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## Auto dealer reflecting, rebuilding

### Damage estimated at \$4 million

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The president of Layne Brother's Ford, Malcolm D. Layne, sent a message of gratitude to those that

assisted him on Nov. 22, when a fire consumed the car dealership's office at Ivel, causing what Layne says will be up to \$4 million in losses.

Layne recounted the events of that evening, giving a detailed

description of the tragedy. He said that he received a phone call at approximately 6:20 p.m. from Rebecca Hunt, informing him that smoke was coming from the roof of his office building.

Living only two miles away,

Layne arrived at the dealership moments later and realizing he didn't have time to go through the 75 to 100 keys that were in his pocket to find the one that fit the lock on the gate and he decided to break down the fence. However, he said that a man by the name of

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Malcolm Layne expressed gratitude that no one was injured in the fire that resulted in up to \$4 million in losses for Layne Brothers Ford in Ivel. He vowed that "with God's help" the dealership would be back "bigger and better."

photo by Loretta Blackburn

#### briefs

### Teachers honored

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

Two Floyd County teachers were recently recognized for accomplished teaching by earning the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification.

Carolyn M. Ferrell, a teacher at Betsy Layne Elementary, and Patricia L. Handshoe, of Allen Central Middle School, are among the 204 Kentucky teachers that were awarded the certification this year among 349 total Kentucky NBPTS certified teachers.

According to the NBPTS, Kentucky was one of the top 10 performing states in the percentage pass rate across the nation.

The NBPTS recognizes accomplished teachers who meet stringent standards in their classroom practices. The teachers developed a portfolio analyzing student work and videotapes of the classroom. The teachers also participate in a assessment of content knowledge.

### 'TIS THE SEASON TO SHOP



photo by Loretta Blackburn

Dana and Benjamine Branham were shopping at Lad 'N' Lassie Friday, where they talked with Shera Blackburn about finding a Christmas outfit for Benjamine.

## Retailers looking for extra jingle during holidays

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — After interviewing several business managers in Prestonsburg, it appears that overall, the busiest shopping day of the year for 2002 reflects the sputtering economy, as no significant change was seen in shoppers.

But it appears that customers are more focused on necessities as opposed to luxuries.

Most businesses reported that there was no major change in customer influx as compared to last year. However, of those that did see a decline or an increase in business, there appeared to be a correlation between necessities vs. luxury.

Sheila Dotson of Cato's said that

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photo by Loretta Blackburn

Although employees reported that the store was the scene of much activity early Friday morning, by lunchtime the busiest shopping day of the year was no busier than any other day for Wal-Mart.

## Attorneys arguing motions in Gunnels case

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A motion was filed on Wednesday by the defense of James Austin Gunnels to elicit records that the commonwealth had obtained.

"There wasn't anything really consequential about it," said Judge John David Caudill.

There has yet to be a motion on the admittance of letters allegedly written by Gunnels, which include death threats and an admission of guilt.

"They are in the memo stage right now," Caudill said. Gunnels allegedly murdered and raped Bonnie Jean Fraley Hall on July 11, 2001.

Gunnels pleaded not guilty to 12 felonies on July 18, 2001, and was indicted on 10 felonies in September 2001.

Gunnels is charged with murder, first-degree robbery, four counts of theft — two for autos and two for a firearms — two counts of possession of a gun by a convicted felon, and being persistent felony offender.

Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner has said that he will ask for the death penalty in the case.



Gunnels

## Sensor technology could help map abandoned mines

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A project using sensors to detect underground pockets of water could help solve the problem of mapping abandoned coal mines.

Originally developed to help combat acid mine drainage, the project could help miners avoid accidents similar to that at the Quecreek Mine in western Pennsylvania. Nine miners in July were trapped there for

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## Brock honored for volunteer work

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

As a nominee for the Governor's Volunteer Award, Rita Brock, of Prestonsburg, has been awarded a certificate of appreciation by the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service for outstanding volunteer service toward the improvement of education in Floyd County.

Brock, who works in The Floyd County Times' advertising department, has a long history of volunteer service in promoting education in Floyd County Schools. She has filled positions from parent volunteer to promoting the Young Authors Program and is currently a member of the Floyd County Gifted and Talented Advisory Council. She was awarded the 2001 Citizen Leadership Award by the KCEA for

her contributions to the development of community education and has recently been invited by Supt. Paul Fanning to join a strategic planning initiative to help develop plans through a focused planning process.

Brock was nominated by her daughter, Sheena Brock, who said that there was only a three-tenths of

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Rita Brock, of Prestonsburg, has received a certificate of appreciation from the Governor's Awards for outstanding volunteer service.

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# Odds and Ends

■ **HARTFORD, Conn.** — To some churches, Gov. John G. Rowland's Thanksgiving proclamation seemed as old as the holiday itself.

The governor had issued the same proclamation since he was sworn in for his first term in 1995. In it, he urged people to "reflect upon all they have, remember the sacrifices of others and express their gratitude in gestures of assistance toward those in need."

But Rowland changed the statement for this Thanksgiving in response to complaints from the public, said Dan Moreland, a staff assistant for the governor who writes state proclamations. "Many churches have lobbied against the old proclamation. They are tired of reading the same one," Moreland said. "I think the governor just really liked the old one."

The new result? "The cheerful ambiance of the holiday season embraces our senses, warming our homes as it

soothes the heart and soul," the latest proclamation reads.

"Visions of long bountiful tables filled with generations of family evolve into the resonance of stories and laughter. Tantalizing aromas linger through our subconscious, provoking reminiscence of gatherings from years past. All of our hard working and earnest efforts throughout the year seem to have culminated on this day."

■ **PHILADELPHIA** — Christa Garro had a recurring dream that she'd give birth the same day as her sister.

"The circumstances would change in the dream, but we were always delivering on the same day," said Garro, 28, of Warminster.

On Monday, the dream came true. Garro and her sister Anne Marie Russo delivered their first-born babies within six hours of each other at Abington Memorial Hospital outside Philadelphia.

Russo, 31, went two weeks past her due date and Garro gave birth a month earlier than expected.

Both babies - Gabriella Garro and Christopher Robert Russo - went home with their mothers on Wednesday. The infants spent much of their time in the hospital together.

Garro's husband, Juan, had just finished work on the nursery when her contractions started about 9:30 p.m. Sunday. Three hours into labor, she saw her pregnant sister and her sister's husband standing in her hospital room and wondered why they had chosen to visit in the middle of the night.

"My water broke," Anne Marie Russo explained.

Gabriella was born at 3:55 p.m. after 18 hours of difficult labor. Christopher followed at 9:37 p.m.

■ **RENTON, Wash.** — A week after donating a kidney to her mother-in-law, Darci Bidman had some other family duties to perform: helping prepare a Thanksgiving dinner for 14 people.

"You can't keep her down for long," said her father-in-law, Jim Bidman.

On Nov. 21, Darci was in Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, where a surgeon removed one of her kidneys and implanted it in 63-year-old Ayako Bidman.

"She needed a kidney," the 37-year-old Auburn woman said. "There wasn't anyone else who could do it."

Ayako's new kidney has been working fine. Though she's been able to go home, she's not quite ready for a Thanksgiving feast, needing to spend the next few days concentrating on relaxation and medication - nearly 20

pills a day.

Darci is bouncing back from her surgery more quickly. Despite lingering pain in her stomach, she's been shopping twice, in addition to helping out with Thursday's meal.

■ **LAPWAI, Idaho** — Elementary School Principal Mike Halverson knows that a deal's a deal.

That's why he dyed his hair blue - a promise he made if his students collected 300 cans of food in a Thanksgiving drive for the needy. In the end, they collected over 400.

"It was a real surprise," said Halverson, 48. "I was looking in the boxes. I was more than curious."

School Attendance Officer Jolee Bacon generously spread blue hair dye through Halverson's hair during the school assembly earlier this

week.

"Is it blue enough?" Bacon asked as the students urged her to add more dye.

"I'm just glad we were able to get so much food so that everybody could have Thanksgiving dinner," 8-year-old third-grader Darryl Kerby said.

■ **JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — Maurice Goldstein says his decision to retire is simple.

"None of my clients are alive anymore," the 91-year-old lawyer said.

On Friday, Goldstein and his 79-year-old brother, William, will close the law office they have shared for the past 50 years. Both have spent most of their careers specializing in civil cases.

"There is not a lawyer in town who doesn't know and respect them," said James Moseley Jr., president-elect of the Jacksonville Bar Association.

Maurice Goldstein was admitted to the Florida Bar on July 6, 1935; William Goldstein was admitted Feb. 11, 1949, according to the group's Web site.

Both were born and raised in Jacksonville, both attended the University of Florida and both served overseas in World War II, Maurice in the Navy, William in the Army.

The brothers say they are looking forward to spending time with their children and grandchildren, although William seems to be dreading the household chores his wife has planned for him.

"I'll probably have to come back to work just to get a vacation," he said.

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## KSP warns motorists of deer hunting season driving hazards

FRANKFORT — Motorists traveling Kentucky's roadways from mid-October through mid-January should be extra cautious to avoid danger from an unexpected source: deer. This period coincides with mating season for the animals and overlaps with deer hunting season (which began November 9th), causing increased movement throughout the state. As a result, motorists are more likely to encounter deer on or near roadways and should be alert to avoid collisions.

According to the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, car accidents involving deer on roads kill nearly 100 people nationwide each year and cost millions of dollars in insurance claims. The average deer/automobile collision results in approximately \$2,000 per claim for repairs and injuries. In 2002, drivers are expected to hit 1.8 million deer nationwide.

In 2001, there were 3,395 deer/auto collisions in Kentucky, resulting in 263 people injured. No fatalities were reported. While the percentage of deer collisions resulting in a fatality is relatively low in Kentucky as compared to the nation, it is extremely important to recognize this ever-present risk, especially at this time of year when nearly 50 percent of all collisions with deer occur.

Defensive driving tips for motorists to help avoid hitting a deer include:

- Be extra cautious in the early morning and evening hours. Deer are most active during these low-light periods when humans see worst and reaction time is slow.

- Stay alert when driving through a known deer crossing zone.

- Use high beam headlights whenever possible.

- Upon seeing a deer, immediately slow down. Do not swerve—this could confuse the deer about where to run. It could also cause you to lose control and hit a tree or

another car.

- If you see one deer, look for more. They often travel in herds.

- Don't expect deer to stay where they are. They can dart in front of you at the last moment.

- Deer whistles on cars provide little help and blowing the car horn doesn't always solve the problem. The horn may cause them to move, but not necessarily in the direction you want.

- Always wear your safety belt. Historically, most people injured or killed in deer/auto collisions were not properly restrained.

"When it comes to deer, whether you're traveling on rural roads or urban highways, anything is possible," notes KSP Commissioner Patrick Simpson. "Their numbers are increasing and they are being seen more frequently in populated areas. The best advice is to stay alert and slow down."

For more information on deer hazards, including maps of deer collisions by county, visit the Kentucky State Police website at [www.kentuckystatepolice.org](http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org) and click on KY Deer Collisions located in the bottom right corner of the home page.

## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 2002. There are 30 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus. Mrs. Parks was arrested, sparking a yearlong boycott of the buses by black riders.

On this date:

- In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

- In 1934, Sergei M. Kirov, a collaborator of Soviet leader Josef Stalin, was assassinated in Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge.

- In 1942, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States.

- In 1943, President

Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Josef Stalin concluded their Tehran conference.

- In 1956, the Leonard Bernstein musical "Candide," based on the work by Voltaire, opened on Broadway.

- In 1958, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Flower Drum Song" opened on Broadway.

- In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began, allowing thousands of Cubans to leave their homeland.

- In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

- In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

- In 2000, Vicente Fox was sworn in as president of Mexico, ending 71 years of ruling-party domination.

Ten years ago:

President Boris Yeltsin survived an impeachment attempt by hard-liners at the opening of the Russian Congress. In Mineola, N.Y., Amy Fisher was

sentenced to five to 15 years in prison for shooting and seriously wounding Mary Jo Buttafuoco.

Five years ago:

A 14-year-old boy opened fire on a prayer circle at Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky., killing three fellow students and wounding five; the shooter, Michael Carneal, is serving a life sentence. An international conference on reducing greenhouse gases opened in Kyoto, Japan.

One year ago: Two suicide bombers blew themselves up in back-to-back explosions at a downtown Jerusalem pedestrian mall, killing 11 bystanders. A baby girl was born to Japan's Crown Princess Masako and Crown Prince Naruhito, the royal couple's first child in eight years of marriage; she was later named Aiko.

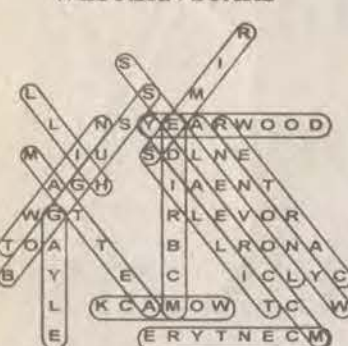
Today's Birthdays:

Actor Paul Picerni is 80. Former CIA director Stansfield Turner is 79. Actor Robert Symonds is 76. Singer Billy Paul is 68. Actor-director Woody Allen is 67. Singer Lou Rawls is 67. Golfer Lee Trevino is 63. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 63. Comedian-actor Richard Pryor is 62. Country musician Casey Van Beek (The Tractors) is 60. Television producer David Salzman is 59. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 58. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 58. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 57. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 56. Actor Treat Williams is 51. Country singer Kim Richey is 46. Actress Charlene Tilton is 44. Actress-model Carol Alt is 42. Actor Jeremy Northam is 41. Actor Nestor Carbonell is 35. Actress Golden Brooks is 32. Actor Ron Melendez is 30. Singer Sarah Masen is 27. Rock musician Brad Delson (Linkin Park) is 25. Actress Ashley Monique Clark is 14.

Thought for Today:

"The only people who attain power are those who crave it." — Erich Kastner, German author and poet (1899-1974).

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# Funding approved to start new prescription program

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky and eight other states will share \$2 million federal grant to enhance or begin programs that detect prescription drug abuse.

Kentucky will receive about \$240,000 to start a pilot program in Harlan and Perry counties.

Neighboring Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia will obtain money to begin similar detection programs. Pennsylvania, California, Massachusetts, Nevada and Utah also will share the grant.

Under Kentucky's program, doctors would write prescriptions on barcoded paper, allowing pharmacists to scan the

information, said Scott Render, a spokesman for the Governor's Office for Technology. It would allow for immediate recording of pharmacy transactions, an improvement over the month delay in obtaining data from Kentucky's current prescription tracking program.

Kentucky started a program three years ago called KASPER — Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting — to track controlled substances dispensed by pharmacists. Despite KASPER, drug abuse remained prevalent along the state's border since five neighboring states do not monitor sales of potent painkillers such as hydrocodone and

OxyContin.

An analysis of autopsy reports nationwide showed OxyContin was involved in 464 deaths, with one-fourth of those in Kentucky and Virginia, the Drug Enforcement Administration reported in February.

"The problem is acute in my district," said U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, who represents Eastern and Southern Kentucky. "In my 22 years in Congress, I have not seen anything as pervasive and destructive."

Rogers helped secure the funding for the grant as part of the Justice Department's budget.

Indiana and Illinois, the two states that monitor prescription drugs, track sales of only the most addictive controlled substances and like Kentucky, share the information only with law

enforcement.

Critics of the pilot program say it would make it difficult for physicians to share information and identify "doctor shoppers," addicts who visit multiple doctors to get prescriptions.

"Law enforcement can put them in jail but physicians, we can prevent it," said Dr. Laxmaiah Manchikanti, who practices in Paducah and is president of the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians.

Since the state programs are not uniform, they provide no assurance that doctors and pharmacists will have easy access to information collected, Manchikanti said.

Instead, the group supports legislation to create a national prescription drug monitoring program, which is expected to be introduced in January by U.S.

Rep. Ed Whitfield. The program would create a federal database and give physicians access to other state's information.

The Justice Department is expected to announce grants for the state monitoring programs at the end of the year.

## Shopping

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Friday was a good day for business and sales were up for the year. Cheryl Leslie, of Lad 'N' Lassie said that though they were not seeing an increase in customers on Friday, they had been busier than usual for the year. Carol Ward, of The Glass Slipper, also stated that business was good on Friday, as did Linda Ritchie with Hallmark, who said that the year had been good for the store.

But luxury goods dealers reported that business had not been as good this year.

Joe Hopson, of Hopson's Jewelry in downtown Prestonsburg, said that the economy had affected his business this year and made the comment that luxuries are the first to go when money is not circulating. He said that he had been doing more repairs this year, which reflected that people were keeping and repairing their old jewelry as opposed to buying new.

Although employees reported that Wal-Mart was the scene of a lot of activity early Friday morning, Randy Pruitt, manager, said that it was not any busier than last year. In reference to the types of merchandise being purchased, Pruitt commented that along with new item purchases, people were buying more neces-

sity items, such as those that are used daily.

Laura Phipps, of Appalachian Wireless, said the customers were "not beating the door down" but it was still early in the season. Family Dollar manager Melinda Doderer said that although business had been steady, she had expected "it would have been busier." She said that their store had sold a lot of Christmas trees and people seemed to be shopping earlier this year.

Colorama manager Steve Hall reported that the season was just beginning for them and they were seeing average business for the day. However, he said that business had improved greatly since Sept. 11 and suggested that the reason for the increase was that people don't want to enter into contracts.

"They have no ties with us," said Hall.

It appears that holiday shoppers are moving along as usual, but possibly being a bit more selective in what they purchase. It seems that more people are gravitating toward necessities and used items, as suggested by Becky Kuss of the Hock Shop.

"God has blessed us and the people have been good to us," said Kuss.

## Rebuilding

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Larry Ward, fire chief in Paintsville, volunteered to use his pickup to gain entrance.

Once they were inside the gate, Layne kicked the showroom window in and was able to remove a 1930 Ford Model A and a 2003 model Honda S2000 convertible. He was then interrupted by a request for help from his nephew, David Alan Layne II, who had been visiting his grandmother across the street and saw the flames.

David Layne had helped remove a couple of cars from the south showroom before becoming subdued by the smoke and forced to ask his uncle for assistance.

"He said 'Help me, Uncle Malcolm, I can't see and I can't breathe,'" said Layne.

Layne got his nephew out of the building and went back inside, but it was so inflamed

that he couldn't handle it any longer. He expressed gratitude for what seemed to him to be 100 people who volunteered to help move the cars away from the building and out of the service area.

Even though numerous people helped, Layne said they still lost everything in both showrooms, all parts, which they delivered throughout three states, service catalogs, special tools, all accounts, receivable and payable, and computers.

"It was a total devastating loss," said Layne.

He said that the damages could total up to \$4 million and suggested that the sentimental value of the things lost in his office could not be priced. He said that the picture of his father, baseballs collected from his coaching days, and the collector cars were all "so precious" and could not be replaced.

Nonetheless, Layne expressed gratitude toward those that helped, voicing appreciation for the safety of his nephew and employees.

"I feel so sorry for all my employees," said Layne. "But with God's help we will be back."

Layne said that he is opening a temporary lot on South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg and an office across the road from the old one at Ivel. He said that he is currently looking at offices on U.S. 23 as well as the old Winn-Dixie building by Wal-Mart as a prospective site to rebuild. He said that they will be rebuilding at Ivel and are currently handling parts, services and sales from a makeshift office set up in a house that can be reached by calling 874-1234.

He shared that he started working at the Ivel office in 1977 when it was Campbell Auto and became general manager in 1980. He said that he and his brother David Layne bought the dealership in 1989, which made for a 25-year investment in the business for him.

"We will be back and we will be bigger and better with God's help," vowed Layne. "I just hope that Floyd County and Eastern Kentucky will be patient with us."

Layne thanked the Betsy Layne, Allen, Toler Creek, Maytown, Pike and Prestonsburg Fire Departments, the Sheriff's Department, the Kentucky State Police, and Prestonsburg Fire Marshal Larry Adams for giving him oxygen in the car lot.

He sent a special thanks to his pastor and his wife, Ken and Kay Lemaster, his cousins, family, and friends who comforted his mother, Virginia Layne, during this time of trial.

## Middle Creek Fire Dept. saves home

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

MIDDLE CREEK — A fire on Mountain Parkway Friday evening resulted in a limited amount of damage, as the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department extinguished the flames before they consumed the structure.

The fire broke out in the bedroom of a trailer in a small court behind B & C Parkway Convenient store on Mountain Parkway Friday, sometime around 8:30 p.m.

Residents of the trailer next door, Judy Hatfield and Clyde Dotson, were alerted by a neigh-

bor that there was a fire in the trailer beside them. Dotson said that he saw the fire from the window and went to see if their neighbor was home. When Dotson discovered that he was not in, Hatfield said that she called her landlords, Jim and Karen Crum, because she was afraid that the fire may spread.

The Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene and extinguished the fire before it could consume the trailer. Volunteer firefighter James Billiter said that the incident was under investigation, but made an educated guess that the fire might have originated from the electrical box.

## Mines

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days after digging into a flooded abandoned mine that had been improperly mapped.

Terry Ackman, team leader for the National Energy Technology Laboratory project, said early test results look promising. The project mapped an area in Kettle Creek, Pa., that was mined in the mid- to late-1800s.

The project used a helicopter to fly a torpedo-shaped sensor over the 50-square-mile area. Using data collected by the sensor, teams then confirmed and sampled all places where underground water was reaching the surface.

In a week, the project had a map that otherwise would have taken years to develop, Ackman said.

"Needless to say, whatever mapping is available is very sparse and poor," Ackman said. "I might not be able to tell you the boundaries of the abandoned mine, but it looks like we're going to be able to tell you where the water is."

Terry Farley, an administrator for the state Office of Miners'

Health, Safety and Training, said discovering underground pockets of water would be a big step toward safer mining.

Mining companies and various states now use existing mine maps and horizontal drilling to detect underground water pockets.

The acid mine drainage project uses electromagnetic waves that penetrate the ground to about 300 feet. The waves interact with conductive elements to create eddy currents read by the sensor.

While pure water has an almost undetectable conductivity, most underground water contains metals or other impurities that make it more conductive.

Ackman said one goal of the project is to come up with a "cookbook" that would allow private industry and government agencies to reliably process sensor data.

The project is also gearing up to test another sensor system that could find water at levels five times as deep. That method aims to use a varying magnetic field to induce electrical currents in underground conductive materials.

Along with Virginia mining officials and the U.S. Office of Surface Mining, the laboratory has picked sites to test three scenarios: acid mine drainage problems; a Quecreek scenario where an abandoned mine is near an active mine; and conditions similar to the Martin County, Ky., coal slurry spill, where a coal waste pond collapsed into an abandoned mine beneath it and dumped millions of gallons of slurry into adjacent streams.

## Brock

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a point difference between her mother and the candidate who won first place in the lifetime achievement category.

Sheena Brock wrote that she wanted to nominate her mother because "she always acts selflessly in everything she does." Sheena Brock, a senior at Eastern Kentucky University, who was recently inducted into the Golden Key International Honor Society, proposes that her mother "makes no difference in children based on social status or race" but focuses on "their success at education."

This philosophy can be observed in Brock's children, as Sheena Brock has maintained a 4.0 grade-point average throughout college and her son Lowell Brock, a senior at Prestonsburg High School, was just named an outstanding student.

Brock said that among her reasons for volunteering in the Floyd County School system was the self-gratification she received when she could help a student and the smiles that were given to her when she did. She said that it was also something that she could give back to the community for all the work the teachers and staff do. She proposes that her ultimate goal has been and still is to expose the talent of all Floyd County Students.

Among the long list of Brock's personal accomplishments are judging of the 2001 Governors Scholars, judging the 2000 Floyd County Young Authors Program, current vice-president for the Floyd County Adult 4-H Council and member of the Floyd County Budget Committee, freelance writer publicizing student accomplish-

ments and achievements, judging the Coal Fair at Allen and Duff Elementary, recognized by the Floyd County Board of Education for her volunteer work with the Young Authors Program, certificate of achievement in support of the Floyd County Extension Service, recognized for outstanding service for district-wide assistance with the Forensics Program in 1994, recognized for community involvement during American Education Week at Prestonsburg Elementary on Nov. 20, 1998, former vice-president and treasurer of the Parent Teacher Association, organized Teacher Appreciation Week for Adams Middle School and Prestonsburg High School, recognized by the Floyd County State Manager A.W. Carter and Superintendent Michael King for outstanding district volunteer for art displays at the Fine Arts Music Festival for AMS and PHS in May 1998, volunteer at Adams for seven years, volunteered at PHS office when it was understaffed, organized open house for PHS, parent member of the advisory council at AMS for three years, organized the book fair, member of the curriculum committee, guest speaker for Adams for the fifth-grade parents transition for sixth grade, judge for AMS Forensics Team in Floyd County, was a member of the Board of Directors for PHS PTO, was a judge for the state forensics in Bowling Green, parent representative at AMS building grounds, a parent member of communications committee at Adams and was a representative for Adams Middle co-curriculum committee.

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— Felix Frankfurter

## GuestView

### Decision thwarts open government

In Kentucky, there has been a long-standing tradition of openness in our courts of law. And there has been a concurrent understanding that the citizens of the commonwealth and the press have a right to review the records of those courts.

But that heritage was turned on its head recently when the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled that a Fayette Court judge has the power to seal records in a case involving alleged sexual abuse by Roman Catholic priests.

In a disturbing 4-3 decision, penned by Justice Martin Johnstone, the high court majority said that Fayette Circuit Judge Mary Noble should rehear a case in which she had declined to seal portions of the record. That information was subsequently published in *The Courier-Journal*, and it detailed allegations that the Rev. Greg Schuler, rector of the Lexington diocese's largest church, was removed from his post before Easter for having sexual relations with a married parishioner.

This information, as well as material about other priests, was included in the case brought by plaintiffs who say they were sexually abused as children by Lexington priests. The information was intended to demonstrate a pattern of abuse.

During the early phases of the trial, the material was stricken from the pleadings, but it was not sealed. Church officials tried to block release of the information to the public on the grounds that it would jeopardize a fair trial.

Justice Johnstone wrote the majority opinion, saying that the material could be prejudicial and therefore could be sealed. There's no basis for that holding, just his opinion.

Contrast this situation with that in Boston, where the first allegations of priest misconduct surfaced. A superior court judge has brushed aside Catholic requests to keep 11,000 documents on alleged priest misconduct confidential. The material related to some 65 priests' alleged abuse.

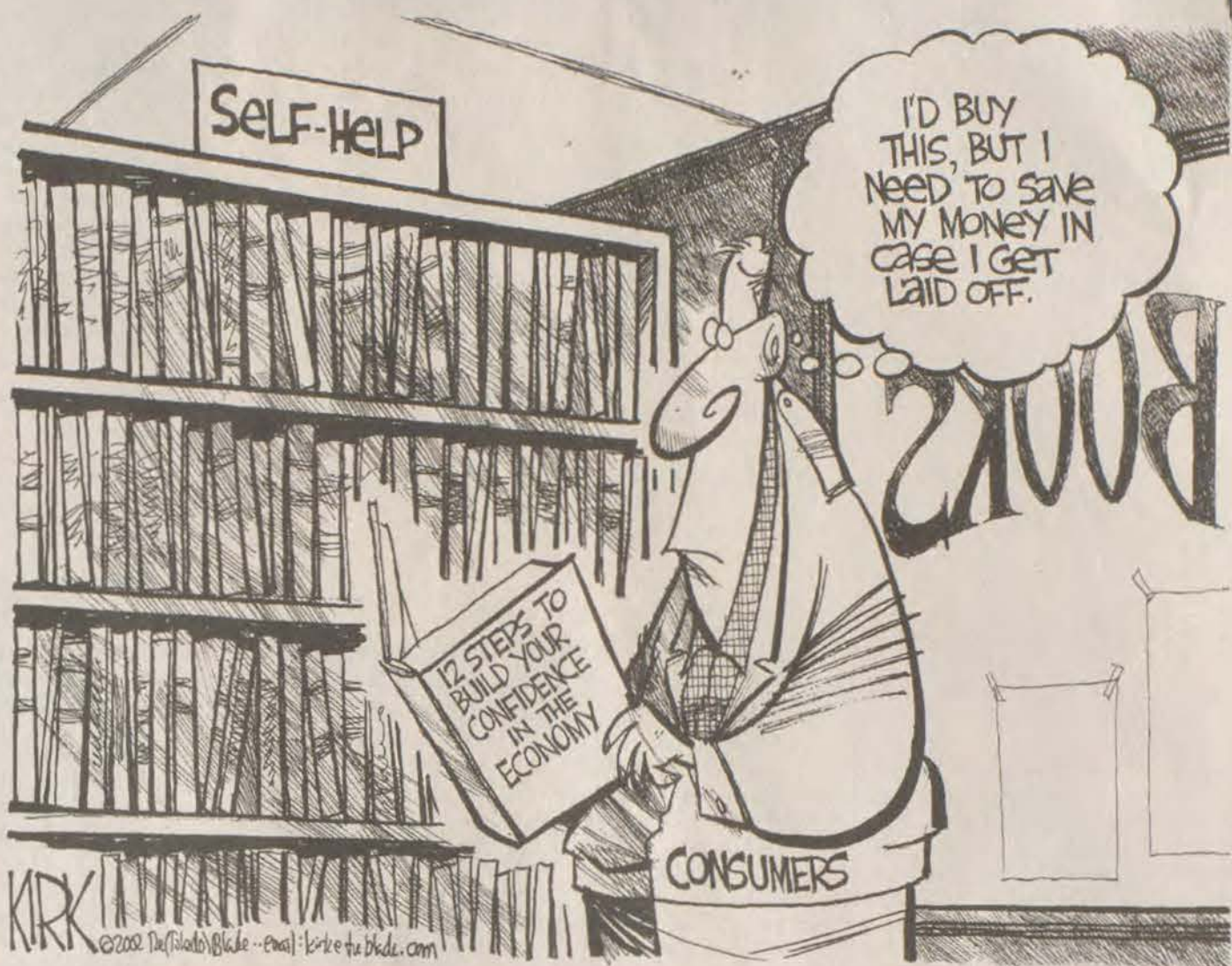
Johnstone's opinion was sharply and rightly rebuked by three colleagues — Justice William Keller, Justice Janet Stumbo and Chief Justice Joseph Lambert. They saw no clear evidence that leaving the records open could jeopardize a fair trial.

What the high court's majority seems to have done is to decide the outcome it wanted — and then fashioned arguments to support it.

It is worth remembering that the victims of the alleged abuse want the information in these cases released.

It is the church, trying to shield itself from the wrath, at least, of its parishioners, that argues otherwise.

— *The Courier-Journal, Louisville*



— Jim Davidson

### Who are the gifted?

In today's times we often hear the statement, "He or she is a very gifted person," but have you ever thought about what this statement really means?

In checking my dictionary, the word "gifted" is defined as "one having or showing great natural ability or one who is talented." As it's used in this context, the word gifted is really a label that is used to identify a person as being a "cut above" the average or one who has been blessed with extraordinary talent.

In recent years we have learned a great deal about the self-image and the tremendous power it has over our lives. We have also come to realize that one of the most powerful and damaging things we can do to another human being is to pin a negative label on them.

In most cases, without even realizing it, when we refer to other people as dumb, stupid, idiot or morons, we have not only pinned a label on them, we are giving them mental pictures of them-

selves that sooner or later they will begin to accept as true.

The converse of this statement is also true. When we pin positive labels on people, such as brilliant, smart, intelligent and gifted, they begin to visualize themselves in a different light and form mental pictures that create potential for full use of their talents and abilities. I did not use labels here that have to do with a person's outward physical appearance, since a quick glance in the mirror is all it takes to prove or disprove whether this kind of label is valid.

In relation to the emphasis our nation's educators are placing on identifying gifted and talented students, if used in the proper way, I personally believe this new focus has some merit, because we all know as technology continues to advance we will need our very best minds to help us solve problems. There is, however, a great danger in this new focus, as illustrated in an article titled, "Who Are The Gifted?" written by Wilbert Larson of Fort Collins, Colo.

Mr. Larson points out that Albert Einstein was 4 years old before he could

speak and 7 years old before he could read. Isaac Newton did poorly in grade school, Beethoven's music teacher once said of him, "As a composer, he is hopeless." When Thomas Edison was a boy, his teacher told him that he was "too stupid to learn anything." A newspaper editor fired Walt Disney because he had "no good ideas." Caruso's music teacher told him, "You can't sing! You have no voice at all." Leo Tolstoy, author of *War and Peace*, flunked out of college.

Abraham Lincoln entered the Black Hawk War as a captain and came out as a private! Fred Waring was once rejected from high school chorus and Winston Churchill failed the sixth grade.

If we know these examples of when people did not fare well in the beginning, but later turned out to be world famous, how many others could have been, if someone had not pinned a negative label on them or destroyed their confidence by ridicule? Yes, labels are very powerful and we need to be careful. When we look at any person, young or old, we just never know who are the truly gifted.

(See DAVIDSON, page seven)



### — beyond the beltway

#### 'Let in women? ... Yuck!'

by DONALD KAUL

On the surface, the dispute between the Augusta National Golf Club and the National Council of Women's Organizations doesn't amount to much. What's at stake is the right of a few (very few) women to be invited to join an exclusive golf club in Augusta, Ga.

I know. Most people couldn't find Augusta on a map and even fewer would want to but you can't always pick your battlefield. The principle involved is important, even if the matter itself isn't.

You would think that in this day and age (the 21st century, in case you were wondering) even the southernmost gentlemen would get the idea that it's not nice to discriminate on the basis of features that the discriminate can't do anything about, like race and gender.

Not the good 'ol boys of Georgia, apparently. Their ancestors fought a long and bloody war for the right to discriminate against whomever they chose and in whatever manner they chose and even though the war was lost, they still cling to the concept.

History has been unkind to them, chipping away at their white-male privileges one by one until there's not much left except discrimination against women. And in this cultural war Augusta is Vicksburg and Martha Burk, the chairwoman of the National Council of Women's Organizations, is Ulysses S. Grant.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again," said William (Hootie) Johnson, chairman of the club, "a woman may very well become a member of Augusta. But that is sometime off in the future, which wouldn't suggest that it's on the horizon. In the meantime, we hold dear our tradition and our constitutional right to choose."

Except that what Hootie is defending is not merely the members right to choose. An exclusive male club is— primarily—a demonstration of the power, authority and superior status of the men who belong. The out-of-state membership of Augusta includes a generous sprinkling of Fortune 500 CEOs and other captains of industry. Why do these top executives bother to belong?

Because women can't. Women have invaded many of the precincts of industry but some of the higher levels are still off-limits—tree-houses with a "no-girls-allowed" sign at the entrance. Let women into Augusta and there'd be virtually no reason to belong to an expensive golf club in the middle of nowhere and biggies like Sanford Weil of Citigroup and Warren Buffet would drift away to another tree house. That's what Johnson is protecting.

Less understandable is why really Big Time executives like Weil and Buffet find this mindless reassurance of their superiority necessary. Why not instead resign in protest and become heroes to the many women who work for them? It would send a message that their companies do not observe "the

glass ceiling" principle of keeping women in their place.

Instead they choose to play golf twice a year with a yokel called Hootie. Go figure.

On the other hand, once executives have all the money in the world, what else is there besides these little totems of status that they can lord over the masses?

For example, the New York Times last week revealed that Weil, after a favored subordinate had asked his aid in getting his twins into a highly regarded preschool, had done just that. Not only had he, as a member of the school's board, made a few phone calls on the twins' behalf, he had arranged for his company to pledge \$1-million to the school over five years.

Now I happen to be a stockholder in Citigroup and I am deeply offended that company money went to grease the way for two undoubtedly spoiled brats to have their feet placed on the ladder that will eventually lead to an Ivy League education and membership in the ruling class.

These are the people whose taxes the Republican party intends to cut. Oh well, maybe then they'll be able to afford their own bribes to toney schools. And pay their own dues to men-only country clubs.

Then again, maybe not.

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# Faith Extra

## The eight days of Hanukkah

by AVIVA YAFFA  
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

The eight-day holiday of Hanukkah, or the "Feast of Lights," which this year began Nov. 30 and ends Dec. 7, commemorates what many historians as well as religious scholars consider to be the first organized revolt by a nation against tyranny.

The story of Hanukkah goes back well over 2,000 years to when the Jewish people, under

the leadership of Judah Maccabee, revolted against the Greco-Syrian forces of Antiochus, who had despoiled their holy temple in Jerusalem and who tried to force them to worship their many gods instead of the one God. When the conquerors were routed, the temple was reclaimed. However, the lamp for the Eternal Light (which had to be kept lit at all times over the ark containing the sacred scroll called the Torah) had only

enough oil for one day. But that one-day supply burned for the eight days it took for more oil to arrive. Ever since, Jews have celebrated Hanukkah in commemoration of that miraculous event.

Hanukkah is a family holiday. Small gifts are handed out to the children on each one of the eight nights. Charitable donations are also made as a reminder that since we are all part of the same human family, we must share our blessings.

Games are played, including one using a top called a dreidel. Usually made of clay, it's marked with four Hebrew letters that stand for "A Miracle Happened Here."

On Hanukkah, small candles are placed in an eight-branched candelabra called the Menorah, with one additional candleholder set higher than the other eight. This is called the shamus, which some people believe stands for God who oversees the lights. On the first night, one candle and the shamus are lit; on the second night, two candles plus the shamus are lit, and so on until the eighth night,

(See DAYS, page eight)

## Sex shop makes religious conversion, sells Bibles instead

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PUTNEY — In this mountain community made up largely of conservative Christians, Michael Braithwaite and his adult novelty shop didn't fit in.

Churchgoing neighbors did everything they could to close him down. Nothing worked, until a higher power intervened.

Braithwaite, with tears pooling in his eyes, said God persuaded him to close the shop, burn the sex toys he had in stock and open a Bible bookstore in its place.

A pile of ashes in his parking lot is all that remains of the vibrators, leather goods, books and other porn paraphernalia.

"Morally, I couldn't sell it any longer," he said. "It's something you can't do when you're saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost."

Now, neighbors are embracing Braithwaite, helping him to restock his 5-year-old store with Christian merchandise and buying groceries for him, his wife and daughter until his new business begins to turn a profit.

He dropped the old name, Love World, and now calls his store Mike's Place. He covered the formerly bright red outer walls with a fresh coat of white paint.

"We were tickled to death that this man found the Lord," said Russell Alfred, a Harlan attorney who represented a group called the Concerned Citizens of Putney in the fight to close the shop. "The simple fact of the matter is that material has no place in Harlan County society."

Frank Howard, pastor of the Clossplint Church of God, said Braithwaite gave his life to the Lord last month during a Wednesday night prayer meeting and was baptized the next Sunday.

In the meantime, he invited local ministers and neighbors to help him burn a huge pile of merchandise with an estimated value of \$10,000.

"I stopped and got 10 gallons of diesel fuel, and we packed load after load of stuff out of there," Howard said. "We were hauling it out by the wheelbar-

row." Some of his former customers have been shocked to walk into the building to find a shelf of Bibles where unmentionables used to be displayed.

"When the Lord gets ahold of you, you make some changes," said Braithwaite, who now greets new customers by giving them Christian tracts, and quoting scriptures.

"He's up in the choir, singing," Howard said. "The people are behind him 100 per-

cent. They've accepted him. We're going to do our best to stand behind him and help him."

Braithwaite still faces misdemeanor obscenity charges, which were brought at the behest of Concerned Citizens of Putney. Now that the shop has closed, Alfred said he hopes the case can be resolved, perhaps with a small fine.

Shaun Aslinger, a Harlan evangelist, said some people

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## Christmas shopping is a religion all its own, professor says

by MITCH STACY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — Bright and way too early Friday morning, the faithful will make their annual pilgrimage to gleaming suburban temples to begin their ritual worship. The high holy days of consumerism are nigh.

That's how Dell deChant sees it, anyway. In a new book, the University of South Florida religious studies professor contends that the culture of the Christmas season has become a religion all its own — with shopping as the primary source of spiritual meaning.

It's a religion complete with mysterious and powerful deities (the economy, Santa Claus), houses of worship (malls), narratives (carols) and rituals (shopping and decorating), deChant suggests in his scholarly volume, "The Sacred Santa: Religious Dimensions of Consumer Culture."

"Santa, not Jesus, is the savior of the season," says deChant, an expert in religion in popular culture. "He certainly saves the bottom line for retailers across the country."

As many complain about rampant commercialism swal-

lowing up the season's religious meanings, deChant says the "Festival of Consumption" between Thanksgiving and the week after Christmas has taken on all the characteristics of traditional religions, embraced with equal fervor by the holy and not-so-holy among us.

He calls it "a religious culture in disguise."

And just as the sighting of the new moon marks the start of the holy days of Ramadan for Muslims, Friday morning begins the seasonal frenzy for shopping devotees.

"The day after Thanksgiving is the sacred epicenter of the annual religious cycle," deChant writes. "On this Friday, the entire culture is rocked by a massive mythico-ritual paroxysm as countless millions leave their homes and flock to sacred sites of all varieties."

The National Retail Federation certainly hopes so. The trade association is predicting a 4 percent increase in holiday shopping sales this year, up to \$209 billion.

While that's a big chunk of the year's earnings for merchants, group spokeswoman

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Crystal Casey, 29, of Auxier, formerly of Phelps, died Thursday, November 21, at her home. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

April Lynn (Mullins) Dean, 31, of Jupiter, Florida, formerly of Topmost, died Saturday, November 23, 2002, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bill Bailey Hall, 49, of Printer, died Tuesday, November 26, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. He is survived by his wife, Norcie Conn Hall. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Tannie Jones, 94, of Allen, died November 22, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Edward L. Manuel, 83, of Tippecanoe, Indiana, native of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, November 23, at Life Care Center of Rochester. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 27, under the direction of Deaton Funeral Home, Bourbon, Indiana.

Horace Cornelius Mimms, of Anderson, Indiana, died Wednesday, November 20. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, December 2.

Patricia Ann Mullins, 59, of Wheelwright, died Tuesday, November 19, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is sur-

vived by her husband, Raymond Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 25, under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home of Jenkins.

Willie Ratliff, 100, of Harold, formerly of Ashcamp, died Sunday, November 24, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 27, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Hazel Ratliff, 84, of Huesville, died Thursday, November 21, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mary Samons, 79, of Martin, died Saturday, November 23, at her residence at Arkansas Creek.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ellen Marie Spears, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, November 25, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 29, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lisa Ann Vanover, 25, of Printer, died Sunday, November 24, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Vernon Clay, 63, of Dwale, died Thursday, November 21, at the Dialysis Clinic, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Tannie Jones, 94, of Allen, died Friday, November 22, at home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Calip Lee Kidd, 54, of Harold, died Thursday, November 21, at home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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Mary Samons, 79, of Arkansas Creek, Martin, died Saturday, November 23, at home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Aline Akers Scarberry, 79, of Martin, died Wednesday, November 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

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## Johnson County

Bennie Fairchild, 97, died Sunday, November 24. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 27, under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

Charles Estill O'Bryan, 79, a Johnson County native, died Friday, November 22, at Genesis Bethesda Hospital in Zanesville, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Betty Maria Conley O'Bryan. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 25, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Homer Franklin "Smitty" Smith, 91, died Saturday, November 23, at Woodland Care Center in Portsmouth, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 25, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Okie M. Fraley Spencer, 75, of Portsmouth, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, November 17. She is survived by her husband, Edgar Spencer. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 20, under the direction of Roger W. Davis Funeral Home.

Ernest Walter "Zeal" Vanhoose, 77, died Monday, November 18, at his Tutor Key residence. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Marlene Pack Vanhoose. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 22, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

## Lawrence County

Phillip Webb, 50, a native of Louisa, died Sunday, November 17, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 21, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

## Pike County

James Goble "Pete" Alley, 79, of McCarr, died Monday, November 25, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Goldene Smith Alley. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 29, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Virgie S. Ball, 76, of Pinsonfork, died Sunday, November 24, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 27, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Mazie Bartley, 83, of Virgie, died Sunday, November 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 26, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Viola Evans Carey, 85, of McCarr, died Wednesday, November 20, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 23, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Moses Case, 69, of Sidney, died Sunday, November 17, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Lizzie Case. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 20, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Elder Roger Lee Clevinger, 61, of Grundy, Virginia, died Sunday, November 17, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Judy Ann Clevinger. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 23, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Callie Thacker Coleman, 96, of Lower Pompey, died Monday, November 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 29, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Geraldine Crider, 71, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, November 19, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 23, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Anna Faye Walters Dotson, 62, of Freeburn, died Sunday, November 17, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 20, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Robin Ann Eversole, 38, of Virgie, died Tuesday, November 19, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 22, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Liza Flanary, 92, of Beaver, died Tuesday, November 26, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Graveside services were conducted Friday, November 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Wanda Faye Fraley, 48, of Draffin, died Monday, November 18, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Sammy Fraley Jr. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 20, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Vernon Atherton Goff, 15, of Raccoon, died Wednesday, November 20, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 24, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Delmer Dewey Hamilton, 69, of Raleigh, North Carolina, a native of Pikeville, died Friday, November 15. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 20, under the direction of Wynne Funeral Home.

Iowa Wallace Hylton, 84, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, November 19, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 21, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Betty Gray Johnson, 70, of Zebulon, died Sunday, November 24, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, B.F. Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 27, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Jesse B. Smith Jr., 75, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, November 26, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Jean Newsome Smith. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 29, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Terry Matthew Marcum, one-month-old son of Glen Ed and Donna Kay Jarvis Marcum of Naugatuck, West Virginia, died Monday, November 25, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 29, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Christine Cavins Morgan, 73, of Road Creek, died Saturday, November 16, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 20, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Billy Joe Nichols, 60, of McCarr, died Sunday, November 24, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 27, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Melissa Antonate Robinette, 31, of Pikeville, died Saturday, November 22, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 27, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral

(See OBITs, page seven)

# Obituaries

## Fannie Adams

Fannie Adams, 87, of Wheelwright, passed away Wednesday, November 27, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

She was born January 4, 1915, at Fords Branch, the daughter of the late Reff and Mary Lockhart Castle. Fannie was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Lou Pennington of Romulus, Michigan, Ethel Curry of Melvin, and Joyce Burke of Wheelwright; 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Adams Jr.; one son, Bobby Adams; five brothers and six sisters.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, December 1, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church with Orville Burke, John Burke and Eddie Harley officiating.

Burial will follow in the Buckingham Cemetery, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home, Virgie.

Visitation is at the church.  
(Paid obituary)

## James Roy Music

James Roy Music, 72, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, November 27, 2002, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born October 20, 1930, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Elmer Music and Amy Henton Music. He was a retired Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company employee, and a member of the Corn Fork Freewill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma Hyden Music.

Survivors include one daughter, Peggy Nelson of Prestonsburg; two brothers, A.G. Music and Elmer Music Jr., both of Michigan; three sisters, Lorraine Osborne of Michigan, Emma Jean Pelphrey of Prestonsburg, and Roberta Knipp of Ohio.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Paris Music and Franklin Music.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 1, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Freewill Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.  
(Paid obituary)

## Terry Lynn Howell

Terry Lynn Howell, 41, of Wayland, died Wednesday, November 27, 2002, at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington.

Born June 25, 1961, at Ft. Campbell, she was the daughter of Jerald Ashley of Massena, New York, and Angelin Pomeroy Custer of Clarksville, Tennessee; her step-father is Jerry Custer of Clarksville, Tennessee.

She is survived by her husband, Virgil Howell.

Survivors, other than her husband, parents and step-father, include one son, Virgil Wayne Howell of Martin; one daughter, Amber Ashley of Wayland; two brothers, Jerry Ashley of Massena, New York, and Anthony Foster of Colorado; two sisters, Rebecca Henderson of Moira, New York, and Janie Russell of Bushton, New York; three grandchildren, Zachary Jervis, Aleah Moore, and Sierra Howell.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 1, 11 a.m., at the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church at Estill, with ministers of the Freewill Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Boyd Cemetery, at Price, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.  
(Paid obituary)

## Hugh Gordon Ramsey

Hugh Gordon Ramsey, 59, of Garrett, died Wednesday, November 27, 2002, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born April 1, 1943, in Monticello, he was the son of the late Arnold Ramsey and Mildred Cooper Ramsey. He was a heavy equipment operator for Allen Land Improvement, at Martin; and a member of Mill Springs Methodist Church, at Mill Springs.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Howard Ramsey.

Other survivors include one son, Kirk Ramsey; wife, Susan, of Lexington; one sister, Carole Jackson of Kingsport, Tennessee; grandchildren, Dakota Ramsey, and Sierha Hardin; a special cousin, Linda Dunagan of Monticello; a special aunt, Jean Ramsey of Monticello.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 1, at 11 a.m., at the Rock Fork Bible Church at Garrett, with Rick Franklin officiating.

Burial will be in the Chaffins Family Cemetery, at Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.  
(Paid obituary)

## Stella (Kirk) Copley

Stella (Kirk) Copley, age 83, of Prestonsburg, passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2002, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, after an extended illness.

She was born June 11, 1919, at Pilgrim, a daughter of the late Clay and Maggie (Underwood) Kirk. She worked for the Davis' Market as a grocery clerk.

She was married to Raymond Copley who preceded her in death. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg; a member of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 24, and Miriam Rebekah Lodge No. 31, in Prestonsburg.

She is survived by two sons, Forrest Copley of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Glenn M. (Shorty) Copley of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Margaret Blair of Glasgow; one brother, Russell Kirk of Lovely; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 29, at 11 a.m., from the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Martin Tackett officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

All arrangements under the direction of Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home.  
(Paid obituary)

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Minerva Smith, 89, of Virgie, died Wednesday, November 20, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 23, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

George W. Smith, 77, of Pikeville, died Saturday, November 23, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Fannie Thompson Smith. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 27, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Lacy Carter Smith, 86, of Raccoon, died Wednesday, November 27, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 30, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Marie M. Williams, 82, of Mouthcard, died Sunday, November 24, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 26, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

William W. "Bill" Zoellers, 77, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, November 19, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 23, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

**Knott County**

Martha Combs, 62, of Raven, died Tuesday, November 19, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. She is survived by her husband, Herman Combs. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

April Lynn Dean, 31, of Jupiter, Florida, formerly of Topmost, died Saturday, November 23, in Florida. She is survived by her husband, Christopher T. Dean. Funeral services were conducted

Saturday, November 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Harold "Buddy" Farley, 64, of Pippa Passes, died Thursday, November 28, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Anna Lee Slone Farley. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Derona Triplett Hall, 81, of Raven, died Tuesday, November 19, at home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Kinel Harris, 67, of Kite, died Sunday, November 24, at the Knott County Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 27, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Agnes Honeycutt Mullins, 65, of Litt Carr, died Wednesday, November 20, at the Hazard ARMC. She is survived by her husband, Hilton Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Elmer Mullins, 68, of Amburgey, died November 12, at home. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Faye Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 15, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Sheila Pigman, 43, of High Point, North Carolina, a native of Hazard, died Thursday, November 21, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Stan Pigman. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 23, at 11 a.m., at First Baptist Church, High Point, North Carolina.

Robert Franklin Prewitt, 72, of Carrie, died Saturday, November 23, at the Knott

County Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 25, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

**Martin County**

Mabel L. Edler, 66, of Circleville, Ohio, a native of Add, died Thursday, November 7, at Grant Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Sanford E. Edler. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 11, in under the direction of Defenbaugh-Wise Schoedinger Funeral Home.

Margaret Elizabeth Cannon Watts, 81, of Louisa, died Monday, November 25, at her home. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

William Short Jr. 74, of Batavia, Ohio, passed away Tuesday, October 29, at his residence. Burial was Friday, November 1, at Graceland Memorial Gardens, Goshen, Ohio.

Troy Crum, 68, of Inez, died Monday, November 25. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 28, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

**Davidson**

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A final thought with reference to our nation's educators. What I am sharing here is not meant to demean or detract from the good job you are doing. I'm simply pointing out that we should never "give up" on a student, or any person for that matter, who may not possess obvious talents and skills. There are many people who are "late bloomers" who do not achieve real success until later in life.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

# World War II veterans receiving diplomas

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG — Chester Brown was 18 and still in high school when he received his draft notice in January 1944.

By spring, he was getting an education of a different sort on a destroyer in the South Pacific, pulling wounded soldiers out of the water. Later, he would be wounded at Okinawa.

He never made it back to high school.

Earlier this month, Brown walked up the front steps of the Letcher County Courthouse and picked up his diploma, 56 years after he would have graduated from Whitesburg High School.

He is one of three Letcher County natives to receive diplo-

mas under a state law that requires school districts to issue them to World War II veterans who were drafted while they were still in high school. More than 50 veterans statewide have received their diplomas so far, including 48 who accepted them in a ceremony in Ohio County

earlier this month.

Jim Drake, spokesman for the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, said the diplomas are important to the veterans for various reasons.

"We had one veteran come in

(See **DIPLOMAS**, page eight)

## Hospital chain to pay \$1.8 million to settle billing violations

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Appalachian Regional Healthcare Inc. has agreed to pay \$1.8 million to settle improper billings submitted to Medicare and Medicaid by one of its hospitals and two clinics, U.S. Attorney Kasey Warner said Wednesday.

Man ARH in Man, W.Va., submitted improper bills for

heart testing while two Southern West Virginia Clinics in Glen Daniel and Mullens submitted improper bills for outpatient services. The clinics also provided inadequate documentation, Warner said.

Warner said Appalachian Regional Healthcare, based in Lexington, Ky., had reported the violations under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' voluntary disclosure program.

The nonprofit hospital chain, which operates nine hospitals and several clinics in West Virginia and Kentucky, identified potential violations and hired outside auditors to determine the extent of the problem. A report was then submitted to the disclosure program in 2001.

Appalachian Regional Healthcare also has agreed to implement a compliance program, perform periodic audits and to report future improprieties.

"The resolution in this case should encourage other health care providers to self-report potential civil, criminal and administrative violations," Warner said.

## Shopping

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Ellen Tolley says describing Christmas shopping in religious terms "might be going a bit too far."

The group, she says, prefers to consider shopping and gift-giving as a complement to the religions that are already out there.

H. Roy Medley, general secretary of American Baptist Churches, the umbrella organization for Baptist congregations nationwide, laments the competition.

"It is sad in this holiest of seasons to see its true spiritual and religious meaning overpowered by a festival of marketing," he says.

DeChant notes that the book just presents the theory and doesn't make any judgments. He says he knows it will rattle some people, but that's OK.

The aim, he says, was to "hold a mirror up and let folks look at themselves and the culture system they're a part of in a new way."

## Bibles

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have suggested that Braithwaite staged the conversion to avoid the obscenity charges.

"Why would a man burn \$10,000 worth of merchandise when he was probably facing a fine of a couple of thousand dollars at the most?" he asked. "Michael is sincere."

Aslinger said Braithwaite's conversion and his decision to close Love World were answers to the community's prayers.

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Diplomas

here with tears in his eyes and say 'I just want my grandkids to know I'm a high school graduate.'"

Brown received his diploma on Veterans Day, along with two other Letcher County veterans.

He and Carl Eugene Adams, dressed in his Air Force uniform, walked into the courthouse together to pick up their diplomas. The third Letcher

County veteran, Kenneth Bentley, was in a nursing home and unable to receive his diploma in person.

Brown, who was injured when a Japanese suicide plane hit his ship, said he had considered getting his high school equivalency diploma but never got around to it.

After getting out of the Navy, Brown went directly to work at

a gas station on the corner of Main Street and Webb Avenue in Whitesburg. After 22 years, he bought the business and operated it until it was destroyed by a fire about four years ago.

Earlier this year the General Assembly passed the legislation that instructed school boards to give diplomas to qualifying World War II veterans.

Odds

■ TAMPA, Fla. — Bill Najmark has gotten in trouble for yelling a blue streak while on the 14th green.

Frustrated by four-putting a hole at his favorite golf course, Najmark blew off some steam by letting maintenance workers know he was unhappy with the playing conditions.

Najmark, a 50-year-old pizza-store owner, was asked to leave the course, which he did.

A week later, he received a letter from Jeff Henderson, the course's manager of operations, informing him that he had been banned from the Babe Zaharias Golf Course and two others managed by the

Tampa Sports Authority because of a continual pattern of verbally abusing employees.

"It is my position that we have tolerated your abuse much too long," wrote Henderson.

The ban will last for 90 days, after which Najmark would be allowed to write a letter of apology and ask that his rights to play on the three courses be restored.

But that didn't sit well with Najmark, who now says he will sue because he believes his civil rights were violated.

"I still have a right to free speech, even if it's ugly speech," Najmark said.

Days

when all eight candles, plus the shamus, glow in memory of the miracle of that first "Feast of Lights."

The following is a way of recalling significant concepts that make up the Hanukkah message on each of the eight days of candle lighting:

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K is for Knowledge — the lights our way through the darkness

A is for Always to appreciate our families and friends

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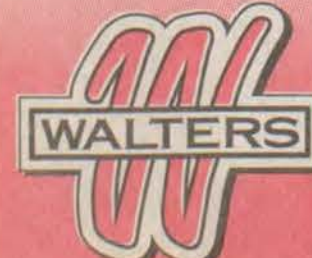
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## Top teams, players listed for All 'A'

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Class-A high school basketball teams throughout the state have taken aim at two regional titles for over a decade now. Such will be the case again this season.

Whitesburg's boys' and girls' squads each won 14th Region All "A" championships last season. Paintsville won the 15th Region boys, while the Betsy Layne girls took a title as well. In the 16th Region, Rose Hill's boys and West Carter's girls were tops.

The Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic has its own website at www.allaclassic.org. This past week, the site listed the top players and teams in each region. Top players and squads from the 14th, 15th and 16th regions follow.

**14th Region:**

- Top Teams – Girls – 1. Hazard; 2. Whitesburg; 3. Jenkins; 4. Fleming-Neon; 5. Wolfe County.
- Boys – 1. Hazard; 2. Whitesburg; 3. Wolfe County; 4. Cordia; 5. Jenkins; 5. Owsley County.

- Top Players – Girls – 1. Kayla Bentley, Jenkins; 2. Brittany Phipps, Fleming-Neon; 3. Austin McIntosh, Owsley County; 4. Whitney Hogg, Whitesburg; 5. Taron Cody, Cordia; 5. Kara Caudill, June Buchanan.

- Boys' – 1. Jon Hayes, Wolfe County; 2. Brent Perkins, Cordia;

(See TEAMS page three)



photo by Jamie Howell

Tyler Hall is ranked third in the 15th Region among Class-A basketball players.

**SIDELINE SHOTS**

Wait is now over for area high school hoops fans

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

To high school basketball fans, the long wait from March to December from the end of one season to the next can be simply brutal. If high school hoops is your cup of tea, no doubt you're on pins and needles as the start of the high school hoops season is now upon us.



■ LeMaster

intriguing matchups already dominate the first week of play.

Here's some of the matchups in the first couple days of the new season. We'll start with the girls.

East Ridge at Johnson Central: Coach Denise Campbell, still some

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**FISHING**

Bass anglers hold Club Classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

On November 23-24 the Tug Valley Bass Anglers held its Club Classic tournament and the final event of the 2002 season at Douglas Lake in Tennessee. The event featured the top 15 anglers who qualified for this tournament through the clubs points system. The anglers competed for a payout of \$3000 paid to the top-5-places.

The event started on Friday with the only official practice day. The weather was terrible with high winds, freezing temperatures and snow all day. It was a challenge just to stay out there much less try to catch any fish. But, as always someone in this club always figures out how to catch them.

The event blasted off at 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning and day one was under way. As the sky began to lighten up the anglers were greeted with a clear, calm 25-degree morning. The

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**HUNTING**

Duck hunters should guard against chiller-killer hypothermia

by STEVE VANTRESE  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — The difference between the rewarding duck hunt and one that's miserable or even deadly can be just a little misplaced moisture.

Taking place in cool or cold weather, duck hunting brings hunters in close proximity to water, and the combination of chill and liquid provide the elements that can lead to hypothermia. The medical condition is a lowering of the body's inner temperature, and it is a serious risk to waterfowl hunters.

The duck hunter typically is only a

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## Basketball Preview 2002

**INSIDE TODAY**

The Times brings you in-depth coverage of Eastern Kentucky high school basketball today with its preview special section. The high school basketball season begins this week with the girls playing on Monday night. Some area boys' basketball teams will begin play on Tuesday night. By Friday, nearly all high school basketball teams will have begun their respective seasons.

## AREA B'BALL ACTION

Thanksgiving Eve event gives area basketball fans a treat

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Allen Central High School was the place and the soup of the day on Wednesday evening, Thanksgiving Eve, was boys' basketball.

Paintsville downed Knott County Central in the first game. Betsy Layne was a winner over Buckhorn and South Floyd beat Tug Valley High, a top team out of West Virginia.

Prestonsburg lost to Hazard, but it was still a Floyd County victory in a certain sense with former Allen Central High sharpshooter Kevin Spurlock calling the shots from the Bulldog bench. Host Allen Central beat Belfry in the nightcap.

All four of the Floyd County boys' basketball teams played again in their final exhibitions against other opposition yesterday at South Floyd. Results were unavailable at press time.

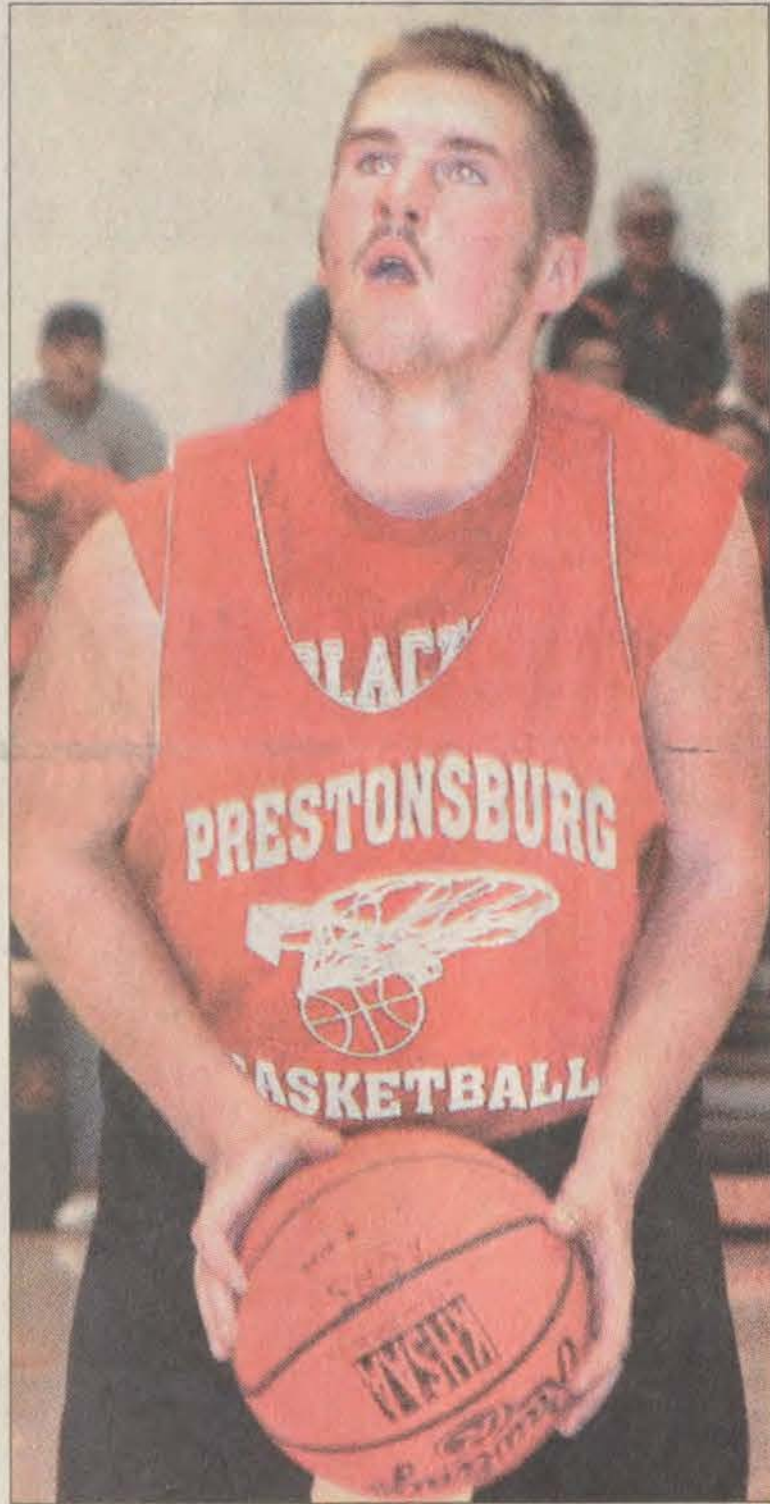


photo by Jamie Howell

Sophomore Trevor Compton eyed a free-throw in Prestonsburg's scrimmage against Hazard.

## MSU women improve to 3-0 with win

**SPECIAL TO THE TIMES**

Morehead State improved its record to 3-0 this season, equaling last year's start, by defeating Ohio at The Convo in Athens, 96-86, on Wednesday night. It was the Lady Eagles' fifth win in five tries over the Bobcats.

MSU led virtually the whole game, except for two early ties, and then

again at 33-all with 4:23 to play in the first half and at 56-56 with 14:50 to play in the second.

Coach Litter again received strong performances from her starting lineup, however, this time it was a second-half flurry from senior forward Travece Turner [Richmond/Univ. of Richmond (Va.)], who finished with 28 points, which led the way. Turner was 6-for-

6 (all in the second half) from the free throw line to help stave off a late Bobcat rally. She scored 24 of her 28 points in the final period.

For the second time this season, junior forward DeVonda Williams (Lexington/Bryan Station HS) recorded a double-double with 20 points and 14 rebounds. She also added three steals. Junior guard Kandi Brown

(Olive Hill/West Carter HS) chipped in 13 points, while senior center Tasha Gales (Columbus, Ohio/Whetstone HS) added 11 points, five rebounds and two blocks.

Senior point guard Maria Starks (Louisville/Long Beach State Univ.) passed off for eight assists and led the

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photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg High School head boys' basketball coach Jackie Day Crisp front (front) and assistant coaches Bobby Hackworth and Don Compton looked on at the action during a Wednesday night scrimmage game against Hazard High School and new head coach Kevin Spurlock.

**PRO FOOTBALL**

Surprising Ravens trying to stay in contention

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The playoffs ended and the pain began.

Soon after the Baltimore Ravens lost to Pittsburgh in the playoffs last January, the payroll-cutting began. One star after another from the 2000 Super Bowl team was jettisoned to fix

Baltimore's salary-cap problems. It was disillusioning and discouraging.

"From that day forward, every day was some type of hit to this team," coach Brian Billick said. "Some veteran was cut, some veteran signed someplace else. It was loss after loss after loss."

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S P O R T S B O A R D

# Owensboro becoming softball 'epicenter'

by KEITH LAWRENCE  
MESSENGER-INQUIRER

OWENSBORO — When the Amateur Softball Association opens its Kentucky Hall of Fame in the Owensboro Sportscenter this month, it will be visible proof that "Owensboro

is the epicenter of softball in Kentucky," Jim Voyles says.

Voyles, the city's recreation superintendent, said the hall of fame, near the Sportscenter's concession stands, will feature about 130 plaques for those honored since the hall opened in Lexington in 1982.

Softball is rapidly becoming big business in Owensboro. Sports tournaments — primarily softball — contributed an estimated \$9 million into the local economy in 2001 and an estimated \$11 million this year.

Voyles said he conservatively expects the tournaments to bring \$12

million into the city in 2003.

And he's already hard at work on 2004.

In Reno, Nev., earlier this month, Owensboro officials pulled off their biggest sports coup to date — landing the ASA men's slow-pitch Class D softball tournament in September 2004.

The event, the largest tournament yet in the city, is expected to attract 130 to 150 teams and generate more than \$2 million for the local economy.

Voyles said men's teams generally travel with 18 to 25 people. That means

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**NBA**

## Jordan says he'll retire after this season

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Michael Jordan said Thursday he will retire for the third and final time after this season and resume his role as partial owner of the Washington Wizards.

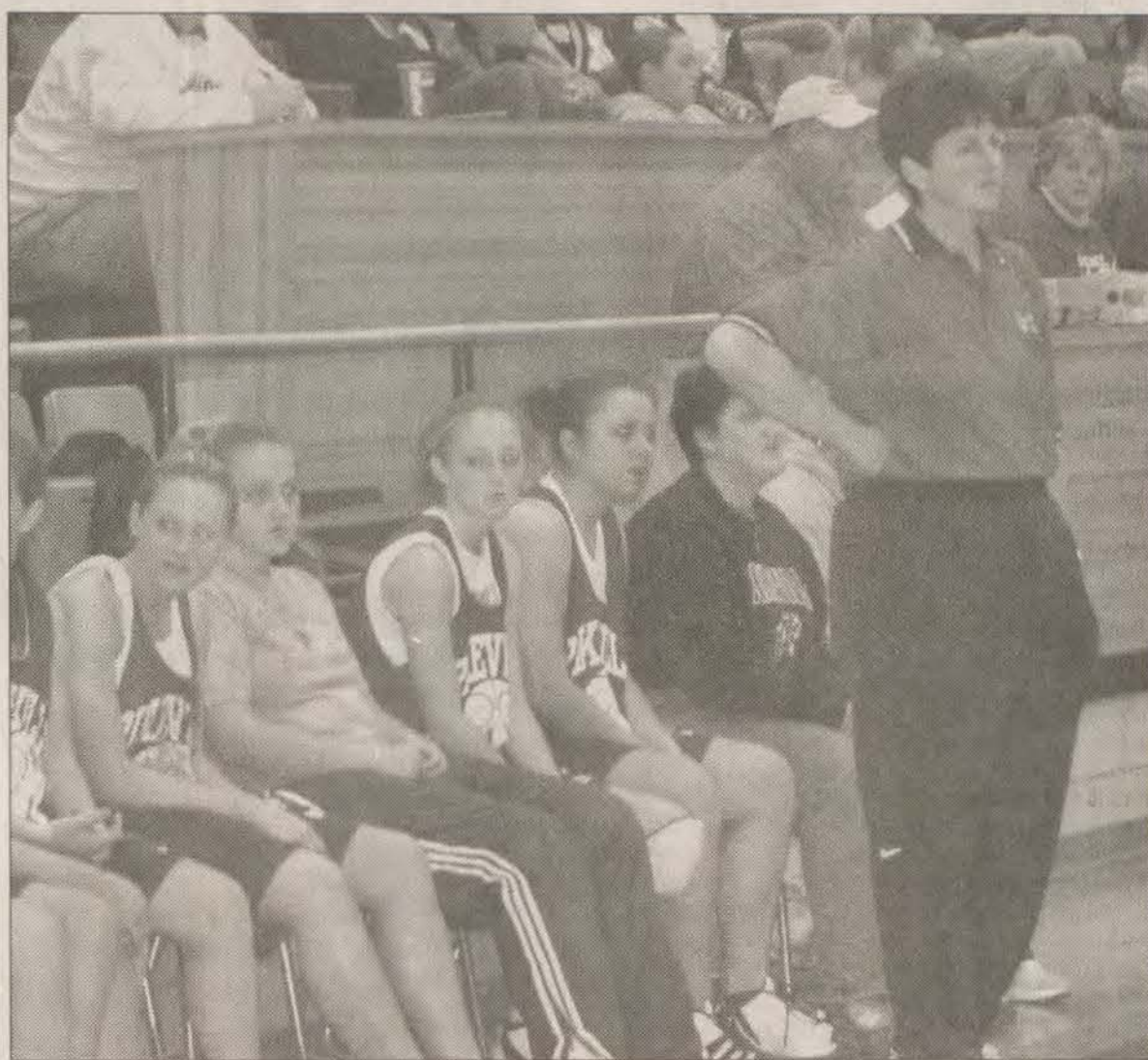
Jordan told reporters after practice that there is "zero chance" of him coming back again. The Washington Post and the Carroll County (Md.) Times reported.

"I tell you right now that I'm just fulfilling my contract," said Jordan, who signed a two-year, \$2.1 million deal with Washington last year after stepping down from his executive duties. "At the end of this season, I'm not looking at another contract. I just want to finish this year out and hopefully fulfill my obligations and let this team take its own course."

Jordan, who will turn 40 in February, returned to basketball last season because he said he still felt the need to compete.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS



Pikeville High School girls' basketball coach Maria Shockey walked the sidelines in a scrimmage on Saturday, Nov. 23 against Cordia.

photo by Steve LeMaster

## PIKEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL 2002-2003

Pikeville Panthers, Coach: Dave Thomas — Dec. 7 Wolfe County, East Ridge, Warrior Classic; Dec. 10 at Sheldon Clark; Dec. 14 at Jenkins; Dec. 17 at Phelps; Dec. 20 Boyle County (Pikeville Invitational); Dec. 27 TBA, Orlando, Fla., KSA Holiday Tournament; Jan. 1 TBA, Coca-Cola Classic; Jan. 7 at Belfry; Jan. 10 Jenkins; Jan. 14 Magoffin County; Jan. 17 East Ridge; Jan. 24 at Shelby Valley; Jan. 29 Betsy Layne (All "A" Classic); Feb. 4 Paintsville; Feb. 7 Johnson Central; Feb. 13 Pike County Central; Feb. 18 at Magoffin County; Feb. 21 Ashland Blazer; Feb. 25 Allen Central; Feb. 28 Betsy Layne, Pikeville Lady Panthers; Pikeville Lady Panthers, Coach: Maria Shockey — Dec. 4 Sheldon Clark, Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic; Dec. 9 Allen Central; Dec. 12 at East Ridge; Dec. 14 at Jenkins; Dec. 16 Shelby Valley; Dec. 27 TBA; Jan. 6 Paintsville; Jan. 9 at Pike County Central; Jan. 10 Jenkins; Jan. 13 Betsy Layne; Jan. 17 East Ridge; Jan. 20 Phelps, All "A" Regional Tournament; Jan. 27 at Prestonsburg; Jan. 30 at Belfry; Feb. 3 Phelps; Feb. 6 at Paintsville; Feb. 10 Prestonsburg; Feb. 13 Pike County Central; Feb. 17 at Magoffin County; Feb. 20 at Shelby Valley; Feb. 24 South Floyd.

**YMCA**

## Mingo/Pike County YMCA to open

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSON, W.Va. — Equipment clanging and aerobic stepping are just around the corner. The Mingo/Pike Family YMCA is very close to opening doors to a new location on Second Ave. in Williamson, W.Va.

"We hope to be able to start aerobics classes by the second week of December," Pike County YMCA Director Calvin Wheat said. "This facility is perfect for what we want to offer in the line aerobics, exercise

equipment and weight lifting.

The Pikeville Family Area YMCA has proved to be very valuable to many in Eastern Kentucky.

Top-of-the-line cardio equipment, exercise machinery and weight lifting equipment has been purchased and will arrive soon at the former Dyna-Body location in downtown Williamson. The three-level facility houses large rooms, a sauna, shower rooms, lockers and offices.

"We just need to finish cleaning carpet and painting, and we'll be

able to start the aerobics classes," Wheat said. "And it won't be long before the equipment is here as well." Aerobics will be offered mornings and evenings.

In addition to the opportunities for adults, the YMCA location will offer a game room for children. While parents are exercising, children will be entertained with toys and games provided by YMCA.

Special membership rates have been set for Mingo/Pike Family

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**AUTO RACING**

## Sadler tests 2003 RYR car at Ky. Speedway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — Fresh off his seventh top-10 finish of the 2002 season at Miami-Homestead Raceway, Elliott Sadler became acquainted with his new Robert Yates Racing NASCAR Winston Cup team during a two-day test at Kentucky Speedway.

The 27-year-old Sadler, who drove the No. 21 Motorcraft Wood Brothers Racing Ford to a 23rd-place finish in the 2002 series standings, began preparing to become the new teammate of 1999 NASCAR Winston Cup champion Dale Jarrett and the focal point for one of the youngest series teams.

"Dale Jarrett has been with us and won a championship with us, so we feel he is our steady championship contender,"

— Yates said

Sadler enters the team seat vacated by veteran driver Ricky Rudd and will drive for new sponsor M&M's Candies.

"Really, it's a whole new program for Robert Yates Racing with Elliott Sadler, M&M's, crew chief Raymond Fox and Shawn Parker, who has come along to help us as car chief," team owner Doug Yates said. "We've had two really good days of testing and we're real excited about next year."

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**HONORS**

## Only one could win spectacular rookie battle

by JENNA FRYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Ryan Newman and Jimmie Johnson both started the season with a list of goals and a determination to be Rookie of the Year.

Both of them deserved it. Only one could get it.

Round one goes to Newman, and he makes no apologies for grabbing the first major award in this budding NASCAR rivalry.

"There can only be one Winston Cup champion, and there can only be one Rookie of the Year," Newman said. "I can see reasons why Jimmie Johnson could have won and it would have been acceptable — well, not acceptable to me. But we both couldn't win, and I'm glad it was me who did."

In this race, it's a shame there had to be a loser.

Johnson won three races, tying Tony Stewart's rookie record, while Newman won once and picked up close to a \$1 million payout for winning the annual all-star race.

Johnson finished fifth in the final standings and Newman wound up sixth, just seven points back.

Newman had a rookie-record six poles, Johnson four.

Newman had a series-high 27 top-10 finishes this season, Johnson 21. Combined, they led 2,043 miles or 1,578 laps.

When Roger Hogeboom, director of the Raybestos Rookie of the Year program, presented all the stats last week-

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**COLLEGE**



## South Alabama hands out Pelphrey bobbleheads, wins

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

MOBILE, Ala. — South Alabama used an 11-0 second-half run to pull away from Birmingham Southern and registered a 77-64 men's college basketball victory Friday night in front of 3,670 fans at the Mitchell Center. Prior to the home game for the Jags, John Pelphrey bobbleheads were handed out to the first 1,000 fans attending the game. "We really executed well down the stretch," said Pelphrey, a first-year head coach for the Jags. "After that stretch, (BSC) didn't get a lot of shots. Defending and rebounding is our main focus. I'm real happy to get a win."

USA improved its record to 2-1 on the season and won its 11th consecutive home opener. The Jags also stayed unbeaten against Birmingham Southern, increasing their record to 5-0.

## Prestonsburg Junior Basketball

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Scores and results from games played on Saturday, Nov. 23 in the Prestonsburg Junior Basketball League follow. Note: No games were played in the Prestonsburg Junior Basketball League this past Saturday. Play resumes this Saturday.

**Sixers 41, Grizzlies 35**

The Sixers trailed 25-15 at the half, but rallied in the second half to defeat the Grizzlies by a final of 41-35. Michael Lackey led the winners with 18 points and Amber

Whitaker pitched in 14 as the Sixers went on a 10-2 run in the final quarter to pull away. Brittany Collins led the Grizzlies with 13 points and Cameron Turner added 10.

**Jazz 26, Spurs 22**

The Jazz trailed 14-12 at the half, but a strong second half from Wesley Hall led the Jazz to the victory. Hall led all scorers with 18 points while Billy Robinson tossed in eight points. Austin McKinney led the Spurs with 10 points and Katy Petry had five. Hannah Fitzpatrick added 4 points for the Spurs.

**Bulls 40, Lakers 11**

The Bulls started the game with a 20-0 first quarter spurt and went on to win 40-11 over the Lakers. Tosha Wallen and Austin Ward each tossed in 14 points to lead the Bulls. Dustin Coleman pitched in 12 points for the Bulls. Nick Conn led the Lakers with eight points and Shawn Roop added 3. The Bulls led 26-5 at the half.

**Knicks 25, Hornets 4**

The Knicks took an 8-2 lead at the half, and went on to win 25-4

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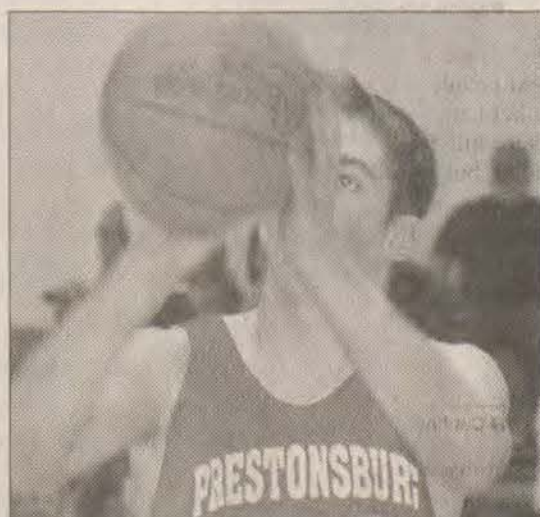


photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg High School junior Nick Jamerson, following an outstanding football season, got in his first exhibition work on the hardwood Wednesday night at Allen Central against Hazard.

## Sadler

He said his team also is excited about the chance to build a championship career for Sadler.

## Hunting

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quick misstep away from circumstances that can change an enjoyable outing into a struggle for survival, agrees Mac Lang, a hunter training supervisor for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

"In the case of a dunking from a boat, a person who's in the water during the waterfowl season can pass out in seconds or minutes at the most," Lang said. "If you're in the water and it's cold, you can lose your life in a matter of minutes."

Cold air can chill the hunter, but the process speeds up if the sportsman is wet. Falling from a boat or having a vessel swamped is one of the easier ways to get wet all at once, but precipitation or the hunter's own sweat can likewise dampen him and speed the heat loss process.

Lang said waterfowlers should be particularly cautious in boating associated with duck hunting to guard against the obvious dangers of getting wet in the cold.

"Don't overload boats with people or gear, and don't stand or move around in a small boat that could be tipped," he said.

Immersion in cold water can quickly render one's numbed extremities useless, so drowning danger is high in cold water for someone not wearing a personal flotation device. One who can't control arms and legs to swim may perish below the surface before getting the chance to

## Fishing

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weather man promised temperatures in the 40s and by lunch it was feeling pretty good.

The lake was down to winter pool which is about 20-feet below normal. The lake was stained with a temperature of 48-degrees in the upper end and cleared as you went toward the dam with a 54-56-degree temperature.

The fishing for the tournament was pretty good with most everyone weighing in a few fish. The fish were in their fall pattern, which is in the creeks and pockets feeding on shad before winter. Even though most everyone assumed the fish were in the pockets because of all the bait fish back in there it was still a little tricky to get them to bite. Some figured out how to catch a few fish on the main lake but the majority and the bigger fish was caught in the pockets.

The lure of choice for the tournament was a crankbait, but anyone who has ever fished Douglas probably already knew

## MSU

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defensive charge with a career-high seven steals. Junior forward Jody Sizemore (Hyden/Leslie County HS) came off the bench and added nine points and six rebounds.

As a team, MSU forced a season-best 17 steals and shot 49.3 percent from the field and 40 percent from three-point range. The Lady Eagles also held advantages in assists (17 to 10) and rebounds (45 to 43) in a physical game, which featured a total of 55 fouls

## Ridge

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driver, crew, and spouses of both. For reservations, call Mary at 606/886-RACE (7223).

The upcoming banquet isn't the only thing to the positive side for the Floyd County track. New speakers have been installed at the track. More importantly, the track will get a new coat of clay

## Meeting

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The Floyd chapter will next meet on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Martin City Hall, its regular meeting place. Scholarship applications are also available through area school guidance counselors. Any counselor who does not have scholarship may

"Dale Jarrett has been with us and won a championship with us, so we feel he is our steady

die of lost heat.

"Ammunition in a shell vest could serve as a sinker for a hunter who falls from the boat," Lang said.

When running a boat, take care not to suddenly decelerate and allow water from the wake break over the stern of the boat, he said. Such a swamping could douse hunters, removing the insulation value of their clothing.

Even with no boat involved, dangers of hypothermia still exist for the duck hunter.

"You have to watch your footing. Just walking along in mud and frozen ground, you can trip or slip and take a dip in water," Lang said.

Those who wade shallow water, placing decoys or retrieving downed birds, are obvious candidates for a sudden wetting from a fall or, perhaps, a step into a hole that puts the water over the top of waders or hip boots.

Precautions against suddenly induced chilling by a quick dunking include having spare dry clothing at hand in a waterproof container and the materials and ability to build a fire to provide warmth.

In any cool and/or wet weather, the hunter should avoid cotton clothing that fails to insulate adequately and serves to draw heat away if it becomes soaked or even damp. Synthetic fabrics and fill materials and wool continue to insulate when wet.

that. The fish were relating to chunk rock bank as well as clay banks in fairly shallow water from about half way in the pockets to the bank.

Donald Collins brought in the largest limit of fish on day one and sat in first place with 14.20 pounds. This was also the largest limit of the tournament.

Day Two began exactly like day one except it may have been a little colder. The bass were doing the same thing and the pattern was pretty much the same as day one. Some other anglers finally figured all the pieces to the puzzle and made a jump up the leader board. Kevin Runyon, who missed the pattern Saturday figured out the slight trick it took to get them to bite and brought in the largest limit of fish on day two that weighed 9.87- pounds, it was also the second largest limit of the event.

The club brought 53 legal fish to the scales, weighing 90.37- pounds.

between both teams.

MSU is off for a week, before facing another Mid-American Conference team, Marshall, at home on Wednesday at 7 p.m., in the Ellis T. Johnson Arena. Shortly thereafter, the team will board a plane to travel to DeLand, Fla., for the Hatter Classic, where MSU will meet Long Beach State and either Hofstra or host Stetson in the two-day, four-team tournament Dec. 6-7.

on its racing surface some time within the next couple of weeks.

Dave Bokelman, the new track promoter, still in his first year at the helm, but a very successful initial year nonetheless, expects to release a schedule for the 2003 season also around that same time period.

email Robinson at paulr@itiseasy.com or call him at 606/874-2701.

The Floyd County wild turkey chapter meets the first Thursday of each month. Area outdoorsmen are encouraged to attend.

championship contender," Yates said. "We're bringing Elliott along to follow in Dale's footsteps. We're really excited about

## Ravens

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Most fans expected loss after loss after loss when the Ravens opened the season with an unprecedented 19 rookies and first-year players on the roster.

Look at them now. As they prepare for their first game of December, the Ravens (5-6) are right behind the pace-setters in the AFC North. They trail Pittsburgh by a game and a half and Cleveland by one game.

Baltimore has a game left against each of the teams it trails, providing a glimmer of hope. On the downside, linebacker Ray Lewis is out for the season and the already-inexperienced lineup has been depleted by injuries.

Still, it's remarkable that the playoffs are possible.

"Oh, we can make it, but it's going to take a lot of focus, and the Lord has to smile on us," linebacker Peter Boulware said. "It's definitely doable."

Only if the Ravens get yet another victory Sunday over the Cincinnati Bengals (1-10), who claimed the sad-sack role that had been reserved for them.

The NFL's worst team has yet to beat an established franchise this season — its only win came over expansion Houston. The Ravens aren't a likely candidate to lose, having beaten the Bengals eight of their last nine games.

But this is the time of year when the Bengals start pulling off upsets and knocking other teams out of playoff contention. The Ravens fit the description.

"They definitely have a chance to make it," Bengals quarterback Jon Kitna said. "Brian Billick is one of the best strategists and game managers around. He has a group around him that knows what it takes."

What it takes to beat the Bengals these days is a running game, and Baltimore's got one. Jamal Lewis has run for more than 100 yards in each of his three career games against the

## Sideline

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what fresh from a tenure in the collegiate coaching ranks at Alice Lloyd College, gets the high school baptism by fire as she takes her team into Johnson Central to play the defending 15th Region girls' champion. Hey, why not start at the top? The Lady Warriors will do just that.

Leslie County-Allen Central: This opening round matchup of the Lady Hawk Tipoff Classic will allow some 15th Region girls' basketball fans the first opportunity to see Coach Cindy Halbert and her talented team in action. The Lady Rebels have impressed many in the pre-season. Sophomore center Becky Thomas has emerged as an inside force for the Lady Rebs.

Magoffin County-Pike County Central: Another first round matchup will pit the host Lady Hawks against Magoffin County, one of the most improved girls' basketball teams in all of the state in the past three or four years. Coach Tammy Tussey returns some talented players at Pike Central, while Neil "Nehi" West does the same at Magoffin County.

Letcher at South Floyd: Remember, the South Floyd Lady Raiders are less than two seasons removed from a 58th District championship and a near region upset over eventual two-time titleholder Johnson Central.

Cordia at Piarist School: Darnella Bradley is back at the helm of the Piarist School girls' basketball team. With her presence, Bradley will bring hope back into what's been a struggling, yet hard-working high school girls' basketball team. Some won't bother to look at the score of this game, but a win is a win for either team. Piarist has no seniors. I had the chance to see Cordia in a pre-season panorama game against Pikeville. The Lady Lions will also field a young team.

Paintsville at Rose Hill Christian: Rose Hill's girls aren't as the same level as the boys, but they continue to climb in the 16th Region. Junior guard

working with Elliott and our future with this young race team."

He added that recent rule

Bengals, including a 38-27 win on Nov. 10.

"If I have a good game running the football, I think we'll come out with a win," Lewis said. "This team, you can run the ball on them. We know if we can move the ball, keep the ball in our hands and keep our defense off the field, we'll be all right."

It may not be so simple. The Bengals are on a resurgence — well, by their standards, anyway. Behind Kitna, they have topped 350 yards on offense for five consecutive games. The last time the Bengals had such a streak was 1988, when they went to their first Super Bowl.

The difference is the '88 team turned the yards and points into wins. This team can't seem to win for anything. A loss Sunday would drop the Bengals to 1-11 for the fourth time in franchise history.

No Cincinnati team has ever won fewer than three games, so this one has to win at least two of its last five to avoid the distinction as worst Bengals team ever. It's motivation.

"Your won-loss record does matter," linebacker Brian Simmons said.

During their 12-year run as the league's worst team, the Bengals have been semi-respectable in December and January, going 21-25. The gloom lightens as the end of the season approaches, and it shows on the field.

"I'm starting to get my second wind," rookie tight end Matt Schobel said. "A couple of weeks ago, it was like, 'Oh, man, is this thing ever going to end?' Now you can start seeing the end of it."

If the Bengals win on Sunday, the Ravens will be facing the end of their playoff chances.

"This is a huge game," tight end Todd Heap said. "If we can get back to .500, I think we'll be back in the race."

Desiree Haney is expected to be back for Paintsville some time this month.

Now, for the boys. Paintsville at Pike County Central: The sentiment from some of the fans in the pre-season said the Tigers were already playing as well as anyone in the 15th Region. This game will pit two of the Top-10 teams in the 15th against one other. Mid-season form will not be expected from this game, but should offer some quality hoops.

Betsy Layne at Magoffin County: Last season's opener between these two teams was not as close as the one in 2000. Each is coming off a disappointing 2001-02 season. Hornet head coach Danny Adams and his team struggled last season and have been hurt by injuries early this season. Betsy Layne was able to score an exhibition win over Buckhorn on Wednesday night at Allen Central. Both teams could be looking for a strong scorer to step forward and get things started early in the campaign.

Shelby Valley at Prestonsburg: The tough task of playing the defending region champ plagues Prestonsburg in its first game of the season. Don't look for Coach Rodney Rowe's squad to give the Blackcats anything in this road match. Rowe's club wants to repeat as the top team in the region and that quest will begin Tuesday night here in Prestonsburg.

Hazard at Powell County: Floyd County native Kevin Spurlock will have to put his first game as Hazard head coach in the books on the road against the Powell Pirates. He had some success last season as the head coach at Trimble County. Now, he returns closer to home and steps into a job with a proven program at Hazard. Spurlock's squad is expected to contend for a 14th Region title this season.

Please note that these are just some of the matchups in the first couple days of the new season.

Brace yourselves, basketball season is here.

changes governing the 2003 body styles have brought added importance to early-season testing.

"Kentucky Speedway is a great place to test. We came here with last year's car body and now we have this new body that requires a totally different set-up," he said. "It's good that we came early to get a feel of where we're going with it."

Sadler, who conducted baseline tests with Yates in October, said his first full test session with his new team has been a beneficial learning experience.

"This is my first blown-out test with them to get ready for next year and to get used to everybody," Sadler said. "We're learning a lot. We did a lot of body stuff yesterday and all the engine guys came in today to do some testing."

After just two days on the job, he's already impressed with the team chemistry.

"It's unbelievable how well this team works together, how focused they are and how good they want to be," he said. "I'm just glad to be a part of this team."

## Junior

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over the Hornets. Andrew Skeens led the Knicks with eight points and Tyler Shelton added six for the winners. Brandon Quillen and Tyler Sparkman each had a basket for the Hornets in the contest, Tyler Keens and Evan Bays both tossed in four points for the Knicks.

### Bulls 32, Raptors 6

Wil Allen led all scorers with 13 points as the Bulls ran past the Raptors 32-6. The Bulls led 12-3 at the half, and went on to win. James Sturgill tossed in 10 points for the Bulls and Brian Branham added five. Zach Spiggle and Wes Robinson each had two points for the Bulls. Alex Griffith led the Raptors with five points and Emily Hammonds had one point.

### Warriors 22, Sonics 16

The Warriors and Sonics went to the half even at 7-7, but a 12-1 run from the Warriors in the final quarter sealed the outcome. Nathaniel Fraley led all scorers with 13 points for the Warriors and Erica Meade pitched in seven for the winners. Shawn Burkett led the Sonics with six points and Rebecca Potter tossed in four.

### Lakers 13, Hawks 3

The Lakers led 7-3 at the half, and held the Hawks scoreless in the second half to post the 13-3 win. Caleb Petry led the Lakers with six points and Alex Gardner added four for the winners. Bryson Williams led the Hawks with two points and Josh Stambaugh added one. The Lakers outscored the Hawks 6-0 in the second half.

## Teams

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3. Jonah Tackett, Jenkins; 4. Steven Sizemore, Hazard; 5. Bo Cook, Whitesburg.

### 15th Region:

■ Top Teams — Girls — 1. Allen Central; 2. Betsy Layne; 3. Paintsville; 4. Pikeville; 5. South Floyd.

■ Boys — 1. South Floyd; 2. Paintsville; 3. Allen Central; 4. Pikeville; 5. Betsy Layne.

■ Top Players — Girls' — 1. Whitney Lykens, Betsy Layne; 2. Desiree Haney—Paintsville; 3. Becky Thomas, Allen Central; 4. Megan Ousley, South Floyd; 5. Shawna Howard, Pikeville.

■ Boys' — 1. Mike Hall, South Floyd; 2. Stuart Rutledge, Paintsville; 3. Tyler Hall, South Floyd; 4. Neil Allen, Allen Central; 5. Shane Simpkins, Paintsville; 5. Adam Rice, Paintsville.

### 16th Region:

■ Top Teams — Girls — 1. West Carter; 2. Rose Hill Christian; 2. Raceland; 4. Menifee County; 5. Bath County.

■ Boys — 1. Rose Hill Christian; 2. Raceland; 3. Elliott County; 4. West Carter; 5. Bath County.

■ Top Players — Girls — 1. Megan Gearhart, West Carter; 2. Keri Vanderhoof, Raceland; 3. Brooke Mullins, West Carter; 4. Brittney Ison, Elliott County; 4. Sarah Queen, Rose Hill Christian.

I'm glad Robert and Doug have given me this chance. I'm working very well with Raymond so far, so I think things will be very bright for us this (upcoming) year."

He's also looking forward to driving with a teammate for the first time and plans to benefit from Jarrett's race experience.

"I've never had a teammate before in Winston Cup racing," Sadler said. "D.J. and I are great friends and, from the notes we've been comparing, I think we have the same driving style. We're pretty compatible, so hopefully we can help each other out."

"It's pretty cool to have a good friend sharing a common goal of getting Robert Yates another Winston Cup championship. That's what we want to do. I've told the guys that with the way we've been running here and the stuff we've been learning, there's no chance we shouldn't have a shot at the title."

"It's going to take a lot of hard work this winter, but we want to hit the ground running when we get to Daytona in February."

### Celtics 9, Hornets 7

Chris Fitch scored three of his five points in the fourth quarter as the Celtics came from behind in the final quarter to post the 9-7 win. Kelsie Tackett added two points for the Celtics. Haley Howell led the Hornets with three points in the contest. Allyson DeRossett and Johnathan Daniel each tossed in two points for the Hornets.

### Warriors 20, Raptors 3

The Warriors led 42-1 at the half, and went on to post the 20-3 victory. Dustin Bartrum led the winners with eight points. Tate Goble and Coty Shorridge each had 6 points for the Warriors. Aaron Foley had two points for the Raptors, and Austin Bertrand added one point.

### Bulls 8, Jazz 8

The Bulls and Jazz played to an 8-8 tie in a defensive battle. Grant Martin led the Bulls with 6 points and BJ Holiday added two points. Steven Perry led the Jazz with six points while Erin Morrison netted two in the contest as the game ended in the deadlock.

### Knicks 15, Pacers 4

The Knicks remained undefeated on the season with a 15-4 win over the Pacers. Tyler Bays scorched the net for 10 points and Corey Conley added three for the winners. C.J. Ousley had two points for the Knicks. Madison Wright and Thomas Spears each had two points for the Pacers.

■ Boys — 1. O.J. Mayo, Rose Hill Christian; 2. Steven Kidd, Elliott County; 3. Marcus Dawson, Rose Hill Christian; 4. Donnie Rigsby, Raceland; 5. Brock Baber, Bath County.

The groundwork for the Kentucky All "A" Classic was formed in 1980 through the efforts of coaches like Stan Steidel of Dayton, Father Ed Heile of Covington Latin, Bill Frey of Covington Holy Cross and others. The inception of a small school basketball tournament began in January of 1980. The first Class "A" Tournament was held at Holy Cross High School in Latonia with eight teams. In 1981 it moved to Bellevue with 10 teams, all from Northern Kentucky.

The 1982-1989 the tournament went statewide by inviting six Class A schools from around the state to compete with the ten northern Kentucky schools. In 1990 the All "A" Classic experienced a dream come true. A statewide championship tournament with 16 boys regional tournament winners competing in Lexington in February. Then in 1991 the All "A" Classic expanded to include the field of 16 boys regional winners and included four girls sectional winners competing in the statewide finals. In 1992, the statewide tournament again expanded to included eight girls teams and in 1993 included the full complement of 16 boys and 16 girls teams.

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### Battle

end to the panel of voters, driver representative Bobby Labonte couldn't believe it.

"He just shook his head and said, 'I don't even have stats like that,'" Hogeboom said.

Johnson and Newman were terrific, just as everyone expected.

Both drive in top equipment and both have former Winston Cup champions as teammates.

Newman, 24, drives for Roger Penske with Rusty Wallace as his teammate, Rick Hendrick and four-time Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon own the 27-year-old Johnson's car.

With all that assistance, both drivers were expected to raise the bar on rookie levels.

Instead, they took it to a whole new plateau, even contending for the Winston Cup title. In fact, Johnson became the first rookie to lead the standings.

Yet he was left with nothing

when it was all over. Stewart won the Winston Cup title, Newman was top rookie and Johnson was left out in the cold.

"Of course you want to win it — that's what you start out the season to do," Johnson said. "So I'm definitely upset in that respect, but we can't complain about the season we've had. We both had incredible seasons."

Newman (left) and Johnson combined for 43 top-10 finishes in 2002.

Their 23-point margin was one of the closest in rookie history, although Ken Bouchard nipped Ernie Irvan by three points in 1988.

The final tally bothered Hogeboom so much, the guilt over Johnson being shut out was evident on his face.

"It hurts that there's nothing for Jimmie out of this," Hogeboom said. "Like Ryan, he just had a terrific season. The two of them waged a battle like one we might not ever see again, and it's a shame they both couldn't have won the award."

attempting to qualify for a race, a 1-10 system according to where they finish a race in relation to other rookie, bonuses for wins, cracking the Top 10, and laps completed.

Then there's a panel of judges voting on conduct both on and off the track, with the option to deduct points for acts that might discredit NASCAR. Gordon was supposed to join the four NASCAR officials on the panel, but removed himself in favor of Labonte because he owns Johnson's car.

NASCAR said it ultimately was decided by the results from Sunday's season finale. Perhaps both drivers knew it would — Newman opted not to pit late in the race so he could take over the lead and try to hold onto it, Johnson stopped but didn't take tires.

The strategy put both drivers in the top four late, but they faded. Newman finished sixth, two spots better than Johnson, and far enough ahead to seal the rookie title.

"That's what it's all about, coming down to the final race for something we both wanted," Newman said. "I'm sure Jimmie and I are going to have battles long into the future, and if we're lucky, they'll be for championships."

### YMCA

YMCA. For a first year, paid in full membership, rates are as follows: Family \$290.31, Adult \$209.93, Single Parent Family \$232.98, Senior \$116.33, Senior Couple \$209.93, Youth \$71.96. Payments may be made by cash, check, bank draft or credit card and can be mailed to Mingo/Pike Family YMCA, P.O. Box 864, Williamson, W.Va. 25661.

Committees are currently being formed to develop the local YMCA. Anyone wishing to help the organization is welcome to call Wheat the Pike County YMCA.

The YMCA is a Christian environment motivated and interested in helping people to become involved citizens in developing strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

The mission of the YMCA is: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

### Jordan

After joining the Wizards as a player, Jordan energized Washington for most of last season before he was forced out of the lineup with a bad right knee that eventually required surgery.

Coming into this season, Wizards coach Doug Collins said Jordan would come off the bench in an effort to keep him fresh. However, with the Wizards slipping lately and on a four-game slide, Jordan told Collins — whom he hired as coach while serving as team president — to play him more.

Jordan is averaging 16.6 points a game this season. Based on his comments Thursday, it appears he isn't concerned about the wear and tear on his knee because he's not going to play after this season.

Jordan said he wants to see the Wizards' young players like Kwame Brown, Juan Dixon, Jared Jeffries and Tyrone Lue develop into a playoff-caliber team without him.

After his two previous retirements, both from the Chicago Bulls, Jordan left little doubt as to whether he was truly done.

Asked if he's leaving himself any wiggle room to return next season, Jordan said, "After this, there will be no want. I'm 100 percent sure that after this I'm done."

Jordan said he still thinks Washington (6-8) can make the playoffs this season, but his immediate goal is stopping the team's current slide.

Washington has dropped five of its last seven games, includ-

ing an 88-84 loss Tuesday night to the Indiana Pacers. In that game, Jordan tied his season high with 34 minutes.

During his 14-year career, Jordan won the NBA MVP award five times and led the league in scoring a record 10 times.

He, Scottie Pippen and a strong group of role players helped the Bulls win six championships, from 1991-93 and 1996-98. He retired the first time in 1993 to pursue a career in baseball, then returned for the final 17 games of the 1994-95 season.

After the Bulls' next three titles, Jordan retired again, in January 1999.

He became the Wizards' president of basketball operations on Jan. 19, 2000. Months before he resumed his playing career for a second time, he said he was "99.9 percent" certain he would not play again.

He averaged 22.9 points last season, his lowest production since his injury-plagued second season with the Bulls, when he averaged 22.7 points in just 18 games.

With Jordan's experience, the Wizards briefly looked as if they might make the playoffs last season, starting 26-21. But he missed 22 games after the knee surgery, and the Wizards lost 24 of their last 35.

Jordan made a significant offseason move when he traded Richard Hamilton — the team's second-leading scorer — to Detroit for Jerry Stackhouse.

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### Softball

the tournament should draw between 2,300 and 3,750 people from several states.

The 69-year-old ASA represents more than 250,000 players and sponsors 90 national championships a year.

"We have the men's Class C nationals in September 2003," Voyles said. "It will be huge. We're expecting more than 100 teams for that."

"They've done one heck of a job," Bill Bollinger, ASA district commissioner and Kentucky Junior Olympics commissioner, said. "I've been in softball for a long time, and I've never seen a city do the job Owensboro has done."

Owensboro has also landed a National Softball Association men's Class E world series for mid-September 2003. Eighty teams are expected for that event.

"We didn't have to bid on that one," Voyles said. "We had hosted some of their previous events, and they liked the way we did it."

The NSA also has a fledgling baseball association, he said.

"We're getting their 8-12 world series with 40 to 50 teams next July."

But the parks department isn't just going after softball tournaments.

star basketball tournament will be back in Owensboro in June 2003," Voyles said. "There was a lot of fear that it would move. Bowling Green and Louisville were trying to get it. But it's staying here."

The Lions Eye Foundation has also put its Kentucky All-Stars Hall of Fame in the Sportscenter.

"We have a good track record," Voyles said. "People want to come here. Disney is doing a lot of baseball tournaments now to bring people to its theme parks. But when they're here, the tournaments are the big event. They feel important when they come to Owensboro."

The number of teams coming to Owensboro next year and in 2004 "is going to be huge," Voyles said. "We'll have four national tournaments and we could see a few international teams for the first time."

For the future, he said, "We want to get involved with volleyball. We're going to offer an indoor soccer league for 4+ and 5- year olds next spring. And Jennifer McFalls, a member of the 2000 gold medal softball team at the Olympics, will be speaking to our Youth Summit in March and conducting a fast-pitch clinic the next day for players and coaches from all over western Kentucky and

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## The Snow Queen performed Dec. 11

The Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series announces two enchanting shows will be performed on Wednesday, Dec. 11 during the day in Hazard.

Queen will be performed at 9 a.m. and Woodland Tales will be performed at 12:30 p.m. Both shows will be in the First Federal Center at Hazard Community College.

bring The Snow Queen to the stage. It is a musical retelling of the classic tale by one of the world's best-loved storytellers, Hans Christian Andersen. The play follows young Gerda on her quest to find her best

friend, Kay, who has been wished away in the Snow Queen's sleigh. Audience members will meet the talking flowers, the princess, robber girl and reindeer that help Gerda on her journey as she enters the Snow

Queen's icy palace and discovers how to melt Kay's frozen heart through faithful friendship.

Eckerd Theatre Company has been

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### HCC gets feedback

How does Hazard Community College know if they are meeting the training needs of businesses in the community? One way is to hold a session and ask a group of community and business people. Those participating in the discussion were, front row, from left, Keila Young, Human Resources director at American Woodmark; Re-becca Fletcher and Annie Williams, both of Hazard Clinic; Jill Hatch of LKLP Headstart; Harry Hosey, manager of Perry Manufacturing; Ruth Frey, Project Director of CAEL (Council for Adult and Experiential Learning). In back are Gerry Roll of Community Ministries; Tom Flint, CAEL vice president for Lifelong Learning; Danny Maggard, chief engineer for Kentucky River Coal Corporation; and David Bates, human resources manager with Neighborhood Restaurants - Wendy's. Hazard CC and Jefferson CC were the two community colleges in the state asked to work with CAEL to conduct a study for the Ford Foundation. 100 surveys were sent out to businesses in the Hazard and Louisvile area concerning educational needs of the company's hourly workers. Of the companies that responded to

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### Students manage ALC radio station

The Alice Lloyd College radio station, Eagle 91.7 FM, is located on the campus of Alice Lloyd College and managed by ALC students. Station student workers are: Amanda Ramey from Knott Central High School; Devon Richard is from Minford High School in Ohio; Jan Tackett is from Harlan High School; Brandon Gearheart, Jody Hall and Nathan Webb from South Floyd High School; and Amy Bryant from Harts High School in West Virginia. Everyone works together to produce and commentate basketball games, record the local weather, load songs, and host live shows.

Nathan, Brandon, Jody and

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### ROTARY CLUB



Autobody repair was only one of the careers focused upon during the recent Rotary/KCTCS Day held on the Hazard Community College campus.

Cosmetology students manned informational desks and answered questions during the recent Rotary/KCTCS Day held on Hazard Community College campus.



### INFORMATION

### Public forum receives valuable input

PAINTSVILLE - More than 100 people attended a public forum at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville on November 14 to hear and express opinions on the upcoming consolidation of Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College. The moderator for the evening was Mark McLemore, Manager of the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Cynthia Read, Chairperson of the KCTCS Board of Regents and Dr. Michael McCall, President of KCTCS along with Dr. George Edwards, President of Prestonsburg Community College and CEO for the Big Sandy District and Bobby McCool, Chief Administrative Officer for Mayo Technical College and the Big Sandy District and Bob Boduch, Chair of the Mayo Technical College Advisory Board, listened to testimony from 23 speakers. The testimony came from staff, students, business and industry, administrators, government officials and general community members from all over the Big Sandy District. Speakers overwhelmingly spoke in favor of consolidation.

Concerns brought forth were carefully listened to, noted and will be addressed in the continuing process of consolidation.

Consolidation of Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College is now in Stage III. The full consolidation and single accreditation under SACS should be complete by December 2003. The two colleges began this process more than three years ago. In July 2002 the transitional phase of consolidation was implemented. Committees began work in earnest on the process of uniting the two institutions under a single accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Every member of the staff and faculty of both institutions has been given an opportunity to serve and have input in the consolidation process.

Through the public forum, radio announcements and newspaper ads, the public has been informed of every level of the consolidation process.

Concerns and issues have been listened to and addressed in the evolving

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## State Representative Collins visits PCC campus

By Rachelle Burchett

State Representative Hubert Collins recently visited Prestonsburg Community College to teach a state government class for Dr. Thomas Matijasic's students. Matijasic feels that it is important to invite community members into the classroom to offer students the opportunity to learn directly from those who hold government positions. Representative Collins is always willing to visit the class-

room and to address questions or concerns that students may have. Representative Collins discussed how a bill makes its way through the legislature.

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Dr. Thomas Matijasic, right, professor, Prestonsburg Community College, chats with State Representative Hubert Collins, left.



High school students can get dual credit with HCC Agreements are officially being signed between Hazard Community College and Perry County to allow for students to receive dual credit on selected courses. On left, seated, are John Paul Amis, superintendent of the Perry County School System and Dr. Jay K. Box, president and CEO of Hazard Community College. Standing on left is Wanda Brown of Perry County Central and Edwinna Burke, principal at Buckhorn High School.



High school students can get dual credit with HCC Agreements are officially being signed between Hazard Community College and Hazard City Schools to allow for students to receive dual credit. James Francis, right, superintendent of the Hazard City School System and Dr. Jay K. Box, president and CEO of Hazard Community College, participate in the signing ceremony.

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U.S. Bank honors employees with Pinnacle Award

Several U.S. Bank employees from Kentucky earned the company's quarterly "Pinnacle Award," one of U.S. Bank's highest retail employee achievement honors.

recognizes outstanding achievement and rewards employees for their tremendous performance.

As an expression of U.S. Bank management's gratitude and appreciation, all of the winners received a

commemorative gift at a local awards ceremony. The winners will also be in the running for the bank's annual Pinnacle Award program, in which top performers will receive a trip for two to anywhere in the world.

U.S. Bank's recent quarterly winners include Patricia Smallwood, branch manager at Pikeville, and William Tracy Patton, branch manager in Prestonsburg.

The Pinnacle Award is among vari-

ous reward programs available to U.S. Bank personnel. Every U.S. Bank employee participates in some incentive plan that rewards personal perfor-

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Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
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Does Medicare Part B help pay for an electric "scooter"?

Many manufacturers of scooters or Operated Vehicles (POV) advertise their product as covered by Medicare. This may be true, but Medicare coverage is not automatic and a POV is not covered for all Medicare patients.

What types of medical conditions might be considered by Medicare in determining whether a patient meets medical necessity?

In order for Medicare to consider coverage of a POV, your medical condition must be such that you would be confined to a bed or chair without the use of a wheelchair and you are unable to operate a manual wheelchair.

- You can walk
You can use a manual wheelchair
You only need the POV for leisure activities
You would not need the POV for use in your home

Also, you must be capable of safely operating the controls of the POV as well as having adequate trunk stability to ride safely and transfer in and out.

Can my regular attending physician prescribe the POV?

The POV is usually covered only if ordered by a physician who is one of the following specialties: Physical Medicine, Orthopedic Surgery, Neurology or Rheumatology.

How much will Medicare pay for the POV?

Medicare Part B will pay 80 percent of the

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Rather than fight crowds at shopping malls, Americans are increasingly turning to the internet to fill at least a portion of their holiday gift lists.

More people choose Internet over malls for holiday shopping

by AMBER McDOWELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Forget harried clerks and bustling mall parking lots on one of the busiest shopping days of the year, Marsha Priester

intends to boot up her computer and mouse click her way to bargains.

She's not the only one expected to go digital during Friday's traditional beginning to the holiday shopping season in Nashville, which a new survey expects to rank only behind San

Francisco in online holiday shopping.

"It's hard when you have children to get out and shop," Priester said earlier this week while browsing a relatively-empty Green Hills Mall with her 5-month-old son.

my husband and I go out than for me to go shopping."

With the chore of shopping for gifts for eight family members, she intends to make 40 percent of her

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CHAMBER NOTES

December membership meeting

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting is scheduled for December 9th, 12 noon at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Lodge.

The C-TRAIN Grant Program encourages businesses to strengthen

the technology skills of our workforce in Southern and Eastern Kentucky by providing grant assistance to cover the educational cost of training.

ment, testing, to name a few.

Although C-TRAIN denotes grant allocation by group or individual, the training location is set by the business.

Mr. David Pelphrey, Prestonsburg Community College,

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CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

Citizens opens branch in Pike

PIKEVILLE — On Monday, Citizens National Bank President and CEO Dennis T. Dorton will preside over a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the first CNB branch in Pike County for full service banking.

Citizens National Bank is the second largest independent, locally owned and operated bank in the Big Sandy region.

"This is our way of saying hello to people in Pike County. Many residents have told us that our new branch in the Weddington Plaza will be a wel-

come addition and convenience," Dorton said. "I want to meet as many new Pikeville CNB customers as possible the day we cut the ribbon, so they will know that everyone including the president/CEO is always eager to listen to ideas that can improve Citizens National Bank's products and services for their lives."

Citizens National Bank will hold a weeklong grand opening celebration beginning Dec. 9 through Dec. 13 to welcome the public to its new Pike County bank branch.

lobby and another opportunity to meet and talk to Dorton.

The first 300 adults who visit the lobby of the new Weddington Plaza Branch during the Grand Opening celebration week will receive a CNB sweatshirt.

"For almost a century, our bank has been owned and operated by people who live and work in the Big Sandy region of Eastern Kentucky," Dorton

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FEMA

FEMA to distribute supplemental funds for state and local preparedness

FRANKFORT — Through a supplemental appropriation passed by Congress and signed into law by the President in August 2002, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing \$225 million in grants to state and local governments.

"During these uncertain times, Kentucky must seek all available opportunities to build our internal security within the federal framework," according to Governor Paul E. Patton.

In the first round of grants, Kentucky will receive about \$2.3 million with 75 percent of that total going to county governments for updating emergency plans and procedures.

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# Bankruptcy Filings

The following is a list of bankruptcy cases filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington from Nov. 22 to 27.

## Pikeville Division Chapter 7

Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a court-appointed trustee sells assets and the debtor is discharged of debts.

Wesley Howard, of Salyersville.

Jennifer Hatton, of Van Lear.

Donnie Mullins, of Hi Hat.

Danny Osborn and Janice Osborn, of Thealka.

Douglas Carty and Angie Carty, of Salyersville.

Corbett Salyer and Barbara Salyer, of Salyersville.

Christy Walters, of Leander.

Alvis Thacker and Catherine Thacker, of Phyllis.

Ronnie W. Stidham and Karen N. Stidham, of Deane.

April A. Baker, of Whitesburg.

Benjamin D. Blair, of Whitesburg.

Isaac Riley Jr. and Flora Riley, of Harold.

Rita Gayle Coleman, of Pikeville.

Debra K. Bentley, of Hindman.

Larry Dewain Senters and Shirley K. Senters, of Ivel.

## Online

purchases online.

Almost half of online buyers plan to do more shopping online this holiday season than last year, according to the 2002 Online Holiday Mood Study conducted by Shop.org and BizRate.com, two sites that monitor and analyze consumer shopping and retail prices online.

Another study, conducted for America Online by Digital Marketing Services, found that Nashville ranks second in the nation for online sales.

San Francisco ranked No. 1, with residents there planning to spend an average of \$399. Other cities in the top 10 included Nashville (\$381), Miami (\$352), Philadelphia (\$349), Sacramento (\$340), Baltimore (\$335) and New York (\$334).

Katherine Borsecnik, a shopping expert and consultant for America Online, wasn't sure why a mid-sized southern city like Nashville ranked so high, but said there are general factors influencing people across the country to buy online.

"People are becoming more habituated," she said. "Growth is continuing because of the adoption of broadband, better shopping online and better offers like free shipping."

"Combine that with no sales

tax, that can be a compelling argument."

In July, Tennessee raised its sales tax to 7 cents on the dollar. Once local taxes are added, the total is nearly 10 cents in some cities — the highest rate in the nation for retail goods.

Since Tennessee gets more than half of its money from sales tax collections, the government doesn't want people shopping online.

"If there are significant purchases being made online — that is not a good thing for the state budget," state comptroller John Morgan said.

Economist William Fox of the University of Tennessee estimates the state will lose nearly \$300 million in tax dollars to Internet, catalog and out-of-state retail sales in 2003. Retailers are supposed to charge sales tax on goods bought on the Internet if they operate stores in the state, but few do.

Priester said saving on sales tax is a bonus, but not the primary reason she shops on the Internet.

"I'm just claustrophobic. I don't like a whole lot of crowds," she said with a shrug and a smile.

Joy Keefer, a 32-year-old nanny, expects to do 10 percent — or about \$100 worth — of

## You

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Medicare approved amount, after you meet your annual \$100 deductible. If your supplier accepts assignment on the claim your coinsurance will be 20 percent of the approved amount. If your supplier does not accept assignment your coinsurance may be more. Your supplier should be able to provide details on the Medicare approved amount for a POV in your state.

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## Education

in residence at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater, Florida since 1988, presenting creative and exciting adaptations of the finest in children's literature, as well as outstanding original plays. The Snow Queen, adapted by Julia Flood with music and lyrics by Lee Ahlin and recommended for Grades K-5 and family audiences, is no exception. Using music, spectacle and even a puppet or two, ETC takes a well-loved tale by one of the world's greatest authors and brings it to life on stage.

The Snow Queen is scheduled to play over 100 performances including the Naples Philharmonic Center in Naples, Florida. Eckerd Theater Company has presented uplifting, family-oriented shows to over 600,000 children and adults throughout the eastern United States.

Woodland Tales is another show sure to delight the audience. Did you ever wonder how the turkey got his gobble? Why are the rabbit's ears so long? How did the frog lose his teeth? For hundreds of years, Native American children have delighted in stories of how animals came to be as they are. The Native American legends in Woodland Tales combine humor and wisdom to enchant the youngest among us. The

show is performed in the round to give participants the feeling of Indian tales told around the campfire.

Funding for this project comes from the Kentucky Arts Council Project Grant Program, Cabinet for Education, Arts and Humanities and National Endowment for the Arts.

The Series Grand Benefactors are: Bank of Hindman, Citizens Bank & Trust Co. of Jackson, Hazard ARH Regional Medical Center,

and Hazard Clinic / Jackson Clinic.

Admission is only \$2 per person.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, Snow Queen will be performed twice at Knott County Central High School — first at 9 a.m. and then at 12:30.

For information, contact Tammy Duff, performing arts series coordinator, at 436-5721, ext. 8067 or 800-246-7521, ext. 8067.



Kathy K. Clark, A.B.D. (All But Dissertation), professor of business and economics at Prestonsburg Community College has successfully completed her Qualifying Exams for her doctoral program and now has the distinction of A.B.D. added to her signature and she soon she will be able to change that to Ph.D. Qualifying exams consist of both written and oral components and are required of all doctoral students. The purpose of the exams is to verify that students have sufficient understanding of and competence in their fields to become candidates for the degree. The examination is usually given after four semesters of graduate work or the equivalent. Kathy has been an employee at the college since 1984 and has taught management, marketing and economics courses. She has served in several leadership roles while teaching at PCC, including division chair, co-chair of the Community College Senate Council for House Bill One, the Governor's task force for Economic Status of Kentucky's Women, and as a member of various boards and committees. She is an alumni of Morehead State University, Campbellsville University, University of Kentucky, Indiana University and Madisonville Community College. She holds BS and an MBA degrees in business and is working on her Ph.D at the University of Kentucky. Kathy lives in Prestonsburg with her son Bryan Stewart, who is a student at Prestonsburg Community College.

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her Christmas shopping online this year. Like Priester, she doesn't like the Christmas crowds.

"It's just too hectic. I don't want a sale that bad," she said. "Plus, you often get a better deal, a better price."

Jennifer Dulski, director of marketing for Yahoo!, which hosts 13,000 e-commerce sites, said the company recently redesigned its site to make it easier for shoppers to do price comparisons more efficiently.

"Consumers are definitely value conscious this year," she said.

The National Retail Federation projects an increase of 4 percent in holiday sales this year over last year, bringing estimated revenues of \$209.3 billion this holiday season.

Online sales were expected to increase 41 percent to \$72.1 billion in 2002, according to a Shop.org annual study conducted by The Boston Consulting Group.

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said. "The people of this area choose to bank with us because we try very hard to help them to achieve their dreams. That is why our slogan is 'The Bank For Your Life'. Our banking products and services are designed specifically for individuals and businesses in this area. Our goal is to be the only bank you'll ever need," he said.

"We try to hire people from each county where we provide banking services. Our people volunteer their time in the community, so we are totally involved in the lives of our customers. That is the essence of community banking. Together, we can make the Big Sandy region of Eastern Kentucky an even better place to live and work," Dorton said.

## FEMA

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cols, critical infrastructure protection, and continuity of operations for local governments. The local funds, which have already been allocated, will be available after the first of the year. The remaining 25 percent stays with state government to fund planning and training on the state and regional level and to fund assessment of all local emergency operations centers.

Two major issues addressed

## Notes

will inform members about how easy it is to obtain specific workforce training needs right here at our local educational facilities. Mr. Pelphrey will also give more detail on the KY WINS Program available through the KCTCS system.

KY WINS offers business specific and specialized training programs with no perimeters, with an investment approach.

Businesses are offered a training program suited to their needs and KY WINS contributes to the cost with a minimal investment from the business.

The Membership Committee is pleased to be presenting these new members with their certificate at the December 9th Membership Meeting as well.

- Slone Meat Company, Mr. Columbus Slone
- Peggy Lou Shoppe, Ms. Walta Preston
- Kathy Hyden, Tupperware Consultant
- Dollar Tree, Mr. James Vanhoose

## CHAMBER CALENDAR

There have been several calendar changes, so please review or view our calendar online at "<http://www.floydcountykentucky.com>" [www.floydcountykentucky.com](http://www.floydcountykentucky.com), updated regularly.

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■ Dec. 4th - Executive Committee Meeting, 8 a.m. at Community Trust Bank

■ Dec. 4th - Special Board Meeting, 9:15 a.m. at Community Trust Bank

■ Dec. 5th - Prestonsburg Convention & Visitors Bureau iBusiness After Hours! 5 to 8 p.m. Bring the kids because Santa will be on hand to take their wish lists. Local artisans and area downtown businesses will be available and open late so enjoy the beautiful downtown lights while doing some local shopping.

■ Dec. 9th - Membership Meeting, 12 noon at Jenny Wiley Lodge.

■ Dec. 11th - CEDS Meeting, 10 a.m. at BSADD

■ Dec. 12th - Reality Store, 8 to 2:30 at Jenny Wiley Convention Center.

■ Dec. 13th - Economic Development Committee Meeting, 12 noon at Chamber Office. Mr. Dennis Dorton, Chair.

# Sculpture artist at Tech Campus

David Caudill, a well-respected sculpture artist from Louisville, was demonstrating and displaying his skills at the Technical Campus of Hazard Community College this month. This demonstration in the welding shop was enjoyed by a large group of students and visitors interested in Caudill's

trade. Curt Combs, welding instructor at the technical campus, said Caudill's work caught

the attention of visitors. Caudill has pieces across the United States and in the Bahamas in a coral reef called "Angel of the Sea." His display this month at the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center is entitled "Sparking Creativity." Besides visiting the tech campus, Caudill worked with Knott County Central art students.

## HCC of directors are now being accepted

FRANKFORT - Nominations to the Hazard Community College Board of Directors are now being accepted. There is one position on this Board that has expired. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact Bill Beam, Jr., Director of Boards and Commissions, at 502/564-2611 to request the application forms. Information from all applicants within the Hazard Community College service area will be submitted to the Hazard Community College Nominating Committee for their meeting on December 12, 2002. Applications will need to be received in this office no later than Noon, December 5, 2002.



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Amy have a show called "Sports this Evening." It is broadcasted Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 8 p.m. The show is a live call in show — anyone can call in to ask sport questions at 606-368-6150.

If interested in learning more about Eagle 91.7, you can call 606-368-6131, visit the website at [www.alc.edu](http://www.alc.edu) and click on the radio station link, or you can just listen to 91.7 WWJD.

## Public

structure of the new consolidated comprehensive community and technical college that will emerge.

Dr. George Edwards, President of Prestonsburg Community College and CEO for the Big Sandy District summed up the process with, "We want to be the 'Students' Choice' for education in eastern Kentucky. Through consolidation we can offer the student broader choices in both technical and transfer education. We will retain all of the features that made technical education attractive to students entering the job force directly after graduation and we will retain all of the features that made transfer education attractive to students entering a four year university or college after graduation. By uniting the colleges, services, transferability of credits and the variety of courses available will all improve, making it better for all of the students."

Dr. Douglas Herman, Secretary

of the PRECC Board of Directors quoted Paul Gearheart, PRECC Board Member Emeritus, "We are standing on the shore looking into the future. That future is the stu-

dent body before us." Dr. Herman eloquently made the point that "Together we are making an investment in those students."

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the initial survey, eight companies in Hazard consented to do a follow up focus group to get more in-depth information about work-

ing with their local community colleges. A similar focus group will be held in Louisville in early December.

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## Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### Adolescent-Speak

As a former French teacher and a frequent traveler to non-English-speaking countries, I've dreamed of a hand-held translating machine where you speak into one end and your words come out the other in the language of your choice! No more ordering chicken three meals a day because it's the only word you recognize on the menu! But there's one language that couldn't be easily programmed in, and that's the language I'm trying to translate on a daily basis in our home: adolescent-speak. As I work on this, I've come up with a few interpretations.



DAVID LAROCHELLE

Child: "Nobody likes me at school."

Translation: My best friend said something to me that really hurt. I need you to listen to me instead of running off to another activity.

Child: "Everybody is doing it" (wearing it, saying it, not doing it, etc.).

Translation: I'm a little unsure of myself on this issue. It's a lot easier to follow the crowd. I hope my parents give me an out by saying I can't.

Child: "You know what, my friends never eat dinner with their families. Why can't we watch TV instead?"

Translation: I'm really glad we eat together, even though I know it's easier to grab something and run. When we sit down around the table it really makes me feel secure.

Child: "I stink at sports" (or music, or drama, etc.).

Translation: Please tell me I'm worthwhile and that you are proud of me for being who I am.

Child: "Why do you make me read all the time?"

Translation: Thanks for making me read. I can feel myself getting smarter and reading better with every book I finish.

Child: "I'm hungry."

Translation: I'm hungry.

I'm still working out this language. The more time I spend, the more I realize that the translations differ according to the child in our family. Try it out in your home. It forces parents and kids to talk and listen to each other. When you put the communication in motion, you won't need a new electronic gadget to do the work — you'll be able to do most of the translating yourself.

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## TWO QUICK MEALS WITH A MEXICAN

With the pressures of work, holiday shopping and preparing the house for the coming festivities, everyone is looking for quick and easy, hunger-appeasing meals. It's doable when you rely on quality canned and frozen ingredients.

This Chicken Tortilla Soup is a fine example. A little mincing, chopping, shredding and a few turns of the stirring spoon is all the energy you'll use to turn out hearty soup. It has a Mexican twist and, typical of south-of-the-border food, a kick that comes from red-hot cayenne pepper sauce.

Another quick and zesty meal is Tacos Olé made with beef or turkey and needs only a refreshing green salad.

### CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP

- 1 teaspoon vegetable or olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can chicken broth
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 (16-ounce) jar mild chunky-style salsa
- 2 tablespoons Frank's Red Hot cayenne pepper sauce
- 1 (10-ounce) package fully cooked carved chicken breasts
- 1 (8 3/4-ounce) whole kernel corn, undrained
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro, optional
- 1 cup crushed tortilla chips

1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Heat oil in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook garlic 1 minute or until tender. Add broth, water, salsa and cayenne pepper sauce. Stir in chicken, corn and cilantro. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cook, covered, 5 minutes. Stir in tortillas and cheese. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

### TACOS OLÉ

- 1 pound ground beef or turkey
- 1 cup salsa
- 1/4 cup Red Hot Cayenne Pepper sauce
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 8 taco shells, heated

Cook meat in skillet until browned; drain. Stir in salsa, cayenne pepper sauce and chili powder. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat; cook 5 minutes, stirring often. To serve, spoon meat mixture into taco shells. Pass additional hot sauce; garnish as desired. Makes 4 servings.

### NEW PRODUCT NEWS:

Terra Harvest Foods is nationally marketing Mr. Krispers Natural Gourmet Rice Chips, a cholesterol-free snack that is baked, not fried, and made with all-natural

(See **BLOCK**, page five)



### Comfort foods



by JoAnna M. Lund

You don't have to serve just plain old cottage cheese when you have this delicious recipe in your collection! It's colorful, it's easy, it's tasty, and it's healthy. That makes it just about perfect.

### Cottage cheese - all "gussied" up!

#### HAWAIIAN LIME COTTAGE CHEESE SALAD

- 3 cups fat-free cottage cheese
- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free lime gelatin
- 1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, packed in fruit juice, drained
- 3/4 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 3 tablespoons chopped pecans
- 2 tablespoons flaked coconut

In a large bowl, combine cottage cheese and dry gelatin. Stir in pineapple, whipped topping and coconut extract. Add pecans. Mix gently to combine. Transfer mixture to attractive serving bowl. Evenly sprinkle coconut over top. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Gently stir again just before serving. Makes 6 (2/3 cup) servings.

■ Each serving equals: 151 calo-

(See **FOODS**, page five)

## Dear Diane... At my wits end

### DEAR DIANE:

My teenage grandson, "Willie," must have brain damage. He can't seem to get enough of some television program entitled "Jackass." From what I gather from Willie's description, this show is about young hooligans who perform acts of extreme vandalism and dangerous stunts.

Recently, Willie and his best friend, "Pete," have acquired a video camera and have begun to emulate these rascals on the television. They say they are going to make a tape of their shenanigans and sell it on the Internet. Just last Friday, Willie tried to pole-vault over two lanes of traffic and nearly got himself killed.

Willie's mother (my daughter) is divorced and works two jobs to support herself and the boy. I try to do my best to keep an eye on him while she's at work, but lately I just don't know what to do, what with all this carrying-on about video tapes and "extreme" stunts. I know boys will be boys, but I'm worried to death that my grandson will seriously hurt himself or even worse. What should I do?

— AT MY WITS' END  
IN WILKES-BARRE

### DEAR WILKES-BARRE:

Sit Willie down and explain to him that the stunts he sees performed on television are done by professionals and are supervised by professional stuntmen. Willie hasn't had this kind of training, and he runs a serious risk of becoming a cripple if he doesn't stop doing these stunts.

You might also want to inform him that just because something looks real on television doesn't mean it actually happened. The "Jackass" crew spends a lot of money to make their videos look low-budget, when in fact, they are carefully crafted illusions — for the most part.

If Willie and Pete want to continue to make homegrown videos and sell them on the Internet, they should consider doing so in a safe, professional manner. I don't think anything you say will get through to him, but I wish you luck nonetheless.

## Do supplements really build muscle memory?

### DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

What can you tell me about chromium? Will it turn me into Tarzan? — B.S.

### ANSWER:

Chromium is a trace mineral. A trace mineral is one we need in infinitesimal amounts — 50 to 200 micrograms a day. You would find it most difficult to see that amount with the unaided eye.

Chromium plays a major role in carbohydrate and fat metabolism.

It also plays a role in enhancing the effect of insulin, making chromium a possible treatment for diabetes.

It might give a person an advantage in building muscle tissue and lowering fat stores.

Chromium-containing foods include: American cheese, peanut butter, spinach, chicken, mushrooms, wheat breads, apples and calf's liver.

Will it turn you into the next Tarzan? I doubt it. Its benefits as a supplement are inconclusive as of this date.

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### DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I have a friend who lives on health foods and health food supplements. She is after me

(See **HEALTH**, page five)



# Chicken Soup for the Soul: The littlest angel

Brenda Mallory

(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE CANADIAN SOUL")

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It was the winter that I taught in a small country school on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. I had three grades of little people in my class, all beaming with the desire to learn all they could. One little boy named David from my grade-one class wanted to learn more than all the others. His round, puffy face would smile up at me, reminding me over and over that perhaps one day he would leave us. His frail, 6-year-old body harbored a dreadful disease — leukemia. More often than not, he would be missing

from our classroom because when he was subjected to another round of treatments, he would take his schooling in Vancouver.

All of us were so pleased, then, to have that happy little boy with us for Christmas. We decorated our classroom, practiced for the concert and colored many pictures of Santa, snowmen and angels. We read Christmas stories, and some of the older children wrote very good ones of their own.

Two days before school let out for the three-week Christmas holiday, I read a new story to the class. It was

the story of "The Littlest Angel." This little angel had an awful time in heaven. He could not adjust to the routine.

He was always in trouble — bumping into other angels, tripping over clouds or dropping his halo. Nothing seemed to make his time easier, until one celestial day an archangel suggested that the little angel return to Earth and retrieve some items from his home. Just a few things to remind him of his past time on Earth.

As I read the story, a heavenly silence fell over the class as each child became more involved in the plight of

the angel. In hushed voices we discussed the story as the end of the school day drew to a close.

The following day during our regular show-and-tell time, David asked if he could share something with the class.

He sat in front of us on the old, worn carpet holding a small wooden box.

"This is my first tooth," he explained. "This is a ribbon from my sister's hair, and this is my puppy's collar. My dad gave me this old key. My mom says this big coin is for good luck."

Even before he told us the purpose of the box, we all seemed to know. Shiny tears went dot-to-dot down the faces of the other children — we were

all thinking of the story of "The Littlest Angel."

"I have all these things so when I go to heaven I won't be too scared. Maybe you guys could make a picture for me to take so I will always remember you?"

The rest of the day was spent doing just that. Each of us prepared a picture, folded it carefully and placed it in David's wooden box.

The day ended with all of us saying goodbye to each other. Everyone gave David a special hug and received a beautiful smile in return. I went home that day with the memory of a little boy who fought his disease bravely and would one day accept his destiny.

(See **SOUP**, page six)





## Books: "Better Baby Food" and "Better Food for Kids"

**"Better Baby Food"**  
by: Diana Kalnins and Joanne Saab  
(Firefly Books, \$17.95)

**"Better Food for Kids"**  
by: Diana Kalnins and Joanne Saab  
(Firefly Books, \$17.95)

Both reviewed by Ealish Waddell

For those with little ones, "Better Baby Food: Your Essential Guide to Nutrition, Feeding and Cooking for All Babies and Toddlers" and "Better Food For Kids: Your Essential Guide to Nutrition for all Children from age 2 to 6" are wonderful additions to the cookbook shelf.

The first section of each book contains an information-packed overview of children's nutrition,

such as what vitamins a child needs, when to introduce what kinds of foods and how to recognize food allergies. This is followed by a great selection of recipes simple enough to please kids yet sophisticated enough for the entire family to enjoy.

Written by two registered dietitians from the world-renowned Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, "Better Baby Food" con-

tains more than 200 baby-tested recipes. In addition to pureed dishes for infants, it also aims to introduce toddlers to more grown-up food of all tastes and ethnicities all the way up to "Junior Hot-and-Sour Soup." "Better Food For Kids" continues the mission through age 6, offering 150 healthy, all-natural meals and treats that both kids and their parents will gobble up in delight.

## Sam & Dave

explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

### DEAR SAM & DAVE:

My boyfriend really likes to go out with his buddies — male and female — every weekend. They go to clubs and concerts and movies, or they chill in bars or sometimes at one of their houses. It's a big, inclusive group, and they always invite me along.

Here's my problem: I think that they're all a bunch of freaks, weirdos and losers! I don't mind him hanging around with them occasionally, but I feel very uncomfortable being among them for more than a few minutes, and he always wants to go do stuff with them. Help!

— ALIENATED IN ATLANTA

## Girlfriend verses old friends

### SAM SAYS:

First of all, let's consider what you shouldn't do. You shouldn't ask your boyfriend to abandon his friends for you. That would be unfair and unreasonable. He was probably hanging around with them before he knew you, right?

Second, let's examine why his friends rub you the wrong way. Is it their attitudes? Their philosophy and politics? Their clothes? Now take a close look at your boyfriend and ask yourself why he likes these people so much. Perhaps you are in denial about what kind of person he truly is. Maybe he's more like them in real life and less like the guy you want him to be.

Then again, maybe he finds it refreshing and relieving to be surrounded by people whose opinions aren't important to him, people who don't care that much what he says or does. It could be that he feels smothered by your judgment

because he cares about what you think.

If that's the case, you should let him go ... and relax a little, too. There is nothing unhealthy or unnatural about being apart sometimes. In fact, it's good for your relationship to maintain a realistic perspective about what other people are like.

### DAVE SAYS:

Men get into romantic relationships to grow up. Women straighten a man out. It's all part of the natural progression of life.

When a man is ready to become a mature and contributing member of society, he hooks up with a woman who is smarter and more sensible than he is and lets her fix him. This includes getting him into better clothes, upgrading his car, cleaning his apartment (or maybe even buying a house) and throwing out all his stupid old junk. He gives up

his pointless and juvenile hobbies and, most importantly, leaves behind all his pre-relationship idiot friends.

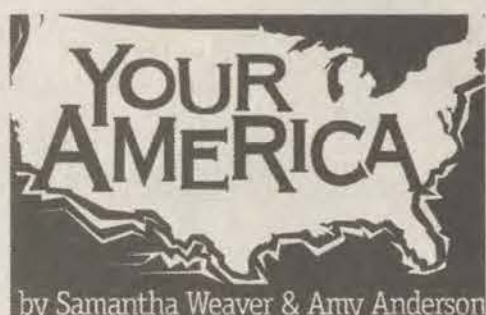
If your boyfriend is truly ready to step into the next phase of his life, he needs to listen attentively when you explain to him that his "buddies" are, as you said, a bunch of freaks, weirdos and losers. If he chooses them over you then it was never meant to be.

Your boyfriend sounds confused to me. He wants to be with you, but he also wants to hang out with members of his former life. Confront him with an ultimatum: remain trapped in an adolescent rut, or move on, grow up and join the world of adults.

Send letters to Sam & Dave in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Or e-mail them at [asksamanddave@mind-spring.com](mailto:asksamanddave@mind-spring.com).

## December is more than just Christmas

So, we're coming up on the last month of the year. Perhaps you have the holiday spirit but are looking for something a little beyond the traditional December holidays — Hanukkah (Nov. 30 to Dec. 7), the Winter Solstice (Dec. 22), Christmas (Dec. 25) or Kwanzaa (beginning Dec. 26). Well, you are in luck, because December is a month of surprisingly charming little holidays. If you need a holiday right away, consult this list; it is guaranteed to give you SOMETHING to celebrate.



by Samantha Weaver & Amy Anderson

- Dec. 1 — National Pie Day
- Dec. 2 — National Fritters Day
- Dec. 3 — Roof-Over-Your-Head Day
- Dec. 4 — Wear Brown Shoes Day
- Dec. 5 — National Sacher Torte Day
- Dec. 6 — Mitten Tree Day
- Dec. 7 — National Cotton Candy Day
- Dec. 8 — Jim Morrison Day
- Dec. 9 — National Pastry Day
- Dec. 10 — Festival for the Souls of

- Dead Whales
- Dec. 11 — National Noodle Ring Day
- Dec. 12 — National Ding-A-Ling Day
- Dec. 13 — Ice Cream and Violins Days
- Dec. 14 — Bouillabaisse Day
- Dec. 15 — National Lemon Cupcake Day
- Dec. 16 — Chocolate-Covered Anything Day
- Dec. 17 — Underdog Day
- Dec. 18 — National Roast Suckling Pig Day

- Dec. 19 — Oatmeal Muffin Day
- Dec. 20 — Games Day
- Dec. 21 — National Flashlight Day
- Dec. 22 — National Date-Nut Bread Day
- Dec. 23 — Roots Day
- Dec. 24 — National Egg Nog Day
- Dec. 25 — National Pumpkin Pie Day
- Dec. 26 — National Whiners Day
- Dec. 27 — National Fruitcake Day
- Dec. 28 — Card Playing Day
- Dec. 29 — Pepper Pot Day
- Dec. 30 — National Bicarbonate of Soda Day
- Dec. 31 — Unlucky Day

Thanks to the many bizarre-holiday Web sites out there.

Write to Your America in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or e-mail [youramerica@hotmail.com](mailto:youramerica@hotmail.com).

## Davy Crockett served three years in Congress

■ A law in Memphis, Tenn., states that it is illegal for a woman to drive a car unless a man walks in front of it to warn approaching motorists and pedestrians.

■ Martha Stewart got her start in business by catering from her home.

■ It takes 40 gallons of maple sap to make one gallon of the maple syrup you put on your pancakes.

■ The Tom Thumb locomotive and Jell-O were invented by the same person.

■ Ancient Egyptians were often buried with opium, boats and artificial limbs for use in the afterlife. And it wasn't unusual to have a model of the deceased's home included, as well — just in case shelter was needed.

■ England's Prince Philip was born on a kitchen table in Greece.

## Strange BUT TRUE

■ The word "widget" was coined by an American humorist in the 1930s and referred to an imaginary gadget or machine. In the 1990s, however, widgets moved out of the realm of fiction when the makers of beverage cans invented a device that releases carbon dioxide to make foam after a can has been opened — and they named it a "widget."

■ Folk hero Davy Crockett served three terms in Congress.

■ North Carolina once outlawed cats and

dogs fighting with each other.

■ George Washington wasn't officially made the General of Armies until 1978.

■ Every year, approximately 166,875,000,000 pieces of mail are delivered in the United States.

■ Strangely, the term "hors d'oeuvre" comes from the French for "outside the work."

■ In its entire lifetime — four to six weeks — a single worker bee produces a sum total of about 1.5 teaspoons of honey.

### Thought for the Day:

"No matter what side of an argument you're on, you always find some people on your side that you wish were on the other side." — Jascha Heifetz.

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## INFOLINK Got a blog? Then get a piont

Experts estimate that the number of weblogs, or "blogs," inhabiting the Internet to be around half a million. Blogs are pseudo-Web sites where users can publish their thoughts on just about anything — pet care, automotive maintenance, computer gaming, tech issues — you name it.

The reasons people get a blog are numerous, but clearly the prime motive is attention: A blog says, "Dig me!" With the advent of easy-to-use blog sites and blog tools (Blogger.com and Greymatter.com to name but a few), it says it for next to nothing.

This is great for those who have a true voice with some-

thing to say. Although a blog on hamster breeding may not appeal to everyone, part of the appeal is that it may be useful to a handful of hamster breeders, um, users.

Conversely, the low barriers to entry seem to attract the mind-numbingly banal, which has resulted in a backlash of sorts. Some readers say they avoid blogs when they can, and often regret it when they don't. After all, who wants to read about what Britney469 had for breakfast, outside the context of diet?

One user on Kuro5hin.org says bloggers generally fall into one of eight categories:

■ Teenie Blogger

(Teenager): Generally concerned with boy bands, gossip and cafeteria politics.

■ Techie Blogger (Togger): Blogs about esoteric technical issues. Cracks Linux jokes nobody gets.

■ Trailer Blogger (Trogger): Only 0.5 percent of the blog population, writes about which car is currently up on blocks.

■ Blog Blogger (HasTooMuchTimer): Spends more time blogging than all the others. Likes to post entries saying there are "No updates yet."

■ War Blogger (Wogger): Militant gun-toting types who start a blog to share thoughts on fascism and resistance in Portugal. Favorite post: "What's

all this peace crap?"

■ Hippy Blogger (Bippy): Live in cute bungalows in low-rent districts.

■ Goth Blogger (Glogger): Blogs from a dark basement, laments the passing of time and why no one pays attention to his/her blog.

■ Link Blogger (Blinker): No new material, just likes to consolidate favorite links to other sites. Considers himself a "web miner," not a blogger.

Of course there are other categories, some of which may even be useful.

Comments? Questions? Contact InfoLink at [kfsinfo@infolink.com](mailto:kfsinfo@infolink.com).

## Maintaining fitness



You have worked hard, and now that you've reached many of your goals, it's time to relax, right? WRONG! Maintaining the results you have achieved through your fitness routine is imperative. The good news is that you already have all of the tools you need to accomplish this.

To reach your fitness goals you must have developed an effective cardiovascular, strength and nutritional program. Keep that foundation in place, and with a few maintenance tweaks you'll stay fit well into the future.

You are probably achieving your initial fitness goals when you start to feel comfortable with exercise and a realistic nutritional plan. They should feel like an everyday occurrence that you even look forward to. Keep that mindset and look to set your goals by improving upon your current success. The body likes diversity and needs to be challenged.

Finding new activities such as group exercise classes, training for a triathlon or discovering a new training technique is great way to maintain your fitness level while keeping up your enthusiasm for exercise.

No matter what activity you choose to participate in, remember to STAY ACTIVE! Unfortunately, the body does not have a savings account for

workouts to be withdrawn at a later date. If you discontinue your fitness program, your body will slowly lose lean muscle, cardiovascular endurance will decrease and your metabolism will slow. You have worked too hard to allow this to happen!

There are many changes with our bodies that come with aging. A fitness routine that was effective at age 30 may not work at 40, and so on. You must adapt to the changes in your body and change your fitness and nutritional programs accordingly. Don't be discouraged — be encouraged. If you establish good habits now, set attainable goals and modify your fitness routines to match your current fitness level, you'll enjoy seeing results for years to come.

Please consult a physician before beginning an exercise program. Andrea Renee Wyatt, M.S.S., C.S.C.S., is a personal trainer with an extensive background in strength and conditioning as well as therapeutic recreation. If you have a fitness or training question, e-mail Andrea at [letters.kfws@hearstsc.com](mailto:letters.kfws@hearstsc.com) or write her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

## Foods

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ries, 3 g fat, 16 g protein, 15 g carb., 56 mg sodium, 1 gm fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Meat, 1 Starch, 1/2 Fat.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at [www.healthyexchanges.com](http://www.healthyexchanges.com)

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## Soup

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When the holidays came to a close, we all returned to our class — all except David. He had died over Christmas in a hospital, clutching the wooden box that held his hopes and memories, and ours.

I have never forgotten him. I am sure many of the students from that class, who are now grown with youngsters of their own, also remember "The Littlest Angel" — and the gifts of love he gave to us all.

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## Block

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ingredients. There are four flavors: Salt with Cracked Pepper, Sour Cream and Onion, Classic Barbeque and Cheddar Salsa. Crisp and flavorful enough to eat as is, they are sturdy enough to top them or plunge them into a dip. Especially good for munchers who are allergic to corn or wheat. ... Frontier Soups has a slew of new items that include Louisiana Red Bean Soup,

New Orleans Jambalaya as well as Pasta Salad Kits in four varieties: Country French, Mediterranean, Oriental and Pesto Italian, each producing 8 to 10 servings. In addition they have added Cranberry Coffee Cake and Streusel Oatmeal mixes to their Colorado Morning breakfast line, with ideas for variations.

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## Health

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to try choline. She claims it improves memory. I will take it if there is any chance it can improve my memory. — B.B.

### ANSWER:

Choline is part of acetylcholine, a brain chemical that transmits information from one brain cell to its neighbors. In the fetus, choline is important for normal brain development.

In adults, it is reputed to improve short-term memory, the kind of memory lapses that older people worry about.

It's premature to recommend choline as a memory enhancer. Not all the facts are in.

Natural choline sources are: liver, eggs, milk, meat, peanut butter, cauliflower, tofu and other soy products. Offer your friend a peanut butter and cauliflower sandwich. That ought to send her into rapture.

Readers often write to me with questions on salt, sodium, potassium and other diet minerals. I would like to answer those questions frequently. I cannot. But readers can obtain a readable discussion of those minerals in the pamphlet just

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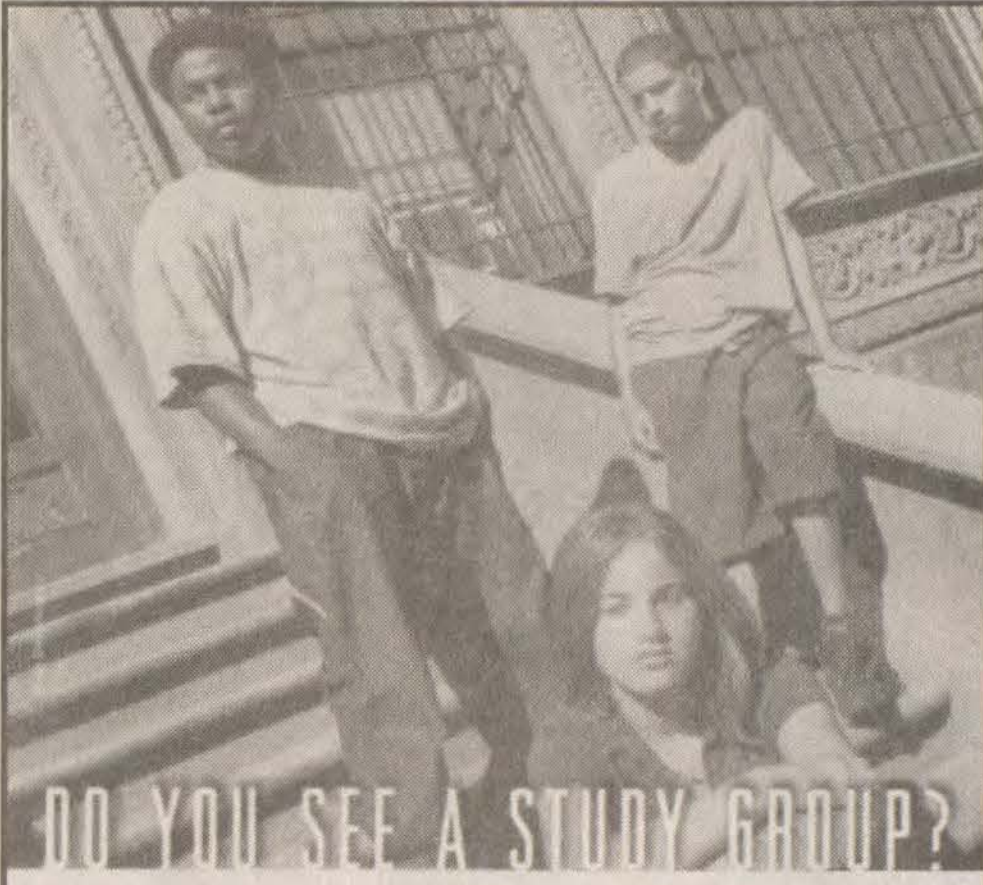
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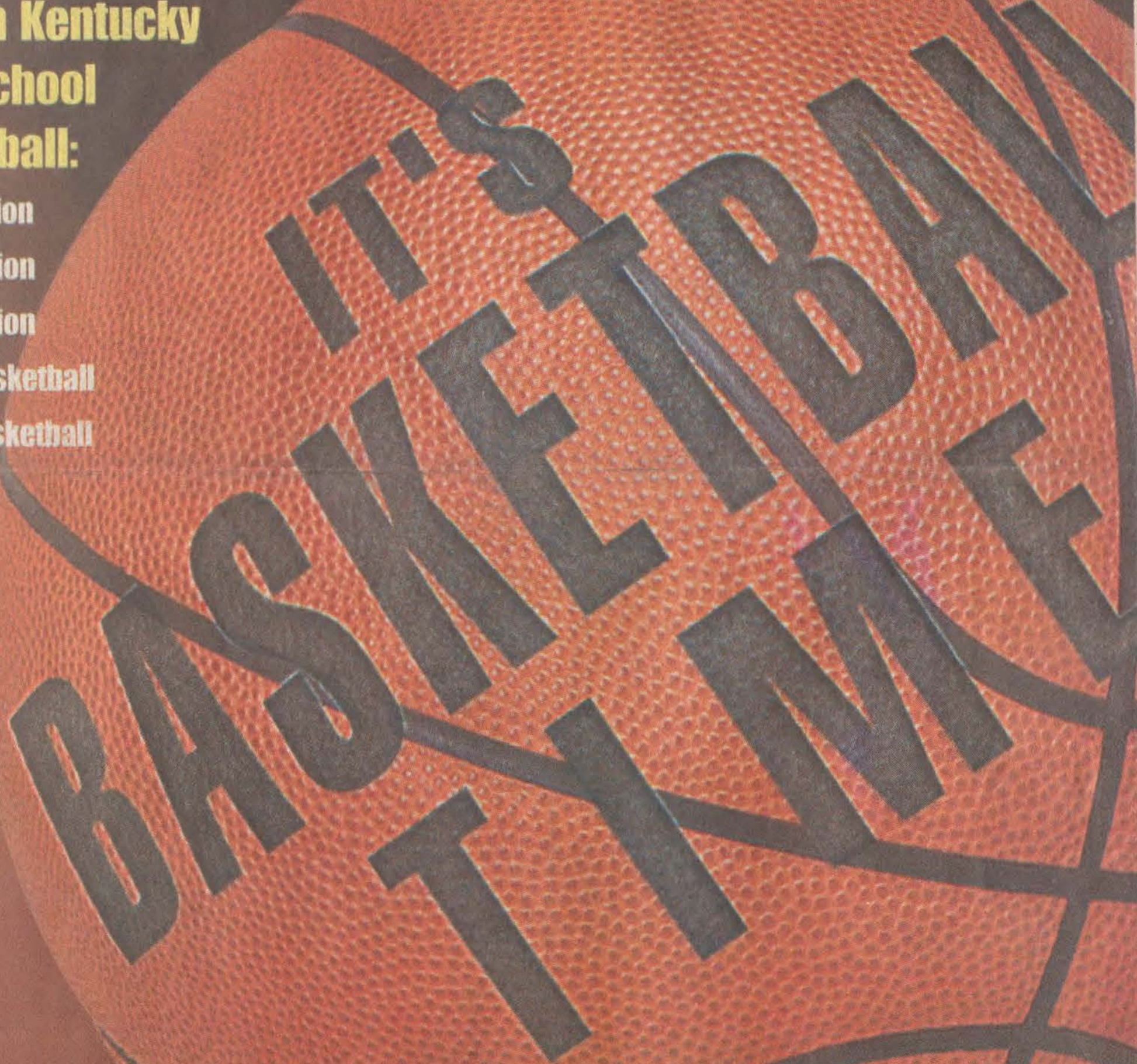
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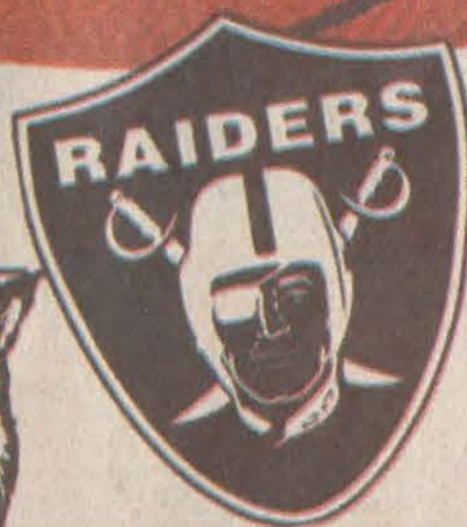
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- Girls' Basketball



## 58th District:



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## REGIONAL SCHEDULE

### East Ridge Warriors • Boys

Coach: James Hurley

#### DECEMBER

Dec 6 ..... Fleming-Neon  
 Dec 10 ..... at Phelps  
 Dec 13 ..... at Prestonsburg  
 Dec 17 ..... Pike County Central

Dec 19 ..... at Gatlinburg-Pittman, Tenn.  
 (Holiday tournament)  
 Dec 20 ..... at Gatlinburg-Pittman, Tenn.  
 (Holiday tournament)  
 Dec 21 ..... at Gatlinburg-Pittman, Tenn.  
 (Holiday tournament)  
 Dec 26 ..... TBA  
 Ashland Blazer,  
 Ashland Invitational Tournament  
 Dec 27 ..... TBA  
 Ashland Blazer,  
 Ashland Invitational Tournament  
 Dec 28 ..... TBA Ashland Blazer,  
 Ashland Invitational Tournament

#### JANUARY

Jan 3 ..... at Shelby Valley  
 Jan 7 ..... Jenkins  
 Jan 14 ..... at Letcher  
 Jan 17 ..... at Pikeville  
 Jan 21 ..... Belfry  
 Jan 24 ..... at South Floyd  
 Jan 25 ..... at Perry County Central  
 Jan 25 ..... TBA  
 Perry County Central,  
 8th Annual Commodore Classic  
 Jan 31 ..... Mt. Mission, Va.

#### FEBRUARY

Feb 4 ..... at Allen Central  
 Feb 7 ..... Shelby Valley  
 Feb 11 ..... Phelps  
 Feb 14 ..... June Buchanan  
 (At Alice Lloyd College)  
 Feb 18 ..... Betsy Layne  
 Feb 21 ..... at Belfry  
 Feb 25 ..... at Fleming-Neon

### East Ridge Lady Warriors

Coach: Denise Campbell

#### DECEMBER

Dec 2 ..... at Johnson Central  
 Dec 6 ..... Fleming-Neon  
 Dec 9 ..... at South Floyd  
 Dec 12 ..... Pikeville  
 Dec 17 ..... Pike County Central  
 Dec 20 ..... Fleming-Neon  
 Jenkins Holiday Classic  
 Dec 21 ..... at Jenkins  
 Jenkins Holiday Classic  
 Dec 23 ..... at Betsy Layne  
 Dec 27 ..... TBA  
 Somerset Invitational

#### JANUARY

Jan 3 ..... at Shelby Valley  
 Jan 6 ..... at Pike County Central  
 Jan 9 ..... Perry County Central  
 Jan 11 ..... at Phelps  
 Jan 13 ..... at Fleming-Neon  
 Jan 17 ..... at Pikeville  
 Jan 18 ..... at June Buchanan  
 Jan 23 ..... at Magoffin County  
 Jan 28 ..... Jenkins  
 Jan 30 ..... South Floyd

#### FEBRUARY

Feb 7 ..... Shelby Valley  
 Feb 13 ..... Fleming-Neon  
 Feb 17 ..... Phelps  
 Feb 20 ..... Johnson Central  
 Feb 24 ..... Belfry

### Phelps Hornets • Boys

Coach: Dale Hunt

#### DECEMBER

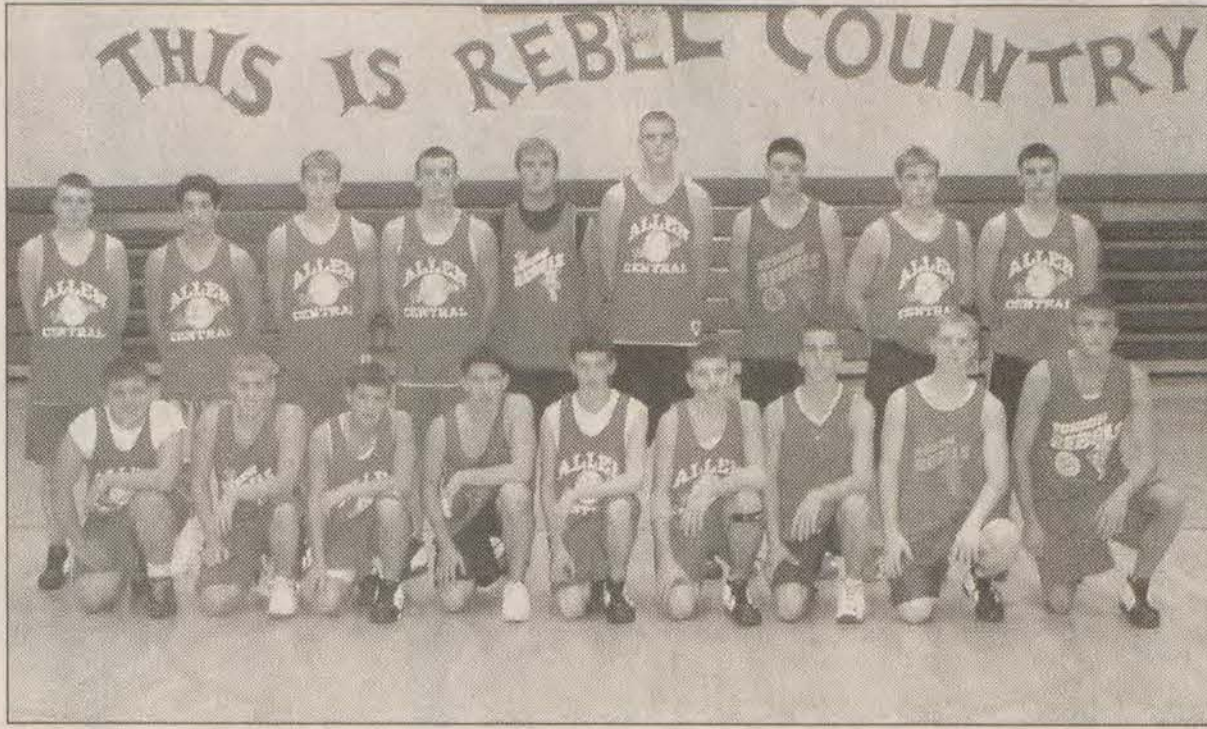
Dec 7 ..... TBA  
 East Ridge, Warrior Classic  
 Dec 10 ..... East Ridge  
 Dec 13 ..... Shelby Valley  
 Dec 17 ..... Pikeville  
 Dec 20 ..... TBA  
 Belfry, Mountain Schoolboy Classic

#### JANUARY

Jan 4 ..... Betsy Layne  
 Jan 10 ..... at Paintsville  
 Jan 14 ..... at Shelby Valley  
 Jan 17 ..... Pike County Central  
 Jan 24 ..... Prestonsburg  
 Jan 25 ..... Allen Central  
 Jan 27 ..... South Floyd  
 Pikeville, All "A" Classic  
 Jan 27 ..... TBA

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## ALLEN CENTRAL RUNNIN' REBELS



## Runnin' Rebels hope to play back into post-season after one-year hiatus

### ALLEN CENTRAL RUNNIN' REBELS

| No. | Player          | Cl. | Ht.  | Wt. |
|-----|-----------------|-----|------|-----|
| 32  | Neil Allen      | Sr. | 6-1  | 165 |
| 20  | Mike Slone      | Sr. | 6-2  | 175 |
| 40  | Oliver Kilgore  | Sr. | 6-5  | 170 |
| 22  | Kyle Webb       | Sr. | 5-10 | 150 |
|     | Brad Pack       | Sr. | 6-8  | 180 |
| 12  | Rossi Samons    | Jr. | 5-10 | 140 |
| 42  | Austin Francis  | Jr. | 6-1  | 170 |
| 25  | Paul Francis    | Jr. | 5-9  | 150 |
| 14  | Justin Hall     | Jr. | 5-9  | 140 |
| 50  | David Kilburn   | So. | 6-3  | 190 |
| 35  | Tim Griffith    | So. | 6-3  | 170 |
| 15  | Nathan Lafferty | So. | 5-9  | 150 |

Head coach: John Martin  
 Assistant coaches: Jerry Mannis and Rady Martin.

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - The month of March and the 15th Region Tournament just don't seem the same without Coach John Martin and the Allen Central High boys' basketball team playing for the region's top prize. Last year saw the Rebels get knocked out of the district tournament. On the upside for Martin and Allen

Central, the state's leading scorer in boys' basketball resided in the 15th Region and played for them. He was Shawn Newsome. He graduated. He's now at Ohio University Southern.

Martin knows a loss when he sees one. He also knows his team must know pick up and move on with the departed star.

"When look at last season, you see that Shawn averaged over half of our points," Martin said.

To make matters worse, Daniel Szabo averaged double-figures as well. He was also a senior last season and graduated in the spring.

"Over the summer we didn't play that well, but we didn't have everyone together either," added Martin.

"We've been surprised here in the fall about how stronger they've gotten. They've kinda had this obsession with weights. So much so, we've had to cut back."

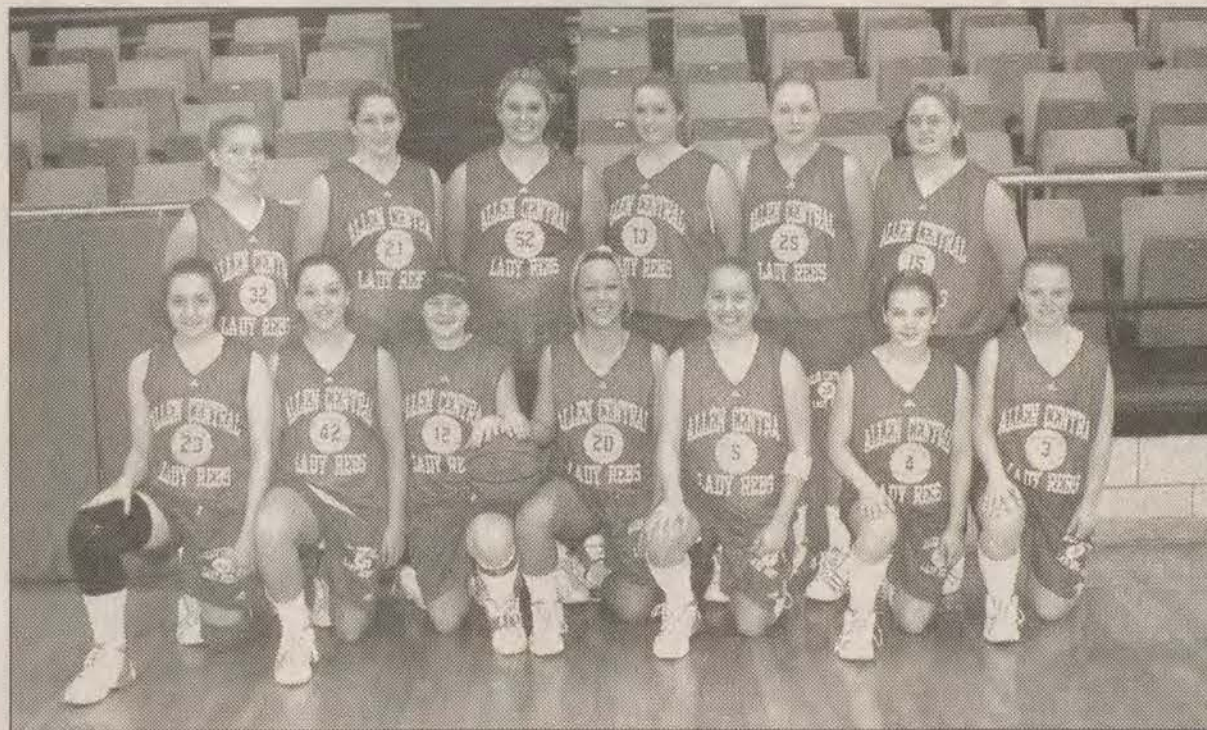
Rossi Samons, Austin Francis, Mike Slone and Neil Allen are the top performers back from last season's AC team.

"Rossi Samons is developing into the type of player he can be," said Martin. "I know he doesn't like for me to say it, but he's playing more and more like his brother Nick, who's probably one of the best players to ever play here. Rossi's matured so much and he's shooting the ball much better, as well as Kyle Webb, another senior."

Austin Francis will run the point for Martin's 2002-03 edition of the Rebels.

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## ALLEN CENTRAL LADY REBELS



### ALLEN CENTRAL LADY REBELS

| No. | Player          | Cl. | Ht.  | Pos. |
|-----|-----------------|-----|------|------|
| 23  | Erin Majakey    | Sr. | 5-5  | G    |
| 13  | Jaclyn Martin   | Sr. | 5-9  | C    |
| 20  | Amber Scott     | Sr. | 5-4  | G    |
| 42  | Tiffany Turner  | Sr. | 5-6  | G    |
| 5   | Tabetha Caudill | Jr. | 5-3  | G    |
| 25  | Jessica Isaac   | Jr. | 5-8  | F    |
| 12  | Terri Mullins   | Jr. | 5-0  | G    |
| 21  | Megan Harris    | So. | 5-10 | F    |
| 52  | Becky Thomas    | So. | 5-11 | C/F  |
| 4   | Mara Bilitier   | Fr. | 5-0  | G    |
| 40  | Natasha Blanton | Fr. | 5-8  | F    |
| 15  | Alanna Cline    | Fr. | 5-8  | F    |
| 11  | Tanda Conn      | Fr. | 5-1  | G    |
| 32  | Yumekia Hunter  | Fr. | 5-5  | G    |
| 3   | Amanda Mills    | Fr. | 5-1  | G    |
| 22  | Amanda Thacker  | 8th | 5-3  | G    |

Head coach: Cindy Halbert  
 Assistant coaches: Wesley Case and Ronnie Patton

injury and another player, also a guard, returns to her Floyd County roots after averaging over 20 points in a couple of different seasons for a team in the 14th Region. And that's just three of several talented players.

Sophomores Megan Harris and Becky Thomas each averaged 14 points per game last season. Harris is a returning forward, while Thomas will play either center or forward. Guard Erin Majakey played just 15 games last season. In those 15 contests, she managed

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## 14TH REGION

Breathitt County also plays basketball; Bobcats, 'Dores will battle it out

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

When the 14th Region Tournament takes place in March of next year, don't be surprised if you see the Breathitt County Bobcats and the Perry County Central Commodores in the finals. As a matter of fact, it's quite likely.

The pre-conceived notion that Breathitt County only fields a competitive football team and not a boys' basketball squad is one other 14th Region coaches are not buying. Breathitt County has its share and more of boys' basketball talent.

The Whitesburg Yellowjackets lost a great deal of production to graduation following a 30-win season and will look to get back where they were last season. Other teams looking to contend include a Hazard team guided by a new head coach, Powell County, Leslie County, Knott Central, Wolfe County, Owsley County, Cordia and Jenkins.

### 53rd District

#### Whitesburg (30-6)

Repeat? That's the question on the minds of everyone in the 14th Region, particularly Whitesburg Yellowjacket fans. Last year's trip to Rupp Arena in Lexington was the school's first in 51 years. The trip was highlighted by a win in the First Round. Now, less than one year later, its back to work for the Whitesburg boys. Without graduated seniors Brandon Brock and Bryan Howard (Transylvania), senior Trevor Buttrey (6-3, 250) will have to play even bigger. Junior guard Bo Cook and senior Winston Lee, the quarterback for the Whitesburg football team are other likely starters. Again, Whitesburg is expected to win the district. How far the 'Jackets can get in the post-season is a different question.

Head coach Danny Bates stepped down in August after leading the team to the Sweet 16. He cited health problems for his ultimate reason for stepping down. Rick Adams is the new head coach.

#### Jenkins (16-12)

Sharp-shooter Jonah Tackett returns and the Cavaliers are already hungry for the post-season. Tackett will have the inside game of 6-foot-11 Tyler Eisenman (7.0 ppg, 10.0 rpg) with which to work. Point guard Joby Potter, a nice compliment to the Jenkins attack, returns also.

#### Fleming-Neon (4-22)

Playing without the scoring of graduated senior Daniel Knausz may be harder for the Pirates than many had thought. Guards Ryan Potter (12.0 ppg) and Brian Quillen (4.0) and forward Jason Collier (10.0) are the top returnees. The Pirates figure to be one of the region's most improved teams.

#### Letcher (7-21)

Center Jeremy Hayes is the leading returnee for the Eagles. Teammates and guard Shane Breeding and Daniel Caudill are also back.

### 54th District

#### Perry County Central (26-2)

The Commodores had just two losses last season but the one that hurt the most came in the region finals to eventual champ Whitesburg. Ready to reload, the Commodores have the players to get back to the Sweet 16. Led by senior point guard Tewayne Willis (12.0 points per game), Perry Central also returns Travis Neace (10.0 points per game), Brandon Campbell (11.0 ppg), Jamie Fugate and head coach Al Holland's son, Allen Holland. Sophomore guard Daniel Combs (9.0 points per game) will also see plenty of playing time. Perry Central is coming off its most successful high school football season.

#### Hazard (17-12)

Kevin Spurlock is the new coach of the Bulldogs' boys' basketball program. Spurlock, a graduate of Allen Central High School in Floyd County, comes to Hazard from Trimble County where he served as head coach for just one season.

Junior center Steven Sizemore, one of the region's best players, leads in the middle, after an impressive season on the gridiron. Senior guard Chris Olinger returns to help the Bulldogs get up and down the court. Juniors Parker Carter and Sean Woods and senior George Pankey are all likely to see starting playing time. Juniors Hank Gabbard, J.J. Housley and Lee Steele will also contribute.

#### Leslie County (11-14)

The days of a high-scoring player by the name of Tim Couch are long gone, but the Eagles' boys' basketball team can still put some points on the board and will look to do more of that this season with guard Kyle Hoskins leading the

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## Lady Rebels have deep bench, plenty of talent

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Could the third time be a charm for Allen Central girls' basketball coach Cindy Halbert? Halbert, now in her third season at the helm of the Lady Rebel girls' basketball program, has by far the most talented team in her three seasons at the Floyd County school set to take the floor this season. Among the returnees for Halbert is a pair of sophomore who averaged 10 points each last season as freshmen playing in the tough confines of the 58th District and 15th Region. A senior guard is returning from a severe knee

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charge. Hoskins averaged 17 points per game last season and is joined this season by fellow returns Willie Owens (12.5 ppg) and Roger Bowling (7.0 ppg).

Forwards Merle Hacker and Brice Fields and center Pete Brock will mix in with the two three leading returning scorers.

**Cordia (19-11)**

Despite winning nearly 20 games last season, the Lions will have to beats the likes of Leslie County and Hazard to even get to the top of the district where perennial favorite Perry County Central dwells.

Senior guard Brent Perkins (14 ppg) leads Cordia as its top returning scorer along with Mitch Smith (14.0 ppg, 9.0 rpg). Sophomores Denny Ray Farler, Brian Campbell and Andrew Moore are the other three likely starters. If Cordia teams of the past are any indication, the 2002-03 edition should be a hard-nosed group.

**55th District**

**Breathitt County (20-10)**

Hoping that another successful football season will send vibes to the boys' basketball team, the Bobcats are the favorite in both the 55th District and the 14th Region.

Quarterback and point guard Justin Haddix returns to run the basketball team's offense after a season in which he averaged nine points and six assists per game. The leading scorer returning to the hardwood is Courtney Johnson, who flipped in 18 points per game a year ago. Ryan Raleigh (14.0), a 6-2 forward, and Jared Stacy, a 6-2 forward return, along with fellow senior Randy Gaddis. Raleigh is another capable scorer who returns with 10.5 points-per-game season.

**Knott County Central (11-15)**

Big Vance Hurley hopes to lead the Patriots on a spirited run this season. Hurley, a 6-4, 275-pound senior center, averaged 13 points a game and seven rebounds. Senior Joe Dials is back at point guard for the Patriots.

Tyson Slone will take over the point guard position. Brad Parke, Kevin Pike (6-6) and Wes Cooke will also vie for starting time and time in off the bench.

Knott Central had a coaching change. Danny Adams stepped down. Jeff Honeycutt is the new coach.

**June Buchanan (15-14)**

Traditionally strong June Buchanan may play from behind in more games this season without the help of sharpshooter Josh Cook who moved on to nearby Alice Lloyd College following graduation.

Byron Sparkman (6.5 ppg) and Brandon Amburgey (5.0 ppg) return in the backcourt. Zach Webb (6-4) will start at center. Tyler Cox, Aaron Jones and Chase Cornette will also see time in the starting rotation and coming off the bench.

Gary Stepp is the new head coach at the June Buchanan School. The school draws students from Knott and several surrounding and neighboring counties.

**Riverside Christian (4-22)**

Senior backcourt mates Jesse Fugate (12.0 ppg) and Dustin Strong (17.0 ppg) will lead the Rams' cause. Sophomore point guard Josh Weaver, who has experience, will run the offense from the point guard position. Kevin Miller, a 6-6 center, will start in the middle for Riverside Christian. Last season Miller was also a bright spot for the Rams, averaging eight points and five rebounds per contest.

**Jackson City (6-18)**

Senior Chase Fugate, who averaged a double-double last season is the returning starter to a team which has some other experienced players returning. Junior point guard Michael Hensley is also back, along with sophomore guard Michael Ritchie and sophomore center Steven VanZant.

Three freshmen - Jordan Fugate, Kyle Howard and Chase Thompson are expected to contribute right away.

**56th District**

**Powell County (18-10)**

Advancing to the regional semifinals last season was a pleasant surprise for first-year head coach Greg Coldiron. Three-year starter Jeremy Jones is the returning leader for the Pirates. Jones averaged 16.5 points per game and six boards per outing last season. Dewayne Hatton, a 6-3 senior forward and Jared Baker, a 6-5, 245-pound bigman junior center man the post as a formidable combination.

Micah Drake and John Brewer, both 6-2 juniors, made up the three-guard set along with Jones. Coldiron liked the way his team was able to finish last season.

**Owsley County (12-12)**

Four starters return and the Owls are ready to contend.

Four double-figure scorers from one year ago return for Owsley County, leaving things to look quite nice for the sea-

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BETSY LAYNE BOBCATS



Bobcats take aim at district title

"This probably will be the best *three-point shooting team* we have had since I have been here,"

— stated Rose

by JAMIE HOWELL  
SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE – Betsy Layne head basketball coach Brent Rose has watched his Bobcats improve each year since taking over the program. This season could be the frosting on the cake for all his teams' effort. The Bobcat roster is loaded with junior and senior talent as 10 of the 16 players are upperclassmen. Betsy Layne gave 15th region teams fits in 2001, and look to take that big step in 2002-2003.

The Bobcats lost center Jeremy Daniels to graduation, but Betsy Layne returns several key players. Bobo Hamilton, Jordan Kidd, and

Brent Newsome all return from last year and all have considerable amounts of prior minutes played. Jordan Kidd will be at a guard slot for Rose and the youngster has good range and touch when shooting the basketball. Brent Newsome has the talent to compete with anyone at the forward slot. Betsy Layne has several talented freshmen on the roster, players like Brandon Thacker, Derek Case, and Brandon Kidd. The tandem of Kidd and Case owned the paint in Floyd County grade school play last season, and may give Rose some solid minutes this year. Betsy Layne should prove to be a good shooting team as well.

BETSY LAYNE BOBCATS

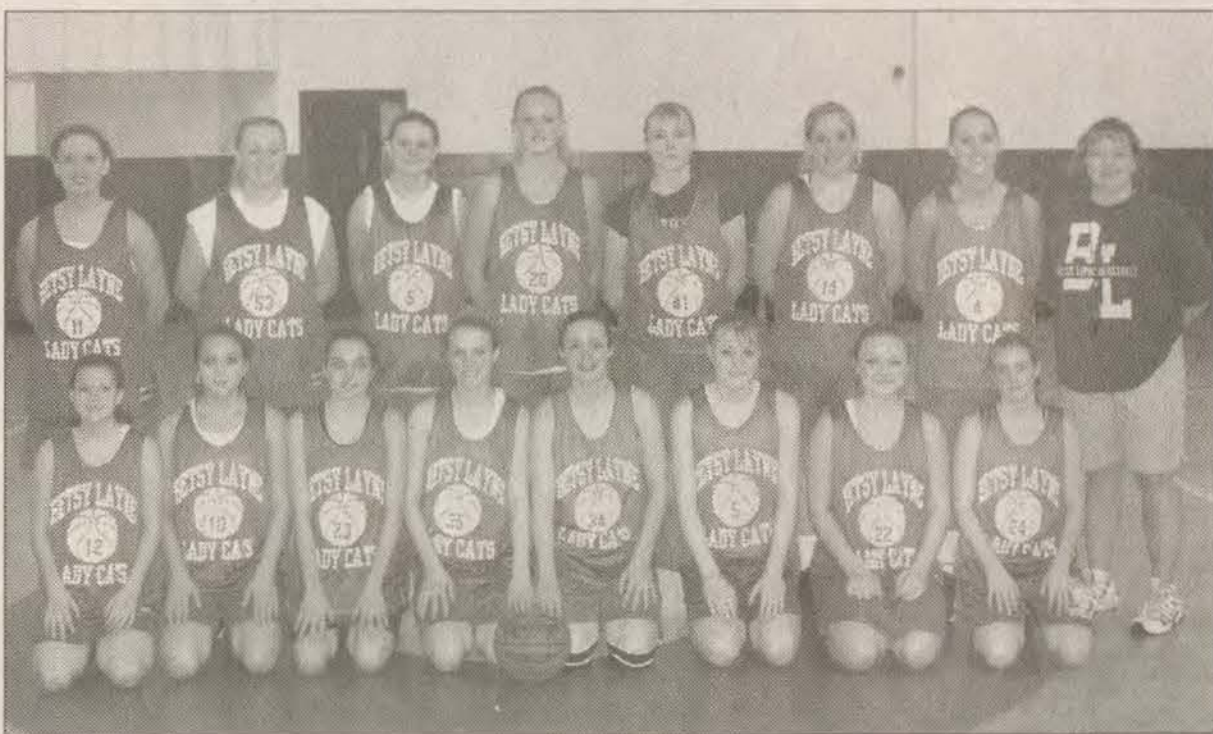
| No. | Player           | Class |
|-----|------------------|-------|
| 3   | Preston Simon    | So.   |
| 4   | Ryan Bryant      | So.   |
| 12  | Chase Daniels    | Jr.   |
| 13  | Brandon Thacker  | Fr.   |
| 14  | Bobo Hamilton    | Sr.   |
| 15  | Michael Rogers   | Sr.   |
| 21  | Jordan Scarberry | Jr.   |
| 22  | Wes Howell       | Sr.   |
| 23  | Jordan Kidd      | Jr.   |
| 24  | Nathan Newsome   | Jr.   |
| 30  | Brent Newsome    | Jr.   |
| 32  | Brentton Akers   | Jr.   |
| 34  | Derek Case       | Fr.   |
| 42  | Brandon Kidd     | Fr.   |
| 44  | Brandon Hall     | Jr.   |
| 55  | Jordan Case      | So.   |

"This probably will be the best three-point shooting team we have had since I have been here," stated Rose.

Bobo Hamilton is expected to be one of those that can fire the three ball, Hamilton returns from a season in which he averaged over 11 points per game. Betsy Layne will

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BETSY LAYNE LADYCATS



Lady Bobcats look to repeat in 58th District

by JAMIE HOWELL  
SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE – Betsy Layne Lady Bobcat basketball has been a force to reckon with for a long time in Floyd Co., but even more so since Cassandra Akers has been at the helm.

Akers has installed an exciting, fast paced offense and an aggressive defense that brought the Lady Bobcats within one win of the girls sweet sixteen last season. One of the most important things a coach can install in a team is pride, and the Lady Bobcats play with great pride on a nightly basis, but a coach most also have athletes and Betsy Layne has plenty of those as well. Akers team is led by seniors, Tiffany Meade and Natasha Stratton both of whom played last season for a team that won the All-

A title in the 15th Region. Betsy Layne also boasts one of the best pure shooters in the region in Whitney Lykens, the junior guard lit up several teams last season and had numerous double-digit games. Lykens is a preseason contender for 15th region player of the year honors.

The middle will be controlled by Kesha Newman and Tabetha Whitt as both are juniors for Akers squad. Betsy Layne is expected to get major contributions from Kim Clark and Kristen Smith as well, both guards can step in and provide quality minutes for the Lady Bobcats. Most areas seem to be in good shape for Betsy Layne as the season prepares to get underway, but the loss of seniors Kim Tackett and Devon Reynolds will be tough to overcome. Betsy Layne took the 58th district tournament title last

BLHS LADYCATS

| No. | Name             | Grade |
|-----|------------------|-------|
| 35  | Tiffany Meade    | 12    |
| 34  | Natasha Stratton | 12    |
| 05  | Whitney Lykens   | 11    |
| 41  | Kesha Newman     | 11    |
| 53  | Tabetha Whitt    | 11    |
| 14  | Breann Akers     | 10    |
| 04  | Kim Clark        | 10    |
| 20  | Kristal Daniels  | 10    |
| 23  | Kristen Smith    | 10    |
| 21  | Chasity Bentley  | 09    |
| 12  | Amanda Hunter    | 09    |
| 10  | Candice Meade    | 09    |
| 25  | Nicole Spurlock  | 09    |
| 42  | Becky Tackett    | 09    |
| 33  | Whitney Tackett  | 09    |

season and was in the finals of the 15th region tournament before falling to region champion Johnson Central.

Akers returns a solid nucleus for 2002-2003 and several freshman as six players on the roster are freshman. A tough 2002-2003 schedule shows regional powers like Belfry, Sheldon Clark, and Johnson Central, which will only help when tournament time approaches. Betsy Layne will open the 2002 season on the road in tournament play at Perry Central on December 4. The Lady Bobcats will follow that with

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FEBRUARY

|        |                        |
|--------|------------------------|
| Feb 4  | at Pike County Central |
| Feb 11 | at East Ridge          |
| Feb 15 | at Belfry              |
| Feb 18 | at Prestonsburg        |
| Feb 22 | at Allen Central       |

Phelps Hornets • Girls

Coach: Jamie Keene

DECEMBER

|        |                     |
|--------|---------------------|
| Dec 5  | at Paintsville      |
| Dec 9  | Pike County Central |
| Dec 12 | at Shelby Valley    |
| Dec 13 | TBA                 |
| Dec 16 | Sheldon Clark       |

JANUARY

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Jan 2                       | TBA              |
| Jan 6                       | Belfry           |
| Jan 9                       | at Sheldon Clark |
| Jan 11                      | East Ridge       |
| Jan 13                      | at Allen Central |
| Jan 20                      | Pikeville        |
| All "A" Regional Tournament |                  |

|        |                        |
|--------|------------------------|
| Jan 30 | at Pike County Central |
| Jan 31 | TBA                    |

FEBRUARY

|        |                |
|--------|----------------|
| Feb 3  | at Pikeville   |
| Feb 7  | Matewan, W.Va. |
| Feb 10 | Shelby Valley  |
| Feb 17 | at East Ridge  |
| Feb 20 | at Belfry      |
| Feb 27 | Allen Central  |

Belfry Pirates • Boys

Coach: David Hatfield

DECEMBER

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Dec 3   | at Phelps      |
| Dec 12  | Sheldon Clark  |
| Dec 14  | at Betsy Layne |
| Dec 17  | at Paintsville |
| Dec 20  | Cumberland     |
| Mountain Schoolboy Classic                    |                |
| Dec 21  | TBA            |
| Mountain Schoolboy Classic                    |                |
| Dec 27  | TBA            |
| Williamson, W.Va., Massey Energy Invitational |                |
| Dec 28  | TBA            |
| Williamson, W.Va., Massey Energy Invitational |                |

JANUARY

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Jan 1                                  | TBA                  |
| Pike County Central, Coca-Cola Classic |                      |
| Jan 2                                  | TBA                  |
| Pike County Central, Coca-Cola Classic |                      |
| Jan 3                                  | TBA                  |
| Pike County Central, Coca-Cola Classic |                      |
| Jan 7                                  | Pikeville            |
| Jan 10                                 | at Williamson, W.Va. |
| Jan 14                                 | Prestonsburg         |
| Jan 17                                 | Matewan, W.Va.       |
| Jan 21                                 | at East Ridge        |
| Jan 28                                 | Pike County Central  |

FEBRUARY

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| Feb 1  | Williamson, W.Va.  |
| Feb 7  | Matewan, W.Va.     |
| Feb 14 | at Betsy Layne     |
| Feb 15 | Phelps             |
| Feb 18 | at Allen Central   |
| Feb 21 | East Ridge         |
| Feb 25 | Shelby Valley      |
| Feb 27 | at Johnson Central |
| Feb 28 | at Sheldon Clark   |

Belfry Lady Pirates

Coach: Mark Gannon

DECEMBER

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Dec 4                     | TBA           |
| Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic |               |
| Dec 4                     | Powell County |
| Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic |               |
| Dec 13                    | TBA           |
| Lady Pirate Invitational  |               |
| Dec 13                    | Betsy Layne   |
| Lady Pirate Invitational  |               |
| Dec 14                    | TBA           |
| Lady Pirate Invitational  |               |
| Dec 19                    | Seneca        |
| Male Holiday Tournament   |               |
| Dec 20                    | TBA           |
| Male Holiday Tournament   |               |
| Dec 21                    | TBA           |
| Male Holiday Tournament   |               |
| Dec 23                    | TBA           |
| Male Holiday Tournament   |               |
| Dec 26                    | TBA           |
| Boyd County Invitational  |               |
| Dec 28                    | TBA           |
| Boyd County Invitational  |               |

JANUARY

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jan 4                       | TBA                     |
| Ashland Kitten Invitational |                         |
| Jan 6                       | at Phelps               |
| Jan 11                      | TBA                     |
| Ashland Kitten Invitational |                         |
| Jan 13                      | at Knott County Central |

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Jan 16 ..... Magoffin County  
 Jan 18 ..... at Ashland Blazer  
 Jan 20 ..... Sheldon Clark  
 Jan 23 ..... at Johnson Central  
 Jan 28 ..... Perry County Central  
 Jan 28 ..... Pike County Central  
 Jan 30 ..... Pikeville

**FEBRUARY**

Feb 3 ..... Allen Central  
 Feb 6 ..... at Breathitt County  
 Feb 13 ..... Shelby Valley  
 Feb 17 ..... at Paintsville  
 Feb 20 ..... Phelps  
 Feb 24 ..... at East Ridge

**Pike Co. Central Hawks • Boy's**  
 Coach: David Rowe

**DECEMBER**

Dec 3 ..... Paintsville  
 Dec 6 at Lawrence County  
 Dec 10 ..... Allen Central  
 Dec 17 ..... at East Ridge  
 Dec 20 ..... TBA  
 Dec 27 ..... TBA  
 South Laurel, Holiday Classic

**JANUARY**

Jan 1 ..... TBA  
 Coca-Cola Classic  
 Jan 7 ..... TBA  
 WYMT Mountain Classic  
 Jan 17 ..... at Phelps  
 Jan 21 ..... at Shelby Valley  
 Jan 24 ..... Sheldon Clark  
 Jan 28 ..... at Belfry  
 Jan 31 ..... Prestonsburg

**FEBRUARY**

Feb 4 ..... Phelps  
 Feb 13 ..... at Pikeville  
 Feb 18 ..... Johnson Central  
 Feb 21 ..... at Betsy Layne  
 Feb 25 ..... at South Floyd  
 Feb 28 ..... Magoffin County

**Pike Co. Central Lady Hawks**  
 Coach: Tammy Tussey

**DECEMBER**

Dec 2 ..... Magoffin County  
 Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic  
 Dec 9 ..... at Phelps  
 Dec 12 ..... at Fleming-Neon  
 Dec 17 ..... at East Ridge  
 Dec 23 ..... at Shelby Valley  
 Dec 26 ..... TBA

**JANUARY**

Jan 4 ..... TBA  
 Ashland Blazer  
 Ashland Kitten Invitational  
 Jan 6 ..... East Ridge  
 Jan 9 ..... Pikeville  
 Jan 13 ..... at South Floyd  
 Jan 20 ..... at Prestonsburg  
 Jan 23 ..... at Sheldon Clark  
 Jan 28 ..... at Belfry  
 Jan 30 ..... Phelps

**FEBRUARY**

Feb 6 ..... Shelby Valley  
 Feb 10 ..... Whitesburg  
 Feb 13 ..... at Pikeville  
 Feb 21 ..... at Betsy Layne  
 Feb 24 ..... at Allen Central  
 Feb 27 ..... Prestonsburg

**Paintsville Tigers • Boy's**  
 Coach: Bill M. Runyon  
 Region: 15  
 District: 57

**DECEMBER**

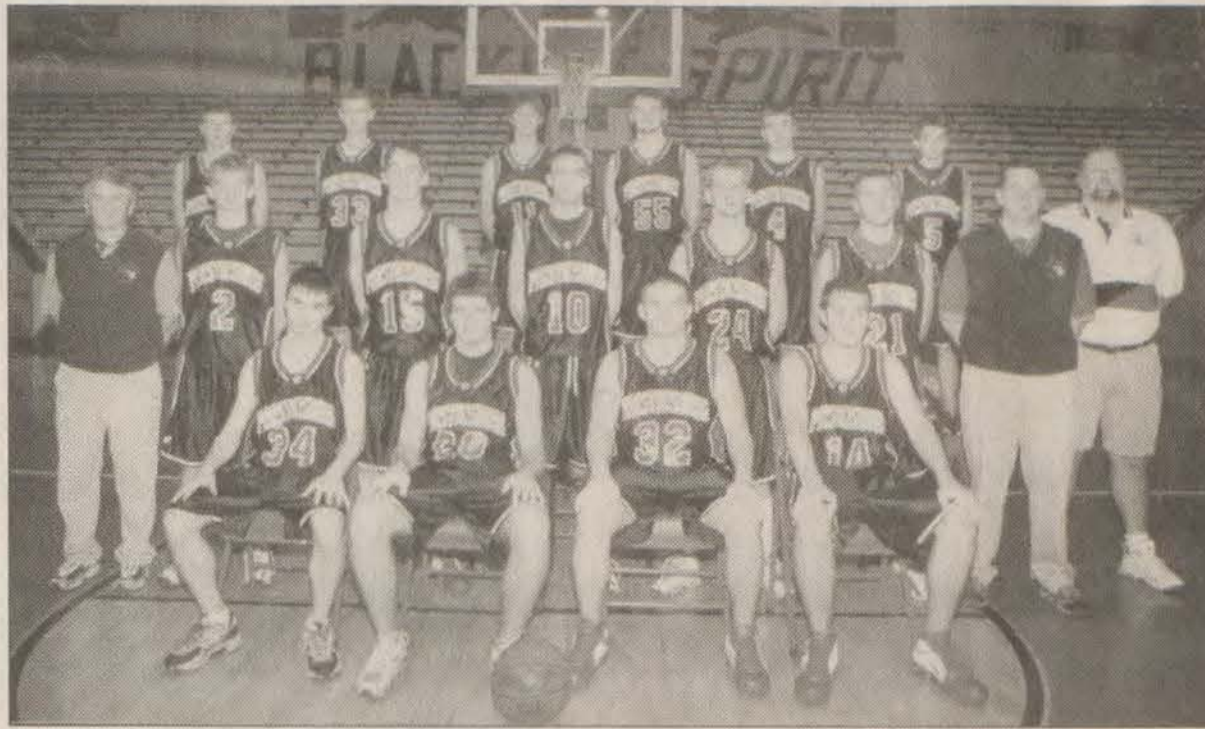
Dec 3 ..... at Pike County Central  
 Dec 10 ..... at Betsy Layne  
 Dec 13 ..... Magoffin County  
 Dec 17 ..... Belfry  
 Dec 20 ..... at Shelby Valley  
 Dec 26 ..... Wayne County  
 Lexington Catholic  
 Fifth-Third Holiday Classic

**JANUARY**

Jan 3 ..... at Boyd County  
 Jan 10 ..... Phelps  
 Jan 14 ..... Johnson Central  
 Jan 17 ..... at Sheldon Clark  
 Jan 21 ..... at South Floyd  
 Jan 24 ..... at Magoffin County  
 Jan 27 ..... TBA  
 Pikeville All "A" Classic

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**PRESTONSBURG BLACKCATS**



**Blackcats ready for new start**

by JAMIE HOWELL  
 SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – The past several seasons at Prestonsburg High School have produced great success on the football field with a state runner-up finish and two regional titles in the past two years, however the basketball Blackcats have suffered through tough times. Prestonsburg coach Jackie Crisp has stayed the course and weathered the storm and hopes this season will be the turning point he has been looking for the Blackcats.

In the late 1980s and early 1990's Prestonsburg made a trip to the sweet sixteen under Gordan Parido and made several trips deep into the regional tournament. Prestonsburg made strides last season as the Blackcats played teams such as Shelby Valley and South Floyd tough and pulled off upset wins as well over several teams. Prestonsburg returns Chris Kidd and Joey Willis from last year's squad. The two will be looked upon to provide leadership for the Blackcats. Chris Kidd led the

Blackcats in scoring last season, and the senior will look to pace the Blackcats again in 2003. Joey Willis will be another Blackcat who is expected to produce for Crisp. Willis was the quarterback for Prestonsburg on the gridiron.

Trevor Compton is expected to run the point guard position for Prestonsburg, the sophomore played the point as a freshman in 2001. The Blackcats will look to get the ball up and down the floor and play a fast paced game this season. Prestonsburg lacks size in the paint, but the Blackcats hope to make up for the lack of size with quickness and tough defense. The Blackcats will look to several other players for contributions as well. Chris Bentley and Jesse Chaffin are two Blackcats that are expected to see playing time for Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg will not be afraid to fire the trey either as senior Justin Allen returns for the Blackcats, Allen led Prestonsburg from three-point range in 2002. Prestonsburg will also have some good young talent this season as

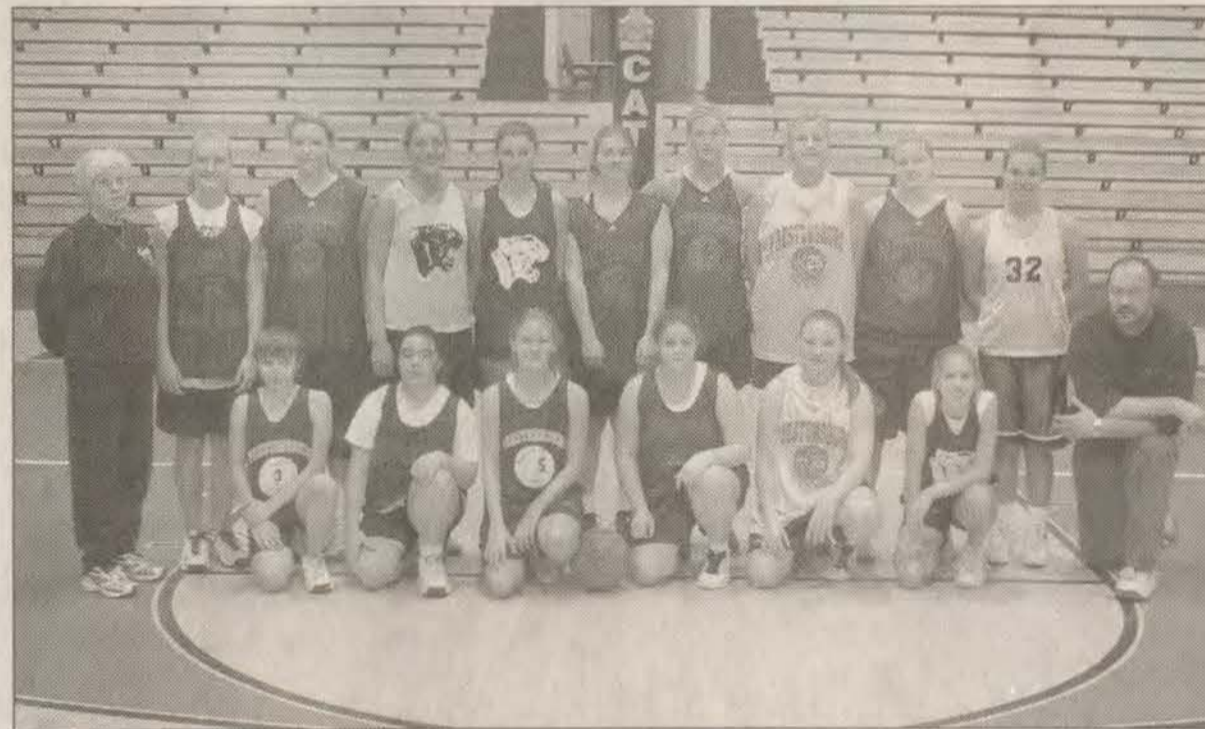
**PHS BLACKCATS**

| No. | Player             | Class |
|-----|--------------------|-------|
| 2   | Kris Bentley       | So.   |
| 4   | Nick McGuire       | Fr.   |
| 5   | Michael Stephens   | Fr.   |
| 10  | Kory Caudill       | Jr.   |
| 11  | Jesse Chaffin      | So.   |
| 14  | Justin Allen       | Sr.   |
| 15  | Nick Jamerson      | Jr.   |
| 20  | Joey Willis        | Sr.   |
| 21  | Trevor Compton     | So.   |
| 24  | Michael Morrison   | So.   |
| 32  | Chris Kidd         | Sr.   |
| 33  | Sean Leslie        | Fr.   |
| 34  | Josh Hayden        | Sr.   |
| 42  | Joe Blackburn      | So.   |
| 55  | John Mark Stephens | So.   |

Michael Stephens and Nick McGuire are expected to compete for playing time. The Blackcats will have another tough task this season as South Floyd and Betsy Layne are expected to be the pre-season favorites in the 58th district. Paintsville also returns several players from last seasons regional final team. Prestonsburg will look to turn it around this season and compete for a region title in 2002-2003.

The Blackcats are coached by Jackie Crisp and assisted by Bobby Hackworth and Don Compton. Prestonsburg will open the season against defending 15th region champion Shelby Valley at home.

**PRESTONSBURG LADY BLACKCATS**



**Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats look to rebuild**

by JAMIE HOWELL  
 SPORTS WRITER

Ask Prestonsburg coach Harold Tackett about his 2002-2003 schedule and he states, "I think we have

one of the toughest schedules in Kentucky." With teams such as Jackson Co. Boyd Co. and Mercer Co. as well as Betsy Layne, and Johnson Central it is evident that Tackett's Lady Blackcats have a

**PHS LADYCATS**

| Player         | Class     |
|----------------|-----------|
| Meaghan Slone  | 8th Grade |
| Molly Burchett | Sophomore |
| Chanel Music   | Sophomore |
| Taryn Harris   | Junior    |
| Kelly Key      | Sophomore |
| Amanda Webb    | Senior    |
| Heather White  | Junior    |
| Abby Shaffer   | Senior    |
| Darcy Hicks    | Freshman  |
| Hope Osborne   | Senior    |
| Megan Patton   | Sophomore |
| Amber Whitaker | 8th Grade |
| Pam Slone      | 8th Grade |

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**Region**

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son ahead.  
 Senior guards Anthony Bowling (14.0 ppg), Travis Neeley (16.0) and Jason Smith (22.0) return along with sophomore forward Tyson Gross (10.0 ppg, 9.0 rpg). Josh Wilson, a 6-3 sophomore also returns, taking over at center for a team which already has some proven scoring threats. Wilson chipped in four points and four rebounds per game last season.

Youth is also on Owsley County's side. Freshman Robert Smith, a player who can play a couple of different positions, could also see some starting time for the Owls.

**Lee County (3-22)**

Wins were few and far between for the Bobcats last season. The upcoming season could hold more promise for the Bobcats with the return of junior center Tyler Debord. With a challenging 56th District to play within, Lee County could struggle for wins again. The Bobcats managed two region wins last season and one district triumph.

**KCC girls climb to the top in 14th**

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

Knott Central and Perry County Central are on schedule to battle it out for girls' basketball supremacy in the 14th Region.

A regional championship game between the two teams some time in March is very likely.

Perry Central, the defending champion, has the best player in the region in Polly Sebastian, a junior. Knott Central senior guard Tonya Amburgey is a close second for that honor.

Knott Central, defending 55th District champions, also return Tiffani Slone and Francis Chaffins, like Amburgey also double-digit scorers from one season ago. Brandie Williams, a 5-2 spark plug, returns at the point guard position for the Lady Patriots of Knott County Central.

Perry Central (28-5) also has the services of Britta Maggard returning to the fold. Brittany Baker, Chasity Napier, Emily Brashear and Kayla Combs, a 6-0 senior who can score are also pack for Perry Central's Lady Commodores.

Whitesburg is a strong favorite in the 14th Region, led by some excellent returnees. Whitesburg (23-7) will be led by seniors Chasity Fox and Afton Blair (6.0). Ashley Stidham, Whitney Hogg and center Camille Cooper also returns. Junior guard Cassie Cook is also expected to start for the Lady Yellowjackets. The Whitesburg girls are the defending All "A" region champions.

Breathitt County (16-13) has five starters returning off a team which played above average most of the time last season. Five-foot-11 senior center Nicole Ritchie (13.0 ppg, 7.5 rpg) is the top returnee. Lindsey Howard, a 5-10 senior also returns at a forward position for the Lady Bobcats. Senior Vanessa Combs and juniors Lindsey Stevens and Danae Stamper are back as well as Collette Cole, a 5-10 freshman Breathitt coaches are very high on. So high, she was penciled in as a likely starter.

William Fannin is back as the head coach at Hazard (15-11). He led the Hazard boys to the regional title in 2001, now takes over the girls' program.

Seniors Brittany Campbell, Sara Cox and Lindsey Sidwell lead the way for the Fannin-coached club.

Powell County (18-10) returns Brandy Lockard and her 21-point average from last season. Charity Adkins, a senior, and junior Sarah Tipton are other returnees. Kelsey Hunt will start at center, while 5-9 senior Autumn Higgins will go in the middle at center for the Lady Pirates.

Leslie County won 21 games last season while losing 11. There is some girls' basketball tradition at the high school alma mater of Cleveland Browns quarterback Tim Couch. Leslie County returns some experienced players led by junior center Heather Benton (22 ppg, 14.0 rpg). Benton is one of the top post players in not only the region but the entire state.

Jenkins (18-12) and Fleming-Neon, two schools located in Letcher County, both get to play for the region's "A" title, as do Whitesburg and Letcher, the other two county schools.

Jenkins is coached by Jerry Bentley. The Lady Cavaliers return some experience and a young team full of spirit, drive and determination. The Lady Cavs posted an 18-12 record last season. Sophomore point guard Kayla Bentley (12.0 ppg) and junior point guard Ciera Pitman are the top players back for Jenkins. Veronica Short and Beth Branham also return to the Jenkins girls' team.

Fleming-Neon won 13 games last season while dropping just five. The Lady Pirates feature one of the region's top players and scorers in 5-11 senior Brittany Phipps (20.0 ppg). Latesha Owsley, Megan Little and Megan

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Johnson also return for Fleming-Neon. Johnson is also a senior.

Owsley County returns some accomplished players but lacks size with no starter above 5-8. The Lady Owls (10-14) will be led by Austin McIntosh (17.5 ppg, 9.5 rpg), who nearly averaged a double-double last season. Owsley County is coached by Paul Green.

Buckhorn (17-10) and Wolfe County (11-17) will also vie for a spot in March's regional tournament.

15TH REGION

Shelby Valley boys will try repeat luck

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2001-02 boys' high basketball season was a wild ride for head coach Rodney Rowe and his Shelby Valley Wildcats. Following the 2000-01 campaign, the most successful season in school history, the Wildcats won 25 games and captured a 15th Region championship. Now, the Wildcats, along with their legion of fans, want a repeat performance. An encore, so to speak.

"We're a basketball-crazed town anyway," Shelby Valley Coach Rodney Rowe said, prior to leaving Pike County for the state tournament last March. "We hope that this year's trip can be the start of many to come," he added.

It just might be the first of many more to come for Rowe & Co. Last year's state appearance brought back many memories for Rowe, a Virgie High School alumnus, and others.

The Wildcats, although taking heavy graduation hits the past two seasons, return some talented players. And all got their feet wet - some drenched - in 15th Region battles during the 2001-02 campaign.

This season, it's back to work for Rowe's Cats. In the past two seasons, the Shelby Valley boys' basketball team has amassed over 50 wins. Perennial region foes Johnson Central, Paintsville and South Floyd also are back on the hardwood awaiting what the Wildcats have to offer.

The 59th and 60th districts have teams trading homes as East Ridge is added, and Millard, Feds Creek and Elkhorn City fall to consolidation.

57TH DISTRICT

Johnson Central: The Golden Eagles got back to the 15th Region Tournament last season after beating archrival Paintsville in the finals of the 57th District Tournament.

Senior post player Justin Woods (6-5, 200) and point guard Chris Hurt (5-9, 150) lead the Golden Eagles back out on the court this season. Brandon Wheeler, a 6-5 transfer from Lawrence County, may give the Golden Eagles the piece of the region puzzle they've been searching for. Sophomore Josh Stapleton, another strong post player, will add even more size to the Johnson Central attack. Stellar shooter Mike Walters is also back for the Golden Eagles.

At press time, Hurt was nursing a fracture in his wrist, but should be ready to go when the Eagles tip off the season this month.

Paintsville: Senior Stuart Rutledge (6-1, 180) returns for the Tigers.

Guard Adam Rice is back for his senior season.

So are Tate Harmon and Ryan Jarrell. Junior Shane Simpkins is also back in the fold. Simpkins is an accomplished shooter who also plays football and baseball for the Tigers. With that, Coach Bill Mike Runyon's Tigers will give a strong push for 57th District and 15th Region titles, trying to add to their already long list of triumphs.

Sheldon Clark: Losing Adam Brown would hurt any team. The sharpshooter transferred from Sheldon Clark to Lawrence County over the summer and left head coach J.R. Harless with a void to fill. A big void to fill. The Cardinals will try and get a spot in the regional tournament ahead of 57th District front-runners Johnson Central and Paintsville.

Magoffin County: Consistent Magoffin County head coach Danny Adams went through one of his toughest basketball seasons last winter. The Hornets finished second from the bottom, and will look to make their way back up the 15th Region ladder during the coming months. Lucas Russell is the top returning player for the Hornets.

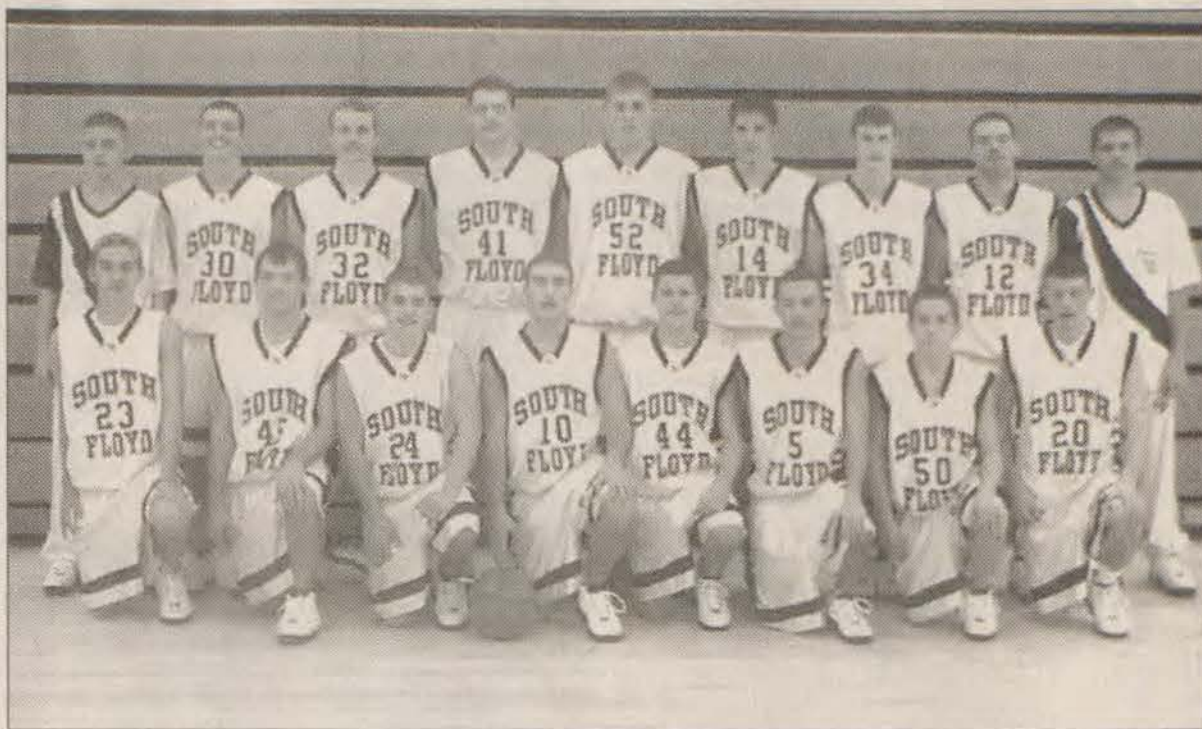
58TH DISTRICT

South Floyd: Coach Henry Webb and the South Floyd Raiders dropped a heart-breaker to the Paintsville Tigers in the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals last season. With that, South Floyd's dreams of a Region Repeat ended.

Minus seniors Rusty Tackett, a

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SOUTH FLOYD RAIDERS



Raiders could achieve unprecedented four-peat

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Never in the storied history of the 58th District has a team won four consecutive district championships. If the South Floyd Raiders have a district season anything similar to the last three, that could happen this campaign. South Floyd has won the last three district championships, beating Prestonsburg last season. Coach Henry Webb returns an already-seasoned ball club led by four-year starter Michael Hall, the 15th Region's top player.

Hall is on schedule to break the 2,000-points plateau very early in the season. Key players lost from last season for South Floyd include seniors Rusty Tackett, now a Pikeville College Bear, and Joe Skeans and Josh Johnson.

"What we'll miss the most from Rusty is his rebounding and some other things he done that don't always show up in the stats," said Webb. "We've got several kids who can come in and score for us."

Tackett and his two fellow seniors, Skeans and Johnson, had barely said their good-byes from classmates when the remaining members of the South Floyd High boys' team got busy with summer AAU ball. Hall had an outstanding summer as did many of

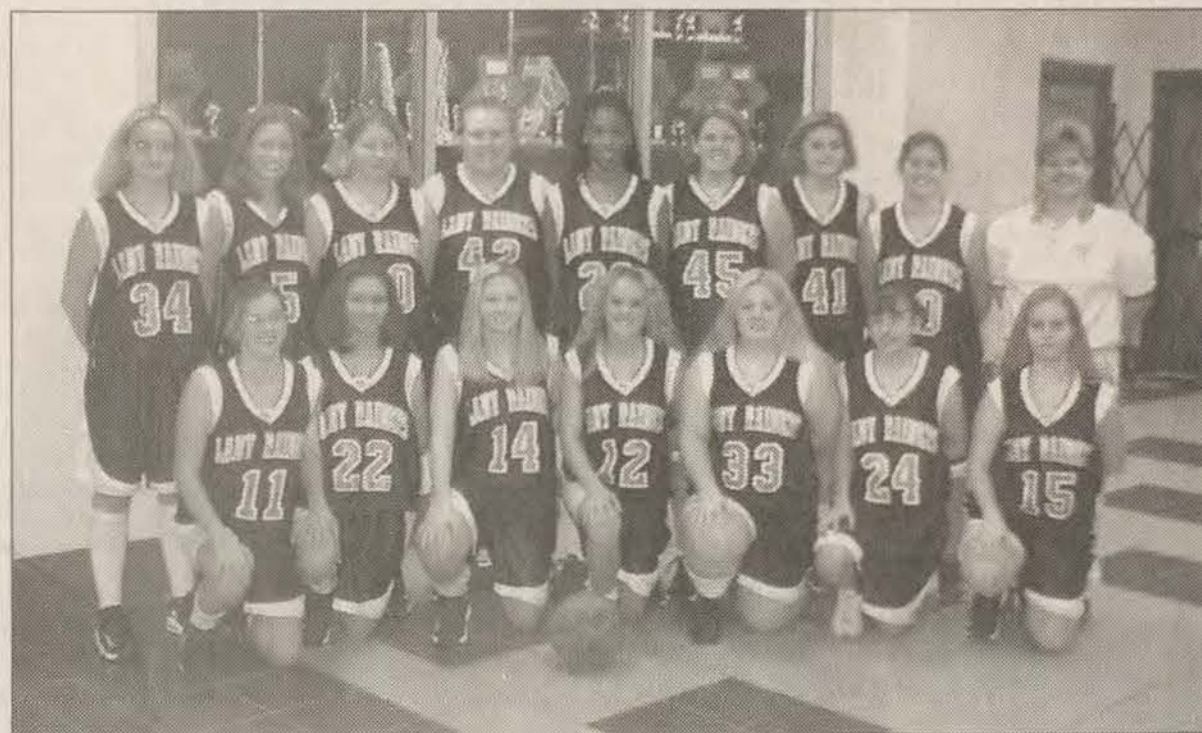
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SOUTH FLOYD RAIDERS

| No. | Player         | Cl. | Pos. | Hgt. | Wgt. |
|-----|----------------|-----|------|------|------|
| 5   | Shane Hall     | Sr. | G    | 5-9  | 132  |
| 10  | Michael Hall   | Sr. | G    | 5-11 | 160  |
| 12  | Brian Meade    | Jr. | F    | 6-1  | 185  |
| 14  | Heath Hall     | Sr. | F    | 6-2  | 153  |
| 20  | Ervin Vance    | Jr. | G    | 6-0  | 150  |
| 23  | Justin Hall    | Sr. | G    | 6-0  | 143  |
| 24  | Wes Hall       | So. | G    | 5-10 | 145  |
| 30  | Adam Tackett   | Jr. | F    | 6-1  | 152  |
| 32  | Tyler Hall     | Sr. | F    | 6-2  | 195  |
| 34  | Clinton Meade  | Jr. | F    | 6-1  | 147  |
| 41  | Charles Ray    | Sr. | C    | 6-5  | 197  |
| 44  | Ryan Johnson   | Fr. | G    | 5-9  | 140  |
| 45  | Jack Slone     | Jr. | G    | 6-0  | 168  |
| 50  | Mason Hall     | Fr. | G    | 5-5  | 123  |
| 52  | Steven Stanley | So. | C    | 6-6  | 246  |
| 54  | Scott D. Allen | So. | F    | 6-0  | 168  |
| 54  | Jordan Johnson | So. | G    | 6-0  | 158  |

Head coach: Henry Webb  
Assitant coaches: Barry Hall, Zenith Hall, Jeff Castle and Joey Caudill

SOUTH FLOYD LADY RAIDERS



Lady Raiders hope to equal success of 2000-01 season

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - The South Floyd Lady Raiders are after all, just two seasons removed from a 58th District championship season. Last season, a few player departures at the end of the campaign hurt the Lady Raiders. This season, head coach Melinda Osborne returns for her third campaign at the helm of the program. She returns with a capable team built around a very strong junior class. Osborne likes what she's seen from her team in the early goings.

"Practice has went well," said Osborne. "We had an OK summer; we were off the whole month of July, but had a couple of girls gone in June doing some individual things in various camps."

South Floyd has just two seniors - Stephanie Skeans and Valerie King. King returns to the South Floyd hardwood after an absence last season.

"Valerie (King) coming back out will give us a little but more speed," noted Osborne.

The strong junior class is built around players like Megan Ousley, Ashley Johnson, Sharee Hopkins,

Carla Hall, Brandy Anderson and Amanda Johnson. Ousley and Johnson have both contributed as starters since their freshmen year.

Hopkins, the head coach's daughter, was one of the players taking advantage of individual work time over the summer by attending an individual camp at the University of Tennessee.

Each member of the strong junior class has played against some very good competition. The sophomore class for the Lady Raiders includes both Tabitha

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Schedule

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FEBRUARY

- Feb 4 ..... at Pikeville
- Feb 11 ..... at Johnson Central
- Feb 14 ..... Sheldon Clark
- Feb 18 ..... Boyd County
- Feb 21 ..... at Allen Central
- Feb 25 ..... Knott County Central
- Feb 28 ..... Rose Hill Christian

Paintsville Lady Tigers • Girls

Coach: Mark Baldwin

DECEMBER

- Dec 3 ..... at Rose Hill Christian
  - Dec 5 ..... Phelps
  - Dec 9 ..... Betsy Layne
  - Dec 12 ..... at Johnson Central
  - Dec 16 ..... at Morgan County
  - Dec 21 ..... TBA
  - Dec 26 ..... TBA
- Johnson Central, Lady Eagle Classic

JANUARY

- Jan 6 ..... at Pikeville
  - Jan 9 ..... Magoffin County
  - Jan 13 ..... Boyd County
  - Jan 16 ..... Sheldon Clark
  - Jan 20 ..... TBA
- Pikeville, All "A" Classic

- Jan 25 ..... at Lawrence County
- Jan 27 ..... Johnson Central
- Jan 31 ..... at Magoffin County

FEBRUARY

- Feb 3 ..... at Shelby Valley
- Feb 6 ..... Pikeville
- Feb 13 ..... at Sheldon Clark
- Feb 17 ..... Belfry
- Feb 20 ..... at South Floyd
- Feb 24 ..... at Hazard
- Feb 26 ..... at East Carter
- Feb 27 ..... Russell

June Buchanan Crusaders

Coach: Gary Stepp

DECEMBER

- Dec 2 ..... TBA
  - Dec 4 ..... Red Bird
  - Dec 6 ..... at Oneida Baptist Institute
  - Dec 12 ..... at Letcher
  - Dec 14 ..... at Fairview
  - Dec 19 ..... TBA
- Barren Count, LJS/A&W Trojan Classic

JANUARY

- Jan 3 ..... Fairview
- Jan 7 ..... at Riverside Christian
- Jan 9 ..... at Jenkins
- Jan 11 ..... Whitesburg
- Jan 14 ..... Buckhorn
- Jan 17 ..... Fleming-Neon
- Jan 20 ..... at Owsley County
- Jan 24 ..... Allen Central

FEBRUARY

- Feb 4 ..... Cordia
  - Feb 7 ..... at Jackson City
  - Feb 14 ..... East Ridge
- (At Alice Lloyd College)

- Feb 18 ..... Oneida Baptist Institute
- Feb 21 ..... at Leslie County
- Feb 22 ..... Red Bird

SOUTH FLOYD LADY RAIDERS

| Player           | Cl. | Ht.  | Pos. |
|------------------|-----|------|------|
| Stephanie Skeans | Sr. | 5-4  | F/C  |
| Valerie King     | Sr. | 5-4  | G    |
| Sharee Hopkins   | Jr. | 5-6  | F/G  |
| Brandy Anderson  | Jr. | 5-4  | G    |
| Ashley Johnson   | Jr. | 5-8  | F/G  |
| Megan Ousley     | Jr. | 5-3  | G    |
| Carla Hall       | Jr. | 5-7  | F/G  |
| Amanda Johnson   | Jr. | 5-7  | F    |
| Tabitha Trammell | So. | 5-11 | F/C  |
| Tabatha Tackett  | So. | 5-8  | F/C  |
| Courtney Blocker | So. | 5-11 | C    |
| Pam Younce       | So. | 5-5  | F    |
| Miranda Gregory  | So. | 5-3  | G    |
| Heather Dean     | 8th | 5-10 | C    |
| Vanessa Skeans   | 7th | 5-5  | G    |

Coach: Melinda Osborne  
Assistant coach: Gary Hopkins

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## Region

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Pikeville College signee, Joe Skeans and Josh Johnson, the Raiders are left with a healthy dose of Hall.

Senior Michael Hall will lead the Raiders back into play this season. Tyler Hall, another one of the region's top shooters, returns, along with Heath Hall. Tyler Hall finished the 2001-02 campaign as one of the state's leading 3-point shooters. Michael Hall's floor leadership and ball handling skills, along with his shooting touch, often leaves opposing teams and coaches shaking their heads.

The Raiders love the 3-point shot. Add three-year starter Charles Ray (6-4, C), a senior, and you have a very capable South Floyd team returning.

**Allen Central:**

The state's leading scorer, Shawn Newsome, has graduated, and moved on. Now, seniors Neil Allen (6-2, 170), Mike Slone (6-1, 175) and Kyle Webb (5-11, 160) must pick up the slack. A strong junior class consisting of Rossi Samons (5-10, 150) and Austin Francis (6-1, 160), also is key. Sophomores David Kilburn (6-3) and Tim Griffith (6-3) provide size, and fellow second-year varsity member Nathan Lafferty (5-10, 160), guard experience. Allen Central failed to make the 15th Region Tournament last season.

**Prestonsburg:**

Seniors Chris Kidd, Justin Allen and Joey Willis return for the Blackcats, along with junior Nick Jamerson. Prestonsburg, under Coach Jackie Day Crisp, surprised some people in and around the region last season by making it to the finals of the 58th District Tournament. Kidd led Prestonsburg in scoring in several contests last season. Another player, sophomore Trevor Compton, is expected to contribute greatly to the Blackcats' cause from a guard position. Kris Bentley is yet another returning sophomore.

**Betsy Layne:**

Coach Brent Rose returns some talent to the hardwood this season. The Bobcats will be without the services of graduated seniors Jeremy Daniels, an Alice Lloyd College signee, and Wes Senters. Guard Jordan Kidd is back on the roster for the Bobcats, along with Bo Bo Hamilton.

**Piarist School:**

At press time, it looked as if The Piarist School would not offer boys' basketball to its male students due to a lack of interest. Instead, wrestling will be offered at the school. The Piarist boys were winless last season, losing 23 games.

**59TH DISTRICT****Pike Central:**

The Pike Central Hawks, hosts of last year's 15th Region Tournament, return a talented group, co-led by seniors Bobby Mullins (6-4, 190) and Ben Pugh (6-4, 190), and junior Chase Lyons (6-4, 170). Following a senior football season under center, forward Justin McCurry (6-1, 200), along with senior guard Barry Sanders (6-1, 160) make it back to the hardwood. Sanders is one of the most versatile athletes in all of Eastern Kentucky. Size should help the Hawks in their district and region battles this season.

**East Ridge:**

James Hurley is the new boys' basketball coach at first-year East Ridge High School. A host of skilled hoops players from the three consolidating schools - Elkhorn City, Feds Creek, Millard - will vie for playing time. Former Feds Creek Viking Matt Belcher, a 6-1 guard/forward, is one of the leaders on the first-year squad. T.R. Adkins and Will Adkins are other first-year East Ridge hoops players.

The Warriors will be coached by James Hurley. Hurley, a 1999 Pikeville College graduate, comes to East Ridge from Bullitt Central where he had a 36-22 record in two seasons as head coach.

**Pikeville:**

Rebuilding is again the order of the day for the Pikeville Panthers and head coach Dave Thomas. A senior-dominated starting lineup managed just 8 wins last season opposed to 18 losses.

**60TH DISTRICT****Shelby Valley:**

The word in and around Robinson Creek is: REPEAT. Valley fans hope to see their Wildcats, minus key seniors Jeremy Akers, Kris Prater, Tyler Branham and Josh Goad, make up for their losses and hang another banner in the gym come spring.

A multi-talented group led by senior guard Paul Fleming (6-0, 170), and sophomore guard/forward Kelsey Friend (6-1, 180) and guard Seth Kiser (6-1, 170) returns.

Freshman center Emmanuel Newsome (6-3, 170) is also expected to contribute after dressing for the varsity last season as an eighth-grader.

With seniors Fleming and Phillip Akers (6-0, 180) providing leadership, the Wildcats are a strong contender to

repeat.

**Belfry:**

Belfry Pirate basketball is rich in tradition. Last season's team was built around seniors Boo Hager and Adam Reed. Minus some other experienced seniors, the Pirates look to rebuild and once again conquer the 60th District. Six-foot-five junior Zane Smith returns, along with cousins junior Paul Howard (5-9) and sophomore Doug Howard (5-11). Belfry posted an 18-10 record last season.

**Phelps:**

Replacing starters Jordan Hall and Cody Reynolds, now Phelps High grads, will be no easy chore for Hornet coaches. Seniors Joey Daugherty (5-11), Josh Daniels (6-1) and Josh Stratton return (6-0) for Class-A Phelps.

**16TH REGION****Rose Hill recognized nationally among teams**

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Rose Hill has one of the state's top teams, spelling a rough season and rough road ahead for opposing teams in the 16th Region. The Royals were favored to win the region last season but fell short.

Coach Jeff Hall was still voted last season's AP Coach of the Year in the state.

Transfers will add depth to an already deep, experienced team at Rose Hill. Eighth-grader O.J. Mayo is being looked at by several colleges even before he dribbles his first ball as a high school freshman.

**61st District****Morgan County (22-8):**

This group of Cougars is one of the best contingents in school history. Led by athletic guards Justin Perry and Ryan Williams, both seniors, Morgan County is one of the region's elite squads.

James Fyffe and Nick Havens, two more performers, join Perry Williams to give Morgan a total of four returning starters from last season. Havens is a 6-5 center for the Cougs. Fyffe helps out in the backcourt.

Matthew Perry also has Whitney Perry, Mike Gevedon and Ryan Phipps back as well.

**Bath County (5-20):**

Coach John Barber will rely heavily on his son, Brock Barber, a double figures scorer returning from last season. Bath County lost 20 games last season, managing just five wins in the campaign.

**Rowan County (24-6):**

Steven Kidd is in from Elliott County, automatically making Rowan County a better team. Don Daniel is the Rowan County head coach. Brian Scott and J.P. Tranbarger were backups last season and now move into starting roles.

Kidd has led the region in scoring each of the past two seasons. Good for Rowan County.

**Menifee County (3-22):**

Senior guard Kelly Ratliff is the top player returning. Junior guards Josh Brown and Blake Ingram return along with Ben Maddox and Bill Crain, both of whom have some size to add to the Menifee gameplan.

**62th District****Lewis County (9-16):**

Tyler Clark will be looked to for points and leadership. Clark ranks as one of the top guards in the entire region. He led the team in scoring last season as a sophomore.

Nathan Bond and Woody Underwood, both 6-2, add size to the Lions' roster. The Lions, coached by Joe Hampton, will also look to Tommy Barbour.

**West Carter (7-18):**

Thomas Flannery and Ryan Rayburn return to complement the play of newcomer Chris Conn who transferred in from Rowan County. Stan McGlone is the new West Carter head coach. Bradley Walker, Corey Frasier, Joe Wilburn and Rick Kissinger are also key performers.

**Elliott County (16-13):**

Lose Steven Kidd and you lose some significant point production not to mention a solid, proven floorleader.

Joe Carter, Bobby Seivers and Brandon Adkins do return in the backcourt for Elliott. Rick Mays is the Elliott County head coach.

**East Carter (16-12):**

A new coach will lead the Raiders. He is Brandon Baker, son of longtime East Carter head coach Charles Baker.

The elder Baker resigned in late-July.

Greg Cherry and Derrick Jordan return in the backcourt. Nathan Davis (6-4) returns in the middle for East Carter. Caleb Everman and Marc Messer are two more returning players.

**63rd District****Russell (16-14):**

The Red Devils are again a contender for the region crown. First-year head coach Steve Dodd is excited about the upcoming campaign.

"We're excited about the season," said Dodd. "We look forward to district and regional play."

Dodd's son, Michael Dodd, a 6-4 point guard will make Russell an even better team.

Russell will line up with a big team featuring the likes of Jared Ferguson (6-2), Brandon Daniels (6-3) and Kent Robinson (6-6). Others looking to make for a formidable starting lineup and a deep bench include Bryan Groves, Josh Gross, Carlos Repuyan and Todd Marshall.

Russell hasn't won a regional championship since the 1972 season.

**Raceland (19-11):**

Winning 18 games last season was quite an accomplishment for the Rams, returning starters Donnie Rigby, Sheldon Melvin and Aaron Pettrey provide scoring and leadership for the upcoming campaign.

Veteran Raceland head coach Shawn Johnson hopes to eclipse last season's win total of 18 games.

**Greenup County (7-18):**

The Musketeers have the talent returning to push Russell for the No. 2 spot in the district.

Jim Hicks is the Greenup County head coach.

The best of the returning players from last season's 7-18 campaign is senior forward Dameon Troxler. Trent Wolfenbarker also returns. Other returning players for Greenup County are Jamathon Troxler, Aaron Pennington, Adam Burk and Devon McClurg.

**Fairview (0-25):**

Coming off its most successful football season in recent memory, Fairview High fans yearn for some basketball success. Rick Lambert is the head coach. The Eagles are led by guards Brandon Wurts and Brandon Yates. Returning forwards are Zach Moore and Cody Fannin. Brandon Cooksey, a transfer, will also add play.

Fairview went winless last season.

**64th District****Rose Hill (27-4):**

Seventh-grade sensation O.J. Mayo is now an eighth-grade sensation. Rose Hill, quite simply put is LOADED.

National polls have the Royals ranked as high as No. 71 in the entire nation.

Senior forward Marques Dawson (6-5) ranks as the region's second-best player behind Mayo.

Mayo averaged 23 points per game last season while Dawson flipped in 19.

Zac Gillum, a transfer from Greenup County and David Frazier, a transfer from Tennessee only add to Rose Hill's abundance of talent. The well is definitely not dry for the Royals.

The brother tandem of senior Marcus Thomas and seventh-grader Matt Thomas will also see a great deal of varsity playing time.

Jeff Hall coaches the Royals. Rose Hill will play in the King of the Bluegrass and Lexington Catholic's Fifth Third Bank Classic.

**Ashland (25-6):**

Senior forward Zach David (6-3, 190) is the top returning player for the Tomcats. Davis ranks as one of the top-10 players in the entire region.

Ashland will be without the services of two-time regional MVP Mark Surglaski. Juniors Matt Johnson and Adam Howard are back for coach Mike Flynn along with some other players including Brett Miller, a 6-6 freshman. Ryne Salyer, Chad Cook and Adam Ferguson will add depth to an already strong Ashland squad.

**Lawrence County (7-19):**

Too bad for the Bulldogs that they play in the region's best district. Lawrence County has a new player in the form of senior sharpshooter Adam Brown. The accomplished Brown comes to Lawrence County from Sheldon Clark where he averaged 23 points per outing last season. Steven Driver, 6-4, returns along with juniors Bryan Short and James Storts, both of whom played football for Lawrence County.

**Boyd County (12-16):**

Roger Zornes is replaced by Phil Pratt as the Lions' head coach. Pratt coached under Zornes. The departing Zornes left to coach across the river at Ironton, Ohio.

Joe Howard is the best player on

Boyd County's roster. Howard is a senior guard. J.K. Roberts, a 6-3 junior and 6-3 senior Brooke Williams also return along with Jake Hughes.

Boyd will definitely be looking to improve on last season's 12-16 record with the new coach in place.

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**West Carter still on top in 16th**

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

When you talk West Carter High School girls' basketball you talk about not only district and region titles, but state championships. The West Carter girls year-in and year-out, are just simply that good. So good, it's scary at times, much like the Jackson County girls' basketball program if one could give a comparison of some sort.

West Carter head coach Hop Brown had a tumor removed from his brain over the summer, but at press time, was doing well and expected to coach this season.

West's Megen Gearheart is head and shoulders above the rest of the region on an individual player basis. The senior guard has starter since her eighth-grade season, an outstanding accomplishment in its own right.

While a standout star, Gearheart is not alone. Also returning for West Carter is guard Stephanie Hall and forwards Brandi Rayburn and Brooke Mullis. Mullis is also one of the region's top players. Senior Jenise James is back as well for West Carter.

East Carter suffered a blow when it lost sophomore star Kasi Mullins to Jackson County in a transfer. Junior forward Kim Stapleton, arguably the

**Lady Rebels**

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to average 8.5 points. She was out the first eight games of the season while recovering from abdominal surgery. She then was out since a game played against Belfry on Valentine's Day of last season. She underwent knee surgery to repair the ACL injury in March and was able to play volleyball this fall.

"Erin gets better everyday," said Halbert. "She's not quite there yet; she don't want to rush her."

Majakey scored in double-figures for the Lady Rebels as early as her sophomore season.

Two seniors gone from the Lady Rebel team following graduation are Jackie Brown and Tonya Brown. Between them last season, the two players averaged 8.8 points per game.

Junior forward Jessica Isaac returns for the Lady Rebels along with speedy, junior guard Terri Mullins. Running the point last season, Mullins averaged 9/1 points per game for second-high total on the team behind Harris and Thomas.

Amber Scott is back in Floyd County. Scott left Floyd County following her junior high days at Allen Central Middle School. Scott, one of the top players in the 14th Region for the June Buchanan Lady Crusaders each of the last two seasons will bring another offensive threat to the Allen Central attack, after averaging over 20 points per game at June Buchanan.

"Amber will be a big asset in terms of a guard," said Halbert. "She's real versatile and a real good player. She went to school and played with most of the girls on the team."

A pair of seniors, center Jaelyn

**Rebels**

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defense." "Austin is super strong right now," said Martin, "he's really making a specimen out of himself."

Last season, both Neil Allen and Mike Slone went out with injuries, leaving the Rebel head coach and his staff to look for answers from other players on a bench which wasn't the deepest.

"From watching Neil Allen and Mike Slone in practice, I can see why we went south last season," Martin quipped. "Losing your four and five man hurts. Both of them lead by example. Neil and Mike are learning to play with each other, and it make a big difference in our team. Both are healthy, but are still not where they were before their injuries."

Allen played in last year's district tournament basically on just one ankle.

A new face to the Allen Central High boys' program is that of senior Brad Pack. The six-foot-eight Pack comes to Floyd County and the 58th District from Sheldon Clark.

"He's the tallest kid to ever play here," Martin noted, when talking about Pack. "He doesn't have a lot of experience, but played a lot of games over the summer. He has good offensive skills, but needs to work on his

region's second or at least third or fourth best player behind Gear, is left to pick up some big slack. Mullins was already the leading girls' scorer in East Carter history. Some other inexperienced players will also

have to step up for East, a team which with Mullins was near the top and almost ready to overtake West. Even with the humongous loss, East still figures to be a top-5 team in the region.

Boyd County is led by Brittany McClave and Jennifer Swann, two of the better players in all of the region. The Lady Lions are coached by Pete Fraley.

Ashland is solid, and behind Boyd County will give a strong push for the top of the region. Latasha Henry and Ashley Renfro are the leading returnees for the Lady Tomcats. Bill Bradley is in his year as the head coach at Ashland.

Rowan County scored a win over West Carter over the summer when the Lady Comets were without the services of Gearheart. With the Mrs. Basketball candidate out of the lineup, the Lady Comets are definitely a very different team.

Melanie Cornett is the top returnee for the Rowan County Lady Vikings.

Russell features a strong backcourt with the likes of Beth Marshall, Kala Faulkner and Christina Williams. This year's Rowan County team is one of the strongest in recent memory.

Rose Hill Christian Academy is a team on the rise. The Christian Academy girls' basketball team will be young again with 5-11 Sarah Queen leading the way.

Lawrence County, Raceland and Morgan County are also strong contenders. After making a strong late-season charge last season, Lawrence County looked to be even better and stronger over the summer. Over in Morgan County, Lady Cougar fans are looking forward to what looks to be a fine season ahead.

Martin and guard Tiffany Turner, averaged over six points per game last season and return for their final season of high school basketball.

Juniors Tabetha Caudill and Jessica Isaac are back for junior campaigns. Caudill and Isaac averaged 1.7 and 5.0 points per game respectively, last season.

"Jessica Isaac is a solid player," noted Halbert. "Tabetha Caudill is shooting the ball real well."

With so much talent, the top Lady Rebel knows team unity is a must.

"The big key for our team will be chemistry," said Halbert. "If they're willing to work hard and put team first, we could have something very special this season."

This is by far the most talent we've had on one team since I've been here. We've got real nice depth and a couple of players who can play a couple of different positions, which is always nice."

The Lady Rebel rotation, starting and bench, will see several different faces at several different places and stages of any given games.

"We have nine players or so, that could start," added Halbert. "It'll be interesting, it's important for everyone to know and accept their roles."

Not one to back away from sturdy competition, Halbert again has a schedule which includes tournaments in Ryle and Louisville (Bellarmine College) within weeks of one another.

The Allen Central girls began the pre-season with a win over Breathitt County out of the 14th Region in a panorama at Knott County Central High School.

defense."

Nathan Lafferty, a player who saw varsity experience last season as a freshman returns for Martin this season.

"Nathan (Lafferty) is a good point guard who'll be bale to step in for Austin (Francis) at times," said Martin. Lafferty is a part of a strong Allen Central sophomore class which also includes David Kilburn (6-3, 190) and Tim Griffith (6-3, 190).

At press time, Griffith was sidelined with an illness. Kilburn had shoulder surgery in the off-season, but is expected to return to the floor healthy in the upcoming season.

Other members of the Allen Central varsity unit include senior Oliver Kilgore (6-5, 170), a player who stepped in and played a considerable amount late last season, and juniors Paul Francis and Justin Hall.

Traditional opponents fill a tough, competitive Allen Central boys' schedule again this season. Being a Class "A" school, Allen Central will again have a shot at two regional championships. Allen Central went to Richmond following a 15th Region "A" championship win over Pikeville in 2001.

# PIARIST LADY KNIGHTS



## Bradley re-takes reigns of Piarist girls' program

### PIARIST LADY KNIGHTS

| No. | Player             | Cl. | Pos. | Hometown     |
|-----|--------------------|-----|------|--------------|
| 33  | Mary Bentley       | Jr. | G/F  | McDowell     |
| 23  | Tommi Sue Tussey   | Jr. | F/C  | David        |
| 25  | Samantha Farthing  | So. | F/C  | Martin       |
| 15  | Lakita Lykins      | So. | G    | Auxier       |
| 13  | Jessica Pate       | So. | G/F  | Prestonsburg |
| 00  | Lauren Preston     | So. | G    | Prestonsburg |
| 50  | Marie Dennison     | Fr. | C/F  | Salyersville |
| 10  | Tara Stevens       | Fr. | G/F  | Betsy Layne  |
| 12  | Bethany Tackett    | Fr. | F/C  | Betsy Layne  |
| 20  | Ella Wilburn       | Fr. | G/F  | Pikeville    |
| 14  | Stephanie Williams | Fr. | G    | Prestonsburg |
| 22  | Rachel Williams    | Fr. | F/C  | Prestonsburg |

Head coach: Darnella Bradley  
Colors: Blue and Gold

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN - After the loss of Coach Gary Kidd and seniors Kari Ross and Morgan Caldwell, the Piarist girls' basketball team will field a squad this season with enough players to scrimmage with two full teams in practice. Maybe more importantly, a new coach is heads the program this season, but she's definitely no stranger to the Piarist School. Darnella Bradley is the new Piarist girls' coach and athletic director.

Bradley, who played her high school basketball at nearby Allen Central High School, helped establish the athletic program at the Martin school back in 1997 with Theresa Kelly. Before departing for Montgomery County some two years ago, Bradley served as a head coach of both the boys' and girls' basketball programs at the school. She returned to the school last season as a teacher. This is Bradley's fifth year in coaching.

Four Lady Knights return from last season's team - Mary Bentley, Samantha Farthing, Lakita Lykins and Lauren Preston.

Last season as a sophomore, Bentley averaged nearly 10 points per game. In Bentley, Bradley sees a team leader.

"Mary is a player who has to see her leadership role on the floor this season," said Bradley. "She is a key component of this team."

Farthing and Lykins are two other potential leaders. Lykins had played prior to last season, while Farthing took last season to become acquainted to the roundball sport. Preston also stepped forward in the middle of

last season to keep the low in number program alive. "Samantha's height is a real asset to her," said Bradley. "She stepped forward last season to enable the girls' team to remain; she's legally blind, but that doesn't stop her from giving it her all. Lauren (Preston) is a very coachable player who with more self-confidence in her shot and offensive play would become an even better player."

Lykins has shown her ability to shoot the long-range shot each of the past two seasons. This season, the new coach has noticed that and even more about Lykins' game.

"Lakita shoots well from the outside and has show tremendous ball handling improvement thus far," said Bradley. "She still needs to be more aggressive on offense like a lot of the girls we have out."

One of the top newcomers for Piarist is freshman Bethany Tackett, Betsy Layne.

"Bethany is an outstanding athlete," said Bradley. "She plays any position on the floor and always gives 110-percent."

"I only expect good things from her; she displays tremendous leadership skills on the floor for such a young player."

Piarist has some experienced players, but still has some players who continue to learn the game. Tommi Sue Tussey, Stephanie Williams, Ella Wilburn, Tara Stevens are other newcomers. According to the Piarist coach/athletic director, all four are eager and willing to learn.

Marie Dennison and Jessica Pate are two players Bradley feels will become very integral assets to the program.

"Jessica (Pate) will become an asset to the team," said Bradley, "she is quickly learning the offensive and defensive plays. She picks up things rather quickly."

Bradley sees Dennison as an asset to the inside game for the Lady Knights.

"She will contribute greatly to our inside game," Bradley added. "She needs to build more confidence on her inside moves, but that will come with practice."

Rachel Hill, a sophomore from Prestonsburg who played last season as a freshman, joined the team somewhat late in the pre-season, but will also suit up and be game-ready this season.

The Piarist girls' program will again compete in the Three Rivers Conference with the likes of Cordia, Buckhorn and others. One of the highlights on this year's schedule for the Piarist girls is a trip to Boyd County and a Christmas tournament at Fairview, High School.

The Piarist School will not field a boys' basketball team this season.

### Rebuild

tough task ahead. The Blackcat coach can see one of two things coming from the schedule. 1. The tough schedule could force his team into a long season, or the tough competition will make his young squad tournament ready at seasons end. With the Prestonsburg coach prior record, the Lady Blackcats will most likely use the tough schedule as a stepping stone into the post-season. Prestonsburg returns nine players from one year ago in which the team made it to the regional tournament before falling to Belfry 64-55.

Prestonsburg must fill a big void as the last years top two scorers both graduated and now Tackett must find some offensive production from a young team. Prestonsburg will look to sophomore Molly Burchett and Heather White to step up and provide leadership for the the Lady Blackcats.

Both players return from last year and Burchett averaged 11 points per game as a freshman while White pitched in seven points per game in 2001. Prestonsburg also will look to senior Abby Shaffer for an inside force as the loss of Ramanda Music produced a big void in the paint for Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg has several other players expected to provide some quality minutes for Tackett as Chanel Music, and Darcy Hicks both saw playing time last season for Prestonsburg. The Lady Blackcats will look to the youth movement for help off the bench as several promising youngsters dot the Blackcat roster led by Meaghan Slone and Amber Whitaker.

Slone and Whitaker led the Adams Middle School to a county championship and are only eighth- graders. Prestonsburg will

have a tough task in the 58th District as Betsy Layne and Allen Central are the pre-season favorites in the district with Prestonsburg and South Floyd in close pursuit. The Lady Blackcat coach likes what he sees in his young team. "This group of girls works as hard as any group I have coached and they want to learn," stated Tackett. "We have really challenged them and they have stepped up for us." The Lady Blackcats are coached by Tackett and assisted by Gaye Hatfield (longtime coach for Adams Middle School). Prestonsburg will open the season at Perry Central on December 2nd with game time yet to be announced, and district play will start early for Prestonsburg as the Blackcats play host to Betsy Layne on December 17. Prestonsburg will finish the regular season at Jackson County (Preseason No. 1).

### Bobcats

look to fill the hole in the paint left by Daniels departure with Brent Newsome and Brenton Akers, Newsome stands 6-3 and Akers is at 6-3 as well. Coach Rose knows that the Bobcats will have to rebound to compete. "Losing one of the states top rebounders in Daniels is a big loss," stated Rose. In looking at the rest of the 58th District, Rose thinks this year will be one of the most wide open districts in recent years, saying, "South Floyd would have to be the favorite, and Allen Central and Prestonsburg both could have great years."

Betsy Layne will open the year at Magoffin Co.nty on Tuesday night, and will follow that up

with games against Knott Central and Paintsville.

The Bobcats will make a long road trip during the Christmas break as they will travel to Florida to play at Father Lopez High School. With the tough early schedule that Betsy Layne will play, the Bobcats hope it pays off at seasons end with a regional tournament appearance and maybe more.

It could be a very interesting year on the hardwood in the 58th District as all of the four county teams could come away with the hardware at seasons end. Several other Bobcats will be expected to play for Rose such as Jordan Scarberry, Michael Rogers and Brandon Hall.

### Success

Trammell and Tabatha Tackett. Courtney Blocker, also a sophomore, will also contribute for South Floyd.

"We hope to establish a good inside-outside game," added Osborne.

As far as depth, the South Floyd coach says that's still up in the air.

"We don't know how deep we'll be yet," said Osborne, "that kinda depends of the situation in the game."

Osborne too sees a tough 58th District field again this season, one her team conquered two seasons ago.

"I think the district will a tough district, Betsy Layne, Allen Central and Prestonsburg all have

players back this season."

The same season (2000-01) her team won the 58th District title, the Lady Raiders also made a run at the All "A" title, falling to Pikeville in the finals of that tournament. The South Floyd girls will again compete in the All "A" in the second part of the upcoming season. Osborne's team got a superb draw, drawing a bye in the first round and being scheduled to play the winner of Phelps-Pikeville in the second round.

Other underclassmen on this season's varsity roster include sophomore Pam Younce and Miranda Gregory, and eighth-grader Heather Dean and seventh-grader Vanessa Skeens, each fresh off successful middle school seasons.

### Raiders

his Raider teammates. The South Floyd team made the final 16 in the state tournament. Hall was also named to the all-tournament team. In a game against Ashland, he scored 43 points. Typical Michael Hall.

But Michael Hall isn't the only Raider back. He is joined by a host of other fine roundball talents, including fellow senior Tyler Hall. Several players will see floor time for Webb and his coaching staff this season.

"We'll mix it up with the lineup early on," said Webb. "Since I've been here, this is the deepest team we've had" added Webb, "and that's something were real excited about as well."

Center Charles Ray will enter his third season as a starter when the first ball is thrown up in the midcourt circle. One of many young players rising up to stardom for South Floyd is sophomore Steven Stanley. After a summer in which he lost nearly 50 pounds, Stanley, 6-6, 240, is ready to contribute.

"Steven (Stanley) worked extremely hard over the summer," said Webb. "He'll definitely be a contributor for us."

"We've got nine or 10 kids that we feel confident about putting in to play. Jack Slone has had a real good pre-season. Justin Hall and Adam Tackett are two others who will be real key this season. Brian Meade, the younger brother of John Meade, who played point guard for us a couple of seasons back is most aggressive and strongest player on the team." Scott Allen, Jordan Johnson, Clinton Meade, Ervin Vance and Kenny Parker are some other talented underclassmen for the Raiders. Two freshmen - Ryan Johnson and Mason Hall, come up straight out of the middle school ranks.

Ryan Johnson comes from South Floyd Middle, while Hall enters from John M. Stumbo Elementary.

"With the sophomore and freshmen we have coming up, we already feel real good about our program for the next couple of years to come," Webb added. Just two seasons removed from a regional title, the Raiders will again be one of a few leading contenders. South Floyd is three seasons removed from a 15th Region All "A" title.

"As with the past couple of seasons, I think there's four or five teams that'll compete for the region title," said Webb. "And I think we're one of the four or five."

"We'll just have to lace 'em up and see what happens."

South Floyd will again play one of the area's toughest schedules. Following a trip to Jeffersontown for an early season tournament and games in between against the top teams in the 14th and 15th regions, the Raiders will hit the road to Lexington to play the Knights of Lexington Catholic. The Knights came to Hi Hat last season for a game.

### Ladycats

games against Paintsville, Belfry and Prestonsburg. Coach Akers likes the make-up of this years team and expects a good year for the Lady Bobcats. The 58th District pre-season favorite label has been given to Betsy Layne from most other county coaches. Prestonsburg coach Harold Tackett sees the Lady Bobcats as loaded with talent; "Betsy Layne is loaded, they have to be the pre-season pick in our district" stated Tackett. Allen Central, Prestonsburg and South Floyd all will look to dethrone Betsy Layne, but that could prove to be a tough task. Betsy Layne assistant coaches are Ronnie Akers, DeeDee Hamilton, Raquel Lawson, and Terry Daniels.

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**Knott County Central Patriots**  
Coach: Jeff Honeycutt • Region: 14

**DECEMBER**

|        |       |                           |
|--------|-------|---------------------------|
| Dec 3  | ..... | Fleming-Neon              |
| Dec 4  | ..... | at South Floyd            |
| Dec 7  | ..... | Betsy Layne               |
| Dec 10 | ..... | at Shelby Valley          |
| Dec 13 | ..... | Wolfe County              |
| Dec 14 | ..... | at Allen Central          |
| Dec 17 | ..... | at Breathitt County       |
| Dec 26 | ..... | at Livingston Academy, TN |

**JANUARY**

|   |       |                      |
|---|-------|----------------------|
| Jan 3                                       | ..... | Perry County Central |
| Jan 7                                       | ..... | TBA                  |
| Perry County Central, WYMT Mountain Classic |       |                      |

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|--------|-------|------------------|
| Jan 14 | ..... | Leslie County    |
| Jan 16 | ..... | Hazard           |
| Jan 21 | ..... | at Letcher       |
| Jan 28 | ..... | Breathitt County |

**FEBRUARY**

|        |       |                         |
|--------|-------|-------------------------|
| Feb 4  | ..... | at Hazard               |
| Feb 7  | ..... | at Sheldon Clark        |
| Feb 14 | ..... | Shelby Valley           |
| Feb 15 | ..... | Prestonsburg            |
| Feb 18 | ..... | at Whitesburg           |
| Feb 25 | ..... | at Paintsville          |
| Feb 28 | ..... | at Perry County Central |

**Knott Co. Central Lady Patriots**  
Coach: Rhett Gibson • Region: 14

**DECEMBER**

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| Dec 6  | ..... | at Owsley County     |
| Dec 7  | ..... | Bell County          |
| Dec 9  | ..... | Pulaski Southwestern |
| Dec 12   | ..... | Powell County        |
| Dec 14   | ..... | at Allen Central     |
| Dec 19   | ..... | at Cumberland        |
| Dec 27   | ..... | TBA                  |
| Daytona Beach, Fla., Father Lopez Invitational |       |                      |

**JANUARY**

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|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Jan 3                             | ..... | Perry County Central |
| Jan 6                             | ..... | Jackson County       |
| Jan 13                            | ..... | Belfry               |
| Jan 16                            | ..... | at Hazard            |
| Jan 18                            | ..... | TBA                  |
| Wayne County, Holiday Inn Classic |       |                      |


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|--------|-------|------------------|
| Jan 20 | ..... | Leslie County    |
| Jan 23 | ..... | at Fleming-Neon  |
| Jan 28 | ..... | Breathitt County |
| Jan 30 | ..... | at Whitesburg    |

**FEBRUARY**

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|--------|-------|-------------------------|
| Feb 4  | ..... | Hazard                  |
| Feb 6  | ..... | at Perry County Central |
| Feb 8  | ..... | at Bryan Station        |
| Feb 10 | ..... | at Leslie County        |
| Feb 15 | ..... | at Breathitt County     |
| Feb 17 | ..... | at Powell County        |
| Feb 24 | ..... | Fleming-Neon            |

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**Sheldon Clark Cardinals**  
Coach: J.R. Hammonds • Region: 15

**DECEMBER**

|   |       |                    |
|---|-------|--------------------|
| Dec 3                                     | ..... | at Fairview        |
| Dec 6                                     | ..... | at Ashland Blazer  |
| Dec 10                                    | ..... | Pikeville          |
| Dec 12                                    | ..... | at Belfry          |
| Dec 17                                    | ..... | at Johnson Central |
| Dec 19                                    | ..... | TBA                |
| Powell County, Powell County Invitational |       |                    |

**JANUARY**

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|------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Jan 7                        | ..... | at Magoffin County     |
| Jan 10                       | ..... | at George Rogers Clark |
| Jan 11                       | ..... | at Simon Kenton        |
| Jan 17                       | ..... | Paintsville            |
| Jan 21                       | ..... | Johnson Central        |
| Jan 24                       | ..... | at Pike County Central |
| Jan 28                       | ..... | Magoffin County        |
| Jan 29                       | ..... | TBA                    |
| Scott County, Toyota Classic |       |                        |

**FEBRUARY**

|                                   |       |                      |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Feb 4                             | ..... | Shelby Valley        |
| Feb 7                             | ..... | Knott County Central |
| Feb 8                             | ..... | TBA                  |
| Bryan Station, Sweetheart Classic |       |                      |
| Feb 14                            | ..... | Paintsville          |
| Feb 18                            | ..... | Lawrence County      |
| Feb 21                            | ..... | Williamson, W.Va.    |
| Feb 25                            | ..... | Betsy Layne          |
| Feb 28                            | ..... | Belfry               |

**Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals**  
Coach: Robin Harmon-Newsome • Region: 15

**DECEMBER**

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|--|-------|------------------------------|
| Dec 4  | ..... | Pikeville                    |
| Pike County Central, Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic |       |                              |
| Dec 13   | ..... | at Rose Hill Christian       |
| Dec 16   | ..... | at Phelps                    |
| Dec 19   | ..... | at Gatlinburg Pittman, Tenn. |

**JANUARY**

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|--------|-------|---------------------|
| Jan 6  | ..... | at Shelby Valley    |
| Jan 9  | ..... | Phelps              |
| Jan 13 | ..... | at Johnson Central  |
| Jan 16 | ..... | Jan 20 at Belfry    |
| Jan 23 | ..... | Pike County Central |
| Jan 25 | ..... | at Magoffin County  |
| Jan 30 | ..... | Johnson Central     |

**FEBRUARY**

|        |       |                 |
|--------|-------|-----------------|
| Feb 1  | ..... | Betsy Layne     |
| Feb 3  | ..... | Prestonsburg    |
| Feb 10 | ..... | Magoffin County |
| Feb 13 | ..... | Paintsville     |
| Feb 17 | ..... | Allen Central   |
| Feb 20 | ..... | at Whitesburg   |
| Feb 24 | ..... | at Prestonsburg |

**Magoffin County Hornets**  
Coach: Danny Adams • Region: 15

**DECEMBER**

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|-------------------------|-------|------------------|
| Dec 3                   | ..... | Betsy Layne      |
| Dec 10                  | ..... | Prestonsburg     |
| Dec 13                  | ..... | at Paintsville   |
| Dec 14                  | ..... | South Floyd      |
| Dec 17                  | ..... | at Shelby Valley |
| Dec 21                  | ..... | TBA              |
| Greenup County Showcase |       |                  |

**JANUARY**

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|-------------------|-------|---------------|
| Jan 1             | ..... | Allen Central |
| Coca-Cola Classic |       |               |

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|--------|-------|----------------------|
| Jan 7  | ..... | Sheldon Clark        |
| Jan 11 | ..... | Lee County           |
| Jan 14 | ..... | at Pikeville         |
| Jan 17 | ..... | at Johnson Central   |
| Jan 21 | ..... | Perry County Central |
| Jan 21 | ..... | Russell              |
| Jan 24 | ..... | Paintsville          |
| Jan 28 | ..... | at Sheldon Clark     |
| Jan 31 | ..... | Johnson Central      |

**FEBRUARY**

|        |       |                        |
|--------|-------|------------------------|
| Feb 4  | ..... | at Betsy Layne         |
| Feb 8  | ..... | Morgan County          |
| Feb 11 | ..... | at Lee County          |
| Feb 15 | ..... | TBA                    |
| Feb 18 | ..... | Pikeville              |
| Feb 22 | ..... | at Morgan County       |
| Feb 25 | ..... | at Prestonsburg        |
| Feb 28 | ..... | at Pike County Central |

**Magoffin County Lady Hornets**  
Coach: Neil West • Region: 15

**DECEMBER**

|        |       |                        |
|--------|-------|------------------------|
| Dec 2  | ..... | at Pike County Central |
| Dec 9  | ..... | at Shelby Valley       |
| Dec 16 | ..... | Johnson Central        |
| Dec 18 | ..... | at South Floyd         |
| Dec 27 | ..... | Danville               |
| Dec 28 | ..... | Cavema                 |
| Dec 29 | ..... | North Hardin           |

**JANUARY**

|        |       |                  |
|--------|-------|------------------|
| Jan 6  | ..... | South Floyd      |
| Jan 9  | ..... | at Paintsville   |
| Jan 13 | ..... | Shelby Valley    |
| Jan 16 | ..... | at Belfry        |
| Jan 20 | ..... | at Morgan County |
| Jan 23 | ..... | East Ridge       |
| Jan 25 | ..... | Sheldon Clark    |
| Jan 27 | ..... | Betsy Layne      |
| Jan 31 | ..... | Paintsville      |

**FEBRUARY**

|        |       |                    |
|--------|-------|--------------------|
| Feb 6  | ..... | at Prestonsburg    |
| Feb 6  | ..... | at Johnson Central |
| Feb 10 | ..... | at Sheldon Clark   |
| Feb 15 | ..... | at Lee County      |
| Feb 17 | ..... | Pikeville          |
| Jan 13 | ..... | Prestonsburg       |
| Feb 27 | ..... | at Ashland Blazer  |



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**Johnson Central Golden Eagles**  
Coach: Les Trimble • Region: 15

**DECEMBER**

|        |       |                 |
|--------|-------|-----------------|
| Dec 3  | ..... | Russell         |
| Dec 10 | ..... | Lawrence County |
| Dec 13 | ..... | Bryan Station   |
| Dec 17 | ..... | Sheldon Clark   |
| Dec 20 | ..... | TBA             |
| Dec 21 | ..... | TBA             |
| Dec 26 | ..... | TBA             |
| Dec 27 | ..... | TBA             |
| Dec 28 | ..... | TBA             |

**JANUARY**

|        |       |                    |
|--------|-------|--------------------|
| Jan 4  | ..... | Shelby Valley      |
| Jan 7  | ..... | Allen Central      |
| Jan 14 | ..... | at Paintsville     |
| Jan 17 | ..... | Magoffin County    |
| Jan 21 | ..... | at Sheldon Clark   |
| Jan 24 | ..... | Betsy Layne        |
| Jan 28 | ..... | Prestonsburg       |
| Jan 31 | ..... | at Magoffin County |

**FEBRUARY**

|        |       |                        |
|--------|-------|------------------------|
| Feb 7  | ..... | at Pikeville           |
| Feb 11 | ..... | Paintsville            |
| Feb 14 | ..... | TBA                    |
| Feb 15 | ..... | TBA                    |
| Feb 18 | ..... | at Pike County Central |
| Feb 21 | ..... | Perry County Central   |
| Feb 27 | ..... | Belfry                 |

**JCHS Lady Eagles**  
Coach: Phillip Wireman • Region: 15

**DECEMBER**

|        |       |                    |
|--------|-------|--------------------|
| Dec 2  | ..... | East Ridge         |
| Dec 5  | ..... | at South Floyd     |
| Dec 9  | ..... | at Boyd County     |
| Dec 12 | ..... | Paintsville        |
| Dec 16 | ..... | at Magoffin County |
| Dec 18 | ..... | TBA                |
| Dec 19 | ..... | TBA                |
| Dec 20 | ..... | TBA                |
| Dec 21 | ..... | TBA                |
| Dec 26 | ..... | TBA                |
| Dec 27 | ..... | TBA                |
| Dec 28 | ..... | TBA                |

**JANUARY**

|        |       |                    |
|--------|-------|--------------------|
| Jan 6  | ..... | Allen Central      |
| Jan 9  | ..... | at Lawrence County |
| Jan 13 | ..... | Sheldon Clark      |
| Jan 16 | ..... | at Prestonsburg    |
| Jan 20 | ..... | at Shelby Valley   |
| Jan 23 | ..... | Belfry             |
| Jan 27 | ..... | at Paintsville     |
| Jan 30 | ..... | at Sheldon Clark   |

**FEBRUARY**

|        |       |                   |
|--------|-------|-------------------|
| Feb 3  | ..... | Ashland Blazer    |
| Feb 6  | ..... | Magoffin County   |
| Feb 10 | ..... | Betsy Layne       |
| Feb 13 | ..... | at Rowan County   |
| Feb 20 | ..... | at East Ridge     |
| Feb 24 | ..... | at Greenup County |

**Prestonsburg Blackcats**  
Coach: Jackie D. Crisp • Region: 15

**DECEMBER**

|                                   |       |               |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| Dec 3                             | ..... | Shelby Valley |
| Dec 4                             | ..... | Estill County |
| Central Bank/Clark County Tip-Off |       |               |

|                  |       |                     |
|------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Dec 10           | ..... | at Magoffin County  |
| Dec 13           | ..... | East Ridge          |
| Dec 14           | ..... | George Rogers Clark |
| Dec 17           | ..... | Betsy Layne         |
| Dec 21           | ..... | at Harrison County  |
| Dec 26           | ..... | at McCreary Central |
| (Arby's Classic) |       |                     |

**JANUARY**

|        |       |                        |
|--------|-------|------------------------|
| Jan 7  | ..... | at Betsy Layne         |
| Jan 10 | ..... | Allen Central          |
| Jan 14 | ..... | at Belfry              |
| Jan 17 | ..... | at South Floyd         |
| Jan 18 | ..... | Powell County          |
| Jan 24 | ..... | at Phelps              |
| Jan 28 | ..... | at Johnson Central     |
| Jan 31 | ..... | at Pike County Central |

**FEBRUARY**

|        |       |                         |
|--------|-------|-------------------------|
| Feb 7  | ..... | South Floyd             |
| Feb 11 | ..... | at South Floyd          |
| Feb 15 | ..... | at Knott County Central |
| Feb 18 | ..... | Phelps                  |
| Feb 22 | ..... | at Mercer County        |
| Feb 25 | ..... | Magoffin County         |
| Feb 28 | ..... | at Jackson County       |

**Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats**  
Coach: Harold Tackelt • Region: 15

**DECEMBER**

|        |       |             |
|--------|-------|-------------|
| Dec 17 | ..... | Betsy Layne |
|--------|-------|-------------|

**JANUARY**

|        |       |                     |
|--------|-------|---------------------|
| Jan 6  | ..... | Piarist School      |
| Jan 7  | ..... | at Betsy Layne      |
| Jan 10 | ..... | Allen Central       |
| Jan 13 | ..... | at Piarist School   |
| Jan 16 | ..... | Johnson Central     |
| Jan 17 | ..... | at South Floyd      |
| Jan 20 | ..... | Pike County Central |
| Jan 27 | ..... | Pikeville           |

**FEBRUARY**

|        |       |                        |
|--------|-------|------------------------|
| Feb 3  | ..... | at Sheldon Clark       |
| Feb 6  | ..... | Magoffin County        |
| Feb 7  | ..... | South Floyd            |
| Feb 10 | ..... | at Pikeville           |
| Feb 11 | ..... | at Allen Central       |
| Feb 20 | ..... | at Magoffin County     |
| Feb 22 | ..... | at Mercer County       |
| Feb 24 | ..... | Sheldon Clark          |
| Feb 27 | ..... | at Pike County Central |
| Feb 28 | ..... | at Jackson County      |

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**South Floyd Raiders**  
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**DECEMBER**

|                           |       |                      |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Dec 4                     | ..... | Knott County Central |
| Dec 7                     | ..... | at Fleming-Neon      |
| Dec 14                    | ..... | Magoffin County      |
| Betsy Layne, Q-95 Classic |       |                      |

|   |       |               |
|---|-------|---------------|
| Dec 17                                    | ..... | Allen Central |
| Dec 20                                    | ..... | Elizabethtown |
| Jeffersontown Gaslight Holiday Tournament |       |               |
| Dec 27                                    | ..... | Hazard        |

**JANUARY**

|  |       |     |
|--|-------|-----|
| Jan 1                                  | ..... | TBA |
| Pike County Central, Coca Cola Classic |       |     |

|                       |       |                |
|-----------------------|-------|----------------|
| Jan 7                 | ..... | TBA            |
| WYMT Mountain Classic |       |                |
| Jan 14                | ..... | at Betsy Layne |
| Jan 17                | ..... | Prestonsburg   |
| Jan 21                | ..... | Paintsville    |
| Jan 24                | ..... | East Ridge     |
| Jan 27                | ..... | Phelps         |

**FEBRUARY**

|        |       |                       |
|--------|-------|-----------------------|
| Feb 7  | ..... | at Prestonsburg       |
| Feb 11 | ..... | Betsy Layne           |
| Feb 14 | ..... | at Allen Central      |
| Feb 21 | ..... | Bryan Station         |
| Feb 22 | ..... | Fleming-Neon          |
| Feb 25 | ..... | Pike County Central   |
| Feb 28 | ..... | at Lexington Catholic |

**South Floyd Lady Raiders**  
Coach: Melinda Osborne • Region: 15

**DECEMBER**

|                                    |       |                 |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Dec 2                              | ..... | Letcher         |
| Dec 5                              | ..... | Johnson Central |
| Dec 9                              | ..... | East Ridge      |
| Dec 17                             | ..... | Allen Central   |
| Dec 18                             | ..... | Magoffin County |
| Dec 26                             | ..... | TBA             |
| (Ohio County, Lady Eagles Classic) |       |                 |

**JANUARY**

|        |       |                     |
|--------|-------|---------------------|
| Jan 6  | ..... | at Magoffin County  |
| Jan 9  | ..... | at Piarist School   |
| Jan 13 | ..... | Pike County Central |
| Jan 14 | ..... | at Betsy Layne      |
| Jan 17 | ..... | Prestonsburg        |
| Jan 27 | ..... | Piarist School      |
| Jan 28 | ..... | Shelby Valley       |
| Jan 30 | ..... | at East Ridge       |

**FEBRUARY**

|        |       |                  |
|--------|-------|------------------|
| Feb 7  | ..... | at Prestonsburg  |
| Feb 11 | ..... | Betsy Layne      |
| Feb 14 | ..... | at Allen Central |
| Feb 17 | ..... | at Shelby Valley |
| Feb 20 | ..... | Paintsville      |
| Feb 24 | ..... | at Pikeville     |
| Feb 25 | ..... | at Letcher       |
| Feb 27 | ..... | Sheldon Clark    |

**Allen Central Runnin' Rebels**  
Coach: John Martin • Region: 15

**DECEMBER**

|        |       |                        |
|--------|-------|------------------------|
| Dec 7  | ..... | Lawrence County        |
| Dec 10 | ..... | at Pike County Central |
| Dec 14 | ..... | Knott County Central   |
| Dec 17 | ..... | at South Floyd         |
| Dec 20 | ..... | Whitesburg             |
| Dec 21 | ..... | Letcher                |

**JANUARY**

|        |       |                    |
|--------|-------|--------------------|
| Jan 7  | ..... | at Johnson Central |
| Jan 10 | ..... | at Prestonsburg    |
| Jan 17 | ..... | Betsy Layne        |
| Jan 18 | ..... | Buckhorn           |
| Jan 24 | ..... | at June Buchanan   |
| Jan 25 | ..... | at Phelps          |

**FEBRUARY**

|        |       |                |
|--------|-------|----------------|
| Feb 4  | ..... | East Ridge     |
| Feb 7  | ..... | at Betsy Layne |
| Feb 11 | ..... | Prestonsburg   |
| Feb 14 | ..... | South Floyd    |
| Feb 15 | ..... | Cordia         |
| Feb 18 | ..... | Belfry         |
| Feb 21 | ..... | Phelps         |
| Feb 22 | ..... | at Pikeville   |
| Feb 25 | ..... | at Pikeville   |

**Allen Central Lady Rebels**  
Coach: Cindy Halbert

**DECEMBER**

|        |       |               |
|--------|-------|---------------|
| Dec 2  | ..... | Leslie County |
| Dec 6  | ..... | TBA           |
| Dec 9  | ..... | 7 TBA         |
| Dec 9  | ..... | at Pikeville  |
| Dec 14 | ..... | Knott County  |