of looking like the Archie Bunker type, smoking a cigar, Duke wore a three-piece suit. He commanded respect.

Clary wanted a part of that. He reached out to the Ku Klux Klan, and it welcomed him.

For the first time, Clary said, he found a place to belong. He was 14.

A bright kid, Clary rose through the organization quickly, eventually becoming the Imperial Wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The knights, based in Mississippi, were one of the most-dreaded Klan groups, linked to widespread deadly violence.

Clary loved it. "I had 50- and 60-year-old men calling me sir," he said.

At the same time Clary was making a name for himself, the Rev. Wade Watts was building his own support. Watts and Clary couldn't have been more different.

For more than a decade, Watts led the Oklahoma branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In 1979, the two met on a national radio program.

They had a debate that even Clary admits Watts won.

No matter how much bile Clary threw at Watts, the preacher responded with love.

Watts tried to shake Clary's hand. Clary recoiled. Watts shook it anyway.

"Don't worry, Johnny," Clary recalled Watts saying. "It don't come off."

Clary said after the debate, Watts tried to introduce him to his adopted daughter, a half-white, half-black girl named Tia.

Watts asked how he could hate a child. Clary turned away.

After that, Clary said, he made a mission out of harassing Watts.

"We called him names and we dumped garbage on his yard. He would come outside and offer us iced tea," Clary said. "When we showed up in white sheets, he came outside and said, 'Isn't Halloween four months away? I don't have any trick or treats for you.'"

It wasn't a sudden change. But one day, Clary said, he found himself at a loss. His friends were routinely being hauled down to the police station for questioning, and so was he.

He also found out, he said, that his girlfriend was an FBI informant.

"Deep down inside, I did not like myself," he said.

Clary said he was drinking and suicidal. He was going to follow in his father's footsteps. He went to his Klansmen, but he said they turned on him.

"They were like a bunch of rattlesnakes," he said.

At a loss, Clary started reading the Bible. After Clary found God, he went looking for Watts again.

In 1991, he called the preacher and told him he had changed, that he had left the Klan and been saved. Watts invited Clary to speak to his predominantly black congregation.

"Everyone in that congregation sat with their arms across their chest."

They mumbled and booed.

But when he talked about Jesus, Clary said, the congregation began to applaud. That day, he said, he met Watts' daughter,

who years earlier he had shunned.

"She hugged me," he said of Tia.

After that, Watts and Clary became friends. They traveled the country together, preaching about God and against racism.

Clary said before Watts died in 1998, Clary promised his former enemy he would carry on his ministry. Clary was a pallbearer at Watts' funeral.

Clary's message — while inspiring to most — particularly affected the prisoners in the cafe-

teria. They were absorbed in Clary's words. If God could forgive Clary, couldn't he forgive them?

Clary told them Watts was the closest thing to a father he ever had. Some cried.

At the end of the service, the inmates joined with Clary in prayer. Together, they asked for forgiveness for their sins.

"I may be inside the walls of prison . . . But you, my Lord, can set my soul free," they recited in unison. "I am free. I am going to heaven."

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U.S. Figure Skating Championships title and seventh overall; Michael Weiss won his third U.S. men's title.

### Today's Birthdays:

Movie director John Boorman is 71. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 63. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 51. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 49. Country singer Mark Collie is 48. Actress Jane Horrocks is 40. Comedian Dave Attell is 39.

Actor Jesse L. Martin ("Law & Order") is 35. Rapper DJ Quik is 34. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 33. Singer Christian Burns (BBMak) is 31. Actor Jason Segel is 24. Actress Samantha Mumba is 21.

### Thought for Today:

"Everyone wants to be Cary Grant; even I want to be Cary Grant." — Cary Grant, British-born American actor (1904-1986).

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paying taxes, paying part of your salary. They will be productive members of the community and many will appreciate you and what you've done. Some will even tell you so. That's what it is all about. You will have had a part in that, and believe me it will feel good."

"Boy was she right. It feels great! Forget those goals I had earlier in life of building bridges and skyscrapers. I have, I feel, a lot more than those who have been constructing things. I have had at least a small part of constructing productive members of society."

"Thanks, more than I can say, to the folks of Trimble County and the wonderful co-workers I have had the pleasure of serving with and for over a great 33+ year career. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. Garrret D. (Dean) Bowling."

The principle that Mr. Bowling has talked about will hold true for any career or field

of endeavor where there is great potential for personal rewards. Give it 10 years and then make a decision is pretty sound advice, especially during those times when we feel discouraged and unappreciated. Believe me, I went through those days earlier in life and could have given up or quit a thousand times.

In a day when there are tremendous challenges in the field of education, young teachers especially need to read and think about what Dorothy Cropper was saying. To the teachers of America, I salute you. You have in your hands the future of our nation and, along with caring parents, you can meet the challenges that lie before us.

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## Evangelist, professor debate whether gay marriage should be legal

by DYLAN T. LOVAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — One of the country's top Christian evangelicals debated a University of Louisville law professor Wednesday on whether gays should be legally allowed to marry.

R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, told a group of about 75 people gathered at a downtown restaurant that "marriage is the basic molecular structure of human society."

Mohler, one of the country's leading religious conservative voices, said legalizing marriage for gays and lesbians conflicts with biblical teachings and tradition.

If gay marriage is allowed, Mohler said, "marriage would not be redefined, it would be destroyed."

Samuel A. Marcossion, a U of L professor whose research focuses on sexual orientation and the law, said the equal protection clause in the 14th amendment should afford gays the right to marry.

"Those who are in the major-

ity, those who have defined marriage through the legislature and the legal process, have accrued to themselves the legal status of marriage and not treated the minority equally," Marcossion said. "There is, in other words, enormously unequal treatment involved in the privilege accorded to marriage."

The topic has been hotly debated nationwide since a Nov. 18 ruling by the Massachusetts Supreme Court removed legal barriers to gay marriage in that state.

Mohler said marriage was an "irreducible union" between a man and a woman.

"Marriage has established the basic unit of kinship, the basic location of sexual activity, of procreation, of reproduction and the raising of children," Mohler said.

But Marcossion said keeping gays from the legal privileges of marriage hurts children being raised by same-sex couples.

"Keeping gay couples from marrying will not keep people from being raised by gay parents. All it will do is harm those children not to have the legal advantages that come with the fact that their parents' marriage was recognized," Marcossion said.

The debate was part of the monthly meeting of the Louisville Forum at Vincenzo's restaurant.

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Curtail school busing. It hasn't produced racial integration and it hasn't improved schooling for African-Americans, both of which it was supposed to do. All it's done is empty our great cities of white people. Use the busing money to make schools better, no matter who goes there.

Abolish television. They say it's an educational medium, but all it really teaches you is to watch more television. We could raise the national IQ 20 points if we ditched it.

And, finally, I'd get rid of

the designated hitter in the American League. Baseball is a game of nine players to a side, not ten.

That platform might not get me elected but a commentator or two might die of apoplexy. It can't be all bad.

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

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# Regional Obituaries

## Floyd County

Garfield "Toddy" Adkins, 83, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, formerly of Harold, died Friday, January 9, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Fannie Adkins. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Julius Caesar Bates, 71, of Beavinsville, died Monday, January 12, at the VA Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Michael Craft, 22, of Wayland, died Friday, January 9, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dolle Stout Dotson, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 10, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 13, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Virgil Hall, 69, of Minnie, died Friday, January 9, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Abel Hamilton, 73, of Galveston, died Thursday, January 8, at an Odd Fellows Hall in Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Laura Fox Hamilton. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Kathleen Hatton, 81, of Silver Lake, Indiana, Garrett native, died Tuesday, January 13, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Alvin Hatton. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 16, under the direction of DeLaughter-McKee, Silver Lake Chapel.

Harry Millard Mace Jr., age 74, of Prestonsburg, husband of the late Shelby Jean Shepherd Mace, passed away, Tuesday, January 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Bonnie Jean Newsom, 65, of Harold, died Tuesday, January 13, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Daniel Newsom. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier

Funeral Home.

Geneva Blanche "Bea" Crisp Patton, 84, of Langley, died Thursday, January 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Fannie Castle Pruitt, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, January 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 15, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Stephanie Leigh Shepherd, 33, of Stanville, died Wednesday, January 14, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Shannon Shepherd. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, January 18, at 2 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

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

Edgar L. (Ed) Wright Jr., 78, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, January 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Pike County

Myrtle Anderson Adams, 60, of Grapevine, died Wednesday, January 7, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 10, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Jerry Wayne Adkins, 50, of Regina, died Friday, January 9, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Glenda Bowersock Adkins. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 13, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Gracie Boyce, 76, of Slaters Branch, died Wednesday, January 14, in the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Unit. She is survived by her husband, Earl Boyce. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, January 18, at 2 p.m., in Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Terry Lee Brown, 53, of Kimper, died Tuesday, January 13, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Jerdine Anderson Brown. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 15, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Wayne Mallie Burke, 94, of Dorton, died Monday, January 12, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Vanover Burke. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 16, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Frances Lynn Oney Case, 49, of Palm Beach, Florida, formerly of Elkhorn City, died Monday, January 5, in Palm Beach. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 11, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Alta Ciseo Daniels, 77, of Majestic, died Thursday, January 8, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 11, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Alva Marie Lynch Fannin, 95, of Pikeville, died Thursday, January 15, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 17, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Doyle Edward Fields, 61, of Winchester, a native of Pikeville, died Sunday, January 11, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Mae Thacker Fields. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 15, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Irene Goodman, 62, of Williamson, West Virginia, a native of Woodman, died Friday, January 9, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Carlos H. Goodman. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Howard William Hall, 86, of Pikeville, died Thursday, January 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Mildred Ann Fairchild Hall. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 11, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Russell Johnson Jr., 71, of Pikeville, died Friday, January 9, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Doyle Harmon Johnson, 66, of Forest Hills, died Monday, January 12, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Beulah Willis Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 16, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Rhonda Faye King, 42, of Sidney, died Friday, January 9, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Michael Anthony King. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 13, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Curtis James Lovell, 35, of Lexington, formerly of Phelps, died Tuesday, January 6. Dual services, with his father, John T. Gregory, who died January 3, were held Saturday, January 10, under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home.

Donald Lovern, 63, of Pikeville, died Friday, January 9, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Glen Edward Roberts, 54, of Burnwell, died Thursday, January 8, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 11, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Matthew "Sweet Pea" Ross, 31, of North Matewan, West Virginia, died Friday, January 9, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 14, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

A.J. "Chick" Ryan, 84, of Toler, died Friday, January 9, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Ernestine Stevens, 81, of Ohio, a native of Owsley, died Thursday, January 8, at the Hospice of Hope, Brown County Hospital, Georgetown, Ohio. (Obituary information, courtesy of Rogers Funeral Home.)

Betty Ruth Tackett, 48, of Indian Creek, died Friday, January 9, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Rance Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Edgar Tackett, of Clarksville, Indiana, formerly of Pikeville, died Thursday, January 15. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Audrey Mae King Thompson, 70, of Zebulon, died Saturday, January 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth "Clyde" Thompson. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 13, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Opal Marie Ward, 90, of Phelps, died Friday, January 9, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 13, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home of Paintsville.

## Johnson County

William Francis (Billy) Crum, 46, died at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Cora Mills Crum. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 13, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Edith Helton, 96, native of Oil Springs, died Sunday, January 11, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 13, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Larna Horn, 78, died Sunday, January 11, at the Southshore Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 14, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

William Andrew Johnson, 89, died Wednesday, January 7, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 9, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Lura Mae Pelphrey, 90, of Oil Springs, died Monday, January 5, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 9, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Frank Pratt, 83, died Saturday, January 10, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Lola Lovely Pratt. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Fannie Castle Pruitt, 77, died Monday, January 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 15, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Grace Ward Smith, 90, native of Johnson County, died Wednesday, January 7, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 9, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

James M. Stricklin, 75, native of Paintsville, died Thursday, January 9, at MedCentral Mansfield, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, at the Ontario, Ohio, Home of Wappner Funeral Directors, of Mansfield, Ohio.

Opal Marie Ward, 90, native of Johnson county, died Friday, January 9, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

John Vernon Ward, 86, died Saturday, January 10, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

## Martin County

William Francis (Billy) Crum, 47, of Davella, died Saturday, January 10, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Cora Mills Crum. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 13, under the

direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Joe Deskins, 75, of Inez, died Tuesday, January 13, at Three Rivers Hospital, Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Clifforne Hall Deskins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 15, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Larna Horn, 78, of South Shore, formerly of Inez, died Sunday, January 11, at South Shore Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 14, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Charles Edward Preece, 71, of Louisa, native of Inez, died Friday, January 9, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Blackburn Preece. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

## Lawrence County

Grace Marie Adams, 66, of Webbville, died Sunday, January 11. She is survived by her husband, Robert Lee Adams. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 14, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Lassie Maynard Arnett, 77, of Louisa, native of Inez, died Friday, January 9, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Florence Stewart Dixon, 81, of Catlettsburg, a native of Buchanan, died Tuesday, January 6, at Kingsbrooke Life Care Center, Ashland. She is survived by her husband, John R. Dixon. Graveside services were conducted Friday, January 9, under the direction of Young Funeral Home, Louisa.

Kathy Justice, 43, of Columbus, Ohio, native of Lawrence County, died Sunday, January 11, at Mt. Carmel West Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 14, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Charles Edward Preece, 71, of Louisa, native of Inez, died Friday, January 9, at King's

Daughters' Medical Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Blackburn Preece. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

## Knott County

Louise Lemmings, 61, of Littcarr, died Wednesday, January 7, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gene Rusty Mullins, 69, of Amburgey, died Wednesday, January 7, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Modra Sue Arrington Myers, 72, of Charlotte, North Carolina, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, January 6, at Britthaven, Charlotte, North Carolina. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Robert Lee Noble, 77, of Rochelle, Illinois, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, January 6. He is survived by his wife, Penny. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 10, under the direction of Unger-Homer Funeral Home.

Joyce Triplett, 65, of Nashville, Tennessee, formerly of Knott County, died Thursday, January 8, at Baptist Hospital, Nashville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 11, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Grover C. Young, 77, of Redfox, died Thursday, January 8, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Emma L. Adams Young. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 11, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

## Magoffin County

Corena Arnett Patrick, 65, of Salyersville, died Monday, January 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Menifee Patrick. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 15, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

# Obituaries

## Russell (Buck)

### Layne

Russell (Buck) Layne, 95, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, January 15, 2004, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital.

Born May 12, 1908, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late George Layne and Betty Perry Layne. He was a former custodian at United Federal Savings and Loan, a position for which he retired in 1991; and necrology for the Floyd County Times from 1937 to 1994. He attended the Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include several nephews and nieces and great-nephews and great-nieces.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, January 19, 2004, at 1 p.m., at the Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, with Rev. Manford Fannin officiating.

Interment will be in the Gearheart Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

Visitation is 2 p.m. until 9 p.m., Sunday, at the funeral home.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Layne Family.

(Paid obituary)

## Fred Martin, Jr.

Fred Martin, Jr., 65, of Lackey, died Thursday, January 15, 2004, at his residence.

Born February 12, 1938, in Knott County, he was the son of the late Fred Martin, Sr. and the late Ada Hall Martin. He was a retired heavy equipment operator. He is survived by his wife, Gloria Row Martin.

Other survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law: Debbie Lucas (Jeff) of Riverside, Ohio, Peggy Ullery (Rob) of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Vickie Martin Shipley (Brion) of Garrett; two brothers, Afon Martin of Hamilton, Ohio and Tandy Martin of New Lebanon, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Frank Martin and two sisters: Nancy Lee Gibson and Nadine Woods.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 17, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jerry Manns officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND SCHOOL**

Checkout Wednesday & Friday LIFESTYLES for weekly school updates and schedules.







The remains of a previously unidentified Confederate soldier buried in Floyd County were positively identified as belonging to Nathaniel Cook, of Cynthiana, who died several days after being wounded during the Battle of Ivy Mountain on Jan. 10, 1862. During a ceremony Nov. 23 unveiling of a Veterans Administration marker commemorating Cook, members of the Sons of Confederate gave him a 21-gun salute.

## Unknown Confederate soldier buried in Floyd County identified after 141 years

On Nov. 23, a previously unknown Confederate soldier Nathaniel Cook, of Cynthiana, who died a few days later at the Joseph Gearhart farm near Hueysville, and who was buried in the Joseph Gearhart Cemetery, was given full military funeral rites, which were conducted by members of the Col. Ben Caudill Camp, in

Hazard; the Col. Andrew J. May Camp, in Prestonsburg; the Pvt. John McGuire Camp, in Pikeville; the Pvt. Edward Arthur Camp, of Corbin; and the Lt. Col. Vincent Witcher Camp, in Grundy, Va., of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The saga began when Nathaniel Cook, a 26-year-old from Cynthiana, arrived in

Prestonsburg, on Oct. 20, 1861, and enlisted as a private in Co. A, 1st Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army. On Nov. 9, 1861, Pvt. Cook, who had not yet finished military training, and armed with only a double-barrel shotgun, was involved in action at the Battle of Ivy Mountain, at Ivel. Cook and his fellow

Confederates retreated to Virginia, and on Jan. 1, 1862, he was with his unit at Salyersville, observing Union forces under the command of Col. James A. Garfield (later U.S. president), prior to the Battle of Middle Creek.

During the Battle of Middle Creek, on Jan. 10, 1862, Pvt. Cook was seriously wounded. Retreating Confederate forces left him with the Joseph Gearhart family near Hueysville, where he died and was buried as an unknown Confederate soldier.

Following years of research by Mack Horn, of Hueysville, and the late Dr. Robert Perry, as well as Grady Wright (a lineal descendant of Pvt. Cook), of Georgetown, Pvt. Cook was positively identified, and his grave was marked with a new Veterans Administration grave marker.

The only son of Pvt. Cook, Nathan Humphrey Cook, was born in March 1862, after his death. Five generations of Pvt. Cook attended the military rites, on Nov. 23, 2003, and this unknown Confederate soldier has finally been identified after 141 years.

## County awarded emergency food and shelter funds

Floyd County has been awarded \$18,523 in federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program for use during 2004. The award represents a \$1,908 increase over 2003 funding.

A newly-convened local

board will determine how the funds are to be distributed among Floyd County agencies that provide emergency food and shelter. Members of the board include the Floyd County judge-executive or his designee, local representatives of national social service agencies and interested citizens.

Those interested in serving on the board should contact Gwen Hall at 874-9170 to volunteer.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must:

1. Be private voluntary non-profits or units of government.
  2. Have an accounting system.
  3. Practice nondiscrimination.
  4. Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs.
  5. If they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.
- An assessment of local needs

conducted by the Phase 21 Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Board determined that 93 percent of the funds will be spent on food, 5 percent on shelter and 2 percent on administration.

Qualifying organizations are urged to apply by contacting Gwen Hall at 874-9170 for an application packet. Completed applications are due by 12 noon on Thursday, Feb. 5, and may be dropped off at St. Martha Catholic Church or mailed to the Catholic Social Service Bureau Outreach Office at 60 Martha's Vineyard, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Awards will be determined by the board at a public meeting to be held Friday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. at St. Martha Church, Prestonsburg, off Route 302 (Watergap Road) near Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. If snow cancels the meeting, it will be rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 9, at the same time and place.

Last year's recipients of emergency food and shelter funds were St. Vincent's Mission, Mud Creek Community Health Corporation, Christian Service Ministry, Wayland United Methodist Church Food Pantry, Middle Creek Community Development Club, the Floyd County/Prestonsburg Ministerial Association, Betsy Layne Church of God Bread of Life Food Pantry, the Catholic Social Service Bureau Outreach Office, Town Branch Church Feed My Sheep Food and Clothing Ministry, Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry of St. James Episcopal Church, Martin Church of Christ Food Pantry and Heaven's Harvest.

### ACCEPTING BIDS

The city of Prestonsburg is accepting sealed bids for a loan of \$120,000.00 for the purchase of a new 2004 Pierce Fire Truck. This loan should have no closing or other hidden cost. The bids should be based on a fixed rate of either 5 or 7 years. Sealed bids should be mailed or hand delivered to 200 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 no later than 10:00 a.m. Tuesday January 27, 2004. If you have any questions please call (606) 886-2335 ext. 18.

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Heating Surface: 645 Sq. Ft.  
Maximum Firing Rate: 495 MBH  
Valve Capacity: 512 lb/hr

**Item 2**  
New 25 KW Kohler Generator  
Model 20ROZJ61  
Spec # PA-189025-61  
Order # B-80754  
Serial # 396059  
Service Duty: Standby  
60 Hz 1800 RPM  
25 KW Power  
John Deere 4 cylinder diesel engine  
Engine SN CD4039D362581/4039DF004  
Model No. 4039DF  
239 C.I. 80HP  
Engine Weight: 929 lbs.  
Saran-Built  
Sealed bids will be received

by the Commission for each of these items of surplus equipment. These items may be inspected by calling Mr. David Ellis, Superintendent, or Turner Campbell, Chief Financial Officer at (606-886-6871) for an appointment. 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 30, 2004, and then at such office, publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened.

The Commission reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any and all bids. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes addressed to "Mr. David Ellis, Superintendent," bearing the bidder's identification, and labeled in the lower left-hand corner: "Sealed Bid Surplus Equipment."

Each item listed will be sold to the bidder submitting the highest bid.

Turner E. Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

## Correction Notice

Due to a manufacturing problem, the Garnier 100% Hair Color appearing in Sunday's Rite Aid Circular is not yet available. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this causes you, our valued customers.



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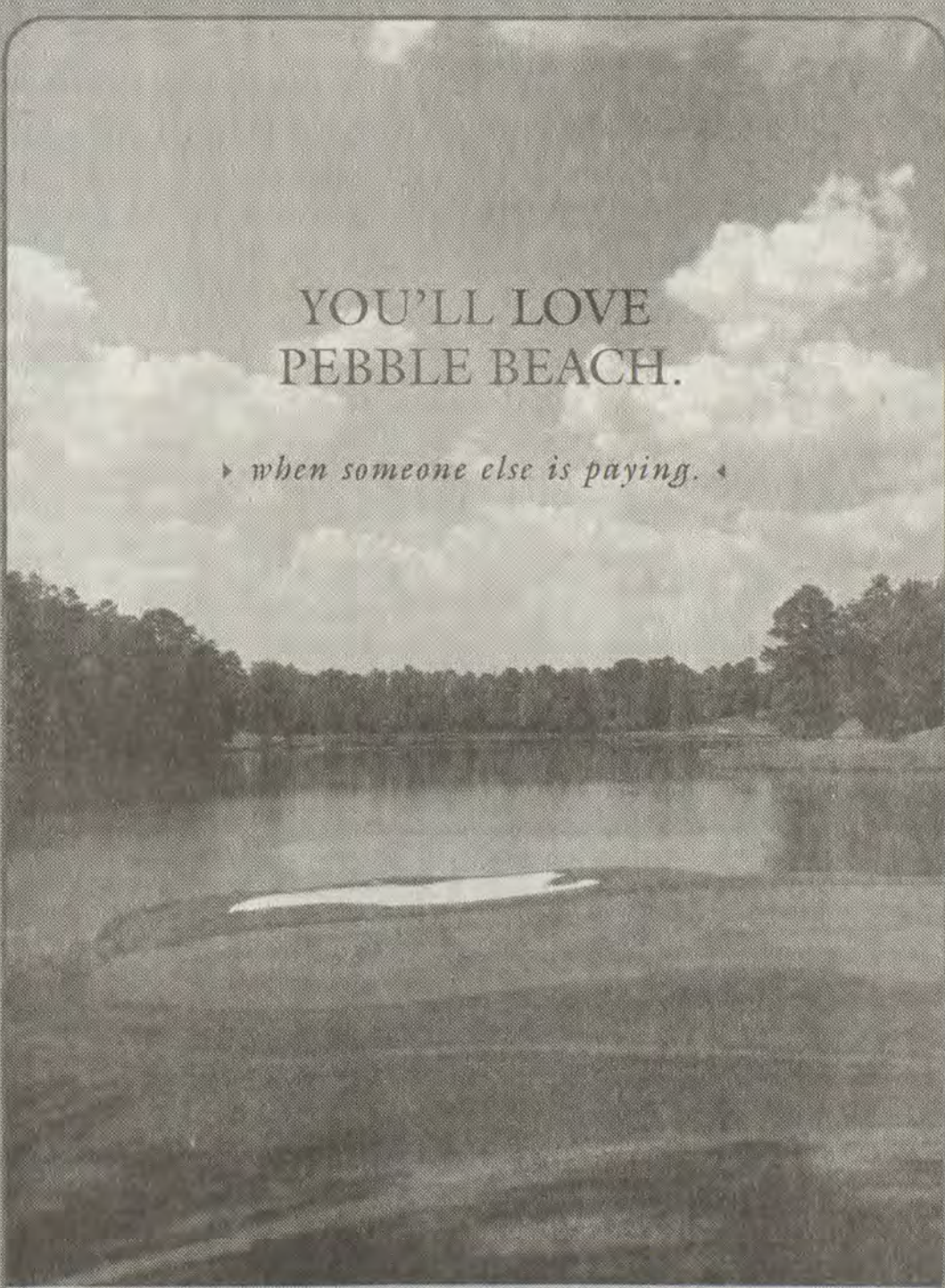
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# Reader's Choice

**BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY**

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

**BEST FOOD**

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

**BEST PEOPLE**

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

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

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

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

**BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE**

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

**BEST BUSINESS**

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

- Floor Coverings \_\_\_\_\_
- Florist \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_
- Furniture \_\_\_\_\_
- Garage \_\_\_\_\_
- Gas Station \_\_\_\_\_
- Gifts \_\_\_\_\_
- Grocery Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Guns/Ammo \_\_\_\_\_
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- Home Decorating \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tire Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Tools & Supplies \_\_\_\_\_
- Truck Dealership \_\_\_\_\_
- Upholstery \_\_\_\_\_
- Videos \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Only ballots from the Floyd County Times will be counted. No copies accepted.
2. Businesses nominated have to be in the Floyd County area and individuals nominated have to live and work in Floyd County.

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**YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!**

Schools, Churches, Clubs...anyone...do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted. **Nominees to be in the Wednesday, Feb. 18 issue. Winners to be in the Friday, Feb. 27th edition of the Floyd County Times.**



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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

## Milligan's threes too much for Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MILLIGAN COLLEGE, Tenn. — Milligan College hit double figures from the three-point stripe and had one more run than Pikeville in a 73-61 win Thursday night.

The Lady Buffaloes picked up their third win in 14 outings on the season; the Lady Bears evened their mark at 10-10.

Milligan was 10-of-25 from the arc for a terrific 40 percent. Pikeville responded by hitting 4-of-12.

It looked like the game would be over early as the Lady Buffs scored the first 11 points of the game. The Lady Bears answered with a 10-3 run and when freshman Tonya Amburgey scored with 12:43 remaining, the lead was down to 14-10.

Pikeville continued to battle and a 13-2 explosion gave it the lead for the first time in the game. Freshman Brienne Daniels put her team on top with a putback and when junior Selena Williams scored on a layup with 6:14 showing, the Lady Bears led 23-20.

But Milligan scored the final six points of the half and took a 33-28 lead to the break.

Milligan pushed its lead out to 14 in

(See MILLIGAN, page three)

**RAIDER PROFILE**

## Little emerges as weapon for Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — One a year ago, a high school sophomore by the name of Burnett Little was nowhere to be found on the 15th Region boys' basketball map. Now, one year later, he finds himself placed right in the middle of the 15th Region mix. And, arguably, Little is one of the top players in the 15th Region. He is putting up numbers worthy of a Floyd County Conference Player of the Year nod. Many opposing coaches and players have mentioned the name — Burnett Little. As a first-year high school varsity player, Little has made a name for himself as he continues to put up double-doubles of points and rebounds with ease. The lanky junior forward with long arms and long legs has a good feel of where the ball is and where it is going at all times.

South Floyd Coach Henry Webb knew he had something special in Burnett Little over the summer when

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**ALL 'A' CLASSIC**

## Girls' All 'A' to get underway

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HI HAT — The 2004 15th Region All "A" Classic will get underway Monday at South Floyd High School, Raider Arena and the SFHS Lady Raiders will play host to the event.

On Monday, Shelby Valley will

face district rival Pikeville and Phelps will face off against tourney host South Floyd. On Tuesday, Paintsville will battle two-time defending champion Betsy Layne at 6:30 p.m. and Allen Central will take on the Piarist School in the nightcap at 8:15.

The semifinals will be played

Wednesday. The championship game is set for Thursday.

Betsy Layne, the pre-season favorite to win a third straight 15th Region All "A" title, heads in with a some momentum behind it. Betsy Layne is also the defending

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Senior Whitney Lykens will lead Betsy Layne as the Ladycats look for a third straight 15th Region All 'A' Classic title.



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Jamie Howell

Darcey Hicks (15) scored a game-high 17 points to lead the Lady Blackcats to a win over Phelps.

**WILDCAT PROFILE**

## Once a point guard, Daniels now a post player for Kentucky

by MURRAY EVANS  
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LEXINGTON — Erik Daniels looked like a point guard early in Kentucky's win over Vanderbilt on Saturday, zipping passes to open teammates and recording four assists before the basketball game was eight minutes old.

That wouldn't be especially noteworthy, except that the 6-8 Daniels is the Wildcats' starting center.

"We tease him about that, too," said Daniels' frontline mate, junior forward Chuck Hayes. "He's the only person who ever got recruited that went from a 1 or 2 (guard positions) to a 5-man (center). I don't know how he does it, I really don't, but the guy, he's got a good, positive thought on it."

Daniels can make plays like a point guard because he used to be one. That's the position he played during his senior season at Princeton High School in Cincinnati, Kentucky



Erik Daniels

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## Lady Blackcats defeat Phelps

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PRESTONSBURG — A record of 8-8 is a far cry from the three-win season of last year that the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats had to endure. An even record is exactly where the Lady Blackcats stand at the midpoint of the 2003-2004 season.

Prestonsburg struggled from the field on Thursday night but still managed to beat visiting Phelps by a final of 40-37. The flu bug has hit Prestonsburg hard over the past few days and the team was without the services of Heather White and Amber Whitaker.

Prestonsburg jumped out in front 6-0 early in the first quarter before Phelps bat-

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Prestonsburg junior Chanel Music (11) was the leading rebounder in Thursday night's win over Phelps.

## Several coaches with Floyd ties stand out

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Hazard High School has one of the most tradition-rich boys' basketball programs in the state. At the top of the program now is Floyd County native Kevin Spurlock. In his second year as head coach of the Bulldogs,

Spurlock has the top team in the 14th Region and one of the top 10 teams in the state. A defining moment for the Bulldogs came in late-January when they stood tall as the champion in the Defenders of the Station Tournament at Bryan Station High School in Lexington. Hazard fell short in its own tournament, but remains the

favorite to make the trip to Lexington in March. A 14th Region title is the top goal for the Bulldogs. Spurlock has fit in well with the Hazard High program.

"Our kids played real hard in the Bryan Station tournament and have played hard all season long

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**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

## Caudill recognized as one of six four-year lettermen

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — A total of 61 Kentucky football players will receive letterman awards for the 2003 season, Coach Rich Brooks has announced. Prestonsburg High grad Jeremy Caudill, a senior from Martin,

is one of six four-year lettermen. Caudill is expected to be drafted in this year's NFL draft. He was a four-year starter at Kentucky where he started at one time or another all along the defensive line.

Other four-year lettermen

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Jeremy Caudill

**HIGH SCHOOL**

## Coaches vote to change Mercy Rule

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR



Donny Daniels

LEXINGTON — High school football in the state of Kentucky will show more 'Mercy' in the 2004 season. A 45-point halftime margin was required for the running clock rule to go into effect last year. That margin will be reduced in the season coming up. It will be reduced to 35. The coaches committee recently unanimously endorsed the change.

South Floyd head coach Donny Daniels has mixed feelings on the change.

"I think 45 would have been fine," said Daniels, a veteran high school coach. "At 45, the game is pretty well out of reach. With the margin of 35 points and a running clock, we may see several teams play their way back into a game and fall short. I think they may be

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# Try to remember: Harrison gets back to winning ways

by JIMMY GOLEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBORO, Mass. — Rodney Harrison could see the disappointment in New England last winter. That's what sold him on the place.

"I knew that they were a year removed from the Super Bowl and they finished 9-7," the Patriots safety said Wednesday as he prepared for the AFC

Championship game. "I can't remember the last time I finished 9-7 — and it was disappointing to them."

Harrison, who spent his entire career with the San Diego Chargers before signing with New England as a free agent, is a big reason why there's little disappointment around Foxboro this winter. The Patriots will play the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday for the conference title,

and Harrison is back in the play-offs for the first time since his second year.

This after a season in which Harrison led New England with 140 tackles and added three interceptions while helping install an attitude in a defense that posted three shutouts in its last four regular-season home games. But with his reputation as a big — some say cheap — hitter and the fact that the woe-ful Chargers didn't want him, some of his Patriots teammates wondered what they were getting.

"With any free agent, you wonder how he's going to fit in. There's always questions at first. He answered those right away," linebacker Tedy Bruschi said. "I think, from Day 1, he's established himself as a force with big hits."

Actually, it was the second day of practice in training camp when Harrison belted New England receiver Troy Brown on a route across the middle. In case there were any doubts remaining, he had a team-high

11 tackles in the first week.

"I really can't comment on what San Diego thought," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "I just think Rodney Harrison is a good football player from 'A' to 'Z.' He's a pro — on the field, off the field. He has the ability to play in all situations — run, pass, blitz, tackle, special teams when he's been asked to do that.

"I think he is a complete player. He has had a good year for us, and he's had it in a lot of different areas. It's not all in the run. It's not all in the pass. It's not all on blitzes. It's on everything."

Since Harrison has forgotten: The last time he went 9-7 was in 1995, his second year in the league after a rookie year in which he led the AFC champions in special teams tackles.

But since '95, the Chargers haven't been back to the play-offs. So when they decided to start a youth movement last off-season — jettisoning Harrison and linebacker Junior Seau — he was happy to look elsewhere.

The Patriots signed him the day after they signed former Chicago Bears linebacker Rosevelt Colvin. Harrison liked the idea that New England was investing in its defense.

"They were a year removed from the Super Bowl," he said. "So I knew I could come here and be competitive right away."

Harrison became the leader of the secondary when the Patriots cut safety Lawyer Milloy five days before their season opener. Milloy signed with the Buffalo Bills and helped them shut out the Patriots.

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Allen Elementary seventh-grader Kenny Mullins scored 21 points in a B-team game against Adams and four in the A-team contest. Mullins played for the Mountain Warriors last summer.

# Blackcats outlast Allen

by STEVE LeMASTER  
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ALLEN — Adams got balanced scoring Thursday night as it rolled to a 48-25 win over Allen.

James Lafferty led Adams in scoring with 11 points. Nathaniel Stephens scored eight points and Bobby Hughes and Jody Tackett pushed in seven apiece as the Blackcats registered the win.

Adams scored 12 points in each of the four quarters. The Blackcats led 12-10 at the end of the first period and then

outscored Allen 12-2 in the second period to take a 24-17 cushion into the intermission. Adams led 36-28 at the end of three quarters.

Jordan Hall tossed in five points for the Blackcats and Josiah Reno netted four. Luke Sturgill and Dane Sizemore chipped in three points apiece to round out the Adams scoring.

Josh Rodebaugh paced Allen with a game-high 12 points. Adam Gearheart scored eight for the Eagles. Allen, in hopes of making a comeback in the fourth quarter, scored just seven points in the final period.

Kenny Mullins and Justin McKinney scored four points apiece for Allen. Dustin Collins added three. B.J. Spurlock and Jared May added two points each.

B-TEAM: Adams 45, Allen 28 — Jody Tackett scored 12 points, Allen Craynon added nine and Seth Setser tossed in eight to lead the Adams B-team to the win.

Kenny Mullins pushed in a game-high 21 points for Allen. Bryant Tibbs scored four and Joshua Head added three.

Nine different players scored for the Adams B-team. Luke Sturgill scored six for the Blackcats. Austin Gearheart, Matt Sword, Adam Kimbler, Chris Schoolcraft and Alex Stumbo all had two points.

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## Rule

pushing it a little bit."

Johnson Central senior guard Mike Walters scored his 1,000th point in a loss to South Floyd earlier this month. Walters continues to heal from an ankle sprain he suffered in that same game.

Allen Central junior center Becky Thomas headed into Friday night's game against Betsy Layne ranked fourth in

the state in field goal percentage and third in rebounding. Belfry senior Anna Bevins ranked 11th in the state in scoring. University of Kentucky-bound Sarah Elliott, a senior at Jackson County, led the state in scoring.

Recruiting expert Rick Bolus, midway through the current season, ranks Mason County senior Chris Lofton as the top boys' basketball player in the state.

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## HIGH SCHOOL

# KHSAA delegates do not approve financial-aid measure

by MURRAY EVANS  
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LEXINGTON — A proposal that would have barred from state tournaments schools that offer financial aid to students, and rendered ineligible for athletics students who received such assistance, did not pass Thursday during the Kentucky High School Athletic Association annual meeting.

The proposal, co-authored by four public-school athletics directors, received a 127-111 majority, but a two-thirds majority, or 164 votes, was required for the measure to pass.

Two other proposals, which would have made foreign-exchange students ineligible for varsity athletics and prevented non-Kentucky residents from representing Kentucky high schools in athletics competition, also did not pass.

The financial-aid proposal sparked the most debate during a morning session devoted to answering questions about the proposals. Some public-school

representatives have said private schools have an advantage in competition, because those schools have no enrollment boundaries and can offer financial aid to students, including potential athletes, who might not otherwise afford to attend.

"Philosophically, we felt it was time to bring this up," said Mark Swift of Ashland Blazer High School, one of the co-authors of the proposal. "I don't necessarily feel any animosity one way or another. There are good people on both sides of this issue who voted their conscience in there."

Forty-three of the 283 members of the KHSAA are private schools, and several representatives from those schools spoke against the measure.

"Private-school administrators support establishing policies and procedures that prohibit recruiting students for the purpose of athletics, and in particular the granting of financial assistance for the purpose of athletics," said Bill McKinley, the executive director of the

Christian Academy of Louisville.

"But (this proposal) and other proposals aimed only at private schools are not the best and most appropriate way to resolve these problems."

Longtime Newport Central Catholic football coach Bob Schneider was more blunt.

"I've played against some of the finest public schools in the state of Kentucky with great football programs. Nowhere did any of those (fellow coaches) ever imply that I had an advantage over them when I played them," Schneider said. "If you make your own program a good program, you can compete with these people."

A majority of delegates (143 to 96) voted against the proposal that would have made Kentucky the first state to declare foreign-exchange students ineligible for varsity athletics.

The proposal to prevent non-Kentuckians from playing for state prep teams received a 144-99 majority, but that was not enough for it to pass.

## Past

For the game, Ashley Howard had 25 points and Calloray Howard added 23.

The two teams left the first period with 13 points apiece. Magoffin County outscored Belfry 21-16 in the third period and 30-23 in the final quarter.

Vicki Hall scored a game-high 30 points for Belfry. Anna Bevins ended the game with 24 markers.

## Perry Co. Central 77, Hazard 38

SALYERSVILLE — In a game between two rivals, Perry Central fell behind by 20 points in the opening quarter and never fought back to get within contention. The Lady Commodores dominated, outscoring Hazard in all four periods. Perry Central outscored Hazard 20-12 in the second period to lead 44-16 at halftime. Hazard was outscored 17-8 in the third period.

Polly Sebastian led the Perry Central charge with a game-high 18 points.

## Leslie Co. 66, Knott Co. Central 62

HINDMAN — Heather Benton scored a game-high 31 points to lead visiting Leslie County to a win over Knott County Central. Ciara Stidman added 14 in the win.

Erin Hall led Knott Central

## Lettermen

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were Derek Abney, Leonard Burress, Antonio Hall, Jared Lorenzen and Nick Seitze.

Prestonsburg High head coach John DeRossett, Caudill's old coach — like several others in Floyd County — is happy to see Caudill finish a fine collegiate grid career.

"Jeremy wanted to attend to the University of Kentucky and play football and he has made the most of it," said DeRossett. "I've been contact by some different NFL franchises and many are high on Jeremy."

Looking at the 2004 season, Kentucky returns 44 of 61 lettermen, including 18 on offense, 22 on defense, and four on special teams. Returning starters are six on offense, 10 on defense, and the starting kicker and punter.

with 20 points.

## West Carter 73, Lawrence Co. 60

After a 15-15 first-quarter, West Carter scored more points than Lawrence County in the next two periods to pull away for the win.

Steph Hall scored 21 and Leigh Audra Perry followed with 19 for West Carter (6-7).

Lawrence County (6-5) was led by center Katie Arrington with 19 points and Brittney Schaeffer with 14. Megan DeLong scored 11 points and Bree Frazier 10.



photo by Jamie Howell  
Prestonsburg freshman Meaghan Slone went up for a layup in Thursday night's game against Phelps

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he saw how he had improved and bettered himself with new and improved skills.

"Burnett has to be the most improved player in this region," said Webb. "He has a nose for the ball and loves to play the game. He uses his body very well and does an outstanding job keeping the ball above his head.

The junior comes to the gym, everyday, willing to work hard, learn the game, and help his team.

"Burnett is very coachable and has a positive attitude," added Webb. "He is averaging a double-double this year. He along with (Steven) Stanley gives us an inside presence that we are not use to. He continues to work hard and takes great

pride in rebounding the ball. His impact is tremendous on this team as he continues to improve and produce every night out. I feel Burnett is a quality young man who is showing that hard work and dedication to the game pays off."

Little has played big all season long. He leads the Raiders in both rebounding and scoring. He tossed in a game-high 30 points in a 58th District win over Betsy Layne this past Tuesday.

South Floyd has a goal set of capturing a fifth consecutive 58th District championship. With Burnett Little now helping lead the charge, the Raiders are also looking forward to a long stay in this year's post-season.

RESULTS OF VOTING - 2004 KHSAA Annual Meeting - (Two Thirds - 164 Votes-Required for Passage)			
PROPOSAL	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
PROPOSAL 1 - Proposed by Ron Madrick, Holmes High School - An amendment to the Constitution that would revise the deadlines for submission and distribution of proposals.	204	36	2
PROPOSAL 2 - Proposed by Jim Sexton, Eastern High School - An amendment to the Constitution that would remove the two-term limit for Board of Control members.	84	156	2
PROPOSAL 3 - Proposed by Ron Madrick, Holmes High School - An amendment to the Constitution that would expand the Board of Control to thirty (30) voting members.	137	103	2
PROPOSAL 4 - Proposed by Ron Madrick, Holmes and Mark Swift, Ashland Blazer - An amendment to Bylaw 5 to restrict athletic eligibility to residents of Kentucky with limited exceptions.	142	99	1
PROPOSAL 5 - Proposed by Bill Cowan, Calloway County - Proposed by the Board of Control - An amendment to Bylaw 5 to clarify that being on track to graduate is at the school where enrolled to prevent leaving on school to escape academic ineligibility.	133	108	1
PROPOSAL 6 - Proposed by Jim Sexton, Eastern High School - An amendment to Bylaw 6/7 to stipulate that the automatic ineligibility provisions for students under penalty would require that such be a "legal" penalty, and not a school imposed penalty such as temporary suspension or demerits.	136	100	6
PROPOSAL 7 - Proposed by the Board of Control - A technical amendment which moves the "athletic advantage" restrictions under the bonafide change of residence rule to apply to all other exceptions.	222	18	2
PROPOSAL 8 - Proposed by B.F. Behrendt, Reidland High School - An amendment to Bylaw 6 to state that the one year period of ineligibility would apply from the championship date of the last sport participated, rather than from enrollment, to ensure that a maximum of one year ineligibility would be involved.	138	103	1
PROPOSAL 9 - Proposed by the Board of Control - An amendment to Bylaw 6 which would clarify an omission in the 2000 amendments to Bylaw 6, and clearly state that out of state students are subject to the transfer restrictions.	229	12	1
PROPOSAL 10 - Proposed by the Board of Control - An amendment to Bylaw 6 to revise and substitute technically correct wording for exception "F" dealing with schools who formerly were labeled "in crisis".	231	8	1
PROPOSAL 11 - Proposed by Jim Sexton, Eastern High School - An amendment to Bylaw 6 to stipulate that the one year period of ineligibility would be for varsity play only.	48	189	3
PROPOSAL 12 - Proposed by Jim Sexton, Eastern High School - An amendment to Bylaw 6 to restrict the play of foreign exchange students to the non-varsity level.	96	143	1
PROPOSAL 13 - Proposed by Frank Watson, Paul Dunbar, Jerry Mezur, Henderson County, Joe Ruddell, Tates Creek and Mark Swift, Ashland Blazer - An amendment to Bylaws 7 and 22 which would stipulate that students who accept financial aid from a school or school related entity would not be eligible, and that schools that award such aid would not be eligible to enter KHSAA championship play.	127	111	2
PROPOSAL 14 - Proposed by the Board of Control. An amendment to Bylaw 25 to set a standard start date for the fall sports of volleyball, soccer and cross country to allow for ease in scheduling, even if the fall championship date moves.	239	0	1
PROPOSAL 15 - Proposed by the Board of Control. An amendment to Bylaw 25 to set a standard start date for wrestling to allow for ease in scheduling, even if the fall championship date moves.	226	1	13
PROPOSAL 16 - Proposed by Frank Watson, Paul Dunbar. An amendment to Bylaw 26 to specifically exempt postseason celebratory activities from the Dead Period restrictions.	196	42	2
PROPOSAL 17 - Proposed by the Board of Control. An amendment to Bylaw 27 to clarify that the Board of Control shall set the clinic attendance requirement to allow for annual attendance in all sports in which clinics are conducted.	228	11	1
PROPOSAL 18 - Proposed by Phil Rison, Montgomery County. An amendment to Bylaw 27 to remove the restriction of using a sole coaching education program for implementation of the requirement, and to make the reimbursement of the coach for attending the meeting be optional by the district/school.	210	29	1



# Panthers are misfits of NFL's final four

by BARRY WILNER  
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PHILADELPHIA — The Carolina Panthers could be excused for looking around and asking: "What are we doing here?"

The NFL's final four this weekend include the 2002 Super

Bowl champion (New England), a team in its third straight NFC title game (Philadelphia), and a team led by a co-MVP (Indianapolis' Peyton Manning).

Then there are the Panthers, in their eighth year of existence and, with the exception of 1996, relatively ignored outside the Carolinas. Hey, they haven't

played on Monday night since November 2000, while the Eagles, their hosts for Sunday's conference championship game, appeared in three prime-time games this season.

"You've got to do something the year before to get one of those," Eagles tackle Jon Runyan said Wednesday. "They'll get one

next year."

This year and this month, though, the Panthers have been a major surprise.

After beating defending Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay twice and running away with the NFC South, they manhandled the Cowboys in the wild-card round. Then they ended St. Louis' 14-

game home winning streak with a 29-23 overtime victory.

So they should be the darlings of the postseason, right? But they aren't. In fact, they're pretty much being ignored.

"We've only have one winning season around here, so a lot of people don't look at us because of that," said safety Mike Minter, referring to 1996, when the Panthers lost to Green Bay in the NFC title game. "And we don't have that big name. If we had that big name, a Brett Favre or somebody like that, that would help."

Yes it would. But instead of a Manning, Donovan McNabb or Tom Brady at quarterback, they have the low-profile Jake Delhomme. And instead of a Bill Belichick, the AP NFL Coach of the Year, or Tony Dungy at the helm, they have the unheralded John Fox.

But Fox has made a huge difference in a franchise that went 1-15 in 2001 under George Seifert.

"I think it turned when John Fox came," Minter said. "He said, 'Look guys, I don't care what happened up to this point. From this point on, this is a new era and this is the way we are going to run things. The guys who have been here, I am sorry you had to go through that, but

this is something new about to start."

What they went through was an unimaginable string of off-field problems. Former wide receiver Rae Carruth is serving 18 years in prison for conspiring to kill his girlfriend, Fred Lane, a former Panthers running back, was shot and killed by his wife in 2000.

Kerry Collins, now with the Giants, was accused of using a racial slur to a teammate. Collins was punched by another player for using another racial slur, and the quarterback later quit the team.

Those are not the kind of headlines a sports franchise wants.

"Anytime you have situations like we had off the field, it's definitely embarrassing, because that's all people were talking about," Minter said. "They weren't talking about football, and that's what we do for a living. They weren't talking about the Carolina Panthers winning championships. They were talking about the Carolina Panthers and their off-field problems."

Much nicer are the dramatics in St. Louis last week, and the fact the Panthers are one victory away from their first Super

(See MISFITS, page four)

## AUTO RACING

# Elliott: 'Hard to totally walk away'

by EDDIE PELLIS  
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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Bill Elliott wants to leave NASCAR on his terms. Whether he will is pretty much out of his hands.

Partly by choice, partly by necessity, one of the most popular stock car drivers will race an abbreviated schedule in 2004 before he decides whether to say "goodbye" for good.

How many races? The business side of the sport will dictate that.

"I kind of have mixed emotions," Elliott said Tuesday during a testing session at Daytona International Speedway, 33 days before the season opens with the Daytona 500. "One side says, 'Yeah, it'd be nice to run another

full season.' Another side says, 'Hey, stupid, why you wanna do that?' So, I just don't know."

Thus far, Elliott and owner Ray Evernham have secured sponsorship for only three events on the 36-race calendar. Elliott's goal is to race in 10 to 15 events.

The Daytona 500 on Feb. 15 is not on Elliott's schedule. He is here, though, to practice for the Budweiser Shootout, the Feb. 7 exhibition for pole winners from the previous season. Elliott is also around, as he will be all year, to help Evernham with testing and know-how for the two full-time cars the owner will field this year, including Elliott's old No. 9, which will now be driven by Kasey Kahne.

"It's hard to totally walk away," Elliott said.

By most objective accounts,

the 48-year-old driver is slowly being eased out of a sport that is increasingly for younger men.

"It's going to happen to everyone at some point in time," Bobby Labonte said.

But in the garage and in the stands, it's clear that almost everyone wants to see a happy ending for Elliott.

Known for his southern twang and simple style, "Awesome Bill From Dawsonville" oozes a brand of southern charm that once made this sport what it is but has slowly — some say sadly — seeped out as a more businesslike atmosphere has taken over.

He earned his nickname in 1985 when he won 11 races and 11 pole positions. He won the 1988 Winston Cup championship and 44 races over a 27-year career, including one at

Rockingham late last year. But the titles that say the most about Elliott were the 16 times he was voted NASCAR's most popular driver, a record that probably will never be broken.

As 2003 wore on, it appeared fans would be getting their last glimpses of Awesome Bill on the track. But a strong finish — he almost won the season finale at Homestead and wound up ninth in the points standings — changed those plans. Elliott decided he wanted to come back part time, and Evernham committed to trying to make it happen.

"I didn't want to see Bill Elliott leave the sport," Evernham said last month.

So the calendar was set. Elliott wants to drive at the tracks he enjoys — Las Vegas, Atlanta, Charlotte, Kansas and Michigan. A note on his Web site asks patience from his fans, many of whom are trying to figure out his schedule so they can buy tickets.

Elliott will drive the No. 91 car this season, and fans will know when he's going for good: Evernham has promised to put him in the old No. 9 car for his final race.

Elliott believes he's fortunate to have a chance to bid farewell without going through the full grind of the season, the way, say, Darrell Waltrip did during a winless and somewhat frustrating "Victory Tour" in 2000.

The limited schedule allows Elliott to set other goals. He wants to spend more time with his son, Chase. He wants to tinker with cars in other venues — a dirt-track car he owns, the NASCAR truck series and maybe Busch cars, too.

"You go out and give it your best, try to win races and go from there," he said. "But the main thing for me this year is to go out and have a good time."

## PRO FOOTBALL

# Walters, Moorehead ready to play against Patriots if needed

by MICHAEL MAROT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Troy Walters wants to play a key role for the Colts in the AFC championship game against the New England Patriots. He'd just like to share it with Brandon Stokley.

"Hopefully, he'll be ready to step in and do what he's been doing," Walters said. "If not, I've got to be ready to go."

Stokley emerged as one of Indianapolis' top receivers during the past month, catching a team-high six touchdowns in the last five games. But he missed practice Wednesday and Thursday morning after his infant son, Cameron, was hospitalized with an undisclosed illness.

Stokley practiced for about the first hour of Thursday afternoon's two-hour workout, but

his status for Sunday's game remained uncertain. Stokley left practice without talking to reporters.

The Advertiser, a newspaper in Lafayette, La., quoted Brandon Stokley's parents saying the illness was meningitis, a potentially fatal swelling of the brain or spinal cord.

Coach Tony Dungy said Stokley's son was stable and doing fine Thursday, but Dungy has left the decision about playing or practicing up to the fifth-year receiver who won a Super Bowl ring with Baltimore.

If Stokley doesn't play, Walters and Aaron Moorehead, an undrafted rookie from Illinois, likely will.

Both said that they'd like to have Stokley playing with them although they're preparing this week as if Stokley won't be in the lineup.

"If he is able to play and his son continues to improve, then he'll play," Dungy said. "If he's not, our other guys will step in and we'll move on."

Indianapolis (14-4) has fared relatively well when faced with similar situations this season.

Walters moved into the No. 3 receiver spot when Stokley's surgically repaired foot still was a problem through the first 12 games. Walters responded and had a career-high 36 catches for 456 yards and three touchdowns.

When Marvin Harrison missed a game against the New York Jets in November because of a strained hamstring, Reggie Wayne caught nine passes for 141 yards and Walters responded with four receptions for 88 yards and a touchdown.

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## YOUTH BASKETBALL

# Betsy Layne 70, South Floyd 37

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Tyler Hamilton continues to lead the Betsy Layne Elementary Bobcats. On Thursday night, Hamilton scored 22 points, pulled down 10 rebounds, and had four blocks in Betsy Layne's 70-37 win over South Floyd. Tim Honaker had 21 points and 10 rebounds in the win, while Breenan Case scored 11 points and dealt out 10 assists. Ted Honaker scored just two points, but had 10 steals and 10 assists.

"Ted (Honaker) was the key to our success on the press," said

Betsy Layne Coach David Gearheart.

Jimmy Meade also had two points for the Bobcats.

Wes Akers had 18 points for South Floyd. Akers, in getting his 18 points, connected on six three-pointers. Justin Isaac scored seven points for the Raiders and Kody Howell contributed four.

South Floyd's Tyler Mitchell, Deven Adams, Ethan Mullins and Brandon Tackett all had two points each in the loss.

C-TEAM: Betsy Layne 26, McDowell 12 — Casey Adkins scored eight points, Nick Conn added seven, and Adam Howell tossed in six to lead Betsy Layne past McDowell. Andrew Roberts scored three points, all on free throws, and Derek Tackett tossed in two.

Shannon Turner led McDowell with six points on a pair of three-pointers. Brandon Marson scored four points. Cory Paige rounded out the McDowell scoring with two points.

## Milligan

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the early stages of the second half. Pikeville pulled within five, 40-35, with 16 minutes remaining when junior Amelia Cody scored on a putback.

But Milligan put together an 11-2 run over the next four minutes, and when senior Amanda Greene scored on consecutive trips, the lead was 51-37. The Lady Bears got as close as six down the stretch but could get no closer and settled with a 12-point loss.

Pikeville shot only 42.1 percent for the game and had one player in double figures as Cody had 12. The Cordia High product was 6-of-8 from the floor.

Four other players had at least eight points, including Williams, who had nine and a team-high 10 rebounds. The Lady Bears continued their success on the glass, winning that battle 40-33.

Milligan had three players in double figures, including their

two three-point shooters. Ann Marie Gardner hit 3-of-7 from the arc to finish with 14 points, while Ginny White was 3-of-5 from outside for 11.

Kari Stout had 13 and a team-high four assists.

## Ties

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as far as that goes," said Spurlock. "Our fan support has been tremendous."

Spurlock oversees all of the basketball programs in the Hazard Independent schools system.

Here's a look at some other boys' basketball coaches with Floyd County ties who are making noise throughout the state.

■ Brian Hall — As a first-year head coach, Hall is doing well for himself. As the head coach at Breathitt County High, Hall, a former assistant coach at Johnson Central High School, has the Basketball Bobcats believing in themselves. Breathitt County is among the favorites in the 14th Region along with Hazard and Perry County Central.

Hall was an assistant coach at Johnson Central under then head coach Johnny Ray Turner.

■ Mike Reitz — In his first season at Campbell County, Reitz isn't backing down from any challenges. The Floyd County native came to Campbell County this season from Clark County. He had his Campbell County team in Paintsville earlier this year for the first annual Tiger HOOPS Classic.

■ Stacey Hall — In his first season as a college coach, Hall is learning in the college ranks. He

is an assistant coach at Centre College in Danville. Hall came to Centre from Mercer County High School where he served as head coach.

■ Shawn Thacker — With ties to the Prestonsburg High boys' basketball program as a former assistant, Thacker holds his own nowadays as a head coach. Thacker's Somerset Briar Jumpers are again vying for a title in the 12th Region. Somerset is just a couple of seasons removed from a runner-up finish in the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic.

## Ways

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But New England has lost only once since the, posting the best record in the NFL during the regular season.

"He's definitely brought an attitude, which was something Lawyer Milloy brought, too. But Rodney has brought another aspect — he's a physical presence," Patriots cornerback Ty Law said.

"We pretty much knew the type of player he was because he, myself and Lawyer hung out together at the Pro Bowl and that's one of the reasons he signed here because he thought it would be fun to play here, together."

## Defeat

tled back to take an 8-6 lead. Both teams went cold from the floor in the second quarter and Prestonsburg held a slim 18-17 lead at the half.

Darcey Hicks sparked Prestonsburg in the second half with 11 of her game-high 17 points coming in the final two quarters. Prestonsburg held on to a slim 28-26 lead after three quarters and the Lady Blackcats rode the rebounding of Channel Music in the second half to the

40-37 win.

Music pulled down 13 rebounds to lead the cats effort. Hicks finished with 17 points for Prestonsburg and Molly Burchett added 10 as the only other Blackcat to finish in double figures. Chanel Music tossed in six points to go along with her 13 rebounds.

Meaghan Slone netted four points in the win and Elizabeth Chaffin came off the bench to finish with three points to round

out the Prestonsburg scoring. S. Fields and A. Slone each finished with 11 points to lead the Phelps attack. Prestonsburg started the game with the services of senior White but played the second half without its leader. White had to leave the game because of illness. The Lady Blackcats finished the game 10-of-19 from the free throw line and Phelps shot only seven-of-17 for the game.

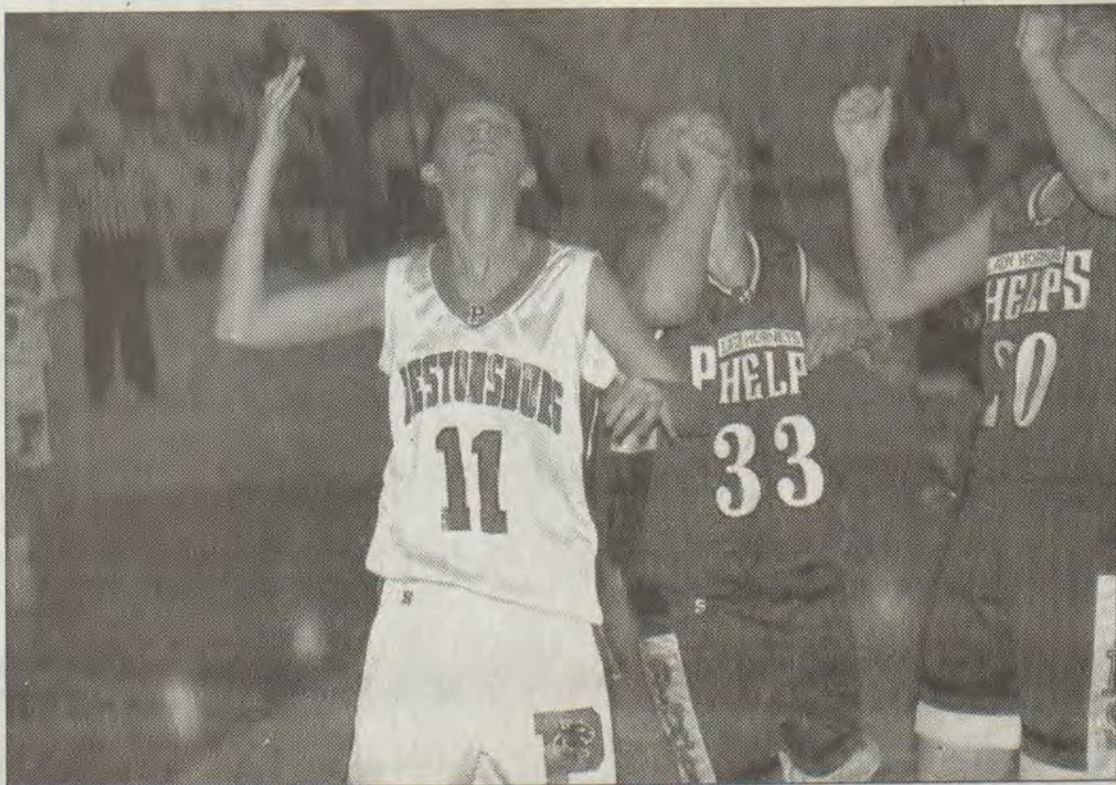


photo by Jamie Howell

Lady Blackcat Chanel Music eyed a rebound. Music, a junior, plays a key role for Prestonsburg.



# 15th Region Girls' All 'A' Classic at South Floyd

## Ladycats eye three-peat

The Betsy Layne Ladycats have won the 15th Region All "A" Classic each of the past two years. Betsy Layne is not looking for a repeat, but rather a three-peat. Standing in the way of the three-peat is first-round opponent Paintsville. South Floyd's Raider Arena is the site of the 2004 15th Region Girls' All "A" Classic. The last team to claim a championship prior to Betsy Layne's current two-year run was Pikeville back in 2001.

**COACHES PRE-SEASON TOP PLAYERS & TEAMS** - Players: 1. Whitney Lykens, Betsy Layne; 2. Becky Thomas, Allen Central; 3. Kim Clark, Betsy Layne; 4. Emily Colvin, Pikeville; 5. Jerrica Dye, Shelby Valley. Teams: 1. Betsy Layne; 2. Allen Central; 3. Shelby Valley; 4. Pikeville; 5. Paintsville.



### PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- Allen Central
- Betsy Layne
- Paintsville
- Phelps
- Piarist School
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- Shelby Valley
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Betsy Layne junior Kim Clark is one of the top players in this year's 15th Region Girls' All "A" Classic.

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# Zito has a full house of Derby prospects

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT  
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Nick Zito is plotting his return to the Kentucky Derby.

After a two-year absence, the two-time Derby winning trainer has a full house of promising colts and he's eager to see what they can do in the months leading up to America's greatest race.

"I've been lucky enough to be around a lot of great coaches and athletes," Zito said recently from his Florida winter base at Palm Meadows training center, near Gulfstream Park. "The great ones don't say what they've got. They say what they've done."

So Zito isn't touting his 3-year-olds just yet, even after their eye-catching performances at the end of last year. But when

the top Derby prep races are run, the Florida Derby, Blue Grass Stakes and Wood Memorial to name a few, a Zito-trained colt is likely to be in the field.

His early lineup of budding stars include:

— Birdstone: The 3-year-old colt's debut is not set yet, but the son of 1996 Derby winner Grindstone left a lasting impression with his win in the Champagne Stakes at Belmont on Oct. 4. Owned by Marylou Whitney, Birdstone has two wins in three starts and is an Eclipse Award finalist for top 2-year-old honors. Look for his next start at Gulfstream.

— Eurosilver: Enters the Derby trail off a win in the Lane's End Breeders Futurity at Keeneland on Oct. 4. The bay colt is a son of Unbridled's Song, who finished fifth as the betting favorite in the '96 Derby. His next start could be at Gulfstream, too.

— The Cliff's Edge: Has won his last two races, the Kentucky Jockey Club and the Iroquois. Looks like he'll prep in Arkansas.

— El Prado Rob: Won a 1 1/16th-mile allowance race at Keeneland before finishing out of the money in the Remsen Stakes at Aqueduct on Nov. 29.

The son of El Prado was scheduled to run in Saturday's Holy Bull Stakes at Gulfstream.

— Ghost Mountain: Already off and running as a 3-year-old, finishing third in last week's Spectacular Bid Stakes at Gulfstream.

"You can't have enough," Zito says.

The New York trainer's first Derby starter was Thirty Six Red, who finished ninth in 1990. His next two trips to Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May ended in the winner's circle, with Strike the Gold in 1991 and Go for Gin in 1994.

He's 0-for-9 since, but happy to have a chance to end the streak.

Zito isn't alone with a strong stable. Out West, trainer Richard Mandella has a leading prospect in Action This Day, surprise winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Next start for Action This Day is the Sham Stakes at Santa Anita on Feb. 8.

Mandella also conditions BC Juvenile runner-up Minister Eric and the filly Halfbridled, who capped an unbeaten season with a dominating win in the BC Juvenile Fillies.

Fillies rarely run in the Derby, but Halfbridled could be an exception. Her 3-year-old debut is scheduled for the Las Virgenes on Feb. 15.

"It's nice to have a couple you can dream about," Mandella said in hopes of winning his first Derby.

Mandella's best Derby finish was fifth with Soul of the Matter in 1994. The trainer set a record with four Breeders' Cup winners on Oct. 25, and perhaps his good fortune will carry through the Derby.

"I can't say much good about anything I did in Derby before," Mandella said, "but everyone around here wants to go there. Hey, I moved my barn next to Baffert's a few years ago and I'm hoping I pick something up."

Bob Baffert is sure to be back at Churchill Downs, too. The three-time Derby winning trainer

may not have a star yet, but he's not short on prospects. Among them could be Misty'sgoldentouch, Teton Forest and Wimbledon.

Count on Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas to show up on Derby Day, too. The four-time Derby winner with a record 41 Derby starters doesn't have any hot prospects yet, but he always winds up with a contender or two, or more.

At this time last year, Funny Cide was finishing sixth in the Holy Bull after hitting the gate and running wide. And who knew he'd go on to become the first New York bred and first gelding in 74 years to win the Kentucky Derby, not to mention the Preakness before his Triple Crown try ended with a third-place finish in the Belmont Stakes.

Where this year's Derby win-

ner will come from is anybody's guess.

A few more horses to watch: — Cuvee: Although he tired and finished last in the BC Juvenile, this colt still had a terrific 2-year-old season with four wins in six starts for trainer Steve Asmussen. Victories included the Belmont Futurity and Saratoga Special. Look for him to prep in Louisiana.

— Lion Heart: Undefeated in three starts, including the Hollywood Futurity, this colt is being pointed to the San Rafael on March 6 by trainer Patrick Biancone.

— Read the Footnotes: Third behind Birdstone in the Champagne, the Rick Violette-trained colt bounced back with wins in the Nashua and Remsen.

(See DERBY, page six)

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

# Ashland downs Lawrence Co. in overtime

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND — Lawrence County battled back from a 20-point deficit before falling to 16th Region favorite Ashland, 59-58, in overtime at James A. Anderson gym.

Lawrence County led on three occasions in overtime, but Ashland refused to give up.

Senior forward Chad Cook sank two free throws with 16 seconds remaining to put the Tomcats in front to stay.

Lawrence County, which had three starters foul out, missed shots on its final three possessions. The Bulldogs came up with a steal of an inbound pass with seven seconds left, but quickly misfired on a 3-pointer.

Ashland missed two free throws with 1.7 seconds to go, leaving Lawrence County only time to throw a long desperation shot that missed the basket.

Ashland got off to a sizzling start, hitting 12 of its first 17 floor shots. Drew McDavid and Adam Howard capped the early fireworks with back-to-back 3-pointers, pushing the Tomcats'

lead to 33-13 with 5:40 left in the half.

The 20-point margin quickly melted, however, as Lawrence County closed the half with a 14-1 run to get within 34-27.

The Tomcats regrouped and led 49-41 with just over five minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. Lawrence County eventually pulled even at 52 on Peyton Preece's putback with 1:05 to go.

Neither team scored again in regulation play. Ashland missed an open jumper at the buzzer.

Howard scored 15 points to lead a balanced effort for the Tomcats, who improved to 7-4 and remained unbeaten inside the region.

McDavid had 14 points, including 12 in the first 10 minutes to ignite Ashland's fast start.

Cook finished with 12 points, while Matt Johnson supplied a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Lawrence County got 17 points from Shawn Thompson. Brandon Parsons had 10 before fouling out with 2:23 left in the fourth quarter.

## Play

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When Walters missed the Colts' next game, at Buffalo, Harrison had six catches for 47 yards and Moorehead caught five passes for 71 yards.

And when Walters broke his nose against Tennessee in December, Stokley emerged. He has 25 receptions for 368 yards

since then and supplanted Walters as the team's No. 3 receiver.

"Brandon was probably the No. 1 guy Bill Polian wanted to get this offseason," Dungy said, referring to the team president. "He thought he could really help us in the slot, he's capable of making big plays and he's done all that."

But the Colts wouldn't be facing New England (15-2) for a chance to play in the Super Bowl if their backups hadn't produced.

They won two of three games when Edgerrin James was out with two broken bones in his lower back, and are 5-1 since rookie tight end Dallas Clark broke his right leg in the first New England game.

The Colts may need more than Walters and Moorehead to produce this week, though, for their offense to keep scoring points.

With Clark, the team's second tight end in double-tight end formations, out and Marcus Pollard questionable with a sprained right ankle, Peyton Manning may have to rely on blocking tight end Joe Dean Davenport and late-season free-agent signee Pete Mitchell as fill-ins, too.

Dungy was diplomatic Thursday when he said he was comfortable with Walters or Moorehead, Davenport or Mitchell.

The reason seems simple: Colts players understand they have to be ready for anything.

"Obviously, we're hoping Brandon plays, but if not you've got to be ready to go," Moorehead said. "You have to take advantage of the opportunity if it arises."

## Misfits

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Bowl.

Much nicer is the way they haven't been spoiled by sudden success.

"We feel no pressure," line-backer Dan Morgan said. "We're having fun with it and will just come out and try to win the game."

Added Delhomme: "It's a pretty good fairy tale."

Yet, it's a fairy tale that has not become a household story. Manning's precision, Belichick's brilliance, the Eagles' failures with a Super Bowl berth on the line — those have been the juicy subplots.

"I think we'll get noticed," Morgan said, "if we win Sunday."

## NFL Playoffs

All Times EST  
Wild-card Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 3  
Tennessee 20, Baltimore 17  
Carolina 29, Dallas 10  
Sunday, Jan. 4  
Green Bay 33, Seattle 27, OT  
Indianapolis 41, Denver 10

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 10  
Carolina 29, St. Louis 23, 2OT  
New England 17, Tennessee 14  
Sunday, Jan. 11  
Indianapolis 38, Kansas City 31  
Philadelphia 20, Green Bay 17, OT

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 18  
AFC Championship  
Indianapolis at New England, 3 p.m. (CBS)  
NFC Championship  
Carolina at Philadelphia, 6:45 p.m. (FOX)

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 1  
At Houston  
6:25 p.m. (CBS)

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 8  
At Honolulu  
7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

## YOUTH BASKETBALL

# Adams 'C' squad entertains Warfield

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Adams Middle School C-Team was back in action this week at home on Wednesday night versus Warfield. The Blackcats improved their record to 3-3 with a 21-17 win. The Blackcats started slow but finished strong with solid defense. Austin McKinney led the way with 10 points, Josh Blackburn and Josh Craynon pitched in four points each, Wil Allen added two and Kyle Gearheart rounded out the scoring with one point.

In a preliminary C-Team game with Warfield, the Blackcats struggled offensively in a 22-19 overtime loss as Joseph Jamerson grabbed 13 rebounds and Wil Allen scored 11 points. Nathaniel Fraley added six points, Robbie Grigsby scored two points and James Sturgill scored one point. The Blackcats played hard in

forcing overtime against the taller Indians but were outscored 6-3 in the overtime period.

## Adams tops Allen

On Thursday night, Adams traveled to Allen to take on the host Eagles. Alex Griffith was hot early for Allen as he scored eight first-half points. However, the Adams defensive efforts helped the visiting Blackcats take a 17-9 lead at halftime. The Blackcats extended their lead in the second half with balanced scoring and won 39-11. Eleven players scored for Adams as Josh Blackburn and Austin McKinney led the way with six points each. Wil Allen added five points. Joseph Jamerson, Kyle Gearheart and Josh Dingsu scored four points each while Josh Craynon, Nick Conn, Brad Stanley, Cody McCoy and Anthony Hallum had two points each. Griffith finished with eight points to lead Allen in scoring. The Adams C-Team

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# Rijo may be ready to call it quits

by JOE KAY  
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CINCINNATI — Jose Rijo's remarkable comeback might have finally reached the end.

Only a month before Cincinnati Reds pitchers report for spring training, Rijo has given the club no indication that he'd like to come back from his sixth elbow operation. Rijo attended spring training each of the last two years on minor league deals.

"The last time I talked to Jose about a month ago, he didn't mention anything about trying to pitch again," Johnny Almaraz, the club's director of international scouting and player development, said in a telephone interview Thursday from the Dominican Republic.

Rijo didn't return a message left in the Dominican Republic.

If he does retire, it's unlikely he'll make a formal announcement. Even when he quit throwing in the late 1990s, he couldn't bring himself to concede that his career might be over.

If he was hoping to attend spring training, he would have contacted the club by now.

"Since my arrival in Cincinnati, there's been no mention of that on any front," first-year general manager Dan O'Brien said in a recent interview. "He's given no indication at this point that he has any plans for another comeback."

Rijo, 38, was hoping to make the Reds' opening day roster last year, but more elbow problems resulted in another operation and most likely ended his comeback. Pain returned when Rijo resumed throwing during the summer, and doctors ruled out another operation.

Instead, Rijo spent the end of last year running his baseball academy in the Dominican Republic. The Reds have an agreement to develop players through the academy.

Almaraz expects to visit Rijo in the next few days and get a more definitive idea of his plans.

"The last time I talked to him, he did say that he felt good," Almaraz said. "With Jose, a lot of times I think it depends on how he feels physically, and he makes a decision at the spur of the moment. He's a very spontaneous person."

He was MVP of the Reds'

World Series sweep of Oakland in 1990, and was one of the most dominating starters in the majors until his right elbow gave out. Rijo's best pitch was a nasty slider that stumped hitters and stressed his elbow.

Doctors removed a calcified ligament from the elbow in August 1995, the first of the six operations. He stopped throwing in the late 1990s, figuring his

career was at an end.

While developing his baseball academy, Rijo got an urge to try one more time. The elbow felt good when he threw, and he won a spot in the bullpen in 2001, six years after the last time he had pitched in the majors.

Rijo became one of baseball's most amazing comeback stories.

He spent the 2002 season in the majors, going 5-4 with a 5.14

ERA in nine starts and 22 relief appearances. However, his fastball was subpar and he tended to fade after four or five innings.

The fastball was back to 90 mph in spring training last year, but the elbow began to ache. He had surgery on March 11 to remove a bone chip — his sixth operation — and stayed in Florida on an extended spring training assignment.

A pulled hamstring slowed the comeback, and he started having pain in another part of the elbow. Dr. James Andrews examined him and said another operation was out of the question.

Rijo attended an interleague series in Tampa last June and acknowledged that he would have to retire if the elbow didn't improve.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# No. 8 Louisville 76, East Carolina 66

by JAY COHEN  
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GREENVILLE, N.C. — Louisville coach Rick Pitino tripped over a tumbling mat heading out to the court before the game against East Carolina on Thursday night.

His team was decidedly more steady.

Taquan Dean and Larry O'Bannon each scored 16 points and No. 8 Louisville's

swarming defense forced 16 turnovers in a 76-66 victory over the Pirates.

The Cardinals (12-1, 3-0 Conference USA) won their 12th consecutive game and fifth straight by double digits. Louisville is second nationally in scoring margin at over 23 points per game.

Pitino, who chuckled after the near fall as the crowd laughed, disappeared from the locker room almost immediately after the game and was unavailable for comment, according to a Louisville official.

His team was happy to do the talking for him.

"We've got 12 wins in a row now, we won on the road," said Francisco Garcia, who finished with 11 points and seven rebounds. "It's a big win. They've got a great crowd. They were in the game the whole 40 minutes."

Derrick Wiley scored 23 points for East Carolina (8-5, 0-3), which lost its ninth consecutive conference game dating to

last season.

The Pirates played without second-leading scorer Gabriel Mikulas, who broke his arm during practice on Wednesday and is out for the remainder of the season. Erroyl Bing, usually East Carolina's top sub, started in his place and had nine points.

East Carolina could have used Mikulas at the start of the second half. Dean made consecutive 3-pointers and O'Bannon had a steal and a dunk as Louisville started the half with a 10-0 run to take a 48-28 lead.

"Our whole game plan was to keep them out of the lane and we did that the first five minutes, after that we did not do that," Louisville assistant coach Kevin Willard said about the second half. "In this arena and in this type of atmosphere, the first five minutes was big for us."

The Pirates got within eight points in the final two minutes but couldn't complete the comeback. Dean hit three free throws and Alhaji Mohammed had a key dunk to help ice the game.

It was the fourth straight loss

for the Pirates, who have committed 73 turnovers during their losing streak. They didn't help themselves at the free-throw line, going 11-of-18.

"What we've got to get away from in this league is playing from behind," East Carolina coach Bill Herrion said. "You just expend so much energy playing from behind, these teams are just too talented."

Both teams struggled shooting early, but Louisville was just a little better. Otis George hit a jumper and Nate Daniels made a 3-pointer to help the Cardinals take a 34-22 lead with 4:11 left in the first half.

Louisville had a 38-28 halftime lead behind Garcia's nine points. The Cardinals harassed the Pirates into shooting 9-of-29 from the field.

Louisville wasn't much better, shooting 38 percent but the Cardinals were 6-of-16 on 3-pointers before halftime.

The Pirates dropped to 3-37 all-time against ranked opponents and 2-2 against the Top Ten.

## Player

recruited him with hopes he could fill a spot at either shooting guard or small forward.

He started at small forward last season as the Wildcats finished 32-4 and reached the Elite Eight. Kentucky lost two centers off that team, and although the Wildcats signed a pair of 7-foot freshmen, Daniels knew it would probably be his job as a senior to play in the post.

His focus this season, he said, has been to improve his strength — he's bulked up to 214 pounds — and improve his rebounding. The latter is of particular interest to his mother, Carmen.

"That's the only thing my mom tells me to do," said Daniels, who hit the game-winning shot at the buzzer Tuesday in Kentucky's 67-66 win at No. 20 Mississippi State. "She always screams, 'Rebound! Rebound!' the whole game, so

I've got to do that for her."

Apparently, he's been listening. Daniels is averaging 7.0 boards per game, along with 15.0 points for the fifth-ranked Wildcats (11-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference). Entering the season, he had career averages of 6.2 points and 3.4 rebounds per game.

"Erik has always had the capability," Kentucky point guard Cliff Hawkins said. "I think this year, he's getting more touches. We're going to him in the post. He's one of our first options down low. Plays are run for him and he's capitalizing on them."

Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said Daniels has made a conscious effort this season to improve his offensive rebounding.

"I think he's figured out that's the way he's going to score,"

Smith said. "I think the matchups for him (this season) have been fairly even. We haven't played anyone overwhelmingly taller than he is."

Not that it would bother Daniels.

"I really don't think about it any more," he said. "I just go out there and play. You're just trying to get victories out there."

Daniels said his past as a point guard has helped him become a more versatile post player.

"Every now and then, I have a matchup where I can go outside and take my man off the dribble. I've said that's made my game a lot better," Daniels said. "I'm able to do all the things I did on the perimeter, but I'm able to do them in the post. I can see guys cutting to the basket. It just makes the offense run a lot better."

Still, when Daniels makes a mistake — or doesn't live up to his own expectations — he can be critical of himself. Teammates and coaches say it's not unusual to hear Daniels muttering unprintable things to himself during practices or games.

"His biggest thing has been negative self-esteem," Smith said. "I think he has a belief in himself and his ability, but he's his own worst critic. That's why he's struggling from the free-throw line right now (shooting 54.5 percent), because he has a tendency to not believe that the ball is going to go in."

Daniels said that assessment is correct, and that talking to himself on the court has been a lifelong habit. But there may be a benefit to it.

"I think (talking to himself) actually makes him play better," Hawkins said. "When he gets down on himself, he comes out and plays better. So when he does that, I leave him alone and let Erik do his thing."

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## BRIEFS

# Vermeil signs to come back for more

## FOOTBALL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Dick Vermeil signed a two-year contract extension to coach the Kansas City Chiefs.

Terms of the new contract were not announced. Vermeil signed a three-year, \$10 million deal in 2001.

The 67-year-old Vermeil told The Associated Press that he doubted very much he would coach into his 70s.

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Jets coach Herman Edwards received a two-year contract

extension despite finishing with the team's worst record since 1996.

Edwards, who had two years left on his deal worth about \$1.3 million annually, is 25-23 in three seasons with the Jets. The Jets went 6-10 this season.

SAN FRANCISCO — Willy Robinson was hired as the San Francisco 49ers' defensive coordinator after four seasons as the Pittsburgh Steelers' defensive backs coach.

Robinson replaces Jim Mora, hired as the Atlanta Falcons' head coach last week. — AP

## AUTO RACING

# IROC making changes for this season

by HANK KURZ Jr.  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Va. — The International Race of Champions is hoping some big changes help inject stability into its four-race series.

The series, featuring an all-star cast of drivers from stock car and open-wheel series, is going to three new tracks this year with a sponsorship deal that makes its old one look like pocket change.

"We've been listening to the fans and the press about trying to move things around," IROC president Jay Signore said Thursday. "I think you're going to see the beginning of a brand-new IROC approach in trying to get back to some of the old."

While changes in how the champion in NASCAR's top series will be determined have drawn a lot of recent attention, IROC's biggest change has nothing to do with rules.

With a three-year sponsorship deal with whiskey producer Royal Crown, IROC will offer a \$1.9 million purse and a \$1 million check to the champion after four races, easily the highest prize package in the history of the series. Last year's IROC champion, NASCAR star Kurt Busch, received just \$250,000 for his title.

The sponsorship deal came after three years of discussions, Signore said, and with the series getting "pretty close" to folding before the deal was worked out.

The IROC schedule will begin as always at Daytona two days before the Daytona 500 kicks off the NASCAR Nextel Cup schedule, then will move to Texas on April 2, Richmond on Sept. 9 and Atlanta on a date to be determined. Gone from last year's schedule, IROC's last with sponsorship from True Value, are Talladega, Indianapolis and Chicago.

Busch is committed to returning this year, along with Matt Kenseth, champion of what now is the Nextel Cup series. Other drivers committed include Scott Dixon, Scott Sharp and Helio Castroneves of

the Indy Racing League.

Seven other drivers remain to be selected.

IROC, started in 1974, pits 12 top drivers from the NASCAR series and open-wheel racing in identically prepared cars with 350 cubic-inch engines. Races last 100 miles and are run without qualifying, pit stops or drivers being allowed to alter their cars.

Past champions have included Indy-car greats Al and Bobby Unser, A.J. Foyt and Mario Andretti and NASCAR stars Davey and Bobby Allison, Dale Earnhardt, Mark Martin, Rusty Wallace, Ricky Rudd and Kevin Harvick.

The series' visit to Richmond on Sept. 9 will mark its first on a track shorter than 1 mile, and will complete a quadruple-header weekend at Richmond International Raceway also featuring NASCAR's top three series in a span of three days.

"It'll be a fantastic venue," Busch said of the popular three-quarter-mile, D-shaped oval. "There will be some fiberglass that might come off the cars that you don't normally see at the speedways we run on," he said.

The IROC race will be run on the same Thursday night as a Craftsman Truck series event, track president Doug Fritz said. The weekend also will feature a Busch series race the following night and the Nextel Cup — formerly Winston Cup — race on Saturday night.

"A lot of elements have come into place to where this makes a lot of sense for IROC," Fritz said, noting the track's popularity with drivers from both NASCAR and various open-wheel series. "We're excited about the show they're going to put on."

The races at Daytona and Texas also will be run at night, Signore said.

## IN THE CLASSROOM

# Kentucky leads SEC with 53 Fall Academic Honor Roll selections

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Southeastern Conference Commissioner Mike Slive released the 467-member 2003-04 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll Thursday, and the University of Kentucky led all schools with 53 honor roll recipients. Vanderbilt was next in line with 45 honorees. The list consists of deserving student-athletes from football, men's and women's soccer and volleyball and is compiled with grades registered during the 2003 spring, summer and fall semesters. Coach Rich Brooks' UK football squad led the Kentucky fall sport contingent with 23 honorees. Lawrence County native

Gerard Parker, a receiver on the UK grid team, was among the honorees. Parker will suit for the UK football team in the fall as a senior. He is a three-year letterman.

## Derby

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His next start could be in next month's Fountain of Youth at Gulfstream. He's a New York bred, too.

Any others? Try Silver Wagon, the Hopeful winner entered in the Holy Bull; Laurel Futurity winner; and Master David, entered in Saturday's Santa Catalina in his first race for trainer Bobby Frankel.

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**Reds Winter  
Caravan coming  
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**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds' 2004 Winter Caravan will appear in three states and six cities as part of this year's annual tour. All stops are free and open to the public.

The Caravan will make its first public stop on Thursday, January 29 at Fricker's in the southern Dayton suburb of West Carrollton (5 to 7 p.m.) followed the next day by stops at the Lima Mall in Lima (noon to 2 p.m.) and Flannagan's Dublin on the outskirts of Columbus (5 to 7 p.m.). On Saturday, Jan. 31, the caravan will visit the Louisville Slugger Museum in Louisville (10 a.m. to noon), Malone's in the Lansdowne Shoppes on Tates Creek Road in Lexington (2 p.m. to 3 p.m.) and the Lazarus Dome at Huntington Mall in Huntington (6 to 7:30 p.m.).

The Winter Caravan is the road version of the very popular Redsfest, which was held in December at the Convention Center downtown. The Winter Caravan provides fans with the opportunity to interact with players, coaches, broadcasters, chief operating officer John Allen, general manager Dan O'Brien and manager Dave Miley. Scheduled to appear at all six stops are Allen, O'Brien and Miley, along with legendary Hall of Fame radio broadcaster Marty

Brennaman, pitching coach Don Gullett and senior special assistant Gene Bennett.

Attending the stop at Fricker's in West Carrollton will be newly-acquired RHP Cory Lidle, highly-touted LHP Brandon Claussen and the organization's Minor League Player of the Year, which will be announced at the LaSalle High School Stag on Wednesday, Jan. 28.

Veteran RHP Todd Van Poppel, fan favorite IF/OF Ryan Freel and rookie sensation RHP Ryan Wagner will visit Lima, Columbus, Louisville, Lexington and Huntington.

Beloved mascot Mr. Red also will attend each event, while representatives of the front office will be on hand to discuss season tickets and group sales.

Date:	Location	Time
Thursday, January 29	Dayton, Fricker's in West Carrollton	5 to 7 p.m.
Friday, January 30	Lima, Lima Mall	Noon to 2 p.m.
	Columbus, Flannagan's Dublin	5 to 7 p.m.
Saturday, January 31	Louisville, Louisville Slugger Museum	10 a.m. to noon
	Lexington, Malone's in Lansdowne Shoppes	2 to 3 p.m.
	Huntington, Lazarus Dome at Huntington Mall	6 to 7:30 p.m.



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The new fieldhouse at Prestonsburg High School allows athletes in all sports the opportunity to workout. Prestonsburg High football coach John DeRossett has players lifting five days a week.

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