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briefs

511 line begins tomorrow

Times Staff Report

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Beginning with the first call from Congressman Hal Rogers slated for tomorrow, Monday, Kentucky's new 511 tourism information line will officially be underway.

Rogers will make the first official call to the new information line during Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association's third annual caucus in Somerset.

The new system provides traffic, construction and weather information to callers throughout the state, as well as tourism information, the new feature.

Rogers obtained \$8 million in federal funding to expand the system to include tourism information about both southern and Eastern Kentucky. The new feature will include information about attractions, lodging, dining and special events, Rogers' office says.

When placing a call to the new 511 system, callers will be connected to a live operator who will provide them with tourism information across the 42-county area covered by SEKTDA.

Fatal fire investigation continues

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

GARRETT — Police said Friday the charges brought against two men arrested while firefighters were working a house fire that ended in the death of an, as of yet, unidentified Garrett man Wednesday night are not related to the blaze.

Kentucky State Police Post 9 spokesman Scott Hopkins said Friday he had received notification from the department's fire investigator, Det. Don Parker, that the charges of alcohol intoxication and disorderly conduct brought against Jeff Turner and Larry Anderson "had nothing to do with the fire investigation."

Floyd County Sheriff's Department Lt. Greg Clark said Friday that Sheriff's Deputy Terry Chaffins had taken Turner and Anderson into custody at the scene after the two arrived while firefighters were working to extinguish the blaze and began to cause a disturbance.

"They (Turner and Anderson) showed up while they were working to put the fire out and had been drinking," Clark said. "One of them had a half-pint in his pocket when they approached him."

However, state police, who are heading

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Students with the JROTC Marine Corps at Betsy Layne High School practiced their routine Friday afternoon for Gov.-elect Ernie Fletcher's inaugural parade. The JROTC was invited to lead the parade march and is slated to be positioned directly behind Fletcher during the festivities.

McDowell man killed in 2-car wreck

Times Staff Report

MCDOWELL — A two-car collision along Frasure's Creek at McDowell Friday morning left one dead and one injured, police said.

Ervin Collins Jr., 62, of McDowell was killed after police said he crossed the center line while driving north along Route 1929 near Frasure's Creek at approximately 9:30 a.m. and crashed his 1988 Chevy Cavalier into a 1988 Chevy S-10, driven

by 61-year-old Raymond Hall, also of McDowell.

Police said Collins was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Deputy Coroner Glen Frazier, while Hall was taken to nearby McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries sustained in the accident.

Autopsy results for Collins are still pending.

Neither man was wearing seat belts at the time of the collision, police said.

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Betsy Layne JROTC to escort Fletcher, Stumbo to office

by **MARY MUSIC**
STAFF WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Hard work has paid off for several Floyd county students who are now on their way to represent the county in the inaugural parade for Gov.-elect Ernie Fletcher.

According to Sgt. Major Glenn Ripkoski, instructor of the Betsy Layne High School JROTC, 35 members of the BLHS Marine Corps JROTC will present one of the leading performances during the governor's inaugural parade, which is slated to be held Tuesday in Frankfort at 10 a.m.

The Betsy Layne High School JROTC Marine Corps was chosen from 66 high schools in Kentucky, a representation of 5,500 students who were eligible.

"These are the finest of the finest," said Ripkoski, who pointed out that the 35 students were chosen from a total of 89 JROTC members at Betsy Layne High School based on their overall academic achievements.

Ripkoski said that a 35-man cadet platoon will be lead by Cadet Major Dianne Boyd, a senior at BLHS. According to him, Betsy Layne High School JROTC color guard members will be positioned directly behind the governor and in

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Election fraud trial to remain in London

by **ROGER ALFORD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — The trial of former state Sen. John Doug Hays and nine others indicted on vote fraud charges will not be held in Pikeville as defense attorneys had requested.

U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell ruled Thursday that the trial will be at the federal courthouse in London, a 2 1/2-hour drive for the defendants, all of whom are from Pike County.

The trial is scheduled to begin on Jan. 12 and is expected to last about six weeks, which, as one defense


attorney pointed out, would cover the period that typically generates the worst of winter weather in Eastern Kentucky.

"We could be forced to miss a few days because of weather issues," Caldwell said.

Hays, his wife and eight supporters who were charged in the case had asked Caldwell to reconsider an earlier decision to move the trial from Pikeville to London. They argued that the long drive would create a hardship for them and the witnesses who will be called

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today
 **Mostly sunny**
 High: 41 • Low: 22

Tomorrow
 **Mostly sunny**
 High: 52 • Low: 35

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

PHS part of initiative to boost college entry

by **KATHY J. PRATER**
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Every student deserves more than to merely dream of receiving a college education — and through a partnership recently forged between one area high school and the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg High School students are fast on their way to realizing that such dreams can, indeed, become reality.

Through the help of a grant proposal written by Mazola Salmons, of Big Sandy, the two schools have become participants in an initiative recently launched by the Foundation for Excellent Schools.

The initiative, The Century Program (TCP), was kicked off this past summer with a \$1 million seed grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The program links under-resourced

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A new program involving the pairing of high school students with college student mentors got underway this week at Prestonsburg High School with the help of visitor, Dennis H. Moore, left, program director of Foundation for Excellent Schools. Shown here, left to right, with Moore are guidance counselor Tina Crum, curriculum coordinator Tommy Poe, guidance counselor Karen DeRossett and PHS principal Ron Hampton.

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Odds and Ends

INDIANAPOLIS — A man convicted of providing illegal cable television hookups will become a spokesman for the cable company from which he stole.

Dennis Cheatem, of Indianapolis, has agreed to appear in infomercials for Bright House Networks to discuss the consequences of stealing cable, said Al Aldridge, a spokesman for the company.

Cheatem, 47, pleaded guilty Tuesday to one felony count of theft and was fined \$10,000. The fine could be cut in half if he successfully completes one year in a minimum-security prison and performs community service, said Roger Rayl, a spokesman for the Marion County prosecutor's office.

Authorities said Cheatem, a licensed plumber, bought a used cable company repair van last year and posed as a Bright House employee. Prosecutors say Cheatem claimed to provide cable to needy families but instead pocketed the money in at least one case.

Cheatem was arrested in April after he approached an undercover officer with an offer of free cable.

FOND DU LAC, Wis. — A love song about duct tape may never crack the pop charts, but it did make a Waukesha band \$2,500 richer.

The ska band Something to Do's jingle "When I'm Stuck I Turn to Duck Tape" beat out 154 other entries in Duck brand duct tape's Rock About the Roll contest.

"When we first heard it, everyone in the office was humming it and singing it afterward," said Michelle Heffner, contest administrator for Henkel Consumer Adhesives, Duck brand duct tape's parent company.

Band member Nate Tredinnick said the band wanted to spend the \$2,500 on beer and ice cream, but will invest it instead in making CDs and promotional shirts.

Ska is a Jamaican form of music started in the 1950s. Something to Do plays a combination of horn-driven rock and ska.

Duck tape has the right to use the band's song in advertising and other promotions.

The winning lyrics include: "I never had much luck with nails. So, I turn to Duck tape. Staples always seem to fail. So, I turn to Duck tape. Wood glue can't help but go stale. So, I turn to Duck tape."

MIAMI — Busloads of school children who paid for a field trip celebrating the Christmas holidays got the Grinch instead.

Thousands of youngsters had paid between \$10 and \$20 each to attend a show called "Christmas From Around the World." When their school buses arrived Wednesday morning, the children found a shuttered playhouse and a promoter gone missing with their money.

"The Grinch raised his ugly

head today," said Mary Ross Agosta, spokeswoman for the Archdiocese of Miami, which sent students from seven Roman Catholic schools to the show.

Miami police said the 50-year-old promoter, David Lee Ellisor, is wanted for questioning on possible fraud and grand theft charges.

"The fact that he's not showing up is making us very suspi-

cious," police spokesman Lt. Bill Schwartz said Thursday. Police estimate Ellisor received at least \$2,000 for the field trip and said he failed to pay a \$1,600 bill at a local hotel last month.

The show was scheduled to run through Friday and listed as sponsors the city's police and fire departments and the Doubletree Hotel. Schwartz said none of them were involved.

Ellisor could not be located, but he left an apologetic recording at the phone number on his flier: "I'm so, so sorry to inform you the field trip has been postponed because we didn't have enough money to buy the presents. The city of Miami would not accept the school checks, and we've been fighting and we're

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 2003. There are 24 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese forces attacked American and British territories and possessions in the Pacific, including the home base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

On this date:

■ In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

■ In 1796, electors chose John Adams to be the second president of the United States.

■ In 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected the eighth president of the United States.

■ In 1946, fire broke out at the Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Winecoff.

■ In 1963, 40 years ago, during the Army-Navy game, videotaped instant replay was used for the first time in a live sports telecast as CBS re-showed a one-yard touchdown run by Army quarterback Rollie Stichweh. (Navy beat Army, 21-15.)

■ In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as "Apollo 17" blasted

off from Cape Canaveral.

■ In 1972, Imelda Marcos, wife of Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos, was stabbed and seriously wounded by an assailant who was then shot dead by her bodyguards.

■ In 1983, in Madrid, Spain, an Aviac DC-9 collided on a runway with an Iberia Air Lines Boeing 727 that was accelerating for takeoff, killing all 42 people aboard the DC-9 and 51 aboard the Iberia jet.

■ In 1987, 43 people were killed in the crash of a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner in California after a gunman apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger and the two pilots.

■ In 1988, a major earthquake in the Soviet Union devastated northern Armenia; official estimates put the death toll at 25,000.

Ten years ago:

A gunman opened fire on a Long Island Rail Road commuter train, killing six people and wounding 17. Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary revealed that the government had conducted more than 200 nuclear weapons tests in secret. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders suggested that the government study the impact of drug legalization.

Five years ago:

On the eve of historic hearings, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde said there was a "compelling case" for impeaching President Clinton. Attorney General Janet Reno declined to seek an independent counsel

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State-funded golf courses putting squeeze on Paintsville Country Club

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PAINTSVILLE — An Eastern Kentucky country club is asking for money from public sources to offset financial losses caused by competition from state-funded golf courses.

Larry Ward, golf manager at the Paintsville Country Club, has already made a plea to the City Council for a contribution, saying the future of the 18-hole golf course could be in jeopardy unless assistance is provided.

"I'm going to approach basically every place you can think of — state, federal, county, city, anywhere money is available," Ward said. "At this point and time, we're going to need to modernize and improve to stay competitive."

Paintsville Mayor Doug Pugh said the City Council is considering Ward's request for help.

As part of a \$28 million state tourism initiative, six new public golf courses were opened in Kentucky this year, including one in neighboring Lawrence County. Ward said that one, coupled with another 18-hole golf course the state helped to fund in Floyd County three years ago, are competing with Paintsville for golfers.

"The new golf courses definitely are taking play away from the Paintsville Country Club," he said. "We've had a decline in play."

The Paintsville golf course, which operates on an annual budget of about \$350,000, was the only 18-hole course in the area until the state decided additional courses would help draw tourists to Eastern Kentucky.

The state spent \$6.8 million on the Lawrence County golf course, which was built at Yatesville Lake State Park.

Similar amounts were spent on 18-hole golf courses in Eastern Kentucky at Pine Mountain State Resort Park in Bell County and Grayson Lake State Park in Carter County. Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Floyd County already had a 9-hole course.

Other courses opened in Kentucky this year at Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park in Cumberland County, Mineral Mound State Park in Lyon County, Pennyryle Forest State Resort Park in Christian County and Kincaid Lake State Park in Pendleton County.

The finished products are beautiful golf courses that draw tourists from across the nation, said Jim Goodman, deputy commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Parks.

"There weren't many golf courses in Eastern Kentucky," he said. "We felt like building these was a great opportunity to promote tourism and to provide recreation to local residents who

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JROTC

front of Attorney General-elect Greg Stumbo during the festivities.

"We're very excited," said Ripkoski. "We're more than ready for it. It's pretty prestigious for us to be picked to do this. They've practiced a lot, and they feel honored."

According to him, Administrator Larry Williams filled out an application for the platoon to participate in the parade. Although he said he does not know why the team was chosen to lead, Ripkoski said he has his suspicions, pointing out that Greg Stumbo is slated to be positioned directly behind them in the parade.

JROTC students, who have been practicing since they found out about the invitation last week, were excited Friday about the invitation.

"Our JROTC is the most determined," said Second Lieutenant Shane O'Brian, of Mud Creek. "We got chosen to lead the parade. We're like the first to be able to do that, and it's a very special opportunity for us."

Another student, Sgt. Elijah Porter, noted that Betsy Layne High School's appointment to such prestigious placement in the parade "sets a good example" and shows "good discipline" on behalf of the students.

According to Ripkoski, the students participating in the parade range from freshmen to juniors at BLHS. Most of them, however, are freshmen and junior class members. The color guard has been working together for three years, he said, and the marching platoon has been working together for the past

year. In addition to their regular performance, Ripkoski said that the JROTC marine corps will execute an "eyes right" maneuver in order to salute the governor as he "peels off" into the reviewing stand near the capitol.

Students will be leaving by bus Tuesday morning at 6 a.m. They will celebrate following the parade with lunch and a visit to the mall.

"The smallest school was just picked to represent our county," said second Lt. Jessica Newsome. "That's the greatest honor we could have."

The cadets participating in the parade on Tuesday include:

- Eric Adkins

- Leigh Adkins
- Adam Akers
- Brandon Bentley
- Nikki Billiter
- Derek Boyd
- Diane Boyd
- Misty Boyd
- Michael Cole
- Justin Collins
- Ashley Conn
- Michell Elkins
- Whitney Gillespie
- Dustin Hall
- Eric Hamilton
- Travis Hamilton
- Colby Hinkle
- Ryan Hunt
- Kristie Hunter
- Kasey Jewell
- Brandon Johnson
- Sabrina Johnson

- Leawna Jones
- Rocky Nagg
- Amanda Newsome
- Jessica Newsome
- Samantha Newsome
- Shane O'Bryan
- Forrest Porter
- Matthew Tackett
- May Tackett
- Justin Taylor
- Howard Waddles
- Phillip Wallace
- Kirt Weiskittel
- Kyle Woods

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Delivery driver victim of robbery

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

INDIAN CREEK — When restaurant delivery driver Robert Little made his stop along Indian Creek in Pike County Tuesday, he was most likely hoping for a tip — resigned, perhaps to

accept disappointment if it wasn't there.

But the reality of what awaited him was something he could never have imagined.

State police said when the 50-year-old Virgie resident stopped at the Indian Creek home of Jeremy Keith Wright to make one of numerous deliveries that evening, he was met with a threat, a demand and a knife.

Police said Wright, 23, confronted Little at knifepoint, demanding the driver's money and the food that was brought for delivery.

The altercation that followed left Little with multiple cuts on his arms and hands, police said, but no other injuries.

A half-hour after Little first arrived with his delivery at roughly 8:30 p.m., Wright was in custody, arrested by state police officers notified of the disturbance and charged with a single count of first-degree robbery, a felony.

He was taken to the Pike County Detention Center in Pikeville and is currently awaiting further court proceedings.

The incident remains under investigation by Kentucky State Police Troopers Randy Woods and Derek Sturgill.

PHS

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schools with local colleges and universities in a joint effort to encourage students to succeed in high school and college.

"We see a lot of kids fall through the cracks," said PHS principal Ron Hampton. "This program is designed to target those kids and help them realize that they can succeed, that they can go to college."

Hampton says that tools such as goal setting, early college awareness, mentoring and community service projects are all important components in the TCP program, along with an emphasis on school attendance and achievement.

"With some kids, the initial goal may simply be 'I'm going to do all my homework tonight,'" Hampton said. "They learn to set small goals and then build."

The high school is one of only 20 nationwide chosen to participate in the TCP program. Hampton and three other PHS educators traveled to Lake George, N.Y., Nov. 12, 13 and 14 to attend a workshop conducted by FES, to meet with FES program directors and to learn the initial facets of how to monitor and facilitate the program's progress at their school.

According to Dennis Moore, FES program director for a five state area including Kentucky, Virginia, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, the TCP program will pair 100 schools with 100 colleges and will target and track 100 students over a five-year period. According to Hampton, 106 students have already been targeted for involvement at PHS.

"We believe that early attachment to a college environment will keep the dream of a college education alive for these students," said Moore.

Moore also said that the TCP

program differs from many others in that it allows for "creativity" on the part of school personnel involved in the direction of the program.

"With many cases, directives are given," he said, "but with this program, and its individualized nature, people are allowed to be creative and through this, we have seen the most powerful things happen."

Hampton said that teachers from both PHS and Big Sandy will soon meet as the initial step in forming student mentoring partnerships. Moore, who visited both campuses for a three-day period last week, plans to visit the schools five more times within the next year to offer support and networking opportunities. Later this month, the program will host a national kickoff in Washington, D.C.

"There's always that kid out there who's waiting for someone to reach for them," Moore said. "That's what this program is all about — reaching out and preventing them from falling through those cracks."

Moore said that Prestonsburg High School was chosen for participation in the program, in part, because of the strong leadership exemplified by the school administration and personnel. "Leadership is a key component to the success of programs like these," Moore said. "That leadership was found at PHS."

In addition to those who attended the Lake George workshop from PHS, two teachers from Big Sandy also attended, Lexie Butcher and Susie Chaffins.

Since 1991, FES has helped 140,000 students in 270 schools in 25 states strengthen academic performance, graduate from high school and pursue post-secondary education.

Trial

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to testify in the case.

In her original ruling, Caldwell said Hays and co-defendant Ross Harris, a Pike County coal operator who is active in Eastern Kentucky politics, have made lots of friends and enemies in the Pikeville area and would be more likely to receive a fair trial in London.

As part of her rationale for moving the trial, Caldwell also said the federal courthouse in London is larger and better equipped to handle the complex case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Ken Taylor had argued that seating an unbiased jury would be difficult

in Pikeville, where Hays and Harris are seen as politically and economically influential figures.

Defendants in the case are accused of paying voters \$50 each to vote for Hays in a judicial election last year. The money, prosecutors contend, was given to the voters under the guise of payments for hauling voters to the polls on election day.

Hays, an attorney in Pikeville, closed his office and moved his practice into his home.

His wife, Brenda, is being represented by a court-appointed lawyer.

Fire

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up the investigation into the fire, have not said if the two were questioned in relation to the fire, which showed some of the common signs associated with foul play, according to Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

Nelson said in a statement Thursday that because the home had no utility service, such as electricity, the possibility of foul play could not be ruled out. Nelson also said officials had determined that the unknown victim had used kerosene to heat the home.

Reports of a padlock on the outside of the front door of the residence at the time of the fire prompted Clark and others attending the scene to initiate a

search, but nothing was found that could positively support such a claim, the lieutenant said.

"The firefighters had said the front door was padlocked, but we done a search and couldn't find one," Clark said. "That doesn't mean there wasn't one. It might have melted in the fire or something, but we couldn't locate one."

The victim's body, which had been burned "beyond recognition," according to officials, was sent for an autopsy in Frankfort Thursday and authorities expect results back later this week.

The only information that had been irrefutably verified about the victim as of Friday was that he was a white male.

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History

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investigation of President Clinton over 1996 campaign financing.

One year ago:

Iraq handed over its long-awaited arms declaration to the United Nations, denying it had doomsday weapons. President Saddam Hussein grudgingly

apologized to Kuwait for his 1990 invasion. Shuttle Endeavour returned to Earth, bringing an astronaut and pair of cosmonauts home from a six-month space station voyage. Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana beat back a fierce Republican challenge and won a second term in a runoff. Bombs tore through four movie theaters in Bangladesh, killing 19 people. Miss Turkey Azra Akin won the Miss World contest in London, bringing to a close an international pageant that had incited deadly rioting in Nigeria, the original site of the event.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Eli Wallach is 88. Bluegrass singer Bobby Osborne is 72. Actress Ellen Burstyn is 71. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., is 66. ABC News anchorwoman Carole Simpson is 63. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Johnny Bench is 56. Country singer Gary Morris is 55. Singer-songwriter Tom Waits is 54. Actress Priscilla Barnes is 48. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Larry Bird is 47. "Tonight Show" announcer Edd Hall is 45. Rock musician Tim Butler (The Psychedelic Furs) is 45. Actor C. Thomas Howell is 37. Pop singer Nicole Appleton (All Saints) is 28. Rapper Kon Artis (D12) is 27. Actress Shiri Appleby is 25. Singer Aaron Carter is 16.

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Victims of sexual assault and domestic violence who are being cared for in one of the Big Sandy Area Hospitals are asked by hospital staff, if they would like have to an advocate assist them during the emergency room visit. An advocate is a vital part of a team that is designed to aid a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence during the initial hospital visit. An advocate may assist victims by being supportive, providing information, making referrals, talking with the victim's family and friends or by just being there to listen.

The Victim Services Program of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center is offering a free 40-hour training program to prepare participants to become Volunteer Medical Advocates. This training program is one of the requirements a person must meet in order to qualify as a Volunteer Medical Advocate. You must also be at least 20 years of age, complete a criminal records screening and be available for calls as an advocate, usually 5pm-8am week days, and all day on weekends and holidays.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

Not what voters were asking for

When Kentucky voters overwhelmingly elected Ernie Fletcher governor, they showed they agreed with the dominant message of his campaign: the need to "clean up the mess in Frankfort."

As the 2004 meeting of the Kentucky General Assembly approaches, Republican politicians would be wise to remember that this is what the victory was about.

Overwhelmingly, Kentuckians wanted a fresh administration, one in business to serve them instead of some tired, old, political agenda.

Unfortunately, the most extreme right wing of the Republican Party seems to have misunderstood the significance of that election.

They think the election was an endorsement of them. As a result, they are pushing Dr. Fletcher and his administration-to-be to veer off into their version of moral absolutism in all sorts of ways. One of the first is to embrace the extreme right's position on the cloning issue, a position that even divides the so-called pro-life movement.

Rep. Joe Fischer, R-Fort Thomas, is promising to introduce two bills he has pushed in the past, both times to no avail. One would ban all forms of cloning, and the other would ban, in his words, "destructive embryonic research."

Once again, that pits Rep. Fischer and others, including Kentucky Right to Life, against the biotech research agendas of the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville, two of the most important institutions to the future of this state. It also pits them against the many Kentuckians who suffer from diseases that could eventually benefit from treatments based on such research or techniques.

Both universities, like everyone else, oppose "reproductive cloning," cloning aimed at creating a human baby. But "therapeutic cloning" is different. It may lead to cures for everything from damaged hearts to Parkinson's and diabetes. Certainly that should not be banned.

What Rep. Fischer refers to as "destructive embryonic research" is actually life-saving science. Such Republican conservatives as Nancy Reagan and Sen. Orrin Hatch know that, and have supported therapeutic cloning at the national level.

Certainly, as governor, Dr. Fletcher won't want to become a captive of narrow, ideological thinking like Rep. Fischer's, even if he has supported it in Congress.

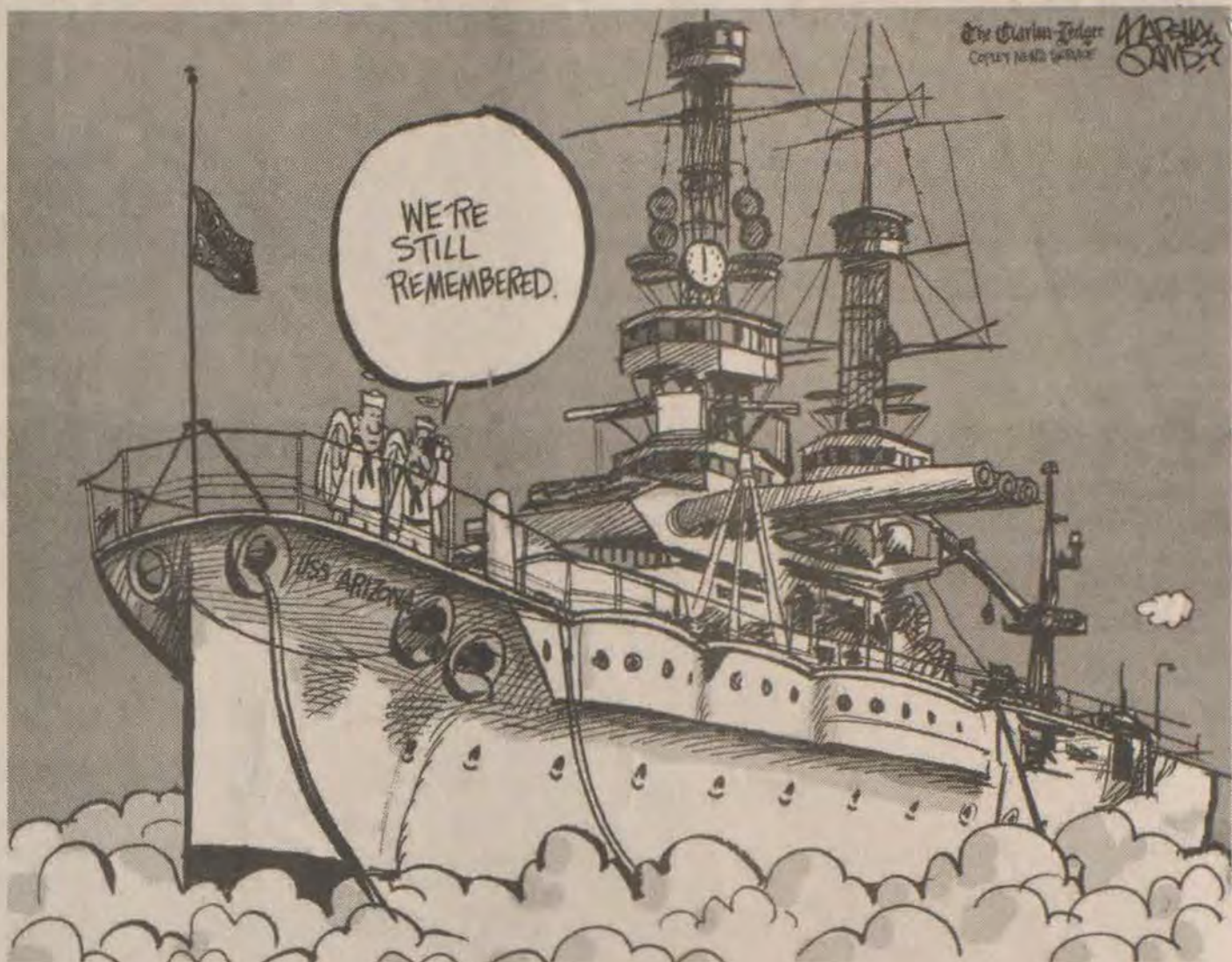
It wouldn't serve Kentucky to ban cutting-edge research after working so hard to attract top researchers to this state.

And it wouldn't serve Dr. Fletcher, either, to immediately alienate many Kentuckians including equally conservative and equally religious Kentuckians who have loved ones hoping to benefit from this research.

The gubernatorial election wasn't about empowering zealots. It was about empowering Dr. Fletcher, a man judged to have the intellect and integrity to "clean up the mess in Frankfort."

In his campaign, Dr. Fletcher also promised to "restore hope" to Kentuckians. For many, that means the hope of conquering dread disease through the promise of stem-cell research.

— The Courier-Journal, Louisville



— Jim Davidson

Ol' Spot just died

Someone once said that a neighbor is a person who can get to your house in less than one minute and take two hours to go back home.

When it comes to being neighborly, I heard a very amusing story about a group of country neighbors who wanted to get together on a regular basis and socialize. As a result, about 10 couples formed a dinner club and agreed to meet for dinner at a different neighbors house each month. Of course, the lady of the house was to prepare the meal.

When it came time for Jimmy and Susie Brown to have the dinner at their house, like most women, Susie wanted to outdo all the others and prepare a meal that was the best that any of them had ever lapped a lip over.

A few days before the big event, Susie got out her cookbook and decided to have mushroom smothered steak. When she went to the store to buy some mushrooms, she found the price for a small can was more than she wanted to pay.

She then told her husband, "We aren't going to have mushrooms because they are too expensive." He said, "Why don't you go down in the pasture and pick some of those mushrooms? There are plenty of them right in the creek bed." She said, "No, I don't want to do that, because I have heard that wild mushrooms are poison." He then said, "I don't think so. I see the varmints eating them all the time and it never has affected them."

After thinking about this, Susie decided to give this a try and got in the pickup and went down in the pasture and picked some. She brought the wild mushrooms back home and washed them, sliced and diced them to get them ready to go over her smothered steak.

Then she went out on the back porch and got Ol' Spot's (the yard dog) bowl and gave him a double handful. She even put some bacon grease on them to make them tasty. Ol' Spot didn't slow down until he had eaten every bite.

All morning long Susie watched him and the wild mushrooms didn't seem to affect him, so she decided to use them. The meal was a great success and Susie even hired a lady from town to come out and help her serve. She had on a white

apron and a little cap on her head. It was first class.

After everyone had finished they all began to kick back and relax and socialize. The men were visiting and the women started to gossip a bit. About this time the lady from town came in from the kitchen and whispered in Susie's ear. She said, "Mrs. Brown, Spot just died."

With this news, Susie went into hysterics. After she finally calmed down, she called the doctor and told him what had happened. The doctor said, "It's bad, but I think we can take care of it. I will call for an ambulance and I will be there as quick as I can get there. We will pump out everyone's stomach and everything will be fine. Just keep them all there and keep them calm."

It wasn't long until they could hear the wail of the siren as the ambulance was coming down the road. When they got there, the EMTs got out with their suitcases and a stomach pump and the doctor arrived shortly thereafter.

One by one they took each person into the master bedroom and pumped out their stomach. After the last one was finished, the doctor came out and said, "I think everything will be fine now," and he left. They were all looking pretty peaked sitting around the living room and about this

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— beyond the Beltway

Medicare — just put it on my bill

by DONALD KAUL

Congress raised itself up on its hind legs just before the Thanksgiving break and passed a bill that would give seniors a prescription drug benefit in their Social Security package. The vote in the Senate was: almost all Republicans for it, almost all Democrats against. The vote in the House was even closer and accompanied by the screams of less-than-cooperative Republican legislators getting their arms twisted.

Did I mention it was a controversial bill?

Its supporters (the Bush Gang) claimed it was epochal legislation that would cure the sick, heal the wounded and insure that it wouldn't rain anymore on weekends. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said: "Today is a fateful day, a red-letter day for seniors... the prescription drug coverage they need and the Medicare choices they deserve."

Critics (Ted Kennedy and his band of Merry Persons) thought different.

Kennedy said: "The legislation ... is a

partisan document that embodies this administration's right-wing ideology and its desire to fuel the profits of the wealthy and powerful a calculated program to unravel Medicare, to privatize it and to force senior citizens into the cold arms of HMOs."

Who is a body to believe? (Or whom, if you belong to that class.)

I decided to read the bill, the juicy parts anyway, and make up my own mind.

And after having spent the better part of a weekend on it I'm here to say that I haven't got a clue.

It gives some things to some seniors and it takes away other things from other seniors. If you are retired and don't have any sort of drug coverage at all at present, it's got to be good. If you're retired and already have a good plan, it's probably going to be a bad thing for you, but not necessarily.

If you're a drug company or insurance company, it's going to be great. (It would not be a Republican bill without this feature.)

But how it all balances out in the long run? I can't tell you but I know that legislation that puts smiles on the faces of drug companies and insurance companies always makes me nervous.

And that's not all that makes me ner-

vous. The bill provides no way to pay for the new benefits offered. Instead it borrows the money and puts the burden (\$400 billion over the next 10 years) on future taxpayers. This, on top of a deficit that is spiraling into the trillions with no sign of ceasing.

Don't misunderstand me, I'm all for giving seniors a prescription drug benefit. (And I'm not saying that just because I'm a senior.) But shouldn't we figure some way to finance it?

Apparently not.

In addition to this \$400 billion Congress signed off on, it also approved tax cuts that will come to an estimated \$300 billion. Then, of course there are the recently adopted higher Medicare reimbursement rates for doctors (\$50 billion) and an increase in veterans' benefits (\$22 billion). You add that up and it comes to a tidy \$772 billion.

In further addition, some of the tax cuts Congress enacted earlier this year were supposed to be temporary. No one expects them to be allowed to expire. This would bring the tax loss over 10 years, counting the \$300 billion, to \$800 billion. If things go well.

In further addition yet, there is the open-ended cost of the war (\$87 billion approved this year), which Congress does not count for the purpose of the

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Faith Extra

Minister's Moment: "Preparations for Christmas"

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Many churches in Eastern Kentucky have recently entered into the season of Advent. This season covers the four Sundays prior to Christmas and serves to

prepare the believer for the blessing of Christmas.

We know that an enjoyable event requires good planning and proper preparation. Who among us invited family over for Thanksgiving but didn't purchase or prepare any food? Getting ready for a big event is usually hard work, but it can also

be joyful work.

The Bible tells of a prophet named John (the Baptist) who was given a ministry by God to prepare people for the coming of the Messiah. John was not the normal socially acceptable Jew of that day. John had a long beard, wore a garment of camel's hair and lived on a diet

of locusts and honey.

As different as John appeared socially, his message had power spiritually: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight!" (Luke 3:4 KJV) John proclaimed that every valley should be raised, every mountain brought low, every crooked path straightened and every rough

place made smooth.

It sounds like he was calling for a major excavation of the land of Judah. Here in Eastern Kentucky we can relate to the joy every one of these improvements would bring if we were trying to travel smoothly to or through an area.

However, one look at John's ministry and we find that he is not talking about geographic changes. John called people to repent of their sins and to be baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. John was sent to bring spiritual changes. Many people responded. Even the Jewish leaders went out to the Jordan to see what was happening. John's ministry was directed to the sinful heart of the Jewish people - to cleanse their souls and make them ready to greet the Messiah.

Following this example, our preparations for Christmas ought not be so much with food, travel and gifts as they ought to be with the heart. A heart that repents. A heart that loves. A heart that gives cheerfully. A heart that remembers the poor. Preparing our hearts will let God give to us a bountiful Christmas blessing.

In closing, here are five ways we might let God help us prepare. First, raise the valleys of sadness and loneliness. Realize and share this truth: God cares greatly for you and for everyone! And He can help with any need. Secondly, lower every mountain. Jealousy, pride and selfishness are friends of the Grinch. Humble yourself and depend upon God for good things. Thirdly, if you are too far right of the path, warm your heart from cold rules and regulations. Live your life in God's good order with much grace. Fourthly, if you are too far left of the path, give up doing your own thing

and following your own rules. Come back under God's good rules for living and enjoy His blessings! Fifthly, if your thoughts or speech are rough toward people, ask God to help you bridle your tongue. Honesty expressed kindly goes a long way.

Those who followed God's Word in John were blessed with the great feeling of being right with God. We can follow these same instructions, and find the same great feeling! May God bless our Advent preparations and give to us a joyful celebration of His Son's birth!

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budget.

I'm going to ask it again. Where do these guys think the money is going to come from? Not from taxes, certainly. It's immoral to raise taxes.

The only thing certain (or almost certain) is that George W. Bush has bought himself a reelection. Why not? He has taken the signature Democratic government program — Medicare — and made it his own. And all the pathetic Democrats can do is try to outbid him.

This is a wonderful party we're having, but you have to wonder whether it's worth the hangover to come.

Donald Kaul, recently retired as Washington columnist for the Des Moines Register. He has covered the foolishness in our Nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. Email: donald.kaul2@verizon.net.

Court weighs scholarships for religious schooling

by ANNE GEARAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court justices appeared deeply divided Tuesday in a church-state case involving a college student who lost his taxpayer-funded scholarship because he chose to major in theology.

In a case with implications for President Bush's plan to allow more church-based organizations to compete for government money, the administration's top Supreme Court lawyer argued it was improper for Joshua Davey to lose the Promise Scholarship he was awarded by the state of Washington.

The scholarship was rescinded after Davey declared his major because state officials deemed it an unconstitutional blending of church and state.

"It's treating religion differently from no-religion," Justice Antonin Scalia told Washington's lawyer, Narda Pierce. "You can study anything you like and get it subsidized, except religion. Why does that not violate the principle of neutrality?"

The Bush administration backs Davey, arguing that states cannot discriminate against religious education.

"The Promise Scholarship program practices the plainest form of religious discrimination," Solicitor General Theodore Olson told the justices during a lively hourlong argument session. "The clear and unmistakable message is that religion and preparation for a career in the ministry is disfavored."

Several justices seemed skeptical, suggesting that the country has long had a hands-off policy when it comes to the training of clergy and that states have considerable leeway in choosing how to spend money.

Justice Stephen Breyer told Olson that the Supreme Court could force a vast reordering of government spending if it sides with Davey.

A broad ruling that Davey had a constitutional right to the scholarship money would mean government would have to be careful not to exclude religious programs or organizations in many areas, such as government contracting and medical programs, Breyer said.

"The implications of this case are breathtaking," Breyer said.

That "sense of doom" is unwarranted, Olson assured Breyer.

Davey qualified for the schol-

arship along with students studying other fields. Only his chosen field was excluded, his lawyers said. Davey's backers say that violated the Constitution's guarantee that people may worship freely.

Davey continued his schooling without the financial aid. So, Justice John Paul Stevens asked, how did loss of the money prevent Davey from practicing his religion?

"He practices it at a price," Olson replied.

"He practices it without a subsidy," Stevens shot back.

As often happens, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor seemed to be in the middle. She closely questioned lawyers on both sides

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sorry about this last-moment delay, but the field trip has been postponed until a couple of weeks from now."

■ **BOONVILLE, Mo.** — Christine Chase and her siblings learned how to salute, run, climb and use ropes to overcome obstacles a long time ago.

Now, the trio will use those skills in the Air Force.

Chase, 21, her sister Ricki Alleman, 25, and brother Michael Chase, 19, recently decided to join the military together — a rare family phenomenon in military recruiting, Air Force recruiter Sgt. Jonas Patterson said.

"I've had couples sign up together, but this is the first time that I've had three siblings from the same family sign up," Patterson said.

All three are scheduled to leave within two weeks for basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Christine Chase remembers drills by her uncle, a 33-year veteran of the Marines, when she was a child.

"It was just a good way to wear out a little kid," she said.

Their father, Ricky Chase, served in the Air Force for six years, she said.

"We're people who put Air Force stickers automatically on all our cars," Christine Chase said. "It's what we know."

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time the town lady came in and said, "You know, that fellow that ran over Ol' Spot never even stopped."

When I started I didn't tell you where I heard this story but I would like to do that because it's pretty special. Back in 1971, I heard Bob Murphy speak at a convention in Chicago. Bob is from Nacogdoches, Texas, and over the years he became the best-known humor speaker in the country. He has spoken everywhere including The Kennedy Center, The Grand Ol' Opry and many other famous places. He came to Little Rock several years ago at my invitation to speak to a group of school administrators and I have considered him a friend. Because his brand of clean humor really fits me, I have used several of his stories in my column over the years.

Low and behold, a few weeks

ago I got a tape of some of Bob's speeches from Lynnette Collums, who lives in Bee Branch, Ark., and reads my column in our local paper. She used to work for Dan Dipert Travels and Tours based in Arlington, Texas. During her tenure she directed 22 tours through the New England states. On one of these tours she had a man from Baytown, Texas, who was also a friend of Bob's, and he gave her the tape. They had many enjoyable times playing the tape as they traveled the countryside. This tape was also a favorite of Lynnette's late husband, Layne Collums. Hope you enjoyed Bob's story as much as I did.

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Floyd County

Joe H. Arnett, 92, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, November 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Patricia (Trish) Crace Blackburn, 48, of Allen, died Tuesday, November 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Callene Click, 74, of Martin, died Wednesday, November 26, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Kenneth D. Combs, 45, of Hueysville, died Monday, November 17, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Flora Ola Conley, 90, of Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, Indiana, a Floyd County native, died Friday, November 28, at the Peabody Healthcare Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 3, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Rebecca (Reba) Halbert, 65, of Langley, died Tuesday, November 25, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Edward James Hall, 82, of Bevinsville, died Monday, November 24, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Leni Mae Tussey Hall, 78, of Wise, Virginia, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Monday, December 1, at Norton Community Hospital in Norton, Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Carlos L. Hall. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 4, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Phoebe LeeAnn Hamilton, daughter of Ronald Hamilton and Nancy Brow, both of Prestonsburg, was stillborn, Wednesday, November 19, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alan Hicks, 23, of Wayland, died in an automobile accident, on Kentucky State Route 7, Wayland, on Wednesday, November 19. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alex Howard, 87, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, November 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Elberta Tackett Howard. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 1, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Mildred Fay Howard, 60, a native of Wayland, died at her home at Kenton, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Charles Howard. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 19, under the direction of Boyd Funeral Home.

Bobby Bayless Ison, 66, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, November 28. Services were at Day Fork Community Church of God, on Tuesday, December 2.

Jacob Lee Jervis, infant son of Troy and Molly Goble Jervis, of Prestonsburg, died

Saturday, November 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lucille "Ola" Johnson, 67, of Weeksbury, died Tuesday, December 2, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, I.B. Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Julia Kilgore, 84, of Albion, Michigan, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, November 30, at Tendercare in Marshall. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 3, under the direction of J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, in Albion.

Nola C. Long, 90, of Martin, died Monday, November 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Willie Mitchell, 76, of Beaver, died Friday, November 28, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Daisy Mae Tackett Mitchell. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alvin R. Newsome, 35, of Teaberry, died in a car accident on Monday, November 17, on Route 979, at Grethel. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Hershel Shell, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, November 7, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Okie Mae Shell. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John Ed Shepherd, 80, died Wednesday, December 3, at his home in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Georgia (Harris) Shepherd. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 6, under the direction of the Burke Funeral Home.

Walter (Junior) Williamson, 81, of Drift, died Wednesday, November 19, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Nell Grace Woodworth, 90, of Mishawaka, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, died Wednesday, November 19, at home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Knott County

Willie Amburgey, 66, of Emmalena, died Tuesday, November 25, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Hampton Amburgey. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 28, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Tommy Draughn, 59, of Hindman, died Monday, November 17, at Jewish Hospital, Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 20, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Carlos "Jake" Huff, 80, of Hindman, died Tuesday, November 25, at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Justine Amburgey Huff. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Chapel.

Imogene Short Marshall, 63, of Fisty, died Thursday,

November 20, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Larry Marshall. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Margaret Wicker Marshall, 85, of Pelion, South Carolina, a native of Mousie, died Monday, November 17. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Caughman-Harman Funeral Home of Lexington, South Carolina.

Bufford Patrick, 51, of Carrie, died Saturday, November 22, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Maggie Patrick. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 26, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Robert Berlin Pratt, 77, of Pinetop, died Sunday, November 16, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Olma Faye Pratt. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 20, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Carol Ann Slone, 57, of Fisty, died Saturday, November 22, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Hazard. She is survived by her husband, Glen Charles Slone. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 25, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Herman Slone, 78, of Vernon, Alabama, a native of Pippa Passes, died Sunday, November 23, at the Care Center, Vernon, Alabama. He is survived by his wife, Irene Slone. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 26, under the direction of Chandler Funeral Home.

Pike County

Herby Ray Blackburn, 73, of Daniels Branch, died Thursday, November 27, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Alene Adkins Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Gary Brent Coleman, 24, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Pikeville, died Friday, November 21, in Iraq. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 30, in the Pikeville High School Auditorium. Arrangements were under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Raymond Coleman, 82, of Huntington, West Virginia, a native of Pike County, died Tuesday, November 25, at St. Mary's Medical Center, Huntington. He is survived by his wife, Josephine Mullins Coleman. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 28, under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

Nuke Daniels, 79, of Blackberry City, West Virginia, a native of Pikeville, died Tuesday, November 25, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital's Skilled Nursing Facility. He is survived by his wife, Roxie Layne Daniels. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 28, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Dorothy Dee, 96, of Pikeville Health Care Center, died Wednesday, November 26, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Arrangements, under direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Gary Goodson, 63, of Dorton, died Thursday, November 27, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Wright Goodson. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Robert L. Harris, 59, of Berlin Heights, Ohio, formerly of Kentucky, died Sunday, November 16, at home. He is

survived by his wife, Fay Thornsberry Harris. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

James Edward "Ike" Isom Sr., 84, of Flint, Michigan, formerly of Jackhorn, died Thursday, November 20, at McLaren Regional Medical Center, Flint. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 29, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Joan Jackson, 74, of Ocoee, Florida, a native of Hellier, died Monday, November 24. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 28, under the direction of Allen J. Harden Funeral Home, Mount Dora.

James Edwin McGhee, 69, of Pikeville, died Saturday, November 29, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Suzy Ramey McGhee. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 1, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Arvid Lee Mullins, 76, of Dorton, died Wednesday, November 26, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 29, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

James Thomas Owens, 76, of Belcher, died Thursday, November 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Helen Roberts Owens. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Pearl Oney Ratliff, 73, of Regina, died Wednesday, November 26, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Nelson Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Robert Lee Russell, 83, of Louisville, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, November 27, at the Louisville Veterans' Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 2, under the direction of Owen Funeral Home.

Clarence Sims, 74, of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, November 27, at the Jenkins Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Leona Stella Swiney Sims. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Linda Rae Braddock Weathers, 62, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, November 25. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Everett Crislip, 91, a native of Johnson County, died Monday, November 24, at Frankfort Regional Medical Center. Arrangements were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Mitchell Meade, 79, a native of Johnson County died Saturday, November 29, in Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 3, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Roger G. Music, 72, a native of Johnson County, died Tuesday, November 25, at U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Blanton Music. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Martin County

Billy Joe Branham, 74, died Monday, November 24. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 26,

under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

John E. Fitch, 59, of Inez, died Tuesday, November 25, at Spence Branch. He is survived by his wife, Neva Jean (Heckmon) Fitch. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 28, under the direction of Callahan-Funeral Home.

Gracie Hinkle, 79, of Inez, died Saturday, November 29, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 2, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Pearl Jude, 86, of Inez, died Wednesday, November 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 15, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Draxie Bullock Smith, died Friday, November 26. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Ellie Spaulding Yelton, 84, a native of Martin County, died Monday, November 24, at St. Elizabeth Hospice, in Covington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 26, under the direction of Elliston-Stanley Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Adrian Bentley, 64, of Salyersville, died Friday, November 28, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Shirley A. Salyer Bailey. Funeral ser-

VICES were conducted Monday, December 1, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Irene Carpenter, 86, a resident of Royalton, died Friday, November 21, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 24, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Ruby Dyer Coffey, 53, of Dunedin, Florida and formerly of Salyersville, died Friday, November 12, at the Woodside Hospice House in Pinellas Park, Florida. A memorial service was conducted Saturday, December 6, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Daisy Cox Culbertson, 101, of Salyersville, died Friday, November 28, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 1, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Herman James Joseph, 79, of Royalton, died Monday, November 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 28, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Martha Montgomery Russell, 83, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, November 26, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 29, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Obituaries

James R. Tyson

James R. Tyson, 49, of Wheelwright, died Saturday, November 29, 2003, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born August 27, 1954, in Virgie, he was the son of Gertrude Lewis Tyson of Wheelwright, and the late Marshall D. Tyson. He was a retired social worker, for Community Base Services at Wheelwright, and a member of the Friendship Baptist Church at Wheelwright.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Deborah Strange Tyson. Survivors include two sons, Marshall James Tyson of Grayson, and Sean Tyson of Columbus, Ohio; one daughter, Michelyn Coles of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Marshall D. Tyson Jr., of Jonesboro, Georgia; one sister, Darlene Greene of Alexandria, Virginia; three grandchildren, Dazia Coles, Deanna Coles and Sean Tyson Jr.

In addition to his father and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles D. Tyson and William L. Tyson.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 6, at 1 p.m., at the Lighthouse Temple at Wheelwright, with Rev. Ronald E. Terry and Rev. Eldridge W. Terry officiating.

Burial will be in the Peaceful Gardens, at Wheelwright, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Active pallbearers: John Sever, Gary Smith, Isiah Martin, Sidney Emerson, Bruce McClelland and James Coles.

Honorary pallbearers: Webster O. Tyson, Daryl Tyson, Asante Greene, Marchetti Brown, Al Petway Jr., Anthony Tyson, Sean Pleasant, Ranford Terry and Kevin Brown.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Lassie Artrip Tackett

Lassie Artrip Tackett, 70, of Drift, died Thursday, December 4, 2003, at her residence.

Born December 21, 1932, in Drift, she was the daughter of the late Kenny and Virgie Cyrus Artrip. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Drift Pentecostal Church.

She is survived by her husband, Sherman (Billy) Tackett.

Other survivors included one son, Terry S. Tackett of Drift; three daughters, Patricia Ann Tackett of Harold, Patsy Ruth Williamson of Prestonsburg, and Cynthia Sue Patton of Martin; two brothers, Lawrence Artrip of Drift, and Carlos Artrip of Printer; one sister, Mary Yates of Albion, Michigan; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Lucy Ellen Tackett; two brothers, James Artrip and Arnold Artrip; three sisters, Zada Shannon, Goldie Sumpthor and Thirsie Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 7, at 1 p.m., at the Drift Pentecostal Church, with Ted Shannon and Johnny Patton officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home, after 6 p.m., Friday, and then at 10 a.m., on Sunday, at the Drift Pentecostal Church.

(Paid obituary)

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A LOOK BACK

Loss to Mayfield was, still is hard to swallow

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It has been 10 years since the Prestonsburg Blackcats lost in the state championship game to Mayfield, but even after that long has passed it's still a bad memory for the former players and followers of Blackcat football. The 1993 Blackcat team entered the game as solid favorite to win the schools first state championship only to watch a 12-0 second half lead evaporate and Mayfield walk away with a one point win and the title. Prestonsburg was led that season by an excellent group in Seth Hyden, Dwayne Garza, Thomas Ratliff, Jody Cornette and Kyle Fitzpatrick to name a few and most people had counted the cats as a state title winner even before the game was played, after all even the Mayfield folks would admit that the Blackcats were the more talented of the two teams. Prestonsburg had only one week earlier defeated a Danville team that was riding a 42-game win streak in the state of Kentucky on the Ads' home field.

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PREVIEW

Rowan, Greenup in Tiger Hoops Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Greenup County and Rowan County are two 16th Region boys' basketball teams that appear to be headed past the rebuilding stage. Both are in the upcoming Tiger Hoops Classic at Paintsville High School.

Rowan County, coached by Don Daniel, will feature a young group of players that figure to be competitive. The Vikings will be led by guard Nick Angel. A returning player from last season's squad, Angle will offer leadership to a team that already looks to be talented.

Other players back for the Vikings include Bryant Furman, Billy Nesbitt, Lee Chaney and Creighton Benner-Perry.

Greenup County is coached by Jim Hicks. With the dismantling of Rose Hill's boys' basketball program, many players transferred and Greenup County benefitted. Junior guard Zac Gillum will lead the Musketeers. Sophomore Justin Bradley is another player that figures to carry Greenup County during the

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Three points separate Johnson Central, Lady Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - The South Floyd High girls' basketball program nearly pulled off a first Thursday night. South Floyd went into Johnson Central High School and nearly pulled off a win over the host Johnson Central Lady Eagles.

In the end, three points separated the South Floyd girls and the Johnson Central ladies. Johnson Central prevailed, winning 60-57. However, the win didn't come easy. Johnson Central went to the free-throw line 32 times and hit on 20 tries. On defense, South Floyd gave up few easy shots to the Lady Eagles.

"I thought we played great," said South Floyd head coach Tony Isaac, in his first year as head coach of the Lady Raiders. "We came out nervous offensively in the first quarter."

South Floyd drew a technical foul in the first minute of the game and got behind 2-0 after technical shots. Johnson Central held a 5-0 lead through

the first six minutes before the Lady Raiders came alive. The two teams exited the first quarter tied at 8. South Floyd led 30-23 at halftime.

The Lady Raiders, in Isaac's debut, ran a full-court press the entire game. Johnson Central bounced back to

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ACHS TO HOLD



The hardwood wars of the 58th District are just around the corner. Allen Central High School will hold its Basketball Homecoming Tuesday when the boys' basketball team hosts Pike County Central.

BASKETBALL HOMECOMING

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN - Allen Central High School will present its 2003 Basketball Homecoming Court on Tuesday during the boys' basketball game against Pike County Central. At that time, the queen and runner-up chosen from the senior atten-

dants will be announced. The ACHS boys' basketball team opened its season Saturday night against Phelps.

The freshman representative is Stacia Grace. She is the daughter of Greg and Sherry Grace of Allen. Her escort will be Wes Tackett. Tackett is the son Chester and

Christine Tackett of Martin.

The sophomore representative is Amy Wallen of Hueysville. She is the daughter of Linda Wallen Prater and the late Jim Wallen. Her escort for the evening is Corey Little. Little is the son of Kenneth and

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Miami headed to bowl game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR



Wright

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio - Former Lawrence County High quarterback/defensive back Donta Wright is a member of the University of Miami (Ohio) Red Hawks football team. Wright, a redshirt freshman, is headed along with Miami to the GMAC

Bowl. Wright's 1,011 yards rushing and 592 yards passing were amongst his 2,306 all-purpose yards at Lawrence County High. He compiled a 40-10 record during his four-year varsity football career and was 2001 area co-player of the year. He was also named all-con-

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Defending 15th Region champ Betsy Layne drops opener

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD - The new high school basketball season got off to a less than favorable start for defending 15th Region champ Betsy Layne. Playing a first round game in the Queen of the Mountains Tipoff Tournament at Perry County Central High School, Betsy Layne opened with Whitesburg, a strong contender for the top spot in the 14th Region. The Ladycats exited the first quarter with a 9-8 advantage, but were outscored in each period after that en route to a 59-44 loss.

Whitesburg led 22-19 at halftime and 40-32 at the end of the third quarter.

The Lady Jackets, coached by Dickie Adams, and the defending 14th Region All "A" Champion, were led in scoring by Whitney Hogg, who netted a game-high 20 points. Camille Cook tossed in 12 points for the winning team.

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Lady Rebs beat Leslie

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK - Win No. 2 is now in the books for the Allen Central Lady Rebels (2-0) and head coach Mark Martin, who is in his first season at the helm of the girls' basketball program at his alma mater. The Allen Central girls beat Leslie County 51-43 Thursday night in the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic at Pike County Central High School. Allen Central trailed 11-10 after one



Thomas

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YOUTH BASKETBALL

Allen Central avenges early loss to MCA

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EASTERN - If anyone had the feeling the Mountain Christian Academy boys' basketball team was unbeatable, that notion was washed away on Thursday evening as Allen Central came away with an overtime win over the Falcons.

Three Runnin Rebels finished in double

figures in the win as a balanced scoring attack was too much for MCA.

Jan Hicks led the winners with 22 points and the duo of Corey Webb and Blake Meade each tossed in 15 on the night. Josh Prater finished with seven points and Alex Hammonds added three.

Johnathan Shepherd rounded out the scoring for Allen Central with two points.

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Rikki Hughes (pictured defending) will be among the players honored today when Adams Middle School holds its annual girls' basketball banquet.

Adams Lady Blackcats to hold banquet today

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Today will be the celebration of a great accomplishment for the Adams Middle School girls' basketball team. The AMS girls' basketball squad will hold its season-end banquet after a recently captured fourth straight Floyd County title.

The banquet will take place at the Adams Middle School at 2:30 p.m. today. Players will be recognized.

Three players have been involved with the girls' basketball program at Adams Middle for all four of the titles. Rikki Hughes, Brittany Collins and Julie Ford have played for Adams during the four seasons and will be honored today.

Oldham is coach of the year

by MALCOLM C. KNOX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — When his players at Seneca High School started telling Lonnie Oldham he would be state Coach of the Year, he told them awards didn't matter to him.

He was wrong. "I've got a huge smile on my face right now," Oldham, 35, said this week when he was told by phone that he had won the award. "I've got goosebumps up and down my back."

After that he called his wife, Theresa. Then he told his honorable mention All-State senior defensive back, Greg Embers, and they hugged and prayed together.

"He's a dad to all of us," Embers said.

Oldham and his team — "my boys," he calls them — posted a 10-2 record this fall, Seneca's first winning season in 15 years. During that run, they won nine in a row, including wins over Louisville Trinity, which will play for the state championship Saturday, and Louisville

Ballard.

It was the only winning season his seniors will have. The Red Hawks won 41 percent of their games from 1999 to 2002.

Wide receiver Isaiah Britt and quarterback Andy Clark, both seniors, have been to Oldham's home several times, to talk or watch game film. Britt was second team All-State, and Clark received an honorable mention.

"We really did change something around here," Clark said. Ballard won a rematch on

Nov. 13, eliminating the Red Hawks in the second round of the state championship playoffs. Oldham resigned as coach a few days later and has not said why.

The awards for him and his players "sweeten the season a little bit," Embers said. "But we'd like to be playing Saturday."

The tone for the Red Hawks' season was set months ago.

They had camp in Jabez, Ky., last summer. During a meeting there on Aug. 6, the players made a chain of pieces of cloth

to symbolize their connection and unity. It hung in the locker room all season and is now being framed.

"The moment of truth was at camp," Oldham said. "Anytime something would go wrong ... all I'd have to do was point to the chain or bring the chain out and they refocused immediately."

Returning 18 seniors and 17 starters from last year's team didn't hurt either.

As sweet as the awards and the double-digit wins were, though, the Oldham era at Seneca is over after five years. Oldham made his resignation official Nov. 17 but said he knew in June that it was his last year. He would not elaborate.

"I can't really put it in a positive way," Oldham said. Leaving, he said, "was a win-win situation for me and Seneca."

Maybe that's why he cries when he talks about his players and his award.

His wife "was just real proud of me," Oldham said, wiping his eyes. "That I finally got some recognition."

Oldham is the faculty leader of Seneca's chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has a master's degree from the University of Louisville in special education.

Oldham grew up in Oldham County and played football for Oldham County High School

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photo by Steve LeMaster

After finishing runner-up to MCA in the Right Beaver Classic, Allen Central Middle avenged the loss Thursday night by beating the Falcons.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Free throws vault Lady Pirates to victory

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — The charity stripe was the difference Thursday night as Belfry rallied to beat Knott County Central, 74-68, in the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic at Pike County Central gymnasium.

Belfry hit 22-of-36 free throws, including 16 in the final minutes, as the Lady Pirates advanced to last night's championship game against Allen Central.

Belfry wasn't without its struggles. The Lady Pirates turned over the basketball 17 times in the first half alone.

Knott County hit just 12-of-29 free throws.

Belfry's Anna Bevins finished with a game-high 27 points. She scored 16 of those in the second half as the Lady Pirates erased a nine-point, second-half deficit.

Lyndsey Mahon followed

with 14 points and Vicki Hall tossed in 13 and Emma Smith hit for eight.

Knott County's Heather Martin led the Lady Patriots with a team-high 24 points. Brittany Bentley tossed in 14 and Brooke Hall added 12 for Coach Rhett Gibson's squad.

Belfry took the lead for

good at 61-59 with 3:29 to play on a basket by Hall. The Lady Pirates would never give up the lead after that.

Bevins tucked the game away with four free throws in the final minute.

Belfry hit 25 field goals, including two three-point field goals.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Lady Hornets fall to 0-2 on young season

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Magoffin County is 0-2 on the young season. Pike County Central, which came away from its first game of the season a loser, falling to Leslie County on a buzzer-beat shot, evened its record to 1-1. All this happened Wednesday night at Pike County Central High School.

The Lady Hawks (1-1) came back from 15 points down early in the final quarter, outscoring Magoffin County, 33-11, en route to a thrilling come-from-behind 72-64 win in the Tip-Off Classic.

"We played for about six minutes tonight," Central coach Tammy Tussey said following the win. "We really got after them defensively and made some big shots late."

Central was held to just 39 points over the first three quarters, but scored 33 in the final seven minutes, including 18 of those by freshman standout Haley Ratliff. She finished with a game-high 26 points.

Ratliff scored 10 of those points during a two-minute stretch

as the Lady Hawks pulled even at 57 all with 4:08 left. Paige Lowe's trey with 3:16 left put Central up 60-59 before Ratliff scored on a steal and basket with 2:16 left to make it 62-59.

Ratliff and Mishay Weddington iced the game away with clutch free throws in the closing minute.

Kim Coleman added 14 points for Central and Weddington finished with 10 and Kayla Lowe netted eight.

"We're coming together as a team," Tussey said. "We have some young players who just need to get some playing time and we'll get better as the season moves along."

Jamie Adams scored 21 points to lead the Lady Hornets (0-2). Savannah Howard added 14 and Calloray Howard finished with a baker's dozen for the Lady Hornets.

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quarter, but rallied back. The Lady Rebels outscored Leslie County (1-1) 16-10 in the second quarter and led 26-21 at halftime. Allen Central's girls delivered the biggest blow in the second quarter by outscoring Leslie 15-5. With a 41-26 lead at the end of three quarters, Allen Central held on in the fourth and final period.

Juniors Megan Harris and Becky Thomas scored 18 points apiece to lead the Lady Rebels. Tab Caudill scored nine and Sharee Hopkins netted six to round out the Allen Central scoring.

Leslie County senior Heather Benton, the 14th Region's top player, led the Lady Eagles in scoring by tossing in 18 points of her own.

Allen Central was back in action yesterday in the Pike County Central tournament. Results were unavailable at press time.

Central hit 26 field goals, including seven treys, and 13-of-24 free throws. Magoffin made good on 23 shots from the floor, four treys, and 14-of-22 from the line.

Pike Central was in action yesterday evening against Prestonsburg. Magoffin County was to battle Pikeville and first-year Lady Panther coach Cindy Halbert. Results of both games were unavailable at press time.

Miami

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ference and all-area and honorable mention all-state after his senior season.

Ben Roethlisberger threw touchdown passes to four receivers Thursday night, leading No. 14 Miami of Ohio to a 49-27 victory over 20th-ranked Bowling Green in the Mid-American Conference championship.

He threw for a title game record 440 yards. Miami has now dethroned Marshall as the top team in the Mid-American Conference.

Roethlisberger, a junior, led Miami (12-1, 9-0 MAC) to scores on its first four possessions of the second half. He sealed the victory with a 55-yard scoring pass to Calvin Murray, who found a seam along the sideline.

Wright had a tackle in the second half on a kickoff. He has contributed on special teams throughout the season.

That put the RedHawks up 42-20 with 17 seconds left in the third quarter in only the third meeting between two MAC teams ranked in the Top 25.

Roethlisberger, a semifinalist for the Davey O'Brien Award, given to the nation's top quarterback, has remained quiet all year about whether he will return to Miami next season.

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Glenn Little.

The junior representative is Felicia Johnson. She is the daughter of David Johnson and Angie Campbell of Hueysville. Johnson will be escorted by Wilfredo Dominguez. He is the son of Kimberly and Hector Dominguez of Martin.

Seniors candidates for Homecoming Queen are Brittany Danielle Bailey, Leavodis Ann Casebolt, Whitney Jade Hayes, Rebecca Lynn Mast, Brittany L. Napier, Sara Lindsey Tackett and Nikita Leigh Thornsberry.

Brittney Bailey is the 17-year old daughter of Stewart and Melissa Bailey of Hueysville. She is being escorted by Ryan Hammonds. Hammonds is the 16-year old son of Bill and Marlena Hammonds of Martin.

Leavodis Casebolt is the 17-year old daughter of Ricky and the late Sharon Casebolt of Wayland. She will be escorted by Justin Kyle Hall. Hall is the son of Brian and Lisa Halbert of Langley.

Whitney Hayes is the 18-year old daughter of Charlie and Carla Rose of Hippo. She will be escorted by Austin Larry Francis. He is the 18-year old son of Larry and Neva Francis of Garrett.

Rebecca Mast is the 17-year

old daughter of Margaret and Michael Case. She is being escorted by David Kilburn. He is the son of Paul and Debi Kilburn.

Brittany Napier is the 18-year old daughter of Mona and the late Henry Napier of Martin. Her escort is Ross Samons. He is the son of Terry and Rebecca Samons of Martin.

Sarah Lindsey Tackett is the 17-year old daughter of Dr. Denver "Dicki" and Cathi Tackett of McDowell. Tackett will be escorted by Paul David Francis. Francis is the 18-year-old son of Paul and Brenda Francis.

Nikita Thornsberry is the 17-year old daughter of Ricky and Renee Thornsberry of Prestonsburg. Her escort for the night is Ryan Slone. Slone is the 17-year old son of Greg and Lisa Slone of Martin.

Champ

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Senior Whitney Lykens was the only player to score in double figures for Betsy Layne. She finished with 14. Kristal Daniels was next for the Betsy Layne girls with seven.

Breann Akers scored six for the Betsy Layne girls while teammates Kim Clark and Kristen Smith flipped in five apiece.

Candace Meade scored four and center Tabetha Witt rounded out the Betsy Layne scoring with three points.

The loss for Betsy Layne and the win for Whitesburg is a bit of de ja vu for both programs. Whitesburg beat Betsy Layne 61-56 in a first round game for both teams in last season's tournament. Betsy Layne, following the loss to begin the season, went on to rule in the 15th Region.

Points

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lead visiting South Floyd 43-38 at the end of the third quarter and held on for the win in the fourth period.

Playing close to Johnson Central gives South Floyd much to build on. The lead Thursday evening volleyed between the two teams several times.

South Floyd didn't shoot as many free throws as Johnson Central. The Lady Raiders shot 11 times from the line and hit on six attempts.

Junior guard Alice Daniel paced Johnson Central with 16 points. Daniel was nine-of-11 from the stripe. Brianna Ritz chipped in 11.

Jayne Dials scored nine for Johnson Central and Ashley

LeMaster added seven. Chessi Griffith tossed in six.

Courtney McKenzie finished with four points and teammates Kendra Jude, Celena Conley and Chelsey Salyers added two points each.

Maggie Callis scored for Johnson Central on a free throw in the first half.

Ashley Johnson led South Floyd in scoring with 16 points. Megan Ousley hit five field goals and four free throws for 14. Brandy Anderson and Tab Tackett netted eight apiece.

Amanda Jo Johnson and Courtney Blocker, who got the start at center, finished with seven and four points, respectively.

MCA

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MCA was led in scoring by Landon Slone with a game-high 34 points. Jeremy Pack added 13 for the Falcons. Taylor Clark tossed in nine points and Clinton Turner added four. Jordan Chaffins rounded out MCA, scoring with two points.

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upcoming season. Coach Jim Hicks guides the Greenup County boys.

Rowan County finished last season with a 12-16 record. Greenup County posted an 11-15 mark. Neither team posted winning records in the 16th Region.

The Tiger Hoops Classic will get underway on Friday, Dec. 26.

Loss

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The Blackcats had ran through opposing teams all season long and looked ready to bring home the hardware before falling to Mayfield. At halftime of the championship game, Prestonsburg was in command and was ready to celebrate. Mayfield would put two second half scores on the board and steal the joy from the Cats. In the final minute, Prestonsburg would put a winning score on the board only to have the touchdown called back on a phantom holding call. After the score was taken off the board, the Blackcats still had a chance to win, but a field goal attempt barely miss wide and the

heartbreak set in on the Prestonsburg sideline. So close but so far away from the big prize were these Cats, but no one can take away the accomplishments of this group in their careers.

Lady Luck did not smile on the Blackcats on this day but that group set a standard that all future Prestonsburg players will look up to. This subject is a bad memory for many, however its hard for this fan to have State Finals day come around and not remember that day. What ended in heartbreak on that cold December day had to be worth it because of the great season for the 1993 Prestonsburg Blackcat football team.

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Coach

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Leavodis Casebolt



Brittany Bailey



Felicia Johnson



Amy Wallen



Sarah Tackett



Nikita Thornsberry



Rebecca Mast



Whitney Hayes



Stacia Crace



Brittany Napier

and for Hanover College. Before transferring to Hanover, he was at Louisville when Howard Schnellenberger was coach.

"There's a lot of him in me," Oldham said. "He always talked about winning a national championship."

"When I came to Seneca, I believed we could win a state championship. I believe it can be done wherever I end up."

Oldham received calls from 10 coaches about jobs when he announced his resignation, he said, and has applied for a new coaching job but would not say where.

Coach of the Year Votes

- 5 - Lonnie Oldham, Lou. Seneca
- 4 - Chuck Smith, Boyle Co.
- 4 - Phillip Haywood, Belfry
- 3 - Brett Burnett, Elizabethtown
- 2 - Shawn Berner, Fort Campbell
- 1 - David Buchanan, Mason Co.
- 1 - Mike Lawson, Owensboro Cath.
- 1 - Chad Tackett, Fairview
- 1 - Perry Thomas, Paducah Tilghman
- 1 - Kenny Turner, Madison Central

McPeek back with Horesmen

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Horsemen have filled out their coaching staff for the 2004 season, retaining 2003 Offensive line coach Gary McPeek and adding Mike Harmon, Troy Hobbs, Don Miller, Chuck Allen, and George Barber to the 2004 staff. This group will join Head Coach

Bob Sphire and Defensive Coordinator Mike Zuckerman on the Horsemen sideline for the upcoming season.

"I couldn't be happier with the staff we've put together," said Sphire. "This is a group of talented, dedicated coaches who know Kentucky football inside and out, and will help us bring an exciting and successful team to Rupp in 2004. I'm looking forward to getting on the prac-

tice field with these guys."

Offensive line Coach Gary McPeek returns for his second season with the Horsemen after helping lead the team to a successful 9-6 record in 2003. Behind a solid line, the Horsemen offense finished third in the NIFL in scoring last season, averaging 53.1 points per game. Currently the head football coach and assistant principal at Lawrence County High School, McPeek has coached at four Kentucky high schools and was named 16th Region Coach of the Year in 2001.

Special teams coordinator/defensive line coach Mike Harmon is currently the head coach at Lafayette High School in Lexington, where he just completed his third season leading the Generals. Lafayette finished the 2003 season with a 9-3 record and their first district title since 1985, earning Harmon Region 4, District 7 Coach of the Year honors. Prior to taking over the head job at Lafayette, Harmon served as an assistant coach at Tates Creek High School in Lexington, where in 1999, he was selected as the special teams/tight ends coach for the Kentucky All-Stars, who defeated Tennessee in their annual game.

Receivers Coach Troy Hobbs has been with the Lexington Catholic football staff for the past eight years, where he currently serves as special teams coordinator and wide receivers coach. Under his leadership, the Knights have produced several all-city, all-district and all-state performers at wide receiver and on special teams. Hobbs played wide receiver at the University of Kentucky under Coach Bill Curry, where he participated in the 1993 Peach Bowl with the Wildcats.

Defensive assistant Don Miller has been the defensive coordinator at Lexington Dunbar High School since 2001, where he is currently preparing the Bulldogs for their state regional final matchup against Madison Central. In 2002, Dunbar advanced to the state semifinals before being defeated by eventual state champion Louisville Trinity. Miller taught and coached at Franklin County from 1999 to 2001, and served in a number of roles on the University of Kentucky coaching staff, where he got his start as a student strength and conditioning coach under Bill

Curry. Miller served in the same role under Hal Mumme, where he also was a student defensive coach as well as junior varsity defensive backs coach.

Offensive assistant Chuck Allen is currently an assistant coach at Dunbar, where he coaches the linebackers. From 1998 to 2002, Allen served on the coaching staff at Lexington Catholic while pursuing his degree at the University of Kentucky, which he received in spring of 2003. Prior to that, he was an offensive and defensive lineman at Lexington Catholic from 1993 to 1996.

Special teams assistant George Barber recently retired from the Fayette County school system after serving for 30 years as a teacher and coach at Bryan Station and Dunbar High Schools. Barber is noted for working with several successful kickers during his tenure in Fayette County, including his son, Colin, who punted and kicked at Lexington Catholic and is currently the starting kicker at Syracuse University.

Season tickets are now on

(See HORSEMEN, page four)

H.S. BASKETBALL

David School opens second season with loss to P'burg freshmen

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The David School Falcons walked onto the basketball court for the start of the second season in the school's history last Thursday, losing to the Prestonsburg freshmen team 76-43.

Prestonsburg jumped out early in the game, leading by 18 points at the end of the first quarter. The David School, led by Adam Meade, was able to cut the lead somewhat in the second quarter, but Prestonsburg was able to keep at least a 20 point lead throughout the entire second half.

Nonetheless, Falcons head coach Ned Pillersdorf was still happy with the results of the game.

"I was very proud of these guys," said Pillersdorf. "Many of our players have never played organized basketball before tonight's game. After they lost the butterflies in their stomachs, they started playing like I knew they could."

Meade led all scorers for the Falcons, netting 19 points, with 16 coming in the first half. Junior Nathan Ousley showed his outside range by dropping four three-pointers in the second half. Sophomore forward Justin "Nelly" Bohr scored six points while sophomore guard Josh Nelson netted two.

The David School is a tuition-free private school located in David in Floyd County that offers outstanding educational opportunities to local area high school students.

The school's basketball program made its debut last season, playing a schedule consisting of freshman and junior varsity opponents. The Falcons must play every game on the road because The David School does not yet have a gymnasium. That means that the team has to travel to Maytown Elementary for practice a couple times each

week.

"Many of our players have jobs and do not have the time for a full five-day-a-week practice schedule," said assistant coach Ryan Allison. "But that doesn't stop them from giving it their all against these other high school teams."

The David School is currently not a member of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, thus has some flexibility in scheduling games. The Falcons currently have another 14 games on their schedule, and are always looking for local freshmen and junior varsity teams to play.

"These guys are part of a very unique thing," said Pillersdorf. "They have a great fan base, they have a school that cares very much about them, and they love to play basketball. You can't really ask any more than that."

YOUTH BASKETBALL

C-TEAM: Adams wins over McDowell

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Adams Middle School C-Team won a close game at McDowell on Thursday. The Blackcats dug a big hole in the first half and trailed 17-5 at half-time at the hands of the hot-shooting Daredevils. Adams rallied with a 14-0 run to start the third quarter and the game was tied at 19 after three periods of action. Austin McKinney scored all 12 of his points in the second half to lead the Blackcat comeback. Point guard Josh Craynon scored six points and dished out several assists. Joseph Jamerson grabbed nine rebounds and scored three points while Wil

Allen added three points, including two crucial free throws down the stretch. Brad Stanley and Nick Conn rounded out the scoring for Adams with two points each. McDowell was led in scoring by Brandon Marson who netted 10 points.

Adams, with the win, improved its record to 2-2 on the season.

In the fifth-grade game before the C-Team game, the Blackcats won 20-6 over McDowell. Wil Allen scored nine points and Joseph Jamerson netted five to lead the Blackcats. James Sturgill, Nathaniel Fraley and Robbie Grigsby each scored two.

COMMENTARY

Football Wildcats look to fill needs for 2004

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

University of Kentucky football coach Rich Brooks made it clear to the returning players that no position is a guarantee for the 2004 season.

Brooks said each returning player will have to re-earn their position.

Shane Boyd will return next season and appears to be starting quarterback for UK in spite of the loud words Brooks had for his team after the Cats finished 4-8 on the season, losing their final four games of the regular season. Boyd, who was the team's second leading rusher, will have to get stronger and more accurate with the football. But, he is all they have coming back at the all important position.

The Cats will be looking to recruit other quarterbacks. With all that was witnessed this season and the players returning a 4-8 year might not be bad for the 2004 squad. It is going to be a weak unit that plays for UK next season.

■ Congratulations to the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats on a win over the Lady Panthers of Pikeville. Coach Jackie Pack's ballclub posted a 63-54 win over the Lady Panthers to improve to 1-1. The Lady Blackcats had only two wins all of last year and both came against The Piarist School.

Pikeville is coached by former Allen Central coach, Cindy Halbert. Coach Halbert will build a strong program at Pikeville once she gets her system in place.

Speaking of Allen Central, new head coach Mark Martin got his first win in his career after his Lady Rebels handled

Magoffin County rather easily in the Lady Hawk Tip Off Classic at Pike Central. The Lady Rebels returns a talented team led by senior Terri Mullins.

South Floyd's Lady Raider coach Tony Isaac faced one of the regions and state's most consistent programs when they met Johnson Central in the season opener. Wow! Who made up that schedule?

Coach Brent Rose and the Betsy Layne Bobcats opened strong with a win over the

Magoffin County Hornets, 79-49. The Bobcats are considered a solid contender for a regional championship this season.

Coach Henry Webb and the Raiders of South Floyd had little trouble with Letcher County, 85-55 in their opener.

Wow! It is hard to believe the basketball season is underway. There will be plenty of good basketball on the home courts this season.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Betsy Layne 59, Allen 30

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE — Four players scored in double figures to lead Betsy Layne to a 59-30 A-team win over Allen. Betsy Layne's Brennan Case took game-high honors with 17 points. He also dished out 10 assists. Tyler Hamilton scored 14 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

For Case, it was his second double-double of the season. Hamilton, in his effort, recorded his third of the campaign.

Tim Honaker scored 12 points, and his brother, Ted, added 10.

Austin Collins came in off the Betsy Layne bench to net three points. Michael McKinney netted two and Taylor Boyd added one.

Betsy Layne led 27-9 at half-time and 46-15 at the end of the third quarter.

Josh Rodebaugh led Allen in scoring with 10 points. Others who broke into the scoring column for Allen included B. Blair 2, A. Gearheart 3, J. McKinney 4, B.J. Spurlock 2, B. Tibbs 4, D. Collins 5.

Betsy Layne, before triumphing in the A-team game, won in D-, C-, and B-team games.

Belfry rides 1-yard plunge in OT to first championship

by CHRIS DUNCAN
AP SPORTS WRITER

LOUISVILLE — David Jones rushed for 202 yards and four touchdowns, including the game-winning 1-yard run in overtime, to lead Belfry to a 33-27 victory over Elizabethtown Friday in the Kentucky High School Athletics Association's 2-A state championship.

Paul Howard set up the clinching score by intercepting a Chris Todd pass in the end zone as the Pirates (13-2) overcame eight fumbles to win their first state title.

Todd, the second-team quarterback on the Associated Press All-State team, completed 21 of 37 passes for 300 yards and two touchdowns. He also threw two interceptions.

Elizabethtown trailed 12-7 at halftime, but put together its smoothest drive of the game early in the second half, going 79 yards in seven plays. DeAndre Percell broke three

tackles on a 27-yard touchdown run around the left end with 6:55 left in the third quarter.

Jones had 41 rushing yards on Belfry's next possession and the Pirates retook the lead, at 20-14, on his 5-yard touchdown run.

Elizabethtown had a quick answer, with Todd finding Jerry Turner for a 56-yard touchdown pass just 45 seconds after Jones scored. Matt Witt's extra-point kick put the Panthers up 21-20.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Todd hit A.J. French for a 40-yard touchdown pass and a 27-20 lead.

The Panthers had the ball at their own 9 with 5:30 remaining when Todd fumbled after taking a hit. Josh Cullop recovered for Belfry and Jones scored from five yards out on the next play. Ronnie Edwards' extra-point kick tied the game.

Belfry fumbled six times in the first half, losing three.

Jones mishandled a punt at midfield with 8:55 left in the first quarter to set up Elizabethtown's first scoring drive. Todd went 3-for-5 and Jonathan Rusher had a 1-yard TD run with 7:25 remaining in

the opening quarter.

Belfry drove to the Elizabethtown 29 on its ensuing drive, but Howard fumbled. He redeemed himself with a 21-yard touchdown run with 11:13 left in the first half.

The Pirates went 71 yards in 13 plays on their next possession, despite twice fumbling out of bounds. Jones had an eight-yard touchdown run to cap the march, which chewed up more than five min-

utes.

Jones had 116 rushing yards at halftime.

Neither team had been to the state finals since the 1980s. Elizabethtown hasn't won a state title since 1969.

BASEBALL

Negro League Hall of Fame planned

by JOSEPH WHITE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Al Burrows wore the same New York Black Yankees jersey he wore 49 years ago — no high-priced throwback needed for this Negro Leagues veteran.

On the table was a weathered glove worn for eight years by Satchel Paige, who eventually traded it to a friend for a pair of knee-high fishing boots.

Recently discovered artifacts nearly a century old were scattered throughout preserved unknowingly for decades in someone's suitcase: box scores, ledgers, photos and letters. They are the remnants of the less organized days of the so-called Colored Leagues, a period that even the old-timers couldn't remember.

Many of those memories will find a permanent home in the new Negro League Legends Hall of Fame, a shrine and museum to be built in Washington. Groundbreaking is scheduled for next year, with opening day set for 2006.

"We need this," said Sam Allen, who played for the Kansas City Monarchs, Raleigh Taggers and Memphis Red Sox in the late 1950s. "I've got grandchildren, and I can sit them down and tell them, but then they want to see the proof. With this museum coming up, they'll be able to come here and see my name and my picture. It's a long time coming."

There already is a Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Mo., and the history of black baseball is well documented in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. The new Hall of Fame will supplement those, focusing more on individual players.

"It gives the average player a chance to be recognized," Allen said. "When you talk about Negro Leagues, black baseball, the first thing is Satchel Paige and Josh Gibson. But you had a lot of other good ball players. The Negro Leagues were loaded."

It was a discovery of some pre-Negro Leagues history that fascinated those gathered at Howard University on Wednesday. Detailed records that once belonged to Rutherford Hayes Jones, who

owned a team called the Washington Giants in the early 20th century, had been found in a suitcase and turned over to Dwayne Sims, founder of the new Hall.

"He kept the box scores, how much he paid the umpires, the players, the receipts, everything," Sims said.

Among the 300-plus items is a 1911 ledger noting \$2 paid to an umpire to work a game, numerous photos of athletes that Sims hopes to identify through research, and well-preserved correspondence from an era when white and black teams routinely played each other.

"Is your team white or colored?" is asked at the end of a letter organizing a series of games in 1906. "Kindly let me hear from you by return mail."

The Negro National League in 1920 was the first fully organized black league, followed by the Eastern Colored League in 1923. Even after Jackie Robinson broke the major league race barrier in 1947, some teams lasted into the 1950s and the 1960s. Sims

estimates more than 300 Negro Leagues alumni are still living.

Their stories were ignored for years, but are now more popular than ever. A renaissance that started nearly a decade ago has them earning the acceptance — and the perks — they never received when they were playing.

"I can go out and make \$1,000 in one day," said Burrows, 71, recalling the fine food and hotel accommodations for a recent autograph session in Richmond, Va.

Not all are doing that well. Sims noted Negro League players are "not getting one dime" from the sales of throwback Negro League hats and jerseys, which can cost hundreds of dollars.

"These fellows today that make all these big salaries, they could donate something," said 88-year-old Sonny Randle, wearing a Homestead Grays throwback. "A life span isn't but so long. They could contribute to the older fellows that didn't get a chance. They're leaving families behind, and they're dying out."

PROFILE

Polish center has to change his style at Kentucky

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Lukasz Obrzut watches the way the NBA's Dirk Nowitzki moves and thinks, "I could do that."

Not so fast, Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith says. For now, Obrzut, the Wildcats' 7-foot, 257-pound freshman center from Gliwice, Poland, is listening to Smith.

"I love those players and I love to watch them," Obrzut said of Nowitzki, the 7-foot Dallas Mavericks star, and Minnesota's Kevin Garnett — both tall players who can dominate both inside and outside.

"I record the games and I try to do what they do and run the court and pull up for quick shots. Maybe someday I'll be able to change my inside game to my outside game, but right now, I need to focus on my inside game."

It pleases Smith to hear that. Smith signed Obrzut and Shagari Alleyne, another 7-footer, this year in hopes they could help fill an immediate need in the post, where the Wildcats were thin following the departure of Marquis Estill and Jules Camara after last season.

"It's always tough when you're trying to learn something new, when you were pretty good at what you did, and now you have to make that adjustment of learning a new system and changing your style of play," Smith said. "But he's been more than willing. He's worked at it, and it will take time. But he is doing everything we ask him to do."

Obrzut — whose name is pronounced WOO-kash ORB-schoot — was somewhat of an unknown prospect when he signed with Kentucky. He arrived in the U.S. last fall and played one season for Bridgton Academy in Maine. Obrzut planned to sign with Fordham, but when that school fired coach Bob Hill after last season, he began looking again and chose Kentucky over Utah.

Obrzut wasn't considered a blue chip recruit, but Hill insist-

ed in May that Obrzut soon would be "Kentucky good" and predicted, "I don't think it will take this kid long. I think he'll be a contributor. I wouldn't be surprised if, after a few games, he's not starting."

In retrospect, that sounds like wishful thinking. Obrzut is a long way from starting — he's averaging a little more than five minutes per game and has yet to record his first points for the ninth-ranked Wildcats, who are 3-0 heading into their game on Saturday against UCLA in Anaheim, Calif. Obrzut has missed all four of his field-goal attempts, grabbed only four rebounds and has yet to block a shot.

Still, Smith is encouraged by the progress Obrzut is making — both on the court and in learning the English language, which Obrzut began speaking only after his arrival in the United States.

"He is very skilled and is advanced in his agility and mobility in terms of a 7-footer," Smith said. "But he is having to convert from the way he is used to playing to the way we want him to play."

Before arriving in the United States, Obrzut said he played more power forward, faced the basket and developed a decent 3-point shot.

"In Europe, the coach asked me to take 300 to 500 shots (a day)," Obrzut said. "Just shoot and shoot and shoot."

But, as Smith puts it, "I don't necessarily need a 7-footer shooting 3s."

So Obrzut is trying to develop a hook shot and working on his post moves.

"I always liked playing outside, but I have to do what people ask me to do," Obrzut said. "It's tough for me."

"As soon as you learn something new, you're pushing your skills higher. When I get to this level, I can be a really good player, and I recognize that. When I don't want to do what the coach asks me to, that means I'll stay at the same level. I don't want to stay at the same level."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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.

PRO FOOTBALL

GAME OF THE WEEK: Surprise! Bengals-Ravens for top spot

by DAVID GINSBURG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Ravens are ready to close the book on the Cincinnati Bengals' stunning turnaround season.

With first-year coach Marvin Lewis leading the way, the Bengals have shed their reputation as the Bungles in remarkable fashion. By winning six of seven and four in a row — the last two on the road — Cincinnati (7-5) has moved into contention for its first postseason berth since 1990.

Standing in the way are the Ravens (7-5), who host the Bengals on Sunday in a matchup for first place in the AFC North.

"Marvin has done a phenomenal job, and I think everybody in the country is excited that Cincinnati has a team that has this kind of viability," Ravens coach Brian Billick said. "But we can't let that distract us. If we're fortunate enough to win, then we're just going to be those bad Baltimore Bulls again, the guys that are killing this great national story."

The saga of the 2003 Bengals reads like unfathomable fiction: A ridiculed franchise that endured 12 consecutive years without a winning season, including 2-14 in 2002, becomes a contender under a

spirited leader who long yearned for a team to call his own.

And now, the Bengals' biggest game in 13 years comes against a team Lewis helped win a Super Bowl in 2001 as its defensive coordinator. The star of that world championship team was middle linebacker Ray Lewis, who isn't exactly awash with sentiment at the prospect of hooking up with his former coach.

"They're having a good season; Marvin has done a great job getting it turned around," Ray Lewis said. "But it's simple enough — now they have to come to Baltimore. We'll be waiting for them."

When the teams played in October, Cincinnati took advantage of three turnovers in a 34-26 victory. As the game drew to a close, Bengals quarterback Jon Kitna told Ray Lewis he was going to take a knee to run out the clock.

Lewis replied, "The same thing that makes you laugh can make you cry. Don't ask for all those turnovers and don't ask for us to drop interceptions the next time. I can promise you we won't."

Kitna threw for 244 yards and three touchdown passes without an interception during a truly memorable afternoon. But the Bengals haven't won in Baltimore since 1996, and the

Ravens are 5-1 at home this season.

"They know what happens when they come to play us in Baltimore," Ray Lewis said. "It's not that we're boasting or talking trash. It's simple: Teams don't play well when they come see the Ravens at home. So come see us again here, because this time we're playing ticked off."

With a victory, the Bengals can secure the first tiebreaker in determining division champion: head-to-head results. Standing in the way is a defense that had four interceptions last week in a 44-6 rout of San Francisco.

"They're the most confusing team I've ever played against in the NFL," Kitna said. "That's what makes it tough playing against them at their place. It's already tough to communicate verbally with your teammates, and they do all the things they do to create more confusion."

Running against the Ravens is never easy, no matter where the game is played, so Cincinnati will probably have to count on Kitna to move the ball. Receivers Chad Johnson and Peter Warrick both scored touchdowns in the first game, and enter the rematch confident of doing the same.

"Me and Pete, we're like 7-11, we're like the Waffle House. We're always open," Johnson said. "So it makes Kit's job real

easy. It doesn't get no better than that."

Before this season, the Bengals were little more than a break in the schedule for the Ravens, 9-1 against Cincinnati since 1997. Now, with Marvin Lewis on the opposite sideline and the stakes so high, Billick sees this as a budding rivalry.

"Rivalries are built when one someone wins or loses, it costs you something, and it's important. That's not always been the case with Baltimore-Cincinnati," Billick said. "Marvin's got them playing well and confident, so this is a great, extended rivalry that should build from this point forward."

Horsemen

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sale for the 2004 season, which begins in March; for ticket information, call the Rupp Arena box office at 859/233-3535 or log on to www.rupparena.com.

The Horsemen finished their inaugural season with a 9-6 record and a trip to the playoffs, where they were defeated in the first round by eventual 2003 NFL Champion Ohio Valley. For more information about the team, please call 859-422-PASS or visit www.lexingtonhorsemen.com.

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