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Pike wreck

Times Staff Report

ZEBULON — A
Pikeville man was killed in
a head-on collision along
U.S. 119 at Zebulon in
Pike County when an
oncoming driver crossed
the center line at approxi-
mately 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, police said.
According to statements
from the Kentucky State
Police Post 9 in Pikeville
that were based on a pre-
liminary investigation and
witness accounts, Jerry
Campanella was driving
his 1999 Chevy truck
northbound along U.S. 119
when he crossed the center
line and crashed head-on
into a 1992 Ford truck
driven by 51-year-old Billy
Joe Bordwine, of Pikeville.
Bordwine was pro-
nounced dead at the
scene by Pike County
Coroner Russell Roberts,
while a passenger in his
vehicle at the time of the
collision who was left
unnamed by authorities
was transported to
Pikeville Methodist
Hospital, along with
Campanella.

Both were treated for
their injuries and later
released.

The accident, which
saw response from both
the Johns Creek Fire
Department and the Pike
County DES, is still under
investigation by the
Kentucky State Police.

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Murder warrant issued after shooting

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

ARKANSAS CREEK — State police
have issued a murder warrant for a Floyd
County woman who allegedly shot and
killed a Lawrence County man Wednesday
evening, later claiming to police the man

was attempting to break into her home
when the shooting occurred.

According to police, Arkansas Creek
resident Velma Miller shot 40-year-old
Ronnie Cumutte once in the face, killing
him instantly at her home Wednesday
evening.

Police were first contacted about the

incident when Miller phoned 911 and said
that a man had been shot, adding that she
believed he was dead, according to Floyd
County Sheriff's Department Lt. Greg
Clark.

"When she called, she told them some-
body was breaking in on her and said the
gun went off and shot him in the face,"

Clark said.

Clark said that a preliminary investiga-
tion revealed that Miller may have been
dating Cumutte, a resident of Lawrence
County.

As of early Thursday afternoon, Miller

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The Office of the New Economy opened a fourth "Innovation Center" in Pikeville Wednesday. The centers will concentrate on things like infrastructure, research and development in order to pull the state from the bottom ranks of economic growth across the nation. Fifteen such centers will dot the commonwealth before the agency is finished.

photos by Sheldon Compton

New center to promote
innovation in region

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Gov. Paul Patton, Pikeville College
President Hal Smith and Dr. Bill Brundage, commissioner
of the state Office for the New Economy, joined commu-
nity leaders Wednesday to announce the opening of the
state's fourth Innovation Center at Pikeville College.

The center, located in the same building as the Pike
County Public Library in downtown Pikeville, will serve
Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Knott, Letcher, Martin and Perry
Counties as a large part of the state's strategic plan to
increase success in what has been referred to as the "new,
knowledge-based" economy.

Such centers, of which there will ultimately be 15
statewide, including Pikeville's location, are put in place
to assist entrepreneurs and scientists located in rural areas
with the business building and funding tools needed to
"transform innovative ideas into successful business",
according to the agency.

"If Kentucky is going to create the dynamic companies
and job opportunities of our nation's future economy, it

(See INNOVATION, page three)



In what was effectively his last visit to Eastern
Kentucky as governor, Paul Patton talked with
supporters such as Pikeville College President
Hal Smith before the opening Wednesday of
Pikeville's new Innovation Center.

Mother pleads
guilty to
child abuse

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A
Salysersville resident indicted
in February on 14 counts
of first-degree criminal
abuse entered a guilty plea
in circuit court this week.

Kristel Shireman, 22,
was in tears as she was led
out of the courtroom follow-
ing the hearing yesterday
afternoon.

Shireman's charges
stemmed from events which
occurred during the first
week of July 2000.

According to Assistant
Commonwealth's Attorney
Arnold Turner Jr., selected
as special prosecutor in the
case, Shireman abused or
allowed the abuse of her
daughter, who was at the
time 2 years old, while she

was living in a van with her
boyfriend, Kevin Cole, 27,
of Salysersville, and several
other people who would
"come and go" during the
week of July 1-5, 2000.

During an interview yester-
day, Turner said that the
child was hospitalized fol-
lowing the incident, suffer-
ing from two broken feet,
two broken wrists, cigarette
burns under each of her
arms, damage to the spleen
which resulted from an
"apparent" blow to the body
and a "severe" contusion on
her head, which he said may
have resulted from the
someone pulling the child's
hair out. Additionally, he
said, one count of criminal
abuse from Shireman's
indictment came for depriv-

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Foul play looked
at in fire death

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

GARRETT — Officials
say they cannot positively
identify the body of a white
male found burned inside
his home at Garrett
Wednesday evening until
after autopsy reports are
returned from Frankfort
later this week.

Firefighters with the
Garrett Volunteer Fire
Department discovered the
body roughly two hours
after responding to a call

informing them of a struc-
ture fire in Garrett at
approximately 5 p.m. and
later contacted Floyd
County Coroner Roger
Nelson.

"The body was found in
the bedroom," Nelson said
Thursday. "After I came out
and analyzed the situation, I
contacted (State Medical
Examiner) Dr. Emily Craig
who was in Perry County at
the time and [she] just came
over."

(See DEATH, page three)

Town Branch Bridge
now open to traffic

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Commuters
in Prestonsburg are finding it a little
easier to get to where they're going fol-
lowing the completion of the construc-
tion at the new Town Branch Bridge.

The bridge, which was official-
ly opened Thursday by the Kentucky
Transportation Cabinet, replaces the
historical concrete through arch bridge
that was closed in the summer of 1998

due to structural hazards.

According to Sara George, informa-
tional officer with the Kentucky
Department of Transportation in
Pikeville, the total cost for the project
was within budget at \$3,404,220.30.

"We're very pleased," she said dur-
ing an interview yesterday. "It's one of
the most beautiful bridges in our dis-
trict."

Construction workers were putting

(See BRIDGE, page three)



Dudley
Craycraft, a
laborer with the
Kentucky
Highway
Department, and
foreman Eric
Justice, not pic-
tured, dug
trenches
Tuesday to run
electrical supply
to the light posts
on the new Town
Branch Bridge.
The bridge official-
ly opened to
traffic Thursday.

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Odds & Ends

The Associated Press

■ **NEW YORK** — Potty parity. Squatters rights.

Go ahead, make fun of the fact that several City Council members introduced a bill Wednesday to have more restrooms set aside for women than men in most buildings. To women — and one male law professor — it's a matter of gender equity.

"Women need more restroom

facilities simply because women take longer," John F. Banzhaf III, a public interest law professor at George Washington University Law Schools, said Wednesday.

Banzhaf, who has filed several court complaints, wrote recently that these legal cases show that women are standing up for their rights "even if they can't stand up while exercising those rights."

"We would never tolerate a system where women would rou-

tinely have to wait five times longer than men to have their blood tested, even if men's and women's blood were tested for different things," Banzhaf argues. "And we shouldn't tolerate a system where women routinely are forced to wait five or more times longer than men to perform a basic and necessary personal function."

So why might women take longer in the bathroom? Because

they often have small children to tend to, they wear more clothes, and, as Councilwoman Yvette Clarke put it, there's that anatomical difference.

"We don't have the same type of equipment that men have," Clarke said.

■ **MIRAMAR, Fla.** — Mrs. Jolly thinks her son's teacher is a Grinch.

Sandra Jolly said her 6-year-old son's Christmas was spoiled when his teacher told the first-grade class Monday that "Santa Claus is make-believe."

"He had this sad, lost puppy dog look on his face. This unhappy, empty look," Jolly said. "He said his teacher informed the entire class that Santa is make-believe."

D.J.'s teacher, Geneta Codner, was reading a story about the Tooth Fairy when the class started discussing what was real and what was not, said district spokesman Joe Donzelli.

When the subject of Santa came up, the teacher started questioning parts of his story — How could a fat jolly man fit down a chimney? How could reindeer fly around the world in one night? — and told the children that wasn't possible.

"It's all been blown out of proportion," Codner said. "I'm sorry (parents) think I meant it that way.

We were just having a discussion. I don't know where all this hurt came from."

The teacher said none of the children acted upset or sad during class.

But Jolly and others disagree. "How do you destroy a 6-year-old like that?" said Pam Sturt, whose son Bradley is in D.J.'s class.

Donzelli said the school's principal "had a real stern conversation" with the teacher. But there will be no written reprimand because she did not violate any school district policy.

"We have no Santa clause," Donzelli said. "We would think that teachers would use better judgment."

■ **GOLDSBORO, N.C.** — The Wayne County sheriff says his deputies had a hard time finding what they were looking for in the aisles filled with holiday shoppers at Wal-Mart.

Not gifts — jurors.

Judge Ripley Eagles Rand ordered deputies Wednesday to go to the department store after he failed to find enough possible jurors for a murder trial set to begin Monday. About half of the 150 jurors summoned for the case were excused or had their duty deferred, a court clerk said.

But Sheriff Carey Winders says the search forced his officers

into confrontations with people shopping for Christmas gifts.

Some shoppers were upset by questioning Wednesday, a day before Thanksgiving, he said. Some were rude, but the deputies were instructed to be cordial and apologetic.

"They were raising Cain with my officers and don't understand why they have to" serve, Winders said.

The officers found 50 possible jurors Wednesday.

■ **TUCSON, Ariz.** — Call it a case of bad karma.

A man who stole a Salvation Army donation pot outside a drug store was hit by a car as he tried to run away, police said.

Edward Sanders, 40, grabbed the pot Tuesday and pulled it away after a short struggle with volunteer Patricia Parra, a 60-year-old woman who suffers from cerebral palsy, said South Tucson police Sgt. Dan Snyder.

As Sanders started to run away, he was struck by a Honda sedan and police captured him.

The red pot and the \$53.97 inside were returned to the Salvation Army, Snyder said.

"I think God has a poetic sense of justice," he said.

Sanders, treated at University Medical Center, was arrested on suspicion of robbery and criminal damage.

165 to lose jobs at American Standard

The Associated Press

■ **PAINTSVILLE** — A Johnson County manufacturing plant will lay off 165 employees by the end of February in a cost-cutting move.

American Standard is transferring most of the work done at the water-faucet assembly

plant outside Paintsville to a factory in Mexico.

The layoffs will affect 142 hourly workers and 23 managers.

Lisa Glover, a spokeswoman for American Standard headquarters in Piscataway, N.J., attributed the layoffs to cost containment in "a very

tough economic environment."

In eastern Kentucky, no stranger to tough economic environments, news of the layoffs generated disappointment.

"It's extremely unfortunate any time you lose that many jobs in a small county like ours that has virtually no industrial base to begin with," said Johnson County Judge-Executive Tucker Daniel. "But, unfortunately, that's corporate America for you."

The company was one of the largest non-coal corporate employers in the area.

Founded in Louisville in the 1880s, American Standard, which makes air conditioner systems, plumbing products and auto brakes, employs 60,000 people in 29 countries.

In 1992, the company closed its 97-year-old cast-iron sink plant in Louisville, but maintained Kentucky operations in Paintsville and Lexington.

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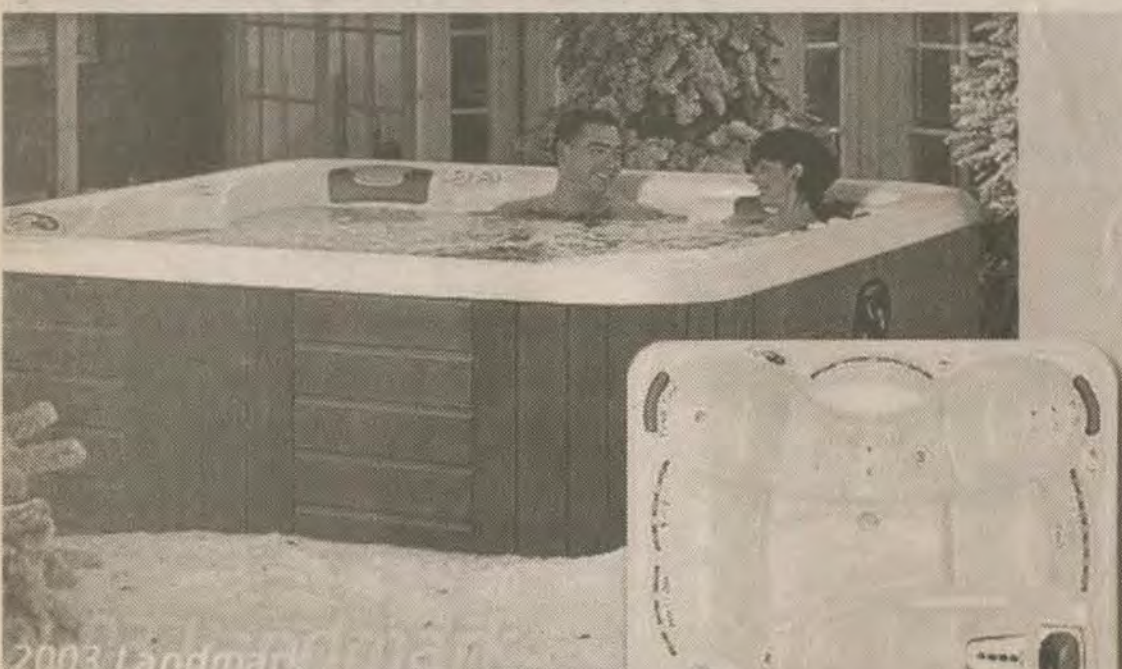
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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 5, the 339th day of 2003. There are 26 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 5, 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

On this date:

■ In 1776, the first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, was organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

■ In 1782, the first U.S.-native president, Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, N.Y.

■ In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria at age 35.

■ In 1792, George Washington was re-elected president; John Adams was re-elected vice president.

■ In 1831, former President John Quincy Adams took his seat as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

■ In 1848, President Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California.

■ In 1901, movie producer Walt Disney was born in Chicago.

■ In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a

visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

■ In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany.

■ In 1991, Richard Speck, who'd murdered eight student nurses in Chicago in 1966, died a day short of his 50th birthday while serving eight consecutive prison terms of 50 to 150 years each.

Ten years ago:

A Palestinian boarded a bus and opened fire with an assault rifle in the first major attack in Israel since the signing of a peace pact with the PLO; the gunman killed a reservist before being gunned down.

Five years ago:

James P. Hoffa claimed the Teamsters presidency after challenger Tom Leedham conceded defeat in the union's presidential election. Former Sen. Albert Gore Sr., father of the vice president, died at his home in Carthage, Tenn.; he was 90.

One year ago:

Strom Thurmond, the oldest and longest-serving senator in history, celebrated his 100th birthday on Capitol Hill. (It was at this gathering that Senate Republican leader Trent Lott, in toasting Thurmond, seemed to express nostalgia for Thurmond's segregationist past;

the resulting firestorm prompted Lott to resign his leadership position.) In Kansas City, Mo., a pharmacist who had diluted chemotherapy drugs given to thousands of cancer patients was sentenced to 30 years in prison. Gen. Ne Win, former dictator of Myanmar, also called Burma, died in Yangon at age 91. ABC executive Roone Arledge died in New York at age 71.

Today's Birthdays:

Singer Little Richard is 71. Author Joan Didion is 69. Author Calvin Trillin is 68. Musician J.J. Cale is 65. Actor Jeroen Krabbe is 59. Opera singer Jose Carreras is 57. Pop singer Jim Messina is 56. Actress Morgan Brittany is 52. Actor Brian Backer is 47. Country singer Ty England is 40. Rock singer-musician John Rzeznik (The Goo Goo Dolls) is 38. Country singer Gary Allan is 36. Comedian-actress Margaret Cho is 35. Writer-director Morgan J. Freeman is 34. Actress Amy Acker is 27. Actor Nick Stahl is 24. Actor Frankie Muniz ("Malcolm in the Middle") is 18. Actor Ross Bagley is 15.

Thought for Today:

"Neither a lofty degree of intelligence nor imagination nor both together go to the making of genius. Love, love, love, that is the soul of genius." — Attributed to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791).

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Patton came close to resigning after affair revelation

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton nearly resigned after the public learned of his affair with Tina Conner, according to a new book about his administration.

But Crit Luallen, then secretary of his executive Cabinet and now state auditor-elect, persuaded Patton to stay in office, according to the book released Wednesday.

Patton supporters commissioned the 231-page book, "Progress and Paradox: The Patton Years, 1995-2003." It was written by Fran Ellers, formerly a reporter in The Courier-

Journal's Frankfort bureau, who said Patton had final say on the book's content. She said there was no discussion about changing any part of the section involving Conner.

"I'm going to resign," the book quotes Patton as telling Luallen on Sept. 19, 2002, two days after the first news report about the affair aired on WHAS-TV in Louisville. In the interview with station reporter Mark Hebert, Patton lied about the affair.

Ellers told The Courier-Journal for a story in Thursday's editions that Luallen was the source for the quote.

In the book, an angry Luallen tells Patton, "You will not resign. You will not do that. You will not do that to your legacy or to the people you have brought to this administration."

Luallen told the newspaper that she had been angry that Patton had at first lied to her and his other staff in denying the affair. But she also felt that Patton's resignation "would be a complete reversal of any positive legacy of his administration."

Luallen and Patton's chief of staff, Andrew "Skipper" Martin, told the newspaper that, by the end of that meeting, Patton

decided not to step down. But general counsel Denis Fleming said it wasn't clear to the staff what Patton would do until Patton told his wife, Judi, that he had lied.

Fleming said that Patton then called his staff.

"He was very emotional and said he was going to try to struggle along," Fleming said. "We felt if he showed his nature and was forthright and truthful quickly, he could survive."

Less than a day later, Patton tearfully admitted the affair at a news conference. He denied Conner's allegations that he improperly sent state regulators

to crack down on her Clinton nursing home.

In the book, Patton says stepping down remained an option, in case his top aides jumped ship.

"If the Cabinet had started resigning, I would have resigned, because I couldn't go out and get good people," Patton says. "But by the end of that week or so, I think maybe I had

gotten a reassuring message from practically every member of the Cabinet."

Patton, who previously has acknowledged considering stepping down after admitting the affair, declined to discuss his quandary last week with The Courier-Journal.

"Read the book," he said. "That'll be the most startling part of the book."

Abuse

ing the child of medical services provided during this time. The child had a flea-type infestation in her hair, he said.

According to Turner, the group had driven to Michigan, where Social Services were called to investigate a foot injury and bruise on the child's head. Shireman left Michigan, returning to Kentucky 24 hours after Social Services found no evidence to support the claims of abuse, Turner said, and they remained in the Magoffin

County area for five days before they were picked up.

According to him, there was "a lot of drug use" during this time and Shireman was indicted because, regardless of what happened, the child was her responsibility.

"Before she (Shireman) was indicted, she was insisting that she didn't know what happened ..." said Turner. "No one could really testify at the grand jury level as to what had happened. By her own words, the child was

never out of her care."

In return for a guilty plea, the commonwealth offered Shireman an eight-year sentence on three counts of first-degree criminal abuse, stipulating that she serve three years on each count concurrently. The other 11 charges of criminal abuse were dismissed.

Additionally, Shireman agreed to immediately terminate her parental rights, have no contact with the child, who is now 4 years old, the custodial parents or the prosecution witnesses in the case. She will be on probation for 10 years after she serves the three-year sentence, much of which she's already served.

The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office arranged for a plea agreement in order to adhere to the desires of the custodial grandparents, Mary and Chalmer Rowe, of Salyersville, who were present in court yesterday to sign custodial paperwork.

Additionally, Turner said, a speedy resolution to the trial would also benefit the child, who has suffered psychological injuries in addition to the physical injuries she has now overcome.

"We're at a point where we feel this is the best thing to do for the child," he said, pointing out that mental health care professionals working with the case recommended the commonwealth should avoid forcing the child to testify against her mother because it could induce further trauma.

"We're pleased to resolve this case," said Shireman's attorney, Public Advocate Peyton Reynolds. "She's been in jail a long time and we're pleased to bring it to some finality, some end."

The case against Shireman was originally set to be heard in Magoffin County by Judge John R. Morgan. A motion requesting a change of venue for the case was filed in Magoffin County courts Feb. 20, stating that it would be "impossible" to find a jury for the case because of extensive media coverage in the area.

Charges against Kevin Cole, who was Shireman's boyfriend at the time of the incident, have been dismissed, said Turner, because of statements given by the child during the investigation.

Formal sentencing will be held Jan. 9 under Circuit Judge Danny Caudill.

Death

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Nelson said part of his reasoning to notify Craig, other than the fact that she was already working in the region, was that the house had no working utilities, such as electricity.

"Under the circumstance, and with her being that close, it was good for her to be there because the first thing you think of when a house doesn't have utilities is the possibility of foul play," Nelson said.

With foul play lingering as a possibility, for Craig, a forensic anthropologist, to be there was important to avoid losing potential evidence that could be found

on the scene, Nelson said.

Officials have not been able to determine the exact identity of the victim because the man was burned beyond recognition, state police said.

Although a cause for the fire has not yet been determined, Nelson said Thursday the man had apparently been using a kerosene heater to heat his home.

Officials expect autopsy reports to take two or three days, pending Craig's return to Frankfort for full processing of the information recovered at the scene.

Bridge

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the finishing touches on the bridge Wednesday — completing necessary electrical wiring for lighting and striping the road — but some commuters have apparently been using the bridge the past couple of weeks.

According to construction engineer Robin Justice, who has walked through the project since its onset in January 2002, construction workers at the site have had problems with commuters tearing down barricades since the final stage of paving was completed two weeks ago.

"Whenever you get a bridge finished, everyone wants to be the first to cross it," she said during an interview yesterday.

According to Justice, the transportation department "went the extra mile" in order to "honor" the historical significance of the previous bridge, paying particular attention to the decorative aspects of the bridge. They placed decorative concrete stone guard walls (resembling those found at the Battle of Middle Creek site), decorative handrails, and specially designed luminary street lights that shine downward and away from neighborhood houses.

According to Charles Reichenbach, retired engineer who coordinated as consulting engineer for the project, consideration for bridge design and layout relied greatly on public input given during public meetings regarding the bridge construction.

"We kind of went with what people wanted, what the public thought would work best," he said.

Plans are being considered to place a visitors interpretation center providing information about the old historical bridge

near the Prestonsburg side of the bridge, he said, complete with a mini-park. Justice said, however, that those plans are not conclusive as of yet because they are dependent on funding available.

According to Justice, a dedication ceremony will be held following the first of the year.

Contractors for the project were Joe Burchett and Paul Burchett Jr. with Bush and Burchett Engineers in Allen. Chris Fannin worked as inspector with the Department of Transportation.

Innovation

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must create an entrepreneurial climate that encourages and supports new technologies and ideas," Brundage told those in attendance for the opening Wednesday.

However, the full appreciation of such initial steps of leadership and vision will not be overnight developments, Brundage says.

"What is happening here today through leadership will not be realized until 30 years from now, 20 at best, but certainly not less than that," said Brundage.

This goal is to see Kentucky move away from its ranking of 44th in the nation in economic growth, according to Brundage, a move he says will be helped along by developing in areas the state has shown potential.

One such area would be energy, Brundage says. With natural gas costs rising, the Office of the New Economy says this could prove to be an unexpected opportunity for the state.

The newest approach would

be to develop technologies necessary to promote the use of coal and nuclear fuels in environmentally responsible applications, such as with coalbed methane projects.

With 88.5 billion tons of coal and a gaseous diffusion plant in Paducah which is one of only two in the entire country, a coalbed methane project could open a door for economic growth statewide, according to Brundage.

The project involves adapting oil field technology to enable extraction of methane gas from coal seams. Test drilling to determine the amount of coalbed methane available and the viability and cost associated with such extraction is currently underway.

Brundage refers to such technology-related research as opportunities for Kentucky to create a "niche" that might lead to improving on what the state has to offer as far as economic ingenuity. Creation of such a "niche" could, in turn, lead to Kentucky becoming what Brundage referred to Wednesday as a "major player" in the economy.

Patton, an engineer by trade who oversaw the Innovation Act of 2000 that helped create the Office of the New Economy, said during brief comments Wednesday that the end result of the research and development innovation centers would be to bring emphasis away from "working with the hands" and focus it more on "working with the brain" for a region long steeped in physical labor.

Amid talk of plans and optimism for the future, Pikeville College President Hal Smith, who signed a partnership with Eastern Kentucky University, the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation and the Office of the New Economy to support the program Wednesday afternoon, made it clear one of the more applicable goals in bringing the innovation center to Pikeville and Eastern Kentucky.

"The goal of this program is to facilitate economic growth that will ultimately lead to the creation of jobs and opportunities for the citizens of this region."

Paintsville native to head Transportation Cabinet

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov.-elect Ernie Fletcher named a retired Air Force general to lead one of Kentucky's most troubled bureaucracies: the state Transportation Cabinet.

Pointing to his experience as a military commander who oversaw thousands of troops, Fletcher named retired Lt. Gen. Maxwell Clay Bailey his administration's secretary of transportation Thursday.

"This is an appointment that's not based on politics," Fletcher told reporters at an afternoon news conference.

Bailey inherits responsibility for a cabinet that has been mired in controversy and alleged scandals.

In May, the cabinet agreed to a \$12 million settlement on a lawsuit involving a state bridge inspector who allegedly extort-

ed bribes from state contractors. There were also allegations of fraud in its handling of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, which is aimed at steering road contracts toward companies headed by women and minorities.

And, in August, 212 Transportation computers were found to have allegedly been used to browse pornographic Web sites. Eleven of those computers were seized for allegedly having been used to view pornography depicting children.

Bailey, a native of Paintsville who currently resides in Paris, served as commander of the Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Fla., until his retirement in 2002.

He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1969 and was a command pilot. Bailey has a master's degree in military art and science.

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Star Tribune, Minneapolis, on recent Medicare legislation:

The \$400 billion Medicare bill that lawmakers approved last week is the biggest piece of domestic legislation to emerge from Congress in years and, between now and next November's election, will provoke endless debate over whether Republicans have finally modernized government health care or have sabotaged a venerable Great Society program that serves 37 million elderly Americans.

Actually it's hard to know where the truth lies. The bill got scant news coverage until recently; congressional negotiators meeting behind closed doors added dozens of provisions that never received debate in the House or Senate; and members of the House actually voted on the bill in the wee hours of a weekend session before the full text had even been published.

Our sense is that the bill will provide valuable, if confusing, drug coverage for a modest number of retirees who badly need federal subsidies. But it will also prove deeply disappointing to senior citizens who expected a comprehensive update of Medicare, and it will waste billions of dollars in taxpayers' money because lawmakers had to placate powerful constituencies, including doctors, drug manufacturers and insurance companies, in order to round up sufficient votes.

Will the bill solve Medicare's grave long-range solvency problems? Almost certainly not. ... The debate over Medicare is not over, and the tinkering has probably just begun.

The Post-Standard, Syracuse, N.Y., on problems with soldiers' pay:

A recent General Accounting Office report found that in a survey of Army National Guard soldiers serving in Afghanistan and Iraq, 450 of 481 soldiers had trouble getting paid or receiving certain benefits.

One soldier reportedly was asked to submit documents to get his housing allowance and was advised that everything would be worked out. When he returned home, however, he was told it was too late to get the money. Another soldier was dispatched on a four-day trip through dangerous territory to try to straighten out pay mix-ups. In another case, 34 soldiers were mistakenly told they owed the government about \$48,000 each.

Serving one's country during wartime is a great enough sacrifice. Soldiers should not have the added burden of wondering if they will get a paycheck. ...

The government must immediately correct these problems. With trouble spots growing around the world, it will be hard enough trying to entice people to serve their country. But what will make it harder still is the belief that when they do sign up, they may have to fight for America and fight for America to pay them.



Guest View

Deep campaign pockets still at work

by SHERYL FRED

John Kerry's top fund-raisers, already credited with bringing in millions of dollars for the senator's presidential campaign, have also proven adept at giving their own money at election time.

The 30 individuals and couples identified by the Kerry campaign last month as having raised more than \$100,000 apiece have, along with their immediate families, given close to \$4 million since 1999 to candidates, leadership PACs and the parties, 98 percent to Democrats.

The group's top givers include entrepreneur Alan Solomont (\$694,827), investment banker Orin Kramer (\$509,335) and former Texas lieutenant governor Ben Barnes (\$464,250), now a lobbyist.

Not surprisingly, Kerry's fund-raisers have given most generously to the senator, showering him with \$42,500 for his 2002 senate campaign and more than \$100,000 for his presidential race so far.

But they also have given money this year to some of Kerry's chief rivals, including Dick Gephardt (\$20,000), John Edwards (\$15,000), Joe Lieberman (\$6,000) and Howard Dean (\$2,000).

Although they have given no money to Bush this election cycle, three of Kerry's fund-raisers made contributions to Bush in 2000: Mark Gorenberg and his wife (\$2,000); Jack Connors (\$1,000) and Stanley Toy (\$1,000). More common among Kerry's fund-raisers that year were contributions to Al Gore, who collected more than \$47,500 from this group for his presidential bid. Kramer and Solomont both served as top fund-raisers for the former vice president.

Other Democrats benefiting from the largesse of Kerry's fund-raisers include Hillary Clinton, who received \$42,000 for her 2000 New York senatorial race, and Jean Carnahan, who collected \$22,500 for her fight to hold on to her late husband's Missouri Senate seat in 2002.

Of the \$3 million these fund-raisers gave in the 2000 and 2002 election cycles, nearly 48 percent came in the form of unlimited soft money contributions to the political parties. The new campaign finance law, which bans soft money and raises the limit on what an individual can give a candidate to \$2,000 per election, has forced top donors to focus on hard money as their

primary means of giving.

By adjusting his giving under the new law, Kramer has become this year's top contributor among Kerry's fund-raisers. Kramer's hard money contributions totaled \$50,000 in the 2000 election cycle, accounting for just 21 percent of his overall giving. In the first nine months of this year, he poured \$83,500 into Democratic campaign and party coffers—a 67 percent increase.

New York businessman Hassan Nemazee, on the other hand, has reduced his contributions under the new system. Nemazee gave \$139,500 in the 2000 election cycle, 76 percent of it in the form of soft money. With the soft money ban in effect, he has given just \$8,000 in this cycle so far.

In October, Kerry became the first of the 2004 Democratic presidential candidates to release the names of his top fund-raisers. In addition to revealing those collecting \$100,000 or more for the senator, the Kerry campaign also identified 82 other individuals and couples who had raised between \$50,000 and \$100,000 apiece.

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Guest Column

The precious gift of giving

by MATTIE J.T. STEPANEK

To me, the month of December brightens the end of the year like a cheerful hearth fire brightens the dead of winter. I love the rituals, foods, smells and sense of connection that surround the holidays. And, like most kids, I love the gifts.

I believe that we celebrate the sacredness of life when we give each other gifts. It may be just a handkerchief or a tin of cookies or a book, but the message it carries is so much larger. A gift says, "I care about you. You and I are

connected in a special way." Giving to others is like giving to ourselves, because it spreads a loving feeling in our personal worlds.

I'm writing this column because I want to encourage you to give to charity this holiday season. The holidays are a time to remember all of our human family, not just those who are close to us. When we share with people we don't know, we draw tighter our web of human connections. This is a gift that comes back to us many times over.

You could say that here in the United States, people get gifts all the time. Our nation is richly blessed. I'm proud to say that we're also compassionate and generous.

As the National Goodwill Ambassador for the Muscular

Dystrophy Association, I've had a chance to meet many Americans who freely give their time and money to help others. Did you know that most of the donations given to charity come from middle-income donors, not from foundations or corporations? Miracles are happening every day simply because ordinary people are sharing their gifts with other ordinary people.

Right now, charitable giving in the United States is down from previous years. There are many reasons for this, like the stock market and unemployment. But in tough times people need our help more than ever.

If you imagine that humanity is like a tree, then the gift givers are the roots that help us grow strong branches. They fuel us;

they're what keep us alive. Without them, we would slowly wither and die. Your decision to give — or not to give — ultimately affects everyone. I hope that your holidays this year will be full of the delights of the season, most especially the precious gift of giving!

Mattie J.T. Stepanek, 13, is the best-selling author of five books of "Heartsongs" poetry (Hyperion Press). An outspoken advocate for peace and tolerance, he recently was honored for his humanitarian work by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Mattie is affected by mitochondrial myopathy, a rare neuromuscular disease. To learn more about Mattie, visit www.mdausa.org/mattie.

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AT THE MOVIES:

'The Last Samurai'

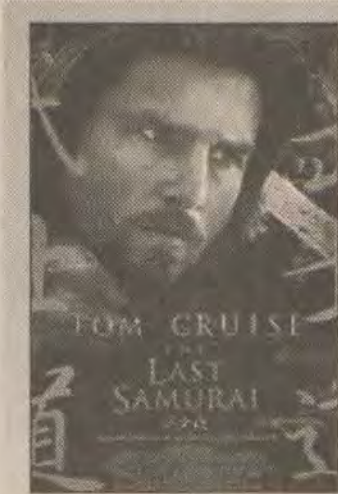
by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Despite the sweeping landscapes of "The Last Samurai," its epic battle scenes and the simple beauty of its Eastern philosophy, it's hard not to be distracted by the nagging feeling that you've seen this film before.

That's because you have — in 1990, to be exact, when it starred Kevin Costner and was called "Dances With Wolves."

Tom Cruise stars as Capt. Nathan Algren, a drunk, bitter Civil War veteran who's recruited to go to Japan to train soldiers to fight the samurai, who cling rebelliously to their traditional ways amid increasing Westernization.

Algren himself ends up in a



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Two stars and a half out of four.

battle with these warriors, then is kidnapped by them and introduced to their culture.

"They are an intriguing people," he scribbles in his journal after he's sobered up and no

longer has the shakes. "I have never seen such discipline."

So you see where this is going: Algren will gain an appreciation for the samurai and become one of them, just as

Costner's lieutenant character took on a Sioux name, joined their tribe and got it on with Stands With a Fist.

As Algren enthusiastically learns the Japanese words for rice and chopsticks, you half expect him to spot a buffalo outside and blurt out "Tatonka!"

Cruise is also essentially playing the same guy he's played in nearly every movie, from "Top Gun" to "Jerry Maguire" to "Vanilla Sky." He's cocky, he gets his comeuppance and, in the process, finds humility. So you could just as easily imagine him blurring out "Show me the money," and that wouldn't seem out of place, either.

This is a joke. "The Last Samurai," however, is all business, very much a faithful throwback to the Kurosawa films that director Edward Zwick ("Glory," "Legends of the Fall") and Cruise himself revere.

The script, which Zwick co-wrote with John Logan and Marshall Herskovitz, is heavy with talk of destiny and honor; characters use the last breath in their bodies to say the most poignant thing at the most dramatic possible moment. It may seem corny, but anything less would be a watered-down Hollywoodization.

"I will die by the sword — my own or my enemy's," says Katsumoto (Ken Watanabe), the samurai leader who initially is curious about Algren because he wants to learn about his enemy, but later accepts the American as a friend.

The film really picks up as Algren and Katsumoto spend more time together. Each has an almost boyish enthusiasm about soaking up the other's culture, and Watanabe has a charismatic, formidable presence that makes him hard to resist.

Algren also becomes intrigued by the beautiful Taka

(See **MOVIE**, page six)

A sleeker 'Battlestar Galactica' returns amid fan opposition

by **JANICE RHOSHALLE**
LITTLEJOHN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "Battlestar Galactica" is returning as a four-hour miniseries, backed by hype befitting a science fiction classic in the same galaxy as "Star Wars" or "Star Trek."

Never mind that this classic was a campy space opera that lasted just one season.

When it premiered on ABC in 1978, the special-effects dazzler was the most highly publicized new series of that season. Lorne Greene starred as Adama, the commander of a ragtag band of refugees in search of a lost planet called Earth after a band of robotic Cylons wiped out much of humankind.

In the new version, airing Monday and Tuesday on the Sci Fi Channel (9 p.m. EST), Edward James Olmos takes over as Adama; Jamie Bamber is his son, Apollo (originally played by Richard Hatch); and the hot-headed pilot, Starbuck, is now a

woman, played by Katee Sackhoff (Dirk Benedict was the original).

While the original series' thematic core remains — the human struggle for survival — a lot has changed.

Gone is the space fantasy with the dashing caped warriors of old. Now they're handsome heroes in uniforms akin to Air Force fighter pilots. The aluminum Cylon enemies look more like humans, complete with feelings, including one with rabid sexual desires.

And the quest is not for a mythical Earth — it no longer exists.

"It's a fine line in deciding what you want to retain and what you want to change from the original," says the miniseries' writer, Ron Moore. "But it all started with the name."

What he ended up with is a saga for a post-Sept. 11 world: an array of conflicted characters forced to coexist under the threat of more deadly adversaries living among them.

"When 9-11 happened," says

Sackhoff, "I knew for the first time what it was like to feel fear — genuine fear. And had that not happened, it would have been a lot harder for me to actually play this character."

"What science fiction should be," says Moore, "is a look at ourselves, an examination of humanity. But where we are with science fiction in television and movies, you've sort of fallen into two categories: There's this quasi-cyberpunk stuff, which is everything from 'Matrix' to 'Blade Runner.' Then there's the sort of 'Star Wars,' 'Star Trek' lush orchestral visions of the future."

Olmos, who's eschewed science fiction since appearing in the 1982 film "Blade Runner," says Moore's script "was different than anything I'd ever read before. There's a lot of reality in this that you might find in say a 'NYPD Blue' or 'Hill Street Blues.'"

Devotees of the original will be hard to convince, however.

Chat-room conversations on many of the scores of "Battlestar" Web sites have been fiercely opposed to this "re-imagined" version.

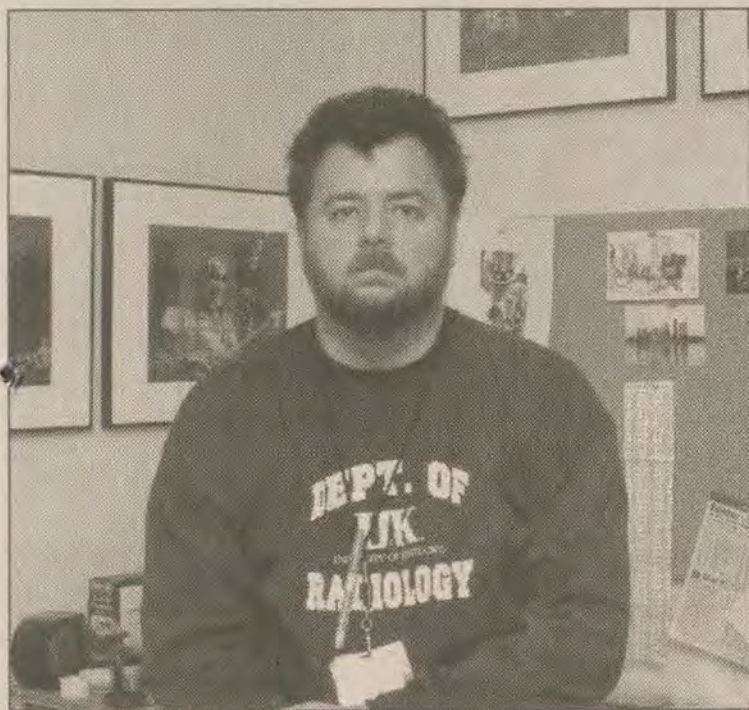
One site even features a cartoon of Benedict's Starbuck being castrated by a laser beam, and there are many who vow to tune out when the miniseries comes on.

Hatch understands the fan sentiment.

"I had a lot of anger and frustration because I saw a studio not on any level being receptive to what the vast majority of fans wanted," the actor says in his small apartment littered with "Battlestar" paraphernalia, including a lunchbox, posters and videos.

Hatch, who has written six spin-off novels, tried his own sequel: "Battlestar Galactica: The Second Coming." A four-minute, self-financed trailer has

(See **RETURN**, page seven)



Estill Robinson, formerly of Prestonsburg, has been chosen to photograph a series of concerts for the rock band KISS. Robinson was one of the photographers for the U.S. reunion toured in 1996 and 1997. Over the last two years, Robinson has toured both the USA and Canada with national recording artist SSG. Robinson is skilled in his ability to freeze a moment of an electrifying rock performance in a fashion that makes one feel as if they are one with the moment and part of the music. One of Robinson's exhibit, called "Beautiful People", is now traveling the U.S. The exhibit will be making a stop at the Prestonsburg Community College art gallery in January. The "Beautiful People Exhibit" is an insightful glimpse into the Gothic culture. Many of the photographs are riveting in their intense portrayal of this diverse group.

Jobs

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Gary Yates of Prestonsburg, president of the local chapter of the United Steelworkers of America, said workers in Paintsville earn about \$12.20 an hour.

"I think it's a disgrace that our government allows our jobs to be taken down there to that country at substandard wages and then tells us how great our economy is," he said.

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Kayla Rebecca Tackett, 16, of Beaver, to Jason Paige, 19, of McDowell.
Tia Nicole Poston, 19, to Reed Jr. Stamper, 50, both of Prestonsburg.
Kendra D. Sexton, 29, of Virgie, to Joseph Tackett, 24, of McDowell.
Lisa Lynn Hall, 26, of Dwaile, to Alan Keith Tackett, 43, of Virgie.
Sandra May Clemons, 43, to Tony Ray Akers, 45, of Dana.
Lillian G. Conley, 77, of East Point, to Willard L. Ousley, 82, of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Clarence Brown and Lisa Brown vs. Kentucky Fair Plan; complaint.
Eugene A. Pyle vs. Danny Morrison; complaint.
Legal Recoveries, Inc. vs. Clarence Trammell; complaint.
Jean Mullins vs. Sherri Newsome; complaint.
Discover Bank vs. Tony Whitaker; complaint.

Discover Bank vs. Cora Osborne; complaint.
Discover Bank vs. Woody Burchett; complaint.
Sammy Skeans vs. Clarissa Carpenter; petition for health care insurance.
Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Mary A. Hamilton; complaint.
Sherri Burkhardt vs. Phillip Burkhardt; divorce.
Lisa Lynn Kerwood vs. Roger Dyer; divorce.
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company vs. Keith A. Reynolds; complaint.
Sheila Swafford vs. Save-a-lot Food Stores; complaint.
Gregory Hall vs. Donnie Tilley; complaint.
Gordon Thacker vs. Beverly Thacker; divorce.
Lesia Kerwood vs. Jackie Kerwood; divorce.
Bonetta Daughtery vs. Darrell Daughtery; divorce.
Citi Financial Services vs. Regina Conn; complaint.
Thomas Blakeman vs. Sherry Blakeman; divorce.
Sam Little vs. Anna Leah Little; divorce.

Small Claims Filings

Marlene Robinson vs. Freddie Bentley; collection for reimbursement.
John Gray Pontiac vs. Mark D. Salyer; debt collection.
Eric C. Conn. vs. William Daniels; debt collection.
Eric C. Conn vs. Robert Bishop; debt collection.
Eric C. Conn vs. Wendy Weddington; debt collection.
Eric C. Conn vs. Victoria Dotson; debt collection.

Charges Filed

Fannie M. Sizemore, age unlisted, Hazard, theft by deception.
Alan Ward, 44, Winchester, flagrant nonsupport.
Rodney R. Thompson, 20, Harold, two counts third-degree assault on a police or probation officer, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief.
Merlin C. Taulbee, 36, Salyersville, flagrant nonsupport.
Barbara New, age unlisted, Stopover, theft by deception.
Randall Joseph Vicars, 23, Beaver, public intoxication.
Hubert Goble, 43, Banner, alcohol intoxication, terroristic threatening.
Jeremy D. Harper, 24, Hardinsburg, alcohol intoxica-

tion.
Tim Crum, 38, Boons Camp, disorderly conduct.
Amanda S. Dockens, 36, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
Shelia Ratliff, 37, Tutor Key, alcohol intoxication.
Estill L. Prater, 22, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
Shawn M. Thacker, 24, East Point, fourth-degree assault.
David Anthony Twiss, 24, Langley, alcohol intoxication.
Jesse S. Little, 26, Weeksbury, violating a protective order.
Zelda Wallen, 39, East Point, theft by unlawful taking.
April L. Stewart, 42, Drift, selling alcoholic beverage to a minor.
Roy Hall, 50, Galveston, illegal pursuit of turkey or deer.
Lowell Thacker Jr., 50, Ashcamp, illegal pursuit of turkey or deer.
Ralph Todd Adkins, 40, Middlesboro, alcohol intoxication.
Edward Lee Stone, 54, Prestonsburg, carrying a concealed weapon.
Drema Buchanan, 40, Prestonsburg, harassing communications.
William Kelly Ward, 35, Allen, terroristic threatening.
Michael Blevins, 19, Stanville, fourth-degree assault.
Carl J. Goble, 44, Hippo,

alcohol intoxication, carrying a concealed weapon.
Megan Horn, 27, Hueysville, alcohol intoxication.
Brant Tackett, 28, Pikeville, fourth-degree assault.

Inspections

McDowell Senior Citizens Center, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Plastic container of unknown material stored with other food, towel not available at handwash sink in food preparation area, Lighting not sufficient in back storage area of food preparation area. Score: 96.

Champs, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food item containers in walk-in refrigeration unit not properly labeled, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth use not restricted and not stored properly. Score: 96.

Country Kitchen, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigeration and freezer units, leak in drain line at three-compartment sink,

floors in slight disrepair, wall in employee restroom not completed. Score: 96.

Martha's Pizza & More, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all refrigeration and freezer units have easily seen thermometers, chest-type freezer in bad repair and also upright door gaskets in disrepair, no soap or hand towels at the hand-wash sink in food preparation area. Score: 96.

Property Transfers

Charles Hammonds and Helen Bradford Hammonds, Roy Samuel Hammonds and Hope Evelyn Hammonds to Jerry Fannin, property located on Big Sandy River.

Kevin Douglas Evans and Bridget Evans to Kevin Douglas Evans and Bridget Evans, property location not listed.

Dorothy Wells and Loyd Wells (heirs of Belle Wells estate) to Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission, property location not listed.



HCTC grad returns

Shaila Sharma of Hazard shares photos from her wedding with economics professor Richard Crowe at Hazard Community and Technical College. Shaila is a May 2003 graduate of the college and since graduation, she was married in India at a wedding with 2,000 attendees that lasted five days. Shaila returned to the college to meet with her former teachers.

Movie

(model-actress Koyuki), the wife of a warrior he killed in battle who reluctantly takes him into her home.

And here's where the film does get unnecessarily Hollywoodized: Taka serves him, defiantly yet quietly, since he's her guest. But eventually, she and Algren secretly fall for each other, and a kiss they share toward the end seems totally out of place.

This is a minor quibble, though. Far more important is the film's lush cinematography from John Toll, who also shot "Braveheart," which "The Last Samurai" resembles during its

thunderous battle scenes.

Bathed in blood, mud and mist, they are brutal and evocative. But they're also incredibly refreshing and almost quaint because they feature real people fighting each other and not just computer-generated pixels simulating the act — which, between the "Lord of the Rings" movies and the "Star Wars" prequels, unfortunately has become the standard.

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Return

been a hit among conventioners, but studio executives have been unimpressed.

"Every time they bring back a classic, they always fail because they've thrown the baby out with the bath water," says the 58-year-old Hatch. "They throw away the very elements the fans loved most."

A few years ago, fans thought they'd get the continuation saga they'd clamored for when Bryan Singer and Tom DeSanto, the director-writer team behind "X-Men," hooked up with original "Galactica" creator Glen Larson to develop a project at 20th Century Fox.

When that deal fell through, Universal TV chief David Kissinger brought in executive producer David Eick and Moore

to rework the franchise for Sci Fi.

"We want the fans to embrace what we are doing," says Sci Fi President Bonnie Hammer, "but if you produced now what was produced then, it would feel like old TV. We wanted to make it more relatable, even in terms of the stereotypes of characters."

"I understand they're trying to do a modern version," says Larson. "But change for the sake of change — it's taking the title and exploiting it."

Not according to Bamber, who as a new cast member is part of the change.

"It's like a favorite play," he argues. "It's there to be challenged, it's there to be redone and reinterpreted."

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Bobby Bayless Ison

Bobby Bayless Ison, 66, of Prestonsburg, passed away, Friday, November 28, 2003.

Born November 2, 1937, he was the son of the late Isom and Beatrice Ison.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine Ellingsworth Ison.

Survivors include four daughters, Belinda Case, Ruby Thomas, Brenda Robinson and Carrie Blevins; several grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; five sisters, Glenna Little,

Helen Little, Barbara Ponavacs, Ruby Mounts, and Glendina Hicks; three brothers, James Walter Ison, Kenneth Ison, and Ernie Ison.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Herbert Ison, Edgar Ison, Lawrence Ison and Fredrick Ison.

Services were at Day Fork Community Church of God, on Tuesday, December 2, at 1 p.m., with James Adams officiating.

(Paid obituary)

John Ed Shepherd

John Ed Shepherd, age 80, passed away, Wednesday, December 3, 2003, at his home at Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

He was born May 9, 1923, at Colie, a son of the late Beverly B. and Berta (Dotson) Shepherd. He was a self-employed carpenter and miner. He attended the Freewill Baptist Church. He was a member of Zebulon Masonic Lodge No. 273, Prestonsburg.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia (Harris) Shepherd.

Other survivors include two sons and two daughters, John Wayne Shepherd of Prestonsburg, and Malcom (Tim) Shepherd of Banner, Carol Cecil and Susan Branham, both of Prestonsburg; two brothers, Malcolm Shepherd of Prestonsburg, and Charles Shepherd of Florida; one sister, Pauline Owens of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren, Paul Christopher Shepherd, Timothy Matthew Shepherd, Jonathon Conrad Shepherd, and Michael Sterling Branham II.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 6, at noon, at the Burke Funeral Home in Prestonsburg, with Rev. Bill Campbell and Rev. Tommy Reed officiating.

Burial will follow in the Shepherd Family Cemetery, at Arnett Branch Road, Prestonsburg, under the direction of the Burke Funeral Home.

Friends may call after 6 p.m., Thursday, December 4, and Friday, after 12 noon, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Lucille "Ola" Johnson

Lucille "Ola" Johnson, 67, of Weeksbury, died Tuesday, December 2, 2003, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born July 23, 1936, in Weeksbury, she was the daughter of the late Marion and Louanzy Elkins Mullins. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, I.B. Johnson.

Other survivors include three sons, Mickey Wayne Johnson of Bevinville, and Norman Keith Johnson and Jeremiah Johnson, both of Weeksbury; five daughters, Rita Payne of Frankfort; Nancy Dawn Johnson of Weeksbury; Mary Elaine Johnson of Prestonsburg; Natalie Jane Johnson of East Point; and Marsha Sharlene Johnson of Paintsville; two brothers, Orville Mullins and Edwin Mullins, both of Virgie; four sisters, Goldie Johnson of Weeksbury; Carol Jean Mullins of Hazard; Evia Berger of Virgie; and Betty Jo Bentley of Neon; and 13 grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Jimmy Neal Johnson; one brother, Jack Mullins; one sister, Bonnie Bentley; and a grandson.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 5, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church at Bypro, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial will be in the Jimmy Neal Johnson Cemetery at Weeksbury, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

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Rebels begin season Saturday

The Allen Central High boys' basketball team will begin its season Saturday night at home against Phelps. The Runnin' Rebels won two scrimmage games in the pre-season, topping both Portsmouth Clay (Ohio) and Lawrence County.

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Go Bucs!

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

The commonwealth's largest city will be invaded this afternoon by a host of Angry Red partisans from that sweet little area we call Pond Creek, having made their way to the House that Pizza Built with hopes of

having their dream realized.

When Belfry and Elizabethtown kick it off today in Papa Johns Stadium, the young men wearing red will try to bring their school and community an



Bentley

unprecedented victory and whip it into a frenzy few have witnessed before.

It's an opportunity few have had, and for those who were fortunate enough to be a part of Belfry teams in those memorable autumns of 1979, 1985 and 1986, it's something they'll never forget.

Those teams took Belfry to the Promised Land, but were unable to

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Johnson Central, Paintsville fall in first games

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – The Paintsville boys stayed in town and played Tuesday night, while the Johnson Central boys went out on the road to Russell. Each team came up short of a win. Paintsville fell to Pike County Central, losing 80-60. Johnson Central fell to host Russell 63-51. Russell was able to pull away from Johnson Central in an overtime period. Pike Central beat Paintsville in regulation.

Russell erupted in the overtime period of its game, outscoring the Golden Eagles 14-2 in

Before that, the Red Devils put up some points in the fourth quarter to force the game into an extra session. Russell trailed 41-32 with 6:38 left in the fourth quarter after Johnson Central went on a 26-3 run, highlighted by a pair of 3-pointers by senior Mike Walters. Russell's Austin Blair broke the run with a basket, beginning a 17-8 spurt by the Red Devils

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photo by Jamie Howell

Molly Burchett (10) led Prestonsburg to a victory over Pikeville. The junior netted 27 points in the victory over the Lady Panthers, a team coached by Cindy Halbert.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Lady Blackcats roll past Pikeville

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BUCKLEYS CREEK – A new coach and a new start has been the theme for the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats this season and on

Wednesday night the changes were evident as the Lady Blackcats stormed past a good Pikeville Lady Panther team by a final of 63-54. The final score was closer than the

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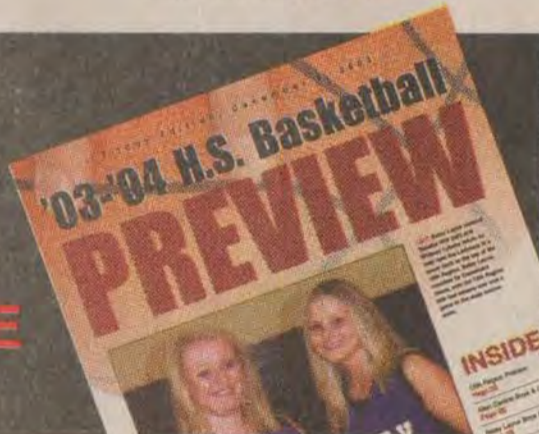


photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose was able to get many younger players into the ballgame in a win over Magoffin County.

Betsy Layne blasts Magoffin

Bryant's 22 lead Bobcats to 'W'

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Betsy Layne hit the hardwood convincingly Monday night, beating visiting

Magoffin County 79-49. The Bobcats led 16-9 through one quarter and 31-19 at halftime. What thoughts Magoffin County had of creeping back into the game were dashed in the third quarter when host Betsy Layne outscored the Hornets 34-11 and put the clamps on the season-opener.

Betsy Layne entered the current season ranked as high as third in the 15th Region with top returnees

Jordan Kidd, Brandon Hall and Brent Newsome, all seniors, leading the way. On Tuesday night, another player, junior Ryan Bryant, came in off the bench and led the Bobcats. Bryant hit four three-point field goals and tossed in a game-high 22 points to lead Betsy Layne to victory.

Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose and Magoffin County head

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Boyd Co. bests P'burg in opener

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SUMMIT – Boyd County senior center Greg Fugate scored 13 points and grabbed 17 rebounds to lead the Lions past Prestonsburg 62-51 in a game played Tuesday night at Boyd County Middle School. It was the first game of the season for both teams

Fugate had 14 rebounds in the second half.

The senior center was impressive for the host team in the first half. When Fugate returned to start the

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Little, Raiders level Letcher

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Junior Burnett Little is quickly making a name for himself on the South Floyd Raider hardwood. Little got the first start of his high school career Tuesday night when South Floyd hosted Letcher, a team out of the 14th Region. He responded very well to the starting role, scoring 29 points to lead South Floyd to a 85-55 drubbing of the visiting Eagles. The host Raiders, led by 12 points from Little in the first period, opening up strong, leading 20-8 after one period of play, and never looked back.

Four different Raiders managed to score in double figures in the run

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's basketball: VI beats ALC

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – You win some, you lose some. Lately, the Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team has been on the losing end of many games. In a 55-48 loss to Virginia Intermont, Alice Lloyd trailed 26-23 at halftime and could never get

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Lemaster tops at J&M Motocross

Seven-year-old Blake Lemaster participated in the recent race season at J&M Motocross Race Park in Royalton. He was awarded on November 16 a first-place points champion trophy in the 50cc 7-8-year-old class. He is the son of Lisa Goble Lemaster of Auxier and Jason Lemaster of Prestonsburg. Blake would like to thank Hi-Tech Signs and Graphics of Prestonsburg for his great spider-man.



H.S. FOOTBALL

Jamerson voted second-team all-state

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE – Prestonsburg High senior Nick Jamerson added to his list of credentials Wednesday when he was included on the 2003 Associated Press

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Nick Jamerson

Brohm named Mr. Football

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Brian Brohm is sick of people asking him where he's going to college. One of the nation's most highly touted high school quarterbacks, the Louisville Trinity star has narrowed the possibilities to Louisville, Kentucky, Notre Dame and Tennessee. He'll announce his choice in mid-January — and he'll make

it on his own. "This is my decision," he said. "I'm going to make it based on what's the best for me, not on what outsiders think." When he does, he'll have at least one more accolade on his resume. Brohm was named the 2003 Associated Press Mr. Football on Wednesday, earning 18 of a possible 23 votes from a statewide panel of sports media members.

Warren Central receiver Lonnell Dewalt, Pulaski County quarterback Cole Draughn, Mason County quarterback Dustin Grutza, Owensboro Catholic running back Craig Lanham and Corbin running back Jarrod Lawson received one vote apiece.

Brohm, who has thrown for 10,413 yards and 118 touchdowns in his career, joins his brother, Jeff, as the only siblings to win the award. Jeff, who also played quarterback for Trinity, won it in 1988.

"That's pretty unique," Brian said. "I guess we're blessed to have those genes."

Brian said Jeff and oldest brother, Greg, an all-state receiver at Trinity in the 1980s, began shaping his career early in

life. "I'd tag along whenever they went to play," Brian said. "I wanted to be just like them, so I did the things they did. I've watched them all my life and learned from their mistakes." Playing with them conditioned Brian to mature in a hurry. "When you play with bigger brothers, it's pressure, but that helped give me a 'big-game' mindset," he said. "I had to go out there and play with them when they were a lot better than me. But that gave me the feeling I could go out and play with anyone."

"That turned out to be a great advantage for me."

As his career has progressed, Brian said he's never gotten bad

advice from his brothers — even when he thought he has.

"I can't think of anything they told me that turned tragically bad," he said. "Sometimes, I haven't believed them and then they turned out to be right. Then, I have to go back and say, 'I should've listened to you.'"

During his sophomore year at Trinity, Brian did a lot of listening, said Shamrocks' coach Bob Beatty.

"That year, he was surrounded by a superbly talented receiving corps and a strong line up front. Those kids took Brian under their wing and told him, 'Look, you don't have to go and win games by yourself,'" Beatty said.

Brohm still threw for 3,082 yards, the 25th-best season in

state history, and 39 touchdowns. He surpassed that in 2002, going for 3,777 yards and 47 touchdowns.

"His junior year, once again, all he had to do was his job," Beatty said. "He learned how play within himself."

It was more than enough. Trinity won the 4-A state championships both years and Brohm was named the Most Valuable Player of both title games.

In last year's championship, Brohm threw for 552 yards and seven touchdowns in a 59-56 win over Male and 2002 Mr. Football Michael Bush.

Brohm figured he had a good shot at the award this year, but realized quickly he had a much

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Magoffin

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coach Danny Adams have hooked up in the season-opener for a while now.

Sophomore Brandon Kidd scored 10 points. Two Bobcats — Colbert Craft and Brandon Hall — scored nine apiece. Hall, a go-to player for the Bobcats last season, had just two points in the first half. Newsome flipped in seven.

Dustin Allen led Magoffin County in scoring with a game-high 11 points. Blake Jenkins,

in off the bench, scored 10. Brad Isom had seven for the Hornets.

Betsy Layne will return to action Tuesday with a tough road test against Hazard. Coach by Floyd County native Kevin Spurlock. Hazard is the pre-season favorite to win the 14th Region. After the road game at Hazard, Betsy Layne will return home for district/conference games against Allen Central and Prestonsburg.

Comments

claim the big prize. We spoke to some of those players this week, and it was crystal clear they're all going to be pulling for the current band of Bucs to successfully complete the journey today.

"It was a very memorable time," said Jimmy Keenan, who played on the 1985 team that lost to Paducah Tilghman 29-14 in the Triple-A finals.

A three-year starter at half-back and defensive back, Keenan said this run through the playoffs has had him and his teammates taking a few strolls down memory lane. "A couple of the players and I watched an old highlight tape of that team because of this year," he said. "It was kind of neat because Bruce Johnson and Mernie Gilliam and I all had brothers on the '79 team."

The 1985 team surprised a few people when it made its run to Louisville. It opened the playoffs against Clay County without starting quarterback Dwayne Francisco.

"Nobody expected us to get there," said Todd Cassell, who played free safety and split end and now coaches running backs and the defensive secondary at Belfry.

Anthony Tackett, another member of Philip Haywood's current staff at Belfry, agreed. "The first year, we started out 1-2 and it was just a battle," he said.

But something happened that year that will sound familiar to those who made the trip to Lloyd Memorial last week. The team jumped on top 7-0 behind

its backup quarterback — Cassell — before Clay County scored.

"We were up 7-0," said Keenan, "and then Clay County scored and missed the extra-point, similar to what happened last week with Lloyd."

The Pirates held on for a 7-6 win. The win to send them to Louisville came in northern Kentucky, just like this year's team, at Newport Catholic.

Looking back, the thing all former Pirates remember is the remarkable support they got from the community.

"They really came together, and it brought Belfry football to another level," said Keith Marcum, who was an all-state nose guard in 1986. He said by the second trip, the state was well aware of the Pond Creekers. "They knew Belfry football was alive and well."

"It's been like that ever since I can remember," said Tackett, who coaches defensive ends and tight ends and played on both teams in the mid-80s. "When I was a little boy, fifth or sixth grade, I remember listening to the radio to the '79 team at Fort Thomas, and that kind of hooked me."

"That's one of the things that makes this area kind of special. I know there's fifth and sixth graders who can't travel who are sitting by their radio listening to every down, and they feel like they're playing it. I know that's how I felt back then. And hope-

fully that will help us continue on the path we've been on."

"I remember the hotel being just packed with Belfry people," said Keenan, now and attorney with Hinkle and Keenan in Belfry. "Going out on the field at Cardinal Stadium it was nice to see all the red out there."

Cassell agreed the tradition of supporting Belfry football is on par with the play itself. "There's not much that changes in Pond Creek," he said. "It's a great place to play football. You won't find any better."

"It doesn't matter where the fans are or live now, you always have a connection to Belfry football," said Keenan, who said when the Pirate faithful formed their traditional pregame tunnel in those days it often went goal line to goal line and wrapped around nearly to midfield again. "From the time you're little over in Belfry you're raised to play football or you've grown up around it."

Marcum, who works second shift at Sprouse Creek near Matewan, will see the Pirates play for the first time this season today. But he has been following the team avidly, and likes what he's heard.

"It sounds like they're really playing as a team. Not as individuals, but as a team," he said. "That's what it takes."

Cassell said while the 1985 team may have caught some people off guard, he wasn't as

shocked with this year's team. "We always felt, speaking from the coaching standpoint, we had the talent to get there," he said. "We just had to get them playing as one to get to our final goal."

"We played Boyd County at the beginning of the year, and we were too focused on the pass and they lined up and ran the football down our throat," Tackett said when asked about Elizabethtown's vaunted passing attack. "We feel like we've got a good enough bunch of defenders to pass rush in situations that we can shut down their passing game."

"They're going to score, but we feel real confident in what we're doing and have a lot of confidence in our kids."

"We have to keep them from getting the big play against us," said Cassell, adding, "our offense has to move the football and control the clock."

For players like Marcum, it's a pleasure to see their old coaches such as Haywood and long-time lieutenant Steve Mickey have another chance at glory. "It's been so many years and they've had so many close calls," he said. "Coach Haywood and all those other coaches are well-deserving of it."

Keenan said the players are making memories that should be cherished: While it may seem like it'll happen each year, the reality is these opportunities are few and far between.

"I don't think you recognize the significance of it," he said. "The next year Belfry went back, and we thought we'd be there all the time. But then in 1989 Belfry made it to the state semifinals, and this is the first time since."

"Now you realize how rare it is."

Winning the state title would be a dream come true, says Tackett, but more than that, it would be the ultimate gift to his hometown. "Bringing a title to Belfry is not for us, it's for the community," he said. "They deserve it more than Coach Haywood, and way more than I do."

"I want to win it for them. They deserve it."

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second half, he picked up where he left off, scoring on his own putback to give the Lions a 35-27 lead. His 14 second-half rebounds were two more than the entire Prestonsburg team.

But the Blackcats wouldn't go away. After falling behind by as many as 11, Prestonsburg put together an 8-1 run early in the fourth quarter to cut the deficit to 50-48. Blackcat Sean Leslie scored 10 of his 11 points in the second half.

Still, the Blackcats couldn't snatch and keep a lead.

Nick Jamerson also finished with 11 points. Michael Morrison and Joe Blackburn each had six points.

Every time the Blackcats made a run Tuesday night, Boyd County had an answer. As Prestonsburg cut into the lead, Boyd County senior J.K. Roberts went to work. Roberts scored 10 straight points in the third and early fourth quarters, including a 3-pointer from the third extended Boyd County's lead to 53-48. Roberts led all scorers with 26 points.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Burnett Little,
South Floyd,
29 points vs.
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Molly Burchett,
Prestonsburg,
27 points vs.
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away win.

South Floyd outscored Letcher in each of the four quarters en route to the victory. The Raiders led 44-22 at half-time and 63-39 through three quarters.

Senior Jack Stone connected on four three-point field goals and added 22 points for South Floyd. Junior center Steven Stanley, a player who emerged to help the Raiders along last season, tossed in 13. Senior Adam Tackett chipped in 10.

Jason Samons scored four points in South Floyd's sea-

son-opener and Ethan Johnson added three. Ervin Vance and Josh Johnson chipped in two apiece.

Forward Alex Williams, who scored 22 points, was the only player to reach double figures scoring for Letcher.

South Floyd will return to action tonight when it goes on the road to Johnson Central to meet the Golden Eagles and head coach Les Trimble. Johnson Central lost on the road at Russell in its season-opener Tuesday night.

Tip-off for tonight's varsity game is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Russell (1-0) dominated the extra period. Jonathan Vanhose set the stage with a three-pointer and the Red Devils hit 9-of-10 free throws down the stretch to secure the win. Johnson Central was hindered by turnovers and only managed two points in the extra period, and those came with just 5 seconds left on the clock.

Johnson Central Coach Les Trimble said his team just ran out of gas in the overtime. He said the third-quarter rally that allowed his squad to retake the lead left them exhausted and unable to handle Russell's late run.

Russell led 25-15 at halftime Blair led the Red Devils with 18 points while Vanhose added 17, including going 4 for 4 at the foul line. Chase Schweitzer finished with 15, including two 3-pointers.

Walters paced Johnson Central with 17 points and Kyle Rice finished with 12.

Staying on its home hardwood for the first game of the season, Paintsville and head coach Bill Mike Runyon opened play with a 80-60 loss to Pike County Central. The Tigers, who rely heavily on a freshman point guard, Daniel Pugh, and eighth-graders Blake Bundy and J.D. VanHoose, led 19-10 at the end of the first quarter, but trailed after each period after that. The young Tigers trailed visiting Pike Central 39-32 at halftime.

Senior Chase Lyons led Pike Central in scoring with a game-high 33 points.

Paintsville (0-1) was led in scoring by a team-high 29 points from Peyton Conley. Bundy finished with 11 and Pugh chipped in eight. VanHoose, Kevin Williams and Bryan Fairchild each had four points.

Paintsville returns to action tonight when it hosts Shelby Valley. Johnson Central is at home against South Floyd.

Pikeville

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game really was as Prestonsburg led by as many as 18 points late in the game. Molly Burchett led the Prestonsburg effort with a game-high 27 points. Pikeville jumped out to a 13-4 lead in the opening minutes before Prestonsburg stormed back to take a 19-17 lead after one quarter of play.

Jack Pack takes over the Lady Blackcats for Harold Tackett and has quickly gotten better production from his team after the Lady Blackcats won only two games last season.

Darcey Hicks poured in 13 points for the winners and Kelly Key tossed in nine. Prestonsburg increased their lead to 36-23 at the half behind seven points in the quarter from Heather White. Prestonsburg came out in the second half and held the lead even as Pikeville applied full court pressure. The lead would be fourteen points for the

Ladycats after three quarters of play and Pikeville would get no closer than seven points down the stretch. Burchett connected on three long range bombs in the game and also dished out five assists in the win.

Shawna Howard led Pikeville with 19 points and Evin Shockey added 10 for the Lady Panthers. Prestonsburg went to the line 31 times and connected on 21 free-throws while Pikeville went to the stripe 21 times and hit on 13 of their attempts.

Chanel Music finished with three points for Prestonsburg and Meaghan Patton added a bucket. Meaghan Slone rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with one point. Prestonsburg improved to 1-1 on the season with the win and will take on the host school Pike Central tomorrow in the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Halbert falls in Pikeville debut

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK - Cindy Halbert dropped her first regular-season game as head coach of the Pikeville Lady Panthers Tuesday night. The Lady Panthers fell to Knott County Central in the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic, losing 63-58. The game will go down as a loss for Halbert and her team, but the former Allen Central head coach and squad showed much promise for what will be another lengthy season.

"I was pleased with our effort tonight," Halbert said. "I didn't do a good job of making some of the right decisions there in the third quarter." Knott Central used a 15-4 run over the final four minutes of the third period to turn the game in their favor.

Knott County built a nine-point lead. Heather Martin was instrumental in the Lady Patriots' run. She finished with a game-high 20 points. Pikeville's defensive pres-

sure helped the Lady Panthers climb right back into the game late. Shawna Howard, who finished with a team-high 18 points, hit a trey and then scored off a steal and layup to pull Pikeville to within three at 56-53 with 2:18 to play.

Samantha Howard's basket with 32 seconds left kept Pikeville close at 60-58. Brooke Hall's short jumper pushed the Pats up by four 10 seconds later. Samantha Howard finished with 10 points.

"I thought defensively we did a really nice job for the most part," Halbert said. "We just need to learn to play with more patience on offense. That comes with maturity."

Elisha Hall added 13 for Knott Central.

Pikeville's Lauren McCoy and Halie Rogers finished with eight and six points, respectively.

Knott Central's Elisha Hall helped her team along with 13 points.

The tournament continues through Saturday evening.

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different role to play for his own team.

The much-younger Shamrocks started 0-4, before winning 10 straight. They'll go for their third straight 4-A crown against archrival Saint Xavier on Saturday.

"We had a lot of young guys this year and that showed in the first four games," Brohm said. "I would just tell them what guys told me: 'This is what this guy did or could do in this situation.' That worked out. They picked it up and they've become better."

Beatty said Brohm made a dramatic leap in maturity this year.

"He had to go from being a student to being the teacher," Beatty said. "He was no longer just the kid who could throw it.

He's been instrumental in helping us teach this team what it needed to do to win."

Brohm will finish his career second to Tim Couch on the state's all-time career passing list. The only number that concerns him, though, is his touch-downs-to-interceptions ratio, which stands at 118-to-14 heading into Saturday.

He may have almost perfected his decision-making in high school games, but Brohm said that's the one area he'll have to improve on most before moving to Division I-A.

"The speed of the game is going to pick up a lot," he said. "I need to get better and making all the reads you'll have to make up there. It'll just take practice, but I'm willing to put in the work."

All-State

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Kentucky High School All-State football team. He received five votes and was named to the second-team as a wide receiver. Jamerson was the only area player to be included on either the first- or second-teams.

Jamerson, who was also a Mr. Football finalist, has returned to the hardwood in hopes of helping lead the Basketball Blackcats to a third straight 15th Region Tournament berth. Jamerson, who remains undecided on

where he'll attend college and carrying on his gridiron career, attended Saturday's Kentucky-Tennessee football game.

"By being a Mr. Football finalist and making the AP all-state team, which isn't an easy thing to do, Nicholas deserves a shot to play in the Kentucky-Tennessee (All-Star football) game," said Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett.

The Prestonsburg senior would like nothing better than to continue playing football at the University of Kentucky where his grandfather, Wilbur "Shorty" Jamerson, was a legend.

"Nicholas has his heart set on playing at the University of Kentucky like his grandfather," added DeRossett. "Just like Jeremy (Caudill) did, Nicholas will put it all out on the line."

Kentucky All-State Football Team

LOUISVILLE - The 2003 Kentucky High School All-State First and Second teams, as selected by 23 media representatives from across the state (with school, number of votes, height, weight and class):

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Brian Brohm, Louisville Trinity	(17)	6-4	200	Sr.
RB	Joe Casey, Paducah Tilghman	(15)	6-1	215	Sr.
RB	Jarrold Lawson, Corbin	(7)	6-2	210	Sr.
WR	Lonnell Dewalt, Warren Central	(18)	6-6	215	Sr.
WR	Chris Lofton, Mason County	(14)	6-3	191	Sr.
WR	Mario Urrutia, Lou. Fern Creek	(9)	6-6	210	Sr.
OL	Micah Jones, Mayfield	(18)	6-4	325	Sr.
OL	Lee Martin, Owensboro Catholic	(13)	6-4	220	Sr.
OL	Gary Williams, Lou. Seneca	(13)	6-3	260	Sr.
OL	Thomas Leinenbach, Henderson County	(9)	6-0	265	Sr.
OL	Jacob Warren, Bell County	(7)	6-1	266	Sr.
OL	Antonio Woods, Paducah Tilghman	(7)	6-3	385	Sr.
K	Aaron Pettrey, Raceland	(9)	6-3	185	Sr.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

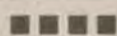
DL	Earl Heyman, Lou. Ballard	(13)	6-3	240	Jr.
DL	Jason Leger, Rockcastle County	(12)	6-2	271	Sr.
DL	Jesse Martin, Owensboro Catholic	(6)	6-4	240	Sr.
DL	Alex Temple, Lou. Trinity	(6)	6-2	240	Sr.
DL	Dominique Todd, Bowling Green	(6)	6-3	229	Sr.
DL	Ian Young, Boyle County	(6)	6-4	240	Sr.
LB	Chris Jennings, Fairview	(11)	6-2	220	Sr.
LB	Dan Bick, Lou. St. Xavier	(9)	6-1	203	Sr.
LB	Matt Bell, Madison Central	(5)	6-3	225	Sr.
LB	Gabe Wallace, Fort Campbell	(5)	6-1	225	Sr.
DB	Ronnie Gray, Lou. Ballard	(12)	5-8	147	Sr.
DB	Brad Cloud, Boyle County	(10)	6-2	190	Sr.
DB	Clint Eakles, Bowling Green	(9)	6-0	165	Sr.
DB	Chris Fountain, Paducah Tilghman	(9)	6-0	170	Sr.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

QB	Chris Todd, Elizabethtown	(2)	6-3	190	Jr.
RB	Craig Lanham, Owensboro Catholic	(6)	5-10	190	Sr.
RB	KJ Austin-Bruce, Lou. St. Xavier	(5)	5-11	213	Sr.
WR	Nick Jamerson, Prestonsburg	(5)	6-2	190	Sr.
WR	Isaiah Britt, Lou. Seneca	(4)	6-0	175	Sr.
WR	Jerry Turner, Elizabethtown	(4)	5-11	170	Sr.
OL	Jordan Marcum, Bell County	(6)	6-2	243	Sr.
OL	Kerry Pappas, Lou. Trinity	(6)	6-1	250	Sr.
OL	Mike Secor, Lou. St. Xavier	(6)	6-3	265	Sr.
OL	Chaz Stradley, Corbin	(6)	6-5	260	Sr.
OL	Joel Lopez, John Hardin	(4)	6-3	290	Sr.
OL	Michael Weldon, Warren Central	(4)	6-2	275	Sr.
K	Marty Biagi, Shelby County	(8)	5-10	160	Sr.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Brandon Deaderick, Elizabethtown	(5)	6-4	230	Jr.
DL	Bryson Hall, Warren Central	(5)	6-0	225	Jr.
DL	Blake Nix, Lou. Trinity	(5)	6-3	210	Sr.
DL	Marvin Burns, Paducah Tilghman	(4)	6-2	260	Sr.
DL	Myron Pryor, Lou. Eastern	(4)	6-3	290	Sr.
DL	Anthony Walters, Lynn Camp	(4)	5-9	165	Soph.
LB	Matt Brady, Lou. Trinity	(4)	6-2	225	Sr.
LB	Richard Reece, Lynn Camp	(4)	6-5	220	Sr.
LB	Brian Patterson, Middlesboro	(4)	6-1	185	Sr.
LB	Will Wathen, Owensboro Catholic	(3)	6-1	215	Sr.
DB	Michael Schwindel, Hancock County	(8)	6-3	190	Jr.
DB	Garnett Phelps, Lou. Ballard	(7)	5-10	150	Sr.
DB	Marcus McClinton, Fort Campbell	(6)	6-2	200	Sr.
DB	Justin Deeley, Lou. St. Xavier	(4)	5-11	175	Sr.



HONORABLE MENTION (players who received at least one vote. Multiple votes in parentheses):

QB: Andy Clark, Lou. Seneca; Cole Draughn, Pulaski County; Andy Greer, Williamsburg; Dustin Grutza, Mason County; Curtis Pulley, Hopkinsville; Brandon Austin, Heath; Ben Basham, Warren East; Zach Bernard, Owensboro Catholic; Hunter Cantwell, Paducah Tilghman; Russell Parker, Bowling Green; Brandon Smith, Boyle County.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Adams too much for South Floyd

Akers hits eight treys in setback for Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - After playing close to even with South Floyd through the first half, Adams managed to pull away Wednesday night, winning 64-49. Adams outscored South Floyd in three of the four quarters. Halftime found Adams and South Floyd tied at 29. However, the third quarter was a breakthrough for the Cats. Adams outscored South Floyd 22-8 in the third period and that was more than enough for the win.

Jordan Hall led Adams in scoring with 15 points. Bobby Hughes netted 12 and James Lafferty finished with 10. Jody Tackett just missed double figures, netting nine.

Wes Akers was on fire for the Raiders, scoring 30 points. Akers hit eight three-point field goals and connected on four free throws for his 30. Tyler Mitchell scored 14 for South Floyd. Mitchell also had a pair of triples.

Ethan Meade and Deven Adams scored two apiece for the Raiders. Richey Bentley rounded out the Raider scoring with a free throw.

Nathaniel Stephens added eight points for Adams. Josiah Reno and Dane Sizemore tossed in four each. Seth Setser pushed in two.

B-TEAM: Adams 39, South Floyd 25

Jody Tackett opened the first quarter with six points on three field goals and went on to score a game-high 16 points to lead Adams to a 39-25 win over South Floyd in a B-team game. Tackett hit two three-point field goals.

Adams trailed 10-8 at the end of one quarter and 19-13 at the half before coming alive in the second half and outscoring South Floyd 26-6. Adams took the third quarter 14-2 and finished strong by outscoring the Raiders 12-4 in the final frame. Seth Setser tossed in eight for the Adams Blackcats and Kyle Hall netted six. Alex Stumbo finished with five. Wesley Hall scored three for the Blackcats and Luke Sturgill connected on a free throw.

No South Floyd player broke into double figures. Deven Adams led South Floyd's B-team Raiders with eight points. Kyle Howell and Raymond Jones netted four apiece. Brandon Tackett rounded out the South Floyd scoring with three points.

RB: Antonio Drane, Lou. Butler; Shawn Robbins, Bell County; Justin Sloss, Bowling Green; Kelvin Turner, Danville; Josh Adkins, Whitley County; Jordan Doyle, Hancock County; Mark Dunn, Harrodsburg; Chris Fountain, Owensboro Apollo; Josh Gross, Russell; Alexis Haskett, Christian County; Jake Hughes, Boyd County; Charles Penix, Danville; Lee Renfro, Pulaski SW; Matt Richardson, Estill County; Andrew Robbins, Ohio County; Jonathan Rusher, Elizabethtown; James Storts, Lawrence County; Bobby Vyverberg, Lex. Dunbar; Steven Wadlington, Trigg County; Travis Watters, Lou. Male; Brock Wright, Heath.

WR: Seth Barrow, Calloway County; Anthony Barton, Paducah Tilghman; Ryan Cottrell, LaRue County; Cailyn Hogan, Franklin-Simpson; Lamar Williams, Hazard; Josh Adkins, Raceland; Tyler Ayers, Williamsburg; Kevin McGraw, Owensboro Catholic; Billy Murray, Lou. Trinity; Ray Norman, Somerset; Kevin Vicini, Cumberland.

OL: John Brown, North Hardin; Jordan Clevenger, Belfry; Aaron Miller, East Carter; Sean Sester, Fort Thomas Highlands; Brian Williams, Danville; Taylor Burch, Bowling Green; Brandon Fitzgerald, Ballard Memorial; Jason Leger, Rockcastle County; Marty Miniard, Cawood; Steven Newton, Pulaski County.

K: Adam Mercer, Bowling Green; Adam Ivey, Mayfield; Tanner Siewert, Henderson County; Barkley Carr, Paducah Tilghman; Jason Chadwick, Mercer County; Taylor Long, Christian County; Levi Mansfield, Heath; Tim Masthay, Murray.

DL: Matt Johnson, Ashland; Zach Brewer, Lex. Dunbar; Earl Collier, Shelby Valley; Josh Cullop, Belfry; Joel Lopez, John Hardin; Jeffrey Adams, Trigg County; Jon Belcher, Pulaski SW; Taylor Blaine, Bowling Green; Dewey Cole, Hopkinsville; Logan Curry, Harlan; Clay Durham, Owensboro; Anthony Godby, Somerset; A.J. Green, Christian County; Thomas Leinenbach, Henderson County; Josh Minton, Pulaski SW; Greg Ryan, Calloway County; Kenny Turner, Trigg County; Philip Varney, Belfry.

LB: Brad Jones, Meade County; Gino Cima, Lynn Camp; Brandon Fitzgerald, Ballard Memorial; Michael Hayden, John Hardin; Mike Idol, Middlesboro; Dustin Reed, Henderson County; Ben Sowders, Greenwood; Brent Barton, Bell County; Andrew Bertram, Boyle County; LeAndre Bolen, Paducah Tilghman; Ches Brinkley, Bowling Green; Nick Conley, Warren Central; Dustin Clem, Cawood; Sylvan Detweiler, Whitley County; Adrian Embree, Central Hardin; Chip Gossett, Owensboro Apollo; Dexter Gray, Danville; Wesley McDermott, Lou. Holy Cross; James McKinney, Lou. Central; Matt Morgan, Pulaski County; Miles Mullins, Pulaski SW; Tyler Sexton, Pulaski County; D.J. Wilson, Paducah Tilghman.

DB: Tyler Bostic, Belfry; Greg Embers, Lou. Seneca; Spencer Fain, Lex. Lafayette; Will Hill, Williamsburg; Josh Reynolds, Lynn Camp; Sammy Gonzalez, Hopkinsville; Evan King, Madison Central; Jacob Napier, Cawood; John Allen, Pulaski County; Lamar Alston, Paducah Tilghman; Brad Barlow, Bowling Green; Deanthony Daise, Hopkinsville; Chris Hall, Lou. Ballard; Ronnie Hawkins, Danville; Ryan Meenach, Boyd County; Jordan Nevels, Fort Thomas Highlands; Greg Peck, Boyle County; Travis Perkins, Franklin-Simpson; Heath Randall, Somerset; C.J. Russell, Bowling Green; Seth Tamme, Boyle County; Dustin Thrasher, Pulaski SW; Brock Whitney, Warren Central.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Pack, P'burg girls drop opener

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BUCKLEYS CREEK - Belfry enjoyed a 41-21 lead at halftime and never looked back Tuesday night, beating the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats 74-44 in the first game of the season for both teams. The game was played as part of the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic. For Prestonsburg, it was a coaching debut for new head coach Jack Pack.

The Lady Pirates (1-0) placed three players in double-figure scoring with senior Anna Bevins leading the effort with 18 points. Vicki Hall followed with 17

while Lyndsey Mahon chipped in 13.

Belfry's pressure got to Prestonsburg, especially in the third quarter when the Lady Blackcats were limited to just four points.

Belfry made 32 total field goals, including six trifectas. They also hit 4-of-7 from the free-throw line.

Junior Molly Burchett scored 12 points to lead Prestonsburg. Heather White scored seven.

The Lady Blackcats made just 16 field goals, including four three-point baskets. They hit 8-of-13 tries from the charity stripe.

ALC

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clicking on all cylinders. It seems the Eagles can't put a game together with both offense and defense going full steam ahead.

"We did what we wanted to do defensively," ALC head coach Gary Gibson said, following his team's loss to Virginia Intermont. "We controlled the tempo of the game but we shot the ball very poorly. We can not get our offense and defense clicking at the same time."

Jeremy Boykins led Virginia Intermont in scoring with 14 points. Tyrone Sanders followed with 10 points. Virginia Intermont, similar to Alice Lloyd in size, won the rebounding battle 34-32.

Alice Lloyd sophomore Jeremy Daniels had one of the better games of his career, scoring 14 points and grabbing 13 rebounds in the loss. He was the only Eagle to score in double figures. Johnson Central graduate Brandon Wheeler netted nine. Matt Spencer followed with eight markers. Tim Parks scored seven.

ALC ladies lose lead, game

The Virginia Intermont Lady Cobras visited Alice Lloyd College with a 6-0 record overall and a 3-0 conference slate. The Lady Cobras left with their perfect record intact but it was not easy. The ALC women's team played balanced basketball for the majority of the game. The Lady Eagles held a 38-34 lead at halftime, but couldn't hold on. Virginia Intermont outscored Alice Lloyd (2-10) 41-35 in the second half to post a 75-73 win.

Brandi Owens led the Lady Cobras in scoring with 19 points. Quana Fields followed with 18. Ida Sammons chipped in 15.

Senior Delores Jenkins scored a game-high 35 points for Alice Lloyd. Erica Webb and Belicia Mullins scored 12 points apiece. Amy Jackson finished with seven points and six rebounds. Devon Reynolds chipped in four points.

VI won the rebounding battle 42-27.



H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Boys: Tuesday's games

Betsy Layne 79Magoffin County 49
 Boyd County 62Prestonsburg 51
 Buckhorn 87Riverside Christian 33
 (Three Rivers Conference Tournament)

Elliott County 89 Rose Hill Christian 47
 Knott County Central 91Fleming-Neon 41
 Oneida Baptist Institute 84 June Buchanan 64
 (Three Rivers Conference Tournament)

Pike County Central 80 Paintsville 60
 Raceland 57 West Carter 54
 Red Bird 90 Cordia 45
 (Three Rivers Conference Tournament)

Russell 63 Johnson Central 51
 Shelby Valley 77 Phelps 57
 Sheldon Clark 63 Fairview 51
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 Wolfe County 71 Jackson City 43

Girls: Tuesday's games

Belfry 74 Prestonsburg 44
 (Lady Hawk Tip-Off)

Haysi, Va. 46 East Ridge 44
 John Hardin 56 Meade County 55
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 (Lady Hawk Tip-Off)

Rose Hill Christian 75 Paintsville 74

Wednesday's games

June Buchanan 66 Jackson City 18
 Menifee County 54 Morgan County 40
 Pike County Central 72 Magoffin County 64
 Prestonsburg 63 Pikeville 54

Brooks says recruits, redshirts could make big impact next season

by MURRAY EVANS
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky football coach Rich Brooks said Wednesday that some of the Wildcats' returning starters will be pushed for their jobs by incoming recruits and current redshirt players.

They "are going to have to re-earn their jobs, and it starts in January," Brooks said during a teleconference with media members, four days after Kentucky finished its first season under the coach with a 4-8 record.

"We will make it very clear in the offseason what will be required to be on this team next year, the improvements that will be necessary, and make sure everyone understands and wants to buy into that. If not, then I really don't want them here."

Brooks' immediate priority is recruiting. Kentucky has 22 available scholarships, three less than the usual yearly limit, because of NCAA probation. While there are specific needs — Brooks mentioned the offensive line and quarterback — he stressed the need to upgrade at every position. Recruits can sign with Kentucky starting Feb. 4.

"We're certainly not going to pass up a big, fast athlete who we feel can upgrade our speed and athletic ability," Brooks said.

Senior-to-be Shane Boyd is the heir apparent as the starting quarterback. Brooks said Boyd needs to work on his passing accuracy. Boyd completed 15 of 43 passes (34.9 percent) for 205 yards this season, with two interceptions and two touchdowns. He was the team's third-leading rusher, with 45 carries for 268 yards and four touchdowns. He also caught eight passes for 87 yards and one touchdown.

Boyd's backup likely will be freshman Andre Woodson, who redshirted this season and is the Wildcats' only other scholarship quarterback. Brooks said he wants three or four scholarship quarterbacks on his roster.

Three offensive line starters — center Nick Seitze, tackle Antonio Hall and guard Sylvester "Big Kat" Miller — must be replaced, and Brooks said recruits who sign with Kentucky in February could immediately compete for playing time on the line.

"Until we have all those pieces put together, I'm not

going to speculate as to who will end up at what position," Brooks said.

Brooks said several players who redshirted this season could have a significant impact next season for the Wildcats, including Woodson; wide receivers

John Logan and Jacob Tamme; tight ends Eric Scott, Dominic Lewis and Kurt Jackson; safety Dallas Greer; and linebacker Joe Schuler.

Brooks said his entire staff of assistants should be back next season.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Lady Bears end skid at Knoxville

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Junior Amelia Cody turned in a double-double to lead the Pikeville College Lady Bears past Knoxville College 68-63 Tuesday night.

The win ended Pikeville's two-game losing streak and improved its standing to 5-3 with one-quarter of the season finished.

Cody, a 6-2 center from Cordia High School in Knott County, finished with 19 points and 15 rebounds in the win. For good measure she added four blocked shots and committed only one turnover in 34 minutes of play.

"Amelia stepped up and played well for us on a night when we needed her," said Coach Bill Watson. "We're used to having a consistent threat on the inside from our past seasons, and we feel like she can provide that for us this year."

Cody is averaging 10.6 points

and 8.1 rebounds per game this season.

She got help from junior forward Selena Williams, who finished with 18 points thanks to 7-of-10 shooting. She also had four rebounds and three assists. Senior Caitlyn Ryan flipped in 16 points and five rebounds.

Freshman point guard Tonya Amburgey led the team with five assists. Despite not scoring, freshman forward Heather Dillon grabbed seven rebounds for the Lady Bears.

Knoxville (1-10) had only four players in the scoring column, led by Essence Grant's 27. Djenebau Sissoko added 16 while Sharyce Banks contributed

Pikeville will be back in action this evening, playing seventh-ranked North Georgia in the Cumberland College Classic.

COLLEGE BOWLING

PC men's bowlers win, women third at Match Games

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The Pikeville College men's bowling team won its second tournament of the season by taking the 2003 National Collegiate Team Match Games title last weekend.

The Bears took the lead early on in the two-day tournament and never relinquished their advantage. They finished with a 371-point win over second-place Wichita State University and more than 500 in front of University of Kansas, which came in third.

Newman (Kan.) University and University of Central Florida rounded out the top five.

The Bears opened the season with the crown in its own Orange & Black Collegiate Bowling Tournament in Beaver Creek, Ohio.

"We bowled very well both days," said Ron Damron, coach of both the men and women at Pikeville. "It was a big tournament with a lot of talented teams there, and we proved we could compete with them this weekend."

Pikeville also placed two bowlers on the all-tournament team. Sophomore Cassidy Schaub of Polk, Ohio, finished second with a 236.3 average, finishing only 45 pins behind Newman's Cory Simmons. Sophomore Tony Preston of Louisville was sixth with an average of 223.3.

Chris Stoff, a junior from Dayton, paced Pikeville B with an average of 206.8. Pikeville B finished 34th in the 48-team tournament. Other Bears in the top 80 were Jamie Kaiser, a junior from Grove City, Ohio, coming in 41st with an average of 203.4, and junior Josh Harper of Hopkinsville, who tied for 66th with an average of 195.2, both from Pikeville A. T.J. Nacker, a senior from New Lenox, Ill., finished 80th or Pikeville B with a 192.1 average.

The women's bowlers finished third in a tight race for the top spot. University of Nebraska won, finishing 136 points in front of second-place Wichita State and 172 atop Pikeville. Morehead State was fourth and Central Missouri State came in

fifth.

Sophomore LaDeanna Damron of Millard led Pikeville with a 191.1 average to finish 17th in the individual standings. Jennifer McDonough, a sophomore from Windsor, Va., was 23rd with a 188.6 average, while April Ellis, a senior from Jackson, Tenn., came in 26th with a 185.7 average.

Other members of Pikeville's squad were Lindsey Durham, averaging 177.1; Stacy Wyatt, with an average of 173.1, Teresa Sanderson, who scored 227 in one game and Tracy Miller, who rolled 160 in a game.

Pikeville's bowlers will return to action for two tournaments the week prior to Christmas in Las Vegas.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Bobcats win over McDowell

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Casey Adkins shot the ball well and scored 18 points to lead Betsy Layne to a 40-24 win over McDowell. Eight different Betsy Layne players scored in the win. Bryce Adkins had five points for the Bobcats. Adam Howell and Nick Conn netted four points apiece. Derek Tackett scored three for Betsy Layne. Shane Case, Landon Hale and Jason Case pitched in two points each.

Betsy Layne struggled at the free throw line, hitting eight of 28 attempts.

S. Turner led McDowell with 12 points.

D-TEAM: Betsy Layne 32, McDowell 16; Jason Case scored eight points and Casey Adkins added eight to lead Betsy Layne past McDowell, 32-16 in a D-team game. Landon Hale scored five points for the Bobcats. Derek Tackett, Andrew Roberts and Nick Hale each had four points.



Prestonsburg Junior Pro Cheerleaders

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POSTSCRIPT

The spam dilemma

Sometimes I wish I could see issues with such clarity that I recognize and realize The One True Way. But not so.

I blame Alice Jane Montgomery and Robert Thobaben. Mrs. Montgomery was the speech/journalism/language



Pam Shingler
 contributing writer

teacher way-back-when at Paintsville High School. She made Betty Rice and me research and debate both sides of the national debate topic. At the state tournament, we debated

the pro side in one debate and then the con side in the next, back and forth throughout the competition until we finally ran out of steam during the semi-finals.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Shh, it's a secret...

Psst, don't tell anybody, but - I left home this morning without my ugly black satchel of a pocketbook. I didn't mean to, it's just that I was carrying too much stuff out of the house - two bags of clothing for my mother, a camera, another small bag containing a pair of shorts and a t-shirt (for my after-work workout at Curves) and, a pair of tennis shoes - dan-



Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

gling on my fingertips. Picture me - overloaded with bags, yelling at my children to "Come on!" and sticking my leg out behind me to keep the family pets from sneak-

ing out the front door. Then, once I finally managed to get everyone corralled into the family vehicle - backpacks and all - I did the usual quick glance at the little digital clock inside the car to see just how late we were running (because it's never an issue of simply, "What time is it?," but

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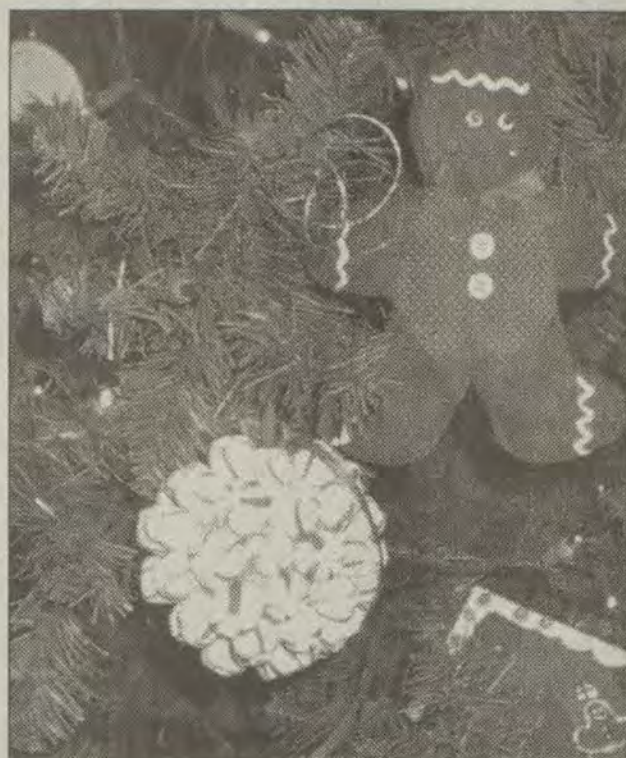


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This gingerbread boy looks content to stay put where he is nestled snugly against the boughs of the beautiful tree alongside a peppermint puff Christmas ornament.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Gingerbread houses, candy canes and gumdrops evoke thoughts of the delicious sights and smells of Christmastime.

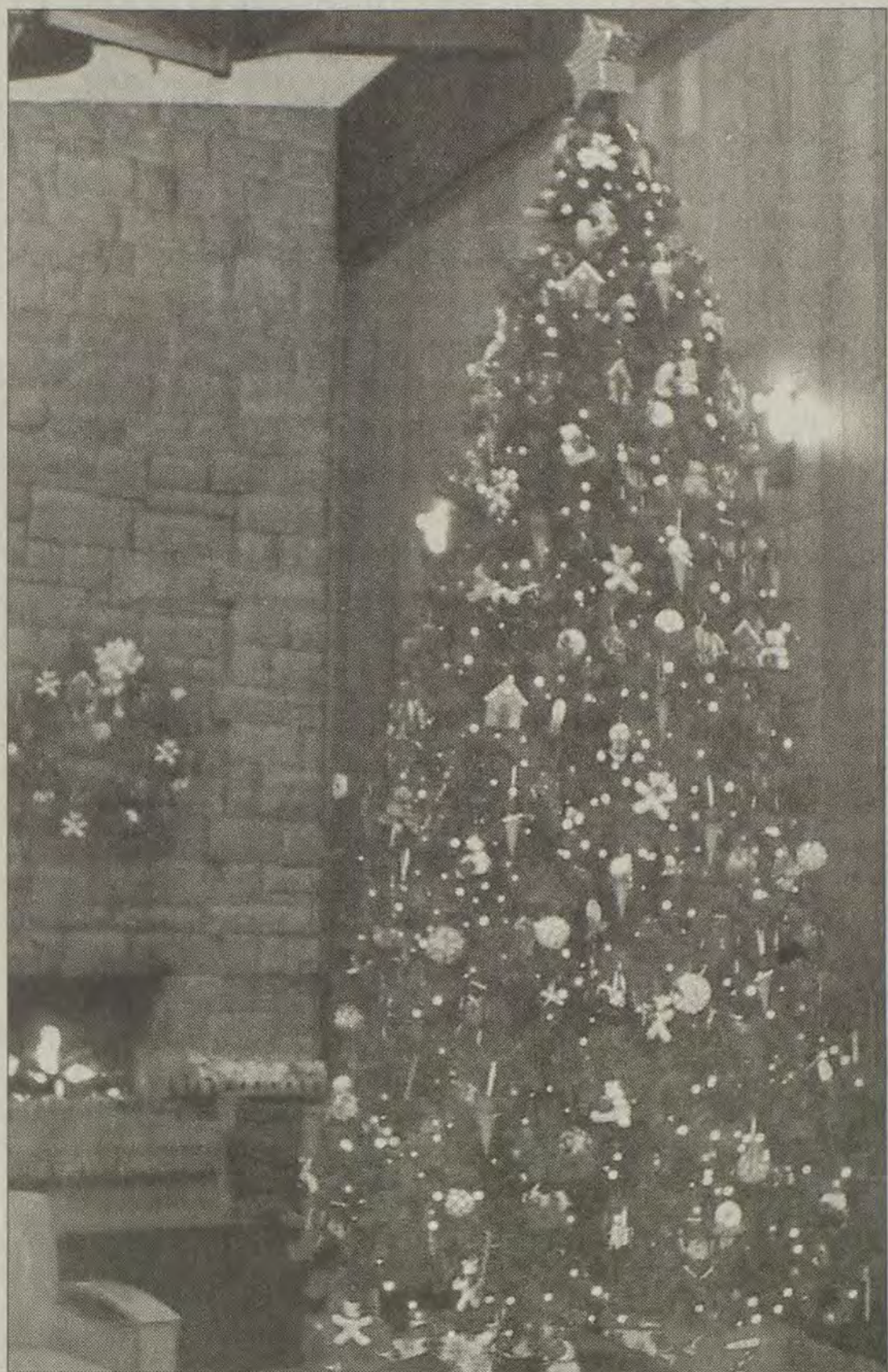


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This beautifully decorated Christmas tree stands in the lobby of Jenny Wiley's May Lodge near a roaring fire and cozy seating area.

Sugar, Spice and Christmastime

by **KATHY J. PRATER**
 FEATURES EDITOR

"Sugar 'n Spice 'n Everything Nice" - that's what Christmas trees are made of. At least, that's what the beautifully decorated tree in the May Lodge lobby is made of!

Each year, the members of the Floyd County Extension Homemakers Club converge upon the lodge to decorate for the holidays and

Visit Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's May Lodge this holiday season and give yourself a treat by taking in the beautiful decorations - but don't pick any goodies from the tree! Save that appetite for the dining room.

to enjoy one another's company at the dining room's luncheon buffet.

This year being no different, the homemakers recently made their annual trek, leaving nothing behind

but Christmas giggles and holiday delights. The homemakers have worked the past few months hand-crafting ornaments that perfectly match this year's theme of Sugar and

Spice and Everything Nice.

From gumdrops to peppermints, candy canes to gingerbread, lollipops to ice cream cones, the lodge tree is resplendent with sugary, spicy confections. And don't think the homemakers forgot about the "nice" part, either. Tiny cuddly teddy bears, little stuffed gift-bearing penguins, petite rocking horses, snowmen and an

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SPECIAL FEATURE

Things to Ponder: Thanks

"Thanks!," with a loud, excited voice. "Thanks," with a voice relaying a serious intent, accompanied with a direct, "all knowing" eye-to-eye contact. "Thanks," with a smiling voice and a heartfelt hug. There are so many ways to say, "Thanks," but it seems often lacking in our daily life. "Thanks" supposedly has been around since 1565, so it's not like we never heard of it. According to the dictio-

nary, "thanks" relates to a kindly or grateful thought. Is this what you feel sometimes, but just don't express it? Do you notice when another person does not acknowledge the love and concern you transmitted by an act or deed? Do we really mean to not acknowledge what another has done for us?

"Thanks! Thank you so much! We will always appreciate what you all

have done." These are the words I have said to my friend Janice over the years. You see, she and her family have been an important part of my life, following my family's move from rural Pike County to Florida when I was 12 years old. Her father's parents were part of the group of Danes that immigrated to that area of Florida in the early 1900's and created our little community of White City about six miles

south of Fort Pierce. The Danes were quiet, non-intrusive folks, and very good neighbors. Typically, they were willing to help neighbors as much as possible. These characteristics were enjoyable, since they seemed so similar to what we had experienced on Grapevine Creek. It was also very helpful that Janice's family had always

(See PONDER, page two)



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

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

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activi-

ty calendars on the first school day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

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

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

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

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th-grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are

located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

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

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our

new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Dec. 5 - Program on head lice by OLWH.

■ Dec. 11 - VIP (Very Important Parents) support group meeting, 1 p.m., in school library. All visitors please check in at office first!

■ Dec. 15 - Quality Kids - personal hygiene program.

■ Dec. 16 - Christmas play, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment for the school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them off at the school office or sending them with a student.

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

Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ Dec. 8 - Stress management.

■ Feb. 17 - Communication & Children.

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B.

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Ponder

lived in the area, which meant they were great resources for solving problems, such as where things could be found.

I don't really recall the first time I was aware of Janice. She was tall, slender, and blonde, as Danes usually are. She was quiet in manner, but congenial and talkative when the occasion called for it. Most likely, my relationship with Janice began at the neighborhood church. We had a very active youth group. An important aspect was that Janice was about two or three years older than me and she was able to do that all-important activity during the teen years - drive. I still have a fond memory of her coming down our long driveway to pick me up to go to various activities. This was truly appreciated and made a big difference during the time of making friends in such a totally new place.

Janice and I had many similarities of choices in life. A major one was that we ended up attending the same school of nursing in West Palm Beach. Of course, she was a year ahead of me and an "upper-classman." Janice and I also had another common career adventure. When I had been out of nursing school about a year, Janice, a classmate of hers, and I worked at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan. Since we all worked in different departments and various shifts, we were not able to see each other very often, but it was nice to know that "someone from home" was somewhere in the same large nurse's residence. Occasionally, we were able to plan activities together.

Another similarity for Janice and I was that we both eventually returned home to White City. By this time, her parents had bought the grove next to us. Janice lived a long block away, as the crow flies, in her grandmother's old home, with her husband and two children. She has a son about 18 months older than my son and a younger daughter. It was a sad time when her young husband passed away due to kidney cancer. So Janice and I had yet another common characteristic of being single moms. As usual, we assisted each other whenever possible, such as car-pooling boys to Boy Scout meetings and baseball practices and games. Some of our fondest memories have to do with the kids making Christmas cookies. Her son, now a veterinarian in the Daytona Beach area, thoroughly enjoyed using Granny's recipe for fried apple pies. He demonstrated his potential for precise skills needed in surgery in the rolling out and cutting of his made-from-scratch pie dough.

Since moving to Kentucky in early 1992, Janice and I kept in contact, as much as many good friends do. There have been the Christmas cards once a year and my stopping by to visit her and her mother whenever I was visiting my own family in the area. Such was the case when I visited them last Labor Day weekend. In discussing what changes had occurred since we last talked, Janice referred to how difficult it was for her grandmother's old house to be sold.

As Janice and I talked of adjustments in life, I made a mention, as I had in the 1970's, of how I wished for the old piano that had originally been in the house. What a surprise it was, when Janice spontaneously responded, "Come and get the piano. You can have it." My reaction related to a combination of surprise and excitement. The story goes that a retired sea captain, Captain Hammond, bought 50 acres of land, planted a citrus

grove, built a house that was finished in 1902, and built a small house for his housekeepers. The captain, his wife, and 12-year old daughter "wintered" there for three months every year until his death in about 1919. The furniture was supposed to have been brought from his mother-in-law's home. One of the items brought by ship from the Boston area was a piano - a square, grand piano bearing the nameplate "Bracket of Boston." Actually, the piano is rectangular, standing on four beautifully carved legs, and weighing about 800 pounds. When the captain's daughter sold

30 acres and the house to my family in 1951, the piano was the major item that she moved to the smaller house that she was going to use herself for winter vacations. Janice's parents bought the smaller house and 20 acres after the captain's daughter died.

So, that is how Janice's family came to own the piano. For many years, Janice's daughter wanted to keep it. However, after marriage, two children, and a modern Florida house, it seemed that there was not room for the piano. Again, the piano was alone in

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This Town, That World

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

This being the sneezin' season, we might stop to consider what you might call the versatility of the common cold. It may affect the head, the chest, the back, muscles or joints. Besides never being good but always bad, it is both positive and negative. Sometimes the eyes have it, and sometimes the nose.

WHO'S A LIAR?

We fishermen—er, we who to as fish—are considered the biggest, rankest liars in or out of captivity. And, strange as it may seem, just about any fisherman, no matter how much he cherishes this good name and resents any doubt of his word will grin a bit sillier than usual and let 'em call him a liar without protest.

But as liars some of these hunters have it all over us who never use a rod that will shoot and who never reel because of something we didn't eat. There is the case of the fellow who assured his son that he was probably the best shot in the whole world and took the boy out quail hunting to prove the statement. Quail were hard to find, but finally one stray exploded from beneath their feet and took off. The father took careful aim and fired. The bird kept right on going. Then the deadly marksman turned to the boy, and said: "Son, you've just witnessed a miracle. There goes a dead quail."

THE JURY CURSE!

If this story had been told earlier, Floyd county might have saved itself and the state considerable money by skipping Martin county when a jury to qualify as willing to inflict the death penalty was sought here recently. While the examination of prospective jurors was underway, a Martin countian told a bystander.

"They'll never get a jury from Martin county."

Asked why, he told of a widespread superstition in that county that was born of a murder trial at Inez in the early 1980's. A man named Webb was accused of having beaten and shot to death a citizen whose body was

later found; in fact, Webb is said to have confessed the murder. A jury of Martin countians agreed on death for him, and he went to the chair.

Then came a storm, and the homes or other buildings of some of the men on that jury were blown down. The unhappy incidents piled up on them. How long after the trial these happenings took place we do not know, but they served to establish a legend of destruction of worse that rivalled the fate of those who violated the late King Tut's privacy.

And so, the man opined, you're wasting your time trying to get a Martin county jury to give somebody, anybody, the death penalty."

EXPLANATION

Notice is hereby given to one and all that if any of you see me hurrying down Third street, occasionally glancing fearfully over my shoulder. I am not re-enacting Little Liza, hot-footing it across the ice, the while glancing back there where the hounds are baying up a storm. I am simply trying to go about my daily rounds and shake off pursuit from a certain dog who (which?) thinks he's a news-hound.

Sugar

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assortment of miniature Christmas toys feel the "everything nice" bill very well.

Visit Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's May Lodge this holiday season and give yourself a treat by taking in the beautiful decorations - but don't pick any goodies from the tree! Save that appetite for the dining room.

If you would like to have more information on the Floyd County Extension Homemakers and how you can become a part of this fun-filled and educational community organization, contact Theresa Scott, Floyd County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, at 886-2668, or email to: tmscott@uky.edu.

Weddings



Couple to renew marriage vows

Mr. Ronnie L. Tackett and Mrs. Rhonda G. Tackett will reaffirm their wedding vows on December 7, 2003, at half past three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Wheelwright Baptist Center, in Wheelwright. Pastor Charles Wilson will perform the ceremony. All family and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Organizations



The members of the KFWC Drift Woman's Club enjoyed meeting with Floyd County Clerk, Chris Waugh, in October.

KFWC Drift Woman's Club news

The KFWC Drift Woman's Club met at the Viola Bailey Community Center Building on October 20. Mary England served as hostess.

First Vice President Alice Osborne called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. The devotional, "Speak Lovely," by Francis Crosley, was presented by Celia Little. The pledge to the American flag was presented by all in attendance.

Alice Osborne introduced Chris Waugh, Floyd County Court Clerk, as the evening's speaker. Mr. Waugh spoke on the importance of voter participation. He informed the group that Floyd County has a total of 31,675 registered voters. He explained the different ways of voting, such as voting by absentee ballot. He also informed that if a person needs assistance when voting, it can be made available. Mr. Waugh said that he regularly visits area high schools in order to instruct students on how to use a voting machine. He said that understanding how to use voting machines eases the fear of voting for many. Mr. Waugh

stressed that each vote makes a difference. The Woman's Club greatly enjoyed having Mr. Waugh visit. The group felt his presentation was very informative.

Membership to the Woman's Club is open to all women who are interested in community service. The club encourages all to become volunteers and to join the organization and to make new friends. The club is currently working toward a goal of initiating four new members before 2004.

The KFWC Drift Woman's Club Community Improvement Committee selects community homes to be presented with seasonal "Yard of the Month" awards. The home of Doug and Alice Osborne, of School House Hollow, in Hunter, was chosen to receive the award for the month of October.

Attending the October meeting were: Chris Waugh, guest speaker, Alice Osborne, Roney Clark, Ruby Akers, Celia Little, Mary England, Gloria Salisbury, Shirley Belcher, and Stephanie Salisbury.

Refreshments were served.

Where there's a will, there's a way. Where there's a desire, there's a way. Where there's a need, there's a way. Where there's a search, there's a way. Where there's a need, there's a way. And now, when our country needs us most, the Air Force Reserve is there to defend freedom around the world.

Adkins graduates Marine Corps training

Private Alan LanDale Adkins, the son of Alan and Kamana Adkins, of Tram, recently graduated United States Marine Corps training. Pvt. Adkins was stationed at Parris Island, South Carolina during training. He is the grandson of Eugene and Kathryn Fields, of Allen, Anna and John Akers, of Hurricane Creek, and the late Thomas "Jay" Hunt.

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Family Medicine

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



Q As the winter holidays approach, the issue of proper food handling comes to mind as I prepare for family gatherings. Could you give me some tips so I can provide safe holiday foods for my family and guests?

A Food safety begins at the grocery store. Buy fresh produce, check the "sell by" dates on products, and avoid dented cans or cans with bulging lids. If you are purchasing perishable foods, take them straight

home and store them properly. Do not leave perishable groceries in the car when running other errands, even in the winter.

During food preparation, always work on a clean surface with clean hands. Wash your work surfaces and utensils frequently to prevent cross contamination from one type of food to another. For instance, if you cut uncooked meat and then use the same surface without washing it first to later cut up vegetables, you could get bacteria from the meat in your salad. Not a good

idea!

A better way to prevent such cross contamination is to slice raw meat, fish and poultry on a separate cutting board. Fresh produce should have its own board. Even with this "two-board" approach, it's still a good idea to wash your cutting boards in hot, soapy water between food items.

Defrosting should be done by microwave or in the refrigerator, never at room temperature. Food should be cooked or refrigerated immediately after thawing.

Cooked foods should be cooked to the proper internal temperature. Undercooked meat, poultry, fish and stuffing can be the ideal place for bacteria to grow. Bacteria grow best at temperatures between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit. Your refrigerator should be between 32 and 39 degrees, and your hot

food should be held above 140 degrees. Keep your "hot food" hot and your "cold food" cold. Following that simple rule can prevent most cases of bacterial food contamination and illness.

When transporting food, be sure to keep your cold food at the proper temperature by using an ice chest or cooler. Likewise keep your hot food sizzling in well wrapped, insulated containers.

After your meal, promptly store your leftovers in the refrigerator. Don't overload the refrigerator as the foods may not cool properly. Using several small containers is preferable to one large container for storage since this, too, allows for more rapid cooling. The two-hour rule says that food that has been at room temperature for over two hours should be discarded.

When it is time to eat again, reheat your cooked, then cooled, food to at

least 165 degrees. Always boil soups, sauces and gravies.

The final adage is: When in doubt, throw it out. If you are unsure about how something was prepared or stored, you should follow this cardinal rule of food safety. As the old saying goes, it's better to be safe rather than sorry.

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Postscript

Then Prof. Thobaben at Wright State chewed up all of his political science students and then spit us out. He would espouse an ideology, such as monarchy, one day and have us all going, Yeah, yeah, that makes perfect sense. And the next class meeting, as we regurgitated his previous speech, he'd compare us to irrational lemmings, following a perceived leader right off the cliff. We were well into the course before we started to realize that he wanted us to question everything and everyone and not to accept anything at its face value from teachers, parents, pastors, or other authority figures without researching it ourselves and making sure it was truly ours.

Both of these icons were critical in the development of who I am. They made it impossible to look at issues narrowly - which is both a blessing and a curse.

That brings me to my present dilemma, which focuses on spam, the unwanted email that comes to us through cyberspace. Like a meteor shower, it pounds relentlessly, day and night, without end. You can respond to the spam that offer a shield against other spam, and before you know it, the perpetrators have found a way around or through the barrier.

er.

I believe so strongly in the freedom of speech that I cringe whenever even a hint of an infringement is manifest. (Obviously, I am in a perpetual cringe these days with an administration that seems to think that anything can be justified in the name of patriotism.)

But then I see the incredible spam that comes to my computer every day, all day long. I monitor the WMMT-FM email, and I end up deleting at least three-fourths of everything that comes in.

If you have email, then you have some idea of what I'm talking about.

On a typical day, the community radio station gets close to 100 email messages. Some of them are from record companies, asking if we've gotten their latest CDs or alerting us to a new talent. Some are from fans of the station who want us to know they appreciate what we do or asking about a particular song they heard. Some of it comes by way of the National Federation of Community Broadcasters, which allows public stations to share ideas and queries. Some of it comes from organizations that want us to announce upcoming events. A few items could be considered news. (I often think I

know more about Governor-elect Fletcher than his own wife.)

All of this is as it should be. For the most part, it proves email to be a fast and effective way to communicate.

Then there are the emails that make me question my zeal for the First Amendment.

If I never see another email about the enlargement of male body parts, I shall be satisfied. Ditto, the emails touting easy-to-get Viagra. Those two topics comprise about half of the spam junk we get each day.

Increasingly, the spam features weight loss scams. My favorite is one that promises not only to help you lose weight, but also to reverse aging. I've been tempted a few times.

An average of once a day, the WMMT address gets a letter from the wife/daughter/mother/friend of an ousted African dignitary, promising a tremendous return on a very small investment, assuring that your money will be used to get his fortune out of the former homeland. I am amazed that there may be people who would fall for this tripe. In fact, I'd like to find them and suggest they put their money to better use by sending it to the station.

Then there are the endless

opportunities - the opportunity to reduce your debt, the converse opportunity to get more credit and to shop online, the opportunity to get a mortgage, the opportunity to earn money at home, and the opportunity to order prescription drugs online. These follow one after the other. But, at the least, most of these give you a clue in the subject line as to what to expect if you click to open the message.

Many of the come-ons use ploys to entice the viewer into opening the email. Among the latest is to use personal names in the subject line, such as Betty or Cheryl or various names that most people recognize as familiar, likely an acquaintance or family member. Sometimes, a full name is there, such as John Smith or some such. Again, these often are people you know and without thinking you click on the line.

Many of these ploys lead to sex websites. It doesn't take long to realize that this is not a message from your long-lost friend John Smith, but rather one more enticement to enter the fantasy. Even without opening the file, you can often see the teasers, body parts - male and female - in full display. It's relatively easy to see how bored or immature minds could be drawn quickly into who knows what.

Then, there's a category for which I have no words to

explain, other than to say it's pure gibberish. I often wonder if it's some kind of secret code that I would profit from knowing. But I seriously doubt it.

Much of this garbage flies right in the face of the concept of free speech, particularly the pornography. But I'm at a loss

as to what should be done. I certainly do not want to make further inroads on freedom of speech. Yet, here is perfect fodder for those who do. Thus, the dilemma.

Personally, I prefer my Spam, capitalized, sliced and fried.

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Eyes

rather "Just how late are we?"). That's usually all it takes to get me in my high anxiety mode and, once there, folks, I shun all responsibility.

It wasn't until I pulled into park outside the office, following dropping off two children at one school and the third at a second (with all three arriving just under the wire), and began to gather up my things that I realized that I had forgotten my purse. Getting out of the car to dig into the small bag containing my workout clothes for the zip-lock baggie containing the sand-

wich I had managed to put together and toss in with a pair of socks during the morning rush hour at Prater-Baldrige Station, I thought to myself that perhaps I had better also take in an umbrella because the guy on the radio had said "rain continuing throughout the day." So now, umbrella and turkey sandwich in hand, I also remember to grab the camera that I had used the day before when photographing the Floyd County Extension Homemakers Christmas tree at May Lodge. Thankfully, I was already wearing my coat (as well

as my head), so I didn't have to remember to grab that (or them), too. But wait, my left arm felt unusually light. Something was amiss. "My purse," I remembered (though a tad bit too late).

A quick survey of the car's trunk showed me that it was not in there. A furtive glance through the windows at both the rear and front seats of the vehicle showed me, also, that it was not there either. The image of my oversized (did I already say "ugly?") black purse sitting - unzipped and open - on my kitchen table came to mind. Bad enough that I had left it, but even worse that I distinctly remembered leaving it open as I searched for my make-up compact earlier this morning. Guess kitty will have a great time rummaging while I'm away today - since she loves "fishing" through my open make-up case each morning, it's a pretty sure guess that she'll just love getting way down deep inside that big ole' purse.

Oh well, I suppose today my nose will shine and I won't be stopping at Wal-Mart to pick up shampoo since I have no check-book with me. As a friend of mine likes to remind me, "Things could always be worse." (He likes to say this because his life is so perfect that he feels guilty when I start whining about mine and so, you know, he has to turn that guilt around.)

Well, I guess so. And now, just realizing that I just mentioned for the first time that my family grew a tiny bit this past summer with the acquisition of a kitty-cat, and that now Aunt Barb is going to pull my ears for taking on yet another responsibility, I'll just close with a small prayer that I don't get pulled over on the way home because, along with my compact and my checkbook, I also don't have my driver's license with me.

But, let's not tell anybody, okay?



Greta Hicks, left, receives official class ring in a ceremony held on the Transylvania University campus during the university's Family Weekend event.

PHS graduate earns official Transylvania U. class ring

Prestonsburg High School graduate and Transylvania University senior, Greta Hicks, recently received her official Transylvania University ring during a ceremony held on the university's campus.

The official class ring is offered to students who have achieved at least a junior class standing and is presented during the school's Family Weekend event. The classic design of the class ring features historic Old Morrison, the university's administration building, engraved in the center, with the words, "Transylvania University 1780" encircling it. The Transylvania "T," the wearer's initials, class year, degree and a ring registration number are engraved on the inside.

As recently as three years ago, class rings were virtually non-existent at Transylvania. In 2000, the Student Alumni Association decided on the new ring as a way to symbolize the university's rich heritage and tradition. Today, it is the only ring recognized by the school and provides a common bond between Transylvania's graduates of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Students must also earn the right to wear the ring. It is reserved exclusively for those students who have completed at least 18 credits and have obtained junior or senior year standing.

Hicks, an applied music major, is the daughter of Derek and Deborah Hicks, of Prestonsburg.

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storage in a fruit-packing house that Janice's father once had, as it had been in the old house, during the 20, 30, and 40's. That is, the piano was in Florida until last Saturday. With the help of very strong, young problem-solvers, the piano was loaded onto a 14-foot U-Haul truck. The old piano and I successfully made our way to Cynthia. It was unloaded at the home of a very experienced "piano man" who will "fix her up" as needed. He proudly announced that the piano would be his winter project, so it now sits in his music room with other antique pianos.

Although the piano's transport involved several helping individuals on each end of the journey, the experience seemed very worthwhile, especially at Thanksgiving. It meant a lot that my family and friends would take time out of their holiday weekend to help me accomplish a very important goal. I just hope that I have done something for someone along the way that meant as much for that person, as this meant to me. My son and his wife were also very thrilled by the gift of such a lovely heirloom to our family from long-term friends. Even though the piano will always be a reminder of this two-family relationship, sometimes "thanks" just does not express completely what one really feels, but it sure is a great beginning.

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skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

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

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The FLOYD COUNTY TIMES does not knowingly accept false or misleading advertisements. Ads which request or require advance payment of fees for services or products should be scrutinized carefully.

AUTOMOTIVE

130-Cars

FOR SALE: Volvo 940, black w/gray, sunroof, remote start. Asking \$3995. Call 8886-1775.

1992 CHEVY CORSI-CA for sale. If interested call 889-0872 or 226-0062.

140-4x4s

FOR SALE: 1987 Suburban 4 wheel drive, good condition, good a/c & heat. Price low \$2800. Call 377-9844 ask for Rick.

160-Motorcycles

1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 452-9599 for more info.

FOR SALE: 1999 Black Fat boy, bike includes smokey windshield, leather saddlebags and lots of chrome accessories. 15,000 miles. Interested inquires call at 886-2030.

FOR SALE: 1996 Ultra Classic, low mileage 14,000 mls, black/green motorcycle with lots of accessories. Inerested inquires call at 886-2030.

180 -Trucks

FOR SALE: 1993 Chevy Blazer, 4 WD, two tone gray, snow blade, 4 dr. Asking \$6500 firm. Call 874-9955 after 5 pm. or leave message.

FOR SALE: 1998 S-10 Pick-up, pewter w/black racing strips, chrome rims, bed tarp. 87000 miles Asking \$5000. Call 358-9214.

TRUCKS FOR SALE Chevys, GMCs, Nissans, 1/2 ton thru 1 ton size. All manual transmissions. Also, used furniture for sale. Please call for more info 606-478-9443 days or 606-478-2377 evenings.

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

205-Business Oppt.

NEED AN EXTRA \$36000 A YEAR? Vending route for sale. 50 high traffic locations. Cost \$5000. Call 1-800-568-1392 or www.vendingthat-works.com.

FOR SALE: Laundrymat located in Salyersville. Business & equipment only you assume lease on building. Only one in town, great location. Price \$30,000. Phone 606-886-1915 after 5 p.m.

210-Job Listing
HIRING SATELITE INSTALLER! Must have experience, SBCA a plus. Send resume, experience to: Installs@pcdish-net.com or PCDISH-NET at 10835, Bent Branch Road, Unit #4, Pikeville, Ky. 41501.

AVON
 Earn your own money. \$10.00 sign up fee. Free gift. Call Jancy at 886-2082.

220-Help Wanted

HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED for Prestonsburg home. Please call 606-886-6405.

CLASSIC CLEANER NEEDS PART TIME HELP for Paintsville & Prestonsburg area, to run cash register & wait on customers. Call 789-7748 or 886-223310.

THE LEXINTON HERALD-LEADER has a morning newspaper route available in the Van Lear area. Route takes 3-4 hours daily with an approximate profit potential of \$1000 monthly. Dependable transportation and ability to be bonded required. Call 1-800-274-7355 (Ext. 3368)

CLASS A CDL DRIVERS NEEDED

Apply in person. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Big Sandy Wholesale at Harold, Ky.

OPENING FOR CDL DRIVER: Call Wilson at 437-1713 or 437-1730.

WANTED: Full-time teacher for grades K-5, 5-8, or K-8, for a small private school located in Prestonsburg, Ky. Please call Dr. Khattab at 606-789-5541 or fax 606-789-9445 for details.

FINANCIAL

380-Services

NOW YOU CAN AFFORD MAJOR MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE! Find out about supplemental gap insurance that pays your deductibles and brings the price down to where you can afford it! Unbeatable rates! Call Billy Maynard at 478-9500 day or 478-4105 evenings.

THIS IS NOT A MIS-PRINT. You can get a Prescription Discount Card for a lifetime membership fee of only \$60. Great to add on to Medicare Supplements (we have them, too). Call Billy Maynard today! 478-9500 days or 478-4105 evenings.

MERCHANDISE

410-Animals

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: Beautiful baby pups, part Lab. Call 789-6320 after 5 p.m.

420-Appliances

FOR SALE: Washer & dryer. \$200 set. Call 889-9836 12 p.m. to 11 p.m.

440-Electronics

FOR SALE: PIONEER HOME STEREO Includes CD player, cassette player & recorder, 2 large speakers, turntable and stand. reduced to \$250 but will negotiate. 874-4604 after 5:30 p.m.

445-Furniture

ALMAR FURNITURE
 Big selection of living room, bedroom, dining room, refrigerators, stove, washers and much more. 606-874-0097

FOR SALE: Queen Anne chair & table. Chair is blue in color, table is cherry finish. Excellent condition. Also, Bow Flex machine. Call 886-8685 if no answer leave message.

ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY
 Furniture, used appliances, living / bedroom suits, bunkbeds, and lots more! Call 874-9790.

RAY'S BARGAIN CENTER
 New & Used Furniture & Appliances @ unbelievable prices. Come in today for incredible savings. Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Save!! RT. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

480-Miscellaneous

FOR SALE: Gas hot water heater, asking \$70 OBO. Call 886-9018.

STEEL BUILDINGS
 Huge savings on factory seconds & freight damaged. 20X26, 25X34, Financing available, 90 days. Same as cash, no reasonable offer refused! 800-222-6335.

FOR SALE: 8 ft' refrigerated deli case, \$1000, small pizza oven, \$400, small juice cooler, \$150, washer & dryer, \$150 pair. Call 886-2367.

FOR SALE: 8 ft' deli cooler, \$950 and Gas conedction oven, \$450. Call 886-2367.

FOR SALE: Home Interior Items, full size comforters & curtains to match, Avon collectible items, collection of novels. Call after 4 p.m. 886-3326.

KAY'S WALLPAPER 205 DEPOT RD. PAINTSVILLE, KY
 HUNDREDS OF PATTERNS OF WALLPAPER & BORDERS All under \$10.00. Open Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Sunday & Monday. 789-8584.

To place your ad call 886-8506 Today!

REAL ESTATE

530-Houses

FOR SALE: House in downtown Prestonsburg. For more information call 889-0507.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Prestonsburg, with land contract. For more information call 889-9821 anytime.

590-Sale or Lease

FOR SALE OR LEASE: 16000 sq. ft. building, more or less w/apt. attached. 2 BR, 1 BA. Separate metal bldg. 40x50 & 2 + 1/2 acres of land. Large road frontage. Between Allen & Martin. close to WMDJ Call 859-512-6812.

610-Apartments

TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR: 1 furnished apartment in Prestonsburg. Refrigerator, stove, a/c, private. \$500 mo + \$200 dep. No pets, utilities included Call 886-0010.

550-Land/Lots

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 7 acres prime property, not zoned. Faces Mtn Pky. across from Cleo's Interiors. \$65,000. Call 281-538-4405.

LAND FOR SALE:

Ky. Rte. 7, Kite. 5 acres more or less. Close to school. For more info call 358-3359.

LARGE LEVEL LOT

convenient to Martin or Prestonsburg. Call 859-749-4286 days or 859-901-1636 evenings.

FOR SALE:

Almost 1 acre near Long Bow Boat docks at Cave Run Lake. Asking \$6500. Call 606-886-3836.

570-Mobile Homes

FOR SALE OR RENT: 1994 mobile home, 2 BR, 2 BA. Call 889-0656.

FOR SALE: 1995 Fleetwood Reflection Mobile Home. 2 BR, 2 full BA, new central air, all appliances included. Asking \$12,500. Call 874-5492.

FOR SALE

12X60 Mobile Home. Underpinning & steps included, needs repairs, excellent for parts or storage. \$1000 OBO. Call after 5:30 874-4604.

Classified Ads

work! Call Tammy or Charlotte 886-8506

COOLEY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
 Has Immediate Opening for a Delivery Technician
 A good driving record is a must.
 Apply in person or fax resumé to CME's Prestonsburg location.
 Fax number: 886-8657
 No phone calls, please.

QUICKSILVER TOWNHOUSE HAS AVAILABLE DEC 1.

Small 1 BR, apartment, extra nice, w/d provided, great for transit worker, no pets. Call 606-447-2192 Call 606-226-1925.

2 BR DUPLEX FOR RENT

central h/a, on US 23, 1 mile N. of Prestonsburg. Call 886-9007 or 889-9747.

RENTALS

610-Apartments

1 BR APARTMENT FOR RENT \$250 + electric. Located in Martin area. Call 285-9976.

2 BR APARTMENT in Harold. \$350 mo., includes water & trash pick up. Call 673-3835.

FOR RENT: 2 BR apartment. Stove, refrigerator, w/d, a/c., all utilities included. Located in Prestonsburg. No pets. \$500 mo., \$200 dep. Phone 886-0010 leave message.

FOR RENT: 3 BR apartment. Kitchen, living room, 1 BA, wall to wall carpet, no pets allowed. There is a deposit required. Apartment is next to doctor's office on Rte. 3211. Call 886-1714, 285-9000 or 285-3412.

FOR RENT: 1 BD apartment, extra nice, very modern, furnished or unfurnished. No pets. Also, 3 BD, 2 BA house for rent, hardwood floors, garage, nice patio. Call 606-447-2191 or 226-1925.

FOR RENT: New 1 BR apartment, central h/a. Call 886-1032.

FOR RENT: 1 or 2 BR apartment for rent. Nice, newly remodeled, new kitchen appliances. Call 886-8366.

1 EFFICIENCY APARTMENT, \$300 mo. + \$250 dep. Lease and references required. Utilities paid. 886-3154.

FOR RENT: 1 or 2 BR apartment for rent. Nice, newly remodeled, new kitchen appliances. Call 886-8366.

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LUXURY HOUSE FOR RENT:

2 BD, 1 BA, carport, garage, covered back porch, fenced yard, ac/heat, Great location between Pikeville & Prestonsburg at Allen. \$550 mo, lease & security deposit. Call 886-2444 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FOR RENT OR LEASE: Large house located on US 23 between Prestonsburg & Pikeville. 3-4 BR, 3 BA, garage, no indoor pets. Great for business offices. \$600 mo. Call M. Tackett 874-1700.

2 BR HOUSE FOR RENT Furnished kitchen. In Prestonsburg, \$350 mo. \$300 deposit, references & lease required. Call 886-3154.

TRAILER LOT FOR RENT: in city of Prestonsburg, Ky. Please call 886-6195.

650-Mobile Homes
FOR RENT: 14X70 2 BR mobile home. Call 886-3541 Cell 791-3727.

FOR RENT: Like New 2 BR trailer, 2BA, all electric located at Allen. \$425 mo., deposit required. Call 874-1111.

FOR RENT: 2 BR doublewide, Allen-Banner Rd. Small lot, tv cable available, references & deposit required, new carpet. Call 874-8170 after 4 p.m. No inside pets allowed.

FOR RENT: Small bachelor apartment, suitable for 1 person, furnished. Call 886-8724.

GREETINGS FROM LIGHTHOUSE MANOR, Terry & Sharon Smith. We have apartments for rent that are efficiency apartments, all utilities paid. For more info call 606-886-2797.

FURNISHED 1 BEDROOM APARTMENTS: Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$350 month, + \$300 deposit. Located near HRMC. 889-9717.*

630-Houses
2 BR HOUSE equipped kitchen, near schools, Prestonsburg area. References required. Call 886-0825 before 5 p.m.

670-Commercial Property
FOR RENT: Stables at Emma, Ky. Good trails to ride, years of experience caring for horses. Call Stapleton Stables 874-9486, 874-2527 or 791-3657.

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812-Free

FREE PALLETS: Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

FREE FILL DIRT right fork of Bull Creek. call 606-874-2444.

900-Legals

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY PIKEVILLE

CRIMINAL NO. 03-1 DLB UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PLAINTIFF VS. MILLARD E. PENNINGTON DEFENDANT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on September 3, 2003, in the above-captioned case, the Honorable David L. Bunning, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered an Order condemning and forfeiting the following property:

CASH/CURRENCY:

Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$18,900.00), which sum represents the amount Millard E. Pennington withdrew from three bank accounts on November 5, 2002.

REAL PROPERTY:
1. BEGINNING at the corner of the road; thence East with the fence to the Branch, a straight line to a corner post; thence left straight line to corner post on the North; turn straight West to a corner post at the road, thence with the road back to corner post, place of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Millard Pennington by deed dated June 2, 1993, of record in Deed Book 266, Page 776, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land located in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Dotson Branch of Prestonsburg.

2. Tract No. 1 Beginning on a cross at concrete walk and running north 25 feet more or less to the line of Gilton's Restaurant 10 feet from corner of building. Thence straight line east to the center of Beaver Creek, thence north 25 feet to Jack Blackburn's line. Thence straight line west to the beginning.

Tract No. 2 Beginning on a stone 10 feet from the corner of Restaurant Building Gilton; turning north 50 feet more or less to stone walk. Thence with stone walk and bridge to center of Beaver Creek, thence running with creek south 50 feet more or less. Thence straight line back to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Millard Pennington and Stephanie Lynn Pennington, by deed dated July 14, 1997, of record in Deed Book 409, Page 28, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being certain tracts or parcels of land lying in Floyd

County, Kentucky.
3. Beginning at road on west side at a corner post between Jim Hubbard; thence due east with Jim Hubbard's line fence to a corner post; thence north a straight line to opposite corner post of lot; thence left to a corner post; thence with the fence to the corner post at road; thence with the fence up the road to the beginning point. The well on the line is to belong to Eric Vanderpool and Julia Vanderpool, grantees to Pennington, jointly with Mart Wallen or his successors.

Beign the same property conveyed to Millard Pennington by deed dated November 3, 1997, and recorded in Deed Book 412, Page 590, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

4. A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on Mining Branch Road of Water Gap, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the corner of Lizzie Wallen line and Mining Camp Branch Road and running up road 150 feet to a stake corner to L & F Development Company; thence running up hill with L & F Development Company 70 feet to a stake; thence running back toward Lizzie Wallen line 150 feet to a stake corner to Lizzie Wallen; thence running with Lizzie Wallen line 77 feet back to beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Millard E. Pennington by Deed dated April 23, 2001, recorded in Deed Book 458, Page 622, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

CURRENCY:
Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$2,190.00) in United States currency;

One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$1,567.00) in United States currency;

Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$850.00) in United States currency;

Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$3,356.13) in United States currency, seized from account number 368628, Citizens National Bank, Paintsville, Ky.;

Eight Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$8,682.59) in United States currency, seized from account number 406910, Citizens National Bank, Paintsville, Ky.;

Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars and Ninety-Six Cents (\$760.96) in United States currency, seized from savings account number 406737120, First Commonwealth Bank, Prestonsburg, Ky.;

One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) in United States currency seized from the defendant's 1995 GMC pick-up truck.

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1995 GMC Z71 Sierra Pick-up truck; white in color, VIN 1GTEK14K7S25522 55;
1997 Playbuoy, model 2022 pontoon boat, model number 2022PBFEG0014, serial number DVN 25452J697, Ky. tag no. KY-000-R, white/green in color; with 50 horsepower Evinrude SPL motor, model no. E50ESLEUS, serial no. G04315436; and trailer, VIN 4PM112014V100320 6.

FIREARM:
North China Industries (NORINCO), model 213A, 9 mm pistol, serial number 1001574, with loaded magazine containing live nine mm rounds, and black nylon holster.

JEWELRY AND KNIVES:
Approximately 64 pieces of jewelry seized from a safe in Pennington residence;

8 knives and 2 cases seized from a safe in the Pennington residence.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT:
Campbell Hausfeld 115v wire feed welder, model WF2000;
2 Multi Function Power Centers, built in 120 watt inverter, 110v AC;

4000 watt electric generator, serial number 9612038779;
Clean Power Karcher Pressure Washer, serial number 303015, model K 22006;

Murray 12.5HP lawnmower, serial number 7406713492T00238, model number 40504X92A.

MISCELLANEOUS:
Nova One Cam Bow PSE, serial number 1028072;
Feddors 12,000 BTU room air conditioner, serial number AEJ12E7AG;

Ohaus triple beam scales, serial number 43814;
Ohaus triple beam scales, no serial number;

Personal check in amount of \$60.00 from Billy Ray Compton

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the United States intends to dispose of this property in such manner as the United States Attorney General may direct.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853 (n)(1), if you have a legal interest in this property, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS of receipt of this notice, you must petition the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of your alleged legal interest in this property. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held before the Court alone, without a jury.

THE PETITION must be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, as established in 28 U.S.C. §1746, and shall set forth the nature and extent of your right, title or interest in each item of property, the time and circumstances of your acquisition of the right, title or interest in each item of property and any additional facts supporting your claim and the relief sought.

1999 Harley Davidson Motorcycle, VIN 1HD4CJM15XK1194 18;
1998 Buick Regal, black in color, VIN

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, §853 (n)(2), NEITHER A DEFENDANT IN THE ABOVE-STYLED CASE NOR HIS AGENT IS ENTITLED TO FILE A PETITION.

ANY HEARING on your petition shall, to the extent practicable and consistent with the interests of justice, be held within thirty (30) days of the filing of your petition. The court may consolidate your hearing on the petition with any other hearings requested on any other petitions filed by any other person other than the defendant named above.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT at the hearing to testify and present evidence and witnesses on your behalf and cross examine witnesses who appear at the hearing.

IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A PETITION TO ASSERT YOUR RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THIS NOTICE, YOUR RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THIS PROPERTY SHALL BE LOST AND FORFEITED TO THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES THEN SHALL HAVE CLEAR TITLE TO THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND MAY WARRANT GOOD TITLE TO ANY SUBSEQUENT PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE.

All petitions must be filed with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Pikeville Docket, at the following address: United States District Court Clerk, 203 Federal Building, 110 Main Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-1144.

You must serve a copy of your petition upon the United States Attorney at the following address: Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, United States Attorney, David Y. Olinger, Jr., Assistant U.S. Attorney, Forfeiture Unit, 110 West Vine Street, Suite 400, Lexington, Kentucky 40507-1671.

NOTICE OF SALE FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II ACTION NO. 01-CI-00900

MOUNTAIN MACHINERY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. CARBON TECH FUELS, INC. DEFENDANT

By virtue of the Judgement entered in the Floyd Circuit Court on the 10th day of January, 2003, the Plaintiff shall proceed to offer for sale, one half mile N.W. of the intersection of Kentucky, Highway 1210 and US Highway 80, near Martin, Kentucky, in Floyd County, Kentucky, along and just north of Stephens Branch, Highway 1210, up Henry's Branch, on the H.B. May heirs property; said property being encompassed in Kentucky Mine Permit Number 836-5272, to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Friday, December 12, 2003, at 1:00 p.m., or thereabout, upon

terms of full payment at the time of sale, the following described coal separator which is being sold for the enforcement of liens in the amount of ONE HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$101,550.00) plus interest, costs, attorneys fees, and cost of sale, owed to plaintiff, Mountain Machinery, Inc., by the defendant, Carbon Tech Fuels, Inc. Said coal separator located at the aforementioned site in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Coal Separator #3, Serial Number 281-3. For more information concerning this sale, please contact Ray S. Jones, II, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1378, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, (606) 432-5777.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on DECEMBER 19, 2003, at First Guaranty Bank, 36 Main Street, Martin, Kentucky.

1991 Nissan Maxima VIN #JN1H01P9KT2 31575

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

First Guaranty Bank 36 Main Street P.O. Box 888 Martin, KY 41649

REPORT OF UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL TICKETS

(To be Submitted in Duplicate prior to September 1, 2003) Report of Unclaimed Pari-Mutuel Tickets, in compliance with KRS 230.361, Section 3. I, Wilma Foley of Thunder Ridge, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, do report as of July 1, 2003, that we are holding \$19,638.84 in unclaimed winning pari-mutuel tickets, one (1) year old or older.

Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Floyd. The affiant being duly sworn or affirmed according to law, deposes and says that the foregoing report is correct and true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn of affirmed to and subscribed before me this 12th day of November, 2003.

Anita S. Ratliff, Notary Public.

My commission expires 7-11-06. Any one holding such unclaimed winning tickets may redeem same prior to December 1, 2003, at the office of Thunder Ridge, 164 Thunder Rd.; Prestonsburg, Ky, at which time, the remaining balance will be forwarded to the Kentucky Racing Commission, 4063 Iron Works Pkwy., Lexington, Kentucky 40511.

I, John K. Blackburn, Sheriff of Floyd County, Kentucky, do hereby certify that the above

notice had been posted at the county courthouse for twenty (20) consecutive days from 12-2, 2003, to 12-22, 2003, and a notice published in the Floyd County Times on 12-5-03, in accordance with KRS 230.362.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. NO.: 03-CI-767 DENZIL RAY HALL PLAINTIFF VS. MILLARD MAYSE, SR, ET AL. DEFENDANT LEGAL NOTICE

The above action has been filed against Millard Mayse, Sr., deceased, and unknown spouse, heirs and devisees of Millard Mayse, Sr. whom the undersigned has no known address to send the proper correspondence. The purpose of this suit is to determine the ownership interest of a certain tract or parcel of land, being on Conley Fork of Spurlock Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky. The unknown spouse, heirs and devisees of Millard Mayse, Sr., may claim an interest in the subject property. If you believe that you are the unknown spouse heirs or devisees of Millard Mayse, Sr., you should contact Barkley J. Sturgill, Fitzpatrick, Osborne, and Sturgill, 119 East Court Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, 606-886-1615, to obtain further information concerning this lawsuit. Please be advised that your failure to contact Mr. Sturgill or myself, will result in default judgement being entered in this matter.

This the ___ day of September, 2003.

ADAMS & HARRIS 158 NORTH ARNOLD AVENUE PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653

JOHNNY RAY HARRIS WARNING ORDER ATTORNEY

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0304

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.6 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 42.97 surface acres and will underlie 73.21 acres of auger acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 116.18 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.70 mile northeast from Sugarloaf Branch Road 979's junction with KY 1428, and is located on Dials Branch of the Levisa Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe A. and Barbara

Burchett. The operation will underlie land owned by Joe A. and Barbara Burchett. The operation will use the contour and auger method of surface mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining and Reclamation and

Enforcement's Hollow Complex, Prestonsburg U.S. 127 South, Regional Office, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within 30 days of today's date.

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WAITING AT THE WELL

THE WELL WAS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE PEOPLE IN ANCIENT BIBLE LANDS. WELLS WERE OFTEN SCOPED OUT OF THE SANDY SOIL BY THOSE WHO KNEW OF THE PRESENCE OF WATER. OTHER WELLS WERE DUG OUT OF THE LIMESTONE ROCK IN THE HILLY PALESTINE COUNTRY. NO MATTER WHERE THE WELL HAPPENED TO BE, IT WAS THE CENTER OF ACTIVITY FOR THE PEOPLE WHO NEEDED ITS WATERS TO LIVE. BECAUSE ALL PEOPLE HAD TO COME TO THE WELLS THEY BECAME A COMMON MEETING PLACE. A PERFECT ILLUSTRATION OF THIS IS THE ACCOUNT OF ELIEZER, ABRAHAM'S STEWARD WHO WAS SEARCHING OUT A BRIDE FOR ISAC ABRAHAM'S SON. (GEN. 24) BEING IN A LAND NOT HIS OWN, ELIEZER KNEW HE COULD ASK DIRECTIONS, OR INQUIRE AFTER THOSE HE WANTED TO MEET AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING PLACE--THE WELL! AS ON A CERTAIN DAY....

ELIEZER AND HIS PARTY WAIT WITH PATIENCE FOR THE WOMEN TO COME AND DRAW THE EVENING WATER, FOR IT IS STRICT ETIQUETTE OF THESE ANCIENT DAYS THAT A STRANGER NEVER TAKES WATER FROM A WELL THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO HIM, BUT WAITS UNTIL IT IS OFFERED TO HIM AND HIS ANIMALS!

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 First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.
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 Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.
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CHURCH OF GOD
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 Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.
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 Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.
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15TH REGION GIRLS

Betsy Layne begins defense of title

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

After dethroning Johnson Central, a then-defending regional champion, Betsy Layne will look to reload for the upcoming 2003-04 season. A 15th Region Championship repeat isn't out of the question for the Ladycats.

In the 15th Region girls field, defending champion Betsy Layne will not be in a rebuilding year. Instead, the defending region champion will reload as it returns three starters and a fourth player who came on strong and made solid contributions down the stretch last season. Betsy Layne dethroned two-time defending champ Johnson Central and went on to do something a 15th Region girls team hadn't done in a long while - win a game at the state tournament. With a repeat in mind, the Betsy Layne girls enter the 2003-04 season as a strong favorite to claim back-to-back titles.

Head coach Cassandra Akers worked her team hard over the summer, playing 37 games and winning 31. The Ladycat mentor looks for her team to play at the championship level it displayed last season.

"The girls worked real hard over the summer," said Akers. "We played over 30 games and played in three team camps."

Betsy Layne (27-6) hopes to take a page out of the book of another 15th Region program, Johnson Central, and repeat as champion. A perennial contender for the region title, Johnson Central will be in a rebuilding process of sorts. The 57th District Johnson

Central (27-2) normally rules may be one of the closest to call in the entire region.

Parity is present throughout the entire 15th Region. Select teams in each of the four regions have the ability to contend for a regional championship.

Having the task of replacing five starters will be no easy chore for Johnson Central head coach Phillip Wireman. However, a strong junior class led by forward Jayme Dials and guard Alice Daniels returns to the Lady Eagle hardwood.

Magoffin County figures to be a team to beat in the 57th District. Minus graduate Amanda Shepherd, the Lady Hornets will be led by seniors Savannah Howard (5-7, F), Jaime Adams (5-5, G/F), Tabetha Howard (5-6, F) and Kayla Howard (5-6, F).

Forward/center Calloray Howard is now a sophomore. Other top players back include freshmen guards Ashley J. Howard, Michaela Howard and Brittany Manns

Seniors Desiree Haney (5-3, G), Whitney Reynolds (5-11, F/C) and Savanna Moore (6-0, C) make Paintsville (8-17) a strong contender in the 57th field. Junior Ashley Hall is another top shooter for the Lady Tigers. Haney, who has battled through injuries each of the last two seasons, guides the Paintsville offense.

With the departure of Marshall University signee Kelli Moore, Sheldon Clark is led by seniors Tiffany Meade and Brittany Horn.

The 58th District is full of coaching changes. The only coach remaining at the top of their program from last season is Betsy Layne's Akers. Mark Martin replaces

Cindy Halbert at Allen Central. Jack Pack is the new girls coach at Prestonsburg (3-25), replacing Harold Tackett. Tony Isaac takes over the girls program at South Floyd, replacing Melinda Osborne. At the Piarist School, Andrea Preston is in for Darnella Bradley.

Betsy Layne returns a couple of the top players in Eastern Kentucky in senior Whitney Lykens and junior Kim Clark. A third starter back is senior Tabetha Witt. Six-foot-one junior Kristal Daniels played in the middle some last season and will move into a consistent starting role. Junior guard Kristen Smith is another likely starter.

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Seniors Ashley Johnson and Megan Ousley lead South Floyd (8-19).

Meaghan Stone makes her way back for Prestonsburg after leading the Lady Blackcats in several categories as an eighth-grade starter.

The addition of Halbert to the Pikeville program immediately brings added interest to the 59th District and the entire 15th Region. Halbert played and later coached at Belfry. Sophomore sisters Samantha Howard and Shawna Howard, both guards, Emily Colvin, another guard, senior guard Amanda Hartsock, and junior forward/center Evin Shockey, daughter of former coach

Maria Shockey, along with senior center/forward Lauren McCoy give Halbert a capable district squad in her first season.

In a crowded 59th District, Shelby Valley (18-11) and East Ridge (10-17) will also vie for the top spot, competing against Pikeville (15-15) and its new head coach.

Shelby Valley, a former region champ, returns following another 59th District title season.

Veteran coach Bobby Spears will again guide the Lady Kats.

Seniors Jerrica Dye (5-6, G), Kristi Taylor (5-4, G), Beth Hall (5-8, F) and Ashley Tackett (5-7, F) and underclass players Esther Fleming (5-5, Fr., G) and Sha Howell (5-10, Jr., C) return for Valley.

Senior forward Patience Hylton will lead East Ridge, a second-year program.

In the 60th District, Belfry and Pike Central will battle for the first-place spot.

Belfry (13-15) could have things in line for another regional championship run.

Seniors Vicki Hall (5-10, F) and Anna Bevins (5-6, F) lead the way for Belfry and fourth-year head coach Mark Gannon.

Among the other returnees are seniors Emma Smith (5-6, G), Jamie Hunter (5-8, F/C) and Lyndsey Mahon (6-0, C).

Pike Central (19-9) lost just two seniors from last season's squad. Returnees for Lady Hawk head coach Tammy Tussey include freshman guard Haley Ratliff, senior guard Tiffany Thompson (5-6), junior guard Mishay Weddington (5-5) and six-foot sophomore center Kim Coleman. Eighth-grader Paige Lowe will also contribute.

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14th Region Boys' Basketball Preview 2003

Spurlock's Hazard heads in as favorite

In the 14th Region boys' basketball race, the pre-season billing looks to pit crosstown rivals Hazard and Perry County Central, bitter rivals, against one another. Heading in, Hazard looks to be the slight favorite. Perry Central will push the Bulldogs and give them everything it has. Powell County, a surprising team last season, returns as the defending 14th Region Champion. Here's a look at the teams.

Hazard (19-10): Hazard High School is rich in basketball tradition. Second-year head coach Kevin Spurlock is excited about the upcoming season.

"We're looking forward to the upcoming season," admitted Spurlock. "We'll play a tough schedule."

Steven Sizemore, the 14th Region's top player, returns for a Hazard team that will give Perry Central and all others in the region a stiff challenge.

Sizemore, a center, will be joined by 6-5 forward Lamar Williams, his favorite target in football, and guards Parker Carter (6-2) and J.J. Housley (6-2). Hank Gabbard, a 6-3 point guard who can move the ball and shoot.

The talent on this year's Hazard Bulldogs team goes up and down the lineup.

Depth. Depth. Depth.

Eric Mullins has transferred in from Harrison County and automatically makes the Bulldogs even better.

Senior forward Robert Lyttle, a player who played very well last season, junior guard Chase Patrick and sophomore guard Durrell Olinger add depth to a team which features several, and I mean, several scoring threats.

The 2003-04 Hazard High boys' schedule is a tough one as it includes a December visit from national power Oak Hill Academy.

Perry Central (28-4):

Perry Central is again in the 14th Region title hunt. Allan Holland Jr. (11.0 ppg, 8.0 rpg) leads the Perry Central Commodores into the 2003-04 season. Perry Central, upon the consolidation of M.C. Napier and Dilce Combs, quickly became a power in the 14th Region. Very quickly. This season, the Does again look to be a strong favorite with rival Hazard ranking near the top as well.

Fourteenth Region Champion? Perry Central or Hazard? It could be a toss up.

Perry Central senior forward Allan Holland Jr. (6-3), junior guard Daniel Combs (6-2) and senior guard Brandon Campbell (6-1) are the leaders on a team which boasts as much talent as any squad in Eastern Kentucky.

Holland Jr. averaged 11.0 points per game and pulled down eight rebounds an outing last season. Combs averaged 12 points and Campbell pushed in nine.

And there's more. This team of EDores goes deep.

Chris Chaney (6-4) and Steve Barker (6-2) can both play center.

Jordan Shepherd, a 5-8 junior point guard, and Roy Barker, a 5-10

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by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Veteran Allen Central High School boys' basketball head coach Johnnie Martin has seen a variety of basketball talent in his time at Eastern. The longtime head coach has won over 500 games in a career that also included a stay at Sheldon Clark. Heading into the upcoming season, Martin has a returning cast of players that have worked very hard in the pre-season.

"This is a real hard working bunch," said Martin. "These kids have worked really hard. We want

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to get better with each game."

Allen Central managed to win 16 games last season opposed to 10 losses. The Rebels scored 1872 points and gave up 1782 on defense.

Neil Allen, a Class of 2003 graduate, will be missed the most by the Rebel basketball team. Allen (6-3) was both a scorer and a rebounder.

"Neil (Allen) was a great athlete, and he played real well for us," said

Runnin' Rebs working hard for success

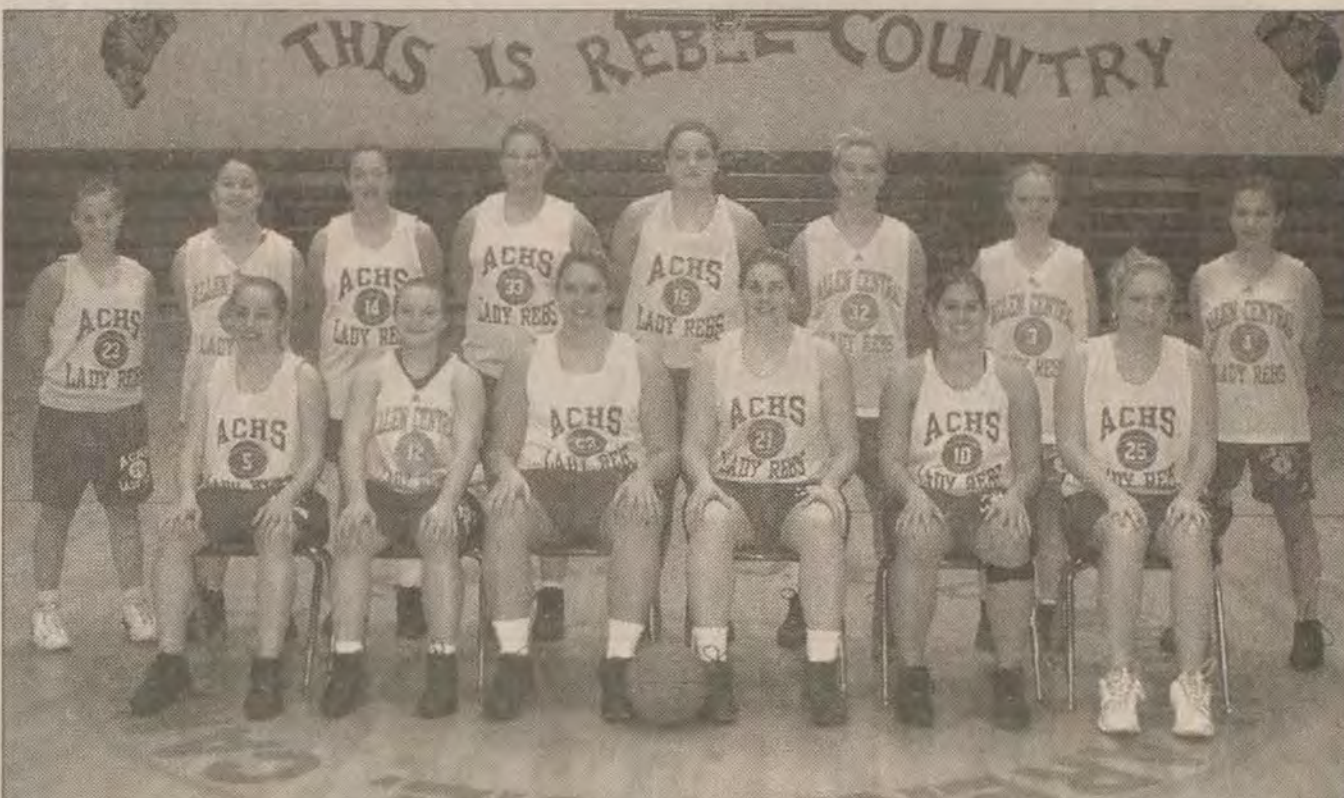
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Another player gone from last season's team is forward Mike Slone. When playing healthy and free of injury, Slone was one of the team's go-to players.

Two returning seniors full of hope and promise are guards Rossi Samons and Austin Francis, two versatile players who can play a couple of different positions for Martin. Both players started last season.

A healthy Justin Hall will be a

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Martin takes over AC girls' program

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

There's a new coach heading the Allen Central High girls' basketball program. His name is Mark Martin and he comes to Allen Central from Pikeville. He replaces Cindy Halbert who accepted the head coaches job at Pikeville.

Martin, who has served as a head boys' basketball coach in the state of Missouri, coached cross country at Pikeville Independent. He is an alumnus of Allen Central where he played basketball in the early-80s.

Two starters Martin loses from last season's team is Amber Scott and Tiffany Turner. Both players started in the backcourt and carried some of the offensive load last season.

Senior point guard Terri Mullins, senior forward Jessica Isaac (5-8), guard Tab Caudill, six-foot junior forward Megan Harris and junior center Becky Thomas make Allen Central (19-11) a top contender in the region for a second straight season. Sharee Hopkins, a transfer from Allen Central, is a nice addition for the Lady Rebels. Hopkins comes to Allen Central from South Floyd where she started last sea-

son and was the team's leading rebounder and one of the top board collectors in the region.

Harris and Thomas combine to give Allen Central one of top post duos in the 15th Region. The duo will be starting their second straight season.

Mullins will be a four-year starter. Harris, Thomas and Mullins combined for a great portion of the Allen Central scoring last season.

One of Martin's first objectives when he got to Allen Central was to

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Lady 'Dores favored in 14th, East Carter gets nod in 16th

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

14th Region - Perry Central has a stronghold on the 14th Region girls' championship and shows no signs of relinquishing it. The Lady Commodores have won four straight 14th Region championships. Coach Randy Napier returns to guide the Lady Commodores and his team is simply loaded. Four starters return for Perry Central - senior point guard Polly Sebastian (13.5 ppg), junior forward Britta Maggard (9.9 ppg, 7.6 rpg), senior center Brittany Baker (13.9 ppg, 7.7 rpg) and senior guard Christy Napier (7.0 ppg).

Whitesburg, coached by Dickie Adams, features a solid lineup led by junior forward Camille Cook (15 ppg, 10 rpg) and junior guard Whitney Hood (10 ppg). Senior Cassie Whitaker returns, too, along with forward Stephanie Whitaker, a transfer from Cumberland, and Autumn Morris, a solid performer last season.

Leslie County, with senior center Heather Benton (5-11), the region's top player, may play the role of spoiler in the end. Benton averaged 24 points and 13 rebounds per

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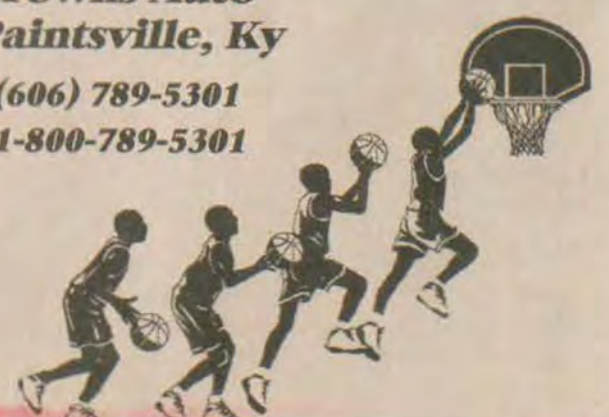
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game during the 2002-03 season. Veteran coach Wendell Wells has coached Leslie County to three previous region titles (1979, 1981, 1986). Junior forward Christine Lawson (8 ppg) and junior guard Jessica Miller (5 ppg) return as do senior guard Miranda Wilson and senior forward Brittany Barger.

Knott Central (24-5) was a favorite to take the 14th Region title last season, but fell short. Coach Rhett Gibson has leading returnees senior center Brooke Hall (8 ppg, 7 rpg), junior point guard Elisha Hall (8 ppg) and junior forward Brittany Bentley (5 ppg, 8 rpg) all returning with previous experience.

Franci Chaffin, a native of Floyd County, and a starter at Knott Central last season and the season before, is not returning for the Lady Patriots.

Owsley County, led by junior forward Austin McIntosh, and Breathitt County with a well-rounded group will push for the first few spots in the region. Wolfe County, Powell County, Jenkins and Hazard are other contenders.

16th Region:

Boyd County defeated West Carter 65-53 in the championship game of the 16th Region Tournament to replace the Lady Comets at the top. Now, Boyd County has a repeat performance in mind. Led by junior guard Kasi Mullins, the Lady Lions will have to fend off the challenges of East Carter, Rowan County, West Carter and Ashland, among others.

Boyd County finished last season with a 24-7 record after losing in to Clinton County in the opening round of the State Tournament.

After becoming eligible in February, Mullins immediately added a boost at Boyd County.

East Carter, now seemingly the top team in Carter County, could give Boyd its toughest challenge. Senior center Kim Stapleton and sophomore guard Ashley Baldwin return for East. Molly Jackson, a senior guard, is another player to watch for the Lady Raiders.

Returning all of its starters from one season ago, Rowan County is a legitimate contender in the 16th. Junior point guard Melanie Cornett, Sam Rice and 6-2 sophomore Suzanne Brown are the top returnees for the Lady Vikings.

West Carter is minus Miss Basketball Megan "Penny" Gearheart. Sharpshooter Stephanie Hall and forward Brandi Rayburn lead the way as the Lady Comets play following the passing of legendary coach John "Hop" Brown. Obviously, tradition is on West Carter's side.

Ashland and Russell will both give formidable challenges. Ashland senior forward Latosha Henry and Russell sophomore guard Kala Faulkner lead their respective

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Betsy Layne boys look to return to region tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Betsy Layne boys' basketball program is looking to turn the proverbial corner and with the talent returning to this season's team, that is very possible.

A runner-up finish in last season's 15th Region All "A" Classic left the Bobcats hungry

for more. Betsy Layne, in the 15th "A" title game against perennial power Paintsville, had the Tigers on the ropes before coming up short in the end.

Coach Brent Rose is back for another season and after a summer filled full of workouts and play in various camps, hopes to

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For our kids it's another chance to play for a regional championship," said Rose, "Where it's in January, that also gives us a chance to see where we're at too."



by STEVE LeMASTER
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Big wins are earned by talented teams. Coach Cassandra Akers has a talented team in the Betsy Layne Ladycats. Betsy Layne, after playing on the edge of a region championship for a couple of seasons, broke through in March of last season. Led by talented players like seniors Natasha Stratton and Tiffany Meade, Betsy Layne beat Johnson Central on its home hardwood in the finals of the 15th Region Tournament. Meade

made many things go for the Betsy Layne girls' offense. Stratton was a proven leader and tossed in 21 points for the Ladycats in a first-round game in the state tourney.

The Ladycats marched on to Western Kentucky University and did something no other girls' team in the 15th Region had done in years - win a game. With a repeat in mind, the Betsy Layne girls enter the 2003-04 season as a strong favorite to claim back-to-back titles.

Betsy Layne's state tourney win came over Campbell County. The

road ended for Betsy Layne with a 66-36 loss to Clinton County in the quarterfinals.

The summer was definitely a success for the Ladycats. Betsy Layne won 31 games over the summer and played in a couple of statewide tournaments.

There are many news faces in the 58th District, some of which belong to head coaches. Allen Central, South Floyd and the Piarist School all have

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Ladycats learn life as region's top team

14th Region

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senior, can both shoot and handle the basketball.

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Breathitt County (22-7):

The football success is again translating over onto the hardwood in Breathitt County. With a head coach and four starters gone, Breathitt County is still with a strong boys' basketball team. The Bobcats will be led by Jason Miller, a 6-4 senior guard who averaged 10 points per contest last season. Miller is the lone starter back for the Bobcats.

More veterans returning include Jason Miller's brother, Jesse, a 6-4 senior forward, and 6-5 junior Jacob Hundley at center. Many football fans in Eastern Kentucky and around the state will recognize Hundley's name from the gridiron. He was the successor under center for Breathitt County, replacing Justin Haddix.

Hundley, a great athlete, can also get it done on the court.

Andrew Howell (6-0) has moved in at point guard for the Bobcats.

Senior Travis Moore and juniors Matt Minix and Jason Tillett will also vie for time in the backcourt.

Powell County (25-6):

Powell County must replace four starters, including a talented Jeremy Jones, a player who now plays at Alice Lloyd College.

Is a repeat possible for the Powell County Pirates?

The trip to the State Tournament in 2003 was the first for a Powell County boys' basketball team since 1974. The Pirates accomplished the feat under second-year head coach Greg Coldiron.

Ryan Stewart (6.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg), a 6-3 junior, is a returnee at forward. Six-foot-five senior center Jarod Barker is the man in the middle for Powell as he returns from a devastating ACL injury.

Juniors Jermaine Martin (5-11), Kyle Strange (5-11) and James Goodwin (6-4) are also returning backcourt players.

Six-foot-eight center Shawn Cox, a senior, adds size when in the Pirate lineup.

Knott Central (13-14):

With senior forward Kevin Pike, a six-foot-six basketball player, who packs with him a strong game, Knott Central ranks in the middle of the 14th Region race. Pike averaged 10 points and pulled down seven

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key for Martin's team's success. Hall is a proven shooter. Post players Tim Griffith and David Kilburn, both juniors, return down low for Allen Central.

A player that came on in the pre-season and who is new to the Rebel hardwood is Ryan Hammonds. A junior, Hammonds quarterbacked the Allen Central football team. This will be his first year of high school varsity basketball. Hammonds tried out for the Rebels and could very well start.

"We had out inter-squad scrimmage game and he played as well as anyone," added Martin. "He's a nice athlete and a very coachable kid."

It's been a while since Allen Central played in a 15th Region Tournament. The Rebels haven't managed to take first-place or finish runner-up in the very competitive 58th District since 2001. That season, Allen Central finished runner-up to South Floyd in both the district and the region.

Without much experienced depth on the bench, a young crop of players could very well emerge and contribute for the Rebels. Allen Central took a hit to its backcourt last season when guard Nathan Lafferty transferred to Prestonsburg where he is expected to start this season.

The Rebels may not go as deep as in previous seasons. Fifteenth Region boys' basketball legend Jeremy Hall, a player who signed with Wisconsin in the early-90s, has helped his former head coach in the pre-season practices.

Last season, Allen Central posted an even 4-4 record versus opposing 58th District teams.

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Kentucky basketball prep poll

LOUISVILLE — The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Mason Co.	(8)	0-0	80	-
2. Lex. Catholic		0-0	67	-
3. Warren Central		0-0	62	-
4. Pleasure Ridge		0-0	55	-
5. Hopkinsville		0-0	40	-
6. Lou. Ballard		0-0	36	-
7. Apollo		0-0	32	-
8. North Hardin		0-0	18	-
9. Scott Co.		0-0	11	-
10. Lou. Fern Creek		0-0	10	-

Others receiving votes: Wayne Co. 8, Lex. Bates Creek 8, Elizabethtown 5, Daviess Co. 2, Clay Co. 2, Shelby Valley 2, Lex. Henry Clay 1, Lou. DeSales 1.

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Sacred Heart	(8)	0-0	80	-
2. Christian Co.		0-0	67	-
3. Lex. Catholic		0-0	61	-
4. NCC		0-0	44	-
5. Jackson Co.		0-0	35	-
6. Henderson Co.		0-0	31	-
7. Mercer Co.		0-0	27	-
8. Rockcastle Co.		0-0	24	-
9. Lou. Assumption		0-0	17	-
(tie) Lou. Butler		0-0	17	-

Others receiving votes: Muhlenberg North 15, Washington Co. 6, Elizabethtown 5, Clinton Co. 4, East Carter 3, Perry Co. Central 2, Cawood 1, Barren Co. 1.



Piarist boys back on the hardwood and playing

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

fielding a team last winter due to lack of interest from male students.

play a 58th District schedule, but will play games in the Three Rivers Conference and what looks to be a partial compliment of a full schedule.

One of the players who looks to have a bright future ahead of him for Piarist is guard Nick deGuzman.

The Piarist boys have had some players shine.

Robert Hall, a Class of 2002 graduate, is the only Piarist School player,

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Don't look now, but they're back. Boys' basketball is back at the Piarist School in Martin. It's back for a new season. Like the girls at the private school, the Piarist boys will return to the roundball sport by playing a Three Rivers Conference-heavy slate of games.

The Piarist School will again field a boys' basketball team after not



Anthony Ward will coach the Piarist boys. The Piarist boys will not



Piarist girls look to win

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

School in Martin will field a boys' basketball team and play a schedule that'll feature many opponents from the Three Rivers Conference. The last person to coach a boys' basketball team at the Piarist School was Gary Kidd in 2001.

The Martin-based school did not field a boys team last season but did have a girls' basketball team. Anthony Ward will coach the Piarist boys.

Preston takes over for Darnella Bradley and will guide the Piarist girls.

By playing last season, the Piarist girls' basketball program likely benefit

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One new teacher at the Piarist School in Martin in Floyd County is also the school's new girls' basketball coach.

Andrea Preston teaches physical education and health, and she is also the Piarist School Athletic Director. Preston graduated from Morehead State University with a double major in health and physical education. She is the coach of the cross-country, golf, and basketball teams. She'll coach the Piarist School girls' basketball squad in the 2003-04 season.

After a one-year absence, the Piarist

BluegrassPrep Boys Preseason Rankings

1. Mason County
2. Lexington Catholic
3. Warren Central
4. Pleasure Ridge Park
5. Apollo
6. Fern Creek
7. Ballard
8. Scott County
9. North Hardin
10. Covington Catholic
11. Wayne County
12. Bates Creek
13. Hopkinsville
14. Elizabethtown

BluegrassPrep Girls Preseason Rankings

1. Sacred Heart
2. Christian County
3. Mercer County
4. Rockcastle County
5. Lexington Catholic
6. Newport Central Catholic
7. Assumption
8. Jackson County
9. Henderson County
10. Boyd County
11. East Carter
12. Butler
13. Perry County Central
14. Wayne County

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teams.

Rose Hill, Lawrence County, Morgan County and Bath County are other Top 10 caliber teams.

One of the state's most balanced regions, the 16th should offer fans statewide much excitement throughout the upcoming campaign.

Martin

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get his new team together and form team unity through the coaching transition. He has done that. Allen Central, playing in the 15th Region and 58th District, will face defending region champ Betsy Layne in both.

Martin has much respect for the Betsy Layne Ladycats and other teams in a rough and tumble 58th District.

"I think Cassandra does a good job and she still returns a very confident and experienced team," said Martin. "They are the defending champions and just to pull that off one time is a great accomplishment."

"Probably, we are one of five teams that with a lil' luck and keep everyone healthy that could win the regionals in March. Coach Phillip Wireman puts out a solid team each season, and Magoffin County plays very hard from the times that I saw them play last season.

"Belfry has a strong group pretty much like ours lead by a good senior class. I have felt that the Pikeville group of kids have had a lot of potential and I think Cindy will do a good job.

"Coach Tussey, I feel has the guards of the future, and also has some big girls returning down low."

Martin also gives a passing grade for a tough 58th District.

"As for our district, I think this season's district will be very competitive," added Martin. "I have a lot of confidence that Jack Pack will do a good job at Prestonsburg, and after talking to Tony Isaac, he has those kids excited about the upcoming season. It is going to be a dog fight each night out when playing district games."

Martin was content with his Lady Rebels in the pre-season.

"Up to this point, we have spent a lot of time on getting everyone on the same page," Martin admitted. "Terri Mullins, leads a solid senior group. Terri, pretty much along with the rest of the seniors are really a good group of seniors. Honor roll students and coming to the gym and playing hard. Jessica Isaac has had a good pre-season, Tabitha Caudill and transfer Sharee Hopkins have had solid pre-seasons.

"Juniors Becky Thomas and Megan Harris will provide a lot of the scoring for us. Both of these girls have had two good seasons. Thomas, has really improved over the fall despite sitting out four weeks due to a foot injury. If Becky stays healthy and Megan keeps improving, then these two could have a good season."

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H.S. Preview

Three-peat isn't out of the question for Valley

A third straight trip to the State Tournament isn't at all out of the question for the Shelby Valley Wildcats.

It wasn't as if Valley didn't have enough talented shooters late in the spring when it added the services of Prestonsburg transfer Kris Bentley. Add Bentley to a team which already features juniors Seth Kiser, Kelsey Friend and Patrick Tackett and this season, the Wildcats won't rebuild, but instead simply reload.

Bentley comes to Valley after a stint with Prestonsburg that saw him lead the team in scoring.

Even with a talented junior class in tow, Valley Coach Rodney Rowe sees another tough season ahead for his team.

"It's going to be a real tough region again," said Rowe, who has guided Valley to back-to-back regional titles. "Our kids work real hard and they'll be ready to go to work this fall."

In March, Shelby Valley beat Paintsville for a second straight 15th Region title. The Wildcats lost to Paintsville in an earlier regular-season meeting in December.

Valley fell to Ballard in the first round of the state tourney.

57th District

Paintsville (24-4):

With the departure of graduates Adam Collins, Adam Rice, Stuart Rutledge and Ryan Jarrell, all starters at one time or another last season, Paintsville head coach Bill Mike Runyon has some positions and roles to fill.

The top two returnees for the Tigers are senior guard Shane Simpkins (6-1), a full-time starter last season, and senior forward Peyton Conley (6-5). Simpkins was Juniors forward Steven Jones saw playing time in off the bench last season and should contribute.

Sophomore Andrew Brown and freshman Daniel Pugh are two other noteworthy players back.

The Tigers will host an invitational tournament in December.

Junior Jason Hammonds is now at Sheldon Clark after a transfer.

Paintsville is the defending 15th Region All "A" Champion.

Johnson Central (17-11):

In his fourth season at the helm, Johnson Central head coach Les Trimble finds himself with another rebuild or reload situation. The Golden Eagle basketball program said goodbye to five seniors, three of which started on a consistent basis.

Back in the backcourt is senior Mike Walters, a great shooter, and junior Nick Music, a versatile player with experience.

Other who return with experience include junior guard Tony Hatfield and junior forward/center Josh Stapleton.

Johnson Central lost to a graduation a stellar senior class which included post players Brandon Wheeler and Justin Woods and guard Chris Hurt.

Sophomores Sean Music and Tyler Whitaker will also be available in off the bench.

Sheldon Clark (5-21):

Senior forward Nathan Moore (6-2) and fellow classmates Daniel Cornette (5-10) and Asher Maynard (6-0), both guards, return for final seasons in Cardinal hoops uniforms.

Other lead players back are junior forward Steven Howell (6-4) and sophomore Brandon May (6-3).

Add Hammonds and Joe Muncy, a transfer from Lawrence County, and Sheldon Clark should contend.

Magoffin County (7-18): The top returnee for the Hornets will be junior guard Clifton Barker. Junior Courtney Conley and senior Dustin Allen also have playing experience from last season. Magoffin County hasn't posted a winning season since the 2000-01 campaign.

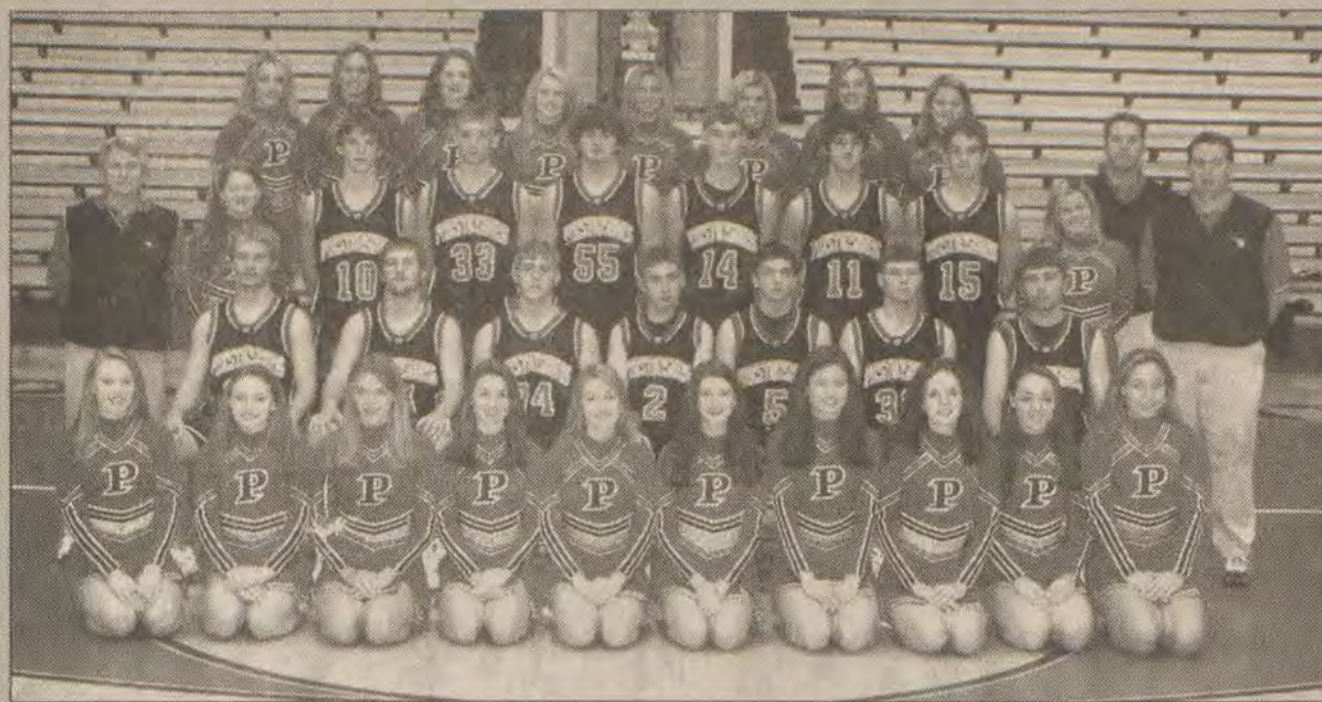
Head coach Danny Adams and staff will have the chore of replacing graduates Blake Helton, Jason Arnett, Pitt Connelley and Colton Jayne, who started last season and graduated in late-spring.

58th District

Betsy Layne (11-17):

A runner-up finish in the 15th Region All "A" Classic highlighted the 2002-03 season for Coach Brent

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Blackcats now have region tourney experience

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Prestonsburg High boys' basketball team has been to the 15th Region Tournament each of the past two seasons.

A trip to the 15th Region Tournament has been a part of each of the last two seasons for the Prestonsburg Blackcats and head coach Jackie Crisp. Crisp, now in his fifth season at the head of the

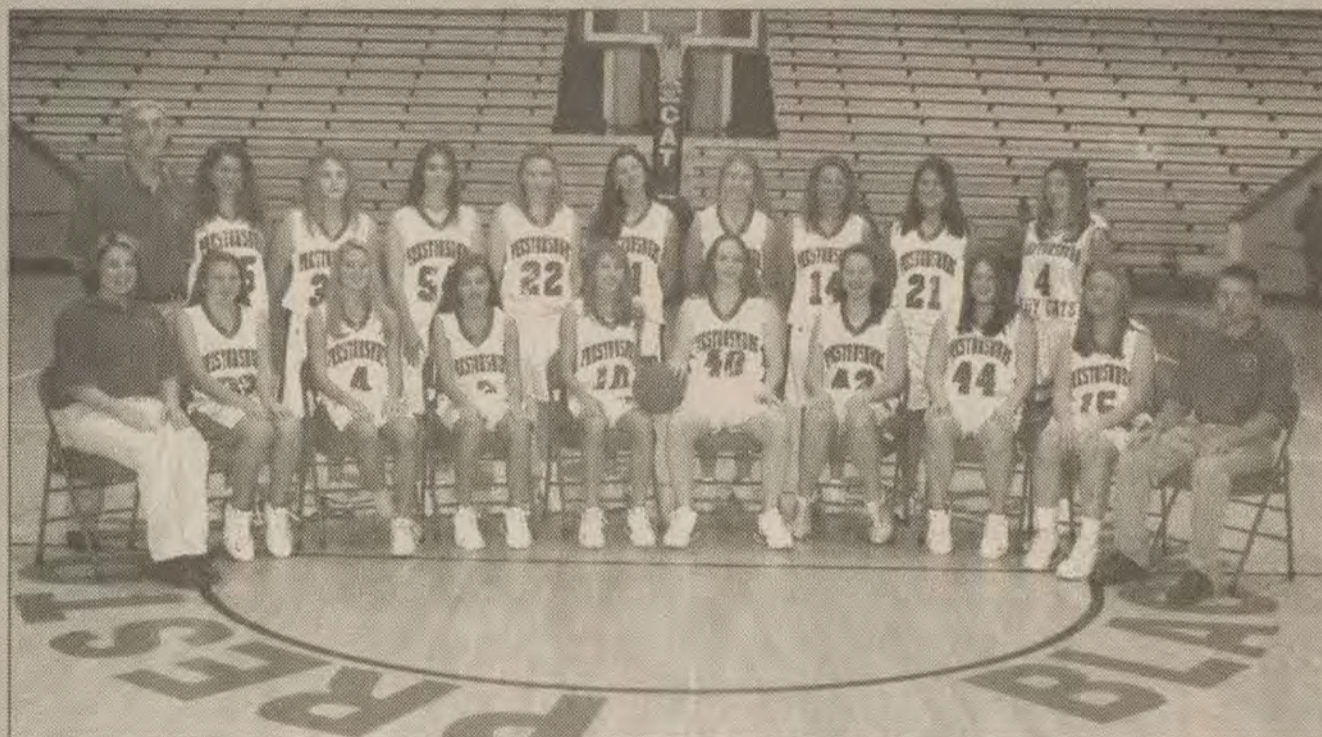
Blackcat basketball program, sees another trip to the regional tournament ahead for his team. Crisp became head coach of the Prestonsburg High boys' basketball program when he took over for Jack Pack in 1999.

The only big blow besides graduation for Prestonsburg came with the loss of Kris Bentley, the team's leading scorer from last season. Bentley, a five-foot-10 forward, ranked as one of the state's top three-point shooters,

but since last season has transferred to Shelby Valley where he is expected to suit up and start for the two-time defending region champion. With the transfer, Prestonsburg must pick up and move on. The Blackcats must do that.

A key senior lost to graduation was six-foot-three guard Joey Willis, a player who was big enough to also hit

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Young P'burg girls hope to improve, contend under Pack

"These girls have worked really hard," said Pack. "It's just a learning process for all of us. Sometimes we learn as we go."

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Prestonsburg High girls' basketball program won just three games last season, opposed to 25 losses. It was the worst season to date for then-head coach Harold Tackett and his team. Tackett, who has coached both

boys and girls teams, left Prestonsburg to take over the athletic director's position at Betsy Layne. His replacement is a familiar coach for many basketball fans in Eastern Kentucky. Jack Pack, who previously served as head coach of the Prestonsburg High boys, takes over the Ladycats program. He inherits a

young team full of talented players who hold promise and hope for a bright future.

In addition to a stint as the head boys coach at Prestonsburg, Pack also coached at St. Catherine's College.

Making the transition from coaching boys to girls is one Pack was ready to make. The former Wheelwright Trojan was ready for the challenge and got a great response from the players he's inherited.

"These girls have worked really hard," said Pack. "It's just a learning process for all of us. Sometimes we learn as we go."

One senior back for the

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Tourney

see his team come out and play inspired basketball.

One of the big obstacles for the Bobcats holds steady in the 58th District where South Floyd has won four consecutive championships and is looking for a fifth. Add Allen Central and Prestonsburg, both of whom have won a regional championship apiece, and the going is tough for Betsy Layne's boys.

Falling into the All "A" Classic field a couple of seasons ago, Betsy Layne now has another regional championship to shoot for when it takes the floor. Rose feels fortunate to be in the All "A" field.

"For our kids it's another chance to play for a regional championship," said Rose. "Where it's in January, that also gives us a chance to see where we're at too."

Bobo Hamilton, a shooting guard who bailed the Bobcats out a few dif-

ferent times last season, is now a graduate of BLHS. He and forward Chris Cochran, a key reserve last season, both graduated. But there's no need to Bobcat fans to fret too much. Rose's team returns, in all, four starters.

Backcourt players Preston Simon (6-1, Jr.) and Jordan Kidd (6-0, Sr.) return to set things up.

Kidd ranks as one of the top point guards in Eastern Kentucky and one of Betsy Layne's best ballhandlers in recent memory.

Senior forward Brent Newsome (6-2), another starter from last season, along with Simon and Kidd, returns to play the post.

The top returnee for the Bobcats is senior center Brandon Hall (6-4), a player who really emerged last season by leading Betsy Layne in scoring and rebounding. Hall managed to average a double-double for the Bobcats and ranked as one of the state's leading

rebounders. He is also skilled at blocking shots and avoids foul trouble much to the liking of the Bobcat coaching staff.

Another senior returnee is center Brenton Akers (6-3).

Junior guard Ryan Bryant (5-10) and sophomore forwards Brandon Kidd (6-3) and Derek Case (6-2) all return with varsity experience from one season ago. Another returnee, on the varsity team is sophomore guard Brandon Thacker (5-9). Sophomore Adam Roberts is another varsity player for the Bobcats.

Rose sees another tough 58th District schedule ahead for his team.

"Everyone looks to be real balanced again," said Rose. "We play in a tough district."

As in past seasons, Rose and his team will take to the road for tournaments, hoping to gain valuable experience by playing tough competition.

14th Region

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senior, can both shoot and handle the basketball.

Six-foot-three sophomore James Taylor (15.0 ppg, 8.5 rpg) is a transfer from Cordia who'll be looking to contribute.

Over the summer, Perry Central won 29 of 30 games. The Commodores have finished short of a regional championship each of the past three seasons.

Perry Central is coached by Allan Holland.

Breathitt County (22-7):

The football success is again translating over onto the hardwood in Breathitt County. With a head coach and four starters gone, Breathitt County is still with a strong boys' basketball team. The Bobcats will be led by Jason Miller, a 6-4 senior guard who averaged 10 points per contest last season. Miller is the lone starter back for the Bobcats.

More veterans returning include Jason Miller's brother, Jesse, a 6-4 senior forward and 6-5 junior Jacob Hundley at center. Many football fans in Eastern Kentucky and around the state will recognize Hundley's name from the gridiron. He was the successor under center for Breathitt County, replacing Justin Haddix.

Hundley, a great athlete, can also get it done on the court.

Andrew Howell (6-0) has moved in at point guard for the Bobcats.

Senior Travis Moore and juniors Matt Mixin and Jason Tillett will also vie for time in the backcourt.

Powell County (25-6):

Powell County must replace four starters, including a talented Jeremy Jones, a player who now plays at Alice Lloyd College.

Is a repeat possible for the Powell County Pirates?

The trip to the State Tournament in 2003 was the first for a Powell County boys' basketball team since 1974. The Pirates accomplished the feat under second-year head coach Greg Coldiron.

Ryan Stewart (6.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg), a 6-3 junior, is a returnee at forward. Six-foot-five senior center Jarod Barker is the man in the middle for Powell as he returns from a devastating ACL injury.

Juniors Jermaine Martin (5-11), Kyle Strange (5-11) and James Goodwin (6-4) are also returning backcourt players.

Six-foot-eight center Shawn Cox, a senior, adds size when in the Pirate lineup.

Knott Central (13-14):

With senior forward Kevin Pike, a six-foot-six basketball player, who packs with him a strong game, Knott Central ranks in the middle of the 14th Region race. Pike averaged 10 points and pulled down seven rebounds per contest last season. Another forward, Wes Cooke (5.0 ppg, 5.0 rpg), is another returning starter.

Adams Dials (6-3) will assume the point guard duties. Derrick Miller (6.0 ppg) will also go in the backcourt.

Sophomore guards John Slone (6-5) and Charles Pike and junior guard Ben Hodson and Blake Williams are all players whom head coach Jeff Honeycutt is very high on.

If a ball bounces just to the left or the right, either way one wants to look at it, Knott Central finishes last season with a .500 record or just above the middle mark.

Whitesburg (21-10):

Whitesburg is in its final days as a high school. Consolidation will come through Letcher County and consolidate Whitesburg, Fleming-Neon and Letcher. Three high school boys' basketball programs will then become one. But, let's look at the present.

Led by senior guard Bo Cook, Whitesburg should contend in the 14th Region and in the 14th Region All-A.

In all, Whitesburg has eight seniors returning.

A slow start last season didn't stall Whitesburg. The Jackets overcame the slow start and won 21 ballgames.

A sparkplug by the name of Bo Cook, a 5-11 senior guard, leads this group of Yellowjackets. Cook averaged 19.7 points per game last season and teammate Brett Lewis, who also returns, flipped in 7.0 per game. Both are starting guards.

The elite forwards for Whitesburg are Jeremy Blair and Derrick Wright, both of whom are 6-3.

James West, also 6-3, will take over at center.

Other contributors include forwards Neil Sloan and Josh Murtaugh, a standout on the gridiron for the Football Yellowjackets, and Chase Hogg, a proven

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Whitesburg High athlete.

Leslie County (13-15): The days when current Cleveland Browns quarterback Tim Couch fit up the high school basketball scoreboard are over, but Leslie County High can still field a formidable boys' basketball team.

Leslie County (13-15) returns three starters and is looking to break through and up in the ranks of the 14th Region. Forwards Merle Hacker (10.0 ppg, 8.0 rpg) and Brice Fields (5.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg) and 6-3 center Pete Brock (14.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg) all return. Brock was a force for the Eagles last season.

Fields will waste little time after the current football season is over when he'll take to the hardwood and suit up for the Basketball Eagles.

Jake Asher is expected to take over at point guard for the Eagles. Senior Brandon Cornett and Eric Wilder will also play key roles.

High school basketball teams from around the state, both boys and girls, began practice Wednesday.

The Eagles, which began last season with back-to-back wins, are coached by Larry Sparks.

Owsley County (18-9): Six-foot-two junior forward Tyler Gross suits up for the Owsley County Owls and brings with him one of the most complete games in all of the 14th Region. As a sophomore, Gross averaged 13.5 points per game. Josh Wilson, a 6-3 senior center, tossed in 7.5 points per game last season as a junior, and sophomore point guard Robert Smith, as a freshman, chipped in 5.5 per game.

Junior center Charlie Shouse (6-3) and sophomore Jordan Burch (6-2) give Owsley County some of its better size.

Junior guard Neil Young is another player who should see action on the floor for the Owls.

Wolfe County (10-16):

Like Owsley County and Cordia, basketball is the primary sport for boys at Wolfe County High School. WCHS does not offer football. With that, hopes and interest in the Wolfe County

boys' basketball program always are high.

Six-foot-one junior Tyler Halsey (19.0 ppg) and 5-10 junior Dexter Dunn are back in the backcourt. Wolfe County should be able to challenge defending 14th Region Champion Powell County for the top spot in the 56th District.

Jonathan Terrill, a 6-10 senior, will take over at point guard. Six-foot-four senior Eric Elam (12.0 ppg, 6.5 rpg) and Andrew Dunn (9.0 ppg, 8.0 rpg) will challenge shots on defense and put up inside tosses on offense on the inside.

Cordia (14-14):

A break-even 2002-03 season saw the Cordia Lions win 14 games and lose 14 games.

Junior point guard Dennis Ray Farler is the leading returnee for the Lions. Farler averaged 11 points per game as a sophomore. He'll be joined by senior guard Derrick Porter (9.0 ppg).

Forwards Mitch Smith, a senior, and junior Andrew Moore (10.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg), will go on the inside. Jason Francis and Bobby Erskine are sophomore forwards.

Lee County (10-15): Lee County returns an experienced group of players led by 6-0 senior forward Justin Oliver (9.0 ppg) and 5-10 senior guard Donnie Caudill (10.0 ppg).

Derek Howard, a 6-0 guard, is another returning senior and will give help in the backcourt.

Jackson City (9-15):

Jackson City will be its team around three sophomore guards - Kyle Howard, Chase Thompson and Jordan Fugate.

Michael Hensley (14.0 ppg), a 5-11 senior, will move from point guard to forward. He'll join 6-4 junior center Steven Vanzant (6.0 ppg, 6.0 rpg) inside.

Kelly McIntosh is a 6-3 junior center who'll also see playing time on the inside for Jackson City.

Letcher (12-17):

Letcher will boast of a lineup full of seniors. The Eagles will be led by returning starters Eric Campbell (15.0 ppg, 8.0 rpg), a 6-3 center, and Jeremy Campbell (12.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg), a 5-11 guard.

Other players back for Letcher are senior point guard

Jonathan Eldridge (3.5 ppg), 5-11 senior guard Justin Dixon (5.0 ppg) and 5-11 junior forward Jarrod Lumpkins (2.0 ppg).

Jenkins (6-19):

Jonah Tackett scored his 1,000th point last season and returns for the Cavaliers. Tackett averaged 18 points per game last season. Juniors Nathaniel Thompson (3.0) and Jared Bentley (3.5) round out the Jenkins backcourt.

June Buchanan

School (6-19):

The Crusaders had a rough way to go last season and will look to rebound with a balanced bunch of players making their way back. Six-foot-two senior forward Chase Cornett (9.5 ppg, 3.0 rpg) and 6-5 senior center Zach Webb are the top returnees. Five-foot-11 junior Kyle Hall (9.0 ppg) returns in the backcourt for JBS.

Buckhorn (1-24):

Buckhorn played to just one win last season. Senior Michael White (10.0 ppg) returns at the point and 5-9 sophomore Kevin Davidson (12.0) at the wing. Freshman Justin Rice (10.0 ppg) and junior James Eversole (6.0 ppg) return at the forwards.

Jeremy Abner (6.0 ppg), a 6-

2 sophomore, is the center for Buckhorn. Vernon White (4.0 ppg) is another player Wildcat coaches expect to contribute.

Riverside Christian (1-22):

Riverside Christian will have to replace three starters from a team that won just one game last season. Josh Weaver, a 5-4 junior, is back at guard. Brandon Hudson, a 5-10 freshman returns along with Jason Brummett, a 6-0 sophomore center.

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ted. The team returns several experienced players from last season's squad, including Tommie Sue Tussey and Bethany Tackett. Marie Dennison, a sophomore who played last season as a freshman, also returns. The Lady Knights will still play a 58th District schedule. The Piarist boys will not.

Piarist's girls team could get very little done last season. Bradley returned to coach the Knight basketball teams following a stay at Montgomery County. Piarist was 0-23 over last season and 0-10 in both the 15th Region and the 58th District. Opponents outscored the Piarist girls 1,805-523.

Both Piarist teams will play in the Three Rivers Conference along with the likes of Buckhorn, Cordia, Baptist Institute, Riverside Christian, June Buchanan and others.

Another tournament the Piarist girls will again take part in is the annual Christmas tournament at Bath County. Bradley had her team in the Fairview Holiday Classic last season.

The closest the girls team from Piarist got to a win last season was 24 points. That was against Fairview.

Preston is looking to change the ways of the team and get the squad winning and on track.

Being a private school, Piarist draws in students from several surrounding counties. The Piarist girls' basketball team will have a cast of players from different Eastern Kentucky counties. The Piarist girls' basketball team is on a long losing streak that dates back to when Bradley served as the head coach of both the boys' and girls' teams in her first stint with the school.

Piarist

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boy or girl, to score 1,000 career points.

Others out playing for the Knights are Ryan McKinney, Skyler McNish, Travis Tressler, Josh Ousley, Billy Howard, Jacob Moak, Matthew Hicks, Ronnie Thompson and Matthew Doyle.

Players on the roster hail from Floyd and surrounding counties, including Magoffin and Johnson.

The Piarist School located here in Eastern Kentucky is still relatively new.

In the late 1940's many of the Piarists from Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Poland emigrated to the United States because of the Russian occupation of their native lands. With the help of Bishop John O'Hara of Buffalo,

they established their first American community in Derby, NY in 1951. Since then the Piarists have opened a House of Studies in Washington, DC and have established private schools in Buffalo, N.Y. and Devon, Pa. In 1961 at the request of Bishop Coleman Carroll of Miami, the Piarists undertook the staffing and administration of Cardinal Gibbons High School, a diocesan school in Fort Lauderdale, FL. There are also Piarists present in New York City and Los Angeles.

In August of 1990, the Piarist Fathers founded their most recent school in the United States when the Piarist School, a private Catholic college preparatory high school, opened its doors in Martin. Four years later the school graduated its first senior class.

The Piarist boys will likely rejoin the 58th District in a few seasons. Right now, the Knights will focus on a Three Rivers Conference schedule that features tough competition in its own right.

Ladycats

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new head coaches in place in girls' basketball programs. Akers is the only head coach returning to guide a girls' basketball team in the all-Floyd County district.

Only two seniors - Meade, the starting point guard from one season ago, and Stratton, one of the team's top leading scorers in rebounders last season, are gone from the State Tournament unit. Two big voids left, but two spots Akers and her staff will do their best to fill.

Returning starters for Betsy Layne include seniors Whitney Lykens and Tabetha Witt. Lykens ranks as the region's No. 1 player. Both Witt, who started in the middle, and Lykens, have played for Akers since their pre-high school years.

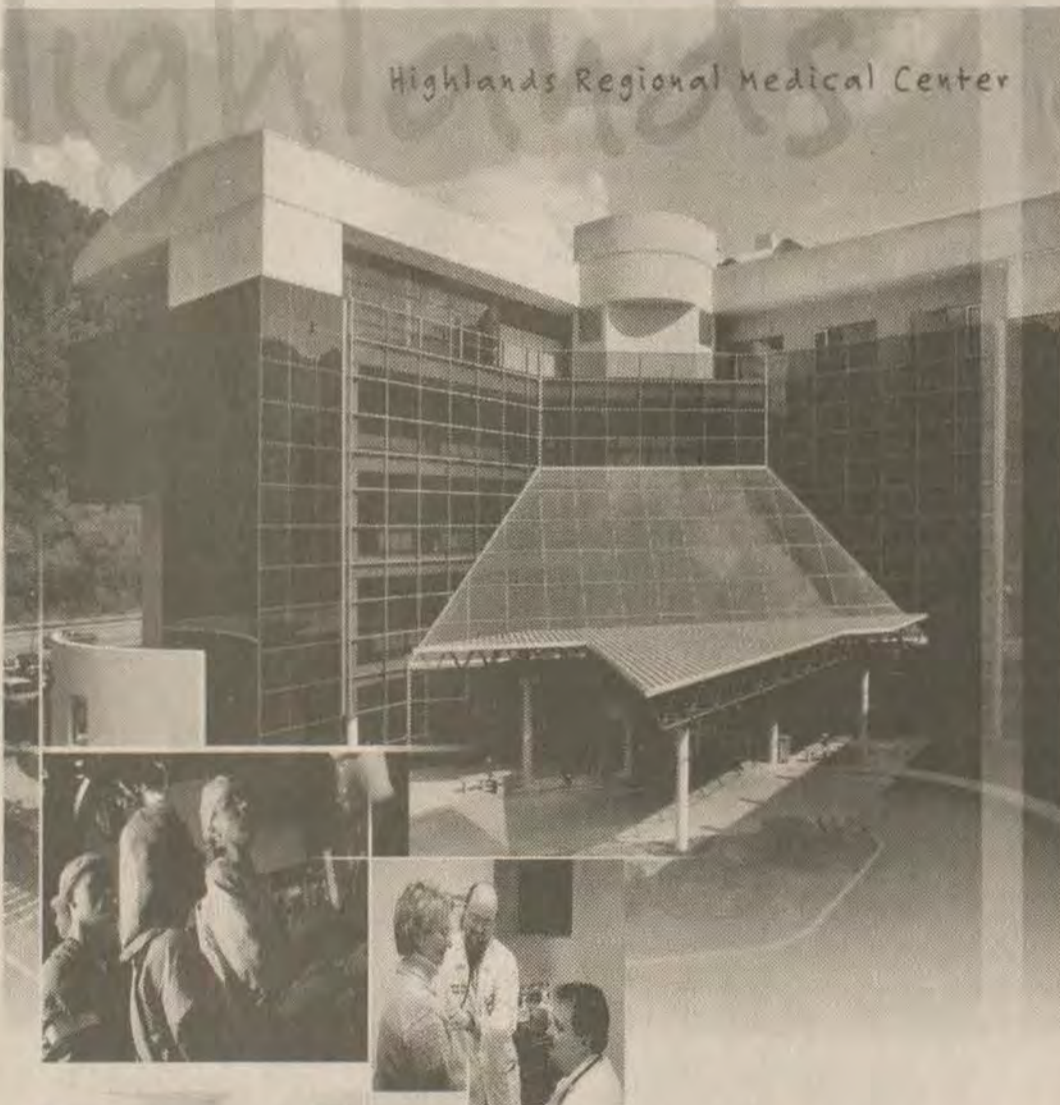
Kim Clark returns to an accomplished Betsy Layne backcourt, too. Kristal Daniels, the team's tallest player at 6-1, makes her way back for a junior basketball season after another campaign of volleyball.

Junior guard Kristen Smith played well over the summer and will be a valuable contributor.

Clark came on strong last season as a starter and played a great role down the stretch for Betsy Layne. She scored 143 points in the state tournament win over Campbell County, netting 10 in the second half.

The road to defending the 15th Region crown will be no easy trek for Betsy Layne's girls. The Ladycats will face tough competition from within the 15th Region from the likes of Allen Central. Last season, Allen Central upset Betsy Layne to win the 58th.

Betsy Layne now also plays each season for an All "A" title. The Ladycats are two-time defending 15th Region All "A" champs.



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Blackcats

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the boards hard and bang inside with opposing teams and players. Justin Allen, a senior who battled a knee injury late last season, graduated as well.

In the backcourt, Prestonsburg will feature junior guards Trevor Compton (5-10) and Nathan Lafferty (5-10). A transfer from Allen Central, Nathan Lafferty came on late last season and helped the Blackcats in the 15th Region tourney.

Crisp and his coaching staff had to wait on a good majority of its talent to return from an extended football season.

Compton was one. Other probable starters and/or key reserves in off the bench such as Nick Jamerson (6-1, Sr., C), Jesse Chaffin (6-1, Jr., F), John Mark Stephens (6-3, Jr., F), Joe Blackburn (5-10, Jr., G) and Michael Morrison (6-0, Jr., F). Morrison, who was a late addition to the Blackcat football team, may take a few extra days in healing an injury suffered on the gridiron.

Sophomores Sean Leslie (6-2) and Michael Stephens (5-10) each saw playing time last season and will again be called upon.

Junior Kyle Ousley (6-1, F) is another player who was called on last season and shined on many occasions. Nick McGuire could also figure into the Blackcat mix.

Prestonsburg featured a deep bench last season and could do quite the same again this season.

Prestonsburg, after the first of the year, will host an invitational tournament, the Jenny Wiley Invitational. The Blackcats will begin play in the Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic the day after Christmas.

Prestonsburg captured its first and only 15th Region championship in the late-1980s. Prestonsburg finished runner-up to then-defending state champ Paintsville back in 1997.

Pack

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Prestonsburg girls is Heather White. A contributing player and a starter since her freshman season, White battled injury last season and missed many minutes, but looks healthy heading into the 2003-04 season.

Junior Molly Burchett, after not playing last season, returns to the hardwood and will play in the backcourt. Burchett has the potential to lead Prestonsburg to many wins in a district and region which features many strong teams. Burchett is an accomplished shooter who can also handle the basketball.

As an eighth-grader, Meaghan Slone started and paced Prestonsburg. Following an off-season injury which sidelined the talented Slone from a promising track season, things are looking up for the freshman. However, she is still battling injury.

Seniors lost from last season's team include Taryn Harris, Amanda Webb and center Abby Shaffer.

Other underclassmen returning include Amber Whitaker, Chanel Music, and Darcey Hicks, all of whom played last season.

Megan Patton and Kelly Key will also be looked to for contributing play.

Prestonsburg played state power Jackson County late last season and will do the same again during the upcoming season by playing host to the Lady Generals and University of Kentucky signee Sarah Elliott.

Tackett left Prestonsburg with a schedule that also features dates against Jackson City, Letcher and Cordia, all teams from outside of the 15th Region.

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- Chris Lofton, Mason County, 6-2, Sr., 21 ppg
- Demetrius Green, Lexington Catholic, 6-4, Sr., 19 ppg
- Terrance Farley, PRP, 6-10, Sr., 10 ppg
- Lonnell DeWalt, Warren Central, 6-6, Sr., 14 ppg
- Ty Rogers, Lyon County, Sr., 28 ppg
- William Graham, Lexington Catholic, 6-3, Sr., 10 ppg
- Justin Taylor, Bates Creek, 6-2, Sr., 15 ppg
- Mario Urrutia, Fern Creek, 6-6, Sr., 15 ppg
- Michael James, Apollo, 5-9, Sr., 12 ppg
- Demetrius Guions, North Hardin, 6-4, Sr., 15 ppg



Raiders minus scoring Halls will play tough 'D'

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Basketball season in and around South Floyd High School gets fans excited in many communities. A proven winner will do that every time. The Raiders are proven winners.

With some prolific scorers gone from last season's roster, the focus has turned more to a fine defense in the South Floyd area. Raider Arena will rock this season with a defense that turned heads over the summer and helped the Raiders to a successful couple of months of play.

Can one look at a team and tell if it is going to play well defensively? A head coach and his staff sure can. South Floyd head coach Henry Webb saw witnessed the 2003-04 edition of his team play a lot since last summer. Webb gives his team high marks in the defensive category. "This is the best team defensively that we've had here since 2000," said Webb.

Webb also looks for a tenacious Raider defense to create more opportunities to score and more offense.

"When you play good defense, you

can create things for your offense, and that's what we're looking to do," added Webb. "This is a real athletic team. We had a good summer."

Athlete and all, South Floyd will have to replace Michael Hall, a player who scored his 2,000th career point last season and is the leading scorer in school history. Hall is now playing for Randy McCoy at Pikeville College.

Also gone from the South Floyd High boys' basketball program is Tyler Hall, a player who scored over 1,000 career points and who was deadly from the outside. Tyler Hall isn't playing basketball currently, but he is in basketball heaven as a first-year student at the University of Kentucky.

South Floyd will feature three seniors in its starting lineup, two - Adam Tackett, and Jack Slone - that started last season as juniors. A third senior starter, Brian Meade, came in off the bench for the Raiders last season and helped lead on many occasions.

All three returning players in line for their final seasons of high school basketball have enjoyed three 58th District title seasons. In Floyd County, South Floyd

rules the conference. The Raiders are four-time defending 58th District champs. They also rule in the Floyd County Conference.

A team that knows how to win, South Floyd has gotten used to being on top. Webb has helped to build the South Floyd boys' basketball program into a proven winner. South Floyd captured the 15th Region title in 2001.

With the three seniors, South Floyd is also returning young talent. Junior Steven Stanley (6-6, 245) will start in the middle for the Raiders. Sophomore Ryan Johnson will help replace the load in the Raider backcourt left by Michael Hall.

The early contributors in off the Raider bench will include Erin Vance, Burnett Little, Scott Devin Hall and sophomore sharpshooter Mason Hall.

Little, who didn't see varsity action last season, could emerge as one of the top rebounders around.

South Floyd will again play a tough schedule with tournaments in and out of the 15th Region. The Raiders wore the 15th Region All "A" crown in 2000.



Lady Raiders playing under new head coach

by STEVE LeMASTER
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A new coach will guide the South Floyd Lady Raiders during the upcoming season.

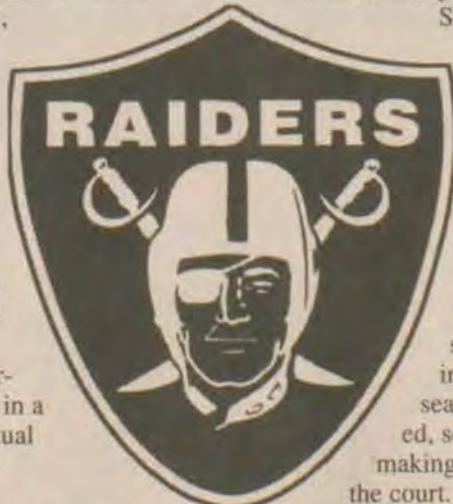
In her coaching time at South Floyd High School, Melinda Osborne led the Lady Raiders to a 58th District title, a runner-up finish in the 15th Region All "A" Classic, just missing out on the championship, and a 15th Region Tournament appearance, which ended in a near upset of eventual champion Johnson Central.

And that was all in her first season. Osborne resigned from her position as head coach in the spring. After a search for a new head coach, Tony Isaac was named to lead the program. Isaac previously guided the South Floyd Middle boys' basketball program. This is his first girls' basketball job.

The 58th District crown won by Osborne and her team in 2001 is the

only one to date for the South Floyd girls' program.

South Floyd is three years removed from a 15th Region Tournament. Isaac would like nothing better than to get his new team back in the tourney.



Seniors Ashley Johnson (5-10, F) and Megan Ousley (5-4, G), two players that started as freshmen sophomores and juniors, lead South Floyd (8-19), a team which should be much improved from last season with a talented, seasoned squad making its way back to the court.

Johnson and Ousley were leading scorers for the 2002-03 campaign.

Joining Johnson and Ousley as the returning seniors are Brandy Anderson (5-5, G), Carla Hall (5-8, F-G) and Amanda Johnson (5-8, G).

The Lady Raiders return talented, experienced players up and down the roster.

Isaac was pleased in the pre-season from the strong work ethics he had gotten from the five seniors.

"Those five seniors - Ashley Johnson, Megan Ousley, Brandy Anderson, Carla Hall and Amanda Johnson - have worked extremely hard and have led this team," said Isaac. "Everyone is working hard and I think it starts with our five seniors."

The Lady Raiders are minus just one player from last season, Stephanie Skeans, a 5-5 forward who was a strong worker on both ends of the floor.

Isaac promises to put a team on the floor that'll run up and down the court and make things happen in a hurry.

"We wanted to get in here and get the girls accustomed to our system, things are always different when you have a coaching change," added Isaac. "There's always a transition period involved and we got through that."

Past South Floyd girls' basketball teams have always featured a strong young, core group of players. This season's team is no different.

Juniors Courtney Blocker (5-11, F/C), Tabitha Trammell (5-10, F/C) and Tabatha Tackett (5-10, F/C) all put in time on the game court for the Lady Raiders last season. Heather Dean is a talented freshman for the Lady Raiders.

15th Region

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Rose and the Bobcats. The good news for Betsy Layne fans is the fact that most of the talent from last season's team returns this season.

Led by the senior trio of forward Brandon Hall (6-4), Brent Newsome (6-2) and guard Jordan Kidd (6-0), Betsy Layne has a good chance to make it into the boys' regional tournament for the first time this millennium. Hall was a leading for the Bobcats last season, averaging a double-double. He pulled down over 10 rebounds per game for the Bobcats.

South Floyd (18-11):

When seniors Michael Hall and Tyler Hall graduated in the spring, the South Floyd boys program lost over 3000 career points.

Returning senior starters Jack Slone (6-0, G) and Adam Tackett (6-2, F) lead the way.

Senior forward Brian Meade and junior center Steven Stanley saw plenty of playing time in off and bench. Meade also played as a starter.

Sophomore guards Ryan Johnson and Mason Hall will vie for playing time in the backcourt.

Prestonsburg (11-17):

The transfer of Bentley will hurt the Blackcats, but it won't cripple Coach Jackie Day Crisp's team.

Point guard Trevor Compton returns in the backcourt along with fellow junior Nathan Lafferty, who transferred from Allen Central late last season, got eligible, and saw action. Senior Nick Jamerson (6-1) and juniors Jesse Chaffin (6-1) and John Mark Stephens (6-3) will be looked to clean the glass.

Juniors Joe Blackburn (G), junior Michael Morrison (F), Kyle Ousley (F) and sophomores Michael Stephens and Sean Leslie should all contribute throughout the season.

Prestonsburg came on strong at the end of last season, making it to the semifinals of the regional tournament.

Allen Central (16-10):

Veteran head coach Johnny Martin kept his team busy again over the summer. Allen Central lost five players to graduation, but returns talent in senior guards Rossi Samons (5-11) and Austin Francis (6-2).

Top juniors in an upbeat third-year class are post players David Kilburn (6-4) and Tim Griffith (6-3).

59th District

Shelby Valley (21-10):

For an encore, Valley would love to pull off a three-peat and take a third straight regional championship. Unfortunately for opposing 15th Region teams, the Wildcats have enough talent returning to do just that.

Kiser and Friend accounted for a bulk of the scoring last season. Tackett also came on strong, helping the Wildcats to the state tournament.

Upon transferring to Shelby Valley, Bentley became eligible in quick fashion and played with the team over the summer.

Guard Eric Bartley is a senior who returns for Shelby Valley.

The future looks bright for Shelby Valley boys' basketball as the incoming classes from the middle school ranks are loaded.

East Ridge (19-10):

In his first season at the helm of the East Ridge boys' basketball program, James Hurley finished one win short of a 20-win campaign. And things are looking equally as good for the upcoming season.

Minus some lead scorers from last season, and six seniors, Hurley returns senior guard Brandon Ratliff (11 pts., 3.5 steals) and Robbie Spears (14 pts., 14 rebs.). Others who'll see action include point guard Aaron Branham (10.8 pts., 6 assists) Eric Slone, Jordan Coleman, Michael Bennett and Derek SESCO.

As a second-year coach in the 15th Region, Hurley is excited about his team's chances.

"We just hope to keep working and playing hard to rebuild a program that our community can be proud of," said Hurley. "We got off to a great start in doing that last season."

Pikeville (12-15):

Coach Dave Thomas saw his team make an improvement last season compared to the previous season.

Guards David Fish and Jordan Mullins and center Tyler Shockey (6-6) are returning players.

The junior class includes forwards Brett Gibson (6-3), Jesse Parrish, Robert Shurtliff and guards Devin Thompson and Chad Walls.

Allen Central Runnin' Rebels Schedule

Dec. 6 Phelps
Dec. 9 Pike County Central
Dec. 11 at Betsy Layne
Dec. 16 South Floyd
Jan. 9 Prestonsburg
Jan. 16 Betsy Layne
Jan. 20 at Perry Co. Central
Jan. 24 at Knott Co. Central
Jan. 29 Betsy Layne
(15th Region All "A" Classic)

Feb. 3 at East Ridge
Feb. 7 at Phelps
Feb. 10 at Prestonsburg
Feb. 13 at South Floyd
Feb. 14 Johnson Central
Feb. 20 at Paintsville
Feb. 24 Pikeville
Feb. 26 Hazard

Allen Central Lady Rebels Schedule

Dec. 1 Magoffin County
(Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic)

Dec. 11 at Betsy Layne
Dec. 13 Holmes
(North-South Challenge)

Dec. 16 South Floyd
Dec. 20 Lady Eagle Holiday Classic (at Johnson Central)

Dec. 29-30 at North Laurel Christmas Tournament

Jan. 2 at Piarist School
Jan. 5 Johnson Central
Jan. 9 Prestonsburg
Jan. 10 Central
Jan. 16 Betsy Layne
Jan. 20 Piarist School
(15th Region All "A" Classic)

Jan. 26 at Shelby Valley
Feb. 2 Belfry
Feb. 9 Piarist School
Feb. 10 at Prestonsburg
Feb. 13 at South Floyd
Feb. 16 Sheldon Clark
Feb. 23 at Pike County Central

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Betsy Layne Bobcats Schedule

Dec. 2 Magoffin County
Dec. 9 at Hazard
Dec. 11 Allen Central
Dec. 18 Prestonsburg
Dec. 22 at Phelps
Dec. 26 Mountain Schoolboy
Classic (at Belfry)

Jan. 1 Coca-Cola Hoops Classic
(at Pike County Central)

Jan. 6 WYMT Mountain Classic
(at Knott County Central)

Jan. 13 at South Floyd
Jan. 16 at Allen Central
Jan. 23 Phelps
Jan. 29 at Allen Central
(15th Region All "A" Classic)

Feb. 3 at Magoffin County
Feb. 6 at Paintsville
Feb. 10 South Floyd
Feb. 13 at Prestonsburg
Feb. 14 at Greenup County
Feb. 17 East Ridge
Feb. 20 at Pike County Central
Feb. 24 Sheldon Clark
Feb. 27 at Belfry

Betsy Layne Ladycats Schedule

Dec. 4 at Perry Co. Central Tip-Off
Classic

Dec. 8 Paintsville
Dec. 11 Allen Central
Dec. 18 Prestonsburg
Dec. 20 at Lexington Catholic
Dec. 27 at Lady Inv. of the South
Jan. 8 Shelby Valley
Jan. 13 at South Floyd
Jan. 16 at Allen Central
Jan. 19 at 15th Region All "A" Classic

Jan. 26 at Piarist
Jan. 29 Magoffin County
Feb. 6 at East Ridge
Feb. 10 South Floyd
Feb. 12 Piarist
Feb. 13 at Prestonsburg
Feb. 16 at Johnson Central
Feb. 20 at Pike County Central
Feb. 23 Jenkins
Feb. 26 Pikeville

South Floyd Raiders Schedule

Dec. 2 Letcher
Dec. 5 at Johnson Central
Dec. 6 at Fleming-Neon
Dec. 9 Cordia
Dec. 12 at Knott County Central
Dec. 16 at Allen Central
Dec. 19 at Bryan Station Classic
Jan. 1 Holy Cross (Covington)

Jan. 6 Johnson Central
Jan. 13 Betsy Layne
Jan. 16 at Prestonsburg
Jan. 20 at Paintsville
Jan. 23 at East Ridge
Jan. 26 Phelps
(at Allen Central, 15th Region All "A" Classic)

Feb. 6 Prestonsburg
Feb. 10 at Betsy Layne
Feb. 13 Allen Central
Feb. 18 Shelby Valley
Feb. 21 Bryan Station
Feb. 24 at Pike County Central
Feb. 28 Fleming-Neon

South Floyd Lady Raiders Schedule

Dec. 4 at Johnson Central
Dec. 5 at Shelby Valley
Dec. 8 East Ridge
Dec. 11 at Sheldon Clark
Dec. 16 at Allen Central
Dec. 18 at Magoffin County
Dec. 19 Woodford County
(at Berea Holiday Classic)

Jan. 5 Magoffin County
Jan. 12 at Pike County Central
Jan. 13 Betsy Layne
Jan. 17 at Prestonsburg
Jan. 19 15th Region All "A" Classic

Jan. 26 at Fleming-Neon
Jan. 29 Piarist School
Jan. 30 at East Ridge
Feb. 3 at Piarist School
Feb. 5 Sheldon Clark
Feb. 6 Prestonsburg
Feb. 9 at Paintsville
Feb. 10 at Betsy Layne
Feb. 13 Allen Central
Feb. 16 Shelby Valley
Feb. 19 at Fleming-Neon
Feb. 23 Pikeville

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Piarist Knights Basketball Schedule

Nov. 24 Riverside
Dec. 1 at Buckhorn
Dec. 4 Riverside
Jan. 6 OBI
Jan. 8 at Cordia
Jan. 12 Riverside
Jan. 15 at Redbird
Jan. 17 Buckhorn
Jan. 22 June Buchanan
Jan. 24 at Fairview
Feb. 13 at Riverside
Feb. 20 at June Buchanan
Feb. 24 Redbird
Feb. 26 at Buckhorn

Piarist School Lady Knights Schedule

Dec. 8 Buckhorn (at Red Bird,
Three Rivers Conference Tournament)

Dec. 9 Cordia (at Red Bird,
Three Rivers Conference Tournament)

Dec. 11 Oneida Baptist Institute

Dec. 20 at Bath County (Bath County
Christmas Tournament)

Jan. 2 Allen Central
Jan. 5 Prestonsburg
Jan. 6 Oneida Baptist Institute
Jan. 8 at Cordia
Jan. 12 Riverside Christian
Jan. 15 at Red Bird
Jan. 17 Buckhorn

Jan. 20 at 15th Region All "A" Classic
(vs. Allen Central)

Jan. 24 at Fairview
Jan. 26 Betsy Layne
Jan. 29 at South Floyd
Feb. 3 South Floyd
Feb. 5 at Prestonsburg
Feb. 9 at Allen Central
Feb. 12 at Betsy Layne
Feb. 13 at Riverside Christian
Feb. 19 at June Buchanan
Feb. 24 Red Bird
Feb. 27 at Jackson City

Prestonsburg Blackcats Schedule

Dec. 2 at Boyd County
Dec. 5 at Phelps
Dec. 6 Magoffin County
Dec. 9 Belfry
Dec. 19 at Betsy Layne
Dec. 26 Morgan County (at Paintsville,
Tiger Hoops Classic)

Jan. 1 Harrison County
(Jenny Wiley Invitational)

Jan. 9 Allen Central
Jan. 13 Sheldon Clark
Jan. 16 South Floyd
Jan. 17 at Pikeville
Jan. 20 Phelps
Jan. 23 at Belfry
Jan. 27 Johnson Central
Jan. 30 Pike County Central
Feb. 6 at South Floyd
Feb. 10 Allen Central
Feb. 13 Betsy Layne
Feb. 19 at East Ridge
Feb. 21 at Mercer County
Feb. 24 at Magoffin County
Feb. 25 at Shelby Valley
Feb. 27 Jackson County

Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats Schedule

Dec. 2 Belfry (at Pike Central, Lady
Hawk Tip-Off)
Dec. 8 Jackson City
Dec. 15 at Phelps
Dec. 18 at Betsy Layne
Dec. 22 Shelby Valley
Dec. 26 Daviess County (at Owensboro
Catholic, Independence Bank Classic)

Jan. 5 at Piarist School
Jan. 9 at Allen Central
Jan. 12 Cordia
Jan. 15 at Johnson Central
Jan. 17 South Floyd
Jan. 19 at Pike County Central
Jan. 26 at Pikeville
Feb. 5 Piarist School
Feb. 6 at South Floyd
Feb. 9 Pikeville
Feb. 10 Allen Central
Feb. 13 Betsy Layne
Feb. 19 at Jackson City
Feb. 23 at Ashland Blazer
Feb. 26 Sheldon Clark
Feb. 27 Pike County Central
Jackson County

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Sheldon Clark Cardinals Schedule

Dec. 2 Fairview
Dec. 5 Ashland Blazer
Dec. 9 at Pikeville
Dec. 12 Belfry
Dec. 16 Johnson Central

Jan. 1 Prestonsburg (Jenny Wiley)
Invitational

Jan. 6 Magoffin County
Jan. 10 at Phelps
Jan. 13 at Prestonsburg
Jan. 16 at Paintsville
Jan. 20 at Johnson Central
Jan. 23 Pike County Central
Jan. 27 at Magoffin County
Jan. 30 at Belfry
Feb. 3 at Shelby Valley
Feb. 6 Phelps
Feb. 13 Paintsville
Feb. 20 at Williamson, W.Va.
Feb. 24 at Betsy Layne
Feb. 27 Matewan, W.Va.

Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals Schedule

Dec. 3 Top of the Ridge Tournament
(at East Ridge)

Dec. 11 South Floyd
Dec. 13 Letcher
Dec. 18 Phelps
Dec. 20 Raceland
Jan. 5 Shelby Valley
Jan. 8 at Phelps
Jan. 10 at Letcher
Jan. 15 Paintsville
Jan. 19 Johnson Central
Jan. 22 at Pike County Central
Jan. 24 at Magoffin County
Jan. 29 at Johnson Central
Jan. 31 at Estill County
Feb. 2 at Jackson City
Feb. 5 at South Floyd
Feb. 9 Magoffin County
Feb. 12 at Paintsville
Feb. 16 at Allen Central
Feb. 23 at Prestonsburg
Feb. 26 Lawrence County

All Schedules subject to
change

Paintsville Tigers Schedule

Dec. 2 Pike County Central
Dec. 5 Shelby Valley
Dec. 12 at Magoffin County
Dec. 16 Pikeville
ec. 20 Smoky Mountain Classic
(At Gatlinburg-Pitman, Tenn.)

Dec. 26 Bullitt East
(Paintsville Tiger Hoops Classic)

Jan. 3 Glasgow
(City of Firsts Basketball Classic at
Danville)

Jan. 6 at Boyd County
Jan. 9 at Phelps
Jan. 13 at Johnson Central
Jan. 16 Sheldon Clark
Jan. 20 South Floyd
Jan. 23 Magoffin County
Jan. 28 Pikeville
(15th Region All "A" Classic at Allen
Central)

Feb. 6 Betsy Layne
Feb. 10 Johnson Central
Feb. 13 at Sheldon Clark
Feb. 17 Boyd County
Feb. 20 Allen Central
Feb. 24 at Knott County Central
Feb. 27 at Rose Hill Christian

Paintsville Lady Tigers Schedule

Dec. 2 Rose Hill Christian
Dec. 8 at Betsy Layne
Dec. 13 Johnson Central
Dec. 15 Morgan County
Dec. 20 Lady Eagle Holiday Classic
(at Johnson Central)
Dec. 27 at Villa Madonna Holiday
Classic

Jan. 3 Pikeville
Jan. 9 at Magoffin County
Jan. 12 at Boyd County
Jan. 15 at Sheldon Clark
Jan. 20 Betsy Layne
(15th Region All "A" Classic)

Jan. 24 Lawrence County
Jan. 26 at Johnson Central
Jan. 30 Magoffin County
Feb. 2 Shelby Valley
Feb. 5 at Pikeville
Feb. 9 South Floyd
Feb. 12 Sheldon Clark
Feb. 16 Phelps
Feb. 23 at East Carter
Feb. 26 at Russell

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Knott County Central Patriots Schedule

Dec. 2 at Fleming-Neon
Dec. 4 Perry County Central
Dec. 12 South Floyd
Dec. 16 at Leslie County
Dec. 27 at Hoopin It Up Holiday Classic
(at North Laurel/South Laurel)

Jan. 2 at Lee County
Jan. 6 WYMT Mountain Classic
(at Knott County Central)
Jan. 13 at Hazard
Jan. 16 at Cordia
Jan. 20 Breathitt County
Jan. 24 Allen Central
Jan. 27 at Cawood
Feb. 3 Letcher
Feb. 6 at June Buchanan
Feb. 7 at Breathitt County
Feb. 10 at Wolfe County
Feb. 14 Harrison County
Feb. 17 Hazard
Feb. 20 at Perry County Central
Feb. 21 Owsley County
Feb. 24 Paintsville
Feb. 27 Whitesburg

Knott County Central Lady Patriots Schedule

Dec. 2 Pikeville
(at Pike Lady Hawk Tip-Off)

Dec. 4-6 Lady Hawk Tip-Off
Dec. 8 at Pulaski Southwestern
Dec. 13 at Powell County
Dec. 19 Webster County
(Berea Holiday Classic) Dec. 20-22
Jan. 3 Whitesburg
Jan. 5 at Jackson County
Jan. 8 at Breathitt County
Jan. 10 at Magoffin County
Jan. 12 at Belfry
Jan. 15 Leslie County
Jan. 20 at Perry County Central
Jan. 24 Cawood
Jan. 29 at Hazard
Feb. 2 Breathitt County
Feb. 5 Perry County Central
Feb. 7 Bryan Station
Feb. 9 at Leslie County
Feb. 14 at Bell County
Feb. 16 Wolfe County
Feb. 21 Powell County
Feb. 23 Hazard
Feb. 26 Cumberland

Johnson Central Golden Eagles Schedule

Dec. 2 at Russell
Dec. 5 South Floyd
Dec. 9 at Lawrence County
Dec. 13 Knox Central
(at East Ridge, Warrior Classic)

Dec. 16 at Sheldon Clark
Dec. 20-22 Town Square Holiday
Classic

Dec. 26 at Paintsville Tiger Hoops
Classic

Jan. 6 at South Floyd
Jan. 13 Paintsville
Jan. 16 at Magoffin County
Jan. 20 Sheldon Clark
Jan. 27 at Prestonsburg
Jan. 28-30 Toyota Classic
(at Scott County)
Feb. 5 Magoffin County
Feb. 6 Pikeville
Feb. 10 at Paintsville
Feb. 14 at Allen Central
Feb. 17 Pike County Central
Feb. 20 at Shelby Valley
Feb. 24 at Belfry
Feb. 27 at Perry County Central

Johnson Central Lady Eagles Schedule

Dec. 4 South Floyd
Dec. 8 Boyd County
Dec. 13 at Paintsville
Dec. 15 at Magoffin County
Dec. 20 Lady Eagle Holiday Classic
Jan. 5 at Allen Central
Jan. 8 East Ridge
Jan. 12 at Phelps
Jan. 15 Prestonsburg
Jan. 19 at Sheldon Clark
Jan. 22 at Belfry
Jan. 26 Paintsville
Jan. 29 Sheldon Clark
Feb. 2 at Ashland Blazer
Feb. 5 Magoffin County
Feb. 12 Rowan County
Feb. 16 Betsy Layne
Feb. 19 at Wolfe County
Feb. 23 Greenup County
Feb. 26 at Rose Hill Christian

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