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briefs Escape charge filed

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County teen was charged with escape after he failed to return to an substance abuse treatment facility.

Chris Lester Coleman, 19, of Grethel, was arrested Saturday in Harold by Floyd County Deputy Sheriff Delmas Johnson for one felony count of second-degree escape.

Deputy Brian Conn accused Coleman of leaving the Layne House, a residential substance abuse treatment center, on Oct. 28. He refused to return, Conn alleged in the arrest warrant.

The warrant, issued that same day, stems from another felony case pending against Coleman in which he is charged with driving on a DUI-suspended license, driving under the influence and failure to wear seat belts.

In August, Coleman was found guilty of misdemeanor theft and possession of a controlled substance. He received a six-month sentence that was suspended under the condition that he remain under house confinement with his mother.

Coleman, who is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on Nov. 30, pleaded not guilty to the escape charge Monday in district court. Judge James R. Allen placed Coleman under a \$1,500 cash bond, which was posted after the hearing.



photo by Mary Music

Wheelwright city attorney Tim Parker kept his head down as utility commission Blanche Finney, background, scolded Mayor David Sammons for allowing city commissioners to sell two utility commission trucks this year. The mayor, who couldn't remember if he voted for or against the sale, said he was "only one vote."

New utilities commission begins tackling problems

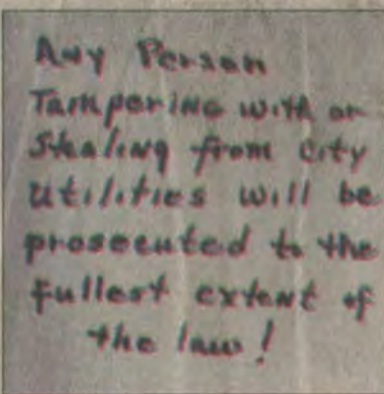
by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — The Wheelwright City Utilities Commission dealt with several business decisions that are "draining money" from utility operations during a special meeting Tuesday.

City attorney Timothy Parker confirmed that the commission still owes \$65,000 (which includes an 18 percent interest fee) to Equitable Gas, the supplier company that refused to turn on the city's winter gas service in October because of a \$96,000 delinquency. Parker said the commission should pay "50-some-odd thousand" down before trying to negotiate the interest amount owed.

Equitable requested, by letter, that the city pay \$10,986.41 toward the delinquent account this month, but the funds are not available. The city was turned down for a recent loan application.

Though the commission can't afford to pay the requested amount, Parker said the commission's financial problems will



This warning posted on the doorway of the Wheelwright City Hall building is one attempt made by Utility Commission to improve its financial problems.

decrease as gas usage increases this winter. Between November and February 2004, residential gas usage rose from 740 MCF to 2,732 MCF, and commercial gas usage increased from 687 MCF to 1,595 MCF, he said.

"You can see by that [information regarding usage increases] that our revenues will increase dramatically in the coming months," Parker said. "I told Scapes [the

Equitable Gas collection representative] that we will work out a payment schedule so that we can pay them off in several months ... They're not happy about it. They're like any other business. They want their money today. I told him, and I spoke frankly with him, that we would work out a payment schedule with them."

The revenue increase, he said, would provide enough money to pay the delinquent amount, the operating cost, and for gas used by commercial and residential customers.

Parker said there was "absolutely no way" that the company would shut off the city's gas service because they're "making money" off of the city.

There are two gas lines in Wheelwright, and one of those is a "gathering" line for Columbia Gas, which does not provide gas to residential customers. All other gas lines are operated by Equitable.

Parker suggested that the commission consider fracking gas

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Fires underscore water need, David chief says

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

DAVID — A local fire chief who responded to two structure fires Wednesday morning in David says the county needs to provide larger water mains or water towers in remote communities.

Two homes were completely destroyed by fire at Pitts Fork in David, a rural road without enough water to support a firefighting operation.

The county has hydrants attached to water lines that are too small to carry water to fire trucks, David Fire Department Chief Larry Adams said.

"Most hydrants won't support fire trucks," he said. "They were putting hydrants on the lines when they installed them and the lines are too small. They were just trying to get

everybody drinking water. We need larger water mains or water towers closer to some of these communities. We'd love to see one up at David."

Adams, who also works with Transtar Ambulance, said firefighters responded to the call at 4 a.m. Wednesday. When officials arrived, he said, one home was "practically on the ground," and the other was "half destroyed."

"There's very little water up there as far as supplying fire trucks. That's something we don't have the luxury of in Floyd County," Adams said. "We couldn't save the structures, but we did call for mutual aid with Middle Creek [Fire Department] for more water and we asked the Prestonsburg Fire Department for a tanker."

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Judge denies sex offender's request to drop bond

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — One could have heard a pin drop in circuit court Wednesday when a public defender approached Judge John D. Caudill and asked that her client be released on his own recognizance as he could not afford his bond, which had been set at \$1,000 cash, and had no family in the area to help him raise any cash.

The request itself is not unheard of in circuit court cases, but this case involved a sex offender who is charged with failing to notify the Department of Probation and Parole as to his whereabouts.

Judge Caudill denied the motion, noting it was a

standing policy not to release defendants on their own supervision when they have failed to demonstrate that they will follow rules imposed on them by the court.

The defendant, James Tyroni Eason, 21, came to Floyd County after being convicted of first-degree sexual abuse in a Boone County case that saw his sentence probated. He had his probation transferred here from Boone County and kept his first few appointments before failing to report. Probation officers checked up on him and found that he had left his Prestonsburg residence but failed to tell anyone where he was moving to. The offi-

(See BOND, page six)

Prestonsburg to pave nine city streets

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg City Council passed a resolution Wednesday to obtain funding to blacktop nine city streets.

The Transportation Cabinet Department of Intergovernmental Programs has agreed to grant the city's request of funds up to \$48,071 to blacktop May's Branch, Brookside Street, Cliff Road, Crestwood Drive, Blanton Street, Mayo Hollow, Kelly Lane, Porter Lane and Thursday Lane.

Prestonsburg Street Superintendent Ronnie Rice inspected city streets earlier this year. Mayor Jerry Fannin said.

The money used for the bituminous resurfacing projects on these streets will allow the city to use road aid funds currently available for other projects like sidewalk and curb repairs, Fannin said.

The city will be reimbursed for the project after they submit invoices of materials, equipment and labor used to the Office of Rural and Secondary Roads.

Councilman Kelly Moore was not present at the meeting.



photo by Mary Music

Prestonsburg City Council members passed a resolution Wednesday to obtain funding to blacktop nine city streets.

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Today
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Odds & Ends

■ **BEIJING** — A Chinese nature park is tightening security after suffering a mini-crime wave targeting turtles.

The Shanghai Natural Wild Insect Kingdom has lost 13 of its 18 turtles in recent weeks after visitors walked away with them, the Shanghai Daily newspaper reported.

The park has put bars around the turtle tank and posted security guards to protect the animals, one of its managers, Chen Min, told the newspaper.

The stolen turtles were about the size of a child's hand, Chen said.

"It is very difficult for our security guards to detect someone stealing a turtle, because the turtles can be put into pockets, and they don't utter sounds, even if they are attacked," she said.

The park also lost a ferret — imported from the United States at a cost of \$600 — after a visitor took it out of its cage. The ferret was found later in a hay stack in a sheep pen, the report said.

■ **SANTA CRUZ, Calif.** — The man got a ride all right — just not the one he was expect-

ing. Police say a 20-year-old man was so disoriented after a night of drinking that he hopped into a police patrol car thinking it was a taxi.

Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Deputy Esther Beckman was questioning a bicyclist on the street when the suspect, whose name was not released, hopped into her cruiser.

Officers let the bicyclist go. But the man looking to hail a cab was taken to jail on suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol and cocaine.

■ **SANTA, Idaho** — The name of Santa, Idaho, is getting a few more syllables. Now it's

SecretSanta.com — at least for the next year.

Officials in tiny hamlet, which has just 100 residents, have agreed to the new name as part of a deal with a Philadelphia marketer to publicize a gift-exchange Web site.

The name change is mostly symbolic and will last a year. But in return, the district will get at least \$20,000 between now and next December.

The town has to put up two signs, one at each end of town, bearing its new name.

Not everybody in Santa was happy about the vote.

"I would have voted no, because this town has lots of history, and I cannot see it being

used simply to promote a salary for someone else," said Laura Teal, who has lived in Santa for 25 years.

Mark Hughes, chief executive of Buzzmarketing, was behind the name change. Five years ago, he persuaded Halfway, Ore., to change its name to half.com to promote used books, movies and DVDs. The half.com Web site was later sold to eBay for \$300 million.

■ **BEND, Ore.** — Sure, Thanksgiving is open season on turkeys — the Butterball kind, bought frozen at the store, and gussied up with all the trimmings.

But some turkey hunters are

singing the praises of the wild turkey over its domesticated cousin. They say the game bird is lean, wily and quick, with the ability to run as fast as 25 miles per hour.

"Chasing these gobblers is a lot like chasing a bull elk," said Don Lantz of Bend, the Oregon treasurer for the National Wild Turkey Federation. "You get hooked on it."

Lantz speaks of the wild turkey in an almost reverential

tone. "A turkey can see like an eagle, hear like a deer and run like a dog through the woods," he told The Bulletin newspaper of Bend.

He's not the first to hold the gobbler in high esteem.

Benjamin Franklin once argued that the wild turkey would be more fitting as a national symbol than the bald eagle.

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Obituaries

Clifford "Buck" Cordial

Clifford "Buck" Cordial, 64, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, November 22, 2005, at his residence.

Born February 11, 1941, in Wayland, he was the son of the late John and Edna Hicks Cordial. He was a disabled coal miner; and a deacon and Sunday school superintendent of Faith Independent Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg.

He is survived by his wife, Edith Collins Cordial.

Other survivors include two sons: David Cordial (Tina) of McDowell, and Daniel Cordial of Richmond; four daughters: Elizabeth Hurt of Martin, Bonnie Callahan (Tom) of Thelma, Connie Harden (Doug) of Demopolis, Alabama, and Linda Johnson (David) of Prestonsburg; two brothers: Teddy Cordial of Banner, and Danville Cordial of Staffordsville, Michigan; a sister, Vina Jane Akers of Dana; 12 grandchildren: Monica, Jessica, Veronica, Johnny, Ricky, Jennifer, Amber, Jonathon, Corey, Chelsie, Little David, and James Dean; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, John H. Cordial; and five brothers: Ennis, Dennis, Raymond, Herbert, and Moses Cordial.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, November 25, at 11 a.m., at the Faith Independent Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg, with Buddy Jones, Johnny Collins, and Jerry Collins officiating.

Burial will be in the Cordial Cemetery, in Wayland, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church, where nightly services were held at 7 p.m., nightly. (Paid obituary)

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Kenneth Ray Crum

Kenneth Ray Crum, 32, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, formerly of Martin, died Sunday, November 20, 2005, at the University of Chapel Hill Hospital.

Born on October 15, 1973, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Elmer and Cuba Conn Crum. He was a disabled construction worker.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law: Thomas and Alice Crum of Lancer; a sister and brother-in-law: Linda and Keith Samons of Martin; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Elmer David Crum.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, November 25, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Roy Robinson officiating.

Burial will be in the Conn Family Cemetery, at Arkansas Creek, in Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Marriage Licenses

Tara Elizabeth Clark, 27, of Pikeville, to William Gregory Morris, 30, of London.
 Denilya Sue Conn, 32, of McDowell, to Jamie D. Newsome, 29, of Pikeville.
 Kelley Michelle Keathley, 25, to Thomas Carroll, 23, both of Pikeville.
 Robin Renea Strickland, 40, to James Darrell Hall, 42, both of Morehead.
 Kimberly Adkins, 28, of Pikeville, to Capin Jim Dunn, 29, of Nuremberg, Germany.
 Jacqueline None Adams, 39, of Pikeville, to Dennis R. Hall, 45, of Martin.
 Tina Renea Hall, 20, of Pikeville, to Timothy Justin Brewer, 18, of Hazard.

Civil Suits Filed

Central Bank & Trust vs. Tena R. Ousley; debt complaint.
 Katrina Johnson vs. Jonathan Johnson; divorce.
 Paula Chaffins vs. Milton Chaffins; divorce.
 Persinger Supply Company vs. Hale's Rent to Own, Gregory Hall and Joell Hall; debt complaint.
 First Resolution Investment Corporation vs. Shellie Reynolds; debt complaint.
 Capital One Bank vs. Jessica Slone; debt complaint.
 Ronnie Prater vs. Dencil Dotson; auto accident complaint.
 Joan Caldwell vs. Sherry Little, GEICO General Insurance Company; auto accident complaint.
 Citifinancial vs. Regina Collett; debt complaint.
 Timothy Conn vs. Rosanna Conn; divorce.
 Chandra Blair vs. Wesley Senter; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Anita Burke vs. Jeanette Bray; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 JP Morgan Chase Bank vs. Big Sandy Mortgage, Virgil Johnson; debt complaint.
 Northstar Capital Acquisitions LLC vs. Larry Allen; debt complaint.
 MBNA America Bank vs. Garland Arnett; debt complaint.
 21st Century Mortgage Company vs. Johnny Patrick, Michelle and Greg Hall; debt complaint.
 Wachovia Bank of Delaware vs. Melissa Bentley and Ricky Bentley, unknown spouse of Opal Campbell, U.S. Attorney General, Bankers Trust Company; debt complaint.
 Alicia Stephens vs. Timothy Stephens; divorce.
 Judy Sharlene Salmons vs. Sherman Salmons; divorce transferred from Martin County.
 Kelly's Century Tire and Service Center vs. Justin Ratliff; complaint seeking damages regarding breach of contract.
 Countrywide Home Loans, doing business as America's Wholesale Lender and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. vs. Arthur Stanley, Tracy Stanley, Floyd County, spouse of Roy Haley, Spouse of Rhonda Haley; debt complaint.
 Marcus Varney vs. Jennifer Salyer; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 John and Bonnie Owens vs. Gary Cole; auto accident complaint.
 Larry D. Brown vs. Steve Pinson, Nationwide Auto Parts,

Nationwide Painting and Sandblasting, P&R Contracting; debt complaint.
 Rhea Pauley vs. Jody Pauley; divorce.
 Sherry Nichols vs. Lorenzo Nichols; divorce.
 David Thornsberry vs. Imogeane Thornsberry; divorce.
 Brenda Crisp vs. Craig Crisp; divorce.
 Anita Burke vs. Eugene Marsillett; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Crystal Ward vs. Ronnie Ward; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 John Mullins vs. Crystal Mullins; petition for health care insurance.
 Ella Deslatte vs. Larry Slone; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 John Richie vs. Donna Terry; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Maranda Wilburn vs. Lawrence Wilburn; petition for health care insurance.

Small Claims Filings

Housing Authority of Martin vs. Ella Collins; unpaid rent.
 Ima Case vs. Jennifer Bridgeman; debt complaint for child care enrollment.
 Loretta Wright vs. Margie Hall; complaint for reimbursement for an alleged "fake" ring that was sold.
 Eric Conn vs. Ruth Shepherd; debt complaint for services.
 HLT Property vs. Billy Burke; unpaid rent complaint.
 HLT Property vs. Shawn Allen; complaint for unpaid rent, repair, and clean up.
 Cash Express vs. Ella Collins; debt complaint.
 Cash Express vs. Samuel Collins; debt complaint.

Charges Filed

Keith J. Paige, 26, McDowell; failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, speeding 26 miles or greater over the limit, no tinting label, failure to produce insurance, failure to maintain required insurance, no seat belts, improper registration plates, no or expired registration receipts, driving under the influence, driving on a DUI-suspended license, reckless driving.
 Trenton Ward, 32, Prestonsburg; first-degree assault.
 Boyd Clifton, 26, Floyd County Detention Center; second-degree forgery.
 Cheryl Davis, 36, Beaver; criminal possession of a forged instrument.
 Kevin Davis, no age listed, Hippo; felony theft by deception.
 Sherry Crace, 37, Martin; felony theft by deception.
 Larry Mitchell, 35, Hi Hat; first-degree wanton endangerment.
 Robert Burchett, 21, Gunlock; felony theft by unlawful taking.
 Christopher Hall, 28, Raven; flagrant nonsupport.
 Christopher L. Coleman, 20, Grethel; second-degree escape.
 Wesley Bradley, 21, Hueysville; endangering welfare of a minor, leaving the scene of an accident.
 Brian Ratliff, 25, Auxier; illegal pursuit or taking of an elk, deer or wild turkey.

Jeffrey Smith, no age listed, Wayland; resident to register the title of vehicle in another state, propagation and hold of protected wildlife (dismissed conditionally).
 David Hunt, 49, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a moving vehicle.
 Melissa Henson, 38, Hi Hat; misdemeanor theft by deception.
 Dennis Crager III, 32, Wheelwright; harassing communications.
 Helen Johnson, 24, Garrett; harassment.
 Angel Branham, 18, Langley; fourth-degree assault, criminal trespassing.
 Robert Hall, 20, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Sandra Hall, 44, Drift; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, giving officers a false name or address.
 Carl Potter, 18, Prestonsburg; possession of marijuana, attempt to commit criminal trespassing, open season for wildlife (possession of an animal fur).

Matthew Hall, 21, Prestonsburg; open season for wildlife (possession of an ani-

mal fur), criminal trespassing, possession of marijuana.
 Jordan Patrick, 18, David;

illegal taking or pursuit of a (See RECORD, page eight)

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Before God we are all equally wise — and equally foolish."

— Albert Einstein

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Indianapolis Star, on U.S. oil dependence:

Richard Lugar and Sen. Evan Bayh are not given to hyperbole. When both warn that the nation's security and economic future are at stake in cutting the nation's dependence on foreign oil, Americans should listen.

And when legislation to save 2.5 million barrels of oil a day over the next decade — 10 million barrels a day by 2031 — is jointly endorsed by a mainstream Republican and a mainstream Democrat of their stature, it's a measure worthy of serious consideration.

The proposed Vehicle and Fuel Choices for American Security Act they have signed onto uses incentives to encourage the production of gas-electric hybrid vehicles, advanced diesel technology, alternative biomass fuels and lightweight material for cars. It also would promote mass transit. The bill focuses on transportation, which guzzles two-thirds of U.S. oil consumption. ...

Lugar, Bayh and other supporters of this new energy measure are on the right path. Others need to follow.

Muscatine (Iowa) Journal, on postage stamp price increase:

The price of a first-class postage stamp has been increased seven times since 1985.

Now, the Postal Rate Commission has recommended another increase, this one for 2 cents, effective Jan. 1, 2006. ...

The proposed increase would bring the cost of mailing a first-class letter to 39 cents — nearly double the 22 cents it cost 20 years ago. ...

After all, the competition is just too keen. E-mail. Cell phone text messaging. Faxes. All much faster and generally less expensive ways to send messages and other information. ...

One other thing we noticed about this proposed increase: While first-class mail would increase 2 cents (for a letter weighing 1 ounce or less), the cost of presorted advertising mail would rise only 1.1 cents to a total of 21.4 cents (2 ounces or less).

That doesn't seem right.

Advertising mail accounts for at least half of all the mail handled by the Postal Service. You know, the stuff many of us call "junk mail."

We're not advocating lots of restrictions on advertising mail. The free flow of advertising is important to a free nation's economic prosperity.

However, those responsible for sending out advertising mail should bear a bigger share of the postal price increase. They're filling up more mail bags than anyone else and should pay accordingly.

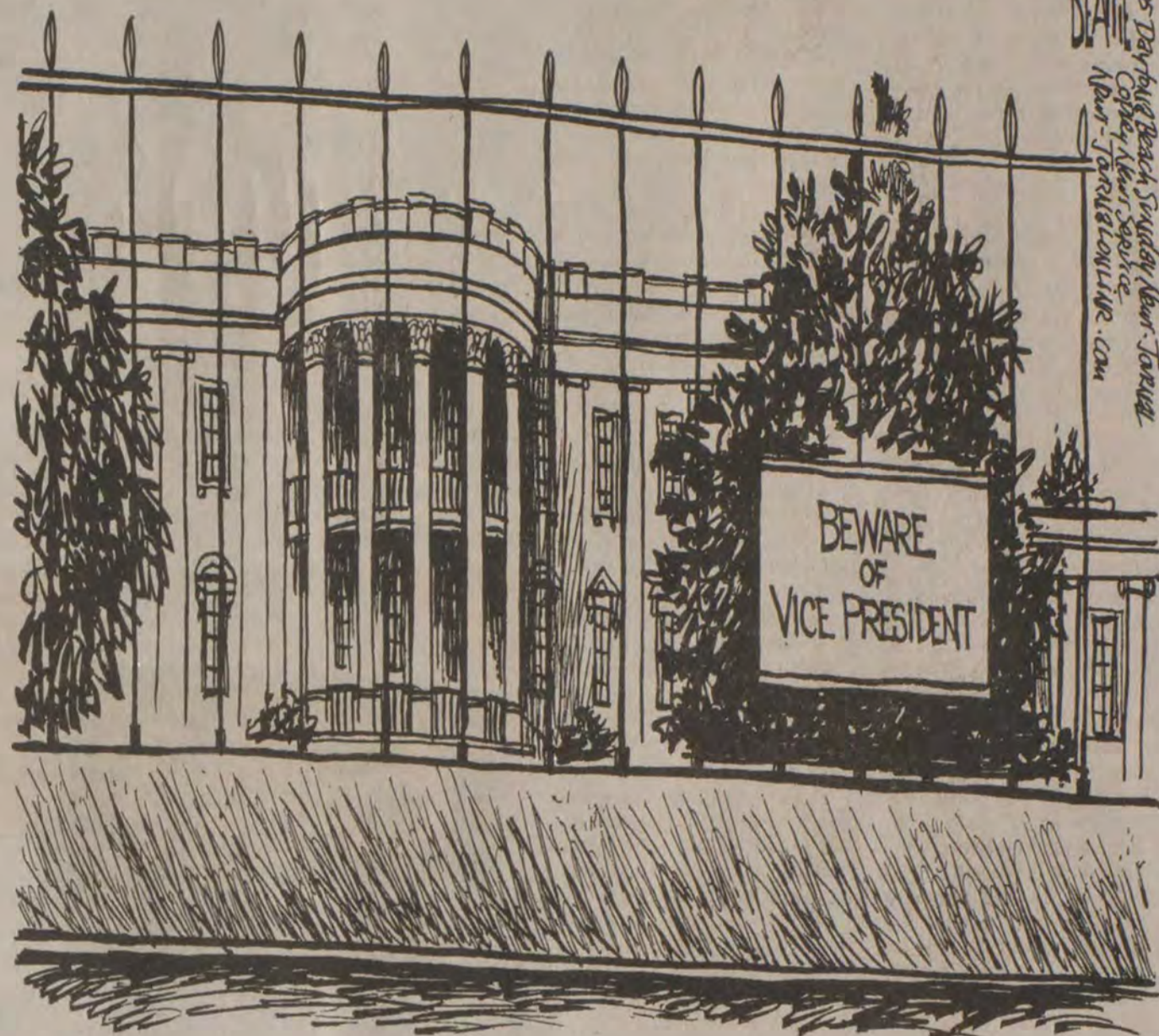
The Daily News, Longview, Wash., on calls for troop withdrawal from Iraq:

... No one in the House has higher standing on military affairs or commands more respect at the Pentagon than John Murtha. The Pennsylvania Democrat is a highly decorated Vietnam veteran, who continued his service in the Marine Corps reserve for almost two decades after being elected to his House seat in 1974.

Murtha is known as the most hawkish Democrat on (Capitol Hill). He was among the staunchest supporters of President Bush's decision to go to war in Iraq. His call to bring the troops home within six months, regardless of the consequences for Iraq, carries considerable political weight.

... The chaos and violence in Iraq is of our making, which obligates us both morally and under international law to end it or equip Iraqis to end it.

It may well be that Murtha is right in his contention that the presence of U.S. troops has become a catalyst for violence. If so, the plan must be to speed the creation of a capable Iraqi police force and military so we can more rapidly reduce that presence. We do not buy the Pennsylvania congressman's notion that signaling a withdrawal of U.S. troops before the Dec. 15 elections would help assure the success of those elections. It would likely have just the opposite effect.



Guest Column

'Unbridled Spirit' sweeps across state

by RANDY FIVEASH
KY. TOURISM COMMISSIONER

I recently came across a fascinating article dealing with how businesses build brands. There are some quotes that highlight what we're doing with the "Kentucky Unbridled Spirit" brand on a state level.

According to the article's author, Jim Boldebook, "Your brand is quite simply the general perception of your company. It is more than a name, a symbol or design... your brand is how you are thought of in relationship to the products and services you offer in relationship to your competition..."

We know from our research that people outside Kentucky have almost no opinion of the state, positive or negative. That's why it's essential we create a long-term, sustainable point of differentiation for Kentucky.

Boldebook also states it is important to build a brand because, "Strong brands exist in people's hearts and minds. The stronger and clearer your identity... the more likely you are to be considered for purchase consideration, both now and in the future..."

We want that "purchase." We want business executives to "buy" Kentucky for company expansions, and we want visitors to "buy" Kentucky for their next vacation, convention or group tour.

We've focused on displaying the

brand wherever possible to create that brand identity. The more people see it, the more they will accept and identify the brand with Kentucky. It's also cost effective. Adding the brand to existing materials provides more advertising without more cost.

People across the state are helping us showcase "Kentucky Unbridled Spirit." Examples include:

- More than 110 Kentucky cities and/or counties already display the brand on stationery, web sites, brochures, flyers or posters in offices.

- More than 75 city and county tourism organizations are using the brand in some way, and that number continues to grow.

- In addition to all stationery and government forms, more than 250 state government brochures carry the brand. The brand is being added as new brochures are printed.

- More than 30 private corporations, associations and organizations have added the "Kentucky Unbridled Spirit" brand to web sites, products or signage.

- More than a dozen television and radio stations have agreed to run the Kentucky Unbridled Spirit commercial for free as a public service announcement. The commercial can be seen or heard in the: Lexington, Louisville, Hazard, Frankfort, Bowling Green, Glasgow, Elizabethtown, Paducah and Greenville markets. The commercial also was played on the scoreboard during the UK/ U of L football game.

- We conducted a Google Internet search of "Kentucky Unbridled Spirit," and found approximately 243,000 "hits." That means the brand is showing

up all over the world.

We saved more than \$1 million when we consolidated state advertising and marketing contracts. We invested \$500,000 of that to research and create the brand. Now, we are incorporating it into our regular advertising efforts. Every place where we can include the brand, it extends our advertising reach at very little cost to the state.

The state has received its first checks from sales of Kentucky Unbridled Spirit merchandise. State government receives a percentage of every sale in stores and on the Internet. Merchandise is selling briskly online at www.kentuckyunbridledspirit.com. That includes one large order we recently received from Nigeria. Branded merchandise is also available at more than 60 retail outlets statewide, and that number is growing daily.

Some retailers have told us they want the state to make a long-term commitment to the brand. While they carry the merchandise because there is a market for it, they also want to be sure that the state doesn't abandon this effort any time soon. If this effort is to be completely successful, we have to consistently promote this brand over time.

The most exciting payoff from this campaign so far is that Kentuckians have embraced their own "Unbridled Spirit." It has helped us identify and take pride in what makes us special. Now our challenge is to display that pride and that "Unbridled Spirit" to the rest of the world. Once others know about us, more jobs and more visitors will want to share in that spirit. That will improve our economy and our future.

Letters

Thanks police department

I'd like to publicly thank the Prestonsburg Police Department for coming to my aid on Thursday night, Oct. 20.

I'd had a long, tiring day at work and, after running some necessary errands, I stopped by Giovanni's restaurant to take home my dinner. As I started back out to the car with my food, I realized — Oh, no! — I had, for the first time in my life,

locked my car keys in the car. The owner of Giovanni's, a very special lady, called the police department for me, since I had no one else to help me.

To make a long story short, Darrell J. Conley was my knight in shining armor, with an assist by George Tussey. They couldn't get my car unlocked (they determined it was burglar-proof), so, after struggling with it for some time, Darrell took me to my home to with all intention of breaking a window or door to get me in my house to my extra car key. Can you imagine how I felt when I tried my back door and it was unlocked

(from when I'd been home at lunchtime)? I must say, Darrell didn't make me feel too foolish.

So, thanks so very much to the Prestonsburg Police Department (and Darrell Conley, especially). It is great to know that people like me who get caught out in emergencies without anyone to help them can count on our police department to come to their aid.

I wish that parents would teach their children that policemen are their friends, not their enemies.

Janet R. Howard
Prestonsburg

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Entertainment Extra

At the Movies: 'Walk the Line'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP MOVIE CRITIC

The title is "Walk the Line" because the film is about Johnny Cash, whom Joaquin Phoenix plays with a raw intensity and a blaze in his eyes that's part bad boy, part scared child, but 100 percent emotional commitment.

Then along comes Reese Witherspoon as Cash's lifelong love, June Carter, and she pretty much steals the movie right out from underneath him.

This is in no way intended to disparage Phoenix's performance. What he has done in capturing the energy and essence of a towering American cultural figure, without lapsing into facile imitation, is nothing short of extraordinary, especially when you consider that's him singing and playing the guitar in Cash's deep, driving style.

Phoenix inhabits the role fully, infusing it with the depth and richness we've seen from him time and time again, from "To Die For" and "Quills" to his Oscar-nominated work in "Gladiator" and even in less acclaimed films like "The Village." Clearly this is a man who doesn't take his job lightly.

Witherspoon, though, just takes over the entire screen, and when she's gone, you want her to come back (sort of the way Johnny himself felt about June as they pined for each other while married to other people).

Tracy Flick in "Election" and Elle Woods in the "Legally Blonde" movies may have seemed like perfect fits for her



"Walk the Line," a 20th Century Fox release, is rated PG-13 for some language, thematic material and depiction of drug dependency. Running time: 128 minutes.

Three stars out of four.

combination of intelligence and comic timing. But June Carter is the part she was born to play, allowing her to showcase her radiance and charm and also her maturity.

This is the first truly grown-up, womanly role in Witherspoon's long and varied career, and she gets to be not just an engaging on-stage performer (she also sings and plays the harpsichord, and she completely sells it) but also a wife, mother, caretaker and no-nonsense family backbone.

We've said it once this year — about Philip Seymour Hoffman in "Capote" — and we'll say it again: They should just give her the Oscar now and get it over with.

Together and separately, Phoenix and Witherspoon elevate "Walk the Line" above what it essentially is: a conventional biopic.

Some movies about famous people feel like greatest-hits collections as they depict the best-known, most-pivotal moments of their lives; this one really is. Director James Mangold ("Girl, Interrupted")

— who wrote the script with Gill Dennis based on Cash's autobiographies and years of interviews with Johnny and June before their deaths in 2003 — takes us through the genesis and evolution of the Man in Black's legendary, influential musical career.

Admittedly, it is goosebump-inducing to hear him hesitantly begin "Folsom Prison Blues" before gaining confidence during an audition with Sun Records' Sam Phillips (Dallas Roberts), and to hear him utter those famous words — "Hello, I'm Johnny Cash" — as he nervously takes the stage for the first time.

And the hits just keep on comin'. Mangold bookends the film with Cash's groundbreaking 1968 performance at Folsom Prison, and in between shows us how songs like "I Walk the Line" and "I Got Stripes" were born of Cash's desire to tell honest, gritty stories, as well as the difficulty he faced in balancing the God-fearing and God-awful sides of his own personality.

Cash would seem like a cliché if he hadn't helped estab-

lish the prototype for the self-destructive rock 'n' roll lifestyle in the mid-1950s while touring with Jerry Lee Lewis (Waylon Payne), Waylon Jennings (played by his son, Shooter Jennings, which is a nice touch) and a very young, very Southern Elvis Presley (Tyler Hilton). By now the pattern is pretty familiar: booze, pills and women, perhaps a dressing room-trashing tantrum, followed by withdrawal, followed by remorse. Lather, rinse and repeat.

Early scenes vividly indicate the source of his torment: the death of his older brother, Jack, during a saw accident while working to help support his family in Depression-era Arkansas. Their father (Robert Patrick) yells that the Devil "took the wrong son," and even as a grown man, Phoenix makes it palpably clear that beneath the outlaw's bravado, Cash was always a little boy inside, trying to please his daddy.

Cash's first marriage to Vivian (Ginnifer Goodwin), the mother of his four daughters, was doomed by her disapproval of his frequent touring and his blossoming love for June, the singer he'd admired since childhood and with whom he'd eventually share the spotlight for most of his life.

On stage and off, their connection was both kinetic and deeply tender, which "Walk the Line" demonstrates from the second they meet. The real Johnny and June would have been pleased.

Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

Blockbuster films old and new were all the rage this week, though one foreign film emerged which packs as many thrills into a tight 90 minutes.

"War of the Worlds" — Tom Cruise and Stephen Spielberg re-teamed for this version of H.G. Well's sci-fi classic. This time, many elements from the novel make it into the film, though Spielberg updates the action by staging it in central New Jersey and focusing on the efforts of a blue collar father as he tries to get his children to safety following an attack from space. This one has a host of tense scenes that might make it inappropriate for younger viewers, but the visuals are outstanding, though they tend to dwarf the performances.

"Polar Express" — Critics were divided on this adaptation of Chris Van Allsburg's popular children's book, which follows the exploits of a young boy as he hitches a ride on the titular train. The film was made with live performers who were later digitally reworked to become animated characters. The result is a little creepy looking and distracts from the story, which is a timeless take on learning to better appreciate your life after you have been pulled far enough away from it to gain some proper perspective. A terrific set of performances by Tom Hanks, portraying several characters, is the centerpiece here, but the decision to animate living performers hurts the film more than it helps it.

"King Kong" — The monster classic gets the deluxe treatment this week with several editions hitting the shelves. All of the different packages include a two-disc special edition of the 1933 classic, which has been lovingly restored. The real reason to get this is to check out the special features, which include a reproduction of the 20-page pro-

gram given to theatergoers in 1933, as well as a documentary on the legendary "spider pit" sequence which was cut from the film for being too gruesome before it was completely filmed. The collector's set edition also includes "Son of Kong" and "Mighty Joe Young" which feature more special effects created by pioneer visual guru Willis O'Brien, who left much work to his apprentice (and future Sinbad films creator) Ray Harryhausen.

"Sympathy for Mr. Vengeance" — Acclaimed Korean filmmaker Min-Sik Choi ("Old Boy") is back with another violence-filled meditation on revenge with this effort, which centers on a man in dire straits. The lead character is desperate to help his sister get a new kidney and eventually turns to the black market. Things go wrong in a hurry and he is soon broke and betrayed when he decides to kidnap the daughter of an industrialist and use the ransom money to save his sister. Things go awry again, however, which sets up a fierce finale in which he and the industrialist

engage in a brutal struggle that will do irreparable harm to both men. This effort proves that Choi is no flash in the pan and is totally deserving of the praise heaped on him by Quentin Tarantino after last year's Cannes Film Festival.

Next week look for "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" (starring Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie) and a re-issue of a special edition of Peter Jackson's American film debut "The Frighteners," starring Michael J. Fox and Jeffrey ("Re-Animator") Combs.

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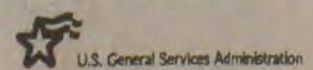
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Wheelwright

wells that are currently owned by the utility commission. Those wells only have enough pressure to provide gas during the summer months, and fracking them, or cleaning them out, will possibly improve gas pressure enough to provide gas to Wheelwright residents and businesses.

Officials agreed to consider fracking the wells, which will cost an estimated \$65,000, next year. Commissioner Glenda Hall will try to obtain grants or donations for the project.

Audry Yates, city business manager who works as a clerk for the utilities commission, reported that the commission had approximately \$23,000 in its account at the end of October, with receipts in the same month totaling nearly \$72,000.

While approving check purchase amounts, Yates said that the commission regularly pays late fees on bills because they don't have the money to pay them on time. The commission exhausted the water receipts saved when they paid a portion of the delinquent gas bill, she said.

The commission turned the discussion to find ways to reduce its financial strain. They discussed future increases in water rates, sewage rates and insurance co-payment rates for employees. They also passed several motions to streamline water, sewage and gas operations.

"In the situation we actually have ourselves in, insurance itself is a really big cost. It's a much needed thing for every employee, but we can't afford to pay the insurance rates we're paying now," Commissioner Blanche Finney said. "It's just quite costly."

Employees pay approximately \$70 monthly for their insurance coverage and the utility commission is absorbing \$483 monthly per employee. The city pays less for insurance coverage for its employees than the utility commission pays for their "high risk" employees, who are categorized as such because of previous worker's compensation claims, Yates said. Hall suggested that both entities carry the same insurance coverage.

The commission cannot change insurance policies until July, but they agreed to consider raising the amount of employee co-payments.

Parker said the commission's need to "belt tighten" shouldn't require unreasonable measures taken against employees. Commissioner Shannon Patrick said that the commission's financial strain is not the fault of the employees. After the meeting, resident Shelvie Boyd said the problems weren't caused by the customers, either, and that they shouldn't have to pick up the strain.

Finney asked that every utility employee submit an amount that they are willing to pay for insurance coverage.

"You'll get input from the staff members, don't worry about that," Parker said.

Commissioners passed a motion to require purchase requisitions, or permission, before making non-emergency purchases. The commission did not previously use purchase orders regularly. They also passed motions requiring an immediate inventory of all materials and equipment at the gas, water and sewage plants, and to separate the commission's petty cash account from the daily business cash account. Yates said the commission previously had to keep the money together because some customers would not pay their utility bills if city clerks did not cash their checks when they came to make a payment. The commission reduced the amount of petty cash and business cash kept in the city hall building.

They also passed a motion to require employees to sign in and out for each of their assignments. They also asked that utility employees provide the city with a detailed job duties list.

"We want to know where you're at when you're working," Farmer said, glancing toward utility workers in the back of the room. "We want to know why you're at the junction when you're supposed to be up here."

Parker and Patrick defended utility workers, who some alleged were lounging around during hours that they were

reportedly working, or who were not at their assigned work stations. Patrick said requiring employees to sign in and out would impede their ability to complete daily tasks. Both she and Parker said the employees were hard workers.

"There's been a lot of stuff said about this," Parker said. "We don't have that many employees to operate three different systems. They're not out there on the street smoking all the time."

"You're not here every day!" Chairman Hubert Farmer said. "You can't know what's going on if you're not here every day."

Boyd, who initiated the class action lawsuit against the commission, alleges that utility workers are especially privileged because of their family ties with city commission members.

Hall, Patrick and Finney will work in a subcommittee to evaluate the employees' job descriptions and make any necessary revisions.

The commission also passed a motion requiring employees to use work order forms, completed with customer signatures. Finney said she didn't understand why the commission had not used customer-signed work order forms before, especially because the forms are used to calculate overtime for some workers.

Mayor David Sammons, who sat in the audience, said the city would save money if utility workers would sample test the water and sewage more frequently. Water testing equipment has been unused at the sewage plant for the past five years, he claims.

Finney later scolded Sammons and the city commission for allowing the sale of two

utility commission trucks this year. One truck, officials said, had bad brakes, and the other, which is currently operational, had a broken frame.

"If I've got a Ford truck with no brakes, then I'm not gonna get rid of my truck, I'm gonna get new brakes because it's cheaper," she said. "I want to know what happened."

"They sold them," Sammons said. "I'm just a go between. I'm just one vote."

Sammons said that there was no certified mechanic in the area to fix the trucks.

"Will the city help us buy one since the city commission sold it?" Finney asked.

Utility workers are currently using the city truck. Commissioners decided to attempt to obtain insurance coverage for utility employees who drive city trucks.

Other problems addressed included the need for employees to sign out equipment and the fact that too many keys to city hall are available (Sammons said that he didn't even know where his key was).

Bond

cers continued to investigate and eventually discovered Eason working at Reno's Restaurant and had him indicted on charges of failing to register, a class D felony punishable by up to five years in jail, as well as one count of being a persistent felony offender for being charged with a second felony offense within five years of pleading to a felony charge. The PFO charge is an aggravator which could add up to 10 years of jail time for Eason.

Assistant Commonwealth's

In other news, the commission tabled discussion of whether or not to provide employees with a Christmas incentive. Utility workers usually receive \$200, but this year the money may be replaced by a ham or turkey, officials said.

"They'll be lucky to get a chicken, let alone a turkey," Farmer said.

"Raise gas to buy turkeys," someone in the audience said when Yates told members that there were no funds available to buy Christmas turkeys this month.

Parker said the employees aren't expecting incentives this year.

Before adjourning, city commissioner Don Hall, standing in the audience, asked utility commissioners to report their actions to city commissioners. Farmer reacted defensively.

"If we go backwards, I'm quitting!" he said. "I'm here to help this place."

The city commission had difficulty this year in finding utility commission members because actions taken during

utility commission meetings were repeatedly overruled by city commissioners.

Hall said he did not want to

Water

When the team arrived, Adams said power lines prevented the men from seeing if the fire could spread to other homes in the area.

After the electricity was shut off, Adams said the team concentrated on "spot fires" that spread onto the hillside because other homes did not appear to be in danger. No firemen were

"abolish" any action taken by the utility commission, but just wanted to stay informed with "what's going on."

directed to try to save the homes.

Adams, who has requested an investigation by the Kentucky State Police, confirmed that both homes were vacant. He is waiting for a response from arson investigator Don Parker, who has been asked to evaluate the structures to determine the cause of the fire.

P'burg police get grant for body armor

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Police Department received a Kentucky Body Armor Program grant award this week to replace bulletproof vests for 10 city officers.

For the past seven years, the department received grants from the U.S. Department of Justice that pay 50 percent of the cost of bulletproof vest replacements. This year, Chief Mike Omerod

applied for additional funds through the Governor's Office for Local Development. That office will provide \$4,303, or 100 percent of the cost necessary to replace two-thirds of the force's bulletproof vest supply.

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Local teacher recognized for creativity in the classroom

BURBANK, Calif. — Geneva Ward, a kindergarten teacher at Wesley Christian School, is being recognized for her creativity and success in the classroom as a Disney Teacher Award nominee. Ward joins an elite group of teachers from across the country who have been recognized by their communities.



Geneva Ward

As the next step in the awards process, Ward is now submitting an application to be considered for the 2006 Disney Teacher of the Year Award.

Ward said she is honored by the nomination and expressed a huge thank you to all of her former and current students. She shared one of her favorite quotes from Will Rogers, who said, "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

The school released a statement saying that the teachers

and an event that shaped her as a teacher. A committed composed of education experts from around the country will then review the nominee applications and select the 2006 Disney Teacher Award honorees.

The honorees will be announced in late spring and celebrated at a red-carpet Awards Gala in July. During the Gala, four honorees will be selected as Outstanding Teachers, and one will be named the 2006 Disney Teacher of the Year.

In addition to letters of recommendation, Ward will submit an application that includes several personal reflection essays describing her classroom and approach to teaching, the impact of high-stakes testing, how she approaches collaboration in her school and career

and staff are proud of Ward and wish her the best.

Since 1989, Disney Teacher Awards have been presented to teachers who construct learning environments where students and teachers alike explore, imagine and engage in a variety of stimulating ideas and experi-

ences. Specifically, the program honors those teachers whose approaches exemplify creativity in teaching and who inspire a joy of learning in their students.

"Sixteen years ago, we started celebrating local heroes by establishing the annual Disney Teacher Awards to celebrate and honor America's finest educators," said Terry Welk, vice president of Disney Worldwide Outreach. "This nomination process shows thousands of teachers across the country how much their work means to their students, colleagues and communities."

day professional development institute with their principals at the Walt Disney World Resort. At the institute, teachers share ideas to refine their innovative teaching approaches and learn how to engage other teachers to build effective collaborative teaching culture at their schools.

East Kentucky Science Center presents 'Star of Bethlehem'

PRESTONSBURG — The East Kentucky Science Center opened its original production, "Star of Bethlehem," Nov. 18. Show times are Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m. Planetarium shows can be scheduled at other times with group reservations. There will also be a special holiday schedule between Christmas and New Years Day.

Star of Bethlehem is an annual favorite and this is a show with a new twist.

"The first Christmas planetarium show was given in 1946 in Chicago", said Raymond Shubinski, Science Center director. "This show has always been a holiday treat."

The East Kentucky Science Center opened to the public and to schools in late February of 2004 and this is its second Christmas season in the new building. The script for Star of Bethlehem was written by Shubinski and narrated by Keith Caudill and Misty Daniels of the Mountain Arts Center. Shubinski also narrates some of the program.

The Center's new planetarium has a Chronos star projector by GOTO of Japan. Shubinski said this show will give the new projector a real workout.

"We're going to take the audience on a trip 2,000 years back in time from the comfort of their seats," Shubinski said.

Historians and scholars have wondered about the nature of the star mentioned in Matthew for many centuries. What was the star and how did the Wise Men "follow" it to Bethlehem? To answer these and other questions, the program will look at everything from the motion of the sun to how our modern calendar came into existence.

"If you want to look for the star, you need to be a history detective" said Shubinski. "Historians are quite sure that Jesus was not born on December 25, or in the year 1 AD. Before we can suggest what the star might have been, a date and time for the birth of Christ must be pinned down."

Using the advanced technology of the Chronos star projector, the staff of the Science Center will take visitors back in time, step-by-step, to explore comets, meteors and even exploding stars as possible candidates for the Christmas star.

"We can recreate the sky exactly as it was 2,000 years ago", said Shubinski. "The North Star wasn't even the North Star that long ago." With the Chronos, visitors can see the sky the way the Magi would have seen it. By narrowing down the date for Christ's birth,

an amazing event that took place 2,000 years ago stands out as a possible explanation. This program has a lot of astronomy, history and holiday spirit. This is the first time Star of Bethlehem has been available in East Kentucky.

The Science Center will also present a special Laser Light Christmas music show for the whole family. Check with the Science Center for show times.

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wild turkey, deer, or elk, criminal trespassing, possession of marijuana.

Billy Mullins, 33, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

William Spencer, 36, Paintsville; violation of an emergency protective order, harassing communications.

Ashley Goble, 21, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Randal Innis, 37, Ivel; possession of marijuana, paraphernalia.

Michael Randolph, 37, Ivel; possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal trespassing, endangering the welfare of a minor.

Scott Kimbler, 33, Pikeville; possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dara Click, 24, Staffordsville; misdemeanor theft by deception.

John B. West, 28, Grethel; criminal trespassing.

Edward Sazabo, 44, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Phillip Slone, 36, Beaver; assault, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, public intoxication.

Raven Adams, 25, Pikeville; public intoxication.

James Poston, 56, McDowell; possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of a legend drug.

Robert Lee Meade, 38, Prestonsburg; assault, no brake lights, resisting arrest.

Jackie Gibson, 49, Wayland; two counts of trafficking marijuana under 8 ounces.

Gregory A. Wilson, 37, Hueysville; public intoxication.

Christopher Howe, 24, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Amanda Hall, 24, Teaberry; controlled substance not in original container.

Bobby Bryant, 52, Wayland; trafficking marijuana under 8 ounces.

James Ritchie, 75, Wayland; trafficking marijuana under 8 ounces.

Brenda Stanley, 46, Harold; public intoxication.

Inspections

Big Lots, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: No waste receptacle in women's restroom, ceiling in disrepair in men's restroom.

Score: 97.

Papa John's Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided for all coolers, restroom door not self-closing, no towels at hand wash sink, clothing item observed stored on food equipment. Score: 96.

Hillbilly Market, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Spray bottle in food prep area without proper label, thermometers not provided for all cooler and freezer units, proper hair restraints not in use, single-service articles stored on floor, no paper towels at hand wash sink in food prep area. Score: Food 93, Retail 96.

Jerry's Restaurant, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food items stored on floor, can opener in need of routine cleaning, walls in disrepair, clothing items observed stored on food equipment. Score: 93.

Dollar General, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food item not stored six inches above floor, restrooms lack self-closing doors, some areas of floor in disrepair. Score: 95.

Roadie's, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: No conspicuous thermometers in freezer, shelves in back storage area need moisture protection, wiping cloths stored improperly. Score: 92.

Property Transfers

Sally and Whitney Dunlap to William Hall, property located at Banner.

Myrna, Olin, Phyllis and Wiley Elliot to Patricia and Robert Elliot, property located at Martin.

Equity One Abs to Angela and Curtis Hall, property located at Otter Creek.

Opal Fannin to Terry Wayne Cesco, property located at Richmond Subdivision.

Brenda and Darrell Hamilton to Nannie Newsome, property located at Left Beaver.

Sadie Hamilton to James and Margie Roberts, property located at Big Mud.

Avery and Lula Harmon to Billy Joe and Victoria Stratton, property location undisclosed.

Ellen Harris to Angela and Robin Holbrook, property located at Windy Brooks Subdivision.

Dakota Holloway to Larry

and Loretta Hunter, property located at Trace Branch.

Tracie Horton to Ethel Spears, property located at Abbott.

Bonnie and Paul Hughes to Debra and Jerry Kinzer, property located at Briarwood Subdivision.

Clarence McKenzie to Freda and James Watkins, property located at Ruff and Tuff.

Annette, Bert, Daniel and Eddie Newsome, property located at Left Beaver.

Eloise Newsome to Nannie Newsome, property located at Left Beaver.

William and Helen Nickel to Wells Building, property located at Dodson Branch.

Jack Pack to Angela and Robin Holbrook, property located at Windy Brooks Subdivision.

Milton Ryan to Sherman Holiday, property located at Abbott.

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Ruth Storrow to William Hall, property located at Banner.

Douglas and Tammy Stumbo to Rebecca and Ronnie Combs, property located at Wayland.

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Nelson Tackett to Larry Hamilton, property located at Branham's Creek.

Joe and Pauletta Wells to Wells Building, property located at Dodson's Branch.

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Lawson enlists in Marines

Elbert Joshua Dale Lawson, 17, son of Michelle Caudill, of Wayland, has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program.

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Field finalized for third annual Tiger Hoops Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – The tradition-rich Paintsville High School boys' basketball program is set to host another holiday tournament. The field has been announced for the third annual Paintsville Tiger HOOPS Classic boys' basketball tournament. This year's tournament will be held Dec. 27-30 at the Paintsville High School gym.

The format for the tournament

will be pool play with a morning a evening session consisting of four games each. The winner from each of the four pools will advance to the championship round.

Teams participating in this year's tournament are Allen Central; Hilton Head, S.C.; Louisville Butler, Carroll County; Shroder Paldela Academy, Ohio; South Floyd; Barren County; Ripley, Ohio; Clear Lake, Texas; Fort Mill, S.C.; James Madison, Va.; Louisville Seneca; Oak Ridge,

Tenn.; Owensboro Apollo; Alexander, Ga.; and host Paintsville.

Defending Tiger HOOPS Classic champion duPont Manual won't return to defend its title. Manual beat Louisville rival Seneca in last season's HOOPS Classic title game.

Session tickets for the tournament are \$7 per adult and \$5 per student. Each session has four games. Tournament passes will be available for \$45.

The official HOOPS Classic

website is:
www.phshoosclassic.com.

A raffle drawing for \$50,000 sponsored by the Paintsville Alumni Association will be held at half-time of the championship game. The Paintsville Alumni Association has an online at:

www.phsaa.com.
■ Allen Central High School hosted its annual boys' basketball panorama Thursday evening. Par-

(See HOOPS, page two)

South Floyd Boys' Basketball Panorama

Saturday, Nov. 26 at Raider Arena

1:30 p.m. – Prestonsburg vs. Breathitt Co.

3 p.m. – McDowell vs. Osborne

4:30 p.m. – Beaver Creek vs. South Floyd Middle

6 p.m. – South Floyd vs. Garrett Christian

7:30 Allen Central vs. Haysi, Va.

Game times subject to change.

Seeing red – again

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Two years ago, it all came together. A senior laden offensive line, a pair of junior studs in the backfield along with an experienced senior fullback and another at quarterback all combined to get Philip Haywood and his veteran coaching staff the first regional title at Belfry since 1989.



Rick Bentley

Two weeks later, all that talent on offense was enough to take the game into overtime, and when David Jones found a hole up the middle for a touchdown, the mission was complete: Haywood dropped to his knees and raised his victorious fists in the air.

He finally had the trophy that proved what we already knew: Philip Haywood was a champion.

Funny how these things happen. Back in his first two seasons on Pond Creek Haywood took the Bucs to the championship game, but lost both times. Some 20 years later, they were back and his championship was finally won.

Then, 364 days later, it happened again. This time it was improbable, we said. Too much was lost, we said. Four linemen were too many to replace, we said. No stud of a fullback, we said.

Not this year, we said. Not again. Only it happened. We forgot who we were dealing with here. I forgot. And to tell the truth, I was disappointed in myself. I know Coach Haywood, Steve Mickey and the rest of these guys. I know how good they are. I've seen them do this before.

I've heard the line. "Just get better every day in practice," he says.

And the other. "Just improve week to week," he says.

And the other. "We haven't played our best game yet," he says. "But we're getting there."

I've seen them turn suspect positions into strengths. I know what they're capable of.

So why was I surprised when it happened again last year? (As one friend of mine would mixaphorically

(See BENTLEY, page two)



photos by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne Elementary outlasted Allen Central Middle School Thursday night, capturing the Right Beaver Classic tournament title.

Bobcats claim Right Beaver Classic title

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EASTERN – Ask Betsy Layne coach Harold Tackett his thoughts after winning the Right Beaver Classic title and one might be surprised with his response.

"We are much better than this," said Tackett. "The kids were nervous tonight."

The response came after Tackett's team had just defeated Allen Central by a final score of 30-28 in the championship game of the Right Beaver Classic. Betsy Layne came into the season with high expectations. Several members of the team played key roles for last season's Bobcat team that performed so well at the state tournament on the C-team level.

Betsy Layne had advanced to the Classi finals after knocking off a strong Hazard team in the semifinal round. Allen Central came into the finals after easy wins in the opening rounds.

Both teams struggled to find the range in the first half as the game was even at only 4-4 after one quarter. Betsy Layne would take a slim 10-8 lead at the half. Betsy Layne used a balanced scoring attack to come away with the victory.

Bryce Adkins led the winners with seven points on the night. Nathan Martin finished with six points and came up with what may



have been the biggest shot of the game. Martin nailed a three point shot with the Bobcats trailing by three early in the fourth quarter to even the game at 21-21. Dylan Maldonado and Casey Adkins finished with five points each in the win. Colt Stumbo tossed in four points for the Bobcats and Adam Howell rounded out the scoring with three points.

Allen Central opened the third quarter with a 13-6 run to take a 21-18 lead before Tackett would take a

time-out to slow the run. Logan Crowder led the Rebels with 12 points. Hunter Crowder finished with nine points in the loss. Allen Central got four points from Chad Nelson and two from Justin Jackson.

Chris Stumbo rounded out Rebel the scoring with one point.

Several awards and honors were handed out at the conclusion of the game. The Allen Central dance team

(See BOBCATS, page two)

Union outlasts Alice Lloyd, 99-85

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – Six players scored in double figures as Union College posted a 99-85 win at host Alice Lloyd College Tuesday evening.

Union has scored 92-plus points in four straight games and five out of seven this season to average 93.3 points per game.

Up only 42-40 at the half, Union hit 53.1 percent (17 of 32 shots) in the second half from the field and was 18 of 20 from the foul line to outscore Alice Lloyd 57-43.

Senior Joe Bramlage (Lakeside Park) posted his fourth double-double of the season with 18 points and 13 rebounds. Jerrod Gibbons (Monticello) and Kris Mills (Barbourville) had 16 points apiece, while Chris Mullins (Mt. Sterling) had 12, Brian Griffin (Oneida) scored 11 and Jon Dean (London) netted 10.

Union outrebounded host Alice Lloyd

(See UNION, page two)

Union women clip Lady Eagles, 83-74

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – Allison Fowler dropped in 26 points to lead the Union College women to an 83-74 win over host Alice Lloyd College Tuesday. Fowler, a 5-foot-7 guard from Morganfield and this week's Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) Player of the Week, hit seven of 14 shots from the field and went 11 of 12 from the foul line.

Union outrebounded Alice Lloyd 46-26.

Fowler was joined in double digits by teammates Morgan Barley (14 pts.) and Carrie Bistine (10 pts.)

The Lady Bulldogs battled back for the win. Alice Lloyd took a 38-35 lead into halftime before falling.

Each team connected on five of 16 three-point field goal tries.

Four different Alice Lloyd players reached double digits in the scoring department. Betsy Layne High graduate

(See CLIP, page two)

College hoops...

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – After the turkeys stop gobbling and the last of the pumpkin pie is finished off, area basketball fans can come by the Pikeville College Gym for a busy weekend of basketball action.

The action begins with a men's doubleheader on tonight when the fifth-ranked Georgetown Tigers play Knoxville College at 5:30 p.m. The Tigers, a member of the Mid-South Conference, is 7-1 on the season and was the coaches preseason selection to win the league championship this year.

The nightcap will see Pikeville College hook up with another Top 20 team when the University of Mobile will dav

a visit. The Rams were 18th in the NAIA Div. I preseason poll and opened the season 2-1. After dropping their first four games to start the season the Bears have won two straight, with both wins coming at the Pikeville College Gym.

On Saturday afternoon the Lady Bears will take the court against Shawnee State University at 2 p.m. Shawnee State is ranked 22nd in the NAIA Div. II preseason poll and took a 5-0 record into its Tuesday night meeting with Walsh. The Lady Bears of Pikeville are 5-3 on the season and are a perfect 3-0 at home to start the season.

The weekend action concludes at 4 p.m. when the Bears return to play Knoxville College.



phot by Steve LeMaster

The Prestonsburg High School girls' basketball team got in some practice earlier in the week prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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CLASS AAA
Bowling Green-Bullitt East, 7 p.m.
Lexington Cath.-Rockcastle Co. 7:30 p.m.

CLASS AAAA
Trinity (Louisville)-Henry Clay, 7:30 p.m.
Warren Central-St. Xavier, 7 p.m.

Bentley

say, I'm not the sharpest apple on the vine.)

And thus it had happened. Again. All those years for Haywood. All those years for Mickey. All those years for the guys who played there, who cheered there, who returned there and who now coach there. All those years, and son of a gun, twice in one day shy of a year, they'd won state titles.

So what'd we say when summer's unyielding heat turned into football practice?

Not again. Not this year. Too much lost. No Jones. No Howard. Linemen can be replaced, apparently. But that one-two punch? Nope.

Not gonna happen. Only thing is ... it's about to happen again.

Tonight, without Josh Cullup and company on the line, without G and Dougie and David in the backfield, without even the beautiful rock-hard surface of our favorite lady Vipperman Stadium, tonight, it's about to happen. Again.

Tonight, the Pond Creek Nation will find its way to Russell, home of the Red Devils, home of one of the many old nemesises of Haywood, Ivan McGlone. These two were once Triple-A rivals in the same district. Now they're down a class and in different regions.

And tonight, McGlone will try again to stop the mighty wishbone, the powerful I, the same attack he faced 20 years ago when the two met.

McGlone could easily pull out the same game plan he devised years ago and employ it tonight. The names have

changed, the faces are different, but the plays are the same.

Haywood runs the same plays he ran back then. It's up to McGlone to stop them now, just as it was then.

The last chance to stop the three-peat comes tonight. It is in the hands of a Russell team that too likes to keep it on the ground, up the middle, likes to do what it does until you stop it.

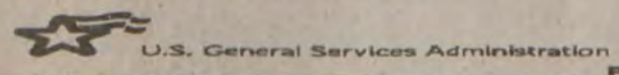
The old rivals meet tonight. Again. The rug awaits. Again.

And next weekend, the Pond Creek nation will head to Derby City. Again. I love sequels.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Nathan Martin, Betsy Layne Elementary Basketball



Whitney Lykens, Alice Lloyd College Women's Basketball



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Whitney Lykens paced Alice Lloyd with a team-high 13 points. Lykens got her points out of a starting role. Her former high school teammate, Kristal Daniels, added 12 points and five rebounds. Kaylan Richardson and Chastity Fox followed with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Amy Jackson netted nine points and Belicia Mullins tossed in eight.

The two teams combined for 60 turnovers. Union played the more tenacious defense, coming up with 16 steals.

Union

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46-27. No Alice Lloyd player had more than four rebounds.

K.J. Waterman led the way for Alice Lloyd with 18 points. Brent Prichard added 13 points as the Eagles fell short. William Dillard helped out with 11 points while Rodney Mitchell (Clay County HS) posted 10.

Jeremy Daniels (Betsy Layne HS) and Eric Mullins (Hazard HS) each had eight points for the Eagles. Shawn Newsome (Allen Central HS) and Corey Hairston aided the Alice Lloyd cause with seven points apiece.

HOOPS

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icipating teams from Floyd County included host Allen Central, Prestonsburg and South Floyd.

The Betsy Layne High boys' basketball team will play in Rupp Arena Saturday in the KBA panorama. The Bobcats will open the 2005-06 season at home Tuesday evening against visiting Magoffin County.

The Morgan County girls' basketball program, guided by Floyd County native Donna Robinson, needs a home game any of the following dates - Dec 9 or 10; Jan. 9, 12, 16, or 30 or Feb. 6 or 13.

The Commercial Bank Queen of the Bluegrass Christmas Tournament will be held at East Carter High School Dec. 28-30. First round pairings are

- 3 p.m. - Caverna-Phelps
- 4:45 p.m. - Russell-Shelby Valley
- 6:30 p.m. - Rowan Co-Paris
- 8:15 p.m. - East Carter-Western

East Carter will host the Heart of the Parks Panorama Saturday, featuring girls' teams from Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio.

Jim Underwood, camp director for Blue-Chip High Exposure Basketball Camp has

released the schedule for the 4th Annual Shooting for the Cure girls' basketball event. Proceeds from this year's Shooting for the Cure event will go to the James Graham Brown Cancer Center. Pikeville is one of the participants. A schedule for the 4th Annual Shooting for the Cure follows.

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- 3:30 p.m. - Christian County-Washington County
- 5 p.m. - Harrison County-Louisville Butler
- 6:30 p.m. - Scott County-Mercy
- 8 p.m. - Franklin Simpson-Shelby County

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claimed first place in the dance competition. Adams Middle School took home second place in the cheerleading category while Allen Central and Allen

finished tied for first-place. The individual free-throw award went to Logan Bartrum of Beaver. Betsy Layne claimed the team free-throw award. The

Allen Central fourth-and-fifth grade dance team was honored by Allen Central athletic director Ronnie Patton as was the K-Two team.



photos by Jamie Howell

Below: The Allen Central Middle School boys' varsity cheerleaders won top honors in the Right Beaver Classic basketball tournament. The ACMS boys (pictured above) finished runner-up in the tournament to champion Betsy Layne.



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Adams Middle School was busy earlier in the week, playing host to visiting Pikeville. Michael Burchett is pictured launching a shot for Adams.



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Fulmer trying to keep Vols' focus on Kentucky

by ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer tried to steer the conversation on Tuesday to this week's game at Kentucky and away from players throwing helmets and who is going to be the offensive coordinator.

Clearly, the Volunteers (4-6, 2-5 Southeastern Conference) have many issues to resolve as they end the 2005 season.

The first is finishing the year with a win to avoid last place in the league and to keep intact their 20-game streak over the Wildcats (3-7, 2-5).

After losing to Vanderbilt last week, ending a 22-game streak, the Kentucky streak moved up to the second longest in Division I-A after Notre Dame's 42 straight wins over Navy.

Fulmer announced another player will be suspended for throwing his helmet after the Vanderbilt game. Center Richie Gandy will not play the first half at Kentucky.

Fulmer announced on Monday that offensive tackle Albert Toeaina will not play at all on Saturday for throwing his helmet. There were reports Toeaina spit at a cameraman, but a video taken by Toeaina's family and obtained by The Knoxville

News Sentinel shows the player spitting on the ground as he walks by a cameraman.

"I made it very clear yesterday I felt like there were discrepancies in the statements as we gathered them. I'm very pleased that his name has been cleared from what was initially said. The fact remains that there was an event that was unbecoming to our program by a couple of our athletes as far as leaving the helmets out there. The suspension stands," Fulmer said.

Fulmer said he reviewed postgame tapes from a television station to see what happened and saw only two helmets left on the field although there

were reports of others.

"I've thrown my headset. I've thrown my game plan down in anger and frustration. I've picked it up and put it back on and I go back to work. I'm sure any of us who have played a sport has been disappointed or frustrated," Fulmer said.

Then he said: "You want to talk about Kentucky? Let's talk about Kentucky."

But there's also interest in who Fulmer will name as offensive coordinator to replace Randy Sanders, whose final game is Saturday. Former coordinator David Cutcliffe remains the front-runner.

"Not before the Kentucky

game," Fulmer said about the decision. "We're working on it. I want our attention and focus and everything on getting this game."

Coaches are permitted to go on the road recruiting on Sunday, but Fulmer wouldn't say if that influences the timing of the hire.

"I want to be sure everything is in good order before we start saying anything," Fulmer said. "There's a lot of offensive (recruits) who are going to be interested in it obviously."

Quarterback Rick Clausen had an MRI on his left knee on Monday, and Fulmer said the results were optimistic. It is still questionable whether Clausen

Phillip Fulmer



will play. The injury was described as a sprain.

"It's better than we first expected it might be," Fulmer said.

Ramon Foster will start in place of Toeaina. David Ligon will start at center.

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McCutchan prepares for possible final game at Kentucky

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Matt McCutchan sees potential for Kentucky's football team to succeed next season.

"I'm saying this is a good team (next year) and if we limit the mistakes, we could be a bowl team," he said.

McCutchan just hopes he's around to be a part of it. For now, the 6-3, 295-pound senior from Lebanon, Ohio, is approaching the Wildcats' game Saturday against Tennessee (4-6, 2-5 Southeastern Conference) as if it will be his last.

But there's a chance — a good one, if you believe McCutchan — that it won't be. McCutchan, the starting center the past two years for Kentucky (3-7, 2-5), has applied to the NCAA for an extra, sixth season of eligibility, something the national organization sometimes grants to players who have, for reasons beyond their control, missed the chance to compete for two or more seasons during their five-year window of eligibility.

"If they decide I can get another year, that would be awesome," McCutchan said. "If they don't, then this is my last game and we'll play it like that."

McCutchan is basing his request on circumstances stemming from the first two years of his college career, which were spent at the Naval Academy. He played in a few junior-varsity games in 2001 as a freshman at Navy and suited up — but didn't play — in five varsity games for the Midshipmen.

A series of neck injuries kept McCutchan from action in 2002, his sophomore year. Navy doctors told McCutchan he wouldn't play again, but another doctor said McCutchan

could play if he received proper rehabilitation. Navy doctors still disagreed, so McCutchan decided to transfer.

He chose to walk on at Kentucky because the Wildcats' offensive-line numbers had been thinned significantly because of NCAA sanctions, which included the loss of 19 scholarships over a three-year period. Under NCAA transfer rules, he sat out during the 2003 season.

He won the starting job during spring practice in 2004 and has held it ever since, adding about 15 pounds of muscle between the 2004 and 2005 seasons. Coaches rewarded him with a scholarship before this season started.

"Coming in as a walk-on, I really wasn't expecting anything," McCutchan said. "I knew I could play, but they gave me the chance and I did something with it."

Kentucky has had two other players, both wide receivers, apply for a sixth season in recent years. Both Jimmy Robinson, who played for the Wildcats from 1997 to 2000 after transferring from a junior college, and current senior Tommy Cook had their requests granted by the NCAA.

Cook, who missed three games this season with yet another injury, said coming back for a sixth season has been worth it.

"Definitely," Cook said. "You can't pass up an opportunity to play football."

McCutchan's potential return would be invaluable to a group of offensive linemen who still are young and relatively inexperienced, coach Rich Brooks said.

"It would be huge for us because of our depth situation," Brooks said. "This is the best group on the offensive line since I have been here and next

UK FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Drobney named to SEC Good Works Team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Senior tight end Jeremiah Drobney has been selected as Kentucky's representative on the Southeastern Conference Good Works Team and will be featured during Saturday's Jefferson-Pilot Sports telecast of the Kentucky-Tennessee game.

Drobney, from Massillon, Ohio, has been active in "The Cats' Cause" community service program during his years as a Wildcat, participating in service events at the Boys and Girls Club, an adult day care center, the Fire Fighter Choice Program, Shriner's Children's Hospital, and the UK Children's Hospital.

Drobney has been named to the Frank G. Ham Society of Character by UK Athletics. He is a member of the Academic Honor Roll and a nominee for Academic All-America.

The Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl has announced that former University of Kentucky defensive end Art Still has been selected for induction into the bowl's Hall of Fame.

Still, a first-team All-Ameri-

can and 12-year National Football League veteran, was named by the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Hall of Fame Selection Committee based on his performance in the bowl game and his collegiate and professional achievements.

"We are honored to induct a player of Art's caliber and character to the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Hall of Fame," said Lee-man Bennett, chairman of the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl. "He has contributed to the unique history of our bowl game and distinguished himself during his playing career as one of the top defensive ends of his time."

A first-team All-SEC selection as a junior, Still spearheaded a stingy Wildcats defense in the 1976 Peach Bowl that produced the only shutout in the bowl's history, a 21-0 victory over North Carolina.

The 1976 Bowl proved to be a launching pad for Still's senior season in 1977, when he earned consensus first-team All-America honors, was named SEC Player of the Year and set the Kentucky single-season record with 22 tackles for loss. A four-year letterwinner, Still finished

his UK career with 327 tackles and had his jersey retired by the university.

Still went on to be drafted second overall by the Kansas City Chiefs and enjoy a 12-year NFL career. He spent his first 10 seasons in Kansas City (1978-87), earning four Pro Bowl selections (1980-82, 1984). Named the team MVP in 1980 and 1984, Still led the Chiefs in sacks six times. Still is third on the Chiefs' all-time sack list behind Derrick Thomas and Neil Smith, and is second in team history with 992 tackles. Still was inducted to the Chiefs Hall of Fame in 1998.

Still joins former University of Tennessee head coach Johnny Majors as the only members of the induction class of 2005. The Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Hall of Fame was founded in 2002 and has 18 current members, including former Wildcat Coach Jerry Claiborne.

Still and Majors will be recognized for their Hall of Fame inductions in a pregame ceremony.

The 2005 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl will kickoff at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 30 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. This will be the 38th edition of the bowl, making it the ninth-oldest bowl game in the country.

The Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl is the only guaranteed match-up of top-ranked teams from the ACC

and SEC and is recognized as the most competitive bowl game in college football history. On Dec. 31, 2004, the Bowl's 37th annual game recorded its eighth straight sellout, highest team payout (\$2.3 million per team), highest-ever television rating and its largest charitable and scholarship contribution (\$410,286).

Wide receiver Glenn Holt and cornerback Antoine Huffman have been named game captains for the Tennessee game. Coach Rich Brooks has announced.

Holt and Huffman will join permanent captains Muhammad Abdullah and Tommy Cook for the opening coin toss. This is the second time this season that Huffman has been chosen game captain.

Tailback Alfonso Smith, defensive tackle Richard Gray, and safety Michael Schwindel have been named Scout Team Players of the Week.

Smith (offense), Gray (defense), and Schwindel (special teams) were chosen for their work on the scout teams in helping Kentucky prepare for its game against Georgia. All three players have been outstanding on the scout teams this season, as this is the third time that Smith has been selected and the second time for both Gray and Schwindel.

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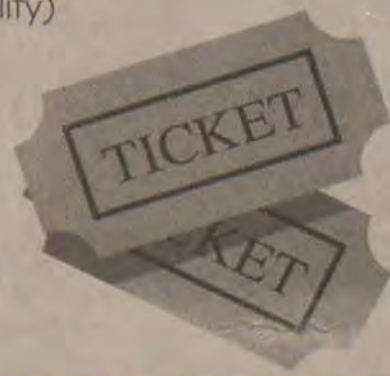
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Greco named OVC Offensive Player of the Year

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Eastern Kentucky quarterback Josh Greco and Eastern Illinois linebacker Clint Sellers have been selected for top honors on the 2005 All-Ohio Valley Conference football team in voting by the league's head football coaches and sports information directors. Greco edged out Jacksonville State tailback Clay Green for the OVC Offensive Player of the Year award while Sellers was the overwhelming pick for OVC Defensive Player of the Year. Tennessee State running back Javaris Williams captured OVC Freshman of the Year accolades, while Eastern Illinois head coach Bob Spoo earned the Roy Kidd OVC Coach of the Year award, presented by Schutt Sports.

Greco, a 6-1, 200-pound sophomore, turned in a record-setting performance in his first full season as the Colonels' starting signal-caller. He led the league in nearly every passing category while rewriting the Colonels' record books, topping the conference and establishing new school single-season marks for pass completions (222), attempts (387), yardage (2,861 yds.) and touchdowns (25) as well as for total offense (3,044 yds.). He also led the league with a 131.0 pass efficiency rating, completing 57.4 percent of his

attempts while throwing 19 interceptions. A native of Naples, Fla., Greco became the ninth OVC player to top the 3,000-yard mark in total yardage, while his 2,861 passing yards ranks as the seventh-best single-season effort in league history. He also set school records for a single-game performance with Colonel highs of 398 passing yards, 39 completions and an OVC-record 71 attempts in EKV's regular-season meeting with league champion Eastern Illinois. In addition, Greco matched a school record for touchdowns in a game, throwing four scoring strikes on three different occasions this season. A first-team All-OVC pick, Greco is the third EKV quarterback to earn OVC Offensive Player of the Year honors, following former Colonel standouts Ernie House (1976) and Simon Fuentes (1997).

Sellers, a 6-1, 220-pound junior, quickly established himself as one of the OVC's top defenders in his first season as a Panther, leading the conference in both solo (79) and total tackles (111) while averaging a league-high 10.1 stops per game. A native of Chariton, Iowa, Sellers also had 3.0 sacks and ranked fourth in the OVC in tackles-for-loss (11.5).

Williams, a 5-11, 215-pound redshirt freshman, had an immediate impact in his first season of competition, ranking fifth in the

OVC in rushing (79.3 ypg). He also registered 93 receiving yards to finish ninth in the conference in all-purpose yardage (87.7 ypg). Williams' 872 yards on the ground ranks as fifth-best on the school's single-season chart and is the most ever for a TSU freshman, shattering the former record of 728 yards, established by Tiger all-time rushing leader and two-time Walter Payton Award finalist Charles Anthony during the 2001 campaign.

Spoo earned the league's Roy Kidd Coach of the Year award after leading Eastern Illinois to an undefeated conference record (8-0) en route to its third OVC football title and first top 25 ranking since the start of the 2003 season. The No. 19 Panthers (9-2) boast a four-week run in the national rankings and have won eight straight games heading into their 10th NCAA Division I-AA Playoff appearance. They led the league in both rushing (122.6 ypg) and scoring defense (19.0 ppg) this season while also boasting the OVC's best numbers for turnover margin (+18) and net punting (34.45).

League runner-up Eastern Kentucky had a conference-high six players selected to the 2005 All-OVC first team, while league champion Eastern Illinois and third-place Jacksonville State followed with five and four honorees, respectively.

No. 7 Kentucky 80, No. 13 West Virginia 66

by DOUG TUCKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kentucky's 20-0 run was too much for West Virginia to overcome.

The No. 13 Mountaineers seized a 9-2 lead over No. 7 Kentucky at the outset, then lost their cool and missed 13 straight shots while the Wildcats scored 20 straight points, then held on for an 80-66 victory Tuesday night in the consolation game of the Guardians Classic.

Patrick Sparks had 25 points for Kentucky (3-1), including three 3-pointers in the first-half run that proved decisive. West Virginia (2-2) spent the rest of the game trying to catch up.

"We did not allow them to get a rhythm early on," said Kentucky coach Tubby Smith. "We extended our defense. I thought our guys did a good job of getting out on them and contesting their shots."

Twice the Mountaineers cut the lead to three, the last time with 8:23 left when Patrick Beilein and Kevin Pittsnogle hit back-to-back 3-pointers to make it 56-53.

But Ravi Moss answered with a 3 for the Wildcats and a few minutes later Sparks hit his seventh 3-pointer and Rajon Rondo scored for a 68-58 advantage.

"They're just a great team," said Mike Gansey, who had 12 points for West Virginia. "Rondo kept making plays for them."

Kentucky also crossed up the Mountaineers by going to a zone defense.

"Maybe because we played yesterday we were tired," said Gansey. "Teams like that you don't see very often will sometimes try different things. I think that's what they wanted to do."

Said West Virginia coach John Beilein, "We may have panicked just a little."

Rondo had 15 points and 10 rebounds. Sparks was 7-for-11 from behind the arc, matching his career-high. He also had six assists.

Kentucky was 2-for-8 from the foul line before making its last six free throws in the final 70 seconds to seal the victory.

"We decided to put the ball in Patrick's hands a little more,"

Smith said. "He's more experienced. He's a veteran player. He'll beat you with his savvy and deception with his ball handling."

Pittsnogle tied his career-high with 27 points and also had 10 rebounds. The only other Mountaineer in double figures was Gansey.

"Once we were down we thought we could get back into it by making shots and making good plays," said Pittsnogle. "You get down by three or four, it's all right. But if you're down 10 or 12 it's really hard, no matter how good your shooters are, to get back into it."

Pittsnogle, a 6-11 center, made shots both inside and outside.

"Pittsnogle got hot and made some jumpers," said Smith. "He was very impressive. When you have shooters like that, you've got to be careful playing a zone."

The Mountaineers, who earned a preseason ranking for the first time in 43 years, went scoreless for 9:52 during Kentucky's 20-0 run until Pittsnogle made a short jumper in the lane.

The Wildcats, the preseason choice in the Southeastern Conference, shot 55 percent after hitting only 33 percent in a 67-63 loss on Monday night to No. 18 Iowa, which lost 68-59 to

No. 2 Texas in the title game.

"We passed the ball better than last night," Smith said. "And we took better shots. Last night we dribbled too much and did a lot of crazy things."

West Virginia cut the lead to 28-23 on Pittsnogle's 3-pointer with 3:23 left in the first half before Kentucky scored the next five points on Jared Carter's tip-in and three-point play. Frank Young's 3-pointer at the buzzer left the Wildcats with a 33-26 halftime lead.

The Mountaineers, who had a school-record 319 3-pointers last season, missed 10 of their first 11 and finished 10-for-37 from behind the arc.



file photo
Patrick Sparks led Kentucky in scoring Tuesday night in the win over West Virginia. The Wildcats finished third in the Guardians Classic.

Dean, Rondo preseason candidate for Naismith Trophy

TIMES STAFF REPORT

University of Louisville senior guard Taquan Dean and University of Kentucky sophomore guard Rajon Rondo are among 50 of the nation's top collegiate men's basketball players chosen as pre-season candidates for the Naismith Trophy presented by Cingular Wireless, an award presented annually to the men's and women's players of the year.

The Top 50 list was compiled by the Atlanta Tipoff Club's Board of Selectors, comprised of leading basketball journalists, coaches and administrators from around the country. The board based its pre-season criteria on player performances from last season.

Cingular Wireless, the nation's largest wireless carrier, will again give fans a voice in selecting this year's winner. Fan voting, through text messaging, will account for 25 percent of the selection process.

In January, the Board of Selectors will narrow its pre-season list to the Top 30 players in the nation. Those players, and others who distinguish themselves throughout the season, will be eligible for the final ballot in March. Beginning in mid-February, CBS' "Cingular at the Half" will feature a weekly Naismith Trophy Watch highlighting the players in contention. In April, the player of the year will be recognized at the NCAA Men's Final Four in Indianapolis.

The pre-season candidates for the Naismith Trophy presented by Cingular Wireless, listed in alphabetical order, are as follows:

Hassan Adams	6-4	Sr. Guard	Arizona
Maurice Ager	6-5	Sr. Guard	Michigan State
Josh Boone	6-10	Jr. Forward/C.	Connecticut
Brandon Bowman	6-8	Sr. Forward	Georgetown
Ronnie Brewer	6-7	Jr. Guard	Arkansas
Dee Brown	5-11	Sr. Guard	Illinois
Shannon Brown	6-4	So. Guard	Michigan State
Greg Brunne	6-7	Sr. Forward	Iowa
Nik Caner-Medley	6-8	Sr. Forward	Maryland
Rodney Carney	6-7	Sr. Forward	Memphis
Mardy Collins	6-6	Sr. Guard	Temple
James On Curry	6-3	So. Guard	Oklahoma State
Paul Davis	6-11	Sr. Center	Michigan State
Glen Davis	6-9	So. Forward	Louisiana State
Taquan Dean	6-3	Sr. Guard	Louisville
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Rudy Gay	6-9	So. Forward	Connecticut
Daniel Gibson	6-2	So. Guard	Texas
Justin Gray	6-2	Sr. Guard	Wake Forest
Taj Gray	6-9	Sr. Forward	Oklahoma
Jeff Green	6-8	So. Forward	Georgetown
Vincent Grier	6-5	Jr. Guard	Minnesota
Chris Hernandez	6-2	Sr. Guard	Stanford
Eric Hicks	6-6	Sr. Forward	Cincinnati
Jeff Horner	6-3	Sr. Guard	Iowa
Carl Krauser	6-2	Jr. Guard	Pittsburgh
Bo McCalebb	6-0	Jr. Guard	New Orleans
Gerry McNamara	6-2	Sr. Guard	Syracuse
Paul Millsap	6-8	Jr. Forward	Louisiana Tech
Adam Morrison	6-8	Jr. Forward	Gonzaga
Kevin Pittsnogle	6-11	Sr. Center	West Virginia
Leon Powe	6-8	Jr. Forward	Cal
Rajon Rondo	6-1	So. Guard	Kentucky
Allan Ray	6-2	Sr. Guard	Villanova
Brandon Roy	6-6	Sr. Guard	Washington
J.J. Redick	6-4	Sr. Guard	Duke
Craig Smith	6-7	Sr. Forward	Boston College
Steven Smith	6-7	Sr. Forward	LaSalle
Curtis Stinson	6-3	Jr. Forward	Iowa
Curtis Sumpter	6-7	Sr. Forward	Villanova
P.J. Tucker	6-5	Jr. Forward	Texas
Alando Tucker	6-5	So. Forward	Wisconsin
Darius Washington	6-2	So. Guard	Memphis
Shelden Williams	6-9	Sr. Forward	Duke
Eric Williams	6-9	Sr. Center	Wake Forest
Curtis Withers	6-8	Sr. Forward	Charlotte

WKU 89, IUPUI 75

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Anthony Winchster had 29 points and 11 rebounds as Western Kentucky held off IUPUI 89-75 Tuesday night.

Courtney Lee scored 20 points for Western Kentucky (2-0), including 17 in the second half, and Elgrace Wilborn added 10.

Brandon Cole led IUPUI (1-

2) with 21 points, and Maushae Byles added 15, shooting 10-of-11 from the line. George Hill and David Barlow finished with 10 points apiece.

The Jaguars stayed close until midway through the second half when Western Kentucky went on an 18-7 run that stretched over nearly 4 1/2 minutes and gave the Hilltoppers a 78-63 lead with 5:29 to play. Western Kentucky never led by less

than 10 points the rest of the way.

A total of 58 fouls were called in the game, 30 on IUPUI and 28 on Western Kentucky.

IUPUI lost three players to fouls, while Western Kentucky had one player foul out and four others with four fouls.

IUPUI stayed in the game, helped by 31-of-43 free-throw shooting, while the Hilltoppers managed just 15 of 27.

Murray St. 76, Campbellsville 51

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MURRAY — Trey Pearson scored 21 points Tuesday night to lead Murray State to a 76-51 win over Campbellsville.

Justin Orr added 14 points, Keith Jenifer 11 and Issian Redding 10 for the Racers (1-1).

led by Jason Moore, Corey Mitchell and Kyle Martin, who scored eight points apiece.

Murray led 28-24 at halftime but pulled away on 20-of-34 shooting (58.8 percent) in the second half, while holding Campbellsville to 11-of-29 (37.9 percent). The Racers

from beyond the 3-point line to 2-for-9 (22.2 percent) for their opponents.

Campbellsville, coached by Paintsville native Keith Adkins, led by two points with 3:29 left in the first half before Murray State took off, leading by as many as 28 points with 24 sec-

MSU 66, College of Charleston 50

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Sophomore Megan Gearhart (West Carter HS) scored 18 points and hit a perfect 7-of-7 from the free throw line, while two other Lady Eagles reached double figures as the Morehead State women's basketball team held off the visiting College of Charleston Cougars, 66-50, Monday at Johnson Arena.

With the win, MSU moves to 2-0 to begin the year for first time since 2002-2003. College of Charleston fell to 1-1.

The Lady Eagles led by as many as 16 (34-18) in the first half and as many as 17 (42-25) in the final half before the Cougars rallied to trim the margin to just five (43-38) with 11:13 left in the game. Morehead led 53-43 with 5:29 remaining but went on an 11-4 run to move ahead 64-50 with just 1:27 left in the game. Seven of the 11 points came from the free throw line, including three key charity tosses by Gearhart.

Junior Jessie Plante also reached double figures for the second straight game, dropping in 13 points, while sophomore guard Anitha Smith-Williams came off the bench for 12 points, four assists, six rebounds and three steals in 26 minutes.

Junior Holly Williams led the Lady Eagles with 11 rebounds, her second consecutive double-figure rebounding night. Junior center LaKrisha Brown, who scored 24 points in the season opener, was hampered by foul trouble and was limited to nine points and seven rebounds.

For College of Charleston, Erica Erick came off the bench for a team high 14 points, while Jade Hughes tallied 12 and Melissa Chambers tossed in 10.

The Lady Eagles again won the battle of the boards, claiming 44 rebounds to the Cougars' 34. The Lady Eagles also shot 76 percent from the free throw line, including 6-of-6 in the first half. College of Charleston was limited to nine free throws.

For the game, the Lady Eagles hit on 40 percent of their shots from the field (21-of-53) and turned the ball over 18 times. The Cougars recorded 12 steals, including seven in a second half that saw them play almost the entire 20 minutes in a full-court press defense. MSU came up with eight steals and forced 20 Cougar miscues.

The Lady Eagles take a break for the Thanksgiving holiday before returning to the court next Monday for a 7 p.m. game against visiting Kentucky Christian University.

Brown named OVC Newcomer of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University junior center LaKrisha Brown has earned the Ohio Valley Conference's first Newcomer of the Week honor for the 2005-2006 season. Brown, a transfer from St. Louis University who sat out the 2004-2005 season, joined Tennessee Tech senior Emily Christian (Player of the Week) and freshman Blair Bowens (Freshman of the Week) in winning the league's weekly awards.

Brown began her MSU career with a double-double of 24 points and 10 rebounds the Lady Eagles' 101-53 win over Pikeville last Saturday. She also paced the team with five steals and had two assists in just 26 minutes on the court. In an earlier exhibition contest, Brown had tossed in 28 points and grabbed 17 rebounds.

Her effort helped MSU reach the 100-point mark for the first time since a 102-76 win over Murray State on Feb. 15, 2001. Brown, a 6-3 center, hit 8 of 14 from the field and had five offensive and five defensive rebounds.

UK women roll over Stetson

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Tenacious defense, combined with the impressive backcourt play of guards Samantha Mahoney, Carly Ormerod and Jenny Pfeiffer led the Kentucky women's basketball team to a 84-38 rout of Stetson Tuesday in Memorial Coliseum.

The Wildcats held the Hatters to a school-record low 18 percent (9-of-50) shooting from the field, including 10.3 percent (3-of-29) in the second half.

The Wildcats (2-0) held the Hatters (0-2) to just 38 points in the game, 18 of which came from the free throw line. Kentucky out-rebounded Stetson 50-27 and scored 25 points off 20 Hatter turnovers. UK shot 50.0 percent from the floor (32-of-64), including a 42.9 percent clip from beyond the arc (12-of-28).

Pfeiffer, (North Vernon, Ind.) in just her second game back since the 2003-04 season, came off the bench for the Wildcats, scoring 21 points, and pouring in 7-of-11 shots from the field, including 5-of-9 three-point attempts. She also brought down four rebounds and dished out three assists in 23 minutes of action. Freshman point guard Carly Ormerod (Louisville) scored in double figures for the second consecutive game with 15, while sophomore guard Samantha Mahoney (Detroit) added 10. The three guards

of UK's 86 points.

"I thought tonight was a great team win for us," UK Coach Mickie DeMoss said. "I was most impressed with our defensive effort. I thought we were aggressive and got in the passing lanes. It was a very smothering and intense defense which is something we have been working on. Offensively, Jenny Pfeiffer shot the ball really well. Sarah Elliott has a much better game. Carly Ormerod has another steady game for us and got us off to a really good start. All in all, it was a good win for us."

The Wildcats broke to an early 12-0 lead at the 15:49 mark of the first half on a jumper by Mahoney. Ormerod, who scored six of the game's first 12 points, followed with the first of two threes she would hit in the opening period with 15:03 remaining. Stetson came within 10, 15-5, before the Wildcats went on an 8-0 run to extend their advantage to 23-5. The Cats led 37-18 at halftime after failing to score a basket for the final 4:23 of the period.

Kentucky continued its defensive intensity to begin the second half, allowing just one Stetson basket for more than five minutes. A put-back basket by Jennifer Humphrey (Memphis, Tenn.), her second of two consecutive scores, gave the Cats a 47-20 advantage with 15:48 left in the game. Leading 50-25, UK went on a 10-0 run

lead to 68-25 with 7:51 remaining. A tip-in by Sarah Elliott (McKee) at the 5:05 mark gave the Wildcats what was then their largest lead of the game at 44 points (73-29).

Elliott finished with eight points and four rebounds in 17 minutes while Humphrey added seven points and four rebounds. Sophomore forward/center Eleia Roddy (Columbus, Ohio) added a game-high 12 rebounds to go along with six points. It was her second consecutive game with double figure rebounds.

Kentucky returns to action today when it travels to Malibu, Calif., to compete in the Peppercidine Thanksgiving Classic. Tip off against Indiana State in the first round is set for 4:30 p.m. EST. The game will be carried live on the Big Blue Sports Network (radio) with Neil Price.

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In NASCAR, 2005 a season of personality

by JENNA FRYER
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The season started with Tony Stewart out front, only to fade at the end of the biggest race of the year. He recovered to close out the season on top, with a second championship and a spot among NASCAR's elite.

In between, Stewart learned to love the spotlight — just in time to see Kurt Busch unceremoniously kicked out of it.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jeff Gordon couldn't avoid the constant scrutiny that comes with losing, while Busch and Jamie McMurray endured months of speculation about their futures.

Car owner Jack Roush proved his five-team model can work, only to have NASCAR tell him he'll have to scale back.

For the first time in a handful of years, the NASCAR season was about the people who make the sport spin 36 weeks a year.

It began with Stewart, who dominated the Daytona 500 only to lose it at the end. But it was the first sign of what was to come for NASCAR's former Bad Boy: When rival crew chief Chad Knaus baited him after the race, Stewart wouldn't bite and walked away.

It set the tone for a peaceful season for Stewart. He had very few blowups on or off the track, and it translated into a career year for him. He won five races — including one at his beloved Indianapolis Motor Speedway — and led the standings after nine of the 10 Chase for the championship races.

When it was over, he had earned his second title, joining Jeff Gordon as the only full-time active driver with multiple championships.

More important, he had earned some respect around the garage. Mark Martin called Stewart his "hero," while Gordon noted that Stewart finally has adapted to the demands of Nextel Cup life.

"Any time a great driver like that (Martin) or great group of drivers speak highly of you like that, that's probably the greatest honor in auto racing that you can have," Stewart said. "For your peers to have that confidence in you and that respect for you. You know, to hear those comments from those two guys — that's better than any trophy I've ever received in my life."

At the same time Stewart was basking in the limelight, Busch was nowhere to be found. Last year's series champion

was forbidden to participate in the celebration last Sunday after being suspended for the final two races of the season by Roush. On the surface, the team was punishing Busch for a run-in with Arizona police earlier this month.

But below all the layers, it was Roush's way of severing ties with a talented but troublesome driver. Busch has had a rocky start to his NASCAR career, alienating almost everyone around him through his perceived arrogance and disrespect.

"He's an extraordinary talent, but he's really had trouble dealing with the realities of normal social behavior," Roush said.

Busch is no longer his problem, though. In a driver swap that consumed the garage for months, Busch signed a deal in August to drive for Penske Racing in 2007.

But Busch wanted out sooner, and so did McMurray, who asked to leave Chip Ganassi Racing to drive for Roush a year before his contract expired. The ensuing five months were filled with legal wrangling that wasn't solved until three weeks before the season ended.

When it was over, McMurray was headed to Roush and Busch was going to drive for Roger

Penske, the one man who may be able to settle him down.

"I think Roger might be the first guy who can actually make Kurt listen to him," said crew chief Jimmy Fennig, who spent three seasons as Busch's top defender.

There were tons of defensive answers this season from Gordon and Earnhardt, the sport's two most popular drivers. Both failed to make the Chase for the championship, threatening to take the star power out of the playoffs. The Chase went on without them, and both drivers swapped crew chiefs as soon as the final 10-race portion of the schedule began.

Gordon adapted well without Robbie Loomis and rallied to an 11th-place finish in the standings. Earnhardt still has some catching up to do, but should be back as a contender next season under Tony Eury Jr.

Meanwhile, after Roush put all five of his teams into the Chase, NASCAR fretted that multi-car owners were becoming too powerful. So it put a cap on the number of cars one person can own, ordering Roush to scale back to four some time in the future.

It will mean someone eventually has to go from the Roush sta-

ble, which groomed Carl Edwards into one of the sport's newest stars. A substitute teacher in Missouri a few years ago, Edwards marked his first full season with four wins and a third-place finish in the standings. He celebrated every achievement with his trademark backflip off the car window ledge.

"I'm going to say that Carl Edwards is the driver of the decade for not only Roush Racing but for all of Nextel Cup," Roush said. "He's a really great person and he's the kind of young man that you'd love to have him be your son."

Roush also will have Martin back for one more season after convincing the driver to hold off retirement another year. The same couldn't be said for Rusty Wallace or Ricky Rudd, who drove off into the sunset last week. Wallace went out on top by challenging for the title, while Rudd left behind a legacy of 788 consecutive starts that probably never will be challenged.

Several crew chiefs challenged NASCAR this season, beginning with Todd Berrier, who was caught twice making illegal modifications to Kevin Harvick's car. Berrier earned a total of six races in suspensions

for his creativity.

Meanwhile, the crew chiefs at Hendrick Motorsports figured out how to skirt the rules at least twice this season. Rivals said the Hendrick teams were playing dirty, but NASCAR only tightened the loopholes the teams were exploiting.

Other interesting issues this season:

■ The tire troubles at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Track officials used a grinding process on the surface to generate more passing, but it failed miserably — leading to a rash of blown tires and crashes.

■ Jimmie Johnson's Talladega troubles. Johnson's reputation took a hit after both Talladega races this season. Earnhardt called him an idiot after Johnson caused a wreck in April, and he was again blasted for starting a big one in October that ruined Martin's shot at the title.

■ The Dodge "Chugger." Dodge returned the Charger to the track amid much fanfare, only to see the car struggle mightily. Dodge drivers won just two races this season amid complaints of poor handling and a poorly designed front end. Two teams were so fed up, in fact, that they pulled out 2004 Intrepids for the season finale.

Stewart's slow start turns into championship season

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

What started out as a lost season for Tony Stewart wound up as the best time of his life.

Few who saw it will forget a grinning Stewart standing in Victory Lane last Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway trying to conduct an interview while crewmen from his No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Chevrolet team poured bottle after bottle of soda on his head.

But it would have been hard to convince Stewart that day would come when he was mired in a streak of bad luck, mechanical problems and bad decisions that stalked the 2002 NASCAR champion through the first 14 races of the 2005 season.

After finishing 29th at Pocono in June, Stewart was 10th in the standings, 380 points behind leader Jimmie Johnson. To that point, Stewart, who started the season with a seventh-place finish in the Daytona 500, had more finishes of 15th or worse (eight) than top 10s (six).

Asked the low point of his season, Stewart grimaced and said, "Probably the first how many races were the low point. It really wasn't one particular race. It was just our whole season, really, from the start, other than Daytona."

Things turned around the week after that Pocono disappointment, with Stewart finishing second to Greg Biffle at

Michigan. Stewart backed that up by breaking through for his first win of the year the following week on the road course at Sonoma, Calif., then added a win the next week on the big oval at Daytona.

He was off and running toward another title.

Stewart went on to get all five of his season victories in a span of seven races and closed out the year with 19 finishes of ninth or better in the final 22 events.

"How do you beat that?" asked Jeff Gordon, a four-time series champion and the only other active driver with more than one Cup title. "It was a heckuva streak and they did it because that team had everything together — the right equipment, the right attitude and a great driver."

It's well documented that the guy who used to be known as Terrible Tony has somehow morphed into Terrific Tony these days. He jokes with reporters, smiles for photographers and fans, gives tons of money and time to charity — particularly Kyle Petty's Victory Junction Gang Camp for chronically ill and disabled children — and seems to be really enjoying life.

That certainly wasn't the case in 2002 when he punched one photographer and shoved another, said rude things to media and fans and was seemingly under a black cloud the entire season, even as he drove

away with the championship.

He has called that year "one of the worst personal years of my life."

His mother, Pam Boas, says the deaths of good friends Kenny Irwin and Adam Petty and mentor and childhood idol Dale Earnhardt during the two previous years put Stewart in a funk of confusion and pain.

"It was a difficult time for him and he didn't know how to deal with all that pain," his mother said.

So what changed? Where did this new Tony Stewart come from?

"You know what? He's 34 years old now," she said. "It was time to grow up." But his mother also credits a move earlier this year back to the family home in Columbus, Ind., for some of the peace Stewart is feeling these days.

"He came home to Indiana," she said the day before her son wrapped up the championship. "He lives in the house where he was raised. It's a place where he can find peace and contentment, without a lot of pressure from people wanting something from him."

Whatever helped him make the transition, there's little question that this Tony Stewart will enjoy his second title a lot more than the first one.

Stewart insists he's not smarter or a better driver than he was in 2002. Just more able to go with the flow and deal with the intense pressures of life in NASCAR's fast lane.

"You know, I feel I'm just a piece of the puzzle," Stewart said. "I think that we're just a better team. Our organization has grown and grown stronger."

"The greatest strength of Joe Gibbs has been assembling the right people to do the right jobs. And the great thing with that is that when we were behind early in the season, we didn't know which area was going to get us caught up."

He said everybody on the team, including the driver, dug in and tried a little harder.

"We all tried to get that extra half percent or percent that we thought we needed to be where the Roush and Hendrick teams were," Stewart noted. "I wasn't driving the car any different the first three or four months of the year than we did the remaining part of the season. So, obviously the team was the biggest part of that championship equation."

Of course, the team gives Stewart plenty of credit, too. Crew chief Greg Zipadelli, who somehow held things together during the 2002 season, acting as the intermediary between the incendiary Stewart and the rest of the crew, said the difference is obvious.

"I think that's a lot to Tony's maturity in him showing up and relaxing and wanting to be part of the team and actually taking some ownership in it this year," Zipadelli said. "It obviously makes my job and everybody else's a little easier and little bit more fun."

Fan who took ball from Favre sentenced to probation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The fan who ran onto Paul Brown Stadium during a Bengals game and took the football from Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre pleaded guilty Wednesday to charges of trespassing and disorderly conduct and was placed on probation.

Hamilton County Municipal Judge David Stockdale sentenced Greg Gall, 31, of Cincinnati, to 15 months' probation and 230 hours of community service. While on probation, he is banned from Paul Brown Stadium and the Reds' Great American Ball Park. He also was fined \$200.

Gall interrupted the final minute of Cincinnati's 21-14 victory over the Green Bay on Oct. 30 when he took the ball from Favre as the Packers were trying to tie the game.

Prosecutors asked for jail time. "An example needs to be set and a message sent here," assistant Prosecutor Debbie Casey told the court. County Prosecutor Joe Deters wrote to Stockdale urging a jail sentence to deter "stupid acts like this."

Gall's attorney, Scott Rubenstein, told the judge that Gall has suffered embarrassment and that his job is in jeopardy.

"It's been a humiliating experience for him," Rubenstein said.

Stockdale said he didn't want to use jail space on Gall,

but admonished him: "Usually these kinds of antics are the province of 18- and 19-year-olds. You're 31."

The judge also suggested that Gall might need alcohol counseling during his probation.

Gall spoke in court only to agree that he understood his plea that resulted in a charge of resisting arrest being dropped. He declined comment afterward.

Aikman, White in line for Hall

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CANTON, Ohio — Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman and perennial All-Pro defensive end Reggie White head a list of 25 semifinalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The board of selectors chose them from a list of 112 preliminary nominees. A list of 15 finalists will be announced in mid-January.

The class of 2006 will be determined at the selection committee's annual meeting Feb. 4 in Detroit, the day before the Super Bowl.

Other semifinalists include linebackers Harry Carson and Derrick Thomas, center Dermontti Dawson, running back Thurman Thomas and wide receivers Michael Irvin, Andre Reed and Art Monk.

Study: Owensboro, region could support minor league baseball

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWENSBORO — Owensboro and the surrounding region could support a minor league baseball franchise, according to a study.

Results indicate there is enough interest in an Owensboro baseball team to support a franchise, said David Stone, senior consultant for the Leib Group LLC.

Stone, who presented his findings Monday to city and county officials, said there appeared to be less support for building a downtown indoor arena to lure a minor league hockey team to the area in western Kentucky.

"This is a relatively small market compared to other markets," Stone said. Owensboro is

also "skewed towards an older population" compared to other sports cities, Stone said.

An arena would have more uses than a baseball stadium, but 60 percent of 420 residents who responded to a survey indicated more interest in baseball than other sports, and 35 percent said they were definitely interested in having a baseball team in the city, he said.

Bring Back Baseball, a group advocating bringing a Frontier League team to the city, has said baseball games would draw an average attendance of about 1,600 per game.

To reach that attendance level, 16.5 percent of the population in a 15-mile radius of the stadium would have to attend some games, Stone said. The population within 15 miles of

downtown Owensboro is 104,061.

Stone said financial data about a stadium and arena will be presented next month.

County Judge-Executive Reid Haire said interest in a team doesn't necessarily mean interest in taxpayer funding for a stadium.

"They'll pay \$5 (for a ticket), but they might not pay increased taxes," he said.

Zev Buffman, a member of the Bring Back Baseball group, said city and county governments would not be asked to pay to construct a baseball stadium.

"The funding plan does not ask government for any taxes or (for) underwriting any loans," Buffman said. "The city and county have absolutely no ... financial responsibility."

Yankees hire former Reds manager to run Clippers

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Former Cincinnati Reds manager Dave Miley has been hired to manage the Columbus Clippers of the International League, replacing Bucky Dent, who was named bench coach for the Reds.

Miley said he formally accepted the offer from the New York Yankees on Tuesday. He interviewed for the job in Tampa, Fla., last week. "As soon as the job was offered, I jumped at it," Miley said from his home in Covington. "It was a no-brainer."

Miley spent seven years in the International League managing at Indianapolis and Louisville.

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East						Sunday's Games					
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Buffalo	4	6	.400	152	210	St. Louis	4	6	.400	252	300
Miami	3	7	.300	162	196	Arizona	3	7	.300	205	268
N.Y. Jets	2	8	.200	121	227	San Francisco	2	8	.200	151	290

NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
East					
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	3	.700	222	164
N.Y. Giants	7	3	.700	281	184
Washington	5	5	.500	200	201
Philadelphia	4	6	.400	210	232
South					
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	7	3	.700	253	179
Tampa Bay	7	3	.700	206	183
Atlanta	6	4	.600	244	206
New Orleans	2	8	.200	159	266
North					
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	7	3	.700	169	110
Minnesota	5	5	.500	174	245
Detroit	4	6	.400	167	193
Green Bay	2	8	.200	218	204

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The Rocky Mountains

The mountain lion has been known by many names: cougar, puma, deer tiger, Mexican lion, mountain screamer, brown tiger, catamount, silver lion, mountain demon, Indian devil, purple feather, king cat, sneak cat and panther.



Tunnel Mountain,
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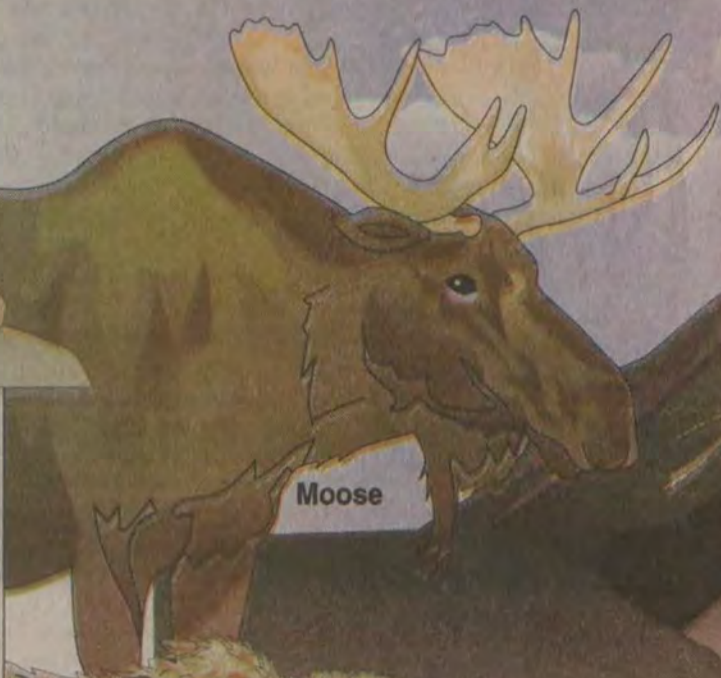
The Rocky Mountains (also called The Rockies) were created during a period called the Laramide orogeny. This geological period occurred about 70 to 50 million years ago. At one time the mountains were nearly as high as the Himalayas are today. Over time the peaks of the Rockies have been whittled down and cut into a variety of formations by wind, rain and glaciers.

The Rocky Mountains are the largest mountain chain in North America. They stretch about 3,000 miles (4,828 km) in length, from the Mexican frontier, through the United States, and into Canada and Alaska. The range can be up to 350 miles (563 km) wide in some spots. Its highest peak is Mt. Elbert, located 10 miles (16 km) southwest of Leadville, Colo. It stands at 14,433 ft. (4,399 m) above sea level.

The Rocky Mountains form the Continental Divide, which separates the rivers that flow west into the Pacific Ocean and rivers that flow east into the Atlantic Ocean. The Canadian Rockies also separate rivers that flow north into the Arctic Ocean from those that flow southwest into the Pacific Ocean.

Wildlife

Many animals make their home in the Rocky Mountains. Coyotes, moose and muskrats can be found in the grassy valleys and plateaus between mountains. Bear, deer, hares, elk, minks, mountain lions, porcupines and other small mammals live in the higher forests. Rocky Mountain goats and bighorn sheep live above the timberline (where trees are stunted or non-existent.)



Moose



Grizzly bear



Bighorn sheep are about twice the size of domestic sheep.



Coyote



Snowshoe hare



Arctic hare



Primary ranges

The Rocky Mountains can be divided into six chief ranges. The Brooks Range stretches across northern Alaska. The Selwyn and Mackenzie Mountain ranges are found in the Northwest Territories of Canada. The Canadian Rockies run through British Columbia and Alberta. The highest peak of the Canadian Rockies is Mount Robson at 12,973 ft. (3,954 m). The Canadian Rockies are renowned for their beauty and are home to the Banff and Jasper National Parks. The Northern Rockies extend from Idaho up to the Canadian border. The highest peak of the Northern Rockies is Borah Peak which rises 12,662 ft. (3,859 m). Glacier National Park can be found here. The Central Rockies extend from northwest Colorado and northern Utah up through Montana. The highest peak of this range is King Peak in Utah. It rises 13,528 ft. (4,123 m). The Southern Rockies run from New Mexico through Colorado and Wyoming. The highest peaks of the Rocky Mountain chain can be found here. Wheeler Peak in New Mexico rises 13,161 ft. (4,011 m). Colorado has more than 50 peaks that rise higher than 14,000 ft. (4,267 m), including the highest of them all, Mount Elbert.

SOURCES: World Book Encyclopedia, World Book Inc.; The Mountains, Time Life Books; Rocky Mountain National Park; Banff National Park; Jasper National Park

Blooming schedule for some Rocky Mountain wildflowers

Many types of flora and fauna can be found in the Rocky Mountains. Many wildflowers have adapted to a wide range of ecosystems. Peak blooming season can change as much as six weeks depending on moisture and temperature each year.

Spiny-leaved sow thistle is an early bloomer, found in the open woods.



MAY

Rocky Mountain Iris grows in the wet and shady environment of lowland meadows.



JUNE



The **blue columbine** is the state flower of Colorado. It thrives on rocky hillsides, in aspen groves and above the timberline.

JULY

Kittentails can be found in early summer above the timberline.



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AUGUST

Found in the tundra, the **Alaska or Alpine gentian** blooms in late August, early September. This wildflower does not like too much sun and will actually close its petals in bright sunlight.



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THROUGH MY EYES

Just thoughts

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

It's the season for thanksgiving and I have to pause to remind myself to shake off my bad mood and remember that although life can be stressful, still, I have much to be thankful for.

I have three great (though very spoiled) kids, a good job, wonderful co-workers, good neighbors (thanks, Ron and Kathy, for picking up "Bill/Big-head's" mess again!), good friends and loving relatives. Wish like crazy that there were more funds in the bank account, but, so far, we've managed to keep a roof over our heads and, not a one of us seems to be wasting away from lack of food. So, all in all, the glass is, as they say, "half-full." My complaints are few.

Most importantly, I am happy to report to you dear readers today that my mom is no longer on the

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Thanksgiving

By Frances A. Cantrell

Thank you, Lord, for my little house with pictures on the wall, My tiny little kitchen, and the bathroom down the hall.

Thank you for the open doors where my loved ones enter in, Thank you for the fireplace that provides me warmth therein.

Thank you for the table and good food we have to eat, Thank you for the chairs we have to sit upon and rest our feet.

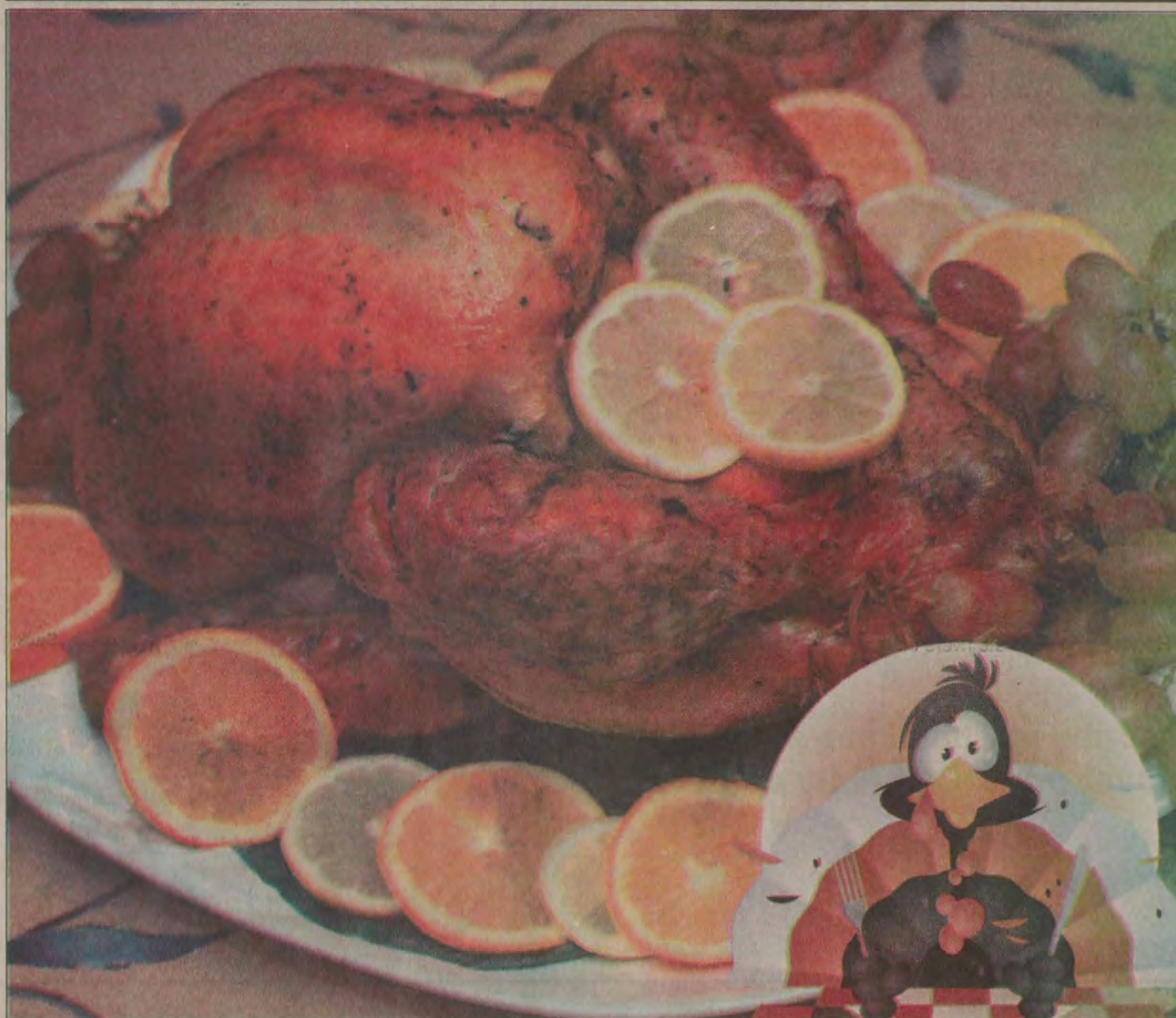
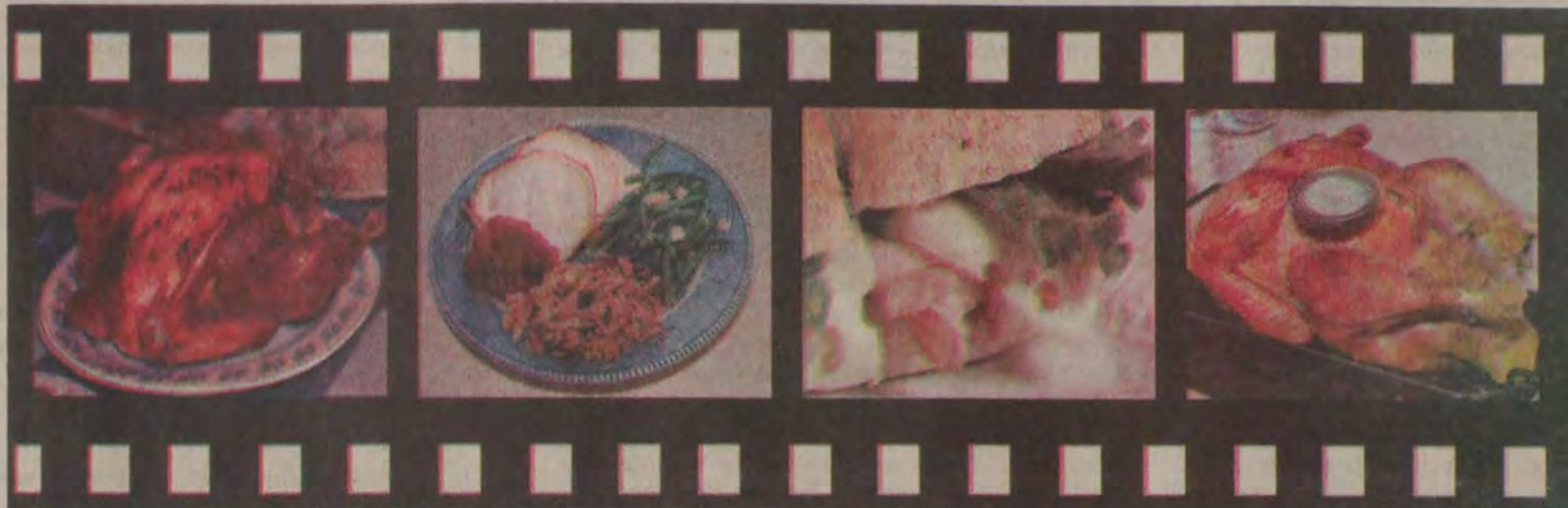
Thanks for all the china and the crystal goblets too, Thanks for all good gifts we have that only come from you.

Thank you for the little birds that sing out in the trees, Thank you for the honey that's made by little bees.

Thank you for the blankets that keep us warm in bed, Thank you for the pillows on which to lay our head.

Thanks for money I have earned from work that is so hard, Thanks for little children who play out in the yard.

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Got leftovers?

Try one of these creative recipes

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

By now, we know that you're most likely as stuffed as your turkey was yesterday but maybe you're wondering what to do with all those leftovers? Aside from those great Dagwood style sandwiches, we thought we'd help out by sharing a few creative ways to use all that leftover turkey. Hope you find a couple of recipes that become future family favorites!

Chilled Turkey Rice Salad

Ingredients:

- 2 cups cooked turkey, cut into half-inch pieces
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 4 teaspoons lemon juice

Salt to taste

- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- Lettuce

Method:

Combine rice, onion, curry powder, lemon juice and salt. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Add rest of ingredients, except lettuce, to chilled rice mixture. Serve on lettuce leaves.

Turkey Tarragon Pitas

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup lemon yogurt
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- 1/4 teaspoon dried tarragon leaves, finely crushed

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THINGS TO PONDER

Grief and 'no holiday spirit'

by Dr. Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Since the holiday spirit and grieving both consume a high level of psychological and physical energy, it makes sense that the two tend not to be compatible. The state of "grief" and "celebration" are at such opposite ends of the continuum of emotional feelings that it seems just impossible to bring them together to a balanced position. Sometimes, the situation is influenced by where the grieving person

"is" in regards to the stage of grieving and the factors contributing to the need to grieve. Because grieving can be so draining, it contributes significantly to how an individual will deal with the expectations of "having the holiday spirit." Although this topic is certainly not one that is desired at this time of year, the reality is that at least one person and/or family you know is being affected by this being "the first holiday season without - a loved one." Perhaps, by your being more sensitive to those who have had significant losses during the past year, you can give a much-needed gift of love, understanding, and support to grieving friends and neighbors.

The impact of loss and grieving was personalized for me when my Granny Jo passed away. Even though she had technically been my "ex-mother-in-law," we had

a very unusual relationship that was extremely different from the typical expectations of such circumstances. We were sincerely friends that loved and respected each other. By no means does that equal us always seeing eye-to-eye and doing everything exactly the same. We both recognized, talked about, and agreed on the goals for our future relationship in the beginning, that is after her son and I divorced many years ago. Our joint interest and focus was on what was best for a 6-year old boy, my son and her grandson. We also agreed that, after all, the divorce involved two people and not the whole family. It was truly remarkable how the bond and attachment were created over time, about 38 years, among my "ex-in-laws" and myself. They became family in the true sense for me. Needless to say, in

my opinion it was the best of both worlds for my son.

Granny Jo was 86 years old and had a very significant medical history from birth so that she had fought many battles and won. However, a tumor in her lumbar spine was diagnosed and treated almost two years ago. As a result, she was unable to walk afterwards. Another significant problem for her was that her short-term memory seemed to have gone, even though she was still her "bright" self otherwise. She had been well known for her creativity and doing for others through the church and the "helping" organizations to which she belonged. Unable to be cared for at home, Granny Jo went directly from the hospital to the nursing home. Whenever



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

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Ponder

we visited with her great-grandson, she would repeatedly mention how she wished that he would be told about his "family roots." An impression was that, after about a year in the nursing home, she started to display indirectly small signs of "giving up," but she never acknowledged being depressed. Granny Jo started slowly deteriorating without the physicians being able to document any possible "physical" bases. Although it is not always easy to accept, her loved ones were able to begin grieving her potential passing in a sense as she quietly slipped away. Of course, that does not mean that her loved ones do not grieve for themselves the loss of her presence. Typical of such situations, the reality created during the graveside service was extremely difficult for those who loved Granny Jo. She was a dear friend and confidant that will always be missed.

Even though death of a loved one is never easy, a guess is that, relatively speaking, having some preparation of an impending death can be "helpful," if used effectively. But, there are pros-and-cons for each position - know in advance versus quick, unexpected, or accidental fatal events. The dear friend, who went with me to Granny Jo's funeral in North Carolina, was still grieving the death of her husband. She talked about the emotional difficulties she was having at times and the dread she felt of going through the "first Christmas without him."

This friend had been in the "knowing in advance" group, since her loved one had had terminal cancer and she had cared for him for over a year.

There has also been a client recently that placed "some" within the two groups of knowing and not knowing regarding a likely death. Her 20-something-old son was born with a critical birth defect and always had significant health problems all of his life. Even though the known risks of the operation had been explained to her, her husband, and her son, her son was not expected to have untreatable surgical complications. Thus, it was a shock when her child did not survive the operation, and "died on the table." Who really knows, but a sense was that this mother dealt with her child's death "better" because she knew as many facts as possible beforehand. She seemed able to accept that no one had been able to control all factors and no one or thing was to blame. Everyone involved had done the best they could.

Several mothers have sought services within the past month or so, due to intense grieving of their child's death that was unexpected. The cases have similarities in that the children were in their 20's and the deaths occurred about four to six months ago. Another important similar aspect of the cases was that the mothers were so focused on the "reason" why the child died, such as: (1) drug overdose and "why didn't their (the child's) friends do some-

thing to stop it?" (2) killed by an unknown person, persons and "why can't the crime be solved and justice be done?" and (3) attempts for mental health services were not successful, "why didn't someone do what was needed?" An impression was that the mothers had "managed somewhat" until the holiday season was really obvious. It also seemed that they just could not tolerate the coming together of the pain of their loss and the so-called need for a holiday spirit. These mothers are "caught" in some of the significantly, emotionally painful stages of grief at the same time - shock, anger, guilt, and preoccupation with the details of what happened.

Besides the typical depressive symptoms, these mothers have other likely symptoms of intense grief, such as wanting to "run away," not wanting to socialize, and not wanting to do that which is expected. They signify the importance of using all resources - family, neighbors, and professional services. Loved ones might need to accept and tolerate the mothers' need to not have "Christmas as usual," perhaps going away for the weekend and having dinner in a very different place. Although doing differently does not "cure it all," it is nice to have relief as much as possible for a short period. Being able to do for the other person as needed is a sign of love and caring. Enjoy your holidays in the best way possible.

Eyes

"critical" list at Paul B. Hall. She is back at Mountain Manor, in relatively good health and resting well. Thanks to all of you who have stopped in to visit or taken a moment of your time to inquire about her condition. We are looking forward to celebrating her 81st birthday this coming December 7.

I hope each of you enjoyed your day of feasting yesterday and hope also that you enjoy the listing of "leftover" recipes we've compiled for you today.

Here's looking forward to a

wonderful Christmas season. The lights will be fully ablaze soon at Archer Park and the KY Opry folks will be offering yet another wonderful Christmas show for us all to enjoy.

Hope to see you out and about!

I can't believe I almost let it slip my mind to mention how truly entertaining last weekend's "A Christmas Story" was at the MAC. I have never sat down and watched the entire movie that plays on television each

year, so I had no idea how the "Ugly Leg" lamp fit into the story. Now that I do, I absolutely covet the one that Marty gave away during intermission. Next year, I'll be buying some chances on that thing! My son would more than love having that monstrosity in his room!

Anyway, the set was, again, absolutely perfect, the cast even moreso and the kids, well, they were simply amazing. JWT never fails to blow me away.

Great job, y'all!

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Recipes

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2 cups fully-cooked turkey breast, cut into half-inch cubes
1/2 cup green grapes, sliced in half
4 mini (or 2 6-inch) whole-wheat pitas
4 pieces leaf lettuce

Method:

In medium bowl, combine yogurt, mayonnaise and tarragon. Fold in turkey and grapes; cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour. Trim tops from mini pita pockets (or cut 6-inch pitas in half). Line inside of pitas with lettuce. Carefully fill pitas with turkey mixture.

Turkey Salad with Orange Vinaigrette

Ingredients:

Orange Vinaigrette
1/4 cup orange juice
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
1/4 teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
1 tablespoon oil
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

Salad

4 cups torn salad greens
2 cups cooked turkey breast, cut into julienne strips
1 (11 oz.) can mandarin orange segments, drained
1/2 cup sliced celery

Method:

In jar with tight-fitting lid, combine all vinaigrette ingredients; shake well. In large bowl, combine all salad ingredients; toss gently. Serve with vinaigrette. If desired, garnish with fresh strawberries.

White Turkey Chili

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon oil
1/4 cup onion, chopped
1 cup celery, chopped
4 cups cooked turkey, chopped
2 cans (15.5 oz.) Great Northern beans, drained
2 cans (11 oz.) corn, undrained
1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chilies
4 cups turkey or chicken broth
1 teaspoon ground cumin

Method:

Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add onion and celery, cook and stir 2-3 minutes. Place all ingredients in a large saucepan (at least 4 quarts). Stir well. Cover and cook about 15 minutes over medium heat stirring occasionally until thoroughly heated.

Sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top if desired.

Leftover Turkey Casserole

Ingredients:

1 (16 oz.) package dry bread stuffing mix
1 (16 oz.) container sour cream
1 (10.75 oz.) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 (10.75 oz.) can condensed cream of celery soup

1 (1 oz.) package dry onion soup mix
2 (14.5 oz.) cans French-style green beans, drained
2 cups cooked, chopped turkey meat

Method:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Prepare stuffing according to package directions. In medium bowl, mix sour cream, cream of mushroom soup, cream of celery soup and dry onion soup mix. Spread green beans in 9x13-inch dish. Top with a layer of turkey. Pour soup mixture over turkey. Top with stuffing. Bake in pre-heated oven 30 minutes, or until browned and bubbly.

Turkey 'n Stuffing Bake

Ingredients:

3 cups stuffing
1 (6 oz.) can French fried onions
1 (10.75 oz.) can condensed cream of celery soup
3/4 cup milk
1 and 1/2 cups cooked turkey, cubed
1 (10 oz.) package frozen green peas, thawed

Method:

Combine stuffing and 1/2 can onions. Spoon stuffing mixture into a 9-inch shallow baking dish. Press stuffing across bottom and up sides of dish to form a shell. Combine with undiluted soup, milk, turkey, and peas; pour into stuffing shell. Bake, covered, at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Top with remaining onions. Bake, uncovered, 5 minutes longer. Serve hot.

Turkey Tetrazzini Casserole

Ingredients:

1 (16 oz.) package angel hair pasta
1 lb. cooked turkey, sliced
1 cup sliced onion
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 (8 oz.) package sliced mushrooms
1/4 cup butter
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1/2 teaspoon ground mustard
2 cups milk
1 cup chicken broth
2/3 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons chopped pimento peppers
1/3 cup Parmesan cheese

Method:

Cook pasta as directed on package. Drain. In medium saucepan, cook and stir onion, garlic, and mushrooms in butter over medium heat until tender. Blend in flour, salt, pepper, poultry seasoning, and mustard. Lower heat then gradually stir in milk and chicken broth; stir until mixture thickens. Add 2/3 cup cheese and pimento, stirring until cheese melts. Remove from heat.

Place layer of pasta in 9x13-inch baking dish. Cover with layer of turkey, and then a layer of cheese sauce. Repeat the layers. Sprinkle remaining 1/3 cup cheese over top. Bake at 400

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School

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, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, 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 appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations.

The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

Duff Elementary

Nov. 30 - Parent meeting, 1:30 p.m., in library.

School is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts must be dated Sept. 11, 2005 to March 11, 2006. Top three school winners will receive a gift. In anyone in the community would like to donate their receipts, they may mail them to: Duff Elementary, P.O. Box 129, Eastern, KY 41622; may also drop receipts off in school front office.

Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); 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. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary

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 Head Start 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.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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.

Mountain Christian Academy

Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.

Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

Piarist School

Nov. 25-26 - School will conduct an indoor yard sale to raise money for the Academic and Sports Teams, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the gym. School is located in Martin, on Rt. 80, on hill above MCA. For more info., call 285-3950.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

Dec. 6 - SBDM meeting, 6 p.m., in school auditorium.

The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

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

Nov. 28 - Open House (SFMS and SFHS). 5-6 p.m., FREE dinner. 6-8 p.m., teacher/parent visitations. Pikeville College medical students will be present. (Date subject to change, watch school marquee.)

Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. If you wish to participate, watch for announcement of dates and call youth service center to register.

School will be participating in the Food City "Apples for Students" program, please save your receipts.

Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

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. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

Nov. 28 - SBDM Parent Representative Election, 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., in Family Resource Center.

FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

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

Character Words for the Month - Respect and Togetherness

Monday's, 6 p.m. - School and resource center will host a Family Literacy program. We will read and study about different cultures/themes and then work on a related craft/activity. Refreshments will be served. Call the resource center to sign up.

Tuesday's and Thursday's, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Women's Exercise program, in school gym. FREE! If you would like to participate, contact the center.

Wednesday's and Thursday's, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., GED classes, in the Weeksbury Community Center. Classes are FREE.

Lost & Found: Located in the FRC. Items not claimed within two weeks become the property of the resource center.

If you would like more informa-

tion on the programs and services offered by the FRC, please call or come by for a visit. Center is located in the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Center hours are: Mon. thru Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone: 452-4553; ask to speak with Cissy Williams (coordinator) or Karen Williams (clerk). You may also leave a message and we will return your call.

Wesley Christian School

Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Adult Education & GED Schedule

Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Allen Elem. FRC, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Cliffside

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Allen FRC, Mud Creek Clinic, McDowell FRC, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 1-4:30 p.m. - David Craft Center, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Center, BSCTC.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC (Weeksbury Comm. Center), BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Wayland Senior Citizen Center, Dixie Apts., BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - St. James Episcopal Church; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Cliffside NNC, Mud Creek Clinic, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC, David Craft Center, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m., Martin Comm. Center, BSCTC; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.



Family Medicine



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Mother probably took correct action with son's vomiting

Question: Last week my first-grader woke up for school feeling fine but began vomiting before the bus came. He threw up several times, then slept for a few hours, got up and felt fine. He was asking for food, but I only gave him clear liquids. He seemed to have a slight fever to the touch but was fine later in the day. Should I have taken him to the doctor?

Answer: Vomiting is a complex, coordinated reflex orchestrated by a specific part of the brain. It is involuntary and

in most cases self-limiting. The triggering mechanism can be one of several causes. Vomiting can be a response to nerve signals coming from the mouth, stomach or intestines. Also, it can be triggered from the bloodstream in response to medicines or infections. Other times, the signal can come from the balancing system in the ear, as is the case with motion sickness. Finally, the signals can start in the brain itself as a result of unsettling sights,

smells or thoughts. Generally, vomiting is preceded by a "sick to the stomach feeling" that we call nausea.

Of the possible causes, perhaps the

most common is viral infection of the gastrointestinal tract. This is probably what your child experienced. This type of vomiting is often associated with diarrhea.

Since your child was ill for only a few hours, it was probably okay to not go to the doctor's office. You also did the right thing by not allowing food too soon after the vomiting had stopped.

There are times when a child is vomiting, however, that you should get medical help. If the vomiting is forceful and frequent, you should contact your physician for advice and possible medication to slow down it down. Excessive vomiting can lead to dehydration, especially in very young children, or children who have an underlying medical condition.

There are certain times when vomiting should prompt an immediate call to your physician or a trip to the hospital emergency department. Here are three

such cases: (1) if the vomiting is preceded by or associated with abdominal pain—a possible sign of an appendicitis or another acute

abdominal problem; (2) if the person vomiting also has a high fever or change in mental status; and (3) if it's vomiting that's associated with a concussion, or head injury.

So as you can see, figuring out the cause of the vomiting is the place to start. If it is determined that this is probably a viral infection, then your physician may want to prescribe medication to stop the nausea. It's also a good idea to limit fluid intake to only small sips of

clear liquid until the vomiting has subsided. Then gradually reintroduce solid foods and full liquids over a day or two. This can be difficult because many children bounce back very quickly and are ready to eat everything in 12

to 24 hours.

Though I think you did alright in this situation on your own, I always prefer to err on the side of caution. When in doubt about what to do, it is always best to call your physician.

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Recipes

degrees F for about 25 minutes.

Turkey Salad

Ingredients:

- 3/4 lb. cooked turkey meat
- 2 stalks celery
- 2 green onions
- 1/2 red bell pepper
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons prepared Dijon-style mustard
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Method:

Place cooked turkey meat, celery, green onions and red bell pepper in blender or food processor. Finely chop using pulse setting. Transfer the turkey mixture to a medium bowl. Mix in mayonnaise, prepared Dijon-style mustard, cider vinegar, white sugar and salt. Cover and refrigerate 8 hours, or overnight, before serving.

Turkey Dumplings

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. cooked, chopped turkey meat
- 3 cups water
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 (12 oz.) package refrigerated biscuit dough

Method:

Place turkey, water, salt and pepper in a medium saucepan and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 30 to 40 minutes, or until a broth has formed. Spread flour on a medium cutting board or other flat surface. Roll out biscuit dough and cut into 1x2 inch pieces. Drop pieces into broth and cook over low heat approximately 15 minutes.

Turkey Medley

Ingredients:

- 2/3 cup butter
- 1/2 small onion
- 3 celery, chopped
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk
- 4 cups cooked turkey, chopped
- 1 (4.5 oz.) can mushrooms, drained
- 1 (4 oz.) jar pimentos (optional)
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 (15 oz.) can peas, drained

Method:

In large saucepan, over medium heat, melt butter. Slowly cook and stir onion and celery until soft. Mix flour into saucepan and stir until vegetables are evenly coated. Stir in milk and allow the mixture to thicken. Mix in turkey, mushrooms, pimentos, bell pepper and peas. Stir and cook until thick; thin with milk if desired.

Turkey Enchiladas

Ingredients:

- 2 cups shredded Cheddar and Monterey cheese blend
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 (2 oz.) can sliced black olives
- 24 (6 inch) corn tortillas
- 1 (19 oz.) can red enchilada sauce
- 4 cups cooked turkey, chopped

Method:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish. In small bowl, combine the cheese, onion, and black olives. In small skillet, heat enough oil to lightly coat one tortilla, and cook until soft. Remove and dip in enchilada sauce to coat. Add turkey and cheese mixture to center of tortilla, roll and place in prepared dish. Repeat until bottom layer of pan is covered with enchiladas. Spread enough sauce over bottom layer to cover. Repeat process with second layer; spread remaining sauce on top and sprinkle with remaining cheese mixture. Bake 20 minutes in preheated oven, or until cheese is melted.

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Poem

Lord, I'm only human, but I'm certain of one thing,
I've not been thankful, near enough, for this golden wedding ring.
Bless our troops, everywhere, who defend our nation's land,

Bless all of those who wait for them who cannot understand.
Of all good things you've given me that are both great and small,
Thanks for Jesus Christ, my King, the greatest gift of all.

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New Arrivals

Nov. 1, 2005

- A son, Charles Kameron Feltner, to Alicia and Charles Feltner

Nov. 2, 2005

- A son, Michael Alexander Morris, to Amy and David Morris

Nov. 4, 2005

- A son, Jaron Trey Knight, to Polly and James Knight
- A daughter, Kylee Lacle Casebelle, to Ashlee and Danny Casebelle
- A daughter, Kayleigh Danielle Rice, to Dana Kay Rice
- A daughter, Abigail Elizabeth Kelly, to Amanda Kelly
- A daughter, Emily Shay Dye, to Debra and John Dye

Nov. 5, 2005

- A daughter, Brenna Elizabeth Cornett, to Mary and Jamie Cornett

Nov. 7, 2005

- A son, Jacob Ryan Rose, to Shanna and Mike Rose

Nov. 8, 2005

- A daughter, Haley Madison Caudill, to Norma and James Caudill
- A son, Conley Michael Keith Cole, to Stacie and Donald Cole
- A son, Dylan Wayne Campbell, to Stephanie and David Campbell

Nov. 9, 2005

- A son, Ian Scott Robinson, to Linda and Charles Robinson

Nov. 10, 2005

- A son, Diego Fernandez Gonzales, to Jennifer J. Gonzales
- A son, Dante Alexander Daniel, to Haley and James Daniel
- A son, Timothy Bradinn Kretzer, to Elizabeth and Timothy Kretzer
- A son, Phoenix LeCruz Conn, to Sarah and Michael Conn
- A daughter, Shayden Aspen Layne Lewis, to Joyce Angel Lewis
- A daughter, Kaden Jolee Hunter, to Heather Vance

Nov. 11, 2005

- A daughter, Angel Jolene Hatfield, to Amanda and Ray Hatfield
- A son, Luke Adam Scarberry, to Carolyn and Kenneth Scarberry
- A son, Joey Braydan Luke Williams, to Nancy and Joey Williams
- A daughter, Emma Victoria Simpson, to Rhonda and Gregory Simpson
- A son, Trevor Douglas Hall, to Dawn Yvette and Justin Hall
- A daughter, Emma Loren Hall, to Dawn Yvette and Justin Hall
- A daughter, Rebecca Grace Simpson, to Rhonda and Gregory Simpson

Nov. 12, 2005

- A daughter, Karly Marie Williams, to Stephanie and Charles Williams

- A son, Anthony Chabe Hale, to Barbara Sue Rowe

Nov. 13, 2005

- A son, Brayden Allen Ray Justice, to Tanya Breanna Justice
- A daughter, Shirley Izabella Slover, to Jessica Brite Baker

Nov. 15, 2005

- A son, Elijah Stone Knight, to Crickett Knight
- A son, Brayden Allen Moore, to April Davis
- A daughter, Kendra Ray Lynn Adams, to Emily Faye Ramey
- A son, Justin Rodney Collett, to Nellie Ann Collett
- A son, Joshua Lee Ledford Lewis, to Bessie and Lonnie Lewis

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Weddings



Sandusky-Slone

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Sandusky, of Nicholasville, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Carolyn Clay Sandusky, to Clabe Allen Slone, the son of Ms. Jackie Collins, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Marion Slone, of Willard, Ohio. The wedding will be held on December 10, 2005, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at South Elkhorn Christian Church. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.



Lyons-Newsome

Catessa Ann Lyons and Nicolas Shawn Newsome were united in marriage on June 25, 2005, at Calvary Baptist Church, in Betsy Layne. The bride is the daughter of Roby and Carolyn Lyons, of Hatfield. She is the granddaughter of Doris Wingler, Daniel Cline, and the late June and Tom Lyons. The groom is the son of Tim and Roma Newsome, of Harold. He is the grandson of June Newsome and the late Kenneth Newsome, and Ray and Georgia Akers. Escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a floor length white satin gown adorned with pearls and beads. The groom was dressed in a black tuxedo with silver vest and tie. Shenna Marcum, cousin of the bride, served as maid of honor, and Richard Lyon, friend of the groom, served as best man. The brother of the bride, Derek Lyons, served as ring bearer with Nicole Lyon, friend of the groom, serving as flower girl. Justin Slone and Austin Lyon, friends of the groom, ushered guests to their seats. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Reverend Doug Lewis. Beth Blackburn served as vocalist and Lesley Nelson was photographer of the event. The bride is employed by Pikeville Medical Center. The groom is employed by the State of Tennessee. The couple have returned to reside in Harold.


Floyd County Devotional Page

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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.
Inventory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; 6:30 Sunday, Pastor.
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.
Protestant Assembly, 1/4 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 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.
Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
Benedict Baptist, Dick Rock Branch, Cow Creek: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; 6:30 on Field, 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.
Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102: Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeffrey D. Brown, Minister.
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Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Lewis, Minister.
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Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner: Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.
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Endicot Freewill Baptist, Buffalo: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Hobert Meek, Pastor.
Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on

1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.
Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Ept. on Rt. 1428: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.
First Baptist, Garrett: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
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First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial): Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.
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Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist: Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.
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Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.
Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.
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Liberty Baptist, Denver: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.
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Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.
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Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.
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Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.
Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.
The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services: 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.
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The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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Revamped Rebels return to the court

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The year was 1994. The month was March and the Allen Central High School boys' basketball team was on a late-season run in the Sweet 16 Boys' State Basketball Tournament. Allen Central faithful — and they number many — have vivid memories of that March. Who knows, if an injury hadn't hit, or had a ball bounced this way, instead of that way, Allen Central just may have had enough to claim a state title that season with the likes of Jeremy Hall and Thomas Jenkins leading the way. Allen Central basketball was on top in the 15th Region that year and things are again moving forward for the Rebels. Veteran Allen Central boys' basketball coach John Martin couldn't wait to get back in the gym in the offseason and go back to work after a dismal 3-23 record his team put together during the 2004-05 season. That's just the type of competitive person the Head Rebel is.

The Rebels went back to work over the summer and put some things together. Typical Allen Central teams vie for a 58th District title on an annual basis as well as contend for the 15th Region crown. The 2003-04 edition of the Rebels finished runner-up in the 58th District, and was just one shot away from playing in the 15th Region tournament semifinals. Then last season's

meltdown occurred. But that was last season — and this is this season.

Martin was looking for someone to step up last season and help lead his Rebels. He's got several players who'll be able to step up during the 2005-06 season.

"We were able to get a lot done over the summer — play a lot of games," said Martin. "This is a good group. They work hard and want to play."

Allen Central struggled through a three-win season. Following a busy summer, Rebel boys' basketball looks to again be on the rise.

The Rebels lacked experience last season. Such isn't the case as the Allen Central High boys' basketball program heads into the upcoming season.

Starters back for Allen Central include juniors Ryan Collins and Josh Martin and freshman Josh Prater. One of Floyd County's top athletes, Prater has returned to the hardwood following a successful

first season under center for the ACHS football team.

Martin was forced to toil with several different starting combinations during the 2004-05 season. He'll have quality depth to work with during the upcoming campaign as many of those same players who saw floor time last season are a year older.

Seniors returning include starting point guard Nick Music, Josh Bailey and Justin Jacobs.

Junior Tyler Slone enters the Rebel hoops program from nearby Garrett Christian. Others expected to contribute include Corey Little and Alex Hammonds. Cory Webb, Clinton Turner, Robbie Cole and promising eighth-grade center Jonathan Shepherd are additional Rebels.

Allen Central's 2005-06 slate includes stops in the Lexington Christian Classic and in Paintsville at the Tiger HOOPS Classic.

ALLEN CENTRAL BOYS' 2005-06 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 29	at Knott County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	Breathitt County, 8 p.m.
Dec. 13	Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	at Lexington Christian, 8:30 p.m. (Lexington Christian Classic)
Dec. 21	Middlesboro, 2:45 p.m. (Lexington Christian Classic)
Dec 27-19	at Tiger HOOPS Classic
Jan. 4	Elliott County (at June Buchanan, Crusader Classic)
Jan. 10	Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	David School, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Sheldon Clark, 8 p.m. (15th Region All "A" Classic)
Jan 31	at East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	at South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Belfry, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Raceland, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	at Magoffin County, 8 p.m.

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From one Lady Reb to others

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Allen Central High School officials decided to go with someone quite familiar with the Lady Rebel basketball program when it came time to choose a new head girls' basketball coach. Jennifer Hopkins was hired to coach the Lady Rebels, replacing Mark Martin. Hopkins — a former Lady Rebel, herself — is entering her first season as a head high school girls' basketball coach. She and her program got in a preseason scrimmage versus Morgan County a little over two weeks before the scheduled season-opener in Pike County Central High School's Lady Hawk Tip-off Classic. The exhibition game gave Hopkins and her coaching staff the opportunity to critique the Lady Rebels and gauge their progress.

"The coaching staff and I were well pleased in several areas of play such as our team's hustle after loose balls, our tenacity on defense, pushing the ball up and down the floor on offense, and for the most part being patient on our offenses set to get good shots," said Hopkins. "Then again the staff and I noticed some areas that we'll continue to work on such as offensive and defensive rebounding and our free-throw shooting.

Hopkins is pleased with her team's preseason work ethic.

"The girls have worked hard," said Hopkins. "We've been able to get a lot done in the preseason."

Allen Central finished the 2004-

05 season with a 12-16 record. The Lady Rebels finished runner-up to Betsy Layne in the 58th District tournament. In the 15th Region tournament, Allen Central bowed out to Pike County Central in the second round. The Lady Rebs started their regional tournament run last season with a 70-45 win over Shelby Valley in the first round.

Becky Thomas, who signed with Alice Lloyd College at the conclusion of her prep career, led Allen Central in both scoring and rebounding last season. Thomas carried the team throughout much of the 2004-05 season. Following her departure, Allen Central will need to get scoring and rebounding from different sources.

The Lady Rebel roster features three seniors, all of whom played key roles last season. Forward/center Alanna Cline, a starter from last season — returns, along with senior guard Mara Biliter and senior guard/forward Amanda Mills. Cline, Biliter and Mills all enjoyed solid outings one season ago.

Amanda Thacker is the lone junior back for the Lady Rebels. The sophomore class is made up of the talented trio of Kim Biliter, Sara Johnson and Elizabeth Dingus. Heading into the first week of the 2005-06 season, the ACHS girls' basketball roster doesn't feature any freshmen. Other underclassmen on the roster are eighth-grader Brandy Brown, a player who could see some significant varsity action prior to her freshman season, Jamie Mullins (8), Sara Kinney (7), Cassandra Stewart (7), Megan Jones (6) and Amber Shepherd (5).

After beginning their season in the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic, the Lady Rebels will travel to 14th Region favorite Perry County Central for a non-district game before returning to Floyd County for 58th District meetings with Betsy Layne (Dec. 9), Prestonsburg (Dec. 13) and South Floyd (16). In other pre-Christmas action, Allen Central will travel to Johnson Central to play in the Country Music Highway tournament.

ALLEN CENTRAL GIRLS' 2005-06 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 28	at Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic
Dec. 3	(Pike County Central)
Dec. 5	at Perry County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
Dec. 13	Prestonsburg, 6 p.m.
Dec. 16	South Floyd, 6 p.m.
Dec. 19	Country Music Highway Classic (TBA, At Johnson Central)
Jan. 5	at Letcher County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Powell County, 8 p.m.
Jan. 16	5th Region All "A" Classic
Jan. 24	Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	at South Floyd, 6 p.m.
Feb. 17	Letcher County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	at Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Shelby Valley, 6 p.m.
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Bobcats back on the prowl

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Hopes are again high for the Betsy Layne High School boys' basketball program. The Bobcats failed to get out of the 58th District again last year, but a new season offers new hope and a clean slate for a talented team.

Betsy Layne, coached by Brent Rose, returned to its winning ways last season, but still fell in the opening round of district competition. The Bobcats ended the season with a 16-10 record.

Senior forward Brandon Kidd (16 ppg, 9.2 rpg) leads Betsy Layne into a new promising season along with fellow seniors Brandon Thacker (9.4 ppg, 2.4 assists), Derek Case (8.5 ppg) and Patrick Stapleton (4.2 ppg, 2.5 spg). All four returning players enjoyed starting time last season.

Kidd ranks as one of the 15th Region's top players. Case, who has fought injuries throughout his prep basketball career, enters the new season with a clean bill of health.

Betsy Layne lost to graduation guards Preston Simon and Nathan Lafferty. Simon took his game to nearby Alise Lloyd College and now plays for the ALC varsity men's basketball team.

"It's hard to replace a player like Preston (Simon)," Rose said. "He did a lot for our basketball team."

There's a host of other players ready to step in and contribute for Betsy Layne. One of the newcomers is 6-5 senior forward Mane Klokocar, a foreign exchange student who is a welcome addition for the Bobcats. Others who'll contribute for Betsy Layne include Brennan Case (5-9, PG); Colbert Craft (6-1, F); Shaae McKinney (6-0, G); James Michael Lafferty (5-9, G); Adam Roberts (5-10, G); Zack Burton (6-3, C) and Braxton Branham (6-0, G).

Rose likes the work ethic he's gotten from his team during the preseason. These Bobcats appear ready to break out of the 58th District and return to the 15th Region Tournament. The Bobcat basketball squad has several team goals in mind.

"Our team has worked hard and is really focused for the upcoming season," said Rose.

"They have legitimate goals in mind and are working hard to reach them. We have senior leadership and good depth so I feel as if we are going to be a good team. Our district is going to be as strong as ever so our number one priority is our conference/district games and to continue getting better for March.

"We have really worked on being physical in the preseason and handling the basketball. If we can continue to share the ball, rebound and defend we will have as good a chance as anybody to win."

The Bobcats have a tournament-heavy schedule in place before them. Betsy Layne will play in the Berea Tournament in December before competing in both the WYMT Mountain Classic and 15th Region All "A" Classic events during the month of January.

BETSY LAYNE BOYS'

2005-06 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 29	Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	Letcher County Central, 6 p.m. (at Shelby Valley Tip-Off Classic)
Dec. 6	at Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	David School, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 22	Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 27	at Berea Tournament
Jan. 6	at South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	at WYMT Mountain Classic, 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	at June Buchanan, 8 p.m.
Jan. 23	Shelby Valley, 8 p.m. (15th Region All "A" Classic)
Jan. 31	at Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Prestonsburg, 6 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Jackson City, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Pike County Central, 6 p.m.
Feb. 21	Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.
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Defense of region title will test Ladycats early on

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Betsy Layne has won two of the last three 15th Region girls' basketball championships. Winning the third in four years could be a big challenge for the Ladycats.

Betsy Layne returns only one starter. The four starters lost to graduation – guards Kim Clark and Kristen Smith, forward Breann Akers and center Kristal Daniels – made for a great group. In fact, two of four are continued to play hoops at the collegiate level. Clark is starring at Pikeville College and Daniels at Alice Lloyd.

The Ladycat program long ago established itself as one of the 15th Region's premier programs.

Betsy Layne returns four seniors – Candice Meade, Whitney Tackett, Nicole Spurlock and Jessica Blackburn, a senior who is playing for Betsy Layne for the first time this season.

Meade is the only player returning with playing experience for the Ladycats. She averaged 5.4 points and 3.3 rebounds per game last season in a starting role.

"We will look to her for a lot of leadership," said Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers.

Tackett and Spurlock will also be expected to lead this team of very young players.

Sophomore Kaitlin Lawson also returns with some varsity experience Overall, the Betsy Layne team will be young and inexperienced.

Betsy Layne has lost Rachel Hamilton following an ACL injury. She'll be out six months and miss the entire 2005-06 season.

Krista Flanery, the team's other sophomore, has improved steadily. The lone junior back for the Ladycats is Brittany Mitchell.

The rest of the roster includes two freshman – Andie Meade and Stephanie McKinney; four eighth-graders – Megan Hamilton, Lindsey Martin, Amby Tackett, and Faith Reynolds; And one seventh-grader – Taylor Hott.

The future definitely looks bright for Betsy Layne High School girls' basketball.

The Betsy Layne Elementary girls' basketball team won this year's Floyd County A-team girls' basketball championship.

"We will use the season to get our young kids experience and hopefully come

together as a team," Akers added. "We hope to improve every game and be there at the end of the year, when it counts."

Betsy Layne finished the 2004-05 season with a 24-9 record. The Ladycats fell to Washington County in the opening round of the Girls' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament.

BETSY LAYNE GIRLS'

2005-06 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 5	Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	Allen Central, 6 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Knott County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Belfry, 6 p.m.
Dec. 27	At Boyle County Classic, TBA
Jan. 5	Shelby Valley, 6 p.m.
Jan. 6	at South Floyd, 6 p.m.
Jan. 9	Perry County Central, 6 p.m.
Jan. 12	at East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	Shelby Valley, 7 p.m. (15th Region All "A" Classic)
Jan. 23	Knott County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Allen Central, 6 p.m.
Feb. 7	South Floyd, 6 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Prestonsburg, 6 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Johnson Central, 6 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	Pikeville, 6 p.m.

BETSY LAYNE GIRLS' BASKETBALL



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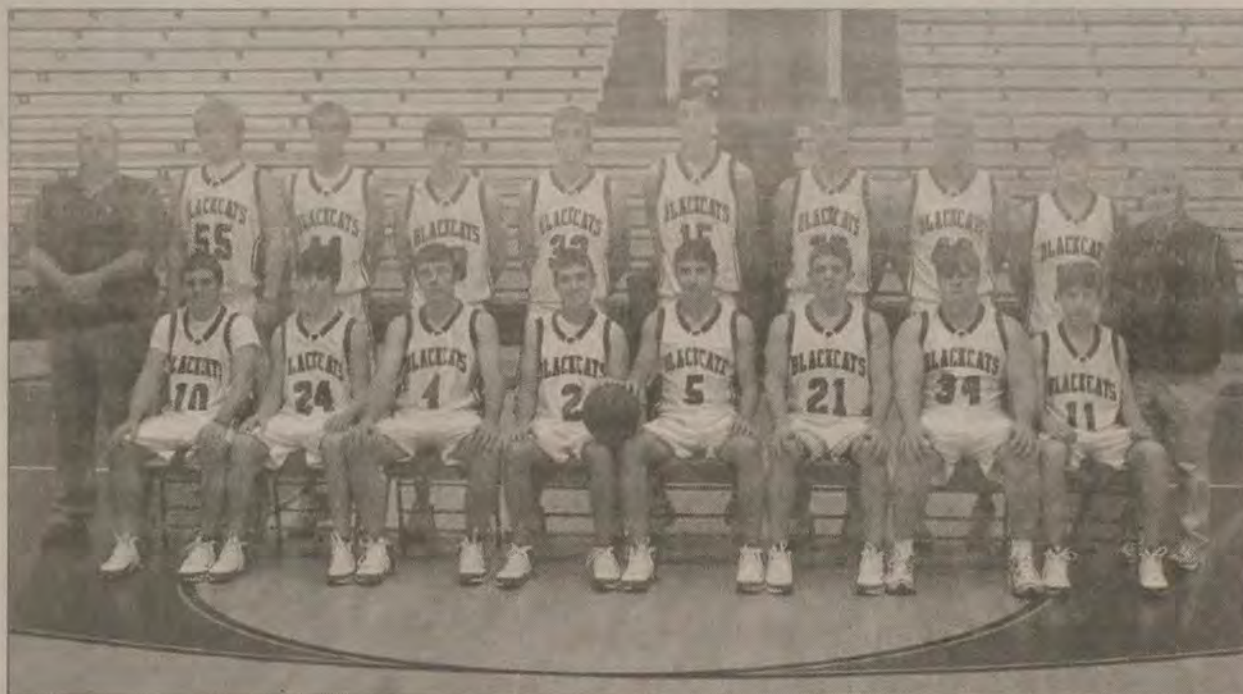
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Blackcats could surprise in balanced region

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Coach Jackie Crisp can say something about his Blackcats that no other coach in the 15th Region can. The Blackcats are the only team in the region that have made it into the regional semifinals in each of the past three seasons.

After losing several key players to graduation, one would have to wonder about the makeup of the 2005-06 Blackcats. Gone are Trevor Compton, Joe Blackburn, Jesse Chaffin, John Mark Stephens and Kyle Ousley but the stable is far from empty in Prestonsburg. P-burg returns two starters in seniors Michael Stephens and Sean Leslie. Stephens returns at point guard and is listed as one of the top-10 players in the 15th Region in several preseason publications. Leslie returns at forward for the cats, the senior played a key role in the 2004-2005 teams success. A key part to a winning season would always involve a good outside shooting guard, Brooks Herrick returns to fill the role in 2005-2006. Herrick came off the bench last season and was very impressive as a shooting guard. Lewis Barnette and transfer Tyler Mullins are expected to anchor the middle, both have size and strength and can shoot the ball from anywhere inside. Several newcomers will be looked to of the bench, Lincoln Slone, Bobby Hughes, Trevor

Patton, Zach Ousley and Brenton Hamilton should see time for the Blackcats, all have made the adjustment from the gridiron to the hardwood. Senior Nick McGuire will add depth to the Blackcat roster.

Prestonsburg is expected to play 9-10 players on a regular basis. In recent years, the Cats have been both an up and down tempo team and a half court team.

With the makeup of this team being more perimeter oriented, one would expect P'burg to become more of a fast paced team in the upcoming season. Prestonsburg finished the 2004-2005 season as regular season district champs before falling to South Floyd in the finals of the 58th District Tournament. P-burg knocked off Pike Central in the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament before losing the eventual region champ Shelby Valley in the regional semifinals. The 58th district tournament will be held at Prestonsburg this season and the

Cats are hoping to have a number one seed when tourney time arrives.

Jordan Hall is another Blackcat that could provide quality minutes off the bench this season. Prestonsburg finished last season with an 18-11 overall record. Allen Central is expected to be much improved in 2005-2006 as is Betsy Layne. South Floyd returns senior guard Ryan Johnson and Mason Hall and the Raiders are expected to contend for the district title this season.

Prestonsburg will open up regular season play in the first week of December. The Cats will take on a much improved Magoffin County team in the opening week of the season. Paintsville comes into the season as the pick to win the region and the Tigers are led by one of the most talked about players since the days of "King" Kelly Coleman in Landon Slone. The sophomore finished last season with a 51 point performance in the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament.

PRESTONSBURG BOYS' 2005-06 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 6	at Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	at Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	at Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 28	Hopkins County Central, 3:45 p.m. (At Frankfort Convention Center, Farmers Banks Snowball Classic)
Jan. 3	Letcher County Central, 6 p.m. (At Pike Co. Cent. Coca Cola Classic)
Jan. 10	Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	Wolfe County, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	Pike County Central, 6 p.m.
Feb. 3	at South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Morgan County, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
Feb. 14	Breathitt County, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	at East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	at Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	at Belfry, 7:30 p.m.

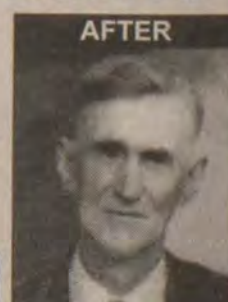
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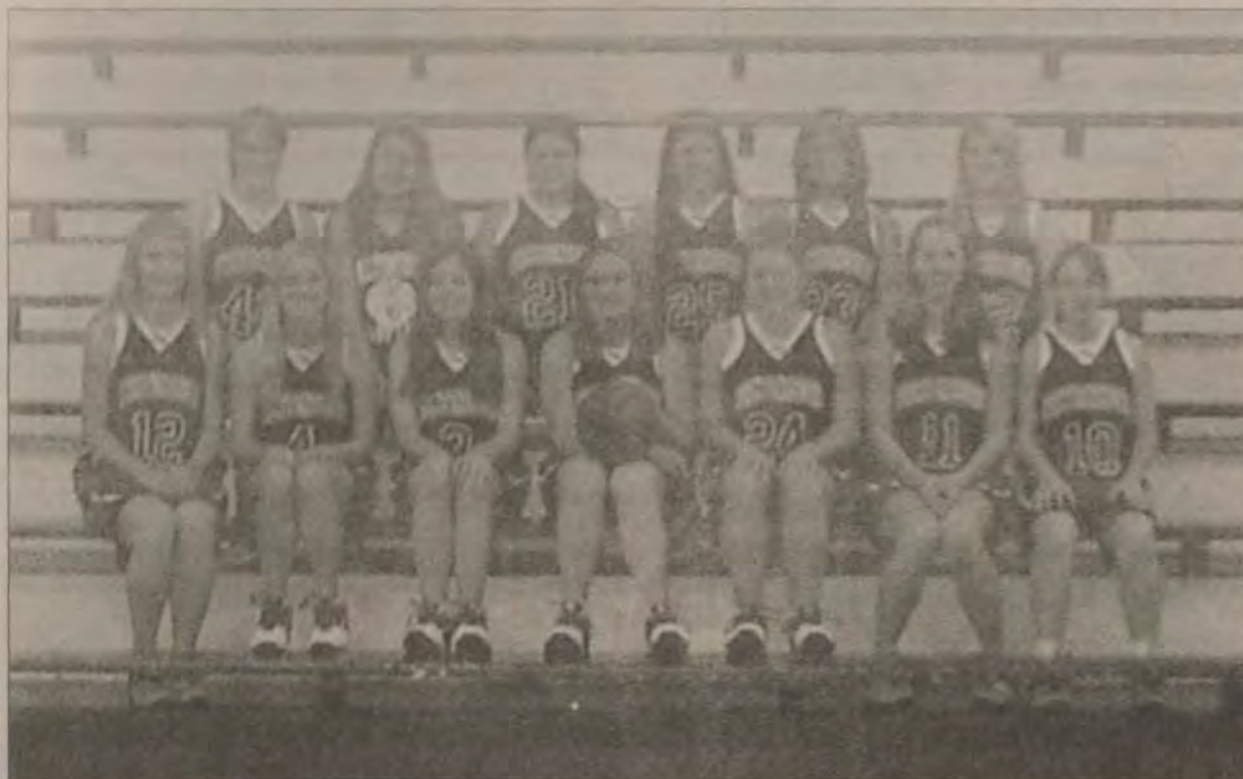
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PRESTONSBURG GIRLS' 2005-06 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 28	at Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	at Leslie County
Dec. 5	at Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	Allen Central, 6 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Berea Invitational Tournament
Jan. 2	at Piarist School
Jan. 5	Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Leslie County, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Piarist School, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	at East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.

Lady Blackcats looking for return to region scene

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — After failing to meet expectations over the past few seasons, the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats are looking to get back to the 15th Region Tournament in 2005-06 season. Prestonsburg is without last season's leading scorer in Molly Burchett, the Prestonsburg guard graduated last season and is currently attending Transylvania University. Prestonsburg does return several contributors from a team that finished 11-16 in 2004-2005. Meaghan Slone is back at shooting guard for Jack Pack, the junior has been a starter since her freshman year and is expected to provide leadership for a young team. Amber Whitaker returns in the middle for the Lady Blackcats, Whitaker is also a junior and can be counted on to be a force in the paint this season. Prestonsburg has taken on two quality teams in the pre-season. Letcher County Central and Marion County were the opponents in the two pre-season games.

Darcey Hicks and Linsey Fields will be looked to for scoring this season as Prestonsburg will have to replace Burchett. The Prestonsburg girls program has seen renewed interest recent years with many more young players becoming

involved with the program.

Jack Pack is back at the helm and the veteran coach has been impressed with his teams effort in the pre-season, "we got a real good team effort in the second scrimmage," said Pack "I was pleased with the effort. I thought all the girls played hard and improved for the first scrimmage."

Pack has also been impressed with the positive attitude in the pre-season, "The girls are working hard in the gym and are looking forward to the start of the season," Pack added.

Prestonsburg has fielded a young team in recent years but Pack likes the experience that his young players have gained.

"Our young players that have played in past seasons are now older and more experienced," Pack noted.

Prestonsburg will open the season on the road at Paintsville and follow that with a Dec. 3 game against Leslie County.

The 15th Region is expected to be very competitive this season with the likes of Magoffin County and Pike Central being named as pre-season favorites. the 58th district should be wide open as Betsy Layne was hit hard by graduation last season. Allen Central will have a new coach in 2005-2006 and South Floyd will look to improve this season as well.

AROUND THE 15TH REGION

BOYS' BASKETBALL

PAINTSVILLE (14-15): Paintsville has as much talent on its roster as any team in Eastern Kentucky. The Runyon-coached Tigers, featuring a lineup that included nearly all underclassmen, almost broke through in last season's 15th Region Tournament when they pushed Shelby Valley in the opening round. It took the eventual region champion two overtimes to prevail.

Led by sophomore Landon Slone, a product of Martin's Mountain Christian Academy, Paintsville returns nearly everyone from last season's regional tournament team. Sophomores J.D. VanHoose, Shane Grimm and Blake Bundy, all starters at one time or another, return along with senior center Kevin Williams.

Slone last season became the first Paintsville freshman to average 20 or more points in over 20 years.

VanHoose, quite possibly one of the region's most underrated players, led Paintsville one season ago in both three-point field goal percentage and free-throw percentage.

After a year away from the hardwood, junior guard Daniel

Pugh is also back for the Tigers.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (19-10): Exit Les Trimble. Enter Mark Starnes. The former Mason County assistant coach who was on the bench when the Royals took the state title a couple of years back, is now calling the shots at Johnson Central, the region's largest high school. Starnes, who also spent some time in Boston on the Celtics bench as an assistant coach to Rick Pitino, inherits one of the 15th Region's top boys' basketball teams.

Johnson Central junior guard Jamie McCarty (6-2) established himself as a high-scoring threat one season ago and returns along with senior forward Kyle Rice (6-3). Senior Tyler Whitaker (5-11) will take over the point guard duties. Other seniors back for the Golden Eagles are Ryan Fannin and Sean Music. Juniors Coty Conley, Justin Blanton, Jessie Meek and Tommy Taylor also resume hardwood play for the Golden Eagles.

SHELDON CLARK (6-19): Senior Brandon May, one of the top Cardinal athletes in school history, spent the better part of the

summer playing with a national traveling team. May (18 ppg, 9 rpg, 3 apg) and sophomore point guard Jaryd Crum (8 ppg, 4 apg) are returning starters.

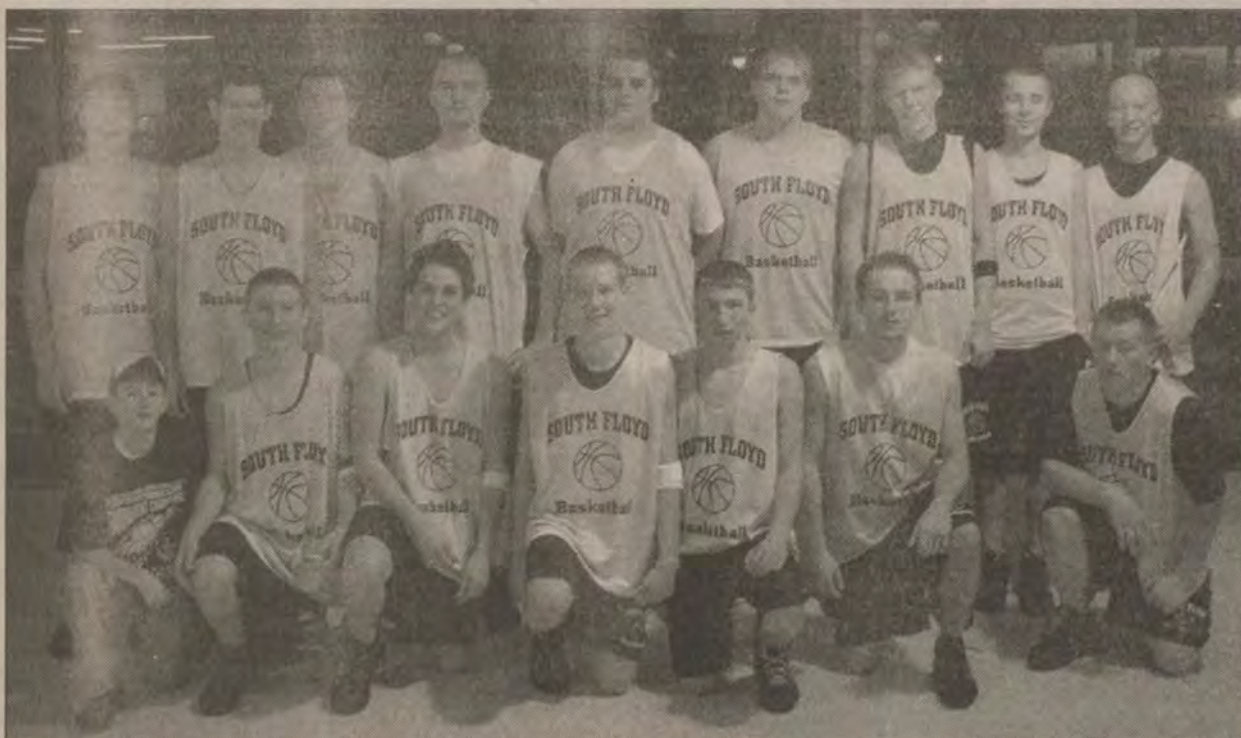
Others in the mix for Sheldon Clark include seniors Shawn Johnson (6-2, F), Jarrett Robinson (6-3, G) and Juan Carlos Lomeli Torres (6-1, G), junior Matt Hayes and sophomores Steven Goble, Damon Hensley, George Shimko (6-4) and Brad Lafferty.

Freshman Justin Porter (6-4) could also be called upon to log varsity minutes.

LAWRENCE COUNTY (22-6): The Bulldogs posted the 16th Region's second best record last winter and now make the move back into the 15th Region. The 22-6 record of last season was a huge turnaround, considering the Bulldogs posted a 10-18 mark during the 2003-04 campaign.

Lawrence County will look to carry last season's success in the 16th Region over into the 15th Region. Graduation hit the Bulldogs hard, taking away bigman

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Raiders reload, prepare to defend district title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Barry Hall had his fair share of ups and downs during his first season as head coach of the South Floyd Raiders (16-15). The longtime South Floyd assistant coach got things turned around though, guiding South Floyd to its second 15th Region All "A" title and yet another 58th District championship.

South Floyd defeated Prestonsburg in the title game of last season's 58th District Tournament. The Raiders ultimately came up short in the 15th Region Tournament, though, losing to eventual region runner-up Belfry.

When you think of 58th District basketball here in the modern era, you think of South Floyd. South Floyd was the last Floyd County boys' basketball team to win a 15th Region title and play in the State Tournament. The Raiders did so in 2001. The defending 15th Region All "A" Classic champion has its eye on the big regional title.

The Raiders again have a stronghold over the Floyd County district and aren't looking to let go this season.

Only two of five starters return for the Raiders.

Senior guards Ryan Johnson and Mason Hall return in the backcourt. Both Johnson and Hall started for

South Floyd last season.

Mason Hall is back from a season in which he led South Floyd in both free-throw and three-point shooting.

Johnson averaged 13.5 points, 3 rebounds and 5.5 assists per game for the Raiders. Hall also provided a stout line, averaging 9.5 points, 2 rebounds and 4 assists per game.

Senior forward Ryan Little (7 ppg, 5 rpg), a player who worked his way into a strong contributing role last season also returns. Joining Little back in the mix for South Floyd is junior sharpshooter Ethan Johnson.

Ethan Johnson averaged nine points and three rebounds per game last season for the Raiders.

Five-foot-11 senior T.J. Hall (3 ppg) 6-1 senior Matt Little (2.5 ppg), 6-1 senior Justin Slone, 6-1 senior Brock Slone, 6-1 senior Josh Slone and junior Lyle Johnson also figure into the equation for the South Floyd boys' program.

South Floyd has picked up a transfer from Johnson Central. Kyle Brown, a 6-2 junior, has made the move into the South Floyd High School boys' basketball program.

As has been the case in most all previous seasons, South Floyd spent the better part of the summer break playing games in preparation for the following season.

South Floyd will begin defense of its All "A" regional title in late January when the 2006 15th Region

All "A" Classic gets underway at Allen Central High School. The Raiders, during the month of December, play in holiday tournaments at both Bryan Station and Paintsville high schools.

SOUTH FLOYD BOYS' 2005-06 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 2	Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Knott County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	Hazard (At ACHS, Roy S. Martin Classic)
Dec. 13	Cordia, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	Letcher County Central, 6 p.m. (At East Ridge, Warrior Classic)
Dec. 20	at Bryan Station Classic
Dec. 27	at Paintsville Tiger Hoop Classic
Jan. 6	Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Breathitt County, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	Perry County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	at East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Owsley County (At Morgan County)
Jan. 25	Pikeville, 7 p.m. (At 15th Region All "A" Classic)
Feb. 3	Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.

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Young Lady Raiders hope to improve as season progresses

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Without question, a high school girls' basketball team with no seniors and only one junior is a young squad. Add only three sophomores to that same team and you have an extremely young team.

The aforementioned scenario is the case for the South Floyd High School girls' basketball team. The Lady Raiders return junior center Heather Dean, a proven starter and leader from last season. The South Floyd sophomore class includes Faith Little (F), Jerri Jones (F) and Vanessa Skeans (F). Little contributed for the Lady Raiders last season. Jones and Skeans, who before moving away from Eastern Kentucky was one of Floyd County's top middle school girls basketball players, will also play key roles.

The rest of the South Floyd varsity team includes four freshmen (center Jesse Tackett, guard Danielle Tackett, forward Trista Damron and guard Lindsey Damron); six eighth-graders (guard

Kayla Hall, guard Andrea Conn, guard Breonna Jackson, center/forward Laken Hall, guard/forward Erica Moore and Brittney Little), one seventh-grader (guard Chelsie Tuttle) and three sixth-graders (forward Gabriel Bailey, guard Kiana Hall and guard Ashley Castle).

The future looks bright for SFHS girls' basketball. The South Floyd Middle School girls' basketball team ranks as one of Floyd County's top programs.

South Floyd head coach Tony Isaac, entering his third season helm of the Lady Raider program, realizes it'll take time for his team to come together as a complete squad.

"Practice is going pretty good," said Isaac. "It is just a learning process because we are changing styles and are so young. These girls have good attitudes, though. They want to play and they want to win."

South Floyd ended preseason play with an exhibition game against Cumberland.

Tab Trammell, one of the school's top all-time girls' basket-

ball players, was lost to graduation. Trammell, a forward, averaged a double-double during the 2004-05 season and became just the third player in the history of the Lady Raider program to score

1,000 points.

"You just can't replace a player like Tab Trammell," Isaac noted. "We have to have several players to step up and make up for what she did for us."

South Floyd finished the 2004-05 season with a 9-16 record. The Lady Raiders are scheduled to open the 2005-06 campaign at home Saturday (Dec. 3) against visiting Jackson City.

SOUTH FLOYD GIRLS' 2005-06 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 3	Jackson City, 3 p.m.
Dec. 5	Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	at Johnson Central, 7 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Phelps, 8 p.m.
Dec. 13	Knott County Central, 7 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Allen Central, 6 p.m.
Dec. 30	at June Buchanan, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 5	Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	Sheldon Clark, 6:45 p.m. (At 15th Region All "A" Classic)
Jan. 19	at Belfry, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
Feb. 10	Allen Central, 6 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Jackson City, 3 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Knott County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	at Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	Phelps, 8 p.m.

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Piarist teams reload for district, regional competition

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN — The girls' and boys' basketball teams at the Piarist School are under new leadership.

Gloria Mullins is the new Piarist girls' basketball coach. Mullins replaces Andrea Preston.

Rodney Hall is an assistant coach on the Piarist girls' staff.

The Piarist girls' basketball roster features five seniors. Marie Dennison (5-10, C/F), Sarah Carty (5-7, F), Bethany Tackett (5-7, G/F), Stephanie Williams (5-4, G) and Anne Reynolds (5-5, G) all return to the Lady Knights.

Juniors Allysa Reed (6-1, C), Hannah Blackburn (5-8, F) and Anna Kumkrick (5-9, F), sophomore K.T. Crum (5-5, G) and freshman Whitney Hackworth (5-8, G) and Taylor Moak (5-7, G/F) will lead the Piarist girls' attack.

The Piarist girls finished last season 13-20, posting wins over Letcher, Riverside Christian and Jackson City.

The Knight boys' basketball team re-enters the 15th Region. Both Piarist teams join the 60th District with Pike County Central, Belknap and Phelps.

The Piarist School previously fielded teams in the all-Floyd County 58th District.

Greg Friend has taken over the Piarist School boys' basketball program as its head coach. In the previous season, Piarist's boys' basketball team was eight players strong.

The Piarist boys' basketball team is made up of six juniors and two sophomores. Six-foot-five senior center Matt Hicks, 6-2 center-forward Matt Doyle, 6-1 center-forward Chris Baker and sophomore forward Caleb Haskins (6-2) provide size inside for the Knights.

Juniors Josh Ousley (5-11), Bob Moak (5-10) and T.J. Holliday (5-9) all play in the Knight backcourt. Sophomore Zack Parsons is another forward for the Knights.

The David School boys' basketball team is entering its first season of competition in the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA). Attorney Ned Pillersdorf coached the Comets through a major varsity schedule each of the last few seasons. The David School will begin play in the 59th District, moving to the 15th Region's last two seasons. David joins Shelby Valley, East and Pikeville in district



PIARIST SCHOOL BOYS' 2005-06 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 28	Red Bird, 6 p.m.
Nov. 29	at Cordia, 6 p.m.
Dec. 1	at Oneida Baptist Institute, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 2	June Buchanan, 6 p.m.
Dec. 12	David School, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Red Bird, 6 p.m.
Jan. 6	Oneida Baptist Institute, 6 p.m.
Jan. 9	David School, 6 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Belfry, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	Riverside Christian, 6 p.m.
Jan. 20	Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Jackson City, 6 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Pike County Central, 6 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Red Bird, 6 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Buckhorn, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Belfry, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Jackson City, 8 p.m.
Feb. 23	Evarts, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	at Riverside Christian, 7:30 p.m.



DAVID SCHOOL BOYS' 2005-06 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 29	at Riverside Christian, 6 p.m.
Dec. 1	Buckhorn, 6 p.m. (At OBI, Three Rivers Tournament)
Dec. 2	at Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Red Bird, 6 p.m.
Dec. 6	at East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Rose Hill Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	at Rose Hill Christian
Dec. 12	at Piarist School, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	at Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Buckhorn, 6 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Piarist School, 6 p.m.
Jan. 10	Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Red Bird, 6 p.m.
Jan. 13	at June Buchanan, 8 p.m.
Jan. 17	Pikeville, 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Oneida Baptist Institute, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Pikeville, 6:30 p.m.

PIARIST SCHOOL GIRLS' 2005-06 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 29	at Cordia, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	June Buchanan, 6 p.m.
Dec. 16	Red Bird, 6 p.m.
Jan. 2	Prestonsburg
Jan. 6	Oneida Baptist Institute, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Belfry, 6 p.m.
Jan. 12	Pike County Central, 6 p.m.
Jan. 13	Riverside Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	Phelps, 6 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Jackson City, 8 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	Cordia, 6 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Red Bird, 6 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Phelps, 6 p.m.
Feb. 16	Buckhorn, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	at East Ridge, 6 p.m.
Feb. 18	Belfry, 6 p.m.
Feb. 21	Jackson City, 6 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Morgan County, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	at Riverside Christian, 6 p.m.

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Derrick Endicott and guard Thomas Lewis. Forward Shawn Thompson returns for the Bulldogs.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY (4-22): Neil "Nehi" West is entering his second season at the helm of the Hornet basketball program and after a busy summer is looking to improve considerably on last season's 4-22 effort.

The Hornets, now a couple of seasons removed from an appearance in the regional tournament, haven't made a significant run at a region title in over five years.

West, however, hopes to change that some time soon.

Wes Helton, Brandon Shepherd and Eric Arnett are among the top returnees.

SHELBY VALLEY (26-6): Graduation took away several talented players from the Wildcat basketball program – many of whom had several seasons of championship experience. Head coach Jason Booher found his way to the regional crown in his first season as Shelby Valley head coach.

Senior forward Mitchell Riddle

and junior forward John Johnson are both back for the Wildcats.

EAST RIDGE (18-11): Denny Paul May is new head coach at East Ridge. May took over for James Hurley, the school's first boys' basketball coach. Hurley guided East Ridge to the 15th Region title two seasons ago and May will look to get the Warriors back to the top in the very near future.

May inherits a team led by senior forward Kyle Fletcher. Tyler McCoy is another contributor back.

PIKEVILLE (9-20): The Panther boys' basketball program has won less than 10 games in each of the last two seasons. Longtime Pikeville High assistant coach Bart Williams is the new coach, taking over for Dave Thomas.

The Panthers lost four seniors from the 2004-05 team. Two part-time starters – senior forward Tim Champlin (3.5 ppg, 4.2 rpg) and sophomore forward Tim Honaker (7.6 ppg, 3.3 rpg) – return.

Senior guard Jacob Sword (5.5 ppg) is another returnee.

BELFRY (18-10): The Pirates carried some of the gridiron suc-

cess over onto the basketball court last season, making it into the 15th Region Tournament finals. Belfry, playing in Randy Casey's first season as head coach, pushed Shelby Valley to the limit before falling in the championship game.

Belfry returns a solid team. The Pirate backcourt is particularly strong.

Senior point guard Matt Maynard (14 ppg, 6 apg) and shooting guard Jamie Case (8 ppg) both return.

Forwards Zack Bowman (Sr.) and Dustin May (So.) and center Chad Steele (Jr.) help complete what the Belfry head coach feels to be a quality core group of returning players.

Looking at the 2005-06 season, Casey likes his team's chances.

"We feel like our guards will be as good as any guard tandem in the region," Casey said. "If our our post players develop we have a chance to be very good. We also have an outstanding freshman group that we feel will have a chance to be great."

PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL (16-11): Most often, Pike County Central is a team in the running for the regional title at the end of the season. Head coach David Rowe

has led Pike Central to district titles, but the program is still looking for its first regional title. Two seasons ago, the Hawks fell just short of a regional title as East Ridge took the region title on a last-second shot.

Senior guard Brad Lowe makes his way back for the Hawks.

PHELPS (17-9): The region's surprise team last season, Phelps

won 17 games last season.

Four of five starters return for the Hornets.

One senior, six-foot-two center Mikey Dotson (10 ppg, 10 apg), returns. Other starters back are juniors Robert Gannon (12 ppg) and Ryan Dotson (6 ppg) and sophomore Charlie Hunt (16 ppg).

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