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briefs

Arrest made after gun taken to school

The Associated Press

BELFRY — A student at Belfry High School in Pike County has been arrested for bringing a handgun to school, authorities said.

The 15-year-old student was charged with possession of a weapon on school grounds, a felony, said Trooper Scott Hopkins, spokesman for the Kentucky State Police post in Pikeville. The student was taken into custody on Monday.

Principal Rodney Varney said the student brought the .25 caliber gun to school March 3 to sell to another student.

Varney said the student was "not a violent kid" and hadn't been in trouble before.

"He just really made a bad decision," Varney said.

Varney has asked for an expulsion hearing before the Pike County Board of Education. That could result in the student being expelled for the remainder of the school year.

"Our tolerance for drugs and guns is zero," Varney said.

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Tomorrow



High: 53 • Low: 36

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During Tuesday night's public meeting, the Corps of Engineers provided a computer-generated simulation of the damage a 100-year flood would cause in Prestonsburg, above. At right is another simulation of what a proposed floodwall in Prestonsburg would look like.

photos courtesy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Crowd turns out to hear Corps' plans

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Local residents concerned with how a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plan to reduce flood damage within the city turned out in droves Wednesday for a town meeting at Prestonsburg High School.

The meeting, hosted by the Corps and Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, focused on correcting "inaccurate information" given previously about the project, said project manager Tammy Conforti, who brought along several Corps representatives to answer public questions and comments.

Conforti gave a slide show presentation outlining the history and future of the proposed project, through which she said the Corps would designate recommendations to its sponsor, the Floyd County Fiscal Court, by 2006.

The Corps obtained the authorization to conduct a flood reduction study in 2002 because of the 1977 flood, a 100-year flood which caused \$282 million in damages along the Levisa Fork Basin.

The study began in the low-lying city of Martin, which is currently the site of a massive effort to raise the entire community out of the floodplain, following recommendations from the Corps.

The purpose of the study is to find the best alternative for the least cost, said Conforti, who detailed both structural and non-structural possibilities that would



photo by Mary Music

Tammy Conforti, standing right, project manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, answered questions from Carlos Neeley, standing left, during the town meeting Wednesday. Neeley wanted to know how the Corps plans to protect the Black Bottom area, where a new shopping center is being constructed. Preliminarily, Conforti said, the problem could be solved with a ring wall around the entire Black Bottom area.

prevent flood damage within the city, which is home to 5,500 residential homes and 800 nonresidential buildings.

The most cost-efficient alternatives, which range from implementing a flood warning system to constructing flood rings around individual structures or a short flood wall, will be presented to the fiscal court upon the completion of the study. The fiscal court can either support the Corps' recommendations or find other alternatives, Conforti said, noting that the Corps will likely present recom-

mendations that incorporate both structural and nonstructural strategies. Conforti said all residents who participate will be doing so voluntarily.

The study will be conducted in three stages. Phase 1, a nearly \$6 million project, includes all areas lying in Prestonsburg and downstream to the county boundary. Phase 2 will focus on the area lying upstream from Prestonsburg and Phase 3 encompasses all other remaining areas in Floyd County.

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Park manager to learn fate next week

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The fate of the employment of a local state park manager will be decided next week, following a hearing which was held Wednesday in Frankfort.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Manager Julian Slone, 30, formerly of McDowell, requested the hearing with state park officials in Frankfort in an effort to respond to the state's notice of intent to dismiss him from his job privileges.

Slone was notified of the state's intent to dismiss him last month, after investigations alleged that he exposed

employees to asbestos while they were completing the unauthorized remodeling of his office and a storage closet, both of which are located at May Lodge, one floor above the dining area.

Slone was placed on administrative leave with pay in January while the state investigated the allegations, which could net nearly \$17,000 in penalty fines for the park, cited with 10 violations including the improper disposal of asbestos material and improper equipment or uniforms used during the removal of material containing asbestos from Slone's

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Ex-official charged with threatening to kill current one

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — A misdemeanor charge has been filed against a former Wheelwright city official who allegedly threatened a current city commissioner with a baseball bat, according to court documents filed Wednesday in Floyd District Court.

Luther Johnson Jr., 49, of Bevinsville, is accused of threatening city commissioner Rodney Hall by saying he would "beat the affiant's head

in with a ball bat" and "kill the affiant," according to a criminal complaint sworn by Hall March 3.

According to Hall's complaint, Johnson, a former city commissioner, threatened him with the bat March 1, two days prior to his sworn complaint.

Johnson saw a single charge of terroristic threatening filed against him in Floyd District Court Wednesday following his arrest on a warrant by Wheelwright Police

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Carroll retiring from Appalred this month

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Beverly Carroll is set to retire at the end of the month from the Prestonsburg office of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, also known as Appalred, which has offices in 37 sites throughout Appalachian Kentucky.

For the past several years, Carroll has also acted as the director of the Volunteer Lawyers for Appalachian Kentucky program. Her job involved helping the poor and indigent get good legal representation from lawyers who donated their services to eligible families.

Larry H. York, executive director of the Appalred, says he will miss the dedication



photo by Tom Doty

Beverly Carroll and Appalachian Research and Defense executive director Larry H. York at their North Front Avenue Office.

and skill Carroll brought to the office.

"She's done an outstanding job in centralizing the program," said York. "It will be a great loss."

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Odds & Ends

■ **ADVANCE, N.C.** — Two fast-food restaurant employees who bathed in a dishwashing sink took their hygiene a bit too far, the county's health director said.

The caper came to light when a photograph developer spotted pictures of the men taking turns posing in a large sink full of bubbles, said Barry Bass, director of the Davie County Health Department.

"From a public-health standpoint, you want the employees to be clean," said Bass.

The sink at the Wendy's has cleaning jets and is used to wash pots, pans and other cookware.

Bass said the restaurant won't be cited for any health-code violations.

The restaurant's manager assured health officials the sink had been sanitized and that it wouldn't happen again, Bass

said. Wendy's officials did not return calls for comment.

■ **CHARLESTON, W.Va.** — When former Delegate Arley Johnson was in seventh grade, he stood on a hillside one morning and watched his community being swept away by flood waters from the Buffalo Creek slurry pond collapse.

Among the items lost on Feb. 26, 1972 along with his family's home in Proctor Bottom was the trombone he played in his junior high school band.

He got it back last week. Wellington Drake, a 55-year-old retired CSX railroad worker, brought the trombone to Johnson in Charleston.

Drake paid \$8 for the trombone at a street sale in Huntington last summer. Only

the mouthpiece was missing.

"The case was awfully filthy when I bought it," said Drake. "When I wiped it off and saw his name, I said, 'I can't believe this.' I thought he would probably be interested in getting it back. I had no idea he had lost it that long ago. And I had no clue about the flood.

"If it had just been the name of an individual I didn't know, the trombone would have been out of my hands. I would have sold it."

Holding the trombone "brought back a flood of memories," Johnson said. "I was 12 years old. The day before the flood, I was playing that trombone."

The collapse of a Pittston Coal waste dam sent a 30-foot wave of water, coal and debris crashing through 16 communities along Buffalo Creek, killing 125 people and leaving

more than 4,000 homeless. Johnson escaped with his mother and eight siblings by climbing up a hill. His father was at work.

■ **HAZLETON, Iowa** — The string of charges involved meth, trespassing and fraud, but it was the snatching of Hostess

Ho Hos and Crumb Cakes that nabbed the suspect.

Robert Lee McKiernan, 35, of Cedar Rapids, was arrested Tuesday after an incident in which authorities say he stole a box of Hostess Ho Hos and a box of Cinnamon Crumb Cakes from a barn at an Amish farm near Hazleton, in northeast

Iowa. The local sheriff's office said deputies got a description of a car and stopped it about 2 miles from the home.

Deputies found the stolen snack cakes in the car along with materials used to make

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 12, the 72nd day of 2004. There are 294 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 12, 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt delivered the first of his radio "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.

On this date:

■ In 1664, New Jersey became a British colony as King Charles II granted land in the New World to his brother James, the Duke of York.

■ In 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Guides, which later became the Girl

Scouts of America.

■ In 1925, Chinese revolutionary leader Sun Yat-sen died.

■ In 1930, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi began a 200-mile march to protest a British tax on salt.

■ In 1938, the "Anschluss" took place as German troops entered Austria.

■ In 1939, Pope Pius XII was formally crowned in ceremonies at the Vatican.

■ In 1947, President Truman established what became known as the "Truman Doctrine" to help Greece and Turkey resist Communism.

■ In 1951, "Dennis the Menace," created by cartoonist Hank Ketcham, made its syndicated debut in 16 newspapers.

■ In 1969, Paul McCartney married Linda Eastman in

London.

■ In 1993, Janet Reno was sworn in as the nation's first female attorney general.

Ten years ago:

The Church of England ordained its first women priests. Secretary of State Warren Christopher held discussions with Chinese leaders in Beijing that were marked by blunt exchanges on human rights.

Five years ago:

Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic joined NATO. Violinist Yehudi Menuhin died in Berlin at age 82.

One year ago:

Elizabeth Smart, the 15-year-old girl who'd vanished from her bedroom nine months earlier, was found alive in a Salt Lake City suburb with two drifters. Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic was assassinated. Author Howard Fast died in Greenwich, Conn., at age 88. Actress Lynne Thigpen died in Los Angeles at age 54.

Today's Birthdays:

Former astronaut Wally Schirra is 81. Playwright Edward Albee is 76. Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young is 72. Broadcast journalist Lloyd Dobyns is 68. Singer Al Jarreau is 64. Actress-singer Liza Minnelli is 58. Singer-songwriter James Taylor is 56. Rock singer-musician Bill Payne (Little Feat) is 55. Actor Jon Provost ("Lassie") is 54. Author Carl Hiaasen is 51. Actor Jerry Levine is 47. Rock musician Steve Harris (Iron Maiden) is 47. Singer Marlon Jackson (The Jackson Five) is 47. Actor Courtney B. Vance is 44. Actor Titus Welliver is 43. Former baseball player Darryl Strawberry is 42. Actress Julia Campbell is 41. Actor Aaron Eckhart is 36. Rock musician Graham Coxon is 35. Actor Samm Levine is 22.

Thought for Today:

"All luck, you know, seldom comes alone." — Miguel de Cervantes, Spanish novelist, dramatist and poet (1547-1616).

Man convicted of killing girlfriend's young daughter

by **ROGER ALFORD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISA — An Eastern Kentucky man was found guilty Wednesday afternoon of the murder of his girlfriend's toddler.

A jury deliberated for about 4 1/2 hours before convicting Nick Ratliff, 23, of Louisa. Ratliff was also convicted on seven felony counts of first-degree criminal abuse for beating and burning the child.

The child's mother, 22-year-old Tammy Kirk of Louisa, was acquitted of murder, but was found guilty of four misdemeanor counts of criminal abuse in the death of her daughter, 20-month-old LeTemarra McDowell.

The jury recommended a 50-

year prison sentence for Ratliff on the murder charge and 70 years total for the criminal abuse charges. He was taken to the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center pending formal sentencing on May 14.

The jury recommended a 12-month sentence for Kirk. The judge released her from custody since she had already served 13 months.

In the days leading up to her murder on Feb. 8, 2002, the child had been punched and burned with a disposable cigarette lighter, Lawrence County Commonwealth's Attorney Anna Melvin said.

"Nobody wants to hear, nor do they want to believe, that something this awful, this unthinkable can happen to a baby," Melvin said in her clos-

ing arguments.

Melvin said the cause of death was "forcible asphyxiation." She said the killer cupped a hand over the child's nose and mouth and kept it there until she died, which may have taken as long as four minutes.

Public Defender Kristi Gray, representing Ratliff, blamed Kirk for the murder. Eldred "Bud" Adams Jr., representing Kirk, blamed Ratliff.

Testimony showed Kirk and Ratliff were the only two people with the baby when she died. Melvin said they were responsible for her intentional murder.

Testimony in the trial concluded on Tuesday. Closing arguments began Wednesday, one week after the trial began.

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BSCTC Dean's List and President's List for Fall 2003

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Floodwall

The Corps has completed structural and bridge surveys, aerial photography, topographical mapping and hydraulic modeling. Conforti, urging residents to be cooperative, said surveys are currently being completed to determine underground utilities placement throughout the city. Corps representatives are also currently surveying the West Prestonsburg area, she said.

"When I said our job is to lay out the best alternative, the only way we can do that is if we have your cooperation," Conforti said. "We don't want to make guesses and have the wrong numbers. It makes it very diffi-

cult to have to go back and refigure them. In order for this to work well, we ask that you cooperate with our surveyors. There's still a lot of information we need to collect."

The Corps also plans to do core drilling to evaluate they type of material upon which the short flood wall would sit.

The Corps previously believed a long floodwall would be necessary in order to protect the high school and surrounding areas. Conforti pointed out, however, that the Corps changed its mind upon realizing that the high school was floodproofed during renovations a few years

ago. Ring walls, Conforti said would most likely be recommended to protect one or two individual structures in the downtown area and a short floodwall, varying between 3 and 6 feet in height, would be appropriate to protect downtown Prestonsburg.

Conforti also explained the benefits of placing a gate closure across North Lake Drive, that would be closed only during emergencies. The road would need to be raised in three areas in order to "seal off" the town, she said.

In addition to flood damage reduction, Conforti said that the Corps would possibly recommend placing an interceptor pipe for the shortwall alignment to ensure all drain-off water would be directed to the city pump station. This pipe, she said, should help upgrade the city's storm drain and sewage system, a benefit supported by Thompson, who told the crowd that the sewage smell often drifted through his office window.

Benefits of accepting the Corps' recommendations on the project include FEMA certification for the town, which means that city residents would no longer need to purchase flood

insurance.

If the fiscal court accepts the Corps' recommendations, Conforti said the Corps will work out a contract with the county. In order to keep the community informed on the project, Conforti recommended a nine-person task force, with members selected by the fiscal court, to "link" the Corps and the community.

Thanking the Corps for "bending over backwards" to help ease tensions about the proposed project, Thompson began the public comment section of the presentation by asking how much acreage area in Prestonsburg would be protected, a question Corps members said they would look into.

"Boots" Adams, a representative of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club who has approached the Prestonsburg City Council regarding the project, expressed concern about Archer Park, asking if ring walls could be used to protect structures at the park. Conforti told Adams that the park would be eligible to be protected.

Other concerns brought out by citizens were addressed by

(See FLOODWALL page seven)



Members of the Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau tossed names on the table Wednesday designating members to head several committees overseeing the group's finances, personnel and marketing procedures.

Pharm tech charged with stealing pills

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The case against a local pharmacy technician arrested for allegedly stealing pills from her employer was continued generally following a preliminary hearing Wednesday.

Breanee L. Conley, 26, of Mousie, a pharmacy tech at Rite Aid in Martin, pleaded not guilty to a theft of a controlled substance charge during her arraignment March 4, one day following her arrest.

She was picked up by KSP trooper James R. Hunter, who alleges that he stopped her as she was leaving the business and found 100 Lortab tablets in her purse.

According to the citation, filed in district court following her arraignment, Conley

allegedly stole the pills during her shift earlier that day.

During a preliminary hearing Wednesday, public advocate Leta Baharestan, who was initially appointed to represent Conley, withdrew from the case at the request of attorney Ned Pillersdorf, who now represents her.

Judge Eric Hall continued the case generally at Pillersdorf's request and placed Conley under a \$5,000 cash bond, which she posted Wednesday.

Bret Scott, manager at the pharmacy, refused to comment yesterday about the circumstances surrounding Conley's arrest.

According to her criminal history report, Conley was found guilty of shoplifting in 1996. She received no jail time for that charge.

Defendant chooses marriage over moving

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Wedding bells are ringing for a Martin woman whose sentencing was postponed last month in Floyd Circuit Court, where she received a recommendation that she get married or move from her current residence.

Judge Danny P. Caudill suggested that Nona Nelson, 52, either get married or move during a hearing in February, which he sympathetically postponed in order to keep her out of jail.

Caudill explained during the February hearing that sentencing Nelson, charged with two counts of drug trafficking, would lead to an arrest warrant against her because her boyfriend, Bill Junior Little, 53, whom she lives with, is a convicted felon. Living with the man, Caudill said, would violate the conditions of her probation, which was negotiated through a plea agreement with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office in December.

Nelson told Caudill during that sentencing hearing that she loved Little, but didn't want to marry

him.

She changed her mind, however, according to documents filed in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, where she applied for a marriage license March 5, the same day she was scheduled to reappear for sentencing.

The couple was indicted in March 1999 on drug trafficking charges for selling Lorcet and Lortab to confidential informants with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Little was also indicted for conspiracy to commit murder and for being a persistent felony offender, charges that were later dismissed. He also faced and served time for two drug trafficking charges and was discharged, after serving one year at the Kentucky State Reformatory in La Grange.

Nelson entered a guilty plea for two second-degree trafficking charges in December, after the commonwealth offered her a sentence of one year on each count, under the condition that the sentence be probated for two years.

Nelson's sentencing, which was postponed March 5, has been rescheduled for March 19.

Allen, who represented Little in 1999, could not be reached for comment.

Threat

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Officer Randy Johnson.

Luther Johnson was taken into custody at the Floyd County Detention Center, but was later released on an unsecured \$15,000 bond, for which he will be held liable if he fails to appear for court on the charge.

Johnson's bond also stipulates that he is to stay at least 1,000 feet from Hall and have no contact with the city official, pending an outcome to the case.

Without being able to confidently verify a correlation between the two incidents, Officer Randy Johnson said he had ordered Luther Johnson's vehicle towed a few days before the arrest.

"I had Luther's vehicle towed in and I don't know if that had

anything to do with it, but they were blaming Rodney (Hall) for me doing it," Johnson said Thursday.

Randy Johnson said the move to have Luther Johnson's vehicle towed was a decision he made after discovering it had "bad plates", adding that such violations are becoming more frequent in the city. In the past month, Johnson said he has towed nearly 20 vehicles with improper registration plates.

"No one told me to do it," he said. "I've had several towed in the last month because they had bad plates."

According to court records, Luther Johnson is scheduled to appear for arraignment on April 21.

Manager

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office, the storage closet and a storage room located above the front desk.

The park was deemed safe by Occupational Safety and Health Administration officials, who inspected the facility last month. A Feb. 6 memo submitted to park employees by Commerce Cabinet Secretary W. James Host said an evaluation from the Division of Air Quality and a follow up study by Eddie Cook, asbestos coordinator for the Finance and Administration Cabinet, revealed that there is no danger to employees or park guests.

According to Jim Carroll, spokesperson for the state park system, the agency will determine by next Wednesday whether to dismiss Slone, or modify, alternate or rescind the dismissal notice.

He would not give details of that hearing, which he said was a "private" matter.

Slone, a three-year veteran of the park system, according to

Carroll, began working at Jenny Wiley in 1997, where he was the business manager. He transferred to Buckhorn Lake State Park in 2000, said Carroll, where he worked before replacing former Jenny Wiley Manager Mark McLemore last year.

As Slone anticipates his demise or reinsertion into his position, employees at the park are tossing their opinions into the ring. Several employees say they are dissatisfied with how the state has handled the situation.

Employees reported that they have received little information about the incident, leaving them to rely only on their fears and frustrations about the dangers they have been exposed to and the possible dismissal of their park manager.

"The state has been trying to cover it up," said one employee. "But we know they haven't been honest with us and that's what hurts."

That employee, who asked to

remain unidentified for the sake of his job, says he is a four-year veteran of the park who was unknowingly exposed to asbestos on a daily basis.

He and other park employees are currently pursuing medical advice and are complaining with breathing and other problems they feel may be associated with their exposure to asbestos.

Employees allege that the park failed to post adequate notification of an informal meeting with the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, which was held Feb. 18 in Frankfort. The posting for that meeting, which began at 9 a.m. that morning, was not made available to employees until 3 p.m. the day of the meeting, they said.

Carroll said he was not aware of that meeting, which was announced to employees in memo form from the Occupational Safety and Health Program.

Another employee said that the current situation and recent allegations made against Slone's "rude" treatment of employees, have been "blown up" by state park workers "who don't know what they're talking about."

One employee said that Slone appointed himself as park safety director following the October remodeling of his office. Carroll, however, said he could not confirm that information as of yesterday.

Repeated attempts to contact Slone were unsuccessful this week.

The park is currently being managed by interim directors John Paul and Steven Jones, who alternate their working days.

Carroll

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Carroll moved to the area 10 years ago with her husband Alex Carroll, of Honaker, after the two met in Leavenworth, Kan., where Alex Carroll was stationed after serving 30 years in the military. They moved here and she immediately found her "dream job" at Appalred.

Carroll also wrote for The Floyd County Times and other papers which would run her column, "Sun Shine Times," which provided helpful insights into

area programs for senior citizens.

Her health problems have made it to taxing to put in the long hours that Appalred needs, but Carroll is far from through with community service. She has plans.

"I won't be able to work full-time but I am going to be forming a group called 'Citizens Against Violence, Vulgarity and Bullying in Schools,'" Carroll said.

Tourism board delegates duties

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau did a bit of spring cleaning Wednesday during a special called meeting that focused on delegating responsibilities to members who will be working on various committees to streamline the organization.

The group, seeking ways to run the bureau more efficiently, selected three members and an alternate to oversee the committees, which focuses on the bureau's finances, marketing and personnel policies and procedures.

Tourism Director Fred James, who will participate in all committee meetings, said that creating the committees would maximize the bureau's effectiveness.

"My job is to do all that I can, but there are times when we just need to get together and hash things out," James said, noting that "four heads would be better than one" in any business.

The Finance Committee, which will primarily focus on the formation of the bureau's

budget, will be headed by current chairman David Tackett. Members Boyd Thompson and David Jewell, who was not present at the meeting, were also named to the finance committee, along with member John Goble, who will sit in as an alternate upon the absence of other members.

In addition to formalizing the budget, this committee will also study circumstances and present options for major amendments or "extraordinary purchases," that may need to be addressed by the full board, James said.

Tackett said the committee will also be responsible for reviewing and formatting the monthly financial statements, a task he says he has already started working on because the current statements are "confusing."

The finance committee will be meeting "pretty quick," he said, in order to address that problem and to begin working on the budget for the next fiscal year, which begins in June.

The Marketing Committee,

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Rocky Mountain News, Denver, on same-sex education:

The Bush administration is planning to loosen federal restrictions on same-sex education in public schools. The idea is to offer parents of public-school students a choice if they feel their children would fare better in all-girls or all-boys classes and schools.

That choice had been mostly foreclosed since 1975 by Title IX.

A 2001 change in the law allowed for same-sex education, and the Education Department is now issuing the ground rules for school systems that want to try it.

"Separate but equal" has a deservedly bad reputation dating back to the days of racially segregated schools. But same-sex education, if voluntary and properly monitored, need not be so. And the fairness of same-sex education will surely not go unmonitored since backers of loosening the restrictions — Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., among them — cross the political spectrum. ...

Sometimes official Washington seems curiously blinkered to its immediate surroundings, but many of the capital's elite private high schools are same-sex and attended by the offspring of members of Congress and the administration.

Parents of children in public schools should have the same choice.

Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle, on Martha Stewart's future:

For millions, the Martha Stewart trial was more about whether the domestic divas celebrity would win her favor among jurors. Now that Stewart has been found guilty on all counts for lying to cover up an insider stock tip, it's on to the next intrigue about her circumstances. Will she actually serve time? How much? Where? But first, let's dissect what went wrong.

Looks like Stewart's refusal to accept a deal that would have allowed her to plead guilty to one count of making false statements and obstructing justice was a mistake. Rather than going for the possibility that a judge would have placed her on probation under the plea bargain, she now faces 10 to 16 months in a federal prison cell. ...

So now with Stewart almost certain to spend at least a few months in jail, and facing a fine of up to \$1 million, sympathy is about the best thing going for her. ...

Whether such sentiments can earn Stewart a reduced sentence or a short stay in a dormitory-like minimum-security prison is fuzzy. But what's clear is that Stewart should look for new lawyers.

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Guest Column

Kentuckians want real solutions for budget crisis

by HEATHER ROE MAHONEY AND K.A. OWENS

The severe budget crisis that Kentucky faces is one of political leadership. Over the last two decades, the General Assembly cut taxes beyond reason, created loopholes for huge corporations, and failed to update aging portions of the tax code. Elected leaders bypassed numerous opportunities to make positive reform and hid in the shadows when the result was inevitable — painful budget cuts.

Our political leaders have let us down. Most guilty are those who have signed away their ability to make good decisions through an irresponsible "no new tax" pledge. Now their lack of leadership, vision, and courage is send-

ing our state hurtling toward a cliff. If we go over, the quality of life we have worked so hard to advance will fall, and fast.

This leadership failure is illustrated by some of the options being considered in Frankfort: Some are using the budget crisis to claim we spend too much, and are moving to shrink government by starving the programs and services upon which our communities rely. Slashing vital areas like education, health care, and human services goes far beyond cutting waste and hurts some Kentuckians immediately and all Kentuckians eventually.

Others are actually considering a tax reform package that would make Kentucky's tax system even more unfair than it already is. Ours is a state in which the poorest 20 percent of families pay the greatest share of their income in taxes while the share of taxes paid by corporations has fallen by half since 1990. It would be a real feat of cowardice to pass a package that makes such a system even more unjust.

And many of our political leaders, including Governor Fletcher, will only

discuss tax reform that is "revenue-neutral." Such talk is irresponsible at a time when Kentucky clearly needs more money just to avoid more cuts.

Revenue-neutral reform hamstringing Kentucky's ability to make investments that put us on a path to prosperity.

Our political leaders must realize that these are not real options for solving Kentucky's budget crisis. They must understand the unique opportunity they have to change Kentucky's history.

For the past year, Kentuckians For The Commonwealth and Democracy Resource Center, along with Kentucky Youth Advocates and Appalshop, have studied the tax system closely. It's been a grassroots effort from the start. We've knocked on doors, held kitchen table discussions, and hosted community workshops.

One thing we've heard loud and clear is that people want a real solution that produces real change.

That solution is comprehensive tax reform that makes the system fair, up-to-date, and generates enough revenue

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Letters

Gunshot euthanasia is cruel

Kentucky received national attention when amateur video showed a Henry County animal control worker shooting dogs and throwing bodies on top of each other. No one will forget the disturbing pictures of dogs suffering after getting shot. Although Henry County no longer shoots unwanted strays, Kentucky is one of a few states to allow euthanasia by gunshot.

Time is running out to get this cruel law off the books this session. House Bill 336 bans gunshot as a form of acceptable euthanasia in animal shelters with very limited exceptions. Please call (800) 372-7181 and urge

your legislator to pass HB 336. Similar legislation banning the shooting of strays in shelters failed the past two years. Last year legislators took a step in the right direction, when they passed animal control legislation, which increased penalties for animal torture. We need to continue to improve the welfare of animals.

Volunteers with GRRAND, Golden Retriever Rescue and Adoption of Needy Dogs, have saved many dogs, which would have been killed at shelters. GRRAND is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit no-kill group, which has placed more than 1,200 Golden Retrievers with new loving adoptive families in the Louisville, Lexington and Cincinnati areas, since it began in 1996. GRRAND relies solely on donations and volunteers dedicated to improving lives of displaced Golden Retrievers through medical

attention, foster care and quality adoptive homes. Please help us fight for more humane treatment of animals.
Dick Adams
President, GRRAND
Louisville

NCIU a 'wonderful service'

During the month of March, the Pikeville Methodist Hospital is celebrating the 15th anniversary of its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Our family did not want this special occasion to pass without publicly thanking the Hospital Board for providing this community with such a wonderful service for newborns in medical crises.

Specifically, we want to

extend our thanks to Dr. Ruth Ann Shepherd, her staff of nurses, technicians, and therapists who do so much for these ill infants and their families. Every family anticipates the birth of a healthy child but when your child is born premature or with birth defects it can be devastating.

When our own child was born nine years ago with several life threatening problems Dr. Shepherd gave her such wonderful care. After she had to be sent to UK Children's Hospital for care by a pediatric cardiology team, Dr. Shepherd continued her support of our family. She made herself available to answer any questions we had about what was going on, even during the late hours of the night when things were not going so well.

When our daughter had completed her surgery but

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A blocking device for Tori Spelling! TV in 2014 will have lots of new features

by FRAZIER MOORE
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — What will TV be like a decade from now? For starters, "Law & Order," featuring 78-year-old Jerry Orbach as Detective Lennie Briscoe, will be midway through its 24th season.

Another thing: Customized viewing will be the rule of thumb. You'll have far more control than just watching the shows you want to see whenever you want to see them. In the future, you can choose what you want to see within each show.

When you tune in "The Tonight Show" to find Donald Trump is a guest, you'll be able to press a button on your remote and select a guest you prefer. Maybe Nicole Kidman or Ben Stiller.

Instantly, your choice is sitting beside Jay. Since he asks every guest the same questions, it would be a seamless transformation.

What else is ahead? Well, "Wi-Fi" (for wireless internet), now starting to catch on, will tie everything together a decade from now. By then, your TV will be connected through your computer to all the other appliances in your home for maximum coordination.

That means as you program your TV for shows you like, you can also log in chores to be done around the house. When the local news comes on, so will the trash compactor. Time for "Fear Factor"? The baking soda in the fridge will be swapped out for a fresh box.

In the future, TV ratings will be streamlined: All viewers will

be personally linked to the networks, providing moment-to-moment ratings from every TV household.

Then the networks can instantly respond to how any show scores with its audience. A show that's flagging in its first few minutes could be canceled and disappear from view in mid-episode. So might the network exec who put the show on in the first place.

Obscenity on TV, such a raging issue today, will undergo an amazing reversal in the next few years. By 2014, most viewers will be so sick of brutishness and lewd behavior that nearly every bit of it will have vanished from the TV screen (even on Fox).

For the handful of viewers who miss that kind of thing, a new kind of V-chip will be introduced to serve this minority. It will sift through the hundreds of virtuous channels for any naughty glimpses of Janet Jackson or a bad word from Bono.

These are just some of the wonders likely awaiting couch potatoes of tomorrow. If you doubt such forecasts, consider the prophecies of someone who does it full time.

Phillip Swann, president and publisher of TVPredictions.com, has two broad expectations for the future of TV.

First: A proliferation of TiVo-like devices and Video on Demand, with a resulting change in how networks deliver their programming.

"In the past," says the Arlington, Va.-based analyst, "people watched television kind of like they read books." "But over the years, attention spans have gotten limited, and people have gotten busier."

The networks' traditional stream of on-air programs may be supplemented, or even replaced, by a nightly menu of choices, each available on demand, Swann says, "to allow you to be your own scheduler."

The second major change Swann envisions will result from the vastly improved picture made possible by High Definition Television (HDTV).

Shows telecast in HDTV are currently watched by roughly 3 million viewers each night.

"But when more shows are done in HDTV," Swann says,

"and more people watch it that way, it is really going to change the paradigm of how people view shows and how they view the individuals on those shows."

Why? Because the HDTV picture is so real and lifelike, says Swann, it alters the TV-watching experience as much as did the change from black-and-white to color decades ago.

The opportunity to display great vistas with unprecedented clarity may signal a resurgence of Westerns, Swann says. And in all their program development, network execs will place a high priority on visual appeal, to use HDTV to full advantage.

Some of the performers who looked great on traditional TV may not retain the same pizzazz when viewed in high definition.

"They may not be the same star on HDTV they once were," warns Swann, who adds that accompanying the new technology of 2014 could be a new breed of on-air talent.

Maybe so. But who doubts that, even at 78, Jerry Orbach will still look smashing?

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

The second week of March turned out to be a good one for adventurous DVD renters.

"Dawn of the Dead" was reissued by the folks at Anchor Bay Entertainment just in time to cash in on the upcoming Hollywood remake. This edition is light on the extras but a two-disc special edition is coming out in September for die hard fans.

Horrors fans might also enjoy "Dance with the Devil," this one is out now on DVD to capitalize on the popularity of James Gandolfini ("The Sopranos"). The film is a dark crime drama about a couple on a rampage from Mexico to San Diego. The pair is played by Rosie Perez and Javier Bardem, while Gandolfini only pops up occasionally as a DEA agent hot on their trail. This film has a bit of everything, including bank robberies, drug deals gone bad, kidnapping, voodoo rituals and even masked Mexican wrestlers.

Television fans might want to scope out the final season of Babylon 5 which wraps up the series' five-year story arc.

Kids might enjoy another "Spongebob Squarepants"

DVD, which finds the porous one going on a prehistoric adventure.

"Mystery Science Theater 3000" is back with a DVD four-pack which includes their send ups of "The Legend of Boggy Creek" and the 1970s witch thriller "Touch of Satan."

Raquel Welch fans will have a field day with five of the diva's films making their DVD debuts. They include the sex change parody "Myra Beckinridge" (based on the novel by Gore Vidal), the 1969 western "Bandolero," with James Stewart, the spy adventure "Fathom," the caveman epic "One Million Years B.C." and the offbeat ambulance company comedy "Mother Jugs and Speed," which also stars Bill Cosby and Harvey Keitel.

"The Ten Commandments" is back in a special edition which includes six documentaries and commentary by historian Katherine Orrison.

"Zero Woman: Dangerous Game" is the sixth entry in this Japanese take on the "La Femme Nikita" formula. This adventure pits a female assassin against a killer who works for millionaires that need replace-

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Clark blames horse racing industry for gambling plan's demise

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A House leader who was pushing legislation to allow casinos in Kentucky said Wednesday the bill would not advance this year.

House Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark blamed the horse racing industry, saying its internal disagreements contributed to the legislation's demise. Lawmakers and industry officials had reached an impasse and the bill was "dead as far as I'm concerned," said Clark, D-Louisville.

"The industry wouldn't come together. Every time we had an

agreement, it would fall apart," Clark said. "It's like negotiating with people in quicksand — they kept moving, and moving and moving."

On Monday, Clark said it was unlikely the legislation — which he said could have brought Kentucky \$437 million each year — would pass the General Assembly this session. The legislation was scheduled before a House panel on Wednesday, but Clark decided not to call it.

Clark proposed offering voters an amendment to the Kentucky Constitution that would have allowed for casino gambling. Had the voters approved the amendment,

Clark's plan called for as many as nine casinos throughout the state.

Sen. David Boswell, D-Owensboro, proposed similar legislation in the Senate.

Industry representatives said they had internally agreed on the bill.

The ultimate disagreements were with lawmakers, said Steve Sexton, president of Churchill Downs and Ellis Park.

The industry had even compromised on allowing casino gambling at locations other than horse racing tracks, he said. Churchill Downs also would have supported having a casino in downtown Louisville, he said.

"The industry was in complete agreement," Sexton said.

Industry officials did not agree with lawmakers on how to word the proposed amendment, Sexton said.

The industry wanted the amendment to establish a 25-mile competition-free radius around each casino, and to say how many casinos would be allowed in Kentucky, Sexton said. They also did not agree on a provision that would have allowed for local option referendums in areas where casinos would have been built, he said.

But those details were included in a proposed bill and should not have been in the amendment, Clark said.

"You do not use a constitutional amendment to legislate," Clark said. "You do not tie future legislators' hands or you do not tie the industry's hands."

Boswell said he does not plan to withdraw his legislation.

Newspaper columnist who fabricated cancer stories dies

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — Kimberly Dawn Stacy, a reporter who wrote moving stories about a fictitious battle with cancer, has died of complications from diabetes.

She was 38. Johnna Ingersoll, chief deputy coroner in Peoria County, Ill., said Stacy died from kidney failure in the emergency room at the St. Francis

Medical Center on March 2.

The Tazewell County, Va., native was fired from her job as a reporter at the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer in 1999 after writing a series of stories about her fabricated battle with terminal brain cancer.

Stacy had previously worked at the Virginia Mountaineer in Grundy, Va., and at the Appalachian News-Express in Pikeville, which ran her obituary on Wednesday.

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 Ricky Littleton vs. Jeffery Ousley; petition for health care insurance.
 Asset Acceptance vs. Corbett Gregsby; complaint.
 Ford Motor Credit Company vs. Phoenix Healthcare of Kentucky; complaint.
 Nancy Gibson vs. Daryl Gibson; divorce.
 Nancy Brow vs. Victor Brow; divorce.
 Estate of Willie T. Foley and Pauline Napier; probate of will.
 Debra Combs vs. Paul Combs; divorce.
 Miguel Alicea vs. Maria Del Jaime; divorce.

Bank of New York vs. Sherry L. Collins; complaint.
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 Misty Lawson vs. Timothy Rogers; petition for health care insurance.
 Bobbie Hammons vs. Christopher Hammons; petition for child support and health care insurance.
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 Clarence Slone, 39, Mooresville, Ind.; fugitive.
 Charles Michael Salyers, 26, Hi Hat; flagrant nonsupport.
 Cheryl Kinslow, 56, Eubank; solicitation of murder.
 Stacy Keith Barnett, 30, West Prestonsburg; flagrant nonsupport.
 Ella Marie Pryor, 36, Dema; 10 counts of theft, 10 counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument.
 Jeffrey Slone, no age listed, Martin; flagrant nonsupport.
 Miranda Denise Hall, 26, Dana; theft.
 Sherry Chaffins, 28, Martin; fourth-degree assault, harass-

ment.
 George Adkins, 55, Grethel; hindering prosecution or arrest.
 Kevin Dwayne Johnson, 25, Melvin; alcohol intoxication.
 Jerry D. Tackett, 26, Beaver; third-degree criminal trespass.
 Kevin E. Lamartz, 26, Beaver; disorderly conduct.
 Eddie Thomsberry, 32, Kite; disorderly conduct.
 Ricky Tackett, 39, Grethel; alcohol intoxication.
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 Christopher Pratt, 41, Hindman; theft, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription in an improper container, alcohol intoxication.
 Leonard Hall, 69, Martin; alcohol intoxication.
 Clarence Slone, 49, Mooresville, Ind.; fugitive.
 Heather Y. Brown, 24, Mousie; alcohol intoxication, prescription in improper container.
 Chuck Caudill, 26, Martin; theft.
 Robert Clay, 51, Martin; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Stephanie Bertram, 30, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 Eric Flemming, 22, Dwale; terroristic threatening.
 David T. Jones, 31, Columbus, Ohio; alcohol intoxication.
 Lisa A. May, 35, Hager Hill; public intoxication, shoplifting, prescription in improper container.
 Christopher L. Cox, 18, Garrett; fourth-degree assault.
 Woodrow Crum, 51, Banner; disorderly conduct, terroristic threatening.
 William Kelly Ward, 35, Prestonsburg; criminal littering.
 Luther Johnson Jr., 49, Bevsinsville; terroristic threatening.
 Nathaniel Bartholomew Newsome, 21, Craynor; first-degree criminal trespass, fourth-degree assault.
 Willie Bentley, 21, Wayland; terroristic threatening.
 Stevie Williams, 39, Grethel; possession of marijuana, prescription in an improper con-

tainer.
 Ralph Clevinger Jr., 49, Mouthcard; hunting or fishing without a license.
 Jeffrey Turner, 41, Betsy Layne; alcohol intoxication.
 Judy Carol May, 31, Allen; public intoxication, shoplifting.
 Charolette Hall, 51, Prestonsburg; disorderly conduct.

Inspections

Care A Lot Day Care, Martin, regular inspection. No violations noted. Score: 100.
 Taco Bell, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food items stored on floor of walk-in refrigerator, door to walk-in doesn't close properly, food prep area had no soap or towels at sink, soft drinks consumed in food prep area. Score: 88.
 Hot Rod Pizza, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: No thermometers in fridge or freezer units, proper hair restraints not in use, can opener stained with encrusted food, floor and wall in disrepair, nonfood items stored in food areas. Score: 92.
 Adkins Quick Stop, Honaker, regular inspection. Violations noted: Can't easily see thermometers in refrigerator and freezer units, food contact surface top in disrepair, wiping cloth use not restricted, no soap in food prep sink area, lights in food prep area not properly shielded. Score: Food 93, retail 98.
 Osborne's Pizza, Teaberry, regular inspection. Violations noted: No thermometers in refrigerator or freezer units, proper hair restraints not in use, lower shelf in upright refrigerator broken. Score: 96.
 Country Kitchen, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not in some cooling units, floor in food prep area in disrepair, wall in employee restroom is incomplete, one light in food prep area not properly shielded. Score: 96.
 Mitchell Grocery, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not easily

seen in refrigerator units, food items stored on floor, light in food prep area not properly shielded. Score: Food 96, retail 97.
 McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unlabeled bottle with unknown contents stored in storage cabinet, one refrigerator unit without thermometer, mops stored on floor. Score: 95.
 Justice Mobile Home Park, Little Mud, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not properly numbered, insufficient number of garbage cans, scattered debris on most lots, park lighting not in compliance. Score: 92.

Property Transfers

Central Appalachian Mining LLC, to Appalachian Land Company, property location not listed.
 Mary Lou McKinney and Jimmy McKinney to Paulena Davis, property located, Arkansas Creek of Beaver Creek.
 Sylvia Lawson to Quillen Lawson, property located, Left Beaver Creek.
 Rodney Hall Jr. and Melissa Hall to Thomas M. Lemaster, property location not listed.
 Clifford B. Latta, Ruth M. Goebel and Franklin D. Fitzpatrick to John W. or Carol Jean Marsillett, property located, Mayo Cemeteries, Prestonsburg.
 Dicky Johnson and Susan Stephens to Dicky Johnson, property location not listed.
 Debra Dotson Cline to Joe David Simpson and Stacy Simpson, property located, Right (Lost) Fork of Middle Creek.
 Glenneth C. Blackburn to Hilda Y. Blackburn, property located, Clark Branch of Buffalo.
 French Hensley to Ina Hensley, property located, near Forks of Wilson Creek.
 Lois Baldrige to Sheila

Collins, property located, West side of Front Street (Main Street).
 Appalachian Land Company to Arthur Caudill, property located, King Hamilton Branch, Big Mud Creek.
 Earnestine McKinney to Mary A. McKinney, property location not listed.
 Lisa Maynard to William M. Maynard, property located, Eagle Creek Subdivision, near Harold.
 Gold Slone and Betty Slone to James Howell and Christy Howell, property located, Mayo Subdivision of City of Prestonsburg.
 Allison Elaine Moore to Ralph and Nora Moore, property located, Lot No. 2, of Ralph Moore Estate.
 Christopher Brice Moore to Ralph and Nora Moore, property location not listed.
 Courtney Grace Jones and Monroe Jones II, to Ralph and Nora Moore, property located, Lot No. 6 of Ralph Moore Estate.
 Jeremy Monroe Jones and Monroe Jones II, to Ralph and Nora Moore, property located, Lot No. 5 of Ralph Moore Estate.
 Monroe Jones II, and Sherri Jones to Ralph and Nora Moore, property location not listed.
 Ericka Jones Moore to Ralph and Nora Moore, property located, Lot No. 1 of Ralph Moore Estate.
 Helen Walls and Doyle Walls to Helen Walls and Doyle Walls, and James E. Clay, property location not listed.
 Hobert Holbrook and Lula Bell Holbrook to Joe Allen Horn and Carol Ann Holbrook Horn, property located, Meade Branch of Abbott Creek.

Guest

to meet Kentucky's needs. A plan for such reform would touch on all major state taxes. It's a plan under which those who can pay, do pay; our tax system is modernized; and Kentucky has the resources to become a great state.

There are currently two proposals being considered in Kentucky that are a start in this direction. One proposal would bring fairness to Kentucky's income tax. Currently, families of four at the poverty line in

Kentucky face the highest income tax bill in the nation. This would enact new brackets that tax wealth, not poverty, and eliminate the state income tax for families at or below the poverty line. Under this proposal, 71 percent of Kentuckians would pay the same or less in income taxes. A second proposal would overhaul Kentucky's failed corporate tax system. The abuse of limited liability companies and other unfair loopholes have cost hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue. This proposal would assure that corporations pay their fair share for the public investments from which they benefit. These two proposals are a real start to solving Kentucky's budget crisis. They restore fairness to our tax system while raising \$600-\$700 million in much-needed revenue. Together, they represent a credible alternative to slashing essential programs and to regressive and revenue-neutral reforms that get us nowhere. Kentuckians must make the right choice and act with courage and foresight to do what's right for our Commonwealth. We deserve and demand better. Mahoney co-directs the Democracy Resource Center, a social justice research organization based in Lexington. Owens lives in Louisville and serves on the Steering Committee of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, a statewide, citizens' social justice organization. Both groups are partners in the Kentucky Economic Justice Alliance along with Kentucky Youth Advocates and Appalshop.

Obituaries

Glenn Pack

Glenn Pack, 89, of Allen, formerly of Garrett, husband of the late Florence Allen Pack, passed away, Thursday, March 11, 2004, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, at McDowell, following an extended illness. He was born December 5, 1914, in Huddy, the son of the late William Martin Pack and Barbara Alice Shreve Pack. He was retired after working more than 50 years in the coal mines. He was a member of the Christ United Methodist Church, at Allen, a WW II veteran and UMWA member. He was a 52-year member of James W. Alley Lodge 869, F&AM, at Wayland, and a 43-year member of the Order of Eastern Star, in Prestonsburg. He was also a Kentucky Colonel. Survivors include one sister, Roberta Pack Elliott of Inman, South Carolina; Ruth Karen Francis Marcum, his niece and caretaker. He also leaves many other nephews and nieces. Funeral services for Glenn Pack will be conducted Saturday, March 13, at 1 p.m., at the Christ United Methodist Church, at Allen, with Clergyman Ken LeMaster officiating. Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, at Martin. Visitation is after 1 p.m., Friday, with the Masonic service being conducted at 7 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Emmitt Jackson "Jack" Osborne

Emmitt Jackson "Jack" Osborne, age 74, of Hueysville, husband of Aileen Osborne, passed away, Monday, March 9, 2004, at the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He was born August 13, 1929, in Hueysville, the son of the late Oak Osborne and Carrie Allen Osborne. He was an independent businessman. In addition to his wife, Aileen, he is survived by one son, Jack Rodney Osborne of Hueysville; four daughters: Vicky Ann Milburn of Louisville, Teresa Lynn Wallace of Knoxville, Tennessee, Sherry Lea Osborne of Kingsport, Tennessee, and Angela Carol Osborne of Elizabethton, Tennessee; one brother: Billy Clinton Osborne of Florida; three sisters: Evelyn Osborne Horn of Utica, Ohio, Eileen Osborne Conley of Martin, and Margie Osborne Watson of Hueysville; eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Andrew Homer Osborne. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 13, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Brad Tackett officiating. Burial will follow in the Johnson Cemetery, at Hueysville, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home. Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Charles Raleigh Nelson
 Born: March 12, 1975
 Died: February 26, 2003



"Our Beloved Brother"
 Raleigh, we are so proud to have had such a wonderful brother as you. Our hearts are saddened at your passing. We know, if we could speak to you, your old life on earth would never compare to the new one you have found in Heaven. We are sad, because you have left us, but you will always live in our hearts. Death caught us all unaware and snatched you from us. If any of us had known, we would have been by your side and helped you weather the storm. Blessed brother, if you can hear our voices, tell God Our Father, "We thank Him for welcoming you into His Magnificent Kingdom." We all love you deeply and know you are in the best of hands. You will never more thirst, hunger, tire, or hurt anymore. Our youngest brother has left us. Now we must go forward. We should never take life for granted and cherish one another. Death could strike anyone of us without a second's notice. Raleigh, Mom and Dad will continually love you as the ages roll. You were their baby boy, from now to always. When we meet the next time, it will not be for twenty-seven years, but for time ever more. Goodbye, Baby Brother, until we meet again. You will always live in our hearts and souls. Love, Dad, Mom, Tammy, Grant, Shelia, Frank, Barbara, Jimmy, McCall, Little Raleigh Davis, and all the relatives and friends. Written with love by: Donald Grant Nelson and Donald Matthew Nelson.

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Community Calendar

CALENDAR ITEMS WILL BE PRINTED AS SPACE PERMITS

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

SHRINERS HILLBILLY PAGEANT

To be held March 27, at 11 a.m., at Shelby Valley High School. Purpose to raise money for Shriner's Children's Hospital. More info., call 437-6891 or 639-9414.

BLHS CLASS OF '94

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1994 will hold their 10-year class reunion on July 24, 2004. Call 478-3253 or 587-1028 for more information.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEET

The Floyd County Conservation District will hold its regular monthly meeting on March 16, at 10 a.m., at the

District office, located at Brandyke, near the entrance to Jenny Wiley State Park. Meeting is open to the public.

FUN FAIR

"Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents" will be held on April 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Mini-workshops, educational information, exhibits, door prizes, goody bags and refreshments. All expectant parents and parents of children up to one year of age are invited to attend.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TELETHON

The Pike County Domestic Violence Board will hold a telethon on WPRG on Thursday, March 18, from 6-8 p.m. To make a pledge during the telethon, call 478-2701, or call 437-9587 anytime. Donations are tax-deductible.

PHS CLASS OF '69

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1969 will hold a reunion on Saturday, September 4, 2004 (Labor Day weekend), at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. Pre-dinner meeting will be held from 5-6 p.m.; Dinner will be at 6 p.m., in Lodge dining room; Reunion meeting following dinner, from 8 p.m. until midnight in Lodge conference rooms. For more info., contact Ken &

Jan at 886-8328, or Mike at 886-0252.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CONF.

"Caring for Every Child's Mental Health - Communities Can Conference" will be held March 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Conf. hosted by Mt. Comp. Care and Big Sandy Area Child Advocacy Ctr. Both registration and a catered lunch are offered at no charge. To register, call Teresa Clay at 886-8572. Registration extended through March 10.

HRMC CALENDAR.

■ March 13 & 14 - PALS provider course. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Meeting Place A & B.

■ March 18 - Laryngectomy Support Group, 5-7 p.m., Meeting Place B.

■ March 20 - Child Birth classes. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meeting Place A & B.

■ March 23 - Sr. Advantage, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Meeting Place A & B.

■ March 25 - Diabetes Support Group, 5-7 p.m., Floyd

Room. ■ March 25 - Alzheimer's Support Group, 6-7 p.m., Johnson County Library.

All classes free of charge - call 886-8511 for more information.

FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Duties

which will handle the responsibility of laying out all of the bureau's marketing prospects, including magazine and newspaper advertising, will be chaired by Tiffany Parsons, who represents Microtel Inn. Tackett will also sit on this committee, along with member David Jewell and John Goble as an alternate.

Board member Mark Miller said he would use his skills in chairing the Ways and Means Committee, which will deal with the board's bylaws, administration and personnel issues. Thompson and Goble will also work with that committee, with Tackett as an alternate.

In other news, the bureau

also passed a motion to amend the deadline for the Chamber Convention and Meetings Contest to June 30, when they will then re-budget it for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. The contest, sponsored by the bureau and the Chamber of Commerce, is aimed at bringing more conventions to Floyd County. Those who participate will receive 1 point for each guest they refer who spends the day in Prestonsburg and 2 points for every overnight guest. The winner of this contest will receive a \$250 package, excluding travel expenses, to either enjoy Prestonsburg events or stay at one of two out-of-town locations picked by bureau members.

Convicted

Kirk and Ratliff sat at different tables in a small courtroom, flanked by their defense attorneys.

"I have not heard any evidence from anybody in this case that Tammy wasn't a good mother who was taking care of this child," Adams said. "Every doctor who testified in this case said that child was being taken care of."

Adams characterized Kirk as "a child with a child." He conceded in his closing argument that the unwed mother was immature and had made bad decisions.

"Was Tammy a poor parent with poor parenting skills? Yeah, probably," Adams said. "But she's not on trial for

that."

Gray, in her closing argument, said Ratliff didn't murder or abuse the child. She said she couldn't prove that but that the prosecution couldn't prove otherwise.

"No one ever saw Nick do anything to that child," she said. "There is no proof. There was not one single piece of evidence to show that Nick did anything to hurt that child."

Ratliff's father, Kenneth Ratliff, pleaded with jurors to be lenient during the sentencing phase.

"I love him, and I don't believe he did it," he said. "He is young, and he might have a chance of bettering himself in life."

Bill would restrict sex offenders' access to school property

FRANKFORT — Registered sex offenders would need written permission to enter school or day care grounds under a bill passed by the House Monday.

House Bill 303 was considered by the body earlier in the session but was sent back to the Judiciary Committee after some legislators said they thought the bill was too soft on sex offenders. "I tried to say this is not being soft, this is being hard on them because there are no restrictions now whatsoever," said Rep. Mike Cherry, D-Princeton, the bill's sponsor.

The current version of the bill removes exceptions from the bill that would have allowed juvenile offenders enrolled at a school and adult offenders with children at a school or daycare center to be on the grounds without restrictions. The bill now would require any regis-

tered sex offender to receive written permission in advance from a school principal, the school board, or the day care director. Certain information regarding the person's status would have to be disclosed before permission could be granted.

The bill would allow juvenile sex offenders who lived with their parents or guardian in a home within 1,000 feet of a school before becoming a registered sex offender to return to that home until they turn age 18. Once they reach 18, they would have to move 1,000 or more feet away from the school.

Should HB 303 become law, violators would be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, which is punishable by a \$500 fine and possible jail time.

The bill now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

'LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?'

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

■ Alzheimer's Association, East-ern KY Regional Office - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group - Meets first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building, on the Pike-Floyd

Hollow Road (just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept.). For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

■ Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

■ Community Weight Loss Support Group - To meet Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the

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Floodwall

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the Corps.

"Why can't we just update the flood gate they put in at the bank or dredge the river," asked Robert Allen, who later raised concerns about water rising over the short flood wall into the underlying area.

Ted Hann, a hydraulic engineer, said that the flood gate would only provide 40-year flood level protection, which would not affectively handle flood damages.

Another resident, Bill Roberts, asked whether a smaller floodwall placed along the Bays Branch area would "stop our problem."

Hann, referring to mapping and models of the area, said that a flood wall would provide between 2 and 2-and-a-half feet of extra protection, without which the city couldn't obtain FEMA certification.

Despite the Corps' efforts to

reassure local residents, resistance to the project still remained. The best evidence of that could be seen when a large portion of the audience applauded the comments of one resident, Emogene Pelphrey, who said she refuses to "sell out" under any circumstance.

Pelphrey, noting that she has lived through previous floods, said she would "paddle out by boat" if she had to, and take her friends with her.

The majority of funds for the project — 95 percent — will be funded by the federal government, Conforti said, with the state picking up the majority of the other 5 percent in funds. The fiscal court, she said, would carry the tab for about 5 percent of the state's allocations for the project, which is good, said Thompson, because the fiscal court is working with a limited budget.

Rental

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ment organs but are not into waiting lists.

Julia Roberts fans might enjoy her latest release "Mona Lisa Smile." This is a distaff take on "Dead Poets' Society," with Roberts as a teacher who enlightens her students about life outside of the classroom. It also features Julia Stiles and Kirsten Dunst.

Next week sees the DVD debut of the classic television series, "Kung Fu," and the Oscar-nominated "21 Grams," with Sean Penn and Naomi Watts.

Future releases this summer from MGM include a "Robocop" boxed set of all three films. This will include the unrated original cut of the original film which will be the only one not sold individually. Fans will have to shell out \$40 for the set if they want to see

it.

The good news is that MGM will release "Bubba Ho Tep" one week earlier and it will feature a ton of extras for this midnight flick which features an elderly version of Elvis Presley teeing off on a mummy which is terrorizing his retirement home. Star Bruce Campbell (of the "Evil Dead" trilogy) will provide two commentary tracks, one as himself and one in character as the King).

Rental Central mourns the passing of veteran character actor Paul Winfield. Much of Winfield's distinguished resume makes for great rental prospects. Check out his work in "Terminator," "Damnation Alley" or his Oscar-nominated starring turn in 1972's "Sounder."

Letters

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still needed hospital care. Dr. Shepherd accepted her back to PMH for her recovery. There is nothing better than to be in your own hometown surrounded by the love of your family and friends during such a difficult time.

Dr. Shepherd and those who work with her provide the very best of care for the special needs newborns at PMH but they also provide compassion, hope and care to their families as well. A mere thank you seems to pale in comparison which is why I am asking parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins or siblings

if you have had a child that received care in the Neonatal Unit at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, please join me in sending a card or letter to let them know how much they are appreciated.

Letters may be sent to: NICU, Pikeville Methodist Hospital, 911 S. ByPass Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 or e-mailed to Brenda Chapman, NICU unit manager, at brenda.chapman@pikeville-hospital.org.

Roy and Kim Downey, Pikeville

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHARLIE

We Love You!

Ruth, children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter, MaKayla

Knowing what to do saves lives in flash floods

FRANKFORT - Recent heavy rains are reminders that Kentucky is in the midst of its rainy season - November through May. Although this is the typical flood season, flash floods can occur at any time.

Flash flooding is the Number 1 weather-related killer in the United States. Because Kentucky has 89,431 miles of rivers and streams, virtually everyone in the Commonwealth will at sometime or another be in an area susceptible to flash floods.

With flash floods, time is short and danger is great. The Kentucky Division of Water offers these suggestions on how to be prepared when flood warnings occur:

First of all, have a plan of action. Know where you are, and know where high ground is and how to get there. Keep in mind that you don't have to be at the bottom of a hill to be a target for flash flood dangers. Water runs off higher elevations very rapidly.

Stay away from natural streambeds and other drainage channels during and after rainstorms.

Never camp on low ground. A flash flood could catch you while you are asleep.

A flash flood watch is an advisory that heavy rains may result in flash flooding in the specified area. If one is issued by the National Weather Service for your area:

■ Listen to area radio and television stations for National Weather Service warnings and reports.

■ Recall your plans for such an emergency and prepare to move out of danger's way.

■ If you are on a road, watch for flooding at dips, bridges and low areas.

A flash flood warning advises that flash flooding is occurring or is imminent in the specified areas. If a flash flood warning is issued for your area:

■ Act quickly; you may have only minutes to leave the area.

■ Do not attempt to cross a flowing stream on foot if water is above your knees. Flood waters can move boulders or heavy

trucks, and the depth and speed of swift water is very difficult to judge.

■ If you are driving, don't try to go through water of unknown depth. If your car stalls in rising water, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground.

■ Be especially careful at night, when flood dangers are harder to recognize.

■ Stay tuned to area radio or television for additional information or changing conditions.

After the flash flood watch or warning is canceled, continue to stay tuned to the radio or television for follow-up information. General flooding may come later in headwater streams and in major rivers.

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Martin Community Center, beginning Feb. 5. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE -

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

■ Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

■ Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information,

call 886-4326.

■ A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

■ East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

■ Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

Expanded gambling bill would have meant windfall for county

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky House of Representatives has shut out two bills which would have permitted casinos to become a feature at state racetracks, including Floyd County's Thunder Ridge Raceway.

Democratic Representative Larry Clark had been spearheading efforts to get the legislation passed. His secretary contacted The Floyd County Times Tuesday with a terse summary of where the issue stands — "It's dead."

Clark was optimistic Monday about efforts to get around a stumbling block in his ongoing mission to use casinos to solve the state's budget woes.

The stumbling block was a provision which would have allowed county governments to have the final say on allowing legalized gambling in their borders.

The disappointment will be felt in Floyd County, which had stood to reap a windfall from gambling at Thunder Ridge.

The bill carried a provision for host counties that would have entitled Floyd County to 15 percent of the taxes generated by gambling at Thunder Ridge. Projected tax gains for the first three years of operations statewide were expected to exceed \$420 million. The bulk of the money collected would have gone to health services and education, which were earmarked for 65 percent of revenues.

Another potential loss for the county is the jobs that would have been generated by a 24-hour gambling facility. A conservative estimate of employment opportunities would number about 500 jobs statewide.

A capital investment of \$1 billion statewide would have also provided a wealth of construction jobs, with part of that going to expanding the site at Thunder Ridge.

There are also all of the potential revenues that would have been generated from ancillary business. Hotels, restaurants and other amusements would have all been drawn near to areas supporting casino gambling.

Odds

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methamphetamine, the sheriff's office said.

McKiernan was charged with possession of meth ingredients, burglary, theft, criminal trespass, driving while barred, driving under suspension, driving without insurance and fraudulent vehicle registration.

■ MEDFORD, Ore. — The trip down the aisle for Drew Morgan and Kristi Grant began in combat boots and carrying sidearms in the Army's 18th Military Police Brigade.

In a war that has cost some 550 American lives and wounded nearly 3,000, the two met last summer and survived everything from roadside bombs to mortar attacks.

"Yeah, there were a couple of little things here and there we had to worry about," said Spec. 4 Morgan, 21, who is scheduled to marry Grant in Shady Cove on Tuesday.

Both soldiers went into Iraq when the war started, eventually ending up in Baghdad. The brigade returned to its

home base in Germany late last month.

The two met one July night in an Iraqi police station where he was on duty. Her unit stopped by during a routine patrol.

"I asked him if I could smoke in the building because I didn't want to go outside," said Grant, 26.

He told her it was fine with him, and they struck up a conversation while looking at some photographs he had taken of Iraq.

That pleasant interlude in the midst of war left each of them looking for the other after that initial meeting. "He was waiting at the IP (Iraq police) station each night, hoping I'd come by," she said.

They met again in October. Then, one night, "He took me up on top of the palace roof to propose," she said. "It was wonderful."

The 24-carat gold ring he gave her was hand-fashioned by an Iraqi. On the inside are the words, "All My Love K&D."

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COMMENTARY

If the slipper fits

by RICK BENTLEY
 TIMES COLUMNIST

I first heard the chant in 1989 at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse when the Blackcats took the 15th Region title.

You've got to want it to win it, and we want it bad.

Wednesday night, all indications point to Prestonsburg wanting it pretty badly down the stretch, and sometimes in basketball wanting it is plenty enough.

So Wednesday night, the Blackcats made headlines in newspapers across the commonwealth when they interrupted Shelby Valley's run to a third straight Sweet 16 with a 69-66 win.

Jackie Day Crisp, the likeable coach of the Blackcats, attributed

(See BENTLEY, page four)



Rick Bentley



Rossi Samons

Samons grabs several post-season awards

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN - Allen Central High senior Rossi Samons has helped the Runnin' Rebels back into the 15th Region Tournament after a two-year absence. Allen Central finished runner-up in the 58th District and had a first round game in the 15th Region Tournament last night against 59th District champ East Ridge. (Results of the first-round game were unavailable at press time.)

"Rossi has worked real hard,"

(See SAMONS, page five)

P'BURG STILL ROLLING



photos by Jamie Howell
 Prestonsburg senior Nick Jamerson made a pass in the second half over Shelby Valley's Patrick Tackett. Shelby Valley's Kelsey Friend (33) and Prestonsburg's John Mark Stephens (55) are also pictured.

Blackcats defend homecourt, knock off Shelby Valley

Prestonsburg in 15th Region Semis for second straight season

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - After storming the hardwood two consecutive games last week in the 58th District Tournament at Allen Central High's J.E. Campbell Arena, Prestonsburg fans got another reason to empty out of the stands and celebrate in big way Wednesday night. Prestonsburg, the 58th District Champion, outscored

(See DEFEND, page two)



Junior Jesse Chaffin went up with a shot against Shelby Valley's Friend.

P'burg set to tangle with Pike / Central in 15th Region Semifinals

by JAMIE HOWELL
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Another game produced another shocker for the Prestonsburg Blackcats on Wednesday evening as the

Blackcats eliminated two-time defending 15th Region champion Shelby Valley in the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament. Prestonsburg went into post season play as a number four seed in the 58th District, but

the Blackcats have since reeled off wins over South Floyd, Allen Central and Shelby Valley to set up a date with the Pike Central Hawks in the 15th Region

(See TANGLE, page five)



photo by Jamie Howell

Magoffin County's Blake Jenkins went to the basket with a layup against Pike Central's Chase Lyons.

Pike County Central 45, Magoffin County 31

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Pike County Central put 12 points on the board in the 15th Region Tournament's opening round nightcap game Monday night at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse before Magoffin County scored its first points. Pike Central led from beginning to end and outscored Magoffin County in each of the first three quarters, holding the Hornets to six points in the first period and two in the second quarter. After leading 24-8 at

(See GAME, page five)

KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet tickets available

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Tickets to the 17th Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet remain on sale through the KHSAA office. Tickets are \$40 each or \$400 for a table of 10. This year's Banquet is set for Tuesday and will be held in the Bluegrass Grand Ballroom at the Lexington Center (Next to Rupp Arena). A social hour will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The banquet begins at 6:30 p.m.

Following is a listing of this year's inductees: Brown Badgett, Ron Cain, Ancie Casey, Otis Dinning, Marty Donlon, Kim Hawkins, Alvis Johnson, Kenneth Dale Moore, Ben Pumphrey, Kim Mays Rose, Evan Settle, Billy B. Smith, Eugene Washington, Jim Watkins and The Dawahare Family.

To purchase tickets, contact Butch Cope or Ken Tippet at the KHSAA at 859/299-5472.

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Magoffin Co. eliminates Lady Rebels

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK - In his first season as head coach of the Allen Central girls' basketball team, Mark Martin guided the Lady Rebels to 17 wins. Allen Central, the runner-up out of the 58th District, fell to Magoffin County Tuesday night, losing to the Lady Hornets in the first round of the 15th Region Tournament at Pike County Central High School. Magoffin County led by double figures before settling for a 71-63 win.



Terri Mullins

Martin took over the Allen Central High girls' basketball

program following the departure of Cindy Halbert, who left for Pikeville. Martin, an Allen Central alumnus, returned to the home of the Rebels following a stay in the Pikeville Independent Schools System.

Allen Central struggled in the game against Magoffin County, but at times was still within striking distance

"We were not shooting the ball well at the half, but we were rebounding well,

and I felt as though we would come out and play better in the second," said Martin, following his team's season-ending loss. "It seemed as though we could never get a rhythm on the offensive end during the whole game.

"Hat's off to Magoffin County, Coach West's kids

(See ELIMINATE, page five)



LAST NIGHT... Allen Central returned to the 15th Region Tournament last night when it went up against East Ridge in the second night of first-round games. Results were unavailable at press time and will appear in Sunday's edition.

Belfry ousts Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK – The first season as head coach of the Pikeville Lady Panthers is now over for Floyd County resident Cindy Halbert. Halbert, who came to Pikeville from Allen Central, guided the Pikeville girls to a district championship in her first campaign. The Lady Panthers trailed Belfry by eight points at the end of the first period Tuesday night in the 15th Region Tournament and could never get back over the hump. Belfry led by more than 10 points for most of the final three quarters and wound up winning 62-40.

Anna Bevins led Belfry with 19 points. Lindsey Mahon scored 14 and Vicki Hall finished with 11.

Mahon was a huge lift for the Lady Pirates.

"I though Lyndsey (Mahon) played the best game of her

career up to this point tonight," Gannon added. "She controlled the glass and made some huge baskets for us inside the paint."

Belfry (19-9) ran out to an 11-4 lead early on a Mahon putback at with 1:27 left in the opening quarter.

Belfry led Pikeville 14-6 at the end of the first period and 31-16 at halftime. The Lady Pirates outscored the Pikeville girls in every quarter, including an 18-14 fourth quarter.

Belfry enjoyed a 44-26 lead at through three quarters.

"I thought we did nice job at the half on staying focused on our gameplan," Gannon added. "In a tournament type of atmosphere, you can't take your eyes off your opponent for a single second."

Mary Beth Johnson, just missing double digits in points, flipped in nine for Belfry. Emma Smith scored seven

(See OUSTS, page three)

Defend

Shelby Valley 22-17 in the fourth quarter and eliminated the two-time defending 15th Region Champion, beating the Wildcats 69-66.

When Prestonsburg junior guard Trevor Compton gained control of the basketball at the end and the final buzzer sounded, the stands emptied and all the Prestonsburg faithful had yet another reason to celebrate. After upsetting both South Floyd and Allen Central, Prestonsburg went out and beat Shelby Valley, the pre-season favorite, to take a third consecutive regional championship. A full gym was present to watch as the host Blackcats came out on top.

"Can you believe what a crowd we had?" Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp questioned after the game's conclusion. "Our fans have been great throughout the post-season. The student body has really gotten

behind this basketball team. The crowd was a big plus for us."

Compton hit a three-point field goal in the fourth quarter and scored eight points in the final period. He led Prestonsburg in scoring with 15 points. Michael Stephens hit for 14 points, including four clutch fourth-quarter free throws. Senior Nick Jamerson finished with 12 points.

The Blackcats hit the boards hard.

"We rebounded real well," said Crisp. "We knew coming in that we would have to rebound well."

Crisp attributes his team's recent winning ways on mental discipline.

"They've gotten focused on what they need to do," Crisp noted.

Prestonsburg trailed by as many as eight points in the first

half, before getting on track. Reserve Gary Thomas came in off the Wildcat bench and hit for six points in the first quarter. Prestonsburg trailed just before the half. The Blackcats trailed before junior Michael Morrison came through with some heroics. Morrison, a junior, drained a three-pointer just before the end of the first half to put Prestonsburg ahead 29-28.

"Michael hitting that three was a real momentum builder," said Crisp.

Going into halftime with the lead had to have Blackcat coaches, players and fans feeling good. But there was a fight ahead in the second half.

Shelby Valley outscored Prestonsburg 22-19 in the third quarter and took a slim 49-47 lead into the final eight-minute frame. Thomas and junior guard Kris Bentley, a player who

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transferred to Shelby Valley from Prestonsburg last last school year, each fouled out in the fourth quarter. For the Wildcats, Seth Kiser, Patrick Tackett and Mitch Riddle all also battled foul trouble in the fourth quarter.

Prestonsburg, after starting cold from the free throw line, hit its charity shots late, sinking seven of nine free tosses in the final period. Compton was three of four from the stripe in the last quarter.

The Blackcat bench came in and didn't miss a beat. Michael Stephens scored his 14 points in off the bench. John Mark Stephens scored six and Michael Morrison added five.

"Our bench has played so big here in the post-season," said Crisp.

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KHSAA

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STATE BASKETBALL

TOURNAMENT TICKETS

Tickets for the National City/KHSAA Boys' & Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournaments are now on sale through host venues. Tickets are no longer available through the KHSAA office.

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Each of the participating schools will have tickets available in the cheering sections for \$7 each.

This is a reminder to order tickets early. Tickets purchased at the arena for either tournament will incur an additional walk-up charge per ticket.

16TH REGION BOYS: Lawrence falls to Russell

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – Derek Sloan scored 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Russell to a 55-42 win over Lawrence County at Morehead State University. Sloan hit six of 10 free throws for Russell. John VanHoose added 10 points for the Red Devils.

Lawrence County, which got into the 16th Region Tournament following an upset win over Boyd County, struggled from the field, hitting just three of its first 17 shots. The early shooting hardship put Lawrence County down in a deficit.

Lawrence County led Russell 6-5 through the first quarter, but found the region tournament road a tougher route in the second period. Russell outscored the Bulldogs 22-11 in the second quarter and withstood a third period slump on its way to the win. Lawrence County outscored Russell by five points in the third quarter, but was outscored by eight in the final

stanza.

Brandon Parsons paced Lawrence County with 12 points.

Morgan County 51, West Carter 49; Rick Kissinger scored 19 points, including four three-pointers, to lead Morgan County (26-4) over West Carter in what was an extremely close game. Derrick Kiser added 10 points for Morgan County.

15TH REGION GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Betsy Layne	25-6
Belfry	19-9
Pike County Central	19-10
Magoffin County	17-11
Allen Central	17-13
Pikeville	14-15
South Floyd	13-17
Paintsville	12-16
Prestonsburg	12-16
Sheldon Clark	11-12
East Ridge	10-14
Shelby Valley	9-15
Johnson Central	6-18
Phelps	6-19
Priest School	3-21

16TH REGION GIRLS: East Carter, Raceland advance

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – Molly Jackson had 18 points and East Carter got over a slow start and went on to pound Ashland on the Morehead State University hardwood Wednesday night, winning easy, 51-25.

Deadlocked 4-4 at the end of the first quarter, the two teams played an aggressive style of

basketball, before East Carter took control. East Carter (26-5) took control in the second quarter, outscoring the Ashland girls 18-6.

Ashley Baldwin and Amanda Prichard chipped in 10 points each for East Carter. Latasha Henry had 10 points and 14 rebounds for Ashland (16-11)

Raceland 51, Rowan County 40; Raceland outscored Rowan County 24-9 in the fourth quarter to secure the 16th Region Tournament victory.

Heather Meek led Raceland (16-12) with 12 points.

14TH REGION GIRLS

Perry County Central 86, Breathitt County 32; Senior center Brittany Baker had 15 points and the host Lady Commodores (27-3) rolled to victory again Wednesday night at Breathitt County. Perry Central is the defending 14th Region champ.

Jenkins 67, Wolfe County 58; Beth Branham hit five three-pointers and scored 26 points and the Lady Cavaliers (18-10) beat the Lady Wolves (15-13) at Breathitt County. A late season surge has seen Jenkins push into the upper half of the 14th Region girls' basketball picture.

14TH REGION BOYS: Perry Central eliminates Knott Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSON – Perry County Central made winning look very easy in Tuesday night's 79-36 triumph over Knott County Central. The Commodores

rolled to the win, taking a 47-14 lead into halftime. Junior Daniel Combs led all scorers with 17 points. Perry Central led 18-4 at the end of the first period and outscored Knott Central in every quarter.

Derrick Bowling netted 13 points for the Commodores. Ten different Perry Central players scored. Robert Paul Amis added nine points. Brandon Campbell and Chris Chaney each had eight.

Kevin Pike's 11 points led Knott Central. Derrick Miller chipped in eight points and Josh

Stacey flipped in four. Ben Hodson tossed in three points and five other Patriots flipped in two apiece.

Whitesburg 72, Powell County 68; Bo Cook hit two timely three-pointers in the fourth quarter to lead the Yellowjackets to a rally and a win over defending 14th Region champ Powell County.

Cook finished with 20 points. Jermaine Martin, a holdover from last year's 14th Region title team, led Powell County with 24 points.

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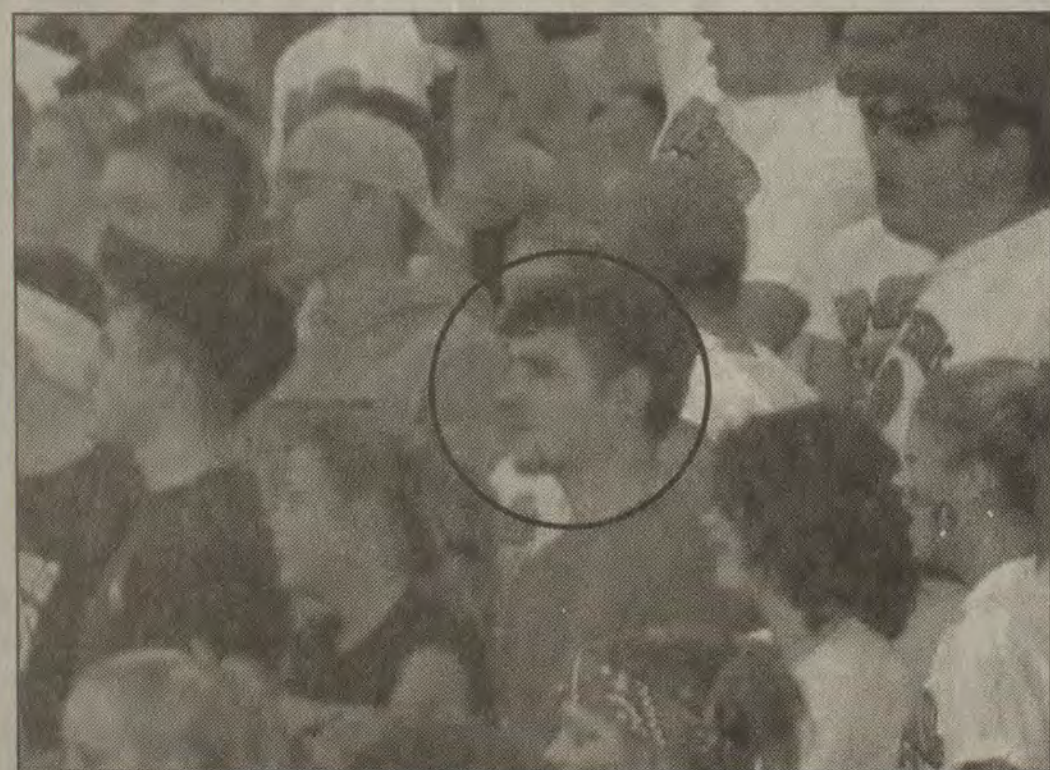
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Congress to review NCAA measures to rein in recruiting practices

by ROBERT GEHRKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Reacting to reports that sex is used to recruit athletes to the University of Colorado and other colleges, Congress wants to know how the NCAA handles schools that go too far.

"I'm really concerned about the NCAA recruiting practices and how they seem to have degenerated into underaged drinking and sexual encounters on a lot of college campuses," said Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., a member of the House subcommittee exploring the recruiting issue Thursday.

NCAA president Myles Brand created a task force to recommend tighter recruiting rules, and wants changes in place before the next college football season.

"I think there's a lot that needs to be done," said Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., chairman of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection. The subcommittee has jurisdiction over sports-related matters.

With \$3.5 billion on the line in Division I college basketball and football, Stearns said, recent recruiting cases beg the question: "Is the NCAA enforcing the rules that are supposed to protect the student athletes?"

University of Colorado president Elizabeth Hoffman will testify on behalf of the school,

which has been under scrutiny since three women sued the school, alleging they were raped by football players or recruits in 2001. The women claim the school used the promise of sex to entice recruits.

In all, seven women, including Colorado's former kicker, said they have been raped since 1997, although no charges have been filed. And reports have cited instances where escorts and strippers were hired to entertain recruits.

The school is investigating and the governor has appointed the state's attorney general as a special prosecutor.

Last week, Hoffman announced new rules governing

(See REVIEW, page four)

Wildcats head to CAT-lanta for SEC tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ATLANTA — After wrapping up regular-season play with a 20-point Senior Day victory over Florida, Kentucky now turns its attention to the postseason and the SEC Tournament in the Georgia Dome.

UK makes its 43rd appearance in the SEC Tournament and attempts to claim its 25th league tournament title. The Cats capped off a perfect SEC regular season last year (16-0) with a run through the conference tourney in New Orleans for the first sweep of SEC opponents since the 1952 Wildcats.

With the top seed in the East, the Wildcats own a first-round bye and play this afternoon at 1

p.m. ET, against the winner of yesterday's Auburn-Georgia game. Kentucky was swept by Georgia during regular-season play this season but handed Auburn a 68-59 loss on the Plains.

Kentucky has won more SEC Tournament titles than all the other league teams combined, and since the league switched to its expanded format in 1992, the Wildcats have won nine of the 12 crowns. In the previous six years of the Tubby Smith era, UK has captured the title four times - 1998, 1999, 2001 and 2003.

The Wildcats have not played in Atlanta since the 2002 SEC Tournament, which saw South Carolina upset the second-seeded Wildcats in the

quarterfinals. Overall, Kentucky is 9-2 in SEC Tournament play in Atlanta's Georgia Dome. The Cats have dropped two consecutive games there after Arkansas knocked UK off in the 2000 tourney quarterfinals.

Wildcats earn another first round bye in SEC Tournament

In 1992, the Southeastern Conference split into two divisions and implemented its current postseason tournament format where only four teams receive first-round byes. Since then, Kentucky has earned a bye in all 13 tournaments, meaning the Cats have finished no worse than second in the East Division during that time. UK has not played in the SEC Tournament's first round since the first season of the renewal in 1979.

The Wildcats captured the 2004 Eastern Division title by four games. Kentucky has won or shared 10 East titles since the divisional format began in 1992.

Inside the SEC Numbers

UK is the only team to own 100 SEC Tournament wins ... Kentucky is 102-17 overall in SEC Tournament action, 45-12 since the tourney was renewed in 1979 ... This is the 45th SEC Tournament, and UK has won more than half (24) the titles despite playing in just 42 previous events ... UK has won 29 of its last 32 SEC Tourney games ... Since the tournament was renewed in 1979, UK is 16-0 in semifinal games and 12-4 in title games ... Georgia (0-7) and Ole Miss (0-12) have never beaten UK in the SEC Tournament ... Since the league split in 1992, UK has earned the No. 1 seed seven times and the No. 2 seed six times ... A Wildcat has been named tournament MVP 12 times since the renewal.



photo by Steve LeMaster
Betsy Layne senior Tabetha Witt defended near the baseline this past Monday night against Paintsville senior Desiree Haney. Witt and Betsy Layne beat Paintsville, advancing to the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals. Play in the tournament will resume on Monday.



Prince Albert Stables was well-represented in Tampa at the Florida State Fair. Whitney May, Allen, was among the participants.



Highlanders enjoying success in indoor soccer league

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The EKYSA Highlanders have entered play in the Greater Ashland YMCA Winter Indoor Soccer League. The Highlanders consist of female players from Johnson, Magoffin and Floyd counties and are playing against teams from the Ashland, Ironton, Ohio and Huntington, W.Va. area. Thus far, the Highlanders are undefeated in league play.

Their opening game, against a team from Boyd County and Ashland, was a come-from-behind 4-3 victory. The Highlanders trailed 2 to 0 before their coach recognized the failing of his one-defender alignment. Fortunately, the young ladies talent was of such a nature that they were able to overcome the early 2-0 deficit and a second-half deficit of 3-2. Two goals were scored by Clara "Eugene"

Osborne, to go with a goal by Jerralynn Kelsey and a goal by Alyson "Big Al" Salyer.

In their second game the girls benefited from the absence of their regular coach as Assistant B.D. Nunnery guided them to a relatively easy 2-1 victory. The game was not nearly as close as the final score reflected, with the Highlanders keeping constant pressure on the defense and goalkeeper of their Greenup County opposition. Again, Osborne scored, with the winning goal booted in by Kaitlyn "Meaness" Minix. Tori Parker, Tori Hunt, and Katy Petry supplied superior defense, while Alexis DeRossett provided excellent goal tending for the Highlanders.

In their third outing the Highlanders were short a number of players due to their excellent academic records. Four of the eleven players were gone to academic meets - Salyer, Minix, Hunt, and Petry. However, their cronies combined to shutout the Blue team 1-0. The only goal in the match was scored by Jerralynn Kelsey, who scrambled to retrieve a ball kicked into the box with a good deal of force by Parker, then kicked it past the excellent goal tender for the Blue team. DeRossett, Elizabeth Davis, and Kathleen Smith combined for the shut-out in goal. Madyson Nunnery started the game at forward and, along with Kelsey, kept up a constant barrage on the Blue goal, but a superior effort by the Blue team goalie thwarted their attempts. The ladies resume their efforts in league play on March 14th at 12:30 p.m. Tickets may be obtained by showing up at the Y.



Kathleen Smith, Madyson Nunnery and Clara Osborne prepared to kickoff during a recent indoor soccer game. The three girls play for the Highlanders soccer team. The team is currently competing in the indoor league at the Ashland YMCA. The Highlanders are 3-0.

Highlands goalkeeper Alexis DeRossett and defender Tori Hunt guarded their goal as they observe action on the court.



Local Rocky Mountain training facility turns on in Tampa

TIMES STAFF REPORT

TAMPA, Fla. — Part of the reward for the hard work and timeless hours in the saddle in the cold and bitter conditions of winter in the north is having the opportunity to take those furry little Rocky Mountain Horses on the annual trip south to the Florida State Fair.

The Florida state fair is boasting of its 100 consecutive year in existence. The fair is a

Mecca of horse and livestock shows surrounded by the great Florida agriculture displays that make the fair so attractive this time of year.

This was the fourth annual Rocky Mountain Horse Show and each year the crowd, entries and attendance grows.

The fair board provided these years participants with a covered warm up area and new covered show arena. The Florida fair board spared no expense to host this annual event.

The weather greeted every one with just what had been expected when traveling to the sunshine state. Daily temperatures were in the mid to upper 70s and plenty of sunshine.

The horses struggled somewhat still carrying the northern woolly coats

Prince Albert Stables made the long trip to arrive mid day on Thursday to begin the show on Friday morning. The local training facility made the long journey with 11 horses nearly double the past year entry's to compete in this years show.

After a good night of rest the horse and riders were ready to go at the 10 a.m. starting class.

Chocolot repeating his performance from the 2001 show won the conformation champi-

(See TAMPA, page four)

FOOTBALL

Caudill displays skills at Kentucky Pro Day

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The Cleveland Browns, Minnesota Vikings, Carolina Panthers and New York Giants were among the teams present Wednesday for Kentucky's Pro Day. Floyd County native Jeremy Caudill showed some of the talent he possesses Wednesday. He was joined by some other UK seniors. Giants assistant Kevin Gilbride flew into Lexington Tuesday night to meet with quarterback Jared Lorenzen.

Lorenzen ran a 4.9 40-yard dash, down from the 5.12 he ran for scouts at last year's Pro Day.

"That's what I was hoping for, to get under five seconds," Lorenzen said. "I just wanted to come out here and show a little quickness, show that I could move. I think it really went well."

Speedy receiver Derek Abney was also present. Abney ran a 4.5 in the 40.

Caudill, at 318 pounds, ran the 40 at 4.79. That's faster than the time Dwayne Robertson posted last season. Robertson was drafted with the third overall pick in the NFL Draft last season by the New York Jets.

Caudill wasn't invited to the Combine put on by the NFL last

month in Indianapolis. However, the 40 time he turned in Wednesday will most likely help his draft cause.

"I think it will help me get some attention," Caudill said. "My name's not really out there like some of the others. My agent has been telling people that I have speed, and (scouts) may have taken it with a grain of salt. Now they have some solid numbers on me that they can go on."

This year's NFL draft will be held April 24-25.

Ousts

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points and Jamie Hunter checked in with two.

Rebounding was key for Belfry in the win.

"When you rebound the ball well, you win games," Gannon went on to say. "That's going to be a key for us as we move on in the tournament." The win was Belfry's 19th of the season.

The Lady Pirates (19-9) entered the regional tournament as the runner-up out of the 60th District. Belfry finished district play with a championship game loss to rival Pike County Central.

The Howard twins paced

Pikeville. Shawna Howard scored 14 and Samantha Howard 12 for Pikeville. Evyn Shockey scored seven points and Jerrica Dye tallied five. Amanda Hartsock rounded out the Lady Panther scoring with two points.

Pikeville finishes its season just under .500 with a record of 14-15.

With the win, Belfry moves on to the 15th Region Semifinals. The Lady Pirates will meet up with 57th District champ Magoffin County, a first-round winner over Allen Central, Monday. Tip-off is set for 8:15 p.m.

Kenseth quieting critics with impressive start

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The critics had a field day last year with Matt Kenseth.

They asked: What kind of champion wins only one race in a season? They charged: He raced for points and not for wins while dominating NASCAR's Cup series.

"Yeah, it hurt at times," Kenseth recalled in a recent interview. "I knew this team was trying to win every race. Sometimes, we didn't have the car to win. The Fords were not the equal of the Chevrolets and

Dodges as the season went on and, sometimes, the breaks just didn't go our way."

The leading driver in the five-man Roush Racing stable isn't waiting for the last 10 races to show last year was no fluke.

He came out of the gate roaring in 2004, finishing ninth in the Daytona 500 and then capturing consecutive victories at Rockingham and at Las Vegas last weekend.

Now, Kenseth is back on top of the points heading into Sunday's race at Atlanta Motor Speedway. He has taken the lead a week earlier than last

year, when nobody was able to catch him.

After Kenseth's run to the Cup title with only one victory in 36 races last season, NASCAR finally moved to make major changes in its scoring system.

NASCAR, which had been criticized for years for not rewarding winning more in the points, decided to add five extra points for winning a race and set up a late-season showdown over the final 10 events. The goal is to compete better in the fall with the World Series, college football and the NFL — and offer

another inducement for its stars to go all-out, no matter the situation.

After the first 26 races this season, the top 10 drivers and anyone else within 400 points of the leader, will race for the title and a champion's payoff of more than \$5 million.

When asked if he feels the move was a direct reaction to his title season, Kenseth shrugs and says, "I think NASCAR had a lot of reasons for making the changes. Hopefully, it will make things more exciting."

Over the winter, Kenseth and crew chief Robbie Reiser made

more than a few adjustments of their own.

"It would have been easy to sit back and say we had a good year last year, we ran good and won the championship and we're not going to change anything," Kenseth said.

Instead, they changed just about everything.

"I was so busy over the winter, I was gone one time for about five days and, when I came back to the shop, Robbie had the body cut off every single race car I had," Kenseth said, grinning. "I flipped out."

"I was like, 'Those were a couple of our good cars and I thought we were just going to fix them for the new rules,'" he added, referring to the shortened rear spoiler and softer tires mandated for 2004 by NASCAR.

Even the car in which Kenseth won that lone race last year in Vegas wasn't exempt.

"That car was together two months ago and it went to the wind tunnel and he hated it," Kenseth explained. "So he cut the whole body off of it after it was ready to go and primed because it wasn't what he thought was going to be the best."

That is the car that carried Kenseth to Victory Lane last Sunday.

Team owner Jack Roush gives Kenseth, Reiser and the rest of the No. 17 Ford crew their due for the fast start, but he also gives credit to a new nose

and tail given to Ford by NASCAR this season, as well as the new rules.

"It certainly means we spent our winter well," Roush said. "With a chance to get a new set of templates for our Taurus, the Ford engineers and all the team engineers did a really nice job."

It's not just Kenseth, either. Teammate Kurt Busch is off to a strong start and is fifth in the points, trailing Kenseth by just 123. And veteran Mark Martin, Roush's original Cup driver, is 20th in the standings, 207 points out.

Still, it's Kenseth who has taken the spotlight by answering his critics with dominating wins.

"Matt winning two races after all that criticism last year when we were all racing our guts out ... well, it feels pretty good," Roush said.

Kenseth enjoyed all the spoils of a champion over the winter, but he says thoughts about 2004 were never far from his mind.

"This winter is the most optimistic and excited I've ever been about a racing season," he said. "That's how I still feel today."

"I feel like we've got just awesome equipment, the best stuff I've sat in in my life, and I think we've got a lot of great opportunities this year."

It would be hard to argue with him right now.

Kahne wasting no time making impact in Cup

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — So this is what all the fuss was about.

Kasey Kahne, stuck in the middle of a contentious tug-of-war last season between Ford Motor Co. and car owner Ray Evernham, has wasted no time proving he was well worth the fight.

The 23-year-old rookie shook off engine problems he had in the season-opening Daytona 500 to score consecutive second-place finishes in the

next two races, a pole at Las Vegas last weekend and eighth place in the points standings.

Had the races been a few laps longer, Kahne might have a victory already: He came just inches short of beating Matt Kenseth at North Carolina Speedway last month in the fourth closest finish in NASCAR history.

"We need about 20 more miles for each of these races," he said. "But second place is pretty darned good and I'll take it."

So will Evernham, who fought to get Kahne out of his contract with Ford last season when he needed a driver to replace veteran Bill Elliott in the No. 9 Dodge.

Kahne had been carefully groomed by Ford for years and the manufacturer had no intention of losing its investment. But with only Busch series rides to offer, Kahne was able to break away from the blue oval camp and get into Dodge's flagship car.

Still, predicting his success was hard to do.

Kahne won the only Busch series race of his career in the season-finale in Homestead, Fla., last year. And in ranking the rich class of Nextel Cup rookies this season, he probably stacked up well behind veterans

Scott Riggs and Scott Wimmer, Busch series champion Brian Vickers and Craftsman Truck Series veteran Brendan Gaughan.

Kahne credits the Evernham operation for his progress in NASCAR's elite series.

"I never expected this," Kahne said. "Things have been going really smooth. I've never been in such a good situation. I've never been able to work with so many good people and figure out race cars, figure out what to do during the run."

"I think we've got lots of confidence and we're gaining more. It's fun driving for these guys and getting to work with them every week."

The effort is led by Evernham, who won three championships as crew chief for a young Jeff Gordon and has sacrificed nothing in trying to recreate that teamwork and chemistry.

But with Evernham in the owners role now, crew chief Tommy Baldwin is calling the shots and building his own relationship with Kahne.

Baldwin, who won the 2002 Daytona 500 as crew chief for Ward Burton, knows too well how fleeting the good times can be. He and Burton split midway through 2003 when they were

unable to find any momentum, so Baldwin knows there could be rocky times ahead for his new team.

"We're all still learning together," Baldwin said. "We just happened to get two good finishes the last two races. This business is like a roller coaster — you've got to ride high while you're high and when you're low, you've got to learn from it."

"We're still learning from the high and we're not supposed to be here right now."

But they are, and fellow competitors are taking notice.

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Preseason state softball poll

The Kentucky Softball Coaches Association has released its preseason poll for the 2004 season. Records are from last season.

1. Owensboro Catholic (40-6-1)
2. Mercy (29-8)
3. Grayson County (32-9)
4. Elizabethtown (29-5)
5. Ballard (27-9)
6. North Laurel (34-12)
7. Greenwood (34-7)
8. Montgomery County (31-9)
9. Hopkins County Central (30-8)
10. Middlesboro (37-4)

photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp talked with his team during a timeout in the second half. The Blackcats outscored Shelby Valley 22-17 in the fourth quarter Wednesday en route to a 69-66 win over the two-time defending 15th Region champ.

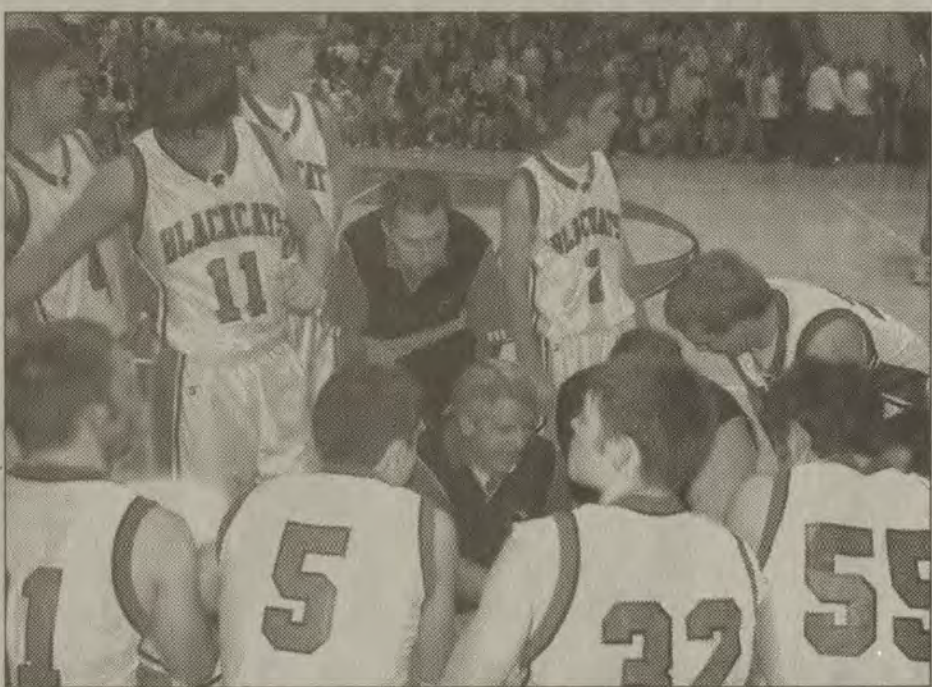


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Prestonsburg junior Trevor Compton, pictured going up with an acrobatic shot, helped lead the Blackcats to the win over 15th Region Tournament favorite Shelby Valley.

photo by Jamie Howell

A large group of fans turned out Wednesday night to support the Prestonsburg Blackcats.



Bentley

his team's success to three things:

"Can you believe what a crowd we had?" he rhetorically asked *The Floyd County Times* after the celebration died down. "Our fans have been great throughout the post-season. The student body has really gotten behind this basketball team. The crowd was a big plus for us."

Crisp was correct. The student body stormed the court — for the third time in three post-season games — after the clock mercifully hit zeros.

Rebounding. "We knew coming in that we would have to rebound well," he said.

Finally, his team is preparing itself mentally to play. "They've gotten focused on what they need to do," said the coach.

For Shelby Valley's Rodney Rowe, there was one more important factor: Desire.

"It seemed like they got every loose ball," he told the

News-Express. "They wanted it a little bit more when the ball was loose on the floor they wanted it and ended up getting it."

Early on, it seemed the Blackcats' nervous system would preclude any of those factors. The hosts made only 7-of-16 from the line before the half but still scrapped its way into the lead when junior Michael Morrison nailed a three just before recess to give the Cats a 29-28 edge.

After the break, things got a little better for the Blackcats, who hit 14-of-18 from the stripe.

Down the stretch senior Nick Jamerson stepped up, putting the Cats ahead for good on a layup with a minute left, and then getting an offensive rebound off a missed free throw and having the presence of mind to call a timeout while lying on the court to help seal the win.

Seconds later, Jamerson

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had gone from prone on the Fieldhouse floor to being hoisted high above it by the legion of Prestonsburg supporters who covered the court in celebration.

Their excitement is justified. Last week, the Cats were 10-16 and a four-seed in a four-team 58th District tournament. Then they knocked off

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Review

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recruiting, including prohibiting recruits from attending private parties, requiring adult supervision at all times and establishing an earlier curfew for recruits.

But Stearns and DeGette stressed that Colorado is not the only school under scrutiny. DeGette compiled a list of 18 recent scandals in the college ranks, including recent felony charges against University of Miami's top recruit, Willie Williams.

Williams was charged after setting off three fire extinguishers in his hotel and grabbing a woman against her will during a visit to Florida over Super Bowl weekend. He was on probation for a burglary charge and had 10 prior arrests.

According to an NCAA database, 31 schools have been sanctioned for major recruiting violations since 2000. Many involved coaches giving cash, plane tickets or other prohibited benefits to the high school athletes or family members.

"I'm interested in hearing what the NCAA intends to do to beef up its recruiting guidelines," DeGette said. "We hope that this hearing will highlight some of the practices that are becoming sadly pervasive."

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Livestock Arena in Ocala, Florida.

Will Whitson, Andy Whitson, and Courtney Callis rode their horses to blue ribbon rides the 12-17 class's in the Florida State shows.

The stables made the Blue Ribbon rides in the Open Geldings, Open Trail pleasure, Open Stallions and Open Mares. In all the facility racked up over 20 wins and three Grand Championships for their four day efforts.

The show attracted horses from New Jersey, Wisconsin and all the southeastern states.

This little horse from Eastern Kentucky continues to increase in popularity across America.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Kentucky athletics director apologizes to Florida for fan behavior

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky athletics director Mitch Barnhart has apologized to the University of Florida for the behavior of some Kentucky fans during the Florida-Kentucky basketball game on Sunday at Rupp Arena.

Barnhart wrote a letter to Florida athletics director Jeremy Foley on Monday, saying the behavior was not condoned by UK.

During the game, some fans taunted Florida forward Matt Walsh.

"We want our athletic department in general to be a first-class athletic department and represent the university in a first-class way," Barnhart said Wednesday from Atlanta, where he was attending a meeting of Southeastern Conference athletics directors prior to the SEC tournament.

"There are issues around college athletics, and certainly this is a topic of conversation in a lot of places. It came up in our athletic directors' meeting today. There are no real answers out there, but it's something our conference is trying to get its arm around," he said.

Athletics department spokesman Scott Stricklin said the letter wasn't meant to be made public.

"It wasn't a p.r. thing," Stricklin said. "It was a legitimate letter to Florida."

Stricklin said Florida coach Billy Donovan called Barnhart on Wednesday and thanked him for the letter.

Tampa

onship.

Chocolot is an 8-year-old chocolate breeding stallion that has numerous state championships to his credit.

The saddle class's was next and the local training facility continued its winning ways by claiming the blue ribbons.

The Prince Albert riders dominated the juvenile classes. The 11 and under saddle championship was won by Miss Whitney May of Allen. This was May's first effort in the Florida Rocky Mountain Shows.

Whitney continued her dominance by being named Juvenile Rider of the Year for the state of Florida in a center ring presentation at the Southeastern

Bentley

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regional contender South Floyd in the opener and clipped homestanding Allen Central in the finals.

And on Wednesday, they surprised a 59th District team for the second time in as many seasons in the regional-tournament opener. Remember, it was Prestonsburg that traveled to East Ridge and shocked the Warriors 64-59 a year ago.

Tonight, the Cats will focus on Pike County Central after the Hawks knocked off Magoffin County 45-31 in Wednesday's nightcap.

One thing is certain: Prestonsburg's time of sneaking up on people should be done. If knocking off a solid South Floyd unit and then winning at Allen Central wasn't

enough, Wednesday's stunner should have Pike Central's attention.

According to its coach, it does. "Prestonsburg is the most improved team in the region," said David Rowe. "It's wide open and against any team in this region you have to come ready to play."

Tonight is the biggest night of the year. Four teams will come to the Fieldhouse with their eyes on the prize.

Tonight they do or tonight they die.

The tournament has found its Cinderella. And she knows this house very well.

The glass slipped awaits.

Does it fit Jackie Day Crisp? Tonight, we take one more step toward finding out.

Tangle

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Semifinals tonight at 6:30 at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse. Pike Central advanced to the semifinals by beating Magoffin County on Wednesday night. The two teams met in the regular season, with Pike Central rolling past the Blackcats in a lopsided affair. Most would think this would spell trouble for Prestonsburg, however, the Blackcats got past a South Floyd team that had handled the Blackcats twice in the regular season in the opening round of the 58th District tourney. Prestonsburg would then follow with a win over an Allen Central team that had beaten the Blackcats by 20-plus points in two previous meetings, and finally Prestonsburg would pull the shocker of the year Wednesday evening by knocking off two-time defending champ Shelby Valley in the opening round of the tourney. Shelby Valley had just tangled with Prestonsburg less than two weeks prior to Wednesday and came away with a 20 point win in a game that the Wildcats led by as much as 30 points in the first half.

Prestonsburg will look to stay focused and pull another shocker tonight as they take on the champions of the 60th District. Prestonsburg Soach Jackie Crisp was concerned with the size of

the Hawks.

"They are just so big," stated Crisp, after his Blackcats had just finished off Shelby Valley. Pike Central is led by senior Chase Lyons, John Williamson will provide some long-range shooting for David Rowe's club. Prestonsburg has reeled off three memorable wins thus far in the post season, and Cinderella hopes to keep dancing all the way to the ball. Tip-off for tonight's semifinal is set for 6:30 with the second game to start 20 minutes after the conclusion of the first game.

Defend

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Joe Blackburn and Jesse Chaffin, both starters, finished with seven and six points, respectively. Sean Leslie, another starter, flipped in four.

Kiser led Valley in scoring with 17 points. Patrick Tackett finished with 14 points, half of which came in the fourth quarter. Thomas scored 12 and Kelsey Friend 10. Riddle had three points and Mikey Bartley scored on a free throw.

Prestonsburg will meet up with Pike Central tonight in one of two semifinal games. Tip-off is set for 6:30 p.m.



photo by Jamie Howell
Blake Jenkins of Magoffin County dribbled as Pike Central's Anthony Gibson defended.

Eliminate

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played well. I'm pleased with the effort our girls gave. It's just that time of the year that you cannot have a bad game or, you go home."

Three different players broke into double figures scoring-wise for the Lady Hornets.

Calloray Howard led Magoffin County (17-11) in scoring with 18 points. Savannah Howard added 13 points and Michaela Howard pushed in 12, giving Magoffin County three solid scoring efforts. Tabetha Howard was next in line for Magoffin County, scoring nine points. Jaime Adams netted seven points, Ashley J. Howard and Brittany Manns each had six.

Magoffin County, coached by Neil West, hit 45-percent from the floor.

The Lady Hornets hit the majority of their free throws, connecting on 22 of 27 free tries for 81-percent. Magoffin County made good on five three-pointers. The Lady Hornets hit 14-of-16 free throws in the fourth period.

Allen Central was just 11-of-21 from the charity stripe.

Senior Terri Mullins led Allen Central in scoring with 17 points. Junior center Becky Thomas followed with 16 points and senior Jessica Isaac tossed in 15. Isaac hit three of Allen Central's four three-point field goals.

Tab Caudill had six points for Allen Central and Yumekia Hunter four. Amanda Mill scored three while Alanna Cline and Mara Bliiter added two each.

Samons

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admitted Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin. "He's played real well for us. He's a leader."

Samons has played a key role in many Runnin' Rebel triumphs this season. A strong contributor as a junior, Samons stepped his play up to another level during his senior season, joining forces again with fellow classmates Austin Francis and Justin Hall, both of whom are also seniors. Samons, who can fire the three-point shot or drive the lane and take the ball to the basket, received more than a handful of post-season hardware at the conclusion of the 58th District Tournament title game.

Samons was named the player of the year by Martin radio state WMDJ (100.1). Betsy Layne junior Kim Clark was named the girls' player of the year. Samons was named to all-district after an impressive 58th District Tournament. In

addition, he also earned the top individual boys' basketball honor in all of Floyd County - Floyd County Conference Player of the Year. This season, a watchful, youthful eye has helped look over the Allen Central boys' basketball flock. Nick Samons, a brother to Rossi, and a former Runnin' Rebel himself, has been right on the Allen Central bench to watch his younger brother and the Allen Central boys team. Nick played his college basketball at Alice Lloyd. Rossi may also follow in those footsteps and play at the next level.

Game

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halftime, Pike Central (17-13) went on to beat the Hornets (3-23) 45-31. The win allowed the Hawks to advance to the regional tournament semifinals.

Senior Chase Lyons led the Hawks in scoring with a game-high 12 points. Brad Lowe and Adam Prater scored 11 points apiece in the winning effort.

The Pikeville Central boys' basketball program has been a perennial contender in the 15th Region for quite some time now.

Pike Central Coach David Rowe emptied his bench in the second half, as did Magoffin County head coach Danny Adams.

Magoffin County mounted a mild comeback in the second quarter, but could never cut the Pike Central lead into single digits. Starting guard Courtney Conley hit two three-point field goals in the rally and finished

with those six points.

Eight different Hawks scored in the victory. John Williamson and Chase Snodgrass netted three points apiece. Derek Rowe and Anthony Gibson had two points each. Brian Ratliff rounded out the Pike Central scoring with a free throw.

Blake Jenkins paced Magoffin County with eight points. Dustin Allen and Devin Rice scored five each, while Clay Fletcher netted four. Tyler Hunley had two points and Clay Fletcher connected on a free throw.

Pike Central will move on to the regional tourney semifinals tonight against host Prestonsburg, a first-round winner over two-time defending 15th Region champ Shelby Valley. Tip-off for the Pike Central-Prestonsburg game is set for 6:30 p.m.

Kahne

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It's a critical time for Kahne, from Enumclaw, Wash., population 8,750. The success he's having right now could go to his head and knock the No. 9 team right off the fast track.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., who admittedly didn't handle rookie success well his first season, thinks Kahne won't be affected.

"I feel like I know Kasey pretty well and he is probably oblivious to the impact he has made this year," Earnhardt said. "That's probably good, because when I was doing so well my rookie season ... that's when maybe a little cockiness got the best of all of us."

"But with Kasey, he's with a good team and has a good mentor in Ray who can control his ego and keep his head on straight."

Kahne has tasted success before, albeit in the open-wheel ranks. He won the USAC Midget championship and was the USAC Silver Bullet Series Rookie of the Year in 2002, then was successful in the Toyota Atlantic and Formula Ford 2000 series the next year.

He jumped to NASCAR and a limited Busch schedule in 2002. Despite modest accomplishments in his short Busch stint, he caught Evernham's eye and the owner made him the heir apparent to replace Elliott, who went to a scaled-back schedule this season.

Kahne has had no qualms taking over for the former series champion, and has used every opportunity to pick Elliott's brain.

"I came into this having a huge seat to fill," Kahne said. "I was going to do whatever I could to not make mistakes and do everything I could right. So far, it's been great. But I know it can turn bad at any time."

H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Wednesday's games

BOYS

4th Region

Barren Co. 46, Franklin-Simpson 37 OT
Monroe Co. 56, Bowling Green 51

6th Region

Lou. Central 68, Lou. Doss 66
Lou. DeSales 73, Lou. Western 46
Lou. Fairdale 63, Lou. Iroquois 52
Lou. PRP 106, Lou. Shawnee 64

7th Region

Lou. Ballard 70, Jeffersonton 67
Lou. Fern Creek 77, Lou. Eastern 57
Lou. Male 52, Lou. Seneca 47
Lou. Trinity 49, Lou. Manual 36

15th Region

Pike Central 45, Magoffin Co. 31
Prestonsburg 69, Shelby Valley 66

5th Region

Central Hardin 49, Larue Co. 44
Nelson Co. 44, Marion Co. 39

8th Region

Anderson Co. 44, South Oldham 42
Bullitt East 35, Owen Co. 33

9th Region

Newport Central Catholic 73, Cov. Holy Cross 62
Simon Kenton 55, Cov. Scott 44

10th Region

Mason Co. 48, Clark Co. 41
Harrison Co. 60, Bracken Co. 41

11th Region

Madison Central 61, Lex. Christian 55
Woodford Co. 71, Berea 50

12th Region

Mercer Co. 60, Pulaski Co. 51
Wayne Co. 59, Danville 34

13th Region

Bell Co. 59, Evarts 35
Rockcastle Co. 61, Knox Central 31

14th Region

Jenkins 67, Wolfe Co. 58
Perry Central 86, Breathitt Co. 32

16th Region

East Carter 51, Ashland Blazer 25
Raceland 51, Rowan Co. 40

GIRLS

1st Region

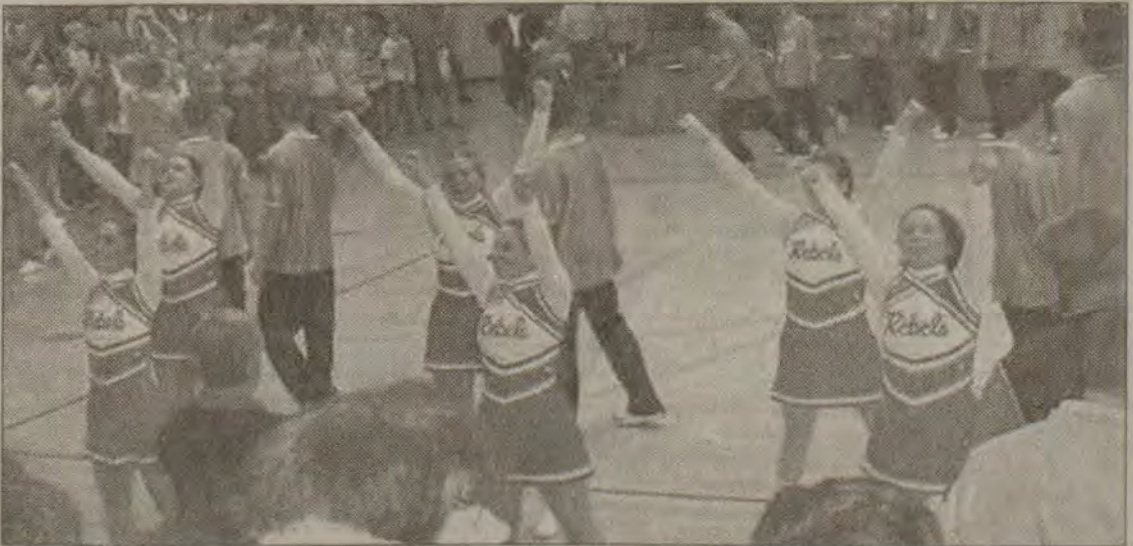
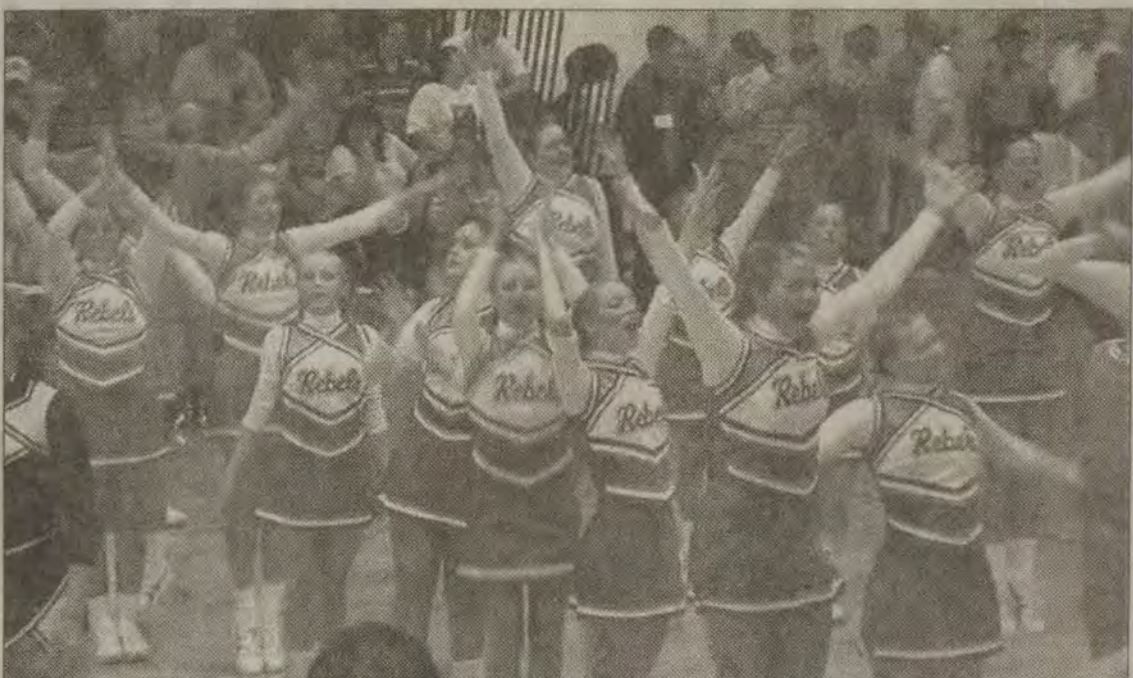
Graves Co. 46, Heath 36
Marshall Co. 63, Carlisle Co. 36

2nd Region

Caldwell Co. 51, Hopkinsville 29
Hopkins Central 63, Webster Co. 38

3rd Region

Ohio Co. 60, Owensboro Catholic 46



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The Allen Central High boys' varsity cheerleaders were out in full spirit at last week's 58th District Tournament. Playing on its home hardwood, the Allen Central boys had a great deal of support. Allen Central was in action in the 15th Region Tournament last night at Prestonsburg.

2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup schedule and standings

Feb. 15	Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
Feb. 22	Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth)
March 7	UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas (Matt Kenseth)
March 14	Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga.
March 21	Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C.
March 28	Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.
April 4	Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
April 18	Advance Auto Parts 500, Martinsville, Va.
April 25	Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.
May 2	Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif.
May 15	Pontiac Performance 400, Richmond, Va.
May 30	Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 6	MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
June 13	Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
June 20	Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
June 27	Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
July 3	Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	Tropicana 400, Joliet, Ill.
July 25	New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
Aug. 1	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 8	Brickyard 400, Indianapolis
Aug. 15	Sinus at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22	Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 28	Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 5	Pop Secret 500, Fontana, Calif.
Sept. 11	Chevrolet Monte Carlo 400, Richmond, Va.
Sept. 19	Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 26	MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
Oct. 3	EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 10	Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 16	UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 24	Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 31	Bass Pro Shops MBNA 400, Hampton, Ga.
Nov. 7	Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 14	Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Nov. 21	Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Driver Standings

1. Matt Kenseth	523
2. Tony Stewart	435
3. Elliott Sadler	405
4. Jeff Gordon	404
5. Kurt Busch	400
6. Kevin Harvick	399
7. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	398
8. Kasey Kahne	385
(tie) Jamie McMurray	385
10. Casey Mears	367

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THROUGH MY EYES

One more passing

My Aunt Pet passed away this past Sunday, March 7, 2004. Already a sad weekend for me as my thoughts turned to the anniversary of my precious daddy who passed away some years ago on March 6, 1997.

As more and more of the older generation of my family pass away, I realize with each passing just how very much these folks have all meant to me. Each and every one of them, in their own special way, have made tremendous impacts upon my life and have helped shape me into the person I am today.

Just as the song goes, "You never know what you've got 'til it's gone," I hope I am learning to treasure what I have today in knowing that tomorrow it may be gone. More than once this past week, my aunt's son seemed to want to impress upon me that although my aunt may have made



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POSTSCRIPT

Healing, yes; rest, no

If you have a dog or cat, you know that when your pet isn't feeling good, it sleeps. I read somewhere years ago that when we're ill, we should emulate our animal friends and try to sleep as much as possible. Sleep, I expect, allows our body to slow down and try to get on with its own healing process.

That doesn't seem to be how they see it in hospitals.

I spent last Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights in the hospital with my cousin, Mabel Coleman (Peewee to family). She's experiencing some serious health problems and has been in and out of the hospital lately.

The medicine she's taking for pain is causing some mild hallu



Pam Shingler
 contributing writer

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Nora Slone, left, and Onda Lee Holbrook, center, receive commemorative plaques from Auxier Postmaster Debbie Hall in recognition of their successful battles against breast cancer.

A special day for special customers - Auxier Post Office celebrates customer health

by Kathy J. Prater
 Features Editor

Postmaster Debbie Hall says she truly appreciates the customers who patronize the small post office in the community of Auxier and, to prove her point, she and Pat Music, PMR, organized a "Customer Appreciation Day" this past Tuesday to let everyone know just how much the two women truly do appreciate them.

"We've gotten so close to so many of our customers," Hall said, "we see them so often we feel just like family."

And, just as family members fret and fuss over one another's health, so do Hall and Music care about the health of their daily customers. So, it was only fitting that along with the warm doughnuts and hot coffee being served to loyal customers on Tuesday morning, Hall and Music had also arranged to have nurse Thelma Lafferty, from the Floyd County

Health Department, be on hand to administer blood pressure screenings and pass out pamphlets of general information in regard to both women's and men's health concerns.

Along with checking blood pressure and answering questions, Lafferty also had on display an educational model designed to instruct women on the proper procedure of breast self-exams. Taking the message of the importance of regularly scheduled mammograms to heart, Hall invited two local ladies, Onda Lee Holbrook and Nora Slone, both survivors of breast cancer, to be presented with a commemorative plaque in honor of their successful fight against the disease. The plaque contained commemorative stamps designed especially to increase public awareness of breast cancer and to raise funds to help support research

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Charlie Meadows, of Corn Fork, a daily visitor to the small post office, takes time to have his blood pressure checked by Floyd County Health Department nurse, Thelma Lafferty.

THINGS TO PONDER

Things to ponder: Who abused MamMaw?

"Last year the Cabinet for Families and Children received 6,000 referrals for adult abuse. There were only 27 convictions for adult abuse in the last three years. Nationally it is estimated that 85 percent of incidents of elder abuse are never reported." These remarks were part of a Letter to the Editor in a recent edition of the Floyd County Times. The writer (O.D. Humphress) stressed the importance of citizens supporting the passage of a bill, HB 105, to "ensure that everyone knows

what their job is and to provide some means of accountability," with regards to abuse of the elderly. Would you know what to do, if an elderly family member or neighbor was being abused in some way? Do you really know what elder abuse is? What do you think someone should do, if they knew it was happening to you?

The following numbers were reported from a national study of domestic elder abuse in 1994 (from state adult protective service agencies and state units on

aging across the nation). There had been an increase of 106 percent since 1986, with about 820,000 elders becoming victims. The typical age of the victim was 76.5 years. Neglect, 58.5 percent, was found to be the most common form of mistreatment of the elderly in domestic settings. Physical abuse was the basis of 15.7 percent of the abuse cases with financial/material exploitation being found in 12.3 percent of the reports. In 1994, the victim was most likely white (65.4 percent). Often the

elderly females are victims of abuse - 61.4 percent, while no significant difference was found as to whether or not males or females did the abusing. Even though it is difficult to accept that abuse of the elderly is actually occurring, adult children are the most frequent ones to abuse the older ones (36.7 percent). All states but eight have specific guidelines as to the procedures for mandatory reports about suspected elder abuse. The 1994 study found that



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 Ph.D.

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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Mar. 12 - "Career Expo" for 8th grade at First Methodist Church.

■ Mar. 15 - Last day to turn in Food City receipts.

■ Mar. 15 - PTO meeting, 6 p.m.

■ Mar. 16 - Parent support group meeting, 11 a.m., in FRC. Topic: "School Safety." Refreshments provided. All parents/guardians invited to attend.

■ Mar. 16-18 — Peer Pressure program conducted by Our Lady of the Way Hospital Education Department.

■ Mar. 23 - "Magic Me" meeting (weather permitting), 3:30-4:30 p.m.

■ Apr. 17 - Community Baby Shower, Mt. Arts Center, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. FREE to all Floyd County expectant

parents or parents with children up to 1 year of age. Mini-workshops, exhibits, door prizes, goody bags, refreshments. Sponsored by various community agencies.

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day" at Mt. Arts Center. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., program begins at 9 a.m. FREE to all Floyd County parents. Information, fun, door prizes, refreshments. Sponsored by Floyd County Family Resource and Youth Services Centers.

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

**Recreation Room now open for students after school. Anyone who has items to donate to the rec room, please call the center.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in

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

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

■ Mar. 12 - "Career Expo" field trip, 8th grade.

■ Mar. 13 - Collection of Food City receipts ends, but students may still turn receipts in to teachers until March 31.

■ Mar. 15 - Bridges parent meeting, 1:30 p.m. Topic: "Sexual Harassment."

■ Mar. 16 - Respect class - 7th grade.

■ Mar. 18 - V.I.P. (Very

Important Parent) meeting, 10:00 a.m. Topic: "Bullying/Discipline."

■ Mar. 19 - Report cards sent home.

■ Mar. 20 - Science Olympiad trip.

■ Mar. 23 - Respect class, 7th grade.

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

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

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

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

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of

income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

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

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

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ March 29-April 2 - SPRING BREAK.

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

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B.

skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Mar. 12 & 15 - Musical program for 5th grades by Ray Slone.

■ Mar. 17 - School assembly, 9 a.m. Lexington Children's Theater performance of "Why Mosquitoes Buzz."

■ Mar. 18 - VIP (Parent support group), 1 p.m., school library.

■ Mar. 23 - Lice prevention/information program for Mrs. Anna Shepherd's kindergarten class.

■ Mar. 22 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., school library. Open to public.

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

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

■ Lending library available

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Eyes

me angry at times in the past few years, that she really never intended to. This, I know.

My Aunt Pet was very devoted to her family. My mother - her sister - was someone she often clucked over like a mother hen, directing her this way and that, overseeing her welfare and sometimes, maybe, getting in the way a little. But, everyone in my family, my mother, my siblings and I, all realize that everything she did, she did out of love. She was, after all, my mother's older sister and like any good older sister, she took it upon herself to look out for the welfare of her younger sibling.

Now, today, my Aunt Pet is gone and her "baby sister" is still here. My mom, who many of you know, suffers from Alzheimer's Disease, and isn't fully aware that

her sister has now passed. I use the words "fully aware" because, according to my own older sister, who visited our mother the morning of our aunt's funeral, my mother was not quite "herself" that day.

Being one to always give a smile and a chuckle freely most anytime you stop to visit, on this particular morning, my sister says, our mother wasn't very happy. "It was so strange," my sister told me, "Mom was just making these little wailing sounds and seeming so upset. It was like she just sensed something wasn't right."

Who's to say that she didn't? Bonds that have remained active and strong like the one between these two women are not easily broken. It is these sort of bonds that truly last a lifetime - and an

eternity.

My aunt passed on the anniversary of her own mother's death. We in the family like to think that Grandma came down from Heaven just long enough to lead her little girl away from the suffering and into the peace of a radiant light.

My own mother, who wants daily to only "go home," probably wishes she could follow. But, her time to go has not yet come. Being the selfish child that I am, I have to admit that I'm glad for that. My mother has left me in many ways already, but I can still visit her and touch her and look into her eyes. For my cousins, that is gone - at least for now.

My prayers and my thoughts remain with them in this time of

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Ponder

physicians and other health-care professionals were doing the most (21.6 percent) reports of elder abuse, followed by family members and relatives of victims (14.9 percent), staff of agencies providing services for the elderly (9.4 percent) and finally friends, neighbors, law enforcement personnel, clergy, banks/business institutions, and elder abuse victims. Whether anyone wants to accept the reality or not, 61 percent of all reports made in 1994 were substantiated. How would you have felt if the abused one had been your MamMaw or a neighbor that you really cared about?

Elder abuse is really a crime and in many instances abusers breaking the law can be charged with a criminal offense. It seems that one of the saddest parts of the elderly being abused is that they usually know their abusers. Furthermore, they depend upon these cruel people, perhaps for food, shelter, personal care, or companionship. There can be various forms of elder

abuse. Physical abuse occurs with such activities as slapping, pushing, inappropriate use of medication, and unnecessary physical restraint. Sometimes, the abuse is sexual in nature. Mental cruelty and psychological abuse can also be elder abuse, with such acts as insults, treating the person like a child, and threats of putting the aged person in a nursing home. As shown above, neglect of the elderly is frequently the type of abuse that occurs. A prime example is the inadequate provision of food, clothing, shelter, medication, health, social and personal care. Passive neglect is the lack of fulfilling a caretaking obligation without meaning to - creating distress without conscious or willful intent. Active neglect is when the abuser means to not do what is needed for the older person, whatever it is, by failing to provide food or medical care or inflicting physical or emotional stress or injury. Financial exploitation of the elderly person is certainly abuse. This is when "someone" inappropriately takes the older one's money, pension checks, or possessions. In addition, theft, fraud, forgery, extortion, and the wrongful use of Power of Attorney can be elder abuse.

Many factors are thought to lead to elder abuse with each case usually having its own twist in the matter. A mixture of psychological, social, and economic factors, combined with the mental and physical conditions of the victim and

the abuser, are thought to contribute to abuse of the elderly. Some of the "big" reasons might be a family history of coping with stress and conflicts by violence, no matter what the age is of those involved. They just have not learned any other ways of dealing with situations. There is the possibility that a former abusing partner becomes ill and his wife seizes the moment to "fight back." In other cases, the elder abuse is likely to occur when both the psychological and material resources are starting to be drained. The coming together of stress from excessive demands and "not enough to go around" can lead the way to abuse or willful neglect. Abusers of the elderly tend to have more personal problems than do non-abusers. Adult children that abuse their parents often have mental and emotional disorders, alcoholism, drug addiction, and financial difficulty, ending up being very dependent upon their elderly parent. Elderly people might also be abused because caretakers do not know about the aging process and the psychological/physical needs of older folks.

Although one sign or symptom of elder abuse need not be a definite conclusion, each one needs to be taken seriously. Some of the signs to be aware of are: (1) Differences between a person's standard of living and financial assets or

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Health

toward a cure for the disease. "The breast cancer awareness stamp was just re-released for sale again," said Hall, who also said that the stamp had been retired in December, 2003, but is now on sale again due to a recent order signed by President Bush. The stamp will continue to be sold and to generate funds for breast cancer research until December, 2005. The stamps are sold for .45 cents each, with .08 cents from the sale of each stamp going toward breast cancer research. "It doesn't sound

like very much," Hall said, "but millions and millions of dollars have actually been raised for breast cancer research with the sale of this stamp. I'm very glad to see it being sold again. And, I'm very glad to honor these two lovely ladies and to know that I'll keep seeing them around."

To help support breast cancer research, ask your local postmaster for the breast cancer awareness stamp. Stamps are sold for .45 cents each or for \$9/book of stamps.

Prestonsburg attorney places third in world in dance competition

Prestonsburg Attorney Mickey McGuire recently returned from the World's Competition of Country Western Couple Dancing, where he placed Third in the World in his division. McGuire received gold medals in Two-Step, Waltz, Cha Cha, and West Coast Swing.

In order to qualify for the world competition events, McGuire competed in Dallas, Texas, Nashville, Tennessee, and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He took the title of first place Grand Champion in Fort Lauderdale in November and was fourth place in Dallas.

The recent title win continues McGuire's string of success having also been Third in the World in the Novice Division two years previous after dancing at the World's Championship contest in Veldhoven, the Netherlands. McGuire has now been competing in couple's competitions for five years and this is his highest level of achievement.

McGuire also competed at the same event in a World's Swing Championship with his daughter, Erika Clark, of Versailles, Kentucky, in which they placed Fourth. "It was very exciting to be able to compete in a contest with my daughter," he said. "It made me very proud of the opportunity to compete against some of the best dancers in the country in such a highly competitive event."

Erika has three children and is married to Don Clark. The couple own and operate Duell Clark Funeral Home in Versailles.

The competition was staged at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville. It began on December 31 and ran through January 5. McGuire's partner, Vickie Vance Johnson, is a World Class Dancer and was a Master Level Champion with her husband, Kevin Johnson.

The Johnson's operate a dance studio in Nashville and give lessons all across the United States. They choreograph and have students in several states from New York to Texas.

McGuire competes in United Country Western Dance Council authorized events. The contest staged this year in Nashville attracted competitors from all across the United States, Japan, Germany, England, Ireland and several other European countries.

McGuire looks forward to continuing his competition next year with Brenda Hawkins, from Nashville. Mrs. Hawkins is married to Dr. Rowland Hawkins. She is a third grade teacher and has competed for the last five years in United Country Western Dance Council dance competitions. She is currently competing for World's Champion Advanced with Professional Kevin Johnson. Mrs. Hawkins was first place Grand Champion of the female advanced division. She and McGuire have already started

working on their dance partnership for the 2004 season. They expect their first competition to be in March, in Atlanta, at the Peach State Dance Festival. Both dancers are looking forward to the new competition as an opportunity to compete in the couple's format.

McGuire, in addition to being a practicing attorney, is also the First District Representative on the Floyd County School Board. Since Mrs. Hawkins is a teacher, the two have a lot to discuss concerning education. McGuire says that he is very interested in how Tennessee has addressed their problems in education and the federal "No Child Left Behind" program requirements. In 2004, the pair plan to enter contests in Atlanta, St. Louis, New Orleans, and Cincinnati. McGuire says that he most especially looks forward to competing in Cincinnati, where many of his friends and family will have a chance to see him make some quick moves on the dance floor.

New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

Mar. 3, 2003

A son, Dezmine Rashard Arrington, to Jessica Baker

Mar. 3, 2004

A daughter, Hailey Brooke Tackett, to Lee Ann & Samuel Tackett

Mar. 3, 2004

A daughter, Madyson Olivia Faith Collins, to Denise & Stacy Collins

Mar. 3, 2004

A son, Ethan Odell Little, to Karin & Dennis Little

Mar. 4, 2004

A daughter, Kaydence Ann Risner, to Marlena Ann Miller

Mar. 4, 2004

A daughter, Sarah Beth Howes, to Sheila & Shawn Howes

Mar. 5, 2004

A son, Grayson Patrick Arnett, to Tina & Scott Arnett

Mar. 6, 2004

A son, Tracis Tyler Jaydin Case, to Johnanna Marie Tackett

Please, keep 'em coming!

Our pet photos file needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so, please, send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but have been afraid to ask"! You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcounty-times.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbeac@tusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!



Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



Restless legs syndrome treated with 'art' not 'science'

Q My doctor recently told me that I have restless leg syndrome and to take iron supplements. He didn't do any lab work, just examined me and said that was what I had. I have been having trouble sleeping from this because my legs only bother me at night. Is there anything else I can do about this? What is restless leg syndrome?

A Restless leg syndrome, or RLS, is a movement disorder. The primary symptoms are an uncomfortable feeling, usually in the upper legs, that causes an irresistible urge to move the legs or walk to

relieve the sensation. These symptoms frequently occur during the early stages of sleep. Moving the legs seems to make the sensation go away. Episodes can last for up to an hour or longer. A similar syndrome can affect the arms, but this is rare.

Generally, the person with RLS comes to his or her physician's office complaining about an inability to sleep. The fourth leading cause of insomnia, RLS is seen in about 6 percent of the adult population, with a higher incidence in people over 65. There is a strong tendency for this disorder to run in families, and most cases are idiopathic — no cause is

ever found.

In some cases, though, certain medical conditions can be pinpointed as the cause. Iron deficiency anemia, for example, is a common, treatable cause of RLS. This may be why you were told to take iron. It would be best to have some lab work done to confirm the diagnosis of anemia, however.

before beginning treatment. Women who are pregnant are also more prone to RLS, as are people of both genders who have low thyroid hormone levels, diabetes, low folic acid and magnesium levels, or varicose veins.

The treatment for RLS depends on the cause. If you have an underlying causative condition, then adequate treatment of that condition will usually cure your RLS. However, as I said, most people with RLS have no identifiable cause, so the treatment is much

less specific and more problematic.

Discontinuing coffee, alcohol and tobacco can be helpful. Avoid exercise for at least two hours before bedtime. Massaging the legs and using cold compresses can give some relief. There are medications that can help to still the restless legs, but some may have undesirable side effects.

Finally, remember that any time you see the label "syndrome" it means we are in the realm of the "art" of medicine rather than the "science" of medicine. I say this because a syndrome is a grouping of symptoms that are commonly observed together rather than a specific disease condition for which we understand the underlying causes. Consequently, treatment decisions are based more on subjective — or "artful" — observations than on hard, scientific data. This is certainly the case with idiopathic restless legs syndrome.

If you suffer from restless legs syndrome and are one of the majority of sufferers who don't have an underlying disorder, I'd still recommend that you talk to your family doctor about treatment choices. But be patient — remember that "art" often takes time.

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School

to parents for check out of videos of their interest.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

**School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment for the school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them off at the school

office or sending them with a student.**

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

Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day"

at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

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

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Mar. 16 - V.I.P. (Very Important Parent) meeting, 1:30 p.m., in FRC office. Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded.

■ Mar. 16 - Family Reading Night, 6:30 p.m., in school library.

■ Mar. 16 - P.T.A. meeting, 6:00 p.m., in auditorium.

■ April 17 - "Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents," 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. For additional info., call the FRC at 886-7088.

■ April 25 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," sponsored by the Floyd County FRYSC's, 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Door prizes, fun workshops and FREE lunch!

**School is now collecting Food City receipts. Our goal this year is to collect \$400,000 in receipts.

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

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

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Mar. 12 - "Career Exploration Day," 8th grade. Prestonsburg Methodist Church.

■ Mar. 15 & 25 - Health Awareness program, 7th & 8th grades, Floyd County Health Dept.

■ Mar. 18 - V.I.P. (Very Important Parents) meeting, 10:30 a.m., in resource center office. Topic: "Raising Drug-Free Kids."

■ Apr. 7 - 4-H Project Day, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

■ Apr. 17 - "Fun Fair for New & Expectant Parents," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mountain Arts Ctr.

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," for all parents, grandparents & guardians, Mountain Arts Ctr.

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

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

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

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

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

■ Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

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

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

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

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

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cinations and she was afraid to be alone at night, despite hospital personnel close by.

The sister she lives with could n't leave their dog, and her other sister who's been taking her to and from doctors' offices and the hospital finally succumbed to a bad cold and bronchitis herself.

They've always been more like sisters than cousins to me, so I was more than willing to help.

But by Monday I felt like I'd been on a weekend toot, with no good memories to go with it. One thing's for sure: You don't go to a hospital to rest up.

Now, I'm normally a very sound sleeper. I regularly sleep through train sounds. I've slept through TVs blaring in the next room, people going through my room, dogs barking, cats fighting, sirens blaring, you name it.

Still, the sounds of a hospital are not so easy to overcome, especially in just a few nights. For instance, there's the intercom, which is, of course, necessary for communication between patient and desk and between desk and the nurses who make the rounds.

You just get to sleep when a shrill, crackly voice says, "Angie, go to 328; Angie, go to 328." My reaction is to sit up quickly and ask, "Who? Do what?" The next reaction is trying to figure out where I am — over and over.

Then there are the regular medicine carriers — not to be confused with the test takers. They each pop in at regular intervals.

Nothing, however, is as rousing as the 4 a.m. testing. The technician comes in towing a cart the size of Knott County and takes a couple of pints of blood from the patient. (OK, so I exaggerate, but only a little.)

The real rub is that these night shift folks are so jolly. They smile, even laugh, at 4 in the morning. They walk with a spring in their step. They call patients "Honey" and squeeze their hands affectionately. I am truly amazed by these people who work so hard and who so graciously take care of other people.

But sometimes, if you have to go to the hospital, don't you just wish you could get some rest?



Arnold recognized for help with fundraiser

Candy Arnold won the Our Lady of the Mountains Gift Basket, valued at over \$100, for her outstanding salesmanship in the Citrus Fruit Sale. She and her kindergarten daughter, Michi, sold over \$2000 worth of fruit.



Our Lady of the Mountains Science Fair Winners

Students at Our lady of the Mountains School, in Paintsville, recently competed in the school's Science Fair. The first place winners will go on to compete in the Regional Science Fair, to be held in Prestonsburg. The students shown are: Back Row, sixth grade; First Place, John Cybriwsky; Second Place, Kristin Saul; and Third place, Katie Hutchinson Middle Row, fifth grade; First Place, Rachel Sanders; Second Place, Daniel Crotty; and Third place, Elizabeth Hardt Front Row, First Place, Courtney Coburn; Second Place, Haley Matijasic; and Third place, Travis Saul

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Floyd County Devotional Page

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.
 New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
 Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
 Auxler Freewill Baptist, Auxler; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
 Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
 Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
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IT TOOK A CASE OF LEPROSY AND AN EARTHQUAKE TO STOP THIS KING!

UZZIAH, SON OF AMAZIAH, ASCENDED THE THRONE OF JUDAH AT THE AGE OF SIXTEEN TO REIGN FOR FIFTY-TWO YEARS (2009-757 B.C.). PURSUING THIS RULE, HE SERVED AS A WISE AND PIOUS KING. HE REBUILT JERUSALEM, STRENGTHENED ITS WALLS, ENCOURAGED THE ARTS, WAS VICTORIOUS IN BATTLE WITH HIS NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND, IN FACT, RAISED THE KINGDOM BACK TO THE POWER AND GLORY IT ENJOYED IN KING SOLOMON'S DAY! HOWEVER, WHEN HE MADE HIS ONE AND ONLY MISTAKE, IT WAS AS STUPENDOUS AS WERE HIS MANY TRIUMPHS! ELATED BY ALL HIS GOOD DEEDS, HE DECIDED HE SHOULD ALSO BE HEAD AND IN THE TEMPLE. CERTAINLY ON HIGH OCCASIONS—AFTER ALL, OTHER KINGS DID THIS, DIDN'T THEY? WHO BETTER TO SERVE GOD IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES THAN UZZIAH, HIMSELF, WHO HAD DONE SO MUCH FOR HIS KINGDOM? BUT...

...WHEN HE MADE THIS ATTEMPT, HE WAS WARNED BY THE HIGH PRIEST, AZARIAH, THAT ONLY A PRIEST COULD LAWFULLY ENTER THE HOLY PLACE AND OFFER INCENSE ON THE ALTAR (2CH 26:17-19). UZZIAH WAS ENRAGED AND ABOUT TO USE FORCE WHEN THE BIBLE TELLS US, "GOD, IN HIS ANGER, INTERVENED AND UZZIAH WAS SMITTEN WITH LEPROSY, THEN AND THERE! NOT ONLY THAT—THE DIVINE WRATH WAS SO TEMPESTUOUS THAT IT CAUSED AN EARTHQUAKE WHICH SPLIT THE ROOF OF THE TEMPLE AND SENT ONE HALF OF A MOUNTAIN, SITUATED TO THE WEST OF JERUSALEM, CRASHING INTO THE VALLEY BELOW, WHICH DESTROYED AND COMPLETELY COVERED UP THE ROYAL GARDENS! THIS WE HAVE ON THE WORD OF JOSEPHUS, THE ANCIENT HISTORIAN OF THE JEWS, WITH FURTHER CORROBORATION IN THE BIBLE (AMOS 1:1) (ZECH 1:5). FROM THAT DAY ON, UZZIAH HAD TO LIVE IN SECLUSION AS A LEPER. HIS SON, JOTHAM, ADMINISTERING THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT IN HIS FATHER'S NAME, A RATHER FORCEFUL REMINDER TO ALL ISRAEL THAT, NO MATTER HOW GREAT, NO ONE COULD GET AWAY WITH BREAKING GOD'S LAW!

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220-Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

Lunchroom Director Applications may be picked up at Mountain Christian Academy, HWY 80, Martin, KY. For more information call 606-285-5141

310-Business Opp.

FOR RENT: BEAUTY SHOP

equipped with 3 stations, and tanning bed, located 1 mile south of Martin on Rt. 122. Call 285-4826 or 285-9112.

380-Services

For Sale

Psychoballistics Silver Bullet with carbon fiber 14" barrel. Electronic with three firing modes 3 shot burst, fully automatic, semi-auto, Mouse click trigger pull \$230.00

For Sale Block

Building 105 x 35 Approximately 150' from U.S. 23 near Pike-Floyd County line call 478-8403 after 5:00pm

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530-Houses

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550-Land & Lots

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570-Mobile Homes

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805-Announcements

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812 - Free

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900-Legals

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Paul Roberts, Rt. 979, Box 555, Harold, Ky. 41635, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to make a fill. The property is located 1 mile south of Harold on 979 of Mud Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-4310.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5439, RENEWAL

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Molts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has filed an application for renewal of a permit for an underground mining operation, located 0.5 mile southwest of Craynor, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation will affect a surface disturbance of 2.0 acres, and will underlie an additional 194.08 acres, for a total permit acreage of 196.08 acres.

The operation is located 1.5 mile southwest from the junction of KY 979 and Mink Branch Road, and is located 1.5 mile southwest of Mink Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2

minute quadrangle map at latitude 37° 25' 53" and longitude 82° 40' 22". The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Chester Newsome. The operation will underlie land owned by Chester Newsome, Blaine Slone, Joseph Mining Company, Inc., Sue Hall, John Hall, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, and Donna Terry.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Divisions of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections or requests for a permits conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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