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Tackett indicted for murder

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Printer man was indicted on murder, rape and unlawful imprisonment charges Wednesday in the murder of 56-year-old Margaret Hall.

The murder charge, a capital offense, is eligible for the death penalty.

Tony Ray Tackett, 44, waived the formal reading of his indictment during his arraignment in Floyd Circuit Court Thursday morning and entered a not guilty plea to the charges. A \$1 million cash bond remained in place and a pretrial conference was set for April 15 to set a trial date.

The grand jury charged Tackett

with murder for allegedly killing Hall by strangling her. The jury also charged Tackett with first-degree rape, alleging there was forcible compulsion involved, and with first-degree unlawful imprisonment, for allegedly restraining Hall by binding her hands together.

Hall was reported missing March 30, 2006, and had last been seen March 18 before her body was discovered April 1 off a strip-mine road near Big Branch in Harold.

A statement issued last month by the Kentucky State Police stated that Hall and Tackett had met each other before but did not go into the specifics of their relationship.

(See MURDER, page 18)



photo by Alex Smith

Forty-four year old Tony Ray Tackett was arraigned in Floyd Circuit Court on murder, rape and unlawful imprisonment charges. Judge Danny P. Caudill kept Tackett's bond at \$1 million, saying since it is a capital case he must pay the full amount to be released.

BOBCATS GET WIN

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briefs

Scholarships available to survivors

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

The American Cancer Society is continuing to provide assistance to cancer survivors even after they have conquered their illness.

The Mid-South Division of the society will soon be accepting applications for a scholarship program designed to give financial assistance to survivors now attending college. For the fourth consecutive year, this division will award \$1,000 scholarships to eligible individuals who have fought cancer and are attending an accredited university, college or vocational/technical school.

Since the beginning of the American Cancer Society scholarship program in 2000, more than 950 scholarships have been awarded. Last year, 216 survivors received the scholarship.

"Childhood cancer survivors have faced incredible challenges and overcome them," said Teresa Collins, Community Representative for the mid south division of the American Cancer Society.

(See ACS, page 18)

HANDING OUT CHECKS



photo by Ralph B. Davis

The Equitable Resources Foundation presented a \$25,000 grant Wednesday to the Floyd Service Project. The money is to be used to build a welcome center at the project's Elkhorn Park near Minnie. The Equitable Resources Foundation is the charitable arm of Equitable Resources and provides funding to educational programs and for projects that improve habitability for senior citizens. In 2006, the foundation awarded over \$300,000 in Kentucky. Also on hand were two other recent recipients of the foundation's grants. LINKS recently received \$25,000 to be used for two homes at Stambaugh in Johnson County, while the East Kentucky Science Center received \$15,000 for educational programming and to offset ticket prices for school groups that visit the center.

Judge allows grand jury documents released to feds

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A Franklin County judge authorized the release of evidence collected during the investigation of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration's hiring practices to federal prosecutors and three other investigatory agencies.

Circuit Judge Reed Rhorer on Wednesday allowed state prosecutors to hand over confidential grand jury evidence from the state hiring probe to the Kentucky Personnel Board, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission and the Kentucky Bar Association. Deputy Attorney General Pierce Whites said the three state agencies requested evidence from the lengthy Fletcher administration probe.

"It's a very good outcome, I think, for law enforcement and for the people of Kentucky,"

Whites said of Rhorer's decision.

The attorney general's office began investigating allegations in May 2005 that Fletcher's administration illegally rewarded political supporters with state jobs after he took office. Fletcher, who maintained the investigation was politically motivated, gave a blanket pardon in August 2005 to anyone except himself who could be charged in the probe.

A Franklin County special grand jury indicted Fletcher on misdemeanor charges that were eventually dropped in a deal with prosecutors.

The grand jury, in a report released in November, said it found that Fletcher had approved a "widespread and coordinated plan" to skirt state hiring laws.

Stumbo said in August 2005, following the pardons, that his office would turn over any evidence of federal law

violations to the FBI. To date, the attorney general's office had not given any evidence in the matter to federal prosecutors, Whites said.

There were "hundreds of thousands" of pages of documents collected during the probe, and each of the agencies would have total access to them including a searchable database, Whites said.

The ethics panel would investigate whether Fletcher administration officials broke any ethics rules, while the personnel board would judge whether candidates for state jobs were handled fairly, Whites said. He declined, however, to say what interest the bar association had in the matter other than to "look at the ethics applicable to members of the bar."

A call to the Kentucky Bar Association's counsel was not

(See PROBE, page 18)

Tourism says no to park money for now

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonburg Tourism Commission held its first meeting of the new year Wednesday and the main topic of discussion was funding for Archer Park.

New Archer Park Director David Baldrige and Prestonburg Park Commission Chairman Randy Polk were on hand to discuss the possibility of receiving additional funding for the park through the commission in the upcoming year.

Commission members agreed unanimously that the park is a fantastic place that offers many activities to the community, but said they were bound by law to continue funding the park at the current level.

"Our objective as a board is to promote tourism, and our interpretation is that we are held to the 1990 cap as a board,"

said commission member Mark Miller.

The cap, which was set at \$186,000 in July 1990, prohibits the board from giving additional money to the park unless they can prove the park has brought in tourists from outside the county. The commission said economic impact of those coming in from outside the area must be measurable, either by the money they spend at restaurants, gas stations or by spending the night in a motel, to justify giving additional funds. Examples given by the commission included the Mountain Arts Center and Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, which are able to count the number of people coming from outside a 50-mile radius to attend events.

"Show us some kind of proof of economic impact so we can give more money," said Fred James,

(See TOURISM, page 18)



photo by Jessica Hale

Joseph Skeans of Mud Creek participated in his sixth blood donation Tuesday at the Gearheart Communications blood drive at WPRG Studios in Harold. "I heard Dr. Don on the radio on the way home, so I turned around and came back," Skeans said.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 56 • Low: 47

Tomorrow



High: 56 • Low: 49

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

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Obituaries

Grace Ousley Flanery

Grace Ousley Flanery, age, 94, of Martin, wife of the late Parley B. Flanery, passed away, Wednesday, January 10, 2007, at her residence.

She was born February 28, 1912 in Floyd County, the daughter of the late James Ousley and Emma Frasure Ousley. She was a former teacher, and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Martin.

Survivors include her five daughters: Nora Sue (Gerald) Tomberlin, of Weaverville, North Carolina, Doris Elaine (Charles) Porter of Unoci, Tennessee, Emma Lois "Goose" (Alger) Pigman of Hindman, Mavis Ann (Elman) Blair of Lexington, and Flora Grace (Bat) Bartrum of Foristell, Missouri; three sons: Billy James "Bill" (Judy) Flannery of Jackson Michigan, Jessie Calvin "Joe" (Barbara) Flanery of Scott Depot, West Virginia, and Parley Bryan "Dickie" (Joan) Flanery Jr. of Ashland; three brothers: Willard Ousley, Dewey Ousley, and Orville Ousley, all of Prestonsburg; 43 grandchildren, 88 great grandchildren, and 23 great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband

Parley, and parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Eunice Mae Flanery Hall; one brother, Sanford Ousley; three sisters: Susie DeRossett, Mae Calhoun Slone and Inas Campbell Stephens; and three grandchildren: Jeffery Arnold Hall, Jennifer Grace Hall Crum, and Isaac Wayne Pigman.

Funeral services for Grace Ousley Flanery will be conducted at noon, Saturday, January 13, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Martin, with Elders of the church officiating.

Burial will follow in the Wright Cemetery, in Martin, with the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is at the Hall Funeral Home, and 1 hour prior to services at the Church. (Paid obituary)

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Gladis Holbrook

Gladis Holbrook, age 72, of David, died Thursday, January 4, 2007, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, in Paintsville.

Born December 26, 1934, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Henry Hanson and Darcus Marsillett Holbrook. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include an aunt,

Katie Spiegel of Claypool, Indiana; and several cousins and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, and a sister: Randall Scott Holbrook, Hanson Jr., Holbrook, Jobie Holbrook, and Ruby Holbrook.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 10, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jimmy Price officiating.

Burial was in the Hale Cemetery, in Blue River, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation, was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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David Marsillett Jr.

David Marsillett Jr., age 59, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, January 9, 2007, in Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born May 29, 1947, in West Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Ethel Marsillett Wallen, He was a retired City of Prestonsburg employee.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Craft Marsillett.

Other survivors include his sons: Tom Marsillett of Prestonsburg, and Tim (wife Rhonda) Marsillett of Allen; and his grandchildren: Timothy, Courtney, Zachary, Devin, Megan, and Katalin.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 12, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clifford Austin officiating.

Burial will be in the Hale Cemetery, in Blue River, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Alice Josephine Stephens Prater

(August 13, 1920 - January 8, 2007)
Alice Josephine Stephens Prater, age 86, of Ionia, Michigan, passed away on Monday, January 8, 2007.

Alice was born on August 13, 1920, in Prestonburg, the daughter of the late Robert and Minnie Stephens. She loved sewing and crocheting. She also enjoyed going home to Kentucky to spend time with her family.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Earl in 1989, and by several sisters and brothers.

Surviving are her sons: Doug Prater of Lake Odessa and Gary (Nancy) Prater of Lady Lake, Florida; grandchildren: Daniel Prater of Grand Rapids, Wendy (Dave) Peterson of Grand Rapids and Derek (Krista) of Ionia; great-granddaughter, Kayla

Peterson. Also nieces, nephews and several friends in Floyd County.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 12, at the Schrauben-Lehman Funeral Home, 220 Rich St., Ionia, with Pastor Kenneth Harger, Shiloh Community Church officiating.

Online condolences may be made at www.schraubenlehman.com. (Paid obituary)

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Julia Reffitt

Julia Reffitt, age 72, of Langley, died Thursday, January 11, 2007, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

Born November 14, 1934, in Manton, she was the daughter of the late Erbie Litton and Minnie Steele Samons. She

was a homemaker, and a member of the Maytown Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons: Bobby Reffitt (Mildred) of Langley, and Tom Reffitt of Martin; two daughters: Claudette Reffitt of Maytown, and Oma Elkins of Pikeville; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Billy Litton.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 12, at 11 a.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Roy Harlow officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Denver Hall would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to each and everyone for their kindness and compassion during the loss of our loved one.

Thank you for the food, flowers, words of comfort, prayers, and cards. These acts of kindness shall always be remembered and cherished.

We would like to thank the staff of McDowell ARH for their prompt and efficient service in getting Denver stable enough to transport, and a special thank-you to each and everyone who was instrumental in getting Denver back to the hospital before his passing. These acts of kindness and compassion will always be treasured.

To those of you who stopped briefly at the church, and those who sat for hours with us—thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Thank-you to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, the Left Beaver Rescue Squad, Floyd County Sheriff's Dept., and the Little Nancy Regular Baptist Church.

Special thanks to the ministers for their comforting words, to the pallbearers and the gentlemen who attended to the gravesite. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

It's impossible to name each person individually, but to each and everyone who held us in your thoughts and in your prayers during this difficult time, we thank you. Your kindness and compassion will always be remembered and treasured in our hearts.

The Family of Denver Hall

Problems found in foster care program

by **ROGER ALFORD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — State investigators found numerous problems in the state's foster care program in the Elizabethtown area and will alert prosecutors to possible criminal conduct, according to an inspector general's report released Thursday.

Investigators found that some regional managers for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services abused their power in removing children from their biological parents, failed to follow standard operating procedures, and retaliated against staffers who complained about the problems.

To prevent such problems in the future,

investigators recommended opening court proceedings that deal with terminating parental rights, implementing inspection teams to make unannounced visits to child welfare offices across the state, and reviewing every case that includes a recommendation for termination of parental rights.

"For example, we believe strongly, the cloak of secrecy that currently dominates this process is not in the best interest of Kentucky's children and must be removed as part of any material reform," the inspector general's report said.

"Simply stated, these are not matters of national security, wherein effectiveness often requires secrecy. Rather, they are social service issues that demand the full light of day

in order to better ensure the integrity of the process. The fact that children are involved in the process should no longer be used as an excuse to protect these proceedings from meaningful public oversight."

Health and Family Services Secretary Mark D. Birdwhistell said he has reviewed the report and is prepared to act on it.

"I find it troubling, but not entirely surprising," he said in a statement.

Investigators said they found a culture that thrived on the power of controlling families by removing children from their biological parents and terminating their parental rights.

(See PROBLEMS, page seven)

To the Voters of the Seventh Appellate District:

Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Constituents:

We are beginning a new year and a new term of office for an almost brand-new Court of Appeals. Eleven of our fourteen judges are newly elected to this Court, and I have before me the serious but challenging task of leading this Court in the direction it will take for the next several years.

I want to thank you for giving me that opportunity by re-electing me on November 7. Without your support, confidence, and faith, I would not be doing work that I love so dearly. I would not have the opportunity to enrich my life with the public service surrounding the care and protection of our system of justice.

You have placed your trust in me, and I assure that I will do my very best to continue to earn that trust and confidence. I want to thank you for your vote and for your continued support in the critically important work of safeguarding the principles of justice in this Commonwealth. I am particularly proud to be representing the wonderful people of eastern Kentucky.

Thank you most sincerely for giving me this splendid opportunity to serve. May your new year be joyous and blessed, prosperous and healthful.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Judge, Kentucky Court of Appeals

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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Tonya Marie Allen, 22, of David, to Michael Dwayne Goble, 26, of Prestonsburg.

Henrietta Renee Cassady, 24, of Salyersville, to Kevin Stewart Webb, 30, of East Point.

Florence Regina Boyd, 35, of Auxier, to Malcom Jr. Wallen, 35, of Auxier.

Jeannie Lynn Sparks, 22, of Prestonsburg, to Joshua Kevin Branham, 22, of Prestonsburg.

Carolyn Sue Keathley, 38, of Galveston, to Kenny Lee Akers, 44, of Galveston.

Robin Tuttle, 46, of Prestonsburg, to Paul Bryan Fairchild, 31, of Prestonsburg.

Treva Elisha Risner, 20, of Salyersville, to Jeffrey Darrell Stephens, 34, of Allen.

Lyncoln Gabrielle Blair, 18, of Hager Hill, to Brian Lee Prater, 24, of Prestonsburg.

Judy Carol Moore, 40, of Hueysville, to Tildon Howard, 49, of Hueysville.

Kaula Renee Bryant, 20, of Weeksby, to Nicholas Heath Short, 23, of Weeksby.

Civil Suits Filed

Cash In Hand vs. Angela Hall; to collect debt

Cash In Hand vs. Nathan Hoskins; to collect debt

Eric C. Conn vs. Jimmy D. Hall; to collect debt

Eric C. Conn vs. Lori D. Fields; to collect debt

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Erica Reid; to collect debt

Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Inc. vs. Jimmy Patrick; to collect debt

Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Inc. vs. Rosemary Reed; to collect debt

Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Tammy R. Ratliff; to collect debt

Atlantic Credit & Finance Inc. vs. Rosalee Gillespie; to collect debt

Capital One Bank vs. Bethel Bryant; to collect debt

Adams Real Estate vs. Antonia Farias; eviction

Eugene and Rebecca Salisbury vs. Sharon Carroll; eviction

McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital vs. Ricky D. Johnson; to collect debt

McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital vs. Marty Tackett; to collect debt

Nick and Kaye Pugh vs. Stephen Bradley; compensatory and liquidated damages

Steven and Rita Moore vs. Festa Salisbury; compensatory and punitive damages

Mark Robert Burchett vs. Frankie and Gerald George; compensatory and punitive damages

Larry and Ima Case vs. McCoy Elkhorn Coal Corporation; injunctive relief and punitive damages

Sherry and William Newsome vs. Mohammad Y. Mannan, Highlands Hospital Corporation, Highlands Regional Medical Center, Philip N. Zambos and Eastern Kentucky Imaging; compensatory and punitive damages

Palmer and Billie Hamilton vs. Bizzack, Inc.; compensatory damages

Derald Lara vs. Heather Keathley Lara; petition for immediate entitlement to physical custody

Erin Capital Management LLC vs. Sharon L. Skeens; to collect debt

Glenn Spears vs. Susan Danielle George; petition for custody

Ronda Caudill vs. John Jenkins; petition for child support and health care insurance

Loretta Wright vs. Matthew W. Wright; petition for child support and health care insurance

Jarrod L. Johnson vs. Michael L. Hancock and Warco Land Improvement Co. Inc.; compensatory and punitive damages

Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. vs. John and Melissa Harris; affidavit for appointment of warning order attorney

Atlantic Credit and Finance, Inc. vs. Tonya G. Williams; to collect debt

Vicki Black vs. Joseph D. Collins; compensatory and punitive damages

Ricky and Deresa Slone vs. Equitable Resources, John M. Bradley and unknown operators of equipment for Equitable Productions; com-

pensatory and punitive damages

Small Claims Filings

Levi Johnson Sr. vs. Jim Perry; to collect debt

Levi Johnson Sr. vs. Derby Osbourne; to collect debt

Tommy Spears vs. Minnie Rogers; to collect debt

Cardinal Country Store vs. Rhonda Mitchell; to collect debt

Charges Filed

Nathaniel J. Campbell, 18; speeding 6 MPH over limit, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Brandon Hatfield, 25; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, no tinting label on vehicle, excessive window tinting-windshield, obstructed vision and/or windshield, license to be in possession, two counts of first-degree controlled substance prescription not in original container, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security

Misty Miller Damron, 32; first-degree robbery

Brandon Lee Combs, 20; first-degree promoting contraband, use/possession of drug paraphernalia

Inspections

Giovanni's, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of numerically scaled thermometer for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, lack of effective hair restraints, floors not in good repair, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair. Score: 96

Kentucky Fried Chicken, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, floors not in good repair, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair, lighting not provided as required. Score: 95

Meade's Stop-N-Go Inc., Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of effective hair restraints, non food contact surfaces not properly maintained, improper storage of single service articles, toilet room doors not self closing, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair, light fixtures not shielded as required, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: Food, 92, Retail, 95.

Long John Silvers, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: All plumbing not maintained according to law, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair. Score: 96

Martin Senior Citizens, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or handwashing sink, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Score: 95

Hillbilly Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of

accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of effective hair restraints, operators not providing and using chemical test kits where chemical sanitization methods are employed, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, light fixtures not shielded as required, employees personal items not stored properly. Score: 94

Giovanni's Pizza House, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food not protected during storage, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, hand cleaner not provided at lavatory or hand washing sink, adequate garbage and refuse containers not provided, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 92

Hometown IGA, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, non food contact surfaces not properly constructed, cloths used for wiping non food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, improper storage of single service articles, all plumbing not maintained according to law, toilet room doors not self closing, floors not in good repair, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair, light fixtures not shielded as required, employees personal items not stored properly, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: Food, 89, Retail, 89.

Speedway, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, non food contact surfaces not properly constructed, lighting not provided as required, light fixtures not shielded as required. Score: Food, 97, Retail, 98.

vided as required, light fixtures not shielded as required. Score: Food, 97, Retail, 98.

Rite Aid #2459, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Improper storage of single service articles, proper waste receptacles not provided. Score: 96

Dollar General Store, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food not protected during storage, food not protected during display, floors not constructed properly, floors not in good repair. Score: 97

Skean's Marathon, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically scaled thermometers for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, food not protected during preparation, food not protected during service, ice dispensing utensil not properly stored, lack of effective hair restraints, operators not providing chemical test kits where chemical sanitization methods are employed, cloths used for wiping food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, hand washing facility not properly designed, toilet room doors not self closing, floors not clean. Score: Food, 86, Retail, 96

Seasons Inn, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food not protected during preparation, food not protected during service, lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, all plumbing not maintained according to law, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand washing sink, floors not in good repair. Score: 90

Newman Country Store, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, toilet room doors not self closing, employees personal items not stored properly. Score: 94

Red Hed Oil Inc., Lackey, follow up inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, floors not in good repair, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not constructed properly, light fixtures not shielded as required, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 95

Property Transfers

Doris E. Alley to Charlene, Edna M., James A., and Robert A. Arms, property located at Bear Branch.

Lothar D. Alley to Charlene, Edna M., James A., and Robert A. Arms, property located at Bear Branch.

located at Bear Branch.

Inis Bradford to James Bradford, property located at Middle Creek.

Anna F. Burke to Charlene, Edna M., James A., and Robert A. Arms, property located at Bear Branch.

Jonathan B. Burke to Charlene, Edna M., James A., and Robert A. Arms, property located at Bear Branch.

Irene Conn to Brenda A. and Donald D. Ousley, property located at Arkansas Creek.

James Howard Conn to Brenda A. and Donald D. Ousley, property located at Arkansas Creek.

Joseph Conn to Brenda A. and Donald D. Ousley, property located at Arkansas Creek.

Julia Conn to Brenda A. and Donald D. Ousley, property located at Arkansas Creek.

Jerry Fannin to Jimmy Calhoun, property located at Stephens Branch.

Jerry Fannin to Jimmy Calhoun, property location undisclosed.

David L. Flannery to

(See RECORD, page seven)

MIDDLECREEK VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

We, the Middlecreek Volunteer Fire Department Operation Santa Calus Committee, would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and thanks to the organizations, businesses and individuals who helped to make our 2006 Operation Santa Claus a huge success.

With your help, we were able to serve 582 parents and children with clothing, gifts, and fruit and candy goody bags. Santa was at the Fire Department on December 20, 2006, for the children. Two days before Christmas we made and distributed 78 food baskets, which included all the items needed for a good Christmas dinner. In addition, to the above, Santa gave out over 300 treat bags on December 21, 2006.

THANKS again, and may good things come to you for helping so many people in need at Christmas time.

MIDDLECREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

Charles E. Hackworth, Chairman

Our Lady of the Way is pleased to announce the addition of **cardiologist, Olawale Olatunji, M.D.** to their Medical Staff.

Dr. Olatunji is an associate of the Cumberland Clinic based in London.

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Viewpoint

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

— Albert Einstein

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Ironton (Ohio) Tribune, on the new Congress:

For the first time since 1994 there is a total shift in power for the legislative branch of the United States as the latest incarnation of Congress was sworn in Thursday in Washington, D.C.

In the House, Democrat Nancy Pelosi takes over as speaker of the House, which marks the first time a woman has ever held that position.

Since Election Day back in November, members on both sides have been discussing their plans for the 110th Congress and how they seek to end the image of corruption and begin working again for their constituents — rather than wealthy interests.

And now is there chance.

Talk is cheap, and if the American people are going to take the new leadership seriously, it must make good on those promises and do so early. ...

The Express-Times, Easton, Pa., on amniotic stem cells:

... Researchers announced Sunday they're toying with stem cells from amniotic fluid, the substance protecting the fetus in the womb.

So far, the news is encouraging.

These cells have been prodded to form muscle, tissue, tendons and cartilage. They've been nudged into becoming heart, liver and nerve cells.

The stem cell debate has focused mainly on adult stem cells and embryonic stem cells.

Many in the scientific community believe embryonic stem cells offer the best hope to cure diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and diabetes.

But religious conservatives and others have raised ethical concerns because it involves destroying embryos. President Bush has exercised his veto power just once — to block expanded federal funding for embryonic stem cell research.

The Democrats — now firmly in control of Congress — have promised to renew this debate.

Embryonic stem cell opponents will no doubt point to amniotic stem cells as the solution.

Promising? Yes. The solution? Probably not. ...

Unless there is convincing evidence to the contrary, scientists should search for answers on all three fronts: adult, embryonic and amniotic stem cells.

The Tampa (Fla.) Tribune, on the need for better infant safety seat tests:

Anyone who buckles an infant into a car seat should be aware of a recent study from Consumer Reports showing most of those seats fail in higher-speed car crashes. The car seat manufacturers are disputing these findings, and the solution to these conflicting opinions is new government tests.

The respected magazine tested rear-facing infant car seats in 35 mph frontal crashes and 38 mph side crashes. Those are the speeds at which the government tests cars for crash safety. The conflict is that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration tests infant seats only in 30 mph crashes.

... The Consumer Reports test found that in the higher-speed crashes, seven of 12 car seats failed.

One of the toughest things a new parent has to do is to buy the right car seat and install it properly. The NHTSA needs to move swiftly and perform its own review of infant seat safety standards at higher crash speeds and give parents the guidance they need.



Letters

Proud of team

The recent letter to your newspaper which accuses me of being a Bill Clinton supporter, carpetbagger and/or ambulance chaser deserves a response. In Mr. Hensley's letter, he accurately points out that I am a Bill Clinton supporter. This is true. I along with 9,654 other Floyd Countians voted to give Bill Clinton a landslide in Floyd County in 1996.

In fact, I voted for Bill Clinton every time I saw his name on the ballot. Exactly what my support of President Clinton has to do with the David School basketball team is beyond me.

In his letter, Mr. Hensley repeatedly states that I am either a carpetbagger and/or an ambulance chaser. Since his letter primarily discusses my relationship with the David School basketball team, I am writing to set the record straight. First of all,

I am a volunteer coach at the David School, a team I organized and started five years ago. I receive absolutely no compensation for my services. In fact, I along with my law firm, my wife (Janet Stumbo) and Paintsville attorney Michael Endicott have paid every financial expense associated with the David School basketball team. I am perplexed as to how our volunteer support for the David School basketball team qualifies us as carpetbaggers and/or ambulance chasers.

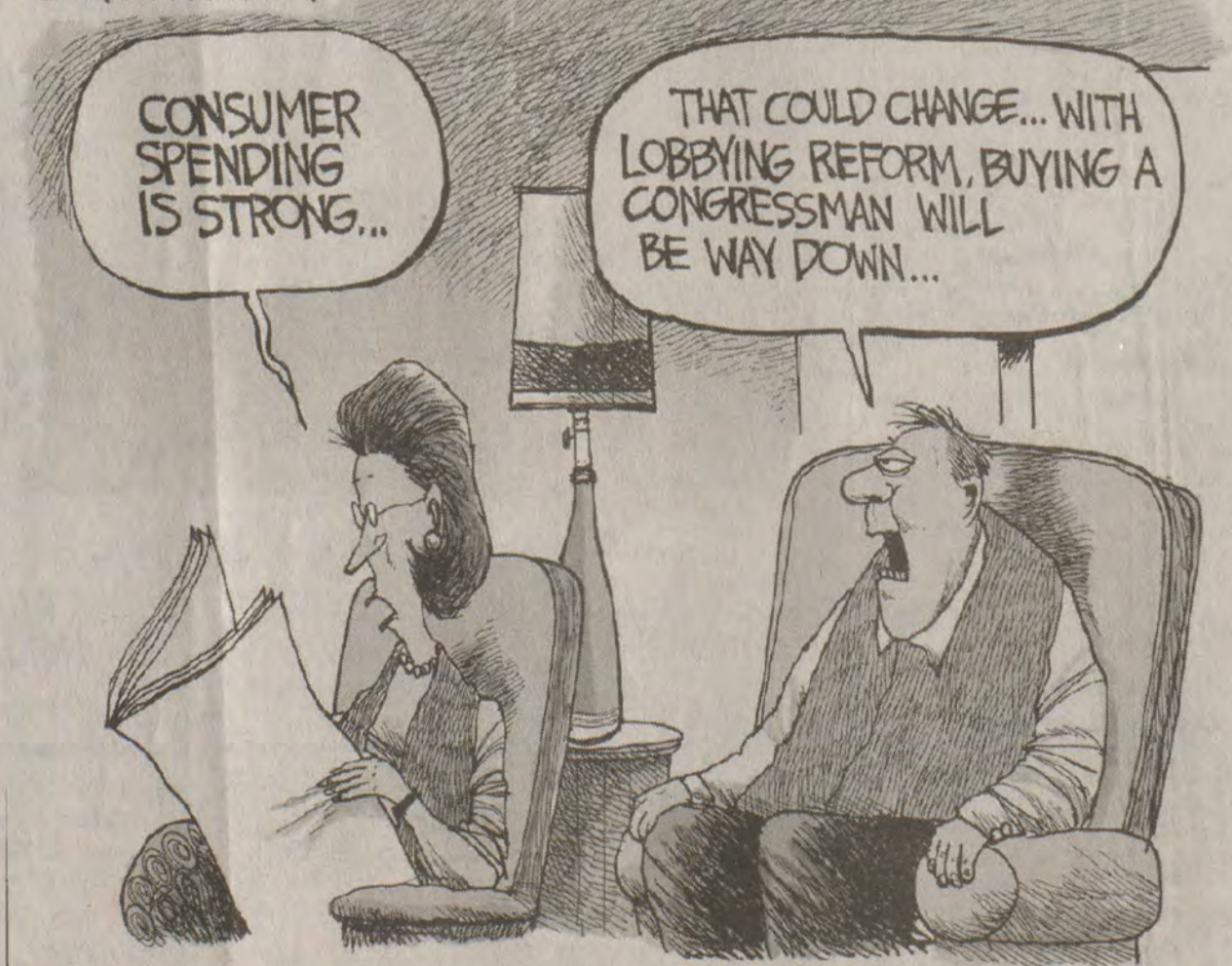
To the extent that Mr. Hensley's letter could also be viewed as an attack on my players, I must say I take great exception to that. While my players are not the most talented team in the state, I am extremely proud of their efforts and dedication. This Saturday (Jan. 13), the David School basketball team will be hosting our rival from the Three Rivers Conference, when the Red Bird Cardinals play us a rare home game

at the Prestonsburg High School gym at 7 p.m. If Mr. Hensley or anyone else were to come to the game, they would see a group of dedicated young men who, despite the fact they are less talented than practically every team we play, constantly continue to try their best. While my team has witnessed countless instances of bad sportsmanship, taunting and technical fouls by other teams, the David School team has never participated in any such behavior. They have been outstanding ambassadors not only for the David School, but for the county as well.

While Mr. Hensley may have a First Amendment right to make certain insinuations about myself and my team, I believe I have a First Amendment right to say that there is no coach in the state who is prouder of his team than I am.

Ned Pillersdorf
Coach, David School

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A new day, a new round-the-clock crisis for Jack Bauer: Fox's '24' returns

by **FRAZIER MOORE**
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NEW YORK — For Jack Bauer, saving America is all in a day's work.

But early in this new day on the Fox thriller "24," his calling as the counter-terrorist go-to guy has clearly taken its toll. "Tell the president I'm sorry," Bauer sobs into his cell phone just four hours into the current daylong ordeal. "I can't do this anymore."

By now, even staunch "24" fans may feel the same way, having suffered with Jack — and with the preyed-upon nation whose very survival depended on him — for the past five seasons.

But he will carry on, of course. And so will we, answering the call of the explosive first four episodes of "24" when they air Sunday and Monday from 8 to 10 p.m. EST.

Two years have elapsed since last season's crush of crises du jour, a day that saw Bauer (Emmy winner Kiefer Sutherland) bring down treasonous President Charles Logan — and then, in a cruel twist, get kidnapped and thrown in the hold of a China-bound tanker to face punishment for raiding a Chinese consulate.

The present day finds the United States in turmoil as,

moments after 6 a.m., an L.A. city bus is blown up by a suicide bomber. Thought to be the work of Islamic militants, it's the latest in a series of bombings that have pushed Americans to the brink of hysteria.

"They're afraid to leave their homes," says President Wayne Palmer (younger brother of former President David Palmer), reaching out to Bauer in desperation. "They're actually starting to turn against each other."

The president has managed to get Jack sprung from the Chinese and returned to L.A. He needs him for a quid pro quo to stop the carnage.

It will mean (what else is new?) Bauer's almost certain death.

"It will be a relief," says traumatized, tormented Jack.

But relief is something Bauer never gets. Always in motion and obliged to cheat death, he's a slave to against-all-odds endurance. For the sake of America. And at the price of high anxiety for "24" devotees.

It's been that way since the series premiered.

"24" took flight from an ambitious if gimmicky concept: a multi-strand narrative of action and intrigue whose indefatigable hero would fight domestic terrorism in an hour-by-hour, real-time rush track-

ing a single day that would span a full season.

But then, just weeks before its premiere, "24" received unbidden, awful validation: the events of 9/11. Indeed, the series got off to a particularly uncomfortable start when, on its first episode (aired Nov. 6, 2001), a terrorist blew up the jetliner in which she had been a passenger, cleverly parachuting to safety.

Through no fault of its own, "24" arrived seeming far too close to real life. The hopped-up dread that propelled "24" must have struck many viewers that first season not as sleek escapism, but as quite the opposite: a disturbing ricochet off their own altered world.

The first season, "24" won critical acclaim as Bauer foiled an assassination plot against David Palmer, then a black U.S. Senator on the fast track to the Oval Office. But "24" wasn't a hit. It ranked 74th place in viewers.

Its ratings ascendancy has come in recent years (last season it was tied for 24th), maybe owing to the passage of time since 9/11.

But, more likely, it's thanks to the series' knack for somehow raising the apocalyptic stakes of each crisis Bauer confronts. And to the growing assurance with which "24" somehow straddles the

extremes of hyper-real and preposterous: "24" is patently absurd on so many levels, yet it's as white-knuckles gripping as anything on TV. If we look too close, it's laughable. But it cuts too near the truth to not keep watching.

"24" fans were blown away by last season's fearsome frolic with President Logan. A foppish wretch, he turned out to be behind a cockamamie plan to manufacture deadly nerve gas and sell it to foreign terrorists. But then they threw him a curve by making Los Angeles, not Russia, their intended target. Compounding his villainy, Logan had a hand in David Palmer's murder.

Now it's a new day dawning, and if 6 a.m. through 10 a.m. proves anything, this season will up the ante even further.

Created in a nation that no longer exists, "24" has deftly adapted to the post-9/11 era in which it's unfolding. When the ground shifted beneath it, "24" shifted, too: from a series that would dramatize the unthinkable, to an all-too-thinkable vision of some day looming soon.

"24" is a wildly idealized view of our nation's response to the threat of terrorism on our soil, yet — even within the series' tidy 24-hour window — it has thus far withheld easy answers and happy endings. Jack Bauer, the nation's point man for homeland security, is valiant but steadily unraveling.

So "24" triumphs as a series it surely never set out to be: an exceptional adventure about lowered expectations. Its message is clear: Prevailing is too much for a nation to hope for. At the end of the day, endurance will have to do.

Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**
TIMES COLUMNIST

A small slate of films sluggishly arrived on the shelves this week but offered plenty of variety.

"Crank" — Probably the best film to hit DVD this week. It is actually an homage to a film noir from the 1950s called "D.O.A." That film centered on a man who is poisoned and has 24 hours to bring his killer to justice.

This version ups the action quotient by combining a poisoning with elements from the film "Speed." The result is a man gets poisoned by a drug that will only kill him if his heart rate drops. The result is a fast-paced actioner with some great sequences that is well anchored by star Jason Statham ("The Transporter").

"The Night Listener" — This low-key thriller follows a radio personality who becomes involved with the plight of an abused child. Things get creepy when a trip to the child's location reveals that there is more to this story than meets the eye. Can't give away any more than that but this is worth a look and not the least for the talent involved, which includes a controlled performance by Robin Williams and an equally fine turn by Toni Collette as a social worker.

"The Illusionist" — A turn-

of-the-century magician uses his skills to woo a young woman away from a crown prince of Vienna in this drama/thriller that sports some fine photography. Though the pacing could have used a boost, this one benefits from a crackerjack cast that includes Edward Norton, Paul Giamatti and Jessica Biel.

"Murder Set Pieces" — Horror fans should avoid this low rent serial killer film like the plague. Director Nick Palumbo ("Nutbag") snagged some real talent for this one (Tony Todd and Cerina

Vincent) but the film is more interested in exploiting taboo imagery than delivering a good horror movie. The on-screen mayhem includes disturbing scenes of violence perpetrated on children which is not handled in such a way as to have any artistic merit whatsoever. Ignore this effort and films of this nature will go away.

Next week look for the martial arts opus "The Protector," which centers on a hero's search for a sacred elephant. It's better than it sounds.

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Problems

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The Lincoln Trail office in Elizabethtown was allowed to operate autonomously by accepting, rejecting or altering standard operating procedures at will, investigators said in the report. Regional managers, according to the report, were able to act at their sole discretion, free from any meaningful oversight.

When staffers complained about the way the Elizabethtown office was handling cases, the complaints were not properly investigated. Investigators said those who raised concerns would be disciplined, even fired.

"At minimum, this environment allowed the now-discovered misconduct to continue," the investigators said.

The inspector general's office said evidence of possible criminal activity will be sent to prosecutors with the next month.

"Such individual misconduct is cause for grave concern and must not, in any way whatsoever, be condoned, minimized, or excused," investigators said in the report.

Birdwhistell said the problems have to do with decentralized management that lacked appropriate checks and balances to protect the integrity of the system.

The investigation began after the Louisville-based National Institute on Children, Youth and Families Inc. and the Kentucky Youth Advocates released a report raising questions about the state's adoption system in the Lincoln Trail region, which includes eight counties in the central part of the state around Elizabethtown.

The groups had received numerous complaints about children in the area being abruptly taken from their families and rushed into adoption.

Child advocates have said they're worried children are being pushed through the adoption process so the state can qualify for more federal funding.

The Department for Community Based Services was realigned last September, and 16 regions were combined into nine. Lincoln Trail joined with a neighboring region to form the 17-county Salt River Trail Region.

The reorganization allows for more accountability by enhancing supervision, requiring more supervisory training, giving staff greater access to front-line supervisors and providing more support from the central office.

"It's important to note that the vast majority of our staff do a tremendous job and are dedicated to their work," said Tom Emberton Jr., Kentucky's undersecretary for children and family services.

The state also will continue to use foster care review boards, which are managed by the Administrative Office of the Courts, to provide a system of checks and balances to protect foster children.

"Our investigators worked diligently to ensure the allegations were fully and thoroughly investigated," said Inspector General Robert J. Benvenuti III. "We believe the recommendations we have made will have a positive impact on both the cabinet and the citizens of the Commonwealth."



Pictured is Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin accepting a plaque from the Brothers of the Wheel with sincere thanks for helping to contribute to another successful Bike Rally at Corn Fork. The event raises funds as well as awareness for the St. Jude Children's Foundation, which helps kids in need. Pictured left to right are Don Hughes, Ballard Plummer, Mayor Jerry Fannin and "Wolfman." The Brothers of the Wheel is a group of community-minded individuals who have a passion for both riding free and helping others. For more information about the club call Ballard at 606-886-2853.

Record

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Johnny Michael Flannery, property location undisclosed.

Ray E. Gayheart to Fletcher Gayheart Jr. and Linda Sue Gayheart, property location undisclosed.

Bill Goble to Delcie A. Endicott, property located at Buffalo Creek.

Billie Harris to Jesse L. Rudd, property located at Brandy Keg creek.

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Pamela Hazelnut to Melissa C. and Michael Stanley, property located at Lick Branch.

Donna Jarvis to Larry D. Jarvis, property located at Graham Street.

William H. Jarvis to Larry D. Jarvis, property located at Graham Street.

J. Elmer Johnson Jr. to Thelma Irene Hayes, property located at Hueysville.

Elizabeth Joseph to Martha and Robert Himes, Clyde, Ervell, Ethel, Margaret, Roberta, and Ruth Hoover, Sheila Jackson and Edith Lewis, property located at Stone Coal Creek.

Robbie Joseph to Martha and Robert Himes, Clyde, Ervell, Ethel, Margaret, Roberta, and Ruth Hoover, Sheila Jackson and Edith Lewis, property located at Stone Coal Creek.

Ruby Justice to William H. Jarvis, property located at Nelson Branch.

Clarence E. Kidd to Danny and Teresa Hall, property location undisclosed.

Sheliah Kidd to Danny and Teresa Hall, property location undisclosed.

Earl Ray Lawson to Nancy Harris, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Rebecca Lawson to Nancy Harris, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Kathy Lovely Donnie R. Barnett and Kathy Lovely, property located at Abbott Creek.

May Johnson Properties LLC to Allen Maynard, property located in City of Prestonsburg.

Mary Miller to Gary and Victoria Beverly, property located at Richmond Memorial Cemetery.

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Betty H. Minix to Brent Graden and Joanna Santiesteban, property located in Prestonsburg.

Catherine J. Moles to

Charlene, Edna A., James A., and Robert A. Arms, property located at Bear Branch.

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Donna Potter to Cola Vance and Shelia Tackett Vance, property located at Bucks Branch.

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Rodney Scott to Ted Thornsberry, property located at Mill Creek.

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Taylor Slone Jr. to Clarence and Linda Davis, property located at Little Paint Creek.

Louise Spears to Bobby and Vickie Spears, property located at Branhams Creek.

Peggy Tackett to Maranda and Ronnie Martin, property located at Stone Coal Branch.

Peggy Tackett to Ronnie, property location undisclosed.

Sabrina Tackett to Ronnie Martin, property location undisclosed.

Mary Wright to Kathy Stanley, property located in

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Congratulations and thank you to the Duff Elementary students who participated in the *Jump Rope for Heart* fund raiser. By jumping rope and securing sponsors, these students raised over \$1,800 for the *American Heart Association*.

4th and 5th grade students from Stumbo Elementary went to Fort Boonesborough (Kentucky history is a content area for fourth grade and colonial history is a content area for fifth grade) on November 9. Students learned about colonial life through hands-on presentations (i.e., blacksmith, spinning wool into cloth, hunting methods, making fire, writing with a quill and ink, and the history of Fort Boonesborough).



MVE staff, students 'Tickled Pink'

May Valley Elementary students and staff recently declared a "Tickled Pink" celebration in honor of the school's CATS score of 103.3. MVE teachers greeted students on Highway 80 dressed in pink from head to toe to show their appreciation to the students for all their hard work!

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Harold-Allen-Prater Little League will host signups Saturday, Jan. 14 and Saturday, Jan. 21. Signups will be held each day from 1-5 in Betsy Layne at the Dome.

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Bobcats top Piarist for third straight win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN – Visiting Betsy Layne, which had defeated Piarist earlier in the season in a game played prior to Christmas, completed a season sweep of the Knights Tuesday night. Betsy Layne fought off a much-improved Piarist team, winning 71-53.

The Bobcats went out in front early and defeated their former 58th District counterparts in convincing fashion.

Forward Justin Collins, a player who has emerged as a proven scorer for Betsy Layne, tossed in a team-high 23 points for the Bobcats. Betsy

Layne benefitted from balanced scoring as four different players reached double figures. Senior center Trai Witt tossed in 12 points and teammates Brennan Case and James Michael Lafferty each had 10 for the Bobcats.

Sam Keathley hit three first-half three-point field goals and added nine points for the Bobcats.

Josh Ousley, Jake Moak and Matt Doyle led the charge for homestanding Piarist.

Piarist (3-13) was playing on the road Thursday at Oneida Baptist Institute. Results from the Piarist-OBI boys' basketball game were unavail-

able at press time.

Tuesday night's win was Betsy Layne's third straight triumph. The Bobcats (6-7) will be back in action tonight on the road at Greenup County against the Musketeers, members of the 16th Region. Tip-off for the Betsy Layne-Greenup County game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Mountain Classic: Fifteenth Region members Shelby Valley and Pikeville each suffered first round setbacks earlier in the week in the WYMT-TV Mountain Classic at Perry County Central's John C. Combs Arena.

June Buchanan opened this year's

Mountain Classic on a winning note Tuesday night. In the tournament's opener, June Buchanan defeated Pineville 77-51. In Tuesday's nightcap, Hazard handed Shelby Valley its first loss of the season, beating the Wildcats 56-48.

In Wednesday's games, Bell County edged Leslie County 48-45 and Perry County Central topped Pikeville 80-70.

Shelby Valley was taking on Pineville and Pikeville was pitted against Leslie County Thursday night. Thursday night's games ended too



Piarist's Caleb Hoskins went up for a shot Tuesday night against Betsy Layne senior center Trai Witt.

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Cats clawing back onto national scene

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

The Kentucky Wildcats used Wednesday night to run their winning streak to nine straight thanks to an 84-57 win over Auburn. The stretch includes a 2-0 start to play in the rugged Southeastern Conference, for my money the nation's best league this season.

The streak, Kentucky's longest since the 2004-05 campaign, has the record at 13-3, with all the losses coming to ranked (and highly-regarded) teams.

Naysayers will point out the nine straight wins haven't been against the toughest of opponents, but I beg to differ. Remember, this run includes wins over traditional powerhouses – not to mention longstanding rivals – Louisville and Indiana, a good Santa Clara team and up-and-comers like UMass (12-4 on the season) and Eastern Kentucky (9-6).

And you could say Ole Miss and Auburn aren't the cream of the SEC crop, but don't hold them against the Cats. Those are games they must play and win, and they did both of those, with the former coming on the road. Any road win in the SEC has to be considered a good thing.

Besides, consider what happened to Tennessee Wednesday night when it played another of the so-called also-rans in the league. Vandy came away with an 82-81 win. There are no sure bets in the Southeastern Conference.

Wednesday's was the biggest win of the season, at least by margin, thanks to hitting a super 56 percent of their shots. The Cats

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photos by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg won its second game of the season Tuesday night, beating host Sheldon Clark. Above: Mason Vance (4) and Taylor Clark (11) applied defensive pressure for the Blackcats. Below: Prestonsburg senior center Trevor Patton (15) blocked a shot during the first half.

Hot-shooting leads Cats past Cards

Hall's six treys lead P'burg in 64-48 win

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

INEZ – After showing vast signs of improvement in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic last week, the Prestonsburg Blackcats traveled to Sheldon Clark on Tuesday with hopes of picking up their second win of the season. Prestonsburg broke into the win column Thursday, Jan. 4 in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic with a two-point win over Leslie County. The Blackcats then followed that win up with a four-point loss to Lawrence County. Prestonsburg trailed the Bulldogs by as many as 17 points in the second half before mounting a rally that fell just short of a win. Sheldon Clark entered Tuesday's game fresh off of a trip to Tennessee – where it had participated in a holiday tournament. Looking to get back in the win column Tuesday night, Sheldon Clark wouldn't have any

(See CATS, page ten)



McCarty-led Eagles escape Rebels

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Allen Central has taken on the look of a 15th Region contender. The Runnin' Rebels took to the road Tuesday night, traveling to Johnson Central for a game against the defending 15th Region champion. Johnson Central, which had struggled over the last three weeks, put together one of its best games since last March's 15th Region championship run. Senior Jamie McCarty scored a game-high 39 points and his teammates also came ready to play as the host Golden Eagles held on and defeated Allen Central 79-76.

Johnson Central was able to snap a four-game winning streak

(See EAGLES, page ten)

Jenkins turns back Lady Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

JENKINS – South Floyd posted its second win of the 2006-07 season Dec. 19 at home against visiting Jenkins. The Lady Raiders made the trip to Jenkins Monday night for a second game with the Lady Cavaliers. In the first meeting, South Floyd prevailed 48-41. Playing on the road Monday night, South Floyd wouldn't fare as well against the 14th Region member. The Lady Raiders led through one quarter, but found themselves being outscored the rest of the way. Host Jenkins gave South Floyd a third straight loss, beating the Lady Raiders 56-48.

Nicole Revis paced Jenkins with 23 points. Ashley Williams joined Revis in double figures for Jenkins, finishing with 12 points.

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National City/KHSAA Trophy Tour begins

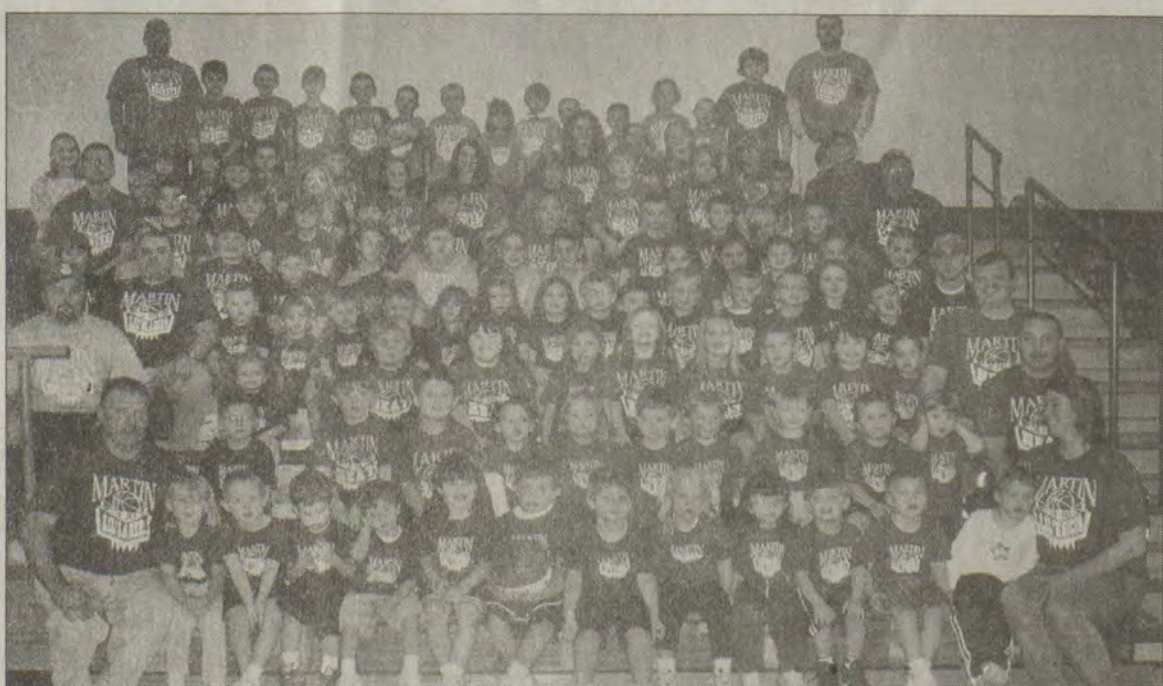
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LEXINGTON – Again as part of its title sponsorship of the Boys' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament, National City is touring the Boys' Championship trophy for the fourth consecutive year. First stop on this year's tour was Tuesday in Northern Kentucky at the Ryle-St. Henry game.

On the tour, students are able to pick up scholarship application forms on each stop (forms may also be accessed through the KHSAA website). Again this year, 16 boys and 16 girls (one boy and one girl from each region) will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship courtesy of National City.

Scholarship recipients will be honored with a reception prior to the Championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16 as well as being recognized on the floor during the contest. The scholarship application deadline is Friday, Feb. 23. For

(See KHSAA, page ten)



Martin Junior Pro Basketball – a program designed to teach the fundamentals and sportsmanship of basketball – has enjoyed another successful season. Sponsors of the league are Mountain Yamaha; Hazard Wal-Mart; Prestonsburg Wal-Mart; Downtown Drug; McDowell Professional Pharmacy; L & B Oil & Gas; Dairy Queen of Martin; McDonald's of Martin, Coach Jim Rose; Johnny Ray Harris Attorney at Law; Walturn Engineering, Kinzer Drilling, Meade's Wholesale and Artrip's Photography.

Bentley

got some good performances ...

■ Junior Joe Crawford tossed in 21 to lead the Cats, giving him 20-plus points in both league games. He's now made 7-of-8 from the arc the last two outings:

■ Junior Ramel Bradley is just one of those players who will flat drive you nuts. Sometimes he embarrasses a teammate and gets quality face time from Coach Smith. Other nights, he posts 18 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists. As my boy Joaquin Andujar once said about baseball, he can be summed up with one word: You never know:

■ And there was a Bobby Perry sighting in Rupp on Wednesday, when

the senior broke out of his shell to score 12. Baby steps, people, baby steps.

And some, well, not-so-good outings ...

■ Poor Sheray Thomas. It seems nothing goes his way these days. His stat line from Wednesday shows five minutes and four turnovers, all in the first half. Maybe Tubby felt sorry for him and left him on the sidelines after recess. Maybe he's finally seen enough. Either way, until Kentucky does something at the weak (should be strong) forward position, it'll be rough sailing I'm afraid:

■ Big Woo had all of two points in all of 10 minutes. Two poor nights,

both from seniors:

■ And then there's Randolph Morris, who was below average with 12 points and six rebounds. I point this out mostly because during the previous two seasons Cat fans would have taken 12 and six and ran with it. But he's played so well this season that 12 and six is clearly an off night for the big man.

Are the Cats really ready to roll? Probably not, although the schedule does look promising: At nine straight and 2-0 in the league, the next four are Mississippi State at home, at South Carolina, home against Vandy and at Georgia.

The good guys could easily be 6-0

in the league and riding a 13-game win streak when they visit Chris Lofton and the Vols on Jan. 28. Wouldn't that be some fun?

But as of now, the Cats need to be treated with baby steps and kid gloves. This is far from a dominant team, but who exactly is dominant these days? Florida, clearly, is great. In my estimation, they're the best team in the country.

Then there's UCLA and North Carolina.

And that's about the list. Yes, Wisconsin is rolling along with only one loss and Kansas obliterated Eddie's little boy and Oklahoma State Wednesday night.

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But are they elite? Not hardly. And please, easy with the - sorry - The Ohio State University. They're about as offensively challenged as the Cats.

So is this team terrific? No, they aren't. Are they Top 25 worthy? Probably not at this stage of the season.

But I'll tell you what they are: They are a team that is taking care of business. It's not the most aesthetically pleasing team around, but somehow, some way, they're 10 games over .500 and tied with Florida atop the SEC East.

And who else can say that? Nobody, that's who.

Jenkins

Lindsay Gibson and Heather Maggard each had eight points for the Lady Cavaliers. Erin Caudill added five for host Jenkins.

Jenkins toted a slim 29-28 lead into the half. The Lady Cavaliers added to their lead in the second half,

outscoring South Floyd 15-12 in the third quarter.

Kayla Hall led South Floyd with 23 points. Hall was the only South Floyd player to reach double figures. Lindsey Dye narrowly missed double figures for the Lady Raiders, adding

nine points. Andrea Conn scored five points and Danielle Tackett flipped in four as the Lady Raiders fell short.

South Floyd led 11-7 at the end of the first quarter.

The victory was a third straight win for Jenkins.

South Floyd will be in action Saturday when it hosts Prestonsburg as part of a girls-boys doubleheader.

Jenkins 56, South Floyd 48
SOUTH FLOYD (3-8) - Conn 5, Hall 23, Dean 3, Tuttle 2, Little 2,

Tackett 4, Dye 9.
JENKINS (9-6) - Caudill 5, Gibson 8, Williams 12, Maggard 8, Revis 23.
South Floyd.....11 17 12 8-48
Jenkins.....7 22 15 12-56

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Tyler Slone, Allen Central Basketball



Krista Flanery, Betsy Layne Basketball

Bobcats

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late to make this edition.

Betsy Layne 71, Piarist 65
BETSY LAYNE (71) - Collins 23, Case 10, Lafferty 10, Witt 12, Keathley 9, Blair 2, Newman 3, J. Tackett 2.
PIARIST (65) - Warrix 6, Friend 5, Hicks 2, Hoskins 7, Doyle 9, Baker 4, Moak 4, Ousley 28.
Betsy Layne.....24 13 20 14-71
Piarist.....10 14 18 23-65

Blackcat football banquet set for Sunday

PRESTONSBURG - The Prestonsburg High School football program will host its annual banquet Sunday at the Mountain Arts Center. This year's banquet will run from 2-4 p.m. at the MAC. Prestonsburg finished the 2006 football season 7-5. The Blackcats won four of their last five games.

Cats

luck against Prestonsburg. Despite trailing at the end of the opening quarter, Prestonsburg managed to pull out a 64-48 win.

"It was definitely a good win for us," said Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp. "We played real well the last three quarters."

Damon Hensley got the Cardinals off and running, tossing in nine of his team-high 12 points in the first quarter as host Sheldon Clark led 20-15 lead at the end of the opening quarter.

Prestonsburg guard Jordan Hall led all scorers with a game-high 21 points, knocking down six three-point shots. Hall and junior guard Taylor Clark led a 14-5 Prestonsburg run in the second quarter, knocking down three straight long range bombs. Prestonsburg took a 30-24 lead into the half.

Mason Vance came in off of the Blackcat bench to add 12 points.

Prestonsburg outscored Sheldon Clark 14-10 in the third quarter and took a 44-34 lead into the final eight-minute frame.

Danny Hinkle also tossed in 12 points for the Cards in the losing effort. Chayse Martin scored nine points and Trevor Patton added eight as the Blackcats improved to 2-9. Martin and Patton helped lead Prestonsburg to a rebounding advantage.

A 20-14 fourth quarter edge in favor of the Blackcats set the final score.

Prestonsburg connected on 13-of-22 free-throws for the game. Sheldon Clark hit on five-of-eight shots from the charity stripe.

Prestonsburg will travel to East Ridge tonight to take on the Warriors. Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-East Ridge game is set for 7:30 p.m.

INSIDE THE SCORING
PRESTONSBURG (64): Hughes 7, Hall 21, Clark 4, Stephens 3, Patton 8, Vance 12, Martin 9.
SHELDON CLARK (48): Hinkle 12, Goble 7, Hensley 12, Horn 11, Stroud 6.

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Following are the sites of the remaining 2007 National City/KHSAA Trophy Scholarship Tour: Jan. 12 - Mason County at Scott County; Jan. 23 - Bell County at Clay County; Jan. 26 - Daviess County at Apollo;

Jan. 27 - Williamsburg at South Laurel; Jan. 30 - Scott County at Henry Clay; Feb. 1 - Campbell County at Covington Catholic; Feb. 3 - Raceland at Ashland Blazer; Feb. 6 - Bowling Green at Warren Central; Feb. 9 - Jeffersontown at DuPont Manual; Feb. 16 - Mercer County at Danville.

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Eagles

the Rebels had put together with wins over Shroder Paideia (Ohio), Lawrence County, Cordia and Pike County Central.

In Tuesday's 15th Region matchup, rebounding went a long way as Johnson Central won the battle of the boards.

"We didn't rebound well and that hurt us," said Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin. "Still, we played hard and the effort was there. McCarty, Welch and Crum all had good games for Johnson Central."

Sophomore Ian Welch tossed in 16 points and Justin Murray added 12 for the Golden Eagles

Johnson Central was ahead 18-15 at the end of the first quarter, but found itself playing from behind in the second session. Allen Central led Johnson Central 34-27 at the half.

Senior Ryan Collins led Allen Central with a team-high 24 points. JR Robinson added 17 points for the Rebels. Josh Martin scored 12 points and Tyler Slone tossed in 11 for Allen Central.

In a big offensive second-half, Johnson Central outscored Allen Central in each of the last two quarters. The Rebels managed to take a

69-56 lead into the final quarter.

McCarty, who ranks as one of the state's most explosive scorers, helped to push Johnson Central over the top in the game's final quarter.

Point guard Jaryd Crum, a transfer from Sheldon Clark, added eight points for host Johnson Central.

With the win, Johnson Central snapped an eight-game losing streak that dated back to mid-December.

Johnson Central will be back on the hardwood Tuesday at home against rival Paintsville.

Allen Central, following the loss, dropped to 9-3. The Rebels will be back in action tonight on the road at Jackson City.

Johnson Central 79, Allen Central 76
ALLEN CENTRAL (9-3) - Robinson 17, Collins 24, Slone 11, Prater 6, Hammonds 2, Martin 12, Cole 4.
JOHNSON CENTRAL (5-9) - Whitaker 2, Murray 12, McCarty 39, Crum 8, Welch 16, Smith 2.
Allen Central.....15 19 26 16-76
Johnson Central.....18 9 29 23-79

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Adams beats South Floyd in OT

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The Adams Middle School A-team traveled to South Floyd Monday to take on the Raiders and came away with a 45-43 win in overtime. South Floyd pounced on the Blackcats to take a 14-4 lead after the first quarter which extended to 20-4 before Adams rallied with a furious run to tie the score at 20-20. The Raiders led 25-22 at halftime. Adams again rallied in the fourth quarter to tie the score at 38-38 and force overtime. In the overtime period, Adams jumped out to a 43-38 lead before South Floyd rallied to tie the score at 43. With 12 seconds remaining, Adams called a time out to set up the final play. Nate Fraley then hit Joseph Jamerson with a pass in the lane and Jamerson nailed a shot at the buzzer to give Adams the win.

Adams was led by Alex Griffith with 18 points.

Adams is now 2-0 in overtime games as the Blackcats beat Inez in overtime earlier in the

season to win the Shag Campbell tournament.

In the B-Team game, Jamerson scored 14 points and Wes Robinson added 10 as Adams defeated South Floyd 35-29.

Tyler Shelton scored six points, Blake Goble netted three and Chase Baldrige had two for the Blackcats.

Tyler Moore led South Floyd with nine points. Freddy Ousley scored eight points for the Raiders, Courtney Conn had seven and Austin Castle contributed five.

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Tulsa's Kragthorpe named head coach at Louisville

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Steve Kragthorpe's whirlwind journey left him a little confused.

Moments after being introduced as Louisville's head coach, Kragthorpe was midway through an answer about how he'll approach recruiting when the day's dizzying events finally caught up with him.

"We're going to try and find the best players that fit the University of Tulsa," Kragthorpe said Tuesday, before catching himself. "University of Tulsa? University of Louisville. I haven't slept in two days."

Yup, Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich didn't waste any time in luring Kragthorpe away from Tulsa. The hiring came less than 48 hours after Bobby Petrino resigned to become head coach of the Atlanta Falcons.

"We might have just concluded the shortest search in the history of the NCAA," Jurich joked.

The process was less of a search and more of a mission for Jurich, whose relationship with Kragthorpe dates to 1990, when Jurich was the athletic director at Northern Arizona and Kragthorpe was hired as quarterbacks coach.

After four successful years under the relentless but ultimately restless Petrino, Jurich wanted some stability. And with national signing day less than a month away, Jurich knew he didn't have time to form a search committee and go through a formal interview process.

"It was very important for me to continue to build on this momentum we have in this program and the continuity that is going on right now," Jurich said. "I wanted a person who could lead this program for many, many years to come and would look at this program as a destination. I certainly found the guy."

Kragthorpe, 41, signed a five-year, \$1.1-million deal that runs through the 2012 season, the first of what he hopes will be several con-

tracts he signs with the Cardinals.

"I don't want to be a guy that moves around. I want to be a guy that stays in one place," he said.

Kragthorpe takes over a Louisville program that flourished under Petrino. The Cardinals went 12-1 this season, won the Big East and the Orange Bowl and finished sixth in the final Associated Press poll.

It's a long way from Kragthorpe's first days at Tulsa four years ago, when he took over a program that had won just two games in the two years before he arrived.

But after posting a 29-22 record in four seasons — including three bowl appearances and the Conference USA championship in 2005 — Kragthorpe knew he was at a crossroads. Though he'd turned down numerous job offers in the past, he didn't hesitate when Jurich called.

"I feel like I'm in the middle of a great dream right now and I don't want to wake up," Kragthorpe said. If he can find a way to convince

junior quarterback Brian Brohm to stay with the Cardinals instead of entering the NFL draft, Kragthorpe might not have to wake up for awhile.

Brohm hasn't spoken to the media since winning the Orange Bowl MVP last week and has until Jan. 15 to decide whether to return for his senior season. Kragthorpe intends to do his best to assure Brohm that the high-flying offense that made the Cardinals so successful under Petrino didn't end when Petrino headed to Atlanta.

The two have already spoken several times, and Brohm stood quietly off to the side while Kragthorpe addressed the media.

"Obviously I want Brian to be part of this football program," Kragthorpe said. "The first statement that people make about Brian is what a wonderful person he is. That's a Steve Kragthorpe kind of guy."

Brohm's decision could rest on whether any of the current staff remains with the program next year.

Older brother Jeff Brohm was the team's quarterbacks coach under Petrino. Kragthorpe plans to meet with current assistants on Wednesday before choosing his staff.

Kragthorpe's hiring, however, wasn't fast enough to persuade running back Michael Bush to stay with the Cardinals. Bush said Tuesday that he was going to enter the NFL draft rather than accept a medical redshirt after breaking his right leg against Kentucky in September.

For the players that remain, Kragthorpe's easygoing personality is proving to be a stark contrast to the button-downed Petrino.

"He gives off a really good vibe," said defensive tackle Adrian Grady. "I felt a lot more comfortable around him than the first time I met the other guy that was here."

It's a feeling Kragthorpe hope translates to fans who felt jilted by Petrino's sudden departure.

"There's no question that we feel like this is a place that we've come to stay," he said.

Brooks plays comedian in postseason news conference

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The sarcasm level of coach Rich Brooks often is a good barometer of the state of Kentucky football, so judging by his quips Friday, things are looking up.

In a wide-ranging news conference, the coach of the Music City Bowl champions joked about possible departures to the National Football League, his own contract and Nick Saban's return to the Southeastern Conference to lead Alabama.

But, he saved some of his best lines for remarks about the resurrec-

tion of his own image in Lexington now that his team has tasted success by beating Clemson for its first bowl win since 1984.

"It's kind of interesting how the rope burns on my neck have healed," Brooks said. "Even though I'm the same guy I was six months ago or three months ago or six weeks ago, the perception is totally different at this point."

Brooks has agreed in principle to a contract extension that will keep him at Kentucky several more years. He

wouldn't reveal how many years, citing the vacationing "legal beagles" who are still working out the details.

Two star offensive players, receiver Keenan Burton and running back Rafael Little, may be courted to leave college early to join the NFL. Brooks says he expects to talk to them in the next three to four days but has no gut feelings about which way they are leaning.

"The only gut feelings I have are on fake punts," said Brooks, who successfully called a fake punt

against Clemson that proved to be the momentum changer of the game.

Another possible departure is defensive coordinator Mike Archer, who is considered a leading contender to assume the same role at North Carolina State. Brooks said courtship of coaches is nothing new.

"That happens this time of year," he said. "When you have a good staff, it probably ought to happen."

Junior quarterback Andre Woodson, whose 31 touchdown passes rank him behind only two seasons by Tim Couch as the most in Kentucky history, will return under the center for Kentucky.

In fact, Woodson's breakout was

so significant, Brooks said he has talked with sophomore quarterback Curtis Pulley about taking a redshirt to sit out a year. If he doesn't, he'd likely suit up as a receiver next year instead, Brooks said.

"If I were he, I would redshirt and try to be the starting quarterback in two years," Brooks said.

As for Saban, who left the NFL's Miami Dolphins this week to sign an eight-year contract estimated at \$32 million with Alabama, Brooks questioned the need to fire Mike Shula and said the astronomical number could send the wrong signal.

"I guess the rest of the league is grossly underpaid," he quipped.



Rich Brooks

EKU holds off MSU

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND — In front of a national television audience (ESPN), Morehead State engineered a remarkable rally but fell to Ohio Valley Conference rival Eastern Kentucky, 73-65, Tuesday evening.

MSU, now 9-6 overall and 5-2 in the OVC, trailed by 20 points at half-time and by 21 points early in the second half. The Eagles rallied to cut the margin to four points twice in the last 90 seconds of the game. But, on both occasions, ECU's Darnell Dials hit two free throws, and the Colonels held on to win. Eastern Kentucky is also 9-6 overall, 4-3 in the conference.

"It was such a big deficit to overcome," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "We had 16 turnovers in the first half, and many of those led to easy baskets. Their 1-3-1 zone defense was very effective. We didn't read it well and threw too many bad passes."

"The second half was better. We were much more physical and made

better decisions. Give Eastern Kentucky the credit, they are well-coached and played an excellent game."

EKU's Mike Rose led all scorers with 23 points, Julian Mascoll had 17 points, and Dials and Adam Leonard had 10 points each.

MSU was led by Shaun Williams who hit all seven of his field goal attempts, scored 18 points and pulled down a game-high seven rebounds. Maze Stallworth came off the bench to score 14 points, and Cecil Brown added 10 points.

MSU hit 55.8 percent (24-of-43) from the field for the game, including 64.3 percent (18-of-28) after intermission. The Eagles out-rebounded the Colonels, 30-to-20. But, the telling statistic was MSU's 16 first-half turnovers and 20 miscues for the game. ECU had 12 turnovers and hit 49 percent (24-of-49) from the field.

The Eagles will play host to Tennessee-Martin for a conference doubleheader on Saturday. The women's game will tip off at 2 p.m. EST, the men's contest at 4:15.

Lady Bears beat Spalding

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Sometimes it helps to come back home.

After losing seven of its last eight games, the Pikeville College women's basketball team got back to its winning ways by routing Spalding University 73-46 on Saturday at the PC Gym.

The Lady Bears looked like a completely different team at the start of the game, storming out to an 18-2 lead within the first five minutes. A three-pointer from Amy Etherton helped the Golden Eagles cut the lead to 10 with 5:11 to go in the half. But Spalding would get no closer, as the Lady Bears took a comfortable 31-19 lead into the locker room.

"The test," said Pikeville head coach Bill Watson, "was seeing how we would respond at the half." In recent games, including last Tuesday's heartbreaking 77-69 loss to Milligan, the Lady Bears have either held the lead at the half, or played well for the first 20 minutes, only to let the game slip away in the second half.

This day, however, the Lady Bears made certain that didn't happen. Spalding tried cutting the lead, but the Lady Bears forced seven second-half turnovers and, one a layup by junior Beth Patterson (Middleburg

with 9:03 to go, pushed the lead to 20 points. With 1:05 to go, senior Tonya Amburgey (Pinetop) hit a layup, securing the game and giving the Lady Bears their largest lead of the contest at 73-46.

"It felt good to finally play the way we're supposed to play," said Watson. "We played hard, even when we fouled or turned the ball over. I really felt like we got a lot of good, strong minutes from everybody that played."

With three players sidelined, the Lady Bears needed a big game out of the remaining eight and got it. Freshman Heather Martin (Kite) led all scorers with a game-high 13 points to go along with seven rebounds. Sophomore Kristal Daniels (Betsy Layne) had a game-high 11 rebounds and 10 points for the Lady Bears while Jessica Lovell dished off eight assists, also a game-high.

Whitney Hogg had 11 points and Amburgey added 10 for the Lady Bears.

Courtney Graves and Jill Karrer led Spalding (1-15) with seven points apiece.

The Lady Bears improved to 5-11 following the when. Pikeville was hosting the Lady Cavaliers of the University of Virginia's College at Wise on Thursday. Results were unavailable at press time.



MAKING A MOVE: Piarist's Matt Doyle looked to work the basketball during Tuesday's non-district game against the Betsy Layne Bobcats. Betsy Layne won 71-53.



TITLE TIME: The Allen Central Rebels celebrated last Saturday's Coca-Cola Hoops Classic championship victory over tournament host Pike County Central.



Kristal Daniels

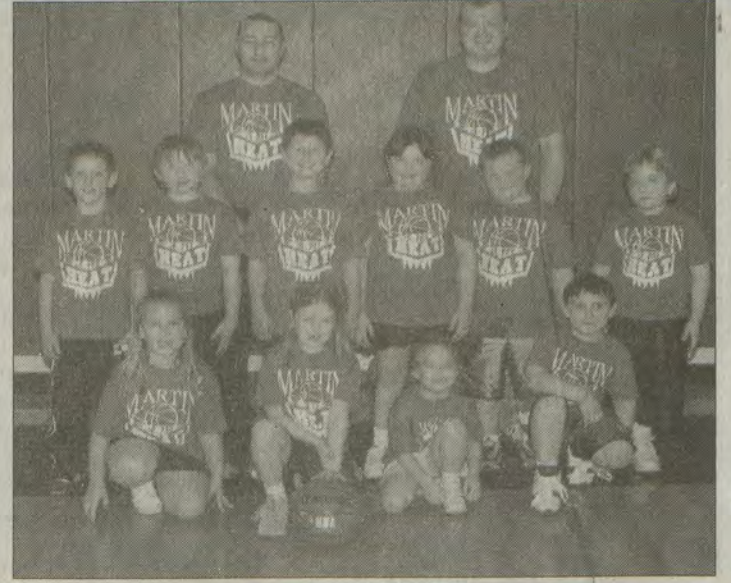
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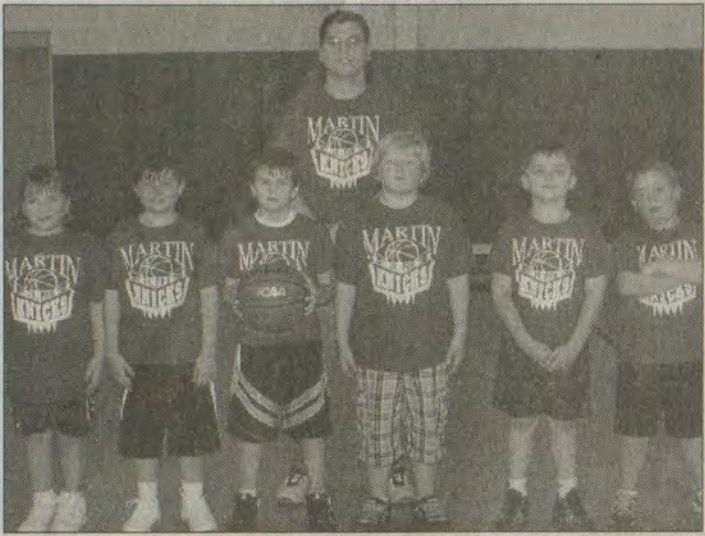
BULLS – Coaches: Glen Floyd and Todd Meadows. Players: Jon Ross Gibson, Josh Handshoe, Kennedy Stumbo, Megan Layne, Kevin W. Shepherd, Austin Salisbury, Blake Patton, Zach Tackett, Nathan Lafferty and Deshea Elliott.



CELTICS – Coaches: Ruben Hall and Lenny Hall. Players: Ronica Martin, Reece Endicott, Lauren Wright, Landon Hall, Tanner Gayheart, Payton Martin, Paige Couch, Payton Hall, Kenneth Williams, Will Callihan and Blayze Stumbo.



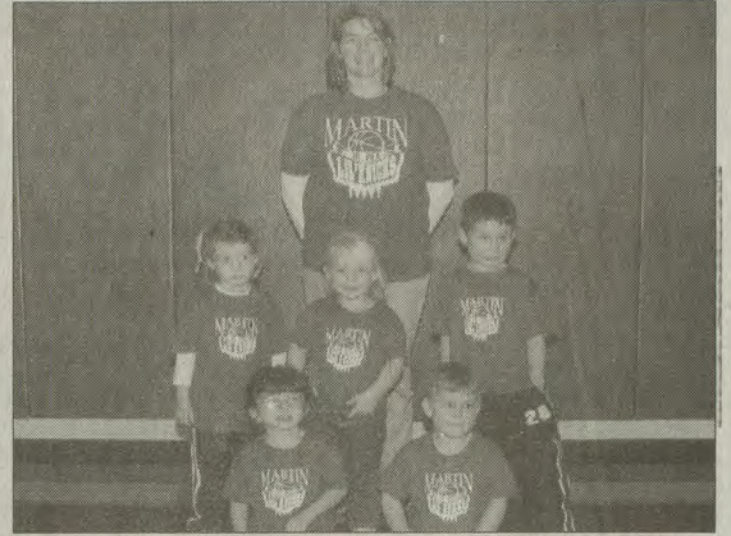
HEAT – Coaches: Ronnie Samons and Kris May. Players: Allen Michael May, John Brandon Turner, Austin Branham, Santana Spradlin, Payton Conn, Nick Newsome, Kaitlyn Allen, Mackynzie A. Samons, Emily Kilgore and Cameron Ousley. Not pictured: Ashley Salisbury.



KNICKS – Coach: Carl Watkins. Players: Corey D. Davis, Devin Adams, Tazxena Flannery, Tanner Hamilton, Alex Holbrook, Andrew Watkins, C. Tyler Vanderpool and Jordan Slone.



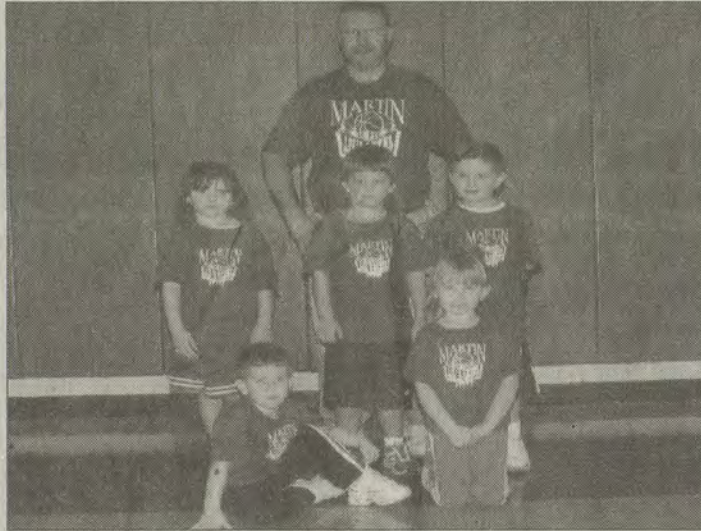
LAKERS – Coaches: Robert Huff and Tim Stephens. Players: Dylan Dalton, Brandi Carroll, Dylan Caudill, Brody Adkins, Jackson Dye, Amanda Tackett, Olivia Clemons, Blake Warrens, Dawson Stephens, Joshua Huff and Olivia Lowe.



LIL' KNICKS – Coaches: Joanna Caudill and Brian Conn. Players: Ashley Caudill, Abigail Conn, Chantz Cole, Justin Couch, Tucker Reffett, Autumn Bailey, Keagan Martin, Chayse Meade and Colby Fugate.



LIL' HEAT – Coaches: Ronnie Samons and Jason Hall. Players: Rylee Samons, Madeline Duff, Connor Hall, Jonah Porter, Emily Salisbury, Danielle Deitz, Clark Frazier and Cole Porter.



LIL' LAKERS – Coaches: Stonney Burke and Tiffany Burke. Players: Taylor Burke, Colby Fulks, Lucas Brown, Destiny Elliott, Lukas Manns, Andrea Dye, Tanner Stephens, Dylan C. Banks and Cole Williams.



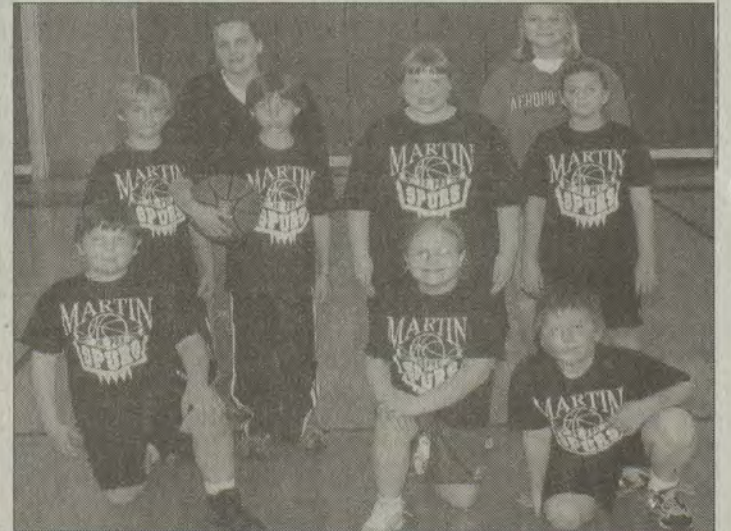
MAGIC – Coach: Mike Little. Players: Brianna Kilgore, Ashley Burchett, Sabrina Wireman. Front row, left to right: Derrick Griffith, Elias Little and John Mullins. Not pictured: Kevin Hagans, Nicholas Hancock, Devin Yates, Devin Kidd.



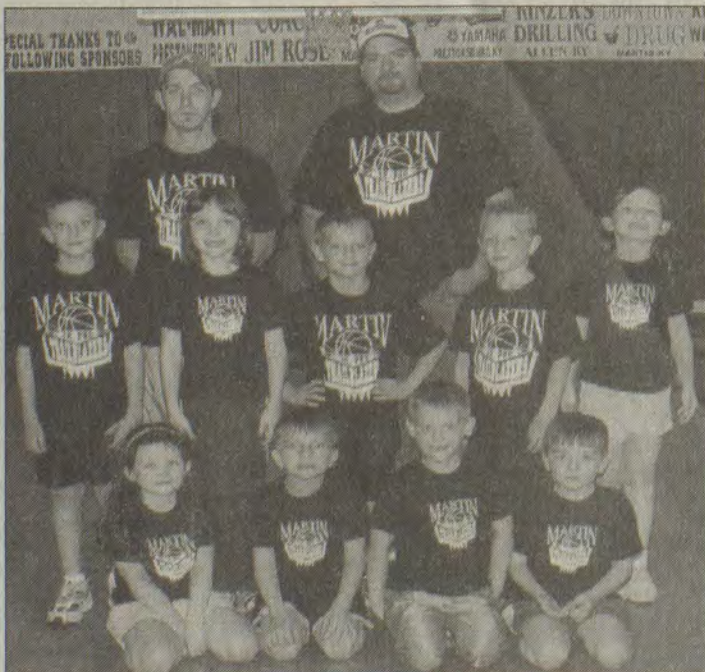
ROCKETS – Coaches: Ruben Hall and Robert Lawson. Players: Zachery Hall, Austin Lawson, Breanna Prater, Jackson Flannery, Bryce Moore, Seth Hall, Cody Meade, Elizabeth Prater. Not pictured: Jordan Pack, Blake Howell and Brady Ousley.



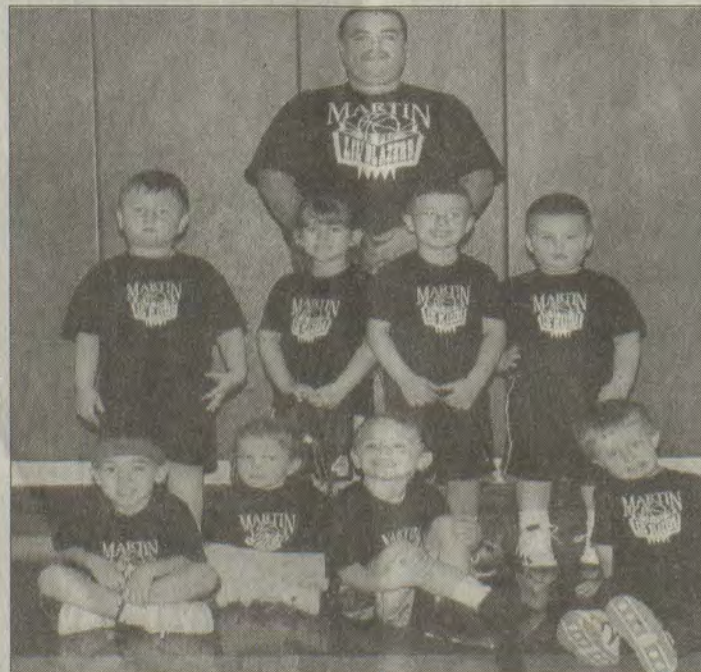
SONICS – Coaches: Todd Meadows and Glenn Floyd. Players: Bailey Wright, Mackinzie Scott, Aaron Wright, Shad Click, Kaleb Scarberry, Chris Lawson, Jamie T. Lawson and Cody Howell. Not pictured: Williams Shepherd.



SPURS – Coaches: Rhonda Chaffins and Christy Johnson. Players: Ronnie Martin, Logan Chaffins, Brody Chaffins, Star Sparkman, Hall Johnson, Jadon Hake, Kari Watkins and Nicholas Combs.



TRAILBLAZERS – Coaches: Jimmy Artrip and Charles Kendrick. Players: Dillon Samons, Kayla Dames, Shane Kidd, Shawn Kidd, Elaina Tackett, Savannah Tackett, Zachary Flannery, Christian McKinney and Josh Artrip. Not pictured: Tyler Kenmore.



LIL' BLAZERS – Coaches: Adam Hicks and Leslie Slone. Players: Kobie Hicks, Andrew Smith, Michael B. Fraley, Morgan Halbert, Larry B. Marshall, Paul Sparkman, Skye McCarty and Preston Crase.

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High School Basketball Polls

<p>BGP Boys' Top 20</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scott County 2. Male 3. Ballard 4. Warren Central 5. Jeffersontown 6. Bates Creek 7. Pleasure Ridge Park 8. Bryan Station 9. Lexington Catholic 10. Clark County 11. Mason County 12. Covington Catholic 13. South Laurel 14. Madison Central 15. Trinity 16. Doss 17. Henderson County 18. Fairdale 19. Bishop Brossart 20. Iroquois 	<p>BGP Girls' Top 20</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lexington Catholic 2. Scott County 3. Franklin-Simpson 4. Iroquois 5. Central Hardin 6. North Hardin 7. Sacred Heart Academy 8. Butler 9. Elizabethtown 10. Lexington Christian 11. Henry Clay 12. DuPont Manual 13. Paul Dunbar 14. Clay County 15. Boone County 16. Russell 17. Nelson County 18. Perry County Central 19. Christian Academy-Louisville 20. Marshall County
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THROUGH MY EYES

The Good Old Days

Cheating a little today and sharing some email that brought a smile to my face. I think it will bring one to yours, also, so, enjoy!

"Congratulations! To all the kids born in the 1930s, 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s!



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then, after that trauma, their baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paints.

They had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when they rode their bikes, they had no helmets, not to mention, the risks they took hitch-

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Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver

Goodytyme Bluegrass At The MAC – 2007

Don Rigsby's Homecoming – Saturday, Feb. 10 – 7:30 PM

Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver – Saturday, March 3 – 7:30 PM

For the last 10 years, Goodytyme Productions has been producing some of the best bluegrass events available along the Country Music Highway. Two of the most well-attended and entertaining events/groups have been the Don Rigsby's Homecoming Show and the multi-award winning act, Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver.

Don's Homecoming Show will have feature guest artist J.D. Crowe and New South. J.D. Crowe was an *IBMA Hall of Honor inductee in 2003 and the 2004 IBMA Banjo Player of the Year. The group recently released a new CD on Rounder Records.

In addition to J.D. Crowe and New South, a very entertaining regional bluegrass group, Bottomline, will be the opening act. Les McIntyre from Bluegrass Unlimited Magazine says that "Bottomline is one of Kentucky's premier bluegrass bands, and they certainly live up to their reputation with their latest recording". ("Pig In A Pen").

Of course, Don Rigsby will have his great band "Midnight Call" available to play many great songs including those on their new Rebel Record CD, Hillbilly Heartache which is currently # 2 on the Bluegrass Unlimited chart! And who will be Don's sur-

prise guest?

Goodytyme's other major concert is Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver. This has to be one of the best combinations of talent and entertainment on the bluegrass circuit today. DL & Q just recently received their 6th (in a row) IBMA Vocal Group of the Year Award! Last year Doyle was one of 11 recipients of the National Heritage Fellowships, which the National Endowment for the Arts describes as the "country's highest honor in the folk and traditional arts." Their single He Lives In Me is currently #5 on the Bluegrass Unlimited Chart.

Ticket Information: Toll Free 1-888-622-2787 Local: 886-2623 or visit www.goodytyme.com

International Bluegrass Music Association

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Don Rigsby

DINNER DIVA

Meal making begins with basic skills

by Leanne Ely



Leanne Ely

Losing weight is, by far, the most popular New Year's resolution. A lot of people start fad diets in the New Year but give up before long and go back to old habits. One

healthy practice that will make a big difference is cooking your own food. To do that, you need to cook and in order to cook, you need some basic skills.

Basic skills translate into meal making, which is also a crucial component to running a home. Now before you start to panic, rest assured knowing that you don't need a degree from Cordon Bleu in order to make dinner for your family! You need skills—that is all. That and a good recipe or two. (And I can help you with that!)

Cooking skills fall into two different categories: preparation and actual cooking. Preparation involves getting the food ready to

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FLY LADY

Lace up those shoes!

by Marla Cilley

Since starting FlyLady, I have continually harped on putting your shoes on your feet each morning. I want you to do this and YOU are NOT the exception to the rule.

Several years ago, I sold skin care products for Mary Kay. One main rule for that company was that you could

not make a single phone call in the morning unless you were totally dressed, and I mean really dressed, all the way to dress shoes. The reason behind this duty, was that you act differently when you have clothes and shoes on. You are more professional. The customer can tell when you don't feel good about the way you look, even when you think you do. So, if getting dressed makes that big of an impression on someone that can't even see you, then what is going to happen to those that can see you; mainly yourself?

Putting shoes on your feet that lace up are better than slip-ons or sandals, because they are harder to take off.

Instead of kicking your shoes off for a quick snooze on the couch, you actually have to go to a bit more trouble. Maybe, in that short instant, you will realize that there is something more that you can do. With shoes on those feet of yours, your mind says it's time to go to work. You have no excuse for not taking the trash out or putting that box of give-away stuff into the car. You are literally ready for anything. Believe me, when you get that call from school that your child needs you, or that dear friend calls up and says that she needs to talk, and asks, "Can we have lunch?," you are ready! Including down to the shoes.

I see this problem more in the stay-

at-home moms because they don't leave home for their job and it is not necessary to get dressed every morning, only their children are going to see them. I want you to listen very closely: You have the most important job of all, raising productive adults. NOW, do you want your children to remember that mom didn't get dressed until it was time for dad to get home, or do you want them to have to answer the door because you are still in your gown tail and bathrobe? If you would look at your day just like other people who leave the house, get up and get dressed all the way to shoes because it is time



(See FLY LADY, page fourteen)

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Birthday



Look who's 1!

Lydia Grace Clark will turn one year old on January 14, 2007. She is the daughter of Jeremy Clark and Stephanie Halbert who say their "little angel is cute, sweet, and so much fun"! Her parents wish her the happiest of birthdays and look forward to sharing her special day with her! Lydia Grace is the granddaughter of Anita and Gary Clark, and Todd and Beverly Halbert. She is the great-granddaughter of Ruby Halbert and Lillie Watson.



Bridal Guide



Tips On Creating A Wedding To Remember

(NAPSA)-Brides everywhere know that you don't need a fortune to look like a million dollars on your wedding day. The same holds true for the service and the reception. Experts say that with a little ingenuity and attention to detail, it's possible to put together an exotic event to remember for under \$15,000.

Here are some tips:

- Using a wedding planner can be a wise investment. According to Jenny Bauman of Bliss Events in San Diego, a wedding planner often knows the vendors and venues and can actually help keep a wedding on budget and on schedule.

- Do the invitations yourself. Since invitations provide the first impression for a wedding, think about making your own. Some brides gather their bridesmaids together to make the invitations. It can add the personal touch and eliminate or reduce professional printing costs.

- Create a signature drink that goes with the theme of the wedding. When Jaelee Jones was planning her wedding, Bauman suggested that Jones create a signature cocktail to make the day more memorable.

Jones decided to make something with Kahlua, her favorite cocktail. The drink, aptly named the Kahlua Exotic Bliss, was a combination of Kahlua, Stolli vodka, Hiram Walker raspberry schnapps, half & half and grenadine. The rich and elegant drink was a perfect cocktail to toast the happy bride and groom.

Additionally, Bauman suggested that Jones go to the Web Site www.kahlua.com to order customized gift labels for small Kahlua bottles.

The bottles were used as place cards on each table at the reception, and then as a keepsake for the guests.

"This unique and personal memento was a big hit with all of our guests. No one at the reception had ever received anything like it," said Jones. "And the best part about it was that the gift labels were free!"

- Location, location, location. Even though the event location can frequently be one of the most exorbitant costs of a wedding, there are ways to reduce it.

For example, look for a venue where catered food and liquor could be brought in. This can increase your menu options and make it easier to stay within your budget.

Using a wedding planner when selecting vendors and venues can help to keep a wedding on budget and schedule.

Homemaker Leader Training – Women's Health

Homemaker leader training sessions will be conducted through the Floyd County Extension Services office on January 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office.

Becky Simpson, Ky. Cancer Program Specialist, Suellen Zornes, Boyd County FCS Agent, and Theresa Scott, Floyd County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, will conduct the sessions on "Women and Heart Disease" and "Women's Health."

Heart Healthy refreshments will be served. Please feel free to bring family photos along as part of the lesson will include a hands-on activity using the photos to "scrapbook your heart."

For more information, contact Theresa Scott at 886-2668.

Pointers For Parents



What To Do About The Flu

(NAPSA)-Flu viruses spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing from people with influenza. Most adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to five days after becoming sick. That means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

In fact, a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine showed that most influenza infections in children were not diagnosed clinically.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 5 to 20 percent of the population will get the flu and up to 200,000 people will be hospitalized. Worse, every year, approximately 36,000 people in the U.S. die from influenza. Influenza can also lead to secondary complications including pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections and worsening of chronic health conditions.

Influenza is a contagious disease caused by a virus that attacks the respiratory tract and has a variety of symptoms, including muscle aches, fever, headache and sore throat. Because the flu can be difficult to diagnose based on symptoms alone, it is critical that you get tested so that appropriate treatment can begin as soon as possible.

One test that has gained widespread popularity among physicians is the QuickVue(r) Influenza test, a fast and painless test that can check for the presence of the influenza virus. The test is simple and can provide results in 10 minutes or less.

Using a rapid diagnostic test like the QuickVue test can prevent unnecessary testing and treatment. Thus sparing you and your child from additional tests, which can sometimes be difficult.

For more information, visit www.flutest.com or ask your physician about flu testing.

A rapid diagnostic test for influenza can help physicians identify flu accurately.

EKSC to host new Astronomy Club First meeting set for Jan. 18

Do you like astronomy and stargazing, but don't know how to get more information on it? Do you want to share your interest with others? We're starting an all-ages astronomy club, and would love for you to join! No prior knowledge of astronomy is necessary, but you're welcome to bring some if you've got it!

The club will partner with the East Kentucky Science Center to host monthly meetings and observing sessions, and will also help plan, promote and participate in events such as the annual Astronomy Day. A junior section of the club will be formed for school-aged astronomy fans.

The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18th at 7:00p.m. at the East Kentucky Science Center.

Contact Kate Zylstra at (606) 889-0303 or kzylstra@setel.com, or Mike Burchett at (606) 297-6917 for more information.

Eyes

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hiking.

As children, they rode in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

Their doctors and dentists never wore latex gloves.

Riding in the back of a pick up on a warm day was always a special treat to them.

They drank water from a pump or the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.

They shared one soft drink with four friends - from one bottle - and NO ONE actually died from this.

They ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but weren't overweight because.....They were always outside playing!!

They would leave home in the morning and play all day, and as long as they were back when the streetlights came on or before dark, no one panicked.

No one was able to reach them all day long - and they were okay.

They would spend hours building soap box cars or go-carts out of scraps and then ride them down the hill, only to find out they had forgotten the brakes. After running into the bushes or a ditch a few times, they learned to solve that problem.

They did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, X-boxes - no video games at all. No 99 channels on cable, no video tape movies, no surround sound, no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat

rooms, BUT, they had friends! AND, they went outside and found them!

They fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

They ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in them forever.

They were given BB guns for their 10th birthdays, made up games with sticks and tennis balls and, although they were told it would happen, they did not put out very many eyes.

They rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!

The idea of a parent bailing them out if they broke the law was unheard of - plus, their parents actually sided with the law!

These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

Those of us from these generations have had freedom, failures, successes and responsibilities, and through it all, we have learned how to deal with it all!

Congrats to all of us! Now, show this to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were!"

Wedding



Hall-Bolton

Donna Michael Hall and John Matthew Bolton, both of Johnson City, Tennessee, are pleased to announce their engagement and forthcoming wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Donald Jerry Hall and Stella Jo Hyden and the step-daughter of Bill Hyden and Patricia Hall, all of Prestonsburg.

She is a 1996 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, and a 2000 graduate of East Tennessee State University, from which she holds a bachelor of science degree in education. She will graduate from the the Appalachian School of Law this coming May.

She is the granddaughter of Ann Gibson, of Prestonsburg, and the late George and Stella Vires, of Burket, Indiana.

The prospective groom is the son of Richard A. Bolton and Kem H. Mckee and the stepson of Thomas C. Mckee and Dena E. Bolton, all of Johnson City, Tennessee.

He is a 1998 graduate of Science Hill High School, a 2002 graduate of the University of Tennessee, from which he holds a bachelor of science in communications, and a 2006 graduate of the Appalachian School of Law.

He is the grandson of Ruth C. Henry and the late John E. Henry, of Johnson City, and the late Carl O. and Mabel Bolton, formerly of Johnson City.

He is an attorney with the law offices of Herndon, Coleman, Brading & Mckee. A member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, he is also on the board of directors for Dawn of Hope, in Johnson City.

The couple will wed in a private ceremony to be held on May 19, 2007, at the home of the groom's parents located near Boone Lake, in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Diva

be cooked, using skills such as chopping, dicing, and other fun stuff with a knife. All of this translates into preparation or prep work as we Dinner Divas like to call it.

The cooking part (this is where you dispense of the knife and start using the heat) can be a little tricky, but mostly it's because the cook doesn't know the stove. Getting to know your own stovetop is essential, as is understanding concepts like preheating (don't put the food in until the oven is heated to the indicated temperature), broiling (food cooked under the heat source), and my favorite, grilling outdoors on a barbecue grill.

I have noticed that inexperienced cooks either overcook or undercook the food when they make their cooking goofs, so following the advice above should help eliminate that problem.

Another problem for cooks is the speed in which they chop. I once had someone email me saying that my recipes took too long to prepare. After corresponding with this gal a few times, I had her break down how long it took her to do everything.

When I found out it took her a full five minutes to chop one onion, I knew what the problem was—she had no knife skills.

This is a tough one to write about without showing you, but I will do my best. Believe it or not, this is easy. When you're chopping, you need to use both hands—one for holding whatever it is that you're cutting (that will be the opposite hand you will be cutting with) and the hand that you are going to cut with. The hand that holds the food we will be transforming temporarily into a claw. Yes, a claw. Why a claw? Glad you asked. Because when you are holding the food in a claw-like fashion, if your knife accidentally gets too close to your fingers, the worst that will happen is your fingers will get too close a shave, but you won't be losing any fingers! Important safety precaution!

Now as far as making the chopping go smoothly and quickly like they do on Food TV; that just requires a rhythm, which will come as you get better at chopping. The idea is to "rock" the blade slightly as you

chop. This will build a rhythm and eventually, your speed. Next time you're watching the Food Network, pay attention as Emeril chops effortlessly. He's got his claw going; he's a-rockin' and a-choppin'—the whole thing is an art form. Remember though, you're not Emeril. Go easy and slow and be careful. These are sharp knives we're working with here, not rubber spatulas.

If you need a visual of what this all looks like, I have a sketch of it all in my Saving Dinner Basics book. If you want to see me do it, you can see my DVD, Saving Dinner Basics, The How-To Part.

I want to see you succeed in the kitchen. Developing skills and using them is your key to making that happen.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website, www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner series published by Ballantine and her new book, Body Clutter, published by Fireside.. Copyright 2007; Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

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canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 26, 2007. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a conference or hearing must be received within 30 days of the day of this notice.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8041

Operator Change In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, intends to revise permit No. 836-8041 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Zag Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 639, Stanton, KY 40380. The new operators will be Hendrickson Equipment, Inc., P.O. Box 467, Hindman, KY 41822, and Twin Ridge Development, Inc., 209 Second St., Paintsville, KY 41240.

The operation is located 1.9 mile southeast of Printer, in Floyd County. The facility is approximately 1.4 mile southeast from KY 122's junction with State Route 2030, and located 0.004 mile northeast of Spurlock Creek. The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. quadrangle map at latitude is 37° 31' 25" and longitude is 82° 43' 30". The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 836-5253

Single Area In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Dema Coal Company, Inc., HC 80, Box 1070, Dema, Kentucky 41859, intends to apply for a Phase III bond release for Single Area on permit number 836-5253, which was last issued February 3, 1994. The application covers an area of approximately 83.15 acres, located 1.60 mile southeast of Wayland, in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 0.50 mile northwest from Ky. 7's junction with Ky. 899, and located 0.10 mile north of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 25 minutes, 22 seconds.

SOUTHERN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS BANK LOAN

The Southern Water & Sewer District is requesting proposals from qualified lending institutions to provide the District with a term loan to purchase a mini-excavator and trailer. The amount of the loan will be \$27,550.00 and the term will be three years, with payments to be made on a monthly basis. The District will accept proposals for the proposed loan until 4:00 p.m., January 19, 2007. Proposals must be mailed or hand delivered to the following address: Southern Water & Sewer District Loan Proposal, ATTN: Hubert Halbert, Chairman 245 KY Route 680 P.O. Box 610 McDowell, KY 41647 Any questions or concerns may be addressed to Bob Meyer at the above address, or by calling (606) 377-9296.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 836-5090

Single Area

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Frasure's Branch Coal Company, P.O. Box 101, Minnie, Kentucky 41651, intends to apply for a Phase II & III bond release for single area on permit number 836-5090, which was last issued on June 5, 2002. The application covers a surface area of approximately 3.28 acres, located 1.9 mile northwest of Grethel, in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 1.9 mile north of the junction of Ky. 979's junction with Frasure Branch Road, and located 0.2 mile east of Frasure Branch. The Latitude is 37°28'35". The longitude is 82° 40' 19".

The total bond now in effect for Frasure's Branch Coal Company is as follows: Single Area - \$6,300.00. Reclamation work performed includes, grading, seeding and mulching, and successful establishment of the post-mining land use, which was completed April, 2001.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 5, 2007. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 6, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 5, 2007.

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Single Area In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Dema Coal Company, Inc., HC 80, Box 1070, Dema, Kentucky 41859, intends to apply for a Phase III bond release for Single Area on permit number 836-5253, which was last issued February 3, 1994. The application covers an area of approximately 83.15 acres, located 1.60 mile southeast of Wayland, in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 0.50 mile northwest from Ky. 7's junction with Ky. 899, and located 0.10 mile north of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 25 minutes, 22 seconds.

The longitude is 82 degrees, 47 minutes, 59 seconds. The bond now in effect for permit No. 836-5253 is a certificate of deposit for \$4,000.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$4,000.00 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes grading, seeding and mulching, and successful establishment of the post-mining land use, which was completed June, 1996. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 5, 2007.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 6, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 5, 2007.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8065

Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Martin Coal Processing Corporation, P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a coal processing facility affecting 12.0 acres located 0.15 miles east of Hite in Floyd County.

The proposed facility is approximately 0.67 miles Southeast from KY 122's junction with KY 80 and is located adjacent to the Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 33 minutes 19 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes 58 seconds.

The facility is located on the Harold and Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by Martin Coal Processing Corporation and CSX/Chessie System.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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Ethics complaint against Mongiardo is dismissed

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — State Sen. Daniel Mongiardo has been cleared of an ethics violation complaint, but the order dismissing the complaint chastised him for not researching ethics laws before associating himself with a political action committee.

The Legislative Ethics Commission dismissed the complaint Wednesday. The complaint had been filed by the Kentucky Republican Party.

Commission Chairman George Troutman said in a four-page dismissal order that "the evidence does not establish by clear and convincing proof that Senator Mongiardo intended to, or did, use his official position to secure or create privileges or advantages for himself or others by organizing, forming or registering a permanent committee."

Mongiardo, D-Hazard, is the running mate of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Steve Beshear.

The commission found "probable cause" in December to further investigate allegations that Mongiardo violated

the law by associating himself with the independent fund-raising committee.

"I respect the professional manner in which the commission and its staff conducted their inquiry and am pleased that I can now focus once again on helping to address the challenges confronting our Commonwealth," Mongiardo said in a statement. His lawyer, Jeff Morgan of Hazard, released the opinion Wednesday night.

The commission found that Mongiardo willingly agreed to serve as an adviser for the Democratic Activist Political Action Committee and even received DANPAC business cards that included his name.

"The cards were never used by the senator and were thrown away by him," according to the order.

The commission's order questioned the soundness of Mongiardo's decision to associate with a fund-raising committee without first researching the law.

"Although aware that his involvement with DANPAC might raise legal problems, he apparently made no effort to explore exactly what those

might be with any appropriate agency," said the order. "Instead he relied, at least initially, on the advice of someone whose knowledge of Kentucky election law appears to have been somewhat short of adequate."

"Looking into the law before leaping into involvement of any kind with a permanent committee would have been a better course to follow

and likely would have rendered this proceeding unnecessary as well as sparing the Senator unwanted publicity," the order said.

State legislative ethics laws forbid lawmakers from forming "a permanent committee" other than their own election campaign fund panels. Had the commission found that Mongiardo knowingly violated the law, he could have been

prosecuted for violation of a Class D felony.

Mongiardo cut all ties with the group in June 2006, about 10 weeks after its formation, following a newspaper story about his involvement in the group.

"As soon as anybody mentioned there might be a problem, he disassociated himself completely, and that was about two months before the com-

plaint was filed," Morgan said.

Republican Party Executive Director Michael Clingaman declined to comment on the dismissal Wednesday night, saying he hadn't yet reviewed it.

DANPAC, chaired by Ryen Greer of South Carolina, was formed to help Democratic candidates across the nation. State reports show the group brought in \$2,750 in 2006.

Tourism

executive director of Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Baldrige said the park's dilemma is finding a way to document everyone who comes from outside the area. Polk added that the park's budget is around \$300,000, with revenues averaging around \$110,000 per year. He said with the amount of money they currently receive from both the city of Prestonsburg and the commission, they cannot afford to do what needs

to be done to bring in more out-of-town visitors and qualify for additional funding.

A motion was passed to draft a letter to the city to clarify the city's position on the cap and to come up with a more comprehensive plan of what the city can do to enhance tourism.

In other news, the commission approved a grant proposal for \$2,500 from Dance Etc. for their winter festival at the Mountain Arts Center. Mark Miller said

the festival, which brought in 49 dance teams from eight counties, is exactly the type of event the city needs more of to bring in additional tourism dollars.

The board tabled discussion of the Tourism Commission Audit until their next monthly meeting so they can invite the firm that conducted the audit attend and answer any questions the commission may have.

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Murder

Tackett's Nov. 29 arrest was the result of an eight-month investigation into the murder.

A third-degree rape charge was brought against Tackett in 1993 in Floyd County and he faced an unlawful imprisonment charge in Pike County in

1991. In both instances the charges were dismissed.

The murder investigation remains open as detectives working the case have not ruled out the possible involvement of other suspects.

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Probe

returned.

Whites also declined to say whether he thought any federal laws had been broken.

A provision in Rhorer's order Wednesday, however, required they remain confidential.

Paul Harnice, a defense attorney representing the state

Transportation Cabinet, said the proceedings of the special grand jury that conducted the investigation should remain confidential.

"All we're saying is that that concept, that tenet of law, should remain in place," Harnice said.

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