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In brief

Boil water advisory lifted for Magoffin

SALYERSVILLE — The Kentucky Division of Water (DOW) has lifted the boil water advisory issued Nov. 13 for Magoffin County following analysis of samples taken Tuesday of the raw and finished water at the Salyersville and Magoffin County water systems.

The Division of Water consulted with the Kentucky Department for Public Health to reach the decision. The produced water has been cleared for drinking and all other uses.

Low water flow in the Licking River, the primary source of water supply for the water systems, combined with heavy leaf content and high manganese levels in the water, led to the decision to impose the advisory. While these conditions were not harmful, the water systems had difficulty maintaining adequate chlorine levels to protect against bacteria.

Recent rains increased water flow in the river and helped pushed leaf debris from the reservoir, thus lowering the turbidity and manganese levels.

Water customers are encouraged to flush water heaters and replace water filters used in faucets and icemakers to remove any debris from those systems.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON



Shoppers crowded the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart in search of savings on Black Friday. Many were waiting when doors opened during the early morning hours, a common thing for one of the busiest shopping days of the year.

photo by Sheldon Compton

Recession or not, shoppers burst out of the gates

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It's widely considered the busiest shopping day of the year and Floyd County made Black Friday no exception to the rule.

Well before 4 a.m., shoppers were lining the parking lot of Wal-Mart in Prestonsburg, and store employees said within minutes there at least 500 to 600 deal seekers combed the aisles of the store.

"I do this every year," said Susan Mitchell, as she wheeled her shopping buggy to the back of her Ford Explorer and popped the latch. "Some people don't like the crowd, but I don't mind.

Me and the kids always look forward to this."

Like Mitchell, many consider Black Friday not only a day to find that perfectly priced item on the unofficial first day of the Christmas shopping season, but also an opportunity for a family outing.

"We went back and forth all night, last night figuring out what time we were coming over here this morning," said dedicated shopper Denise Trimbull. "The only thing I was for sure about was that I wasn't camping out like some people."

The idea of setting up camp outside businesses is certainly a reality for many shoppers on Black Friday, a trend

that can often result in a kinetic onslaught of people storming a given location as the doors finally open. There have been past reports of injuries and even deaths in the wake of these rushes.

But in Prestonsburg, the crowd persisted for several hours and then tapered down by roughly 10 a.m. Though many sections of the store, particularly the electronics and toy departments, remained choked off with lines and pockets of shoppers. These two departments are traditionally the biggest draws on Black Friday.

Although considered the busiest shopping day of the year, it has been

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Joshua Mock

Husband arrested following wife's death

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

MAYTOWN — The Thanksgiving holiday took a deadly turn for a newlywed couple, leaving a Maytown man jailed and his wife dead.

Joshua Mock, 26, of Dogwood Heights in Maytown, is currently housed at the Floyd County Detention Center in Prestonsburg after police said he shot and killed his wife, 28-year-old Linda Isabel Mock, in the early morning hours on Thanksgiving Day.

Police were called to the couple's home in Maytown just before 3 a.m. by Mock himself, who had called the dispatcher at the Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville after the alleged shooting.

"Mr. Mock reported to dispatchers that he had just shot his wife in the neck at their residence," said a report from the state police Friday.

The couple had been married for nine days.

Mock has reportedly insisted the shooting death of his wife was in self-defense, contending she had attacked him with a knife during what has been determined to be a domestic altercation by investigating officer Det. Ben Cramer, of the Kentucky State

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LINKS receives \$50K grant from Methodists

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Low Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky (LINKS) received a long-awaited financial boost on Wednesday in the form of a \$50,000 check from Eastern Kentucky Ministries.

The funds are part of the settlement with the United Methodist Church after its separation from Pikeville Medical Center.

LINKS plans to use the funds for sewer hook-ups, water, and well drilling.

"One of the reasons we applied for the grant is that since PRIDE ran out of money, LINKS is the only phone number that each of the five health departments in our area gives out when someone needs help with their septic system," said Bertha Daniels, volunteer coordinator for LINKS. "There's not a week that goes by when we don't get a call from someone who has been referred by the health department."

The Auxier United Methodist Church sponsored LINKS in the grant application process, and the church has a long history of working with the organization on various projects.

"This church has been a valuable source of support for LINKS over the years," Daniels said. "Each summer, they sponsor at least one group of volunteers. They have

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LINKS received \$50,000 from East Kentucky Ministries on Wednesday. The money will be used to build septic systems for low-income families in the Big Sandy region.

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■ Dr. James Douglas Adams, 72, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, November 23. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Whitaker Adams. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Albert "Lee" Hall, 79, of Brunswick, Ohio, a native of Dewey, died Monday, November 24, at Hospice of Medina at The Inn. He is survived by his wife, Georgia (nee Richmond) Hall. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 29, under the direction of Carlson Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Brunswick, Ohio.

■ Don Carlos Hall, 60, died Saturday, November 22, in the Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Sherlene Ousley Hall. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 26, under the direction of Sturgill Funeral Homes, Wise, Virginia.

■ Ted (Tessie) Hall, died Tuesday, November 25, at her residence. Funeral services

were held Friday, November 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ John Irwin Jarrell, 63, of Dwale, died Friday, November 21, in Pikeville. He is survived by his wife, Lois Jean Webb Jarrell. Funeral services were held Monday, November 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Pete Jarvis, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, November 20, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Betty Sellards Jarvis. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 23, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Denver Osborne, 80, of Hi Hat, a native of Wheelwright, died Tuesday, November 25, at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Ruby Ellen Fairchild Ousley, 80, of Martin, died Saturday, November 22, in the Riverview Healthcare Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Frank Prater, 91, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, November 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Zola Robinson, 73, of Martin, died Monday, November 24, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Lydia Marie Roberts Robincette Steele, 74, of Harold, died Tuesday, November 25, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, November 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Joe "Joe Doc" Wallen, 93, of Allen, died Saturday, November 22, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

were held Wednesday, November 26, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Ival E. Hunt, 64, of Kimper, died Sunday, November 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 29, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Ralph Hunt, 75, of Sidney, died Sunday, November 23, in the Glasgow State Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 26, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Beulah Claudette Hurley, 70, of Kimper, died Monday, November 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, November 28, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Fannie P. Justice, 91, of Raccoon, died Saturday, November 22, at Signature Health Care of Pikeville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 25, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Larry Douglas McClanahan, 58, of Pikeville, died Saturday, November 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, November 24, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Betty Sue Belcher Mullins, 78, of Belcher, died Friday, November 21, in Cynthia. She is survived by her husband, Jimmie Mullins. Funeral services were held Monday, November 24, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Ryan David Newsome, 23, of Shawnee Trail, died Sunday, November 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 26, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ John Edward Norman, 63, of Freeburn, died Friday, November 21, in the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room. He is survived by his wife, Gloria Chapman Norman. Funeral services were held Monday, November 24, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Paul J. Ratliff, 86, of Elkhorn City, died Friday, November 21, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 23, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Lacy Sammy Ray, 63, of Varney, died Saturday, November 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 25, under the direction of Community Funeral

Home.

■ Olen Taylor, 58, of McAndrews, died Saturday, November 22, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 25, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Russell Tackett, 87, of Myra, died Sunday, November 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by wife, Frona Johnson Tackett. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 27, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

tion of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ George F. Rice Sr., 81, of Ashland, a Hager Hill native, died Monday morning, November 24, in Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Rosolene Howard Rice. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 26, under the direction of Steen Funeral Home, Ashland.

■ Arvin Skaggs, 87, of Flat Gap, died Saturday, November 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Marie Wallin Skaggs. Funeral services were held Monday, November 24, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Elmo Dewey Slone, 84, of Hager Hill, died. He is survived by his wife, Gaynell Melvin Slone. A graveside service was held Wednesday, November 26, at Marvin Sparks Cemetery, in Blaine.

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■ Ola Clevinger, 94, of East Point, died Sunday, November 23, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 25, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Dixie Moore, 72, of Flat Gap, died Monday, November 24, at her residence. Funeral services will be held Friday, November 28, under the direc-

PIKE COUNTY

■ Judy Louise Bartley Adkins, 48, of Powells Creek, died Sunday, November 23, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 26, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ A.J. Bartley, 69, of Pikeville, died Saturday, November 22, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Ray Bartley. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 25, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Jimmy Dale Bevins, 45, of Turkey Creek, died Monday, November 24, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 29, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Dorsie Potter Clevinger, 87, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, November 17, at the Mountain View Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 20, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Phyllis Hurley Frey, 68, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, formerly of McVeigh, died Monday, November 3. She is survived by her husband, Martin Frey. Information, courtesy of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Kennie Hackney, 78, of Canada, died Tuesday, November 18, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, November 21, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Conard Hall, 83, of Indian Creek, died Monday, November 24, at Lonesome Pine Hospital, Big Stone Gap. Arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Charley Hensley, 72, of McCarr, died Sunday, November 23, at the Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Browning Hensley. Funeral services

Obituaries

Winfield Hazelett

Winfield Hazelett of Pikeville, son of the late Enslow and Birdie (Finley) Hazelett of Branchland, West Virginia, passed away Wednesday, November 26, 2008, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born January 31, 1924, in Wayne County, West Virginia. He married Zelma (Doe) Ramey of Cabell County, West Virginia, on May 24, 1947, and had three children: Seibern Kyle Hazelett of Prestonsburg, Gregory Vaughn (Kay) Hazelett of Pikeville and Danette (Tommy) Hazelett Hall of Pippa Passes.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years; three children, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two sisters: Edith Dean of Leavittsburg, Ohio, and Odessa Ramey of Solon, Ohio.

He graduated from Guyan Valley High School in 1943. He was an employee of Columbia Gas Transmission Company for 31 years, retiring from the Boldman Compressor Station in 1979. For many years, he was a member of the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, which he helped build.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one grandchild, Wendy Hazelett; and two sisters: Hulda Tooley and Alpha Hazelett; and three brothers: Everett Hazelett, Roy Hazelett and Archie Hazelett.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, November 29, at the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, with Arnold Belmont Johnson officiating. Visitation was at the J.W. Call Funeral Home Chapel, Thursday, from 7 p.m. until 9

p.m.; and on Friday, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., with evening services at 7 p.m., at the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church.

Arrangements were under the direction of the J.W. Call Funeral Home, 703 Hambley Blvd., Pikeville.

The guestbook may be signed online at: www.jwcall-funeralhome.com

Serving as pallbearers will be: Nathan Fannin, Neil Fannin, Tyler Hazelett, Tommy Hall, Randall Blackburn and Larry Osborne. (Paid obituary)

Rena' Federspiel

Rena' Federspiel, 48, of Betsy Layne, died Wednesday, November 26, 2008, at her residence.

Born March 12, 1960, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of Jewell Crum Burchett Edmonds of Harold, and the late Hansford Burchett. She was a mother, daughter, sister, and homemaker.

In addition to her mother, survivors include a son, Steven Federspiel of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; one brother, Johnny Burchett of Harold; two sisters: Shirley Conn of Dana, and Rita Norton of Columbia City, Indiana.

Graveside services were held Thursday, November 27, at 11 a.m., at Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, with Jeff Crum officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin. Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

ATTENTION COAL MINERS

Cases of black lung disease in both younger and retired coal miners are on the rise. You may be entitled to benefits. When federal black lung laws were recently changed, the law noted that black lung disease could get worse, even after the miner retires.

Coal miners who would like to file or refile for federal black lung benefits should contact the Pikeville office of the Department of Labor at 606-432-0116, or toll free at 1-800-366-4599.



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RESULTS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9 - NOVEMBER 30, 2008

How do you feel about Barak Obama's victory?

This is the change America needed	(146 Votes, 42%)
I don't like his politics, but I am proud that America can elect an African American.	(16 Votes, 5%)
I am worried about the next four years	(134 Votes, 38%)
I will have to see how he governs before forming an opinion	(53 Votes, 15%)

Go online today and answer this week's question!
How much are you planning to spend this Christmas?

- A lot less
- A little less
- About the same
- A little more
- A lot more

FCT ONLINE POLL

State accepting applications for recreational trails, land and water grants

FRANKFORT — The Department for Local Government (DLG) is currently accepting applications for two grant programs to be awarded in 2009. The Recreational Trails Program grant applications will be accepted through Feb.

1, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) applications will be accepted through March 1.

The Recreational Trails Program is funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It can be used to provide assistance for acquisition of easements, development and maintenance of recreational trails and trailhead facilities for both motorized and non-motorized use. Eligible applicants are

city and county governments, state and federal agencies, and non-profit organizations.

The LWCF provides federal grant funds to acquire land for outdoor recreation and to develop or renovate public outdoor recreation facilities such as campgrounds, picnic areas, sports and playfields and support facilities.

Administered by DLG, funds for this program are allocated to Kentucky by the National Park Service, U.S.

Department of Interior. Cities, counties, state and federal agencies are eligible to apply.

More information and applications for both programs are available online at www.gold.ky.gov/grants/federal/ or you may call (800) 346-5606 for assistance.

TURKEY TROT



photo by Ralph B. Davis

Over two dozen runners from the Big Sandy area and beyond gathered on a chilly Thanksgiving morning at Pro-Fitness Multi Sports for the Turkey Trot. Runners braved the cold to complete a 5 or 10 kilometer race. Afterwards, each participant received a pie for their Thanksgiving dinner tables.

Shooting

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Police.

When authorities, including Floyd County Deputy Coroner Greg Nelson, found Linda Mock in the home, she was transported to St. Joseph's of

Martin, where she later died, according to police.

Mock has been charged with murder and is now being held without bond at the detention center.

Shopping

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statistically figured that the day after Thanksgiving typically falls only in the top 10 from year to year, reaching number one of that list since the day started receiving recognition in the 1960s only twice — once in 2003 and again in 2005.

The busiest day, according to studies, is most often the

Saturday before Christmas.

But is it all worth it?

"I think it pays off," Mark Coleman said, standing in line Friday. "There's stuff you can get today that would be out of reach later on. Everybody is aware of the economy right now and today's just a day when you make the whole thing a little easier to manage."

LINKS

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also funded the materials for some home repairs. The most recent support was a breakfast for 25 volunteers who stayed over after the LINKS Blitz held on Oct. 18, where more than 80 volunteers put two houses under roof in one day.

LINKS is a 501 (c)3 non-profit corporation that exists for the purpose of providing safe, decent and affordable housing to low-income families. It is funded by federal, state, and local agencies and

receives donations of money, materials, and volunteer labor from private individuals, groups, and businesses. LINKS serves a five county area in the Big Sandy Region, offering small loans, home repairs by volunteer groups, certified credit counseling, and new home construction.

For more information on LINKS and the services they offer, contact their Prestonsburg office at (606) 886-0152.

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Why Some People Think Duke Ellington Is a Member of the Royal Family.

KIDS DON'T GET ENOUGH ART THESE DAYS. So you can see why some of them might accidentally confuse a jazz legend named Duke with royalty named duke. But it's finally time to set the record straight.

Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington didn't rule over a small English estate. Instead he reigned supreme over jazz institutions like The Cotton Club. He riffed

powerfully on the piano, but it was the full orchestra that he considered his most compelling instrument. He introduced improvisation to his compositions — a process unheard of using a 15-piece orchestra. The result was a different approach to jazz that sparked a revolution and an evolution. His music spread across the world with songs like "Sophisticated Lady," "In a

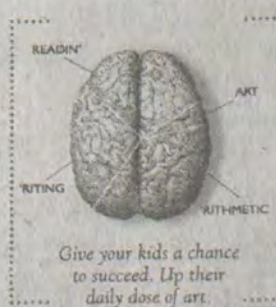


A piano player. A composer. An orchestra leader. Duke Ellington reigned over a land called Jazz.

Sentimental Mood," and "Take the 'A' Train." His historical concert in 1953 at the Newport Jazz Festival has entered the lexicon of legendary live performances. There is no doubt about it, Ellington's brand of jazz has contributed significantly to the American songbook and to the lives of anyone who has ever tapped their foot to a beat.

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Guest view

Should Electoral College be eliminated?

People have sought to reform the way the president of the United States has been chosen almost ever since the Founding Fathers decided in 1787 that the people could not know enough about the qualifications and the character of the candidates to elect a president directly.

But only once has Article II of the Constitution, with its provision establishing what later became known as the Electoral College, been successfully changed, with the 12th Amendment in 1804. More than 200 years later, the presidency remains the only elective office in the land not decided directly by the people.

Still, the debate goes on. And it should.

When Americans went into the voting booths on Nov. 4, they didn't directly vote for Barack Obama or John McCain or any of the minor party candidates. They voted for slates of "electors" who are loosely pledged to cast their vote in favor of their party's nominee.

Each state has a number of electors equal to that state's number of representatives and senators in Congress. How each state allocates its electors is up to the state to decide and, particularly in the early decades of the nation, many states changed their methods numerous times. But as the power of political parties grew, so did the trend of states to move to a system of awarding all electoral votes to the candidate winning at least a plurality of the popular vote in that state. Today, only Maine and Nebraska do it differently, each awarding electoral votes by congressional district instead of the statewide popular vote.

There isn't any real hope in the McCain camp that it will somehow manage to pull off an amazing upset when the Electoral College meets on Dec. 15. But American presidential history is replete with Electoral College anomalies, quirks and shenanigans. The election of 2000, in which Al Gore won the national popular vote but lost to George W. Bush in the electoral vote, was only the most recent.

And it is those anomalies that have continually fueled the debate about whether to eliminate or reform the Electoral College.

While the original main argument for the Electoral College — the ignorance of the populace — clearly is not valid today, other justifications may still hold water. Perhaps chief among them is the concern that the interests of many less populous states would be ignored if the president were to be chosen by direct popular vote.

Does that outweigh the powerful argument that, of all offices, surely the president of the greatest democracy in the world ought to be elected directly by the people? And if it does outweigh that principle, how best to change the system and still avoid some of those undemocratic Electoral College anomalies?

Presidents Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter both supported proposals to eliminate the Electoral College and replace it with a direct popular election, with a runoff between the top two candidates if none received at least 40 percent of the vote. Another reform worth serious consideration is for all states to do as Maine and Nebraska do, awarding electoral votes by congressional district.

There are many other reform ideas. Let the debate begin anew.

— The San Diego Union-Tribune



"The economy's so desperate for a jump-start, even juvenile delinquents are going to get presents this year."

— Chuck Norris

Thanksgiving — a violation of church and state?

Is the government's observance of Thanksgiving a violation of the separation of church and state?

This past week, a Newsweek/Washington Post editorial labeled presidential Thanksgiving Day proclamations as "cracks in the wall of separation." The author explained, "The problem with these proclamations, it seems to me, is that they pave the way for public acceptance of gross violations of the constitutional separation of church and state." What?

Forget for a moment that nearly every president since George Washington (and the Continental Congress before him) has given Judeo-Christian proclamations for Thanksgiving (except between 1816 and 1861) and also has declared other national days of fasting and prayer. Secularists, such as the author of the editorial, get almost giddy every time they highlight that Thomas Jefferson rejected the notion of proclaiming Thanksgiving spirituals and prayers. But the truth is Jefferson was far from the modern-day secularist they make him out to be.

Sure, Jefferson was adamant (as we all should be) that there should be no federal subscription to any one form of religious sectarianism. That is largely what the First Amendment

is all about — establishing the free exercise of religion and restricting sectarian supremacy in government, as well as government intrusion in churches.

But secularists make two grave mistakes when it comes to Jefferson and the First Amendment. First, they misconstrue his understanding of separation. Second, they overlook how Jefferson himself endorsed and intermingled religion and politics, even during his two terms as president. Let me explain, as I believe it is a timely reminder, given that we are experiencing a new round of battles in our Christmas culture war, too.

The phrase "separation of church and state" actually comes from a letter Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1802 to the Danbury Baptists. He told them that no particular, Christian denomination was going to have a monopoly in government. His words, "a wall of separation between Church & State," were not written to remove all religious practice from government or civic settings, but to prohibit the domination and even legislation of religious sectarianism.

Proof that Jefferson was not trying to rid government of religious (specifically Christian) influence comes from the fact that he endorsed the use of government buildings for church meetings and services, signed

a treaty with the Kaskaskia Indians that allotted federal money to support the building of a Catholic church and to pay the salaries of the church's priests, and repeatedly renewed legislation that gave land to the United Brethren to help their missionary activities among the American Indians.

Some might be completely surprised to discover that just two days after Jefferson wrote his famous letter citing the "wall of separation between Church & State," he attended church in the place where he always had as president: the U.S. Capitol. The very seat of our nation's government was used for

sacred purposes. As the Library of Congress' Web site notes, "It is no exaggeration to say that on Sundays in Washington during the administrations of Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809) and of James Madison (1809-1817) the state became the church." Does that sound like someone who was trying to create an impenetrable wall of separation between church and state?

Let's face the present Thanksgiving facts. President Bush likely will give the last explicit Judeo-Christian Thanksgiving proclamation that Americans will hear for the next four to eight years, as President-elect Obama likely will

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Chuck Norris

beyond the beltway

It's woodshed time for the auto industry

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

When I was a lad, we were a Pontiac family. That was the way families used to think about themselves back then: Pontiac families, Ford families, Buick families, Dodge families.

There were even Hudson and Studebaker families and we felt sorry for them when those brands went under.

Car manufacturers began to take advantage of that brand loyalty by making increasingly junky cars on the cheap. Why give quality when the suckers are going to buy whatever you slap your name on?

General Motors was the leader in this race to the bottom largely because of the evil genius who ran it: Alfred P. Sloan. Sloan did not invent GM but upon assuming control in the mid-'20s he made it arguably the most powerful corporation on earth by the time he retired in the 50s.

A virulent Roosevelt-hater, he was the quintessential capitalist, absolutely amoral in his pursuit of profits. Many credit him with devising a scheme to sabotage inter-urban rail companies in order to sell more GM buses. It was his European subsidiary, Opel, that was one of the chief forces in arming Adolf Hitler's war machine and, although GM steadfastly denies it, he had a hand in that. There was a Depression going on after all and a buck is a buck.

It was he who first instituted year-

ly model changes in order to stimulate sales. This eventually begat "planned obsolescence," the idea that if you made cars that quickly fell apart the owner would have to buy another — quickly. This in turn ushered in the "they don't make 'em like they used to" era of the American auto.

Planned obsolescence worked fine so long as American car companies didn't have much foreign competition. But when the Japanese began showing up with cars that actually worked and outlived their windshield wipers, people responded by buying them. Thus began the Sayonara era of the American auto and it's the one we're in today.

So now, we are treated to the spectacle of the high priests of our auto industry coming before Congress and begging to be rescued — rescued by the same people it has treated with such disregard for so long.

Part of me wants to say: "You can go straight to hell. You say you're being killed by health care costs. Where were you when the fight for national health insurance was going on? On the sidelines."

"Where were you when environmentalists wanted you to make cars that got better mileage, which would have allowed you to better compete with the Japanese? Fighting them tooth and nail.

"Get off your knees. You don't deserve to survive. Die."

But come on, let's get serious. The collapse of GM would send a hurricane through the economy that would

make Katrina seem like a spring zephyr. It would cost hundreds of thousands of jobs directly and millions more indirectly. It would compromise our national security and do irreparable damage to our international standing.

It is unthinkable that we let the Big Three go down. The question is, what kind of life preserver do we throw them and when?

We can't just give them money without strings; that would merely postpone the day of reckoning. But what strings? Congress has a hard time running a three-car funeral, let alone the auto industry.

Some advise bankruptcy and while that has certain advantages (restructuring being the main one) they would still need to get loans to stay afloat and no one's lending money right now.

I say this: use the unspent \$25 billion already allotted them for retooling and technological upgrades, to tide them over. Require that the industry come back in three months (or six) with a plan for restructuring that makes sense. Make sure it includes no executive bonuses.

If they don't agree then just grit your teeth and say: "See you in bankruptcy court, chums."

Because if they can't do that much, they are beyond help and so are we all.

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This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

The weather has taken such a turn for the worse that, any day now, somebody may invite me to an all-expense-paid fishing trip.

THE GOOD AND THE BAD

It is not because I'm a bit bilious after Thanksgiving, that I set down here some disillusioning records pertaining to the folks who started it all. It is, instead, printed in support of my contention that not all the "Pilgrims" were worthy of halos, and were, basically, just the usual run.

There were good and saintly folk in that hardy band, true. There were William Brewster, "wise and discrete." John Carver, "of singular piety," Gov. William Bradford, "a common blessing and father to them all." Samuel Fuller, "a great help and com-forte," and Richard Warren, "a usefull instrumente."

But there, too, were, we are told, one John Billington who was hanged in 1630, for the blunderbuss murder of John Newcomen. And his wife, Ellen, was fined five pounds and required "to sit in the stocks and be publicly whipt" for slandering Deacon John Doane. They elected Isaac Allerton, the tailor, their business agent, and, lo! he wound up getting himself banished from Plymouth in disgrace, for shady dealings.

This record says that two indentured servants, Edward Dotey and Edward Leister, fought the colony's first duel, almost as soon as the Mayflower made port, and for their pains were "tied together heels and head."

This last one gave me quite a turn, and may do the same for any of you who have read Longfellow's "The Courtship of Miles Standish." Remember the bashful suitor, John Alden who finally married fair Priscilla? Well, it would appear that, besides getting himself married, John rose from the lowly estate of barrel-marker to that of assistant governor, but later was arrested for murder, led persecutions against the Baptists and Quakers, and toward the end of his life, "being in low estate," was granted 10 pounds welfare.

Welfare? Back then?

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After reading my jeremiad, last week, about the mistakes that crop up in these columns, Ethel Click called with a bit of solace, reading to me the following which she had clipped from the *Tecumseh* (Mich.) Herald:

"If you find mistakes in any publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always look-

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FOR A CAUSE



Ballard Plummer, with the Brothers of the Wheel, accepts a donation for the group's Christmas charity drive on Friday.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

HELPING HANDS

Brothers of the Wheel raise money to help provide a merry Christmas to disadvantaged children

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Members of the Brothers of the Wheel hopped off their motorcycles for a good cause on Friday, taking up donations to purchase shoes and other items for needy children in Floyd County.

"This is our eighth year of taking up donations," said Ballard Plummer, with the Brothers of the Wheel. "We try to get the kids whatever they need. We buy shoes, coats, toys, and other things. We are getting a good amount of donations because people are starting to know us and know what we do, and they want to support our efforts."

Along with taking up donations from passing motorists, the group also creates gift bags and takes them to local housing projects to be handed out.

"Santa even joins us to take some of the stuff to the schools and other places," Plummer said, smiling.

Brothers of the Wheel works with the Floyd County Board of Education to ensure that children in need receive the shoes and other items, with teachers coming to the board office to pick up the packages purchased by the biker group.

"We were able to get 200 shoes last year," Plummer said. "We hope to get that many and more this time around."

On Saturday, the Brothers of

the Wheel headed to Johnson County to take up donations for the children in that area.

"We want to help both counties as much as we can," Plummer said. "The families really appreciate everything."

Along with their work gathering donations for Christmas, the Brothers of the Wheel also hold a bike rally to benefit the St. Jude Children's Foundation.

The Brothers of the Wheel are an American Motorcyclist Association chartered club that was founded in 1997 with the first chapter starting in Milton W. Va.

For more information on the Brothers of the Wheel, contact Ballard Plummer at (606) 886-2853.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Unseen'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

One of horror cinema's oldest plot devices (the monster in the basement) anchors this well produced effort that didn't get much screen time upon its initial release.

What a shame, but the 1980s were so preoccupied with franchise monsters (Jason, Freddy, etc.) that little gems like this often got short shrift.

The good news is that it's now available in a deluxe two-disc set courtesy of the good folks at "Code Red" films, who have made it their mission to resurrect lost movies of the 1970s and 1980s.

It all begins benignly as we meet a trio of female journalists (who look more like Victoria's Secret models) named Jennifer, Karen and Vicky. Their assignment is to cover a Danish heritage festival in Solvang, Calif. (a real location which attracts tourists to this day). Their trip hits an immediate snag when the overbooked hotels in the region have no rooms to rent.

They stumble upon an ancient hotel in a neighboring town, but the proprietor (a garrulous fellow named Ernest) notes that he has converted the building into a museum and no longer lets out rooms.

Ernest is eager to help, however, and offers the ladies a room at the home he shares with his wife, Virginia. They hastily (make that way too hastily) agree and head out to Ernest's farmhouse, where they meet the demure Virginia.

These two are a real pair and seem to have missed out on the time-honored process of socialization. One talks too much, the other too little, and it's obvious that these folks have been socially isolated since childhood.

Vicky opts to stay at the house, while Karen and Jennifer head out to the fair — huge mistake. While the others file their story, Vicky hops in the tub where she is ogled, via the keyhole, by Ernest, who has obviously never seen a model/reporter engage in the time-honored tradition of good hygiene.

Meanwhile there are strange sounds emanating from the floor grate (this film does for floor grates what "Jaws" did for saltwater activities) and poor Vicky soon discovers that something is lurking under the house.

In town Jennifer runs into her estranged boyfriend and the pair opt to hash things out while Karen heads back to the house — huge mistake numero dos. Karen can't resist a bowl of fruit perched on a coffee table, but sends it to the floor with an awkward grab. While retrieving grapes she finds herself prone over a grate and her scarf, dangling from her throat, proves to be all the bait the cellar dweller needs.

Ernest comes home and flips out

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Oscar, the garbage can kitty

by KATHLEEN KENNEDY
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: LOVING OUR CATS"

Oscar was named after the "Sesame Street" character who lives in a garbage can, because that is where we first became acquainted. I was working at a pizza-delivery chain and had been assigned garbage duty. While tossing bags into a Dumpster, I heard a faint meow. I began digging through the trash, and several layers down, I found a cat — bruised and thin. I wasn't sure if the

cat had crawled into the Dumpster to scavenge for food, or if he had been put there on purpose. Our establishment sat directly behind an apartment complex, and unsupervised and abandoned pets were common.

Back on solid ground, it became evident that the cat had an injured leg. He couldn't put any weight on his right hindquarters. The situation created a dilemma for me. Finances were tight, and I was moving back home to my parents' house — with two cats already in tow. Dad barely tolerated the two established felines.

His reaction to another injured stray was sure to be less than receptive.

I took the stray to the vet, hoping to patch him up. After shots and X-rays, the vet discovered that the cat had a cracked pelvis. I posted notices, hoping someone would claim the cat or adopt him.

Meanwhile, the response at home was swift and firm: No more cats! Dad insisted I take the cat to the Humane Society immediately. I protested that the cat would be put to sleep. Luckily, my mother intervened. She agreed that the injury

would make the cat unadoptable, so we would keep him long enough for his hip to heal. Then he would have to go — no arguments.

Somehow Oscar must have understood his situation. He seemed to study the other two cats and their interactions with my father. We suspect he bribed Tanner, our golden retriever, with table scraps in exchange for etiquette lessons. When the other cats were aloof, Oscar was attentive. He came when his name was called,

and he would roll over on his back to have his belly scratched. As his injury began to heal, he would jump on the ottoman by my father's favorite chair, and, eventually, into his lap.

Initially, Dad pushed Oscar away, but persistence paid off. Soon, Oscar and a muttering Dad shared the chair.

At mealtimes, Oscar would come to sit with us. Positioned on the floor by my father's

(See SOUP, page six)



SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

SSA improves disability program with compassionate allowances

by JESSICA NELSON
SOCIAL SECURITY CLAIMS
REPRESENTATIVE,
PRESTONSBURG

Did you know that Social Security is making the disability process much faster for people with rare diseases and cancers.

That's because Social Security has begun the first phase of its Compassionate Allowances initiative — a way to expedite the processing

of disability claims for applicants whose medical conditions are so severe that their conditions obviously meet Social Security's standards.

The improvements to the disability determination process are the result of a series of public hearings where Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, received information from leading experts on cancers and rare diseases. Social Security also has been receiving technical assistance from the National Institutes of Health to ensure that the compassionate allowance initiative is based on sound, up-to-date medical science.

Over time, more diseases and conditions will be added. A list of the first 50 impairments — 25 rare diseases and 25 cancers — as well as more information about Compassionate Allowances can be found at www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances.

For more information about Social Security's Compassionate Allowances initiative, call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525 between 8:45 and 4:30 p.m. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg, KY. Representatives are available to answer your questions.

"Getting benefits quickly to people with the most severe medical conditions is both the right and the compassionate thing to do," Commissioner Astrue said. "This initiative will allow us to make decisions on these cases in a matter of days, rather than months or years."

Social Security is launching this expedited decision process with a total of 50 con-

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Thanksgiving to bow your head, give thanks to God, and follow Lincoln's advice. And when you do, don't forget to say a prayer for our troops and their families. While they serve us so we can serve our Thanksgiving feasts safely, the least we can do is serve them a little honor and remembrance.

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humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged and fervently implore the interposition of the almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and union."

Whatever your religious persuasion, don't hesitate this

for America's bountiful blessings and providential care despite enduring a war and grave economic hardships. The content seems divinely timed for even such a wintry season as our own:

"No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the most high God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. — I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens — to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father, who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with

Norris

coddle a form of godliness in his Thanksgiving addresses (if he indeed gives them) that appeases the masses with a deity that fits every politically correct dress.

But I'm an optimist. And because so much attention is being given right now by the media and the president-elect himself regarding his parallels to and lessons learned from President Abraham Lincoln, I recommend Obama heed Lincoln's Thanksgiving wisdom. Don't mince or water down the God of the Pilgrims, as is being done in public schools across this land through the retelling of the first Thanksgiving.

Obama doesn't even need a speechwriter for Thanksgiving 2009. He simply can recite Lincoln's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation, in which Lincoln thanked the Almighty

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when he realizes that there will be no more peepshows in the guest bathroom. His solution to the problem turns out to be bad news for Jennifer, who finds herself locked in the basement and face-to-face with the unseen. It's a great climax that finally sheds a light on what is down in the basement and where it comes from (Hint: Ernest and Virginia have had

marital relations, but are definitely related even though they are wed). The finale features plenty of the red stuff and lots of tension as Ernest turns out to be the true villain here and every character teams up to finish him off.

This one's a corker and it offers up plenty of fine characterizations while never skimping on the tension. The actors are letter perfect with Sydney Lassick anchoring the film as Ernest. He's probably best remembered as the anxious "Cheswick" in "One Flew

Over the Cuckoo's Nest." Here he gets to play the lead and hits one out of the park as the socially challenged and deeply damaged son of an abusive father. He's the bad guy for sure, but Lassick makes it impossible to just write him off as a one note villain.

Stephen Furst (Flounder from "Animal House") also deserves credit for his final reel appearance as the creature in the basement. It's a touching performance and entirely credible despite the fact that he's not allowed to speak and must perform all of his scenes in a soiled diaper.

This one doesn't try to reinvent the wheel, but it does offer up plenty of tension and a solid scenario that holds up a tired premise and breathes new life into it.

Best line: "If you continue to not listen to me, I will become very cross with you." 1981, rated R.

Soup

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chair, every so often Oscar would reach up with one paw and tap Dad on the knee. At first, this provoked great irritation and colorful expletives expressed in harsh tones. Oscar, however, refused to be put off. Repetitive knee taps soon led to semi-covert hand-outs of choice morsels.

Oscar greeted my father at the top of the stairs every morning and waited for him at the door every evening. My father sometimes ignored Oscar, and, at other times, stepped over him, complaining the whole time. Oscar mastered opening doors by sticking his paw underneath the door and rocking it back and forth until it opened. Soon, he was sleeping in the master bedroom at the foot of the bed. My father was completely disgusted, but couldn't stop the cat from sneaking onto the bed while they were sleeping. Eventually, Dad gave up.

Before long, Oscar, aspiring to his own place at the table during meals, began jumping up into my lap. He

was allowed to stay as long as his head remained below table level. Of course, an occasional paw would appear as a reminder of his presence.

Three months passed, and the vet pronounced Oscar healthy and healed. I was heartbroken. How could I take this loving soul away from what had become his home, from the people he trusted? Sick at heart, I brought Oscar home and told my parents what should have been good news: Oscar was a healthy cat with a healed hip. "I'll take him to the Humane Society like I promised," I said dully.

As I turned to put Oscar in the carrier for the trip, my father spoke, uttering three magic words: "Not my cat!"

Oscar is home to stay. He now has his own chair at the table and sleeps — where else? — in the master bedroom between my mother and father. He is their official "grandkitten," and living proof that deep within even the most unlikely heart, there is a cat lover in all of us.

Allen

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ing for mistakes."

IN FEW WORDS

Now, you might have asked me to write a dissertation on those who refuse to do a day's honest work, and I might have spouted off a hundred words or so, and yet would have failed to get the message across half as well as Magistrate Kenneth Roberts did, in the fiscal court session this week, when, describing such folks, he said, "Big

enough to go bear-huntin' with a switch, but won't strike a lick."

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Only 25 more days till Christmas. Gulp!

BOO-BIRD

The Cincinnati Reds have fired Sparky Anderson. Now, if they let Pete Rose go, I'll boo them all the way next year—and make them winners again.

Letters to Santa



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November deer harvest ranks as second highest ever

2004 ranks as only season better

TIMES STAFF REPORT

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Kentucky's modern gun deer season is now over statewide, tipping the total harvest past 108,000 deer. Even with several days of archery and crossbow hunting left this month, the November harvest of more

than 88,000 deer has already topped every season but 2004.

"I thought we might kill 115,000 to 116,000 deer this season, but I think we're going to do better than that," said David Yancy, a wildlife biologist in the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' big game program. "If it's a pretty typical December muzzle-loader season, that'll help us toward 120,000."

The high harvest eases the minds of the state's deer managers, who closely watched last year's severe

outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD). Kentucky Fish and Wildlife received reports of more than 4,000 suspected EHD cases last year. The state's deer herd is estimated at 1 million animals.

"If EHD had an impact, the November harvest should be down," said Yancy. "But it's not down - it's up. That tells me that EHD didn't have a significant impact to statewide deer numbers."

Overall harvest trends are a much better indicator of deer populations than single-year results, however.

Kentucky's total deer harvest has stair-stepped up and down only slightly since 2000, varying by fewer than 10,000 deer most years. "When you take a step back and look at that - that's stable," said Yancy.

Hunter harvest of male and female deer has also stabilized, with hunters taking a nearly even split of bucks and does each year. About 52 percent of deer taken so far this season have been bucks.

"We go into gun season usually slightly ahead on antlerless deer," said Yancy. "Bowhunters are more will-

ing to take antlerless deer - it's a challenge just to kill a deer with a bow."

During modern gun deer season, however, the buck-to-doe balance tips toward antlered deer. "Gun hunters are out there buck hunting," Yancy said. "Some already have some venison in the freezer from early muzzle-loader or bow, and others say 'I can get my antlerless deer during late muzzle-loader to fill my freezer.' It shifts back in late muzzle-loader season, and we end up with slightly more females taken."

The 9-day late muzzle-

loader season typically adds another 8,000 to 10,000 deer to the overall harvest. Yancy hopes to see more deer taken in high-density counties, where doe harvest is especially important to keep the population in balance with available habitat.

"Counties like Jefferson, Shelby, Franklin, and from there north to the Ohio River - we would definitely like to see more deer taken, especially female deer in those counties," said Yancy. "That's what it's going to

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Ladycats to start '08-09 season in Perry Co. tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD - First-year head coach Devon Reynolds will debut at the helm of the Betsy Layne girls' basketball program next week in the Queen of the Mountains Tip-off. This year's Tip-off Tournament will also include host Perry Central, Breathitt County and Powell County.

More on each team follows.

Perry Central (19-10): The 14th Region champion from 2000-2004, Perry County Central is looking to win its way back to the top of the region. But it won't be an easy journey. Perry Central lost three starters to graduation, including standout Heather Sturdivant.

Top players back for Perry County Central are senior guards Cindy Kilburn (5-6) and Katie Eversole (5-8), senior forward Ashley Neace (5-10), junior forward D.J. Shepherd (5-9) and sophomore point guard Jessica Melton (5-11). Players who are expected to emerge and take on a bigger role for the Lady Commodores include 5-11 junior center Angela Eldridge and 5-9 senior forward Courtney Patrick.

Breathitt County (27-5): The Ladycats are defending 14th Region champs. Breathitt County features two of the region's best players - 5-10 freshman guard Kendall Noble (11 ppg) and 5-10 senior forward Brittany Haddix (8.5 ppg).

Other players back for the Ladycats include 5-4 senior guard Brittany Hardin, 6-1 junior Eden Keeton and 5-10 sophomore Victoria Shouse.

Breathitt County is favored to repeat as 14th Region champion.

Peggy Moore guides the Breathitt County girls' basketball team.

Betsy Layne (18-10): The Ladycats feature one of the region's most talented junior classes with guards Megan Hamilton, Lindsey Martin, Amby Tackett and forward/center Faith Reynolds. Senior guard Andie Meade and freshman guard Taylor Hott are a part of the experienced group back for Betsy Layne.

Center Kaitlin Lawson was among the players who graduated.

Powell County (20-12): Three starters return for a Powell County team that is still favored in the 56th District. The leading player back for Powell County is 5-10 junior center Kendra McFarland (16 ppg). Other key players for the Lady Pirates include 5-5 junior Shelby Barnett and 5-8 junior Stevie Rogers.

A schedule for the Queen of the Mountains Tip-Off at Perry County Central follows.

Queen of the Mountains Tip-off at Perry County Central - Dec. 5: Breathitt Co. vs. Betsy Layne, 6; Perry Central vs. Powell Co., 7:30; Dec. 6: Consolation game, 6; championship, 7:30.



photo by Tony McGuire

SOUTH FLOYD LADY RAIDER TRISTA DAMRON eyed a shot along with a Hazard player during a preseason scrimmage.

Lady Raiders to start season at home against No. 9 Jenkins

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Tip-off is just a couple of days away for the South Floyd Lady Raiders. South Floyd will open the 2008-09 season Tuesday at home versus Jenkins.

Despite a sub-par preseason, hopes are high in the Lady Raider camp.

"We have played two scrimmage games and lost both," said South Floyd Coach Tony Isaac. "Nevertheless, I am very pleased with our overall play. We played with both teams we just couldn't make a shot. Our three leading scorers that are averaging over 30 a game between them averaged six in those two games. I hope this will come around. If it does I look forward to seeing what we can do."

South Floyd has showcased a deep bench during

the preseason.

"We are playing 10 players right now and I plan to continue doing so," said Isaac.

Jenkins is ranked ninth in the Preseason 14th Region Poll. The Lady Cavaliers ended last season 6-25. Jenkins, however, is much-improved. The Lady Cavaliers feature senior forward Nicole Reavis - the 14th Region's tallest player. Reavis averaged 15 points per game last season.

South Floyd is scheduled to host four games before hitting the road for the first time during the upcoming season. Shelby Valley (Dec. 5), Phelps (Dec. 6) and Prestonsburg (Dec. 12) are each slated to visit Raider Arena before the Lady Raiders travel to Hazard - one of two preseason opponents - for their first away game of the campaign.



photo by Greg Moore/South Floyd

SOUTH FLOYD faced Belfry during a second and final preseason scrimmage.

Raiders await Riverside Christian

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - South Floyd Coach Barry Hall is eager to see his team hit the hardwood in regular-season action. The Raiders will open the 2008-09 season at home Monday versus 14th Region member Riverside Christian. South Floyd has worked hard throughout the preseason. The Raiders are looking to reemerge as one of the 15th Region's top teams.

Former boys' basketball power South Floyd is on its

way back up the 15th Region ladder. The Raiders return a much-improved group led by freshman guard Brandon Marson (6-2) and sophomores Shannon Turner (6-4) and Dakota Hall (6-1), Junior Corey Paige (6-5) and Dylan Langdon (6-4) will aid the Raiders inside. Numerous players will step up and contribute for South Floyd.

Junior Tommy Joe Hall (6-2) is a versatile player who can play any position. He was South Floyd's sixth man during his freshman season.

Riverside Christian - the smallest school in the 14th Region with an enrollment of less than 100 - has posted back-to-back nine-win seasons. Only one starter is back for Riverside Christian. The lone starter back for Riverside Christian is sophomore guard Jared Robinson, who averaged 11.1 points per game last season. Other top players for Riverside Christian include 5-11 freshman Daniel Smith, 5-8 eighth-grader Jeremy Southwood, 5-10 eighth-grader Jordan Daniels and 5-

11 sophomore Dwayne Ramey.

The South Floyd-Riverside Christian matchup - set for a 7:30 p.m. tip-off - will join a few other Monday night boys' basketball games as the first of the 2008-09 season.

South Floyd has additional early-season matchups scheduled on the road at Cordia (Dec. 2); Johnson Central (Dec. 5); Knott County Central (Dec. 6) and Jackson City (Dec. 9), respectively.

ALC guard Dillard named KIAC PoW

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE - Alice Lloyd College men's basketball player Will Dillard was named Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) Men's Basketball Player of the Week for November 17-23. Dillard is a 5-7 senior guard from Beckley, W.Va. He scored 18 points and assisted on nine baskets in the win over St. Catherine. Dillard currently leads the conference in scoring as he averages a 25.29 points per game pace. The average ranks the ALC guard third in scoring in NAIA Division II.

Courtney Albin was named KIAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week for November 17-23. Albin is a 5-8 freshman guard from Hartford. She averaged 25 points in two games for Asbury College during the week of Nov. 17-23. Albin went 11-for-17 from the field as she scored 29 points against Hanover. Albin also had five steals in her team's game versus Transylvania. She leads Asbury in points, assists and steals.

Bellarmino-Alice Lloyd game moved

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - The women's basketball game between Bellarmine University and Alice Lloyd College originally scheduled to be played Dec. 20 in Pippa Passes has been changed to a home contest for the Lady Knights. The game will now be played at 3 p.m. in Knights Hall Dec. 20.

Head coach David Adams guides the Alice Lloyd College women's basketball program. Numerous Lady Eagles hail from area high schools.

Lady Lions Tip-Off Tournament
 At Cordia High School
 Sponsored By Peoples Bank & Trust of Hazard

December 3-6
 Pool A: North Laurel, Cordia, Johnson Central.
 Pool B: Knott Central, June Buchanan, Pulaski Southwestern.

Wednesday, Dec. 3
 6:30 p.m. - Knott Central-June Buchanan
 8 p.m. - North Laurel-Johnson Central

Thursday, Dec. 4
 6:30 p.m. - Cordia-Johnson Central
 8 p.m. - June Buchanan-Southwestern

Friday, Dec. 5
 6:30 p.m. - Cordia-North Laurel
 8 p.m. - Southwestern-Knott Central

Saturday, Dec. 6
 Fifth place, third place, championship games, 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., respectively

Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame ceremony conducted

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Lexington Country Club served as host for the 2008 Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony November 13, honoring Bettie Lou Evans and the late Ray Otman as the 51st and 52nd members of the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. Approximately 120 individuals were in attendance to honor the inductees.

Evans, a native of Mt. Sterling, she served as the women's golf coach at the University of Kentucky from 1980 to 2001, and currently serves as Director of Golf Operations for the University of Kentucky. During her time as coach at the University of Kentucky, she led her teams to post season play 14 times, with a 5th place finish in 1986 and 10th place finishes in 1988 and 1991. She coached five Academic All-Americans, six All-SEC players, and two All-Americans. Evans was the 1992 Southeastern Conference Women's Golf Coach of the Year, and in 1997, was inducted into the National Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame. She has also been active in Kentucky golf, serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the Women's Kentucky State Golf Association, and was elected its President in 1978. She is a graduate of Transylvania University, and in 1993, was inducted into that university's Pioneer Hall of Fame.

Otman was a longtime golf professional in the Louisville area, serving as the first golf professional at Crescent Hill Golf Course from its opening in 1926 until 1932. He served as the golf professional at Big Spring Country Club from 1932 until 1946, and in 1947, opened one of the first driving range facilities in the city of Louisville, which was located in the St. Matthews/Lyndon area. He was an accomplished player, winning three Kentucky Open Championships (1929, 1932, and 1937), and finished runner-up on three other occasions (1930, 1936, and 1941). He served as President of the Kentucky Section PGA, and was a member of the PGA of America for over 35 years.

Also honored at the ceremony was the 2008 Kentucky Golf Association Player of the Year Trey Bowling, the 2008 Kentucky Senior Golf Association Player of the Year Ron Acrec, the 2008 KGA-PGA, Inc. Girls' Junior Player of the Year April Emerson and Lydia Gumm (tie), and the 2008 KGA-PGA, Inc. Boys' Junior Player of the Year Justin Thomas of Goshen. Kentucky Golf Association Board member Greg Engle was presented with the Kentucky Golf Association's J.W. James Award for outstanding service to amateur golf in Kentucky.

The Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame was established in 1984 as a joint effort by the Kentucky Golf Association and the Kentucky Section PGA to honor individuals in Kentucky with significant achievements and accomplishments in various areas of golf. The Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame's membership includes individuals with outstanding records as players, golf professionals, golf course superintendents, educators, and golf administrators. It is located at Golf House Kentucky.

Hylton, EM Motorsports team up for run at Daytona

TIMES STAFF REPORT

TOCCOA, Ga. - James Hylton, the 1966 Cup Series rookie of the year, will try to qualify for the 2009 Daytona 500 driving for EM Motorsports.

"Christmas has come early for me," said Hylton, 74. "I am thrilled to be able to fulfill the promise that I made to the fans in 2007 of returning for one more Daytona 500. My main goals are to become the oldest competitor to ever run the Daytona 500 and of course, win the race."

Hylton made a comeback run at Daytona in February, which was thwarted by a faulty clutch in a Gatorade 150 qualifying event.

Competing in his 50th year in NASCAR, Hylton ran full-time in the ARCA Series in 2008. He also qualified for the Nationwide Series race on July 4 at Daytona, and a age 73, set the record as the oldest driver to start a Nationwide Series event.

Hylton began his career as a mechanic for Rex White and crew chief Louis Clements in September 1959.

He made his Cup Series debut on July 8, 1964, at Old Dominion Speedway in Manassas, Va., and finished 19th. Hylton made 41 starts - with 32 top-10 finishes - to garner the 1966 rookie of the year award.

Hylton has finished second in Cup Series points three times (1966, '67 and '71). He has two wins, 140 top-five finishes and 301 top-10s in 601 starts. His last Cup Series start came on March 28, 1993, at Darlington.

"Our goal is to run a complete 2009 series with James Hylton driving the EM Motorsports Dodge," team owner John Carter said. "You don't know how proud we are of being part of history by putting James Hylton in our car."

EM Motorsports, based in Toccoa, Ga., is a single-car team. Carter's entries have 40 starts since its debut on July 11, 2004, at Chicago with driver Chad Blount. The No. 08 made one start in 2009; Johnny Sauter finished 42nd at Fontana on Aug. 31.

Hylton's Cup Series stats	W	T5	T10	Avg. Fin.
Starts	2	140	301	13.5
• First Start:	July 8, 1964			
• Last Start:	March 28, 1993			

Deer

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take to get them down to a Zone 2 level."

Southeastern Kentucky's Zone 4 counties are a different story. Deer populations are smaller than managers and hunters would like, due to the region's mountainous, forested habitat that isn't ideal for deer. The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission voted this year to restrict this zone's antlerless deer harvest during late muzzleloader season to the final three days only. Hunters in Zone 4 may take only antlered deer during the season's first six days.

"The point of it is to reduce kill on females and young deer," said Yancy. "We thought we were being restrictive enough, but we weren't. We're trying to allow some opportunity, but not too much. We'll see in the next 2 to 3 years how this affects Zone 4 populations."

Late muzzleloader season for deer runs Dec. 13-21 statewide. For complete deer hunting regulations, pick up a copy of the 2008-09 Kentucky Hunting & Trapping guide, available at fw.ky.gov and wherever hunting licenses are sold.

Attention Hunters: Share your hunting experience with The Times. Call 886-8506.

Bentley nets 10 for Centre in home setback

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DANVILLE – In its third game of the season decided by exactly two points, the Centre College men's basketball team fell to visiting Transylvania University 65-63 in front of a packed house Saturday, Nov. 22 in Alumni Gymnasium.

The Colonels, which had their 25-game regular season unbeaten streak snapped with the loss, fall to 2-1, while Transylvania, playing in its first game of the season, improves to 1-0. Centre had previously defeated both Franklin College and Maryville College by two points before this two-point defeat.

Transylvania jumped out to a strong start scoring 11 of the first 14 points to take an 11-3 lead. The lead grew to 12 points (22-10) with 8:17 remaining in the first half, but was short-lived.

Centre used a 13-0 run and a T.C. Thomason (Russellville) lay-up to take a 23-22 lead with just under 3:30 in the opening period. The Pioneers scored the next four points to take a 26-23 lead, only to see the Colonels answer with a 9-0 run to close the half and take a 32-26 lead into the intermission.

Transylvania opened the second half with an 8-2 run to

tie the game with 17:34 to play. From there the lead would change hands seven times. After the Pioneer's Brock Jones tied the game at 48 with a free throw shot, Centre knocked down three three-pointers - one by fresh-

with two three-pointers of its own to pull within three points and would tie the game 2:42 later at 58 apiece. Centre scored the next three points, but Tim Tierney hit a three-pointer to tie the game again with 2:16 left.

two-point lead giving Centre one last shot to tie or go ahead.

Thomason's shot attempt from the wing wouldn't go and the game ended in a two-point loss for the Colonels. Centre shot 44.2% (19-43) on the night, including 10 of 22 (45.5%) from beyond the three-point arc. Transylvania finished at 43.6% (24-55) from the field, including 13 of 28 (46.4%) from long range. Neither team shot well from the free throw line, combining to make only 19 of 36 attempts (52.7%).

Jones led four Pioneers in double figures with 16 points. Joey Verax added 14 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. Matthew Parton scored 11 points and Tierney finished with 10 points.

Mullaney led Centre with 17 points and five rebounds off the bench. The freshman hit six of his 11 shots, including four of seven from the three-point arc. Thomason scored 15 points and grabbed six rebounds and Bentley added 10 in the loss.

Centre will return to action Monday, Dec. 1 when it hosts Berea College. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. in Danville.



Floyd County native Kris Bentley (5) is a senior guard for the Centre College men's basketball team.

photo courtesy of Centre College



KRIS BENTLEY

man guard Jeff Mullaney (Louisville) and two by senior guard Kris Bentley (Pikeville) - to lead 57-48 at the 7:45 mark. Bentley, a Floyd County native, graduated from Shelby Valley High School. Transylvania answered

.After sophomore Alex Lloyd (Lexington) hit a lay-up to put Centre back in front, Tierney hit another three-pointer to give the Pioneers the one-point lead. Tierney added a free throw with 0:28 on the clock for a

Samuels honored as BIG EAST Rookie of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – University of Louisville freshman forward/center Samardo Samuels has been named the season's first BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Week.

In helping the Cardinals win the Billy Minardi Classic, Samuels averaged 21 points, five rebounds and two blocked shots while making 77.3 percent of his shots from the field (17-of-22).

In the championship game against South Alabama, he

totalled 24 points, five rebounds and three blocked shots, hitting 9-of-10 shots from the field and 6-of-7 free throws. His team-leading 18 points against Morehead State in just 23 minutes of action was the third highest ever for a U of L freshman

career debut. He was a member of the five-person all-tournament team for the Minardi Classic.

Louisville (2-0) will return to action today when it faces in-state rival Western Kentucky at the Sommet Center in Nashville, Tenn.

UK punter Masthay named Academic All-America

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Senior punter/kicker Tim Masthay has been named first-team Academic All-America as sponsored by ESPN The Magazine and elected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Masthay has a 3.81 grade-point average with a major in business economics. It is Masthay's second-consecutive year on the squad as he

was a second-team Academic All-America selection last year. It is also his second national honor of the year, as in September he was chosen to the Good Works Team for community service by the American Football Coaches Association.

On the field, Masthay ranks third in the nation in punting with 45.5 yards per punt. He is Kentucky's kick-off man and he ranks second in the Southeastern

Conference with 20 touchbacks. He also serves as the team's holder on placekicks.

This marks the fourth-straight year that Kentucky has had a first-team Academic All-American, with UK and Penn State being the only teams that have accomplished that feat from 2005-08. In addition to Masthay, UK's recent first-team Academic All-Americans include tight end Jacob Tamme (2007), offen-

sive lineman Hayden Lane (2006 and 2005) and kicker Taylor Begley (2005).

Masthay's all-around academic, athletic and service accomplishments have made him a candidate for several other national honors, including the NCAA Top VIII Award, Draddy Award, Danny Wuerffel Trophy, Bobby Bowden Award, Lowe's Senior CLASS Award and John Wooden Citizenship Cup.

NFL SCOREBOARD

- Thursday's Games
- Pittsburgh 27, Cincinnati 10
- Sunday's Games
- N.Y. Jets 34, Tennessee 13
- Tampa Bay 38, Detroit 20
- Chicago 27, St. Louis 3
- New England 48, Miami 28
- Dallas 35, San Francisco 22
- Buffalo 54, Kansas City 31
- Houston 16, Cleveland 6
- Baltimore 36, Philadelphia 7
- Minnesota 30, Jacksonville 12
- Oakland 31, Denver 10
- Atlanta 45, Carolina 28
- Washington 20, Seattle 17
- N.Y. Giants 37, Arizona 29
- Indianapolis 23, San Diego 20
- Monday's Game
- New Orleans 51, Green Bay 29
- Thursday, Nov. 27
- Tennessee at Detroit, 47-10
- Dallas 34, Seattle 9
- Philadelphia 48, Arizona 20
- Sunday, Nov. 30
- Miami at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
- Carolina at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
- N.Y. Giants at Washington, 1 p.m.
- San Francisco at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
- Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
- Indianapolis at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
- New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
- Atlanta at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
- Denver at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
- Kansas City at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
- Pittsburgh at New England, 4:15 p.m.
- Chicago at Minnesota, 8:15 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 1
- Jacksonville at Houston, 8:30 p.m.



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THE ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE LADY EAGLES WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM is made up players from several Eastern Kentucky high school programs.

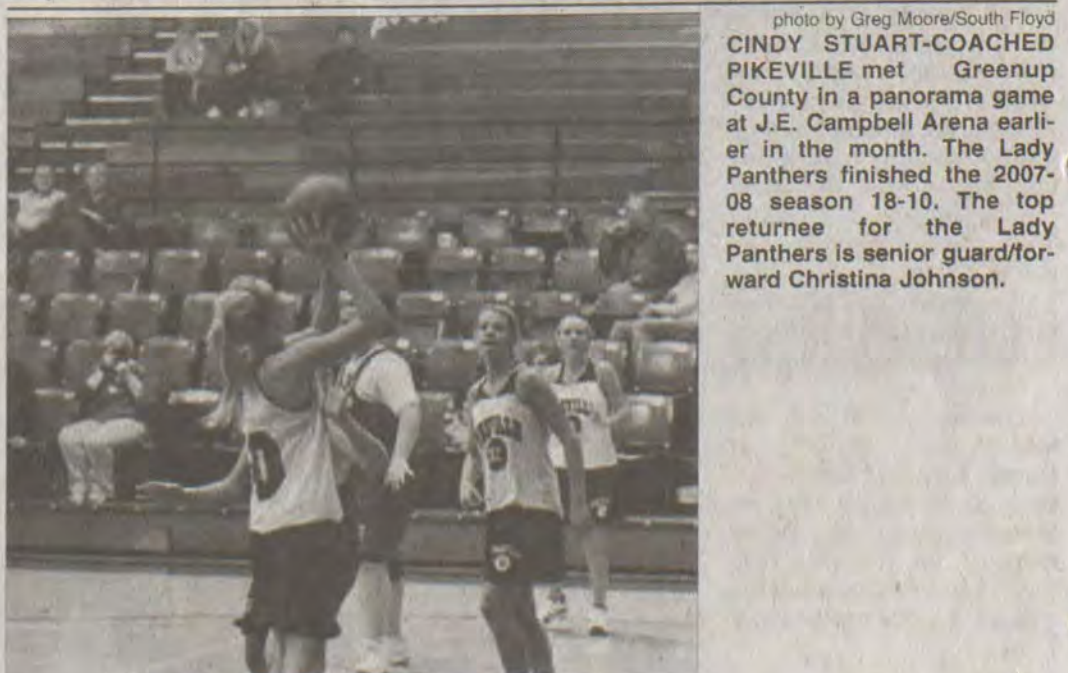


photo by Greg Moore/South Floyd CINDY STUART-COACHED PIKEVILLE met Greenup County in a panorama game at J.E. Campbell Arena earlier in the month. The Lady Panthers finished the 2007-08 season 18-10. The top returnee for the Lady Panthers is senior guard/forward Christina Johnson.

Schedule set for Farm Bureau Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — The Kent Thacker Agency will present the 2008 Farm Bureau Classic on Saturday, Dec. 13 at the East Kentucky Expo Center. This year's Farm Bureau Classic will feature some of the area's top teams along with a pair of squads from Louisville, one from Lexington and others from additional parts of the Bluegrass State. The Farm Bureau Classic will be made up of the following teams: Henry Clay; Pike Central; Clay County; Louisville Central; Pikeville; Cordia; Knott Central; North Hardin; Shelby Valley; Walton, Ga.; Hazard and Jeffersontown.

Walton, Ga., a nationally-ranked team, features 6-4 guard Glen Rice — the son of 14-year NBA veteran Glen Rice. The younger Rice is ranked among the top 50 players in the nation by USA Today and Rivals.com. He has committed to Georgia Tech. The Georgia team also fea-

tures guard Ryan Harrow (6-0), a player who has committed to North Carolina State.

Fifteenth Region favorite Shelby Valley will face the loaded Georgia team in this year's Classic.

A schedule for the 2008 Kentucky Farm Bureau Classic follows.

Farm Bureau Classic at East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville, Dec. 13: Henry Clay vs. Pike Central, noon; Clay Co. vs. Lou. Central, 1:45; Pikeville vs. Cordia, 3:30; Knott Central vs. North Hardin, 5:15; Shelby Valley vs. Walton, Ga., 7; Hazard vs. Jeffersontown, 8:45.

Hoopfests named after Keightley: Wazoo Sports has announced that a pair of Hoopfests will be named in honor of longtime University of Kentucky Equipment Manager Bill Keightley. The Bill Keightley Marshall Co. Hoopfest is scheduled for Dec. 5-6 in Bentley. London will host the Bill Keightley Laurel County Hoopfest Jan. 23-24.

Schedules for each Hoopfest follow.

Bill Keightley Marshall Co. Hoopfest — Dec. 4: Marshall Co. vs. Obion, Tenn. (girls), 5:30; Calloway Co. vs. Harrisburg, Ill., 7; Graves Co. vs. Massac Co., Ill., 8:30.

Dec. 5: Marshall Co. vs. Obion Central, Tenn., 5:30; St. Benedict, N.J. vs. Duncanville, Texas, 7; Oak Hill, Va. vs. Jackson Provine, Miss., 8:30; Briarcrest, Tenn. vs. Homewood Flossmoor, Ill., 10.

Dec. 6: Marshall Co. vs. Madisonville (girls), 9 a.m.; Paducah Tilghman vs. Lexington Catholic, 10:30 a.m.; South Laurel vs. Lafayette, Mo., noon; Marshall Co. vs. Madisonville, 3:30; Wheeler, Ga. vs. Jackson Callaway, Miss., 5; Scott Co. vs. Duncanville, Texas, 6:30; Oak Hill vs. Chicago Simeon, Ill., 8; Chicago Whitney Young vs. St. Benedict, N.J., 9:30; Findlay Prep, Nev. vs. Montverde Academy, Fla., 11.

Bill Keightley Laurel Co. Hoopfest — Jan. 22: North Laurel vs. Lexington Catholic (girls), 5:30; Clay Co. vs. Calloway Co. (girls), 7; South

Laurel vs. Marshall Co. (girls), 8:30.

Jan. 23: South Laurel vs. Lexington Catholic, 5:30; Boone Co. vs. Ballard, 7; North Laurel vs. Marshall Co., 8:30; Christ School, N.C. vs. New American, NY, 10.

Jan. 24: Perry Central vs. McCreary Central, 10 a.m.; Marshall Co. vs. PRP, 11:30 a.m.; North Laurel vs. Henry Clay, 1; Holmes vs. Largo, Md., 2:30; South Laurel vs. Warren Central, 5; Manual vs. Jackson Provine, Miss., 6:30; Oak Hill vs. New American, NY, 8; Cincinnati Princetown vs. Christ School, N.C., 9:30; Findlay Prep, Nev. vs. Westbury Christian, Texas, 11.

Lady Patriots to contend in 14th

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN — The Knott County Central Lady Patriots figure to push Breathitt County and Letcher County Central for the 14th Region's

top spot during the 2008-09 season. Two of the region's top girls' basketball players wear Knott Central uniforms. The Lady Patriots will join teams from around the area and state to tip-off the 2008-09 season next week.

Senior forward Kendra Thomas (5-7) and 5-9 junior guard Sammy King are both back for the Lady Patriots. King was one of the leading scorers for Knott County Central last season, averaging 12 points per game. Thomas was another leading offensive player for the Lady Patriots last season as she averaged 10.5 points per outing.

Knott Central has enjoyed a strong preseason. The Lady Patriots were productive over the summer, participating in various camps and summer matchups.

Knott Central will shape up as one of the 14th Region's deepest teams. Five-nine junior forward Kelly Pratt and 5-7 senior guard Krysten Conley are also back for the Lady Patriots. Six-one sophomore center Shandra Thomas

is back at the center position for tradition-rich Knott Central.

Additional players who will be called on to contribute for Knott Central include 5-9 senior forward Natasha Stone, 6-1 sophomore forward Keisha Stone, 5-6 sophomore guard Keisha Perkins and 5-7 freshman forward Sasha Pike.

Knott Central will battle Letcher County for the top spot in the 53rd District. The district also includes Junc Buchanan, Cordia and Jenkins.

Breathitt County is the defending 14th Region champion



Top 50 player Glen Rice Jr. will visit the East Kentucky Expo Center for a game in December.

Bobcats to host Magoffin

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne will host Magoffin County Tuesday night at the storied Dome in its home debut of the 2008-09 season. The Bobcats are back under the guidance of veteran head coach Junior Newsome. Familiar to fans across the 15th Region, Newsome guided some very talented Betsy Layne boys' bas-

ketball teams during his previous tenure.

After only one season, Floyd County native Brian Hall left the Betsy Layne boys' basketball program, taking the position as Powell County head coach. Newsome was named the new head coach earlier in the school year.

Senior Josh Head (6-5) started every game as a junior and is Betsy Layne's top returning player. Adam Slone, Bryant

Tibbs and Richie Tackett join Head in the Bobcat senior class.

Nathan Martin and Dylan Maldonado lead a stacked Betsy Layne sophomore class. Martin and Maldonado are making the transition from the gridiron back to the basketball floor.

The Bobcats finished last season 8-18.

The Hornets (9-20) return four starters — senior guard Zach Sparks (10 ppg, 5 apg)

and senior forwards Stephen Lemaster (8 ppg, 4 rpg), Jon Shepherd (6 ppg, 7 rpg) and Travis Carty (4 ppg, 6 rpg).

Seniors Ryan Hall (G), Joe Minix (G) and Casey Adams (F) are also expected to contribute.

Neil "Nchi" West guides the Magoffin County boys' basketball program.

Tip-off for the Betsy Layne-Magoffin County game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Blackcats to open season versus Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — In his first regular-season game back at the helm of the Prestonsburg boys' basketball program, veteran head coach Jack Pack will guide the Blackcats Friday night against Pikeville.

Over the summer, Pack put his team to work. The Blackcats gained much experience over the summer session.

Pack took over for former Prestonsburg boys' basketball coach Jackie Day Crisp. The Blackcats finished the 2007-

08 season 9-19.

Prestonsburg junior guard Michael Burchett (6-2) ranks as one of the region's best players. Seniors Austin Gearheart and Jody Tackett also return for the Blackcats. Tackett is one of the Basketball Blackcats who isn't playing football. Burchett and Gearheart have been busy on the gridiron.

Pikeville is coming off its first back-to-back winning seasons stretch since 2001-02. However, only starter is back for the Panthers.

Senior guard Matt Clevenger (6-2) is the lone starter back for Pikeville.

Last season, Clevenger led Pikeville in scoring for the second straight year with an average of 12.1 points per game. He also averaged 4.5 assists per outing.

Junior guards Gatlin Clark (9.1 ppg, 2.5 apg) and Devin Burchett, junior forward Patrick Keene and sophomore center Wes Rowe (6-3) are additional prominent Pikeville players.

Pikeville missed out on the 15th Region Tournament last season, falling in a district tournament opener.

The Panthers lost Floyd County native Deven Adams to Shelby Valley. The bigman

made the transfer over the summer.

Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-Pikeville game is set for 7:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL BLACKCATS EARLY 2008-09 SCHEDULE

- Dec. 5 Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 9 Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 12 at South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 13 at Perry County Central, 3:30 p.m.
- Peoples Bank/Hyden Citizens Bank Classic

Mark Martin poised to make debut as Rebels head coach

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — First-year Allen Central boys' basketball head coach Mark Martin will make his debut on the road Tuesday night when the Rebels venture to Buckleys Creek for a matchup versus Pike County Central. Following a postseason appearance, several football players rejoined the Allen Central basketball program a couple of weeks into the pre-season. The preseason has

included a pair of scrimmages, for the Rebels Allen Central hosted its annual Thanksgiving Panorama Wednesday night.

Four seniors from last season's Runnin' Rebel team — including Floyd County Conference Player of the Year Alex Hammonds and Transylvania University signee Aaron Crum — graduated.

The frontcourt will be Allen Central's strength, featuring juniors Logan and Hunter Crowder.

Juniors Justin Jackson, Chris Stumbo, Christian Francis and Blake Meade along with sophomore Austin Woods will play in the Allen Central backcourt.

The Rebels finished last season 21-9 under veteran head coach Johnny Martin.

Pike County Central will enter the 2008-09 season looking to bounce back from a less than average 2007-08 campaign.

Two starters — guard Michael Boyd Thompson (5-11) and forward Matt Adkins

(6-2) — are back for the Hawks (13-16). Thompson led Pike County Central in scoring last season, averaging 16 points per game to go along with six rebounds.

Other players back for Pike County Central are sophomore point guard Hobo McCoy (5-10), senior forwards Dalton Meade (6-3) and Dieb Gross (5-11) and junior forward Cory Tackett (6-3).

Tip-off for the Allen Central-Pike Central game is slated for 7:30 p.m.

EK Miners sign former CBA Player of the Year Galen Young

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — East Kentucky Miners head coach Kevin Keathley continues to shape his roster for the 2008-09 season. The Miners roster continues to get stocked with accomplished players. The latest signee for the East Kentucky

professional basketball team is 2007 CBA Player of the Year Galen Young. Young's signing is still pending league approval.

One of the top men's basketball players in UNC-Charlotte history, Young averaged 14.7 points and 7.2 rebounds per game as a senior for the 49ers during the 1998-99 season before embarking on a professional career.

Young, a proven winner, left UNC-Charlotte third in scoring, second in blocked shots and fourth in rebounding in program history. The Milwaukee Bucks drafted Young in the second round (48th overall) of the 1999 NBA Draft.

"Galen is going to be big help to this year's team," said Keathley. "He's the type of player that can cause a lot of matchup problems for opposing teams."

Young, a shooting guard/small forward, averaged 15.6 points and 7.3 assists per game during the 2006-07 CBA season for the Yakama Sun Kings, earning the league MVP award. The newest East Kentucky Miner's playing resume also includes stints in

the USBL and NBDL.

Young (6-7) has played in numerous foreign countries, including the Philippines, Italy, Spain, Venezuela, Japan and Australia. The former UNC-Charlotte standout averaged 11.4 points, 9.1 rebounds, 3.5 assists and shot 30-percent from three-point range for the Townsville Crocodiles of the NBL (National Basketball League) while playing in Australia during the 2007-08 season.

"Galen is a playmaker that can create shots for himself or his teammates," Keathley added.

East Kentucky has also signed former Kentucky Wildcat Wayne Turner, pro basketball veterans Jermaine Blackburn and Joe Buck, for-

mer players Jason McLeish, Mike Crain and Mike Dean and Eastern Kentucky product Alonzo Hird.

East Kentucky will host Minot in its home opener Sunday, Dec. 14. The Miners will travel to rival Pittsburgh for a season opener Friday, Dec. 12.

For more information on Miners tickets, call 606-437-9715.



ALLEN CENTRAL AND PIARIST hooked up in a recent pre-season game. Each team will open regular-season play this week.



SOUTH FLOYD FACED BELFRY in a final preseason tuneup.



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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 860-5310

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Consol of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Ky. 41839, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 7.00 acres, and will underlie an additional 1,059.99 acres, located 1.0 mile west of Raven in Knott and Floyd Counties.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.3 mile east from Terry Branch Road junction with KY Route 899, and located in Caney Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the standard underground methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Knott Floyd Land Company Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., Miller Bros. Coal LLC, Knott Floyd Land Company Inc., Ruby Gibson, Alex and Helen Ritchie, Freddie Martin Cemetery, Gladys Totten, Thomas Kelly Ritchie, Vimus and Allie Gibson, James and Elaine Sparkman, Larry Randall and Mary Jacqueline Stone.

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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5536

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Indeva Corp Energy, Inc. has applied for a permit for an underground and surface coal mining operation, which includes a closed-circuit coal wash plant system. The operation is located 1.1 mile southeast of New Allen, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 76.20 surface acres, and underlie 784.00 acres, with the total area within the permit boundary being 860.20 acres.

(2) The proposed operation is approximately 1.1 mile southeast from KY Rt. 1428's junction with U.S. 23/460/80, and located along Daniels Creek. The latitude is 37°36'39". The longitude is 82°41'52".

(3) The proposed operation is on the Harold and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Yancey L. Clark, et al., LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by Yancey L. Clark, et al., LLC, Daniels Creek Development Corp & Browning Family Partnership, Jimmy Burchett, Dale & Tylina Mullins, B.B. Burchett, Paul Aiken, Patricia & Susan McGary, Pauline Foley, Edward & Nannie Burchett, Vernon Powers, Able & Hester Goble, Phyllis Grace, Norma Stepp, Joe B. Garrett, Wornie Garrett, Roger Garrett, Raymond Lowe, B.M. Compton Estate, c/o Troy Compton, Jerry and Wanda Lowe, Elmer Harless, and Oakley Harless. The operation will affect an area within 0 feet of public roads U.S. 23 (460/80) and Cemetery Public Road. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of either of the public roads.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

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RAY: Yes. Know that it's one of many, many repairs you will be doing through the years. My brother has a '78 version of this car, and if this was the only problem he had, he'd be thrilled.

TOM: Only one oil leak? How'd you manage that, Jeff? That's fabulous!

RAY: This actually is a very easy repair, as are most repairs on this vehicle — which is only a few rungs up the evolutionary ladder from a Radio Flyer red wagon.

TOM: What you refer to as the "cam box cover" is called the "valve cover" on most other cars. There's one on each side of the engine. The cover is held on by three hex bolts. So, the first thing you want to do is check them to see if they're tight.

RAY: If they're not tight, simply tightening them up may stop the leak. If they're already tight, then you need to replace the gasket.

TOM: So you remove the three bolts, and you'll be looking at the cam lobes, and the valves below that. You scrape off the old gasket, careful not to let pieces of it fall into the valve train, and then you put in the new gasket, replace the valve cover, tighten up the bolts, and you're done.

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guy, and it's a great car. It reminds me of my old MGB. Back when I had hair, I had a 1965 MGB roadster and picked up many a girl with that car. And the Miata is almost as good. I had the 60,000-mile checkup a month ago. After the checkup, I had to take it back because the fuel filter clogged up. The filter was clogged with a white substance. Then, a week ago, I had to have the fuel pump replaced and the fuel tank cleaned. The pump and pump screen were covered with a

white powder. It was dry and chalky. The mechanic had no idea what it was. The whole thing cost me another \$1,000 on top of the checkup. Yes, I am a fat, bald, old man, trying to figure out what happened to my life and my hair. And my Miata helps keep the other losses in perspective. Can you tell me what the white substance was? — Skip

RAY: Sounds like it's revenge powder, Skip.

TOM: Yeah. One of those many girls you picked up — or one of their angry boyfriends

or husbands — put something in your gas tank.

RAY: I can't imagine what else it could be. As far as I know, there's nothing in the car that could produce copious amounts of a white, chalky substance in your gas tank.

TOM: Yeah. You may want to start an apology campaign. Go through your little black book, call anybody you've wronged, tell them you've been feeling terrible about what happened and say you'd like to apologize.

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