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Road to be closed for repairs

PRESTONSBURG — A section of Route 1428 will be closed next week for construction, the Department of Highways announced yesterday.

Due to recent flooding, a culvert on Route 1428 was damaged near the 13.5 mile marker, which is located near Adams Middle School.

The road will be closed from Monday, August 2 through Friday, August 6 for removal and replacement of the culvert, according to Tim Spencer, Floyd County resident maintenance engineer with Highway District 12.

"It is expected to take most of the week to complete the project before school starts," Spencer said. "There is another way to enter Prestonsburg, so hopefully this will not be too inconvenient for people. We appreciate everyone's understanding and patience while we work to make the roads as safe as possible."

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Foster Mitchell and his son, Paul Mitchell, were arrested in front of Mitchell's Grocery during a drug roundup coordinated by Operation UNITE. The men were two of 29 arrests made Wednesday.

photo by Joyal Frazier

29 arrested as latest drug roundup begins

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

Law enforcement agencies joined together Wednesday for another roundup of drug dealers in Floyd County.

The latest roundup was the culmination of undercover investigations by Operation UNITE, Kentucky State Police, the Prestonsburg Police Department and the Floyd County Sheriff's Office. The Kentucky Attorney General also had representatives on hand.

Lee Weddington, Task Force Supervisor, said, "We all joined together to get the job done. In order to solve the problem, you have to work together on it."

All the agencies working together Wednesday did make some major accomplishments by arresting 29 of 45 alleged dealers wanted by police. There were seven teams, each consisting of several police units, that divided up and covered all corners of the county with warrants for 45 people.

"These 45 arrests will result in a safer community for Floyd County," said Karen Engle, executive director of UNITE. "We are sending a message to all the drug dealers in eastern and southern Kentucky: We will find you and we will put in an effort to eliminate the drug supply in the area."

Court proceedings began Thursday for several of the 29 arrested being arraigned. The names and charges of the individuals involved in the roundup are:

- Teresa Rose Conn (Howard), first-degree trafficking of a controlled substance, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.
- Todd Gayheart, first-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.
- Foster Mitchell, 5 counts first-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.
- Robert Robinson, trafficking marijuana, sec-

(See **ROUNDUP**, page three)



photo by Tom Doty

Wednesday's drug roundup made for a heavy emergency docket in Floyd County District Court. Judge John Caudill arraigned 11 of the suspected traffickers on Thursday morning, while Judge Danny Caudill saw 16 more in the afternoon.

State police conduct separate drug roundup

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

ELKHORN CITY — There was some confusion yesterday when the Kentucky State Police conducted a drug roundup and issued a press release on the same day that UNITE conducted its own round up. KSP assisted in the UNITE roundup, but also conducted its own primarily in Elkhorn City.

The KSP roundup, independent of UNITE, scored 27 arrests on charges that range from cultivating marijuana to

(See **KSP**, page three)

Four vying for PHS principal

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg High School is a step closer to selecting a new principal, filling the seat left behind by Ron Hampton, who was demoted for alleged misconduct.

Site-based council members were trained last week in procedures for principal selection by Glen Hendrix, a certified trainer of councils.

The next phase of the selection process begins Tuesday with a "meet and greet" public forum to introduce four potential candidates to the community.

"The council put forth a lot of effort to develop a process that allows for a lot of input and time for all of the community to get involved," interim principal Phil Paige said. "They've certainly been willing to put in the time. I hope that it ends in a successful candidate."

The candidates vying for the position will be mingling with the public prior to a special called site-based council meeting Tuesday.

The candidates include:
■ Jerry Butcher, currently the assistant principal at Prestonsburg High School.

■ Ted George, current assistant principal at Adams Middle School.

■ Charles Rowe, a teacher at Paintsville Independent.

■ Jonathan Slone, a former PHS student acting currently as an assistant principal at a Northern Kentucky school.

The candidates will be available for questioning prior to the special-called meeting. Community members are also encouraged to submit written questions to be addressed by the candidates during the meeting.

A comment box will be available for public comment, officials said.

Interviews will begin Wednesday, site-based council vice chairman Tammy Vance said. The candidates, participating in hour-long interviews, will be asked to display their knowledge by taking part in a written or computer assessment task.

If a principal is selected, the council will declare a meeting directly following the interviews to make it official, Vance said.

"I am looking for the best instructional leader and the person that has our students

(See **PHS**, page three)

Charge against Fanning amended

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Board of Education Supt. Paul W. Fanning pleaded not guilty Wednesday to an amended traffic charge against him in district court.

In lieu of submitting to a request for dismissal in the case, District Judge Eric Hall amended the charge against Fanning to "failure to notify the owner of damage to an unattended vehicle."

Fanning, 59, originally charged with leaving the scene of an accident, allegedly hit a 2003 Buick Lesabre

belonging to Paul and Evie Barrett, which was parked on Front Street near Billy Ray's Restaurant on June 19. Witnesses claim that Fanning backed into the car, got out on his knees and looked at the damage, then left without leaving a note.

His attorney, Jonathan C. Shaw, filed a motion to dismiss the case late Tuesday afternoon, citing state law that defines "leaving the scene of an accident" as an offense that results in "injury to or death of any person" or "damage to a vehicle or other property which is driven or

(See **FANNING**, page three)

Martin residents air complaints

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Less than three weeks after the city hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for phase one of the Martin redevelopment project, residents and business owners brought their concerns to the table — and were

told to take them elsewhere.

Several residents and business owners, represented by attorney Frank Heaberlin, addressed the city council Tuesday night with concerns for their safety, health and the overall impact the project will have on their businesses and homes.

Heaberlin said that residents

have been given "numerous stories" about the relocation plans and were there Tuesday to get a rundown on what will really happen during the construction.

"To think of all the years it took Martin to get to this point and in a few short months,

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Several Martin residents and business owners voiced their concerns about the city's redevelopment project during a meeting Monday.

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Odds & Ends

■ **SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.** — Two men who were arrested for walking through a Wal-Mart while wearing women's thong underwear blamed the stunt on a "triple-dog dare," authorities said.

The men, ages 35 and 36, bought two pair of underwear at the store Tuesday, went into a bathroom and came out wearing only the thongs and T-shirts, police said.

Witnesses said the men walked through the store and out to their car.

Police caught the men in the parking lot, and reviewed a surveillance tape before arresting them for public indecency and disorderly conduct.

When asked why they were wearing thong underwear, one of the men said a friend "triple-dog dared" them. They will not be prosecuted, authorities said.

■ **KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Kansas City police have taken a licking for a new program that rewards motorists who drive safely by stopping them and giv-

ing them coupons for free ice cream.

Sgt. Don Jantzen of the North Patrol Division said residents expressed concerns about the program and the department's legal counsel advised officers to stop it. He said the division commander will revamp it and come up with a new approach within two weeks.

Paula Talley was rewarded Monday for wearing her seat belt and yielding to traffic. She said she was afraid being stopped would make her late for

work, although she made it on time.

"My job probably wouldn't have cared about free ice cream," she said.

Bill Calvert was stopped for driving the speed limit and using his signal. He said he could see people getting upset by such stops if they "were in the wrong frame of mind."

■ **COLUMBUS, Ga.** — City officials had to launder some money after a backhoe operator found \$46,000 while

moving garbage at a landfill.

They tried to clean the grody greenbacks so the money could be deposited in a bank.

But after the police were notified, police Lt. Gil Slouchick said the money was counted and stored at the Columbus Police Department.

Police said they were not immediately able to determine where the money came from, but after 90 days it becomes abandoned property and the city may be eligible to claim it.

"It was found buried in garbage that had been there for some time," Deputy City Manager Isaiah Hugley said Tuesday. "It had been there for a number of years."

■ **FERNDALE, Wash.** — Talk about fighting fire with fire.

Crews fighting a blaze in a

three-acre manure lagoon Wednesday smothered the flames with more of the same — a blanket of wet cow manure.

The cause of the fire was not known. It started Sunday in brush growing on the crust of manure, wood chips and barn shavings on the surface of the lagoon, which is 24 feet deep.

After working with water and foam, crews began spraying the wet manure on Tuesday. Another layer was applied on Wednesday, and Assistant Fire Chief Larry Hoffman said the fire appeared to be "98-99 percent" out.

Hoffman received an earful of complaints about the smoke and odor as the fire burned on a dairy farm outside Ferndale, about 100 miles north of Seattle. "We're not the most popular department in town," he said.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 30, the 212th day of 2004. There are 154 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 30, 1945, during World War II, the USS Indianapolis was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; only 316 out of 1,196 men survived the sinking and shark-infested waters.

On this date:

■ In 1729, the city of Baltimore was founded.

■ In 1792, the French national anthem "La Marseillaise," by Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, was first sung in Paris.

■ In 1844, the New York Yacht Club was founded.

■ In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces tried to take Petersburg, Va., by exploding a mine under Confederate defense lines — the attack failed.

■ In 1932, the Summer Olympic Games opened in Los

Angeles.

■ In 1942, President Roosevelt signed a bill creating a women's auxiliary agency in the Navy known as "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service" — WAVES for short.

■ In 1965, President Johnson signed into law the Medicare bill, which went into effect the following year.

■ In 1975, former Teamsters union president Jimmy Hoffa disappeared in suburban Detroit — although presumed dead, his remains have never been found.

■ In 1975, representatives of 35 countries convened in Finland for a conference on security and human rights that resulted in the Helsinki accords.

■ In 1980, the Israeli Knesset passed a law reaffirming all of Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish state.

Ten years ago:

The first U.S. troops landed in the Rwandan capital of Kigali to secure the airport for an expand-

ed international aid effort.

Five years ago:

Republicans pushed their \$792 billion tax cut through the Senate. Linda Tripp, whose secretly recorded phone conversations with Monica Lewinsky led to the impeachment of President Clinton, was charged in Maryland with illegal wire-tapping (prosecutors later dropped the charges). The leaders of some 40 nations gathered in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, pledging to push economic and democratic reforms for the war-torn Balkans.

One year ago:

President Bush took personal responsibility for the first time for using disputed intelligence in his State of the Union address, but predicted he would be vindicated for going to war against Iraq. Iraq's U.S.-picked interim government named its first president: Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a Shiite Muslim from a party banned by Saddam

Hussein. U.S. troops, meanwhile, pressed the hunt for the ousted dictator. Sun Records founder Sam Phillips, who discovered Elvis Presley, died in Memphis, Tenn., at age 80.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Dick Wilson ("Mr. Whipple") is 88. Actor Richard Johnson is 77. Actor Edd "Kookie" Byrnes is 71. Blues musician Buddy Guy is 68. Movie director Peter Bogdanovich is 65. Feminist activist Eleanor Smeal is 65. Former Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., is 64. Singer Paul Anka is 63. Jazz musician David Sanborn is 59. California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is 57. Actor William Atherton is 57. Actor Jean Reno is 56. Blues singer-musician Otis Taylor is 56. Actor Frank Stallone is 54. Actor Ken Olin is 50. Actress Delta Burke is 48. Singer-songwriter Kate Bush is 46. Country singer Neal McCoy is 46. Actor Richard Burgi is 46. Director Richard Linklater is 44. Actor Laurence Fishburne is 43. Actress Lisa Kudrow is 41. Country musician Dwayne O'Brien is 40. Actress Vivica A. Fox is 40. Actor Simon Baker is 35. Director Christopher Nolan is 34. Actor Tom Green is 33. Actress Christine Taylor is 33. Actor-comedian Dean Edwards is 31. Actress Hilary Swank is 30. Actress Jaime Pressly is 27.

Thought for Today:

"The worst part of having success is to try finding someone who is happy for you." — Bette Midler, American singer-actress.

Mountain Parkway's only rest area to stay open

The Associated Press

SLADE — The only rest area on the 76-mile Mountain Parkway will remain open, despite signs posted on restroom doors saying it would close, a state official said.

Sam Beverage, an engineer for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, said state officials are looking for an organization, perhaps the Powell County Tourism Commission, to take on the

financial burden of running the facility. He said they don't plan to close it.

Transportation Cabinet spokesman Mike Goins said nothing has been decided and the state is considering many options.

The rest area was opened in 1986 and dedicated in 1988 to Junior Williamson, a Pike County man who shined shoes at the Capitol and pestered lawmakers about the lack of facili-

ties on the main highway from Eastern Kentucky to Lexington. His portrait still hangs above the vending machines.

The eight workers in Slade are state employees.

Serena Bowen, Powell County's tourism director, said the county's tax on lodging brings in \$50,000 a year, not nearly enough to cover the estimated \$350,000 annual operating cost for the rest area.

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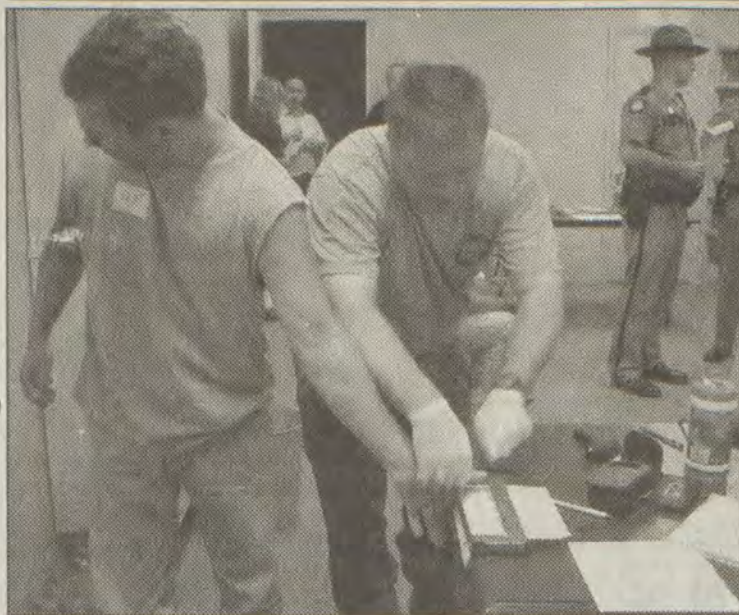


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Each individual that was arrested Wednesday in the drug roundup was processed at the old tourism building in downtown Prestonsburg before being taken to jail.

Roundup

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ond-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Ricky Williams, two counts of second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Douglas Martin, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Christi Justice, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Homer New, two counts of trafficking marijuana, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Chester Keathley, trafficking marijuana.

■ Marcus Stumbo, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Eddie D. Lowe Jr., trafficking marijuana.

■ Eddie D. Lowe Sr., first-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Jason Akers (Reynolds), second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Greg Slone, two counts of second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Brad Williams, two counts of second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Lonzo Bryant, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Mickey Johnson, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Eugina Williams, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Woody Hamilton, first-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Chrisi Hamilton, first-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Morhonda Hamilton, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Eddie D. Mitchell, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Scottie Huff, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Patricia Hagans, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Shelia Adkins, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Sabrina Leslie, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ William Powers, first-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Paul Mitchell, first-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

■ Lee Howard, second-degree trafficking of a controlled substance.

All the warrants that were served during the roundup were based on indictments law enforcement agencies had obtained as a result of undercover operations.

UNITE had developed a smooth process of arresting, processing and jailing the alleged dealers. Each team had a number of people they were looking for. They had a packet of information on each individual, which included a data sheet, fingerprinting kit, name tags, photo identification, citations and indictments. This helped law enforcement to know who they were looking for and what they

Fanning

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attended by any person."

"As is clear from the accident report and citation in this matter, this accident did not result in injury to or death of any person, nor did it result in damage to a vehicle or other property that was driven or attended by any person at the time of the alleged impact," Shaw wrote in the

were accused of doing. After being arrested, each person was taken to the old tourism building in Prestonsburg to be processed and then sent on to jail.

The day began early for law enforcement officers, with a briefing at which time they received the packets of the people they were going to look for, the teams they would be on and the areas they would be covering.

The team that went to the Mud Creek area included several officers from the sheriff's office and UNITE task force members, along with Sheriff John K. Blackburn and Lee Weddington, Task Force supervisor.

The first arrest didn't take long. After one minute driving up Mud Creek, officers made their first apprehension after passing one of the alleged dealers along the way. Blackburn recognized the suspect and radioed to two police units that turned and had Foster Mitchell in custody immediately.

As they continued further, their first stop was at Mitchell's Grocery, which is a small country store located at Branham's Creek. Before the cars had come to a complete stop, it seemed that the other officers had their feet on the ground and had the entire parking area blocked and the location secured.

Police immediately arrested Paul Mitchell and checked identification of everyone inside and outside of the store, thoroughly making sure that no other individuals that were on the indictment list were there.

One gentleman who was delivering inventory to the store sat down on the step of his truck and watched patiently as law enforcement did their jobs.

"I think this is a good thing," he said, "I don't mind to sit here and wait, because I know they are trying to make the county a better place."

The next stop did not result in an arrest, with the next suspect on the list having left her home earlier that morning. However, her house was surrounded within seconds after they pulled into her driveway. It was suspected that someone had warned her the police were coming and she was picked up by a family member and taken to another location.

"That's all right," said Blackburn, "I know where her family lives, too. We'll make those stops on the way out."

As they ventured on to Homer New's house, police found him sitting on his front porch in a swing. He lazily walked over to the rail with a puzzled look on his face when the three police cars and the sheriff pulled up.

The police escorted New into his home and came out with a loaded rifle that had its serial numbers removed. It was confiscated and New was put in the back of the police car by Blackburn.

Officers did not stop all day Wednesday and were still making arrests Thursday.

"We (citizens of the county) almost let it get out of hand, but we will get a handle on it," Weddington said.

motion.

Along with that motion, Shaw attached a letter from State Farm Insurance Company verifying that Fanning's insurance covered \$905.69 in damages to Barrett's vehicle.

A pretrial conference is scheduled in the case for Oct. 18.

Martin

it'll run us all out of Martin, it's not what our ancestors wanted ... You people represent us. You should have our intentions at heart, not the government, not the [U.S. Army] Corps of Engineers," business owner Pete Grigsby Jr. said.

Grigsby, on behalf of those in attendance, requested that the city and the Corps of Engineers consider alternate routes for hauling dirt through the city, pointing out that continuous hauling would "destroy" city businesses, cause health problems and could raise safety concerns for local residents.

When prompted by Grigsby's request, Mayor Thomasine Robinson said the plans were not "definite," but John P. Justice Jr., Corps of Engineers project manager, pointed out that the plans that have been approved for funding through the federal government included the removal of dirt through city limits.

Bush and Burchett contractors will haul dirt and debris taken from Fire Station Hill through Main Street and the debris will be "stockpiled" at Mayo Hollow, Justice explained.

Giovanni's owner John Perry, like many business owners in the town, has been flooded twice in recent years. He says he doesn't oppose the project, but he doesn't want to sacrifice his business for the sake of progress either.

"When you start mixing mud and food, you do have a problem," Perry said after the meeting. "Who the hell wants to stop and eat in a mud hole?"

Rodney Hutchinson, who lives near Our Lady of the Way Hospital, asked the council how much revenue the city would lose if the businesses were forced to close prior to their relocation.

"There's not that much of a loss down there, Rodney," Mayor Robinson replied.

Hutchinson also asked who would compensate residents for the additional water usage it would take to keep their homes clean over the duration of the project.

Robinson laughed, giving no response, other than to say she knew what he was talking about.

Robinson seemed reluctant, at first, to allow the Corps to answer questions asked by the residents, telling them, instead, to take their concerns to the Corps office, which is open every second and fourth Tuesday between 1 and 6 p.m.

Her diversion, however, came to a head when Dale McKinney, of radio station WMDJ, said that citizens have the right to hear a response from the Corps.

Joe Burchett, on behalf of the contractors, said his "tentative" plans were to haul through the city, but he shared his willingness to "work with" area resi-

dents and their concerns. The company is "tentatively" looking to begin preparatory work the week after Labor Day, he said.

Justice said the Corps would also consider alternate routes, but he pointed out that doing so could cause some problems.

"Our initial studies started 4 to 6 years ago," Justice said. "We've held numerous public meetings and opportunities for the community to voice their concerns. I will tell you that we looked at 5 to 6 different options as far as moving the material ...

The best overall, most economic, most effective way of hauling is to bring it through town to Mayo Hollow."

Changing those plans, Justice said, would call for a reevaluation of the project, which would necessitate the completion of another approval process and require additional documentation and impact studies.

The Corps will begin demolition of three houses next week, Justice said, noting that he and community planner Gus Drum are focusing their attention on the second and third phases of the project.

Currently, Justice is working to "refine" a plan to determine what businesses will relocate to Fire Station Hill, which will be leveled to raise the town. He's also working with the Design Review Board, in charge of regulating what businesses and

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homes relocate in the city, and the Big Sandy Area Development District, which will assist homeowners and commercial establishments with funding to relocate.

Residents and business owners gathered in the parking lot for several minutes after they left the meeting.

They will be visiting the Corps office for answers to their questions, Heaberlin said.

PHS

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on highest authority," Vance said. "This public forum will hopefully consist of students, parents and faculty. Their input will have huge affect on my decision."

The PHS principal selection committee meeting will be held at the school on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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trafficking in controlled substances. The Pike County arrests were part of an operation conducted solely by KSP.

Elkhorn City targets arrested in the roundup included:

- Michael Owen Bartley
- Nikki Dotson
- Warney G. Smith
- Ronnie Dean Conley
- Tammy Sue Cure
- Ashley R. Sawyers
- Megan Lynn Ratliff
- Paul David Rogers
- Angela D. Belcher
- Thomas "Boo" Conley
- Jimmy "Bird" Conley
- Denver Bartley
- Shannon R. Lester

Other Pike County residents arrested were:

- Chris Mullins, of Shelbiana
- Glen Allen Kinney, of Shelbiana

■ Linda Sue Nunley, of Robinson Creek

■ Jeffrey McCoy, of Regina

■ James Randall Ward, of Regina

■ Joseph Garrett Lee, of Pikeville

■ Kenneth Conley, of Pikeville

Several Floyd County residents were also arrested in the roundup and include:

- French Hensley, of Langley
- Jack Perry, of Prestonsburg
- Fred Hall, of Branham's Creek
- John P. Miller, of Maytown
- Joe Hall, of Green Hall Branch
- Johnny Hunter Jr., of Dwale.

Five suspects were still at large as of Thursday. They include:

■ John Walter Cure, of Elkhorn City

■ Fred Blair, of Harless Creek

■ Melissa Dawn Coleman, of Red Creek Road

■ Matthew Keathley, of Branham's Creek

■ Darell L. Hall of Maytown.

Police are asking anyone with knowledge of their whereabouts to call KSP at (606) 433-7711 or (800) 222-5555.

Motorcyclist killed in wreck at Virgie

Times Staff Report

VIRGIE — Jason L. Compton, 23, of Jenkins, was killed Tuesday evening when his motorcycle crashed into a truck on Route 610 in Virgie.

Compton was traveling west on that road when he slammed into a truck that was slowing down to exit onto Childers Lane. Compton was ejected from the motorcycle by the impact but thrown into the path of an oncoming vehicle.

Neither of the other drivers was injured and each was wearing their seatbelts.

Compton had neglected to

wear a helmet. He was taken to Pikeville Medical Center, where Pike County Coroner Russell Roberts pronounced him dead.

The accident is being investigated by Trooper Ryan Hamilton. Assisting at the scene were Medflight of East Kentucky, Trooper Luke VanHoose, Shelby Valley Fire Department and DHP Ambulance Service.



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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News, on the 9/11 report:

The persistence of families of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks has resulted in an impressive report from a bipartisan congressional committee.

... If the Congress shirks its responsibility in responding to the report's recommendations, or if elected officials choose to use the document as partisan fodder, then all the money, time and effort that went into the investigation will have been in vain. We will continue to be open to future attacks as the ducking and wrangling continues in Washington.

Most of the report's recommendations involve reforming the nation's intelligence community. A key proposal calls for creating an office of a national intelligence director to coordinate 15 intelligence agencies that work, far too often, independently of each other. ...

That proposal and others, however, are widely predicted to provoke a turf war. ...

The prevarication, inaction and partisan bickering not only insult the memories of the 9/11 victims but also continue to leave our nation vulnerable. Newspapers nationwide plucked a resounding phrase from the report for their headlines Friday: "We are not safe." It's essential to the security of this country that our leaders act on this report — and act soon.

The Post-Standard, Syracuse, N.Y., on the voting campaign and youth:

P. Diddy says he wants to make voting cool, so the hip-hop mogul has launched a nationwide effort to make voting "sexy" and encourage young people to vote. His nonpartisan campaign is called "Citizen Change." That's cool.

The nation's eligible young voters need not be sitting on the sidelines for this presidential or any election, including the ones in their own back yard. They may believe political parties are old-school and out-of-touch, but the truth is that young people have the same opportunity as any other group — the opportunity to go into a voting booth and pull a lever. Their numbers are such that they really could influence many elections at the local, state and national level.

Unfortunately, the turnout has been terrible among 18-to-25-year-olds. Nearly 50 percent in that age group voted in 1972, the first time 18-year-olds could vote. In 2000, only 29 percent went to the polls.

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Guest Column

Free Martha! Free Bobby!

by SHELDON RICHMAN

The U.S. government has moved closer to nabbing two prized catches. Martha Stewart has been sentenced to five months in prison, five months under house arrest, and a \$30,000 fine for lying about noncriminal activity. She will remain free while appealing her convictions. Former world chess champion Bobby Fischer may be turned over to U.S. authorities by the Japanese government for his 1992 defiance of a ban on travel to Yugoslavia, site of his rematch with Russian chess great Boris Spassky. Fischer faces 10 years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

Neither Stewart nor Fischer, however unattractive their private lives may be, should be facing prison time or other legal sanctions.

Stewart was convicted of lying to government investigators. According to the indictment, she told investigators that she sold about 4,000 shares in a pharmaceutical company in 2001

because she had arranged with her stockbroker to sell when the price fell below a certain level. The government persuaded a jury that in fact she sold because her broker tipped her off that the company's CEO was suddenly trying to sell all his shares. (The CEO had gotten advance word that the Food and Drug Administration was about to turn down his application for an anti-cancer drug. The FDA has since changed its mind about the drug.)

Stewart's case is often reported as involving insider trading. But Stewart was not an insider, and the government never brought that charge against her. Thus she was charged with lying, while not under oath, about something she did that was not illegal. For this she is facing nearly half a year in prison, followed by confinement at home, and a fine.

U.S. attorneys possess powers that would put the Inquisition and Star Chamber to shame. Insider trading is a hopelessly vague legal concept that has been applied in bizarre cases. Whether or not Stewart lied when she spoke to investigators, it is certain that she knew she was entering a legal Twilight Zone in which anything she said could be used against her. She would have been better off saying nothing, but that does

not change the fact that the government has the abusive power to go on fishing expeditions. It can question people in search of charges and then hit them with an "obstruction of justice" charge for their answers even though no evidence of actual wrongdoing is turned up. The Stewart case is a travesty of justice.

Fischer's case, if anything, is even worse. In 1992 the eccentric Fischer, who is given to making morally outrageous statements about Jews and the 9/11 attacks, traveled to Yugoslavia to play a chess match against the man he beat for the championship 20 years earlier, Boris Spassky. (He won again.) At the time, the United Nations had U.S.-supported sanctions in place against Yugoslavia, which was ruled by Slobodan Milosevic and was in the midst of civil war. Fischer was charged with trading with the enemy. As the U.S. government put it in a letter to him in 1992, "We consider your presence in Yugoslavia for this purpose to be an exportation of services to Yugoslavia in the sense that the Yugoslav sponsor is benefiting from the use of your name and reputation." For this he may face a decade behind bars.

In a free society, the government may

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Letters

Kerry: Patriot or traitor?

Benedict Arnold, of Connecticut, was an American patriot and a hero at Saratoga early in the American Revolution. However, this fact was cancelled when he became a traitor later in the war.

I served in a recon platoon and three infantry rifle companies during three tours in Vietnam. In 1971, I was wounded for the seventh time.

In 1971, John Kerry was working with Jane Fonda, aiding the enemy that we were fighting. They were burning American flags and carrying pictures of Ho Chi Minh and communist flags. The next year, propaganda posters could be found all over Vietnam's jungles of Fonda wearing an enemy uniform and manning an anti-aircraft weapon in Hanoi, and of Kerry leading a demonstration in Washington.

In 1971, Kerry published a book that was pro-Hanoi and whose cover mocked the flag raising at Iwo Jima. His book and speeches trashed an entire generation of the United States armed forces who fought in Vietnam. What kind of leader goes home early with three scratches, leaving his men behind, and joins Hanoi Jane?

These activities make John Kerry, Jane Fonda and all others like them traitors in my book. The blood of thousands of America's finest is on their hands. The North Vietnamese were encouraged to continue a war that they couldn't win on the battlefield, but on our home front. A war that was fought for a noble cause to stop communism and to save South Vietnam was defamed, smeared and ultimately lost. Lost by Kerry types, left-wing liberal politicians, most of the media and hordes of college professors. The draft dodgers were later given legitimacy and called real heroes by Jimmy Carter. This is a slap in the face to anyone who ever served and the most disgraceful act of any president in our his-

tory.

Now it breaks my heart to see the same thing starting to happen to our troops in Iraq. The attack against them is being led by many in the media, John Kerry, Ted Kennedy, Tom Daschle, Max Cleland, Wesley Clark, the sewer that Hollywood has become with its Michael Moore types, Al Gore, Jimmy Carter and others who have politicized our national security. These so-called patriots are greatly damaging the war against terrorism. They would also have us get permission from a corrupt and predominantly anti-American U.N. before defending our country. To their type, America is always wrong.

One last fact is that real heroes don't daily beat on their chests, like Hanoi John Kerry, proclaiming their service and calling themselves heroes. Did you ever hear Bob Dole, who went through far more than most, do such a thing when he was a senator or running for president?

Col. (retired) Robert Powell
Carrollton, Ga.

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At the Movies: The Manchurian Candidate

by DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

Jonathan Demme certainly fares better with his update of "The Manchurian Candidate" than he did with "The Truth About Charlie," his muddled 2002 remake of another '60s classic, "Charade."

His cast, led by Denzel Washington, Meryl Streep and Liev Schreiber, is first-rate, ably filling the roles originated by Frank Sinatra, Angela Lansbury and Laurence Harvey in John Frankenheimer's 1962 original, adapted from Richard Condon's potboiler.

Still, Demme's retooling of the thriller about brainwashed soldiers as puppets in an assassination conspiracy disappoints, despite the filmmakers' efforts to bring new relevance to the Cold War saga by setting it amid our own war on terrorism.

The obvious plot choice would have been casting a shady cabal of Muslim terrorists as masterminds of the intrigue. A small group of fanatics able to orchestrate a



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Running time: 130 minutes. Two stars out of four.

U.S. presidential coup could ring as terrifyingly today as the Communist heavies did in Frankenheimer's film.

But that would have been too bold for timid Hollywood, which aims for big returns by not displeasing anyone, including the sizable domestic and overseas audience that might take offense over Muslim villains carrying out such a scheme.

So Demme and screenwriters Daniel Pyne and Dean Georgaris turn to the easy target, making big business the bad guy as an anonymous outfit

called Manchurian Global con- nives to put its dupe in the White House.

"The Manchurian Candidate" updates the initial action from the Korean War to the early 1990s as Capt. Ben Marco (Washington, in the old Sinatra role) leads his men on a reconnaissance mission in Kuwait just before the Gulf War.

The U.S. troops are ambushed, and Marco is knocked unconscious. Sgt. Raymond Shaw (Schreiber) takes command, single-handedly fighting off the assault and

leading the survivors of his lost patrol to safety after three days in the desert.

Awarded the Medal of Honor, Shaw is elected to Congress. Through the machinations of his mother, U.S. Sen. Eleanor Shaw (Streep), he becomes the vice presidential candidate in a post-Sept. 11 campaign where the current administration is assailed for its handling of the war on terrorism.

Whenever asked, Marco and the other soldiers lapse into mechanical adulation of the sergeant as the finest, bravest man on the planet. Yet they're all troubled by dreams of bloody surgical procedures and images of Shaw suffocating one of their fallen comrades.

Marco, now a paranoid major diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome, suspects he, Shaw and the others are victims of high-tech brainwashing, with mechanical implants creating false memories and controlling their actions.

The remake plays out predictably, with little suspense. The movie's main departure from the original plot — Harvey's Shaw was programmed to assassinate the presidential candidate so his stepfather could step in — leaves little surprise as to who the trigger man will be.

The plot changes also stretch credibility when Shaw begins running around carrying out misdeeds robotically. Apparently, in this post-Sept. 11 world, security is lax and a vice presidential candidate does not attract attention when he's out on his own.

Straining for relevance, the filmmakers toss in references to such fictional terrorist crises as the "Indonesian incursion," U.S. military policing around the world and war-profiteering by Manchurian Global, a la allegations against Halliburton. It's all so superficial, though, that it adds no dramatic resonance.

The huge supporting cast is led by Jon Voight as a senator denied the vice presidential slot; Vera Farmiga as his daughter and Shaw's former girlfriend; Kimberly Elise as an FBI agent involved with Marco (a variation on the romantic role Janet Leigh had in the original); and Jeffrey Wright as an unbalanced member of Marco's patrol.

Washington and Schreiber muster nice kinship as comrades now at odds. Streep steals most of her scenes as the mother-knows-best puppetmaster; if there were an Academy Award for chewing ice ominously, Streep would be a shoo-in.

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RENTAL CENTRAL

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

The last week of July was light on new releases but heavy on special edition DVDs and television series debuts.

The big studio releases are a mixed bag with "Hellboy" leading the pack. This hit theaters in April and did well at the box office. It's based on a comic series from Mike Mignola and was faithfully adapted by Guillermo del Toro ("Mimic"), who turned down a chance to direct the latest Harry Potter movie in order to bring this to the screen.

Ron Perlman (TV's "Beauty and the Beast") stars as a demon baby rescued by GIs during World War II. He is raised by a secret government agency that acts as a watchdog toward evil and occult enemies. John Hurt ("The Elephant Man") stars as the head of this paranormal agency which also employs a

young girl who can create fires with her mind and a fishlike man who can hold his breath for a long time. Good tongue-in-cheek fun with an emphasis on action over gore.

The other big release is the disappointing sequel to the "Whole Nine Yards." "The Whole Ten Yards" once again teams Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry but fails to generate any laughs.

Television is well represented this week with several series making their first appearance on DVD. "The Jeff Foxworthy Show" leads the way with its first season debuting. The Shoney's spokesman rides his "You might be a redneck if ..." routine for all the miles he can get in this show, which pokes fun at Southern customs and is sure to polarize your family into two camps — those who think this guy's funny and those who don't.

Another series arriving this

week is "V." This is a television series, based on two successful mini-series, about an alien invasion of earth by reptiles from space. Original star Marc Singer is joined by Michael Ironside ("Scanners") in this short-lived program (only one season and 19 episodes) which sees a human resistance group out to thwart the alien's exploration of a crossbreeding experiment.

Classic television comedy is revisited in the Groucho Marx series "The Best of You Bet Your Life." Eighteen episodes are gathered here from Marx's game show program and feature diverse contestants like a young Candace Bergen, ex-heavyweight champ Joe Louis and former Tarzan Johnny Weismuller. There are also a lot of extras like three Groucho pilots, bloopers and outtakes.

Two special edition DVDs wrap up this week's releases with "Zombi 2" and "Showgirls, the V.I.P. Edition."

Zombi is a two-disc special edition of a film that was released in the states as "Zombie." It was a low-budget attempt to cash in on the success of "Dawn of the Dead" and delivers in the cheap thrills department. Hack director Lucio Fulci outdoes himself here and actually whips up some good suspense. The DVD also comes with a second disc that features a two-hour documentary. The film is presented uncut and is definitely not for the kids. One highlight in the film is Fulci's homage to "Jaws," wherein a zombie takes on a shark in a scene that is surprisingly suspenseful.

The "Showgirls" special edition offers the same movie but a host of bizarre extras like shot glasses from the Score's night club and a feature on how to perform a lap dance by the dancers at Score's.

Next week brings some entertaining new releases with the comedy "13 Going on 30," starring Jennifer Garner, and "Hidalgo" with Viggo Mortenson.

Arrests made in Magoffin burglary

Times Staff Report

SALYERSVILLE — Trooper Craig Stalker apprehended three suspects Tuesday in a Magoffin County burglary case.

The burglary had occurred on Monday night at the home of Johnny Green, on Middle Fork Road in Salyersville. Stalker responded to the initial burglary and, acting on a tip, located the suspects that night along with the Magoffin County Sheriff's Office and Sgt. Billy Meade.

Upon finding the suspects' vehicle, the occupants allegedly drove off and tried to run over Stalker, who gave pursuit. Two occupants were able to escape on foot after their vehicle was stopped by officers, but one suspect, Stephanie Graves, 18, of Birmingham, Ala., was captured and allegedly found to have

items from the burglary in her possession.

The next day Stalker was able to ascertain the identities of the other two suspects and secured a warrant to search the home of Jimmy Craft, 39, of Salyersville.

Craft was apprehended without incident and his 17-year-old male alleged accomplice was brought in as well and lodged in the Breathitt County Juvenile Detention Center.

Graves and Craft were each charged with wanton endangerment and first-degree burglary. They were placed in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center, in Paintsville.

Over 1,900 prescription pills were also found during the arrests.

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 Shirley May Blair, 42, of Degrace, Md., to Walter Viot Henning, 43, of Baltimore, Md.

Civil Suits Filed

Bettina Hunt vs. James Hunt; divorce.
 Midfirst Bank vs. Donnie Branham and Penny Branham; complaint.
 Carolyn Jacobs vs. Larry Jacobs; petition for health care insurance.
 Misty Berger vs. Charles Johnson; petition for health care insurance.
 Anna Spears vs. Krista Hedger; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Delores Osborn vs. Daniel Osborn; petition for health care insurance.
 Joann Adkins vs. Angela Woods and Stanley Woods; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Andy Hamilton vs. Kristy Osborn; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Interstate Construction Products Insurance vs. Eumel Hunter; complaint.
 Renee Rogers vs. Chad Rogers; divorce.
 Methodist Hospital of

Kentucky vs. Lennix Colary Akers; complaint.
 JP Morgan Chase Bank vs. Chris Reed, Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, and Kimberly Reed; complaint.
 Anthony Allen vs. Luther Mitchell and Hartford Insurance Company; complaint.
 U.S. Bank vs. James Burke and Allie Cooley; complaint.
 Remit Corporation vs. Todd Halbert; complaint.
 Remit Corporation vs. Lenvil Campbell; complaint.
 U.S. Bank National vs. Barry Hamilton and Shawn Hamilton; complaint.
 Amy Little vs. Jason Little; divorce.
 Sabrina Spriggs vs. Scott Spriggs; joint petition for divorce.
 Dottie Johnson vs. Gary Johnson and Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance; complaint.

Charges Filed

Chad Manual, 19, Langley; theft.
 Ricky Eric Carroll, 21, Langley; theft, false swearing.
 Scottie Ray Bradley, 22, Martin; two counts of robbery.
 April Cook, 23, Topmost; two counts of robbery.
 Clara Hackworth, 27, Prestonsburg; custodial interference.
 Tonya Howell, 33, Harold; theft.
 Sandra L. Burchett, 27, Van Lear; making false statement about a prescription.
 Jammie T. Moore, 28, Prestonsburg; flagrant nonsupport.
 Clifton Ryan Johnson, 20, Weeksbury; criminal mischief, theft.
 Michael Lester, 44, Williamson, W.Va.; attempted murder.
 Jason Brent Roberts, 23, Prestonsburg; wanton endangerment.
 Charles Douglas Johnson, 29, Wheelwright; theft.
 Darvin Shepherd, 29, Grethel; theft.
 Elva G. Akers, 34, Grethel; theft.
 Jerry Lee Amburgy, 27, East Point; escape.
 Susan Hill, 41, Prestonsburg; theft.
 Robert I. Keathley, 26, Harold; theft.
 Martha Killough, 43, Paintsville; theft.
 Wayne C. Jervis, 58, Auxier; assault.
 James Delmas Prater, 40, Eastern; cultivation of marijuana.
 Ronald Keith Gayheart, 28, Prestonsburg; making false statement to obtain increase of benefit.
 Herbert S. Griffith, 35, Martin; improper lane usage, DUI, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in original container, use/possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Daryl Johnson, 30, Wheelwright; second-degree assault.
 James D. Prater, 40, Eastern; receiving stolen property.
 Jason K. Little, 26, Hi Hat; fourth-degree assault.
 Jamie Ratliff, 26, Paintsville; terroristic threatening.
 Recca Sexton, 35, Hi Hat; theft.
 Jeffery Clayton Jones, 24, Prestonsburg; criminal trespassing.
 Owen Shepherd, 39, Eastern; fourth-degree assault.
 Phyllis Hall, 44, Eastern; fourth-degree assault.
 Brandon Hurt, 18, Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening.
 Sherry Blakeman, 36, Prestonsburg; harassing communication.
 Kimberly Harmon, 44, Bevsinsville; two counts of theft.
 Jeffery Turner, 41, Martin; alcohol intoxication.
 James Gregory Goines, 21, McDowell; cultivation of marijuana.
 Jerry N. Tackett, 47, Beaver; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Melody Terry, 24, Beaver; disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing.
 Palma Sue Porter, 53,

Prestonsburg; theft.
 Joseph Ryan Caines, 24, Varney; theft.
 Ralph Lewis, Jr., 33, Banner; fourth-degree assault.
 Jason H. Jenkins, 26, Louisville; alcohol intoxication.
 Tara Lynn Rowland, 21, Wittensville; alcohol intoxication.
 Stella Faye Combs, 36, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 John Paul Reynolds, 31, Lexington; aggravated assault.
 Janice B. Setser, 56, Prestonsburg; harassment.
 Dwayne Barnett, 37, Prestonsburg; harassment.
 Linda Gayheart, 38, McDowell; harassment.
 Dexter Howell, 45, Teaberry; two counts of terroristic threatening.
 Amanda Mullins Harrington, 21, Wheelwright; harassing communications.
 Carolyn Derossett, 39, Wheelwright; harassment.
 Crystal Samons, 25, Drift; five counts of theft.
 Timothy Watkins, 32, Prestonsburg; theft.
 Michael Moore, 43, Printer; terroristic threatening.
 Kenneth Burchett, 52, Allen; criminal trespassing.
 Kristopher B. Lawson, 25, Prestonsburg; criminal mischief.
 Danny R. Akers, 34, Grethel; criminal trespassing.
 Keith Justice, 59, Harold; theft.
 Helen Slone, 21, Grethel; criminal trespassing.
 Billy R. Tackett, Jr., 18, Harold; fourth-degree assault, alcohol intoxication.
 Jason Alan Greer, 24, Allen; theft.
 Christopher Ryan Daniels, 21, Pikeville; alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest, criminal mischief.
 Danny R. Burchett, 53, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 Kevin Woods, 18, Allen; public intoxication, theft.
 Allee M. Pack, 65, Garrett; theft.
 Audrey K. Collins, 50, Harold; hunt/fish/trap without a license/permit/stamp.
 James Hunt, 55, Martin; alcohol intoxication.
 Michael D. Hamilton, 37, Craynor; alcohol intoxication.
 Megan Nichole Kidd, 21, Honaker; theft.
 Melissa J. Gobel, 31, Hueysville; giving officer false name or address.
 Jerrica McKale Banks, 23, Hueysville; failure to render aid.
 Barbara Miller, 35, Decoy; possession of marijuana.
 April Slone, 26, Blue River; theft.
 Carey N. Conley, 21, Garrett; theft.
 Juanita Bevins, 39, Banner; two counts of harassment.
 Dewayne Bevins, 37, Banner; two counts of terroristic threatening.
 Lisa Hall, no age listed, Wakeman, Ohio; harassment.
 Chester Keathley, 63, Galveston; trafficking in marijuana.
 Billy Rackey, 29, Prestonsburg; menacing.

Shana Newsome, 18, Litt Carr; theft.

Inspections

Minnie Double Kwik, regular inspection. Violations noted: Utensils observed to be improperly stored, floors in disrepair, walls are incomplete in storage area of food prep. Score: Food service 97, retail 99.
 Little Y Stop and Shop, Melvin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigerator and freezer units, floor tile in restroom in disrepair, upright freezer light inoperable. Score: 97.
 Food City, Glyn View Plaza, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers missing and broken in refrigerator units, water from condensation found on boxes in freezer, ceiling tiles missing, soap missing from hand sink in deli area, some baked items not covered while stored. Score: Food service 95, retail 92.
 Hamilton Mobile Home Park, Teaberry, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not properly numbered, driveways and parking area in disrepair, no approved refuse containers, several lots containing a moderate amount of debris. Score: 88.

Property Transfers

Cecil G. Slone and Carol Slone to Dennie Tackett and Michelle Tackett, property location undisclosed.
 Audrey Tackett to Joey Hall, property located at Abner Branch.
 Ray Slone and Violet Slone to the Elk Horn Coal Company, property located at Frasure Branch.
 Johnny and Sharon Younce to James Scotty and Shelly Ray, property located at Otter Creek.
 Arthur Lewis to April Avery, property location undisclosed.
 G.W. Spencer Jr. and Ruby Spencer to Donald D. Hansford and Cheryl Hansford, property located at Beaver Creek.
 Tandy Hamilton and Kitty Hamilton to Jarrod Owen Bentley and Robin Bentley, property located at Whispering Oaks subdivision.
 Vernon Salisbury Jr. and Easter Salisbury to Norris H. Salisbury and Janice Salisbury, property located at Hunter Branch.
 Michael Lazar and Pamela Lazar to Terry Thornsberry, property location undisclosed.
 Spurlock Holdings, Greg Wilson and Margaret Wilson to LS&M Contracting Company, property located at Crestwood

Subdivision.
 Moses Frasure II and Pamela Frasure to Euggle Robertson, property located at Frasures Creek.
 Charles Meadows to Shane D. Slone, property located at Middle Creek.
 Mary Buehring to Walter E. Spartman and Sophia Spartman, property located at Dewey Lake Subdivision.
 Shalious Hall and Judith C. Hall to Tristian Parsons and Jennifer Parsons, property located at Dewey Lake Subdivision.
 Phyllis Pitts and E.J. Pitts to Eric Pitts and Charlotte Pitts, property located at Middle Creek.
 Larry Burke and Mary Lou Burke to Patricia Sue Burke, property located at Bull Creek.
 Carole Martin Hall Bentley and Charles Bentley to Brittany, Tom and Mary Murphy, property location undisclosed.

Corrections

In the July 23 edition of the Times, James Bartrum, 29, of

Martin, listed in the "Charges Filed" section for aggravated assault and in a civil suit against Tonya Bartrum and Raymond Lawson, should be recognized as James Bartrum II.
 Also, the divorce case listed for Linda (Crisp) Porter and Johnny Crisp should have indicated that the case in Floyd Circuit Court was recently transferred from Pike County.


View

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Yet campaigns like P. Diddy's and others that have preceded him — Rock the Vote, with Madonna as one of its promoters, Russell Simmons' voter registration drives at his hip-hop summits, BET and MTV voter awareness messages — are positive and much-needed efforts. They speak to a generation whose voice will be heard louder and clearer if it's backed up by the power of the vote.

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Obituary

Lovella Webb Hansford

Lovella Webb Hansford, age 78, of Wayland, wife of George R. Hansford, passed away, Thursday, July 29, 2004, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.
 She was born February 14, 1926, in Knott County, the daughter of the late Steve Webb and Stella Kiser Webb. She was a homemaker, and had been a member of the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, at Estill, since 1970.
 Survivors include her husband, George R. Hansford; two daughters: Sharon Fields of Lexington, and Karen (Darrell) Kester of Wayland; two brothers: Larry Webb and Paul Webb, both of West Virginia; six sisters: Jeanette Beverly of Springfield, Ohio, Linda Thompkins, Lavinia Mayse and Vivian Cook, all of North Ridgefield, Ohio, Joan Lefler of Cleveland, Ohio, and Jane Cook of North Carolina; four grandchildren: Curtis G. Pack, Tanya Kester, Chris Pack and Nicole Rister; and four great-grandchildren: Amber Meade, Zachary Castle, Katelyn Pack, and Brennen Perkins.
 She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Georgia Conley.
 Funeral services for Lovella Webb Hansford will be conducted Sunday, August 1, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergymen Louie Ferrari, John Allen, Red Morris, and other Martin Branch Freewill Baptist ministers officiating.
 Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.
 Visitation is after 6 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.
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UNITE credits tips, teamwork for success

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The old tourism office at the junction of Routes 321 and 114 was the site for a UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education) press conference Wednesday, following that agency's first drug roundup in Floyd County.

UNITE officer Karen Engle acted as host and introduced several guests from the county who were involved with the operation which saw 45 indictments acted upon by a pool of law enforcement officers

which included the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, the Prestonsburg Police Department and Kentucky State Police.

Engle began the press conference by thanking all of the Departments present and pointing out that their cooperation led to these arrests and will continue to be bad news for area felons who deal in "pushing poison in our community."

Engle also outlined how UNITE works. The agency has 10 detectives who work in teams of three to set up drug buys. The buys, which were mostly arranged from calls by concerned citizens, are then taped via audio and often video recorders. The resulting arrest is thus backed up by strong evidence which makes for a high instance of prosecutable cases.

Prestonsburg Police Chief Mike Ormerod took the podium and announced that the Floyd County Drug Task Force will be joining UNITE from here on in. UNITE will be happy to get Task Force leader Stan Farler, who has rounded up a fair amount of drug dealers and delivered all of his cases to the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office with strong audio, and often video, evidence.



Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner challenged citizens of Floyd County to join in on the fight against drugs at UNITE's press conference Wednesday.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner also took to the podium and remarked that his office will be ready to prosecute all of the cases that the task force brings in. He also issued a challenge to the county residents who call in complaints about drug dealers to his office. He challenged area citizens to use the UNITE hotline and watch the results.

Engle reaffirmed that most UNITE cases begin with calls to their toll-free hotline at (866) 424-4382.

Wednesday's roundup was the second largest in the agency's history. The majority of the indictments acted on for this roundup involved abuse of prescription drugs.

Guest

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not tell people where they can travel. Fischer did not go to Yugoslavia to plot attacks against Americans. He went to play chess. Neither the U.S. government nor the UN had legitimate authority to interfere.

Once again we have a case in which the government refuses to let peaceful citizens alone. Whatever one thinks of Fischer's past conduct or inflammatory statements, he has done nothing deserving of criminal indictment and imprisonment.

If we measure a society's decency by how much or little its government harasses people who have not aggressed against others, the United States is hurtling in an ominous direction.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine.

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Community Calendar

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Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits

OUTDOOR MASONIC MEET

PLANNED, AUGUST 7TH
The annual outdoor Masonic meeting of John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, and James W. Alley Lodge No. 657, F&AM, will be held on Saturday, August 7, at the Tom Flannery farm at Warco.

The dinner will be served beginning at 4 p.m., and the second section of the Master Mason degree will follow at 6 p.m. All

Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

SOCIAL SECURITY MANAGER

TO SPEAK AT AARP MEET
Jim Kelly, District Manager for Social Security, will be the guest of Jenny Wiley Chapter 3528, AARP, at the meeting to be held Friday, August 20, in the Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg. He will discuss the prescription discount card to be offered by Medicare.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., and all members and friends of AARP are encouraged to attend.

DWALE HOMECOMING

Pie Supper and Cake Walk fundraiser, August 6, 7 p.m., at community shelter.

FREEDOM BIBLE CHURCH

Revival - August 4-7, 7 p.m., August 8, Sunday morning service. Bros. Brad and Donnie Williamson will preach.

PRATER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

August 8, gospel music group "The Southern Gospel Lights," from Conley Springs,

NC, at 11 a.m. Sunday morning service. Pastor J.B. Hall invites all to attend. Call 874-3222 for more info.

OPEN HOUSE

The new GraceWay United Methodist Church will hold an Open House event on Saturday, July 31, from 6-8 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served and a candle lighting ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. The congregation will hold its first Sunday morning worship service in its new building on Sunday, August 1, at 11 a.m. The church is located on Route 80, just before Maytown exit. GraceWay United Methodist Church combines the former Martin and Maytown Methodist churches. Pastor Roy Harlow invites all to attend this weekend

of special worship.

JONES/SHEPHERD/ OUSLEY REUNION

To be held July 31, at Shelter #1, Dewey Dam Recreation Area. For more information, contact Charlotte Goble, after 7 p.m., at 889-9344.

B.L.H.S. CLASS OF 1954 ITS BEEN 50 YEARS.

We all can meet again August 28, at Jenny Wiley State Park, at 2 p.m., for more details. Call Peggy A. Branham, at 304-475-3858.

MHS CLASS OF '74

The McDowell High School Class of 1974 will hold their 30-year class reunion on September

3 and September 4, (Labor Day weekend), at McDowell Elementary School cafeteria and gymnasium. Call 377-0899, 377-6022 or 785-9121 for more information.

PHS FOOTBALL CHEER CLINIC

To be conducted by the PHS Varsity Cheerleaders on Saturday, August 14, in the PHS gym. Pre-school thru 5th grade: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (registration at 8:30 a.m.); 6th thru 8th grades: 1-4 p.m. (registration at 12:30 p.m.) Preregistration and payment required on, or before, Monday, August 9, in order to guarantee a t-shirt on the day of the clinic. Contact Leslie Ousley at 874-0317; Susan Boyd at 874-9301; Janice Hamilton at 478-2139; Pam Meyer at 886-

1434; or Emma Lackey at 886-1015 for more info.

PRATER FAMILY REUNION

To be held on August 2, at 12 p.m., at the Prater Fork Home Place. Please bring covered dish and chair. For more info., contact Clearnce Prater at 285-9833.

PARSONS FAMILY REUNION

For the descendants of Isaac and Louisa Parsons, will be held Sept. 5, at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery, located on Parsons Branch, off Rt. 979, in Floyd County, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Bring covered dish for meal to be served at 1 p.m. More info., call E.J. Parsons at 865-426-7585.

Tourism moves forward with Ranier Racing plans

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Convention and Visitor's Bureau held a special meeting Wednesday evening to discuss the Kentucky State Fair, Michigan Travel Show, which they tabled to be discussed at a later time, and the Ranier Racing project.

Before any of this was discussed however, the commission went into executive session for 90 minutes. When they came out of executive session, they reviewed the the agreement that had been prepared by David Neeley, city attorney, for the Ranier Racing project.

Ranier Racing has proposed allowing the city to display memorabilia from the racing team's long NASCAR history, provided adequate steps are taken to protect it.

Commission Chairman David Tackett said that he had spoke to Lauren Ranier, the person that now had the memorabilia from Ranier Racing, and, he "is very

excited about the project."

Tackett reported that as long as the display is kept up nice and neat, the items will be available as long as tourism wants them.

The commission read and reviewed the agreement and made some minor changes.

"I would like to remind you that this is the first reading of the contract," Tackett said. "It has not been sent to Lauren Ranier yet."

The commission decided to add to the contract a five-year renewable term, a clause stipulating that individual members could not be held liable for the items on display and draft of contract to the top of it.

"We want this to be fair both ways," Tackett explained.

A motion was made and agreed upon unanimously that the changes be made and another reading of the contract be done.

Tackett concluded by saying, "Before this project goes any further we have to have an agreement."

Kimbler found competent

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A declaration of competency for a Johnson County resident facing 20 or more years behind bars for a 2003 car crash led attorneys to the bargaining table yesterday.

Dr. Steve Simon, director of the Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center, testified by telephone during a hearing for Anita Kimbler, concluding, for the second time, that she is competent to stand trial.

Charged with two counts of first-degree assault, driving under the influence, second-degree drug possession and no insurance, Kimbler, of Nippa, is also cited as a persistent felony offender, which could enhance her sentence to more than 20 years.

She was arrested following a January 2003 accident that sent Johnson County Judge Daryl Sparks to Cabell-Huntington Hospital with serious injuries, including a broken leg.

Kimbler, who was released from KCPC on July 6, is diagnosed with several different disorders including post-traumatic stress syndrome, personality disorder and manic depression. Dr. Simon testified, but she is knowledgeable of the legal stan-

dards surrounding her case.

With no objections from the prosecution or Kimbler's attorney, Bob Gainstine, Circuit Judge John David Caudill declared Kimbler competent to stand trial. As he proceeded to set the trial date, however, Gainstine requested to speak privately with Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner — an attempt, he later said, to "avoid a trial" in the case. They spoke privately in a conference room for approximately 20 minutes, during which time Kimbler sat stoically in the courtroom, hands quietly folded in her lap.

Turner said after their return that no agreement was made because Judge Sparks was unavailable for comment on the matter. Caudill set a trial date for Nov. 15, but said he'd leave an option open for plea bargaining.

Following the hearing, Gainstine declined to comment on whether he felt Kimbler would be found guilty by a jury. He did, however, voice his opinion about the case.

"There are a lot of aspects to the facts in this case," Gainstine said. "It's clear that an accident took place, there's no dispute about that. But there are unusual things with respect to the case that perplex me."

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Riverside racing rained out

DWALE - Last week's racing at Riverside Raceway had to be called off due to the rain and wet track conditions. However, racing is scheduled to resume during the upcoming weekend. Racing will be held Saturday night instead of tonight. Gates will open at 5 p.m. with hot laps beginning at 7 p.m. Bicycle races will also again be held.

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EKB turning 55

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

This weekend, our friends at East Kentucky Broadcasting are celebrating a birthday.

Tomorrow, the little station that could (you know, grow into a media machine) will celebrate its 55th birthday. And while you may think this is more news for the business page, the truth of the matter is the EKB family has been bringing sports into your living room or automobile from nearly the very beginning and is showing no signs of slowing down.

I've been very fortunate to have a good, solid relationship with the EKB folks from the beginning of my career and have had the privilege of working for them on many occasions. Since opening the sports information office at Pikeville College, I've had numerous chances to work with many of the folks on the hill, and it has always been an honor.

I began working in the media about the same time Bryan Crager took over as sports director at EKB, and I simply can't say enough good things about him. He worked hard but kept in mind that it was sports and should be fun whether you're on the field or behind the mic, and that

(See BENTLEY, page five)

Floyd County represented in Hatfield-McCoy Senior Bowl

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - The annual Massey Energy Hatfield-McCoy Senior Bowl will be played Saturday night in Matewan, W.Va., a familiar football town to area fans in both Kentucky and West Virginia. This week, the Kentucky squad has busied itself with practices in preparation for the game against the border rival. The team has been practicing in Pike County on the same field that is often used by the Pikeville College grid team. The Kentucky takes on somewhat of a new look this year as Tom Posey, a middle school coach in Mason County, takes over the position of head coach. No stranger to the sport of football, Posey has led teams "Down Under" to play in bowl games in Australia each of the last six years.

This year's Kentucky squad features eight players from Belfry, six from Sheldon Clark and none from Prestonsburg, Pikeville, Paintsville or Johnson Central.

Four players from Floyd County are on the team, including two from South Floyd. Adam Tackett, a receiver/defensive back,

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Jamerson to attend UK, concentrate on studies

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

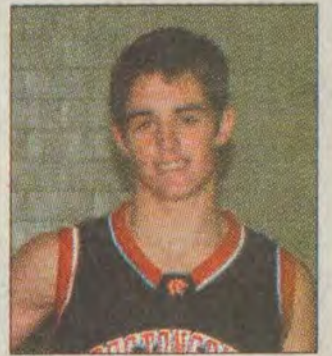
PRESTONSBURG - Recent Prestonsburg High School graduate Nicholas Jamerson has decided to put the game of football aside. Jamerson, a Kentucky All-Star who was a Top 10 Mr. Football finalist, initially planned to attend the University of Kentucky

and play football as a preferred walk-on. His grandfather, Wilbur "Shorty" Jamerson played at Kentucky, starring in the college ranks from a halfback position, even serving as a Wildcat team captain, before moving on to a successful high school coaching career. In addition to his coaching, the elder Jamerson also became a well-liked and respected educator.

"Nicholas will do well at the University of Kentucky," said Prestonsburg High School head coach John DeRossett. "He's going to concentrate on his studies and we support him."

A three-sport star at Prestonsburg High, the younger Jamerson also

(See JAMERSON, page two)



Nick Jamerson



file photo

Henry Webb, pictured after receiving the 2004 Floyd County Conference Coach of the Year award, has stepped down as head coach of the South Floyd High boys' basketball team. He will be replaced by Barry Hall.

RAIDERS UNDER NEW HEAD COACH WEBB STEPS DOWN, HALL GETS NOD

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - All the talk of a new head coach leading the South Floyd High School boys' basketball program has now taken shape. Henry Webb, who coached the SFHS boys to both a 15th Region All "A" and a 15th Region championship, has stepped down. Webb, who has also served as SFHS principal, has accepted a job in the Floyd County Schools' central office and will no longer be leading on and off the court at South Floyd High.

Under Webb, the Raiders won four straight 58th District titles.

Taking over for Webb will be Barry Hall, a longtime assistant coach, who once served as head coach of the Raiders, before Webb took over the duties of head coach.

Webb leaves a talented returning group of Raiders.

Starters lost include Adam Tackett (9.8 ppg., 3.1 rpg., 2.1 apg.,

1.7 spg.) and Jack Slone (8.4 ppg., 2.3 rpg., 1.7 apg., 1.3 spg.).

Starters returning include seniors Burnett Little (15.3 ppg., 10.9 rpg., 1.3 apg., 1.3 spg.) and Steven Stanley (9.6 ppg., 8.1 rpg., 2 apg., 1.4 bpg) and junior Ryan Johnson (8.2 ppg., 2.7 rpg., 3.4 apg., 2 spg.). Strong contributors from one season ago, Mason Hall (4.1 ppg., 1.1 rpg., 1.4 apg.), Wes Hall (2 ppg., 2 rpg., 1 apg.), and Ethan Johnson (3 ppg.) and juniors Justin Slone, T.J. Hall, Josh Johnson, Matt Little and Brock Slone, all return as well.

Set to begin his second stint as head coach, Barry Hall is anxious to get a new campaign underway.

"We should be alright," admitted Hall. "Over the summer, we played at the Morehead camp and split the team up; we saw a lot of things that we liked. We also went back and played in the AAU state tournament."

Barry Hall plans to surround

himself with assistant coaches familiar to the Raider hoops program.

"Zenith (Hall) will be coming back to help out," said the new Raider head coach. "Ryan Shannon, who just finished playing at Alice Lloyd College this past year, will also help out some, too, along with Keith Smallwood."

While busy attending classes at Morehead State University, Barry Hall has worked to put the finishing touches on the 2004-05 schedule.

Already, South Floyd is scheduled to play in the WYMT tournament and a tourney in Lexington hosted by Bryan Station High School. In addition to going away to play at Bryan Station, South Floyd is scheduled to turnaround and host the Defenders in a game at Raider Arena.

The Raiders are pitted against

(See RAIDERS, page two)

BK Motorsports down over the weekend; far from out

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - Brandon Kinzer, the No. 18 Kinzer Drilling, Ranger Contracting, Eastco Supply, Barry Wright Racecars, Gaerte Engines Dodge Intrepid and the rest of the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team traveled South to Tennessee and then on to Alabama July 23-24.

Unfortunately for the team, its loyal racefans and sponsors, bad luck began in Tennessee and followed into Alabama. After having motor problems on Friday night, June 23 in Sweetwater, Tenn., on the racing surface at Murphy Speedway, the team moved on to Talladega, Ala., Saturday night to compete in the Michael Head Jr. Memorial, a highly anticipated event.

Following one uncharacteristic night of no feature racing, the No. 18 again

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NARA ready to get back into action in August

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The North American Racing Association (NARA) will get back into action during the month of August with two major shows in the state of Kentucky. The newest dirt late model sanctioning body will head to the Bluegrass Speedway in Bardstown on Saturday night, Aug. 7 for the Fourth Annual Bluegrass Classic, paying \$10,000 to win for the NARA DirtCars. This event will be the second event in 2004 to be taped for broadcast on ESPN2. The Bluegrass Speedway is the home of the Dirt Track World Championship Race, which will pay \$60,000 to win this year and be contested as always on the third weekend of October.

On Aug. 27, the NARA DirtCar Series will sanction the 23rd Annual Kentucky Classic at the Barren County Speedway in Glasgow. The event to take place on Friday night, Aug. 27 and will pay the

(See NARA, page two)

Rocky Mountain horses return to Tennessee

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MORRISTOWN, Tenn. - The Rocky Mountain Horses gathered this past weekend for the SRMHC Great Smokey Mountain Championship.

The show was held in the beautiful and spacious Walters State College Arena at White Pine, Tenn.

For the area folks, it always is a pleasure to return to this White Pine, as it is not always easy to get a show date for this facility.

The facility boast, of over 100 modern

covered stalls, centrally located and convenient to the to the show arena. The facility offers spacious parking with quality seating for the spectators as well as easy access for the participants and horses.

The two day event was well planed with the activities starting on time Friday night and finishing promptly at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday.

A full set of classes were offered for Friday as well as the Saturday performance.

The show offered classes for the novice

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Belva Sue Ruffett recently presented a check from the Frank Ruffett Memorial Fund to Kevin Webb, manager of the Beaver Creek Junior League team for the purchase of uniforms.

Reds implode along with pitching

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — It's easy to pinpoint the cause of the Reds' midseason implosion. Look no farther than the starting rotation. The Reds were the NL's biggest surprise in the first three months of the season, while their starters regularly turned in solid performances and the bullpen

backed them up. Everyone wondered how long it could last. They got their answer this month. The Reds essentially fell out of contention by going 6-14 after July 5, dropping them from five games out of first place in the NL Central to 14 1/2. Several factors contributed. Ken Griffey Jr. got hurt, Austin Kearns needed surgery and Sean

Casey's strained calf robbed the lineup of one of the league's top hitters. The biggest factor was the rotation, which had surpassed expectations in the first three months. Heading into Wednesday night's game against St. Louis, the rotation was 0-4 in the last seven games — all losses — with a 10.13 ERA. It goes back even farther. In the last 45 games, the starters had a 6.01 ERA — a sure sign of trouble. The bullpen had undercut the few good starts by blowing 11 of its last 19 save opportunities.

General manager Dan O'Brien held one of his periodic staff meetings before the game Wednesday. It went for several hours and repeatedly came back to one topic. "We talked about starting pitching," manager Dave Miley

said. "That's been something that has struggled a little bit." There aren't many good options for fixing it. The better question is whether the Reds would be willing to give up a pitcher — starter Paul Wilson or reliever Todd Jones, for instance — as part of a deal with a contender before the trade deadline on Saturday. Miley said there was no discussion Wednesday of trading players. "We talked about the team in general," he said. "We're still confident we can turn it around and head in the right direction." **LOOKING BACK:** Wednesday was the one-year anniversary of the Reds firing manager Bob Boone and general manager Jim Bowden, then embarking upon a money-saving

trade splurge. O'Brien has said he will wait until the end of the season to decide whether to pick up Miley's contract option for next season. Players like Miley's personable approach. Miley got a lot of credit for the club's early success, before injuries and the pitching implosion knocked it out of the race. "Miley's always asking guys what they think, and Bob never wanted that," reliever John Riedling said. "He never cared what we thought. Miley will tell you why he made a move." **KEARNS IMPROVED:** Outfielder Austin Kearns took batting practice Wednesday, the second time he has stepped in the cage since he had thumb surgery on July 3. "It's still a little sore," Kearns

said. "Each day, it gets a little better. I want to get to where I'm comfortable and can turn it loose." Kearns had surgery to remove a bone spur and scar tissue from the right thumb. **LOTS OF K'S IN DUNN:** Adam Dunn is on pace to a major league record for strikeouts. Dunn fanned 123 times in the Reds' first 101 games, the most in the majors. He's on pace to strike out 197 times. Dunn set the franchise record by striking out 170 times in 2002. It was also an NL record for most strikeouts by a left-handed hitter. The major league record is 189 strikeouts by San Francisco's Bobby Bonds in 1970. Milwaukee's Rob Deer set the AL mark by fanning 186 times in 1987.

SEC fines UT for Fulmer not attending Media Days

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Southeastern Conference Office was notified earlier in the week by the University of Tennessee that its head football coach, Phillip Fulmer, would not attend this week's SEC Football Media Days, which began on Tuesday at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham, Ala. In accordance with Southeastern Conference policies, the University of

Tennessee will be assessed a \$10,000 fine. "I am disappointed that Coach Fulmer will not attend Football Media Days," said SEC Commissioner Mike Slive. "Football Media Days is a very important event for the SEC and we expect each of our institutions to fully participate. We are looking forward to a great event this week with the largest media registration that we have had in our history."

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Josh Rodebaugh, Century 21 Home Run Derby winner



Chelsie Cordial, Century 21 Home Run Derby runner-up

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The Rocky Mountain Horse was alive and well over the weekend during a show held in Morristown, Tenn., a show in which many from the area attended.



Horses

riders, amateur, juveniles as well as the professionals. The Honorable Gene Fry of Knoxville, Tenn. handle the judging responsibilities. After the conformation classes the under saddle classes were put on the rail. The wo-year-olds' Classic Pleasure Fillies were first to enter the ring and taking the Blue Ribbon ride on her second performance was Eli's Elegance with Will Whitson in the irons. The local entries from Prince Albert Stables invaded the Pro Am Park Pleasure class with three entries, the A Bit More Magic team of Josh Murdock and Courtney Callis taking the Blue Ribbon Ride while the

Don Bryson entry Trojan Fancy brought home the reserve honors. A Bit More Magic and Josh Murdock again won the 3-4 year-old Park Pleasure. The exciting A Bit More Magic is owned by Toler's Three Ridge Farms of Irvine. The ever steady Fancy Pants claimed the Juvenile 12-17 as well as the 11-and-under Western Pleasure classes under the direction of Myranda Elliott and Whitney May. The Friday Night performance was capped off with the first and reserve performances of Myranda Elliott taking the blue aboard Copper Bullet and Don Bryson riding to the reserve aboard Trojan's Fancy in the Amateur Park Pleasure class.

Marylyn Monroe continued there winning ways by taking the Blue Ribbon ride in the Juvenile Grand Championship. The night was capped off with Prince Albert Stables entry Baywatch moving to the winner's circle in the Great Smokey Mountain Grand Championship with Josh Murdock in the irons taking the victory ride. In all Prince Albert Stables and their riders brought home 13 class winners and two Championships. As is the norm the juvenile

riders of Prince Albert Stables contributed to the outstanding success of the Great Smokey Mountain Championship show and their dedication to this sport and the horse insures the future of the breed. Youngsters such as Matt Whitson and Jesse Bryson rode in the 11-and-under division. Myranda Elliott and Will Whitson that will carry on the saddle skills when leaving the 12-17 age group and moving into the amateur ranks.

NARA

winner \$7,000. Barren County Speedway has been under new management since May of this year and the Kentucky Klassic is the track's signature event of the year. This will be the 23rd annual Kentucky Klassic, paying \$7,000 to the winner of the longest continuous running dirt track event in the state of Kentucky. NARA has welcomed in Real Power as one of its sponsors for the ESPN2 telecasts. Joining Real Power as a television partner are Lucas Oil Products, Crown Spray Power, O'Reilly Auto Parts and Columbus Classic. For more information on the NARA, go online to www.naradirtcar.com.

Raiders

the Oak Hill Academy Red Team in a game at East Ridge High School, home of the defending 15th Region champs. South Floyd may also be a part of the Jenny Wiley Invitational, a tournament that the Prestonsburg High boys' basketball program renewed last season. "I'd like to get back to playing in the Jenny Wiley," Barry Hall added. "When I was in high school, we always played in it." In the pre-season, as in most pre-seasons, South Floyd will participate in a panorama at Allen Central, before hosting its own panorama, an event that already includes defending 16th Region champion Morgan County.

Bowl


who will take his game to Morehead State University, and Brandon Little, a tough running back who churned out nearly 2,000 yards rushing during his senior season, represent South Floyd. Allen Central High product Jonathan Vanderpool and Betsy Layne's Charles Daniels are also on the Kentucky squad. Posey had an initial problem filling a roster for the game. "We've got a good group of players that have worked real hard," said Posey, who recently returned from a trip down under to Australia. The Kentucky team will feature Sheldon Clark alum Nathan Moore — under center as the starting quarterback. Belfry grad Paul Howard, another quarterback, will get a start in the Kentucky defensive secondary. According to Posey, Howard could also line up and play receiver. The Kentucky team also includes two players from Mason County and Kevin Vicini, a receiver from Cumberland. Kickoff for Saturday night's game is set for 7:30.

Kinzer


came up short Saturday night, due again to another racing hardship. The No. 18 Dodge Intrepid started on the tailend of a consolation race and could never work its way up through the field and claim its spot in the feature event. Despite the two short efforts, racecar pilot Brandon Kinzer isn't making any excuses. "It was just one of those weekends, and you'll have those," said Kinzer. "The race-track at Talladega was in great shape. We just had a tough weekend." The No. 18 Brandon Kinzer Motorsports Late Model will take tonight off before returning to feature race action Saturday, racing in Bulls Gap, Tenn. in a make-up race of a Southern All-Stars tilt that was rained out earlier in the month. For the latest on Brandon Kinzer Motorsports, go online to www.brandonkinzer.com.

Jamerson

earned many accolades and had several accomplishments in the sports of basketball and track and field. He started in the Class 2A State Finals as a sophomore, playing in the defensive secondary, and helped the Blackcats to back-to-back regional football titles. In basketball, he played a huge role in Prestonsburg claiming the 2004 58th District championship. He finished his prep career in June by playing inside Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tenn. in the annual Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star Game.



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Earnhart's accident raises concerns about fire

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s car burst into flames, television viewers got a frightening, up-close look at the dangers drivers face when they wreck.

In-car camera shots showed Earnhardt surrounded by fire as he scrambled to unhook his seat belts and jump out of the burning Corvette, which he was driving in a July 18 sports car event in Sonoma, Calif.

Although the accident happened in a different car in a different series, the accident at Infineon Raceway raised concerns in NASCAR.

"It doesn't happen often but, when it does, it gets everybody thinking and the ideas come pouring in," said Gary Nelson, head of NASCAR's research

and development facility in Concord, N.C. "We've looked at different systems and made some rule changes in the past year that I think have helped on fire suppression. And we've made some great gains in fire prevention. But our goal is to eliminate the chance of fire."

Perhaps, but there will always be potential for fire in a race car because of the fuel and parts that get hot under the vehicles.

Last year, after Cup drivers Ryan Newman, Ken Schrader, Dale Jarrett and Bobby Labonte were forced to scramble from burning cars in separate accidents, NASCAR began requiring a new fire-extinguishing cylinder in the fuel cell area at the rear of the car in all of its top series. The system is triggered automatically in a fire, but it can

also be started by the driver.

NASCAR also made changes to improve the fire-extinguishing system in the driver's compartment.

Earnhardt said he panicked for a second or two at Sonoma when he was unable to find the lever to start the fire-extinguisher system because he was unfamiliar with the car. He never did find it and the car eventually burned to the ground.

"When the car caught fire, all I saw was fire," he said. "I didn't even see where to go to get out. The fire was within the helmet and all around the visor... I was just trying to find out how to get where the fire wasn't."

Earnhardt was burned on his legs, neck and chin, and he needed a backup driver to finish last Sunday's race at New Hampshire. He is hoping to be

ready to drive the full 500 miles this Sunday at Pocono, but John Andretti will be standing by as a precaution.

The accident reminded many in the sport that fire remains the biggest fear for most drivers, no matter what kind of car they race. Race historian Donald Davidson estimated that fire probably killed 80 percent of the drivers who died in race cars before the '70s.

Technology has reduced the risks. The biggest improvement is the rubberized fuel cells developed for use in airplanes and helicopters during the Vietnam War to keep fuel from igniting when hit by snipers' bullets. Those fuel cells have been improved throughout racing by surrounding them with fire-retardant foam.

There is also a wide variety of fire-retardant clothing and underclothing to protect drivers from fire. Still, Newman said more needs to be done to keep them safe.

"The type of extinguisher that we're using is not ideal for the situation because it's a gas," he said. "You pull the pin on something that's a gas, while you're running 150 mph, you've got the air moving, so you're basically putting out a fire that's 100 yards behind you."

"If you had a liquid or a semi-liquid, something like a foam that could suffocate a fire, even if it covered the driver, it would still be better than sitting there and getting burned."

Nelson said NASCAR is always looking for ways to improve safety, but he added that gas products, like Halon, always come out on top in testing of fire extinguishers.

"It's the one that puts out the fire," he said.

Fire, of course, is just one area of concern that NASCAR is looking at.

Dale Earnhardt, Junior's father and the sport's biggest star, was killed in a last-lap

crash in the 2001 Daytona 500, setting off a wave of safety innovations in NASCAR and other divisions. The changes included mandatory head and neck restraints, energy absorb-

(See EARNHARDT, page four)

Darlington cuts ticket prices for some 2005 seats

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Darlington Raceway is reducing some ticket prices for its only 2005 Nextel Cup race.

The Carolina Dodge Dealers 500 is scheduled for May 7, the Saturday night before Mother's Day. The track announced this week that seats in the Tyler and Pearson Towers, which usually go for \$110 each, will cost \$95 for the spring race.

Seats in Brasington Grandstand in turn 2 will be cut to \$70 from \$80, the track announced.

Prices for Wallace Grandstand (\$85) and Colvin Grandstand (either \$70 or \$45) will remain the same.

The falling prices come after NASCAR's oldest superspeedway has endured many changes the past few years. Its fall race, the Southern 500, was moved from Labor Day weekend to November for this year and

removed from the track for 2005.

Darlington's spring race was shifted from late March to Mother's Day weekend, traditionally an off week for Nextel Cup. Next year's event also will be run at night.

The track is getting ready to debut its new lighting system next month with an exhibition featuring Jeff Gordon, Cale Yarborough and David Pearson.

"We are very appreciative of our many fans who have remained loyal throughout the recent changes at Darlington, and are glad to have this opportunity to thank them by offering a significant price break," track president Chris Browning said.

Darlington is looking for its second-straight fall sellout. This past March, then president Andrew Gurtis greeted a crowd of about 65,000 that he called the largest in the history of Darlington's spring race.

Johnson finishes up one-day Kentucky test

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — NASCAR Nextel Cup Series points leader Jimmie Johnson began early preparations for the season-ending 10-race "The Chase for the Nextel Cup" with a one-day test at Kentucky Speedway on Wednesday.

The 29-year-old driver will return to the site of his third win of the season this Sunday in Pocono, Pa., holding a 165-point advantage over the second-place Dale Earnhardt, Jr. Johnson ended a string of five straight top-five finishes, that included his June win at Pocono and second-place performances at Daytona Beach, Fla., and Joliet, Ill., with an 11th-place showing in New Hampshire last Sunday.

He plans to use his points cushion and the information he gained in his last Pocono test to return to the top-10 this Sunday.

"In some ways the lead cuts you some slack, in other ways it lets you take some chances, it depends on how the race was unfolding for you," Johnson said. "Last weekend was a bad weekend for us, we still had an 11th place finish, but it wasn't what we expected to have going back to New Hampshire."

"Even though we gained some points in the grand scheme of things, we lost some points to the (No.) 24. It really doesn't matter with the points system in place. We're able to let that go a little easier. In that case, you're relaxed. In other cases, if it's a white-flag lap and you need to make a gutsy move to win the race, you can do that because you just need to be in that final 10 (at Race 27). So far, I've only been able to use the lead to shrug off a bad performance. I'm hoping that I'm able to get in there and mix it up and take some chances for a win."

"We had a great performance at Pocono last time. Even with the error from NASCAR, with almost losing the race because of the pitting deal, we were able to come back and win. We went up there and tested since then, so we'll have a little different package. We had some disparity, we were half a second faster than those guys, so hopefully we go back and have the same speed."

Johnson, who has completed more than 94 percent of all NNCS race laps this season, said the consistency that has led to his 13 top-five and 14 top-10 finishes is the product of a synergy between his driving style and the entire Hendrick Racing program.

"It's really a whole team effort that puts it all in place," he said. "They give me great race cars that I'm able to drive and that obviously have the speed. Coming out of the same shop as the (No.) 24, the cars are always fast, so, out of the box, I'm in great equipment."

"I've always been able to points race well, make the right decisions and finish races. That's just been my style. Over time, we keep clicking away good finishes, good solid performances and we end up in a very safe situation in points. I think it's a combination of good equipment and my style producing results over a long season than anything."

With seven races remaining until "The Chase for the Nextel Cup," Johnson and No. 48 Lowe's team have adopted a wait-and-see approach to the next several races.

"We all knew going into the season that it wouldn't do you a lot of good to have a big points lead at Race 27. It looks like we're in a good situation to where we have something to complain about and hopefully we have a big points lead that's going to disappear."

"In my heart I feel that the champion should be based on the full season, not a 10-race stretch, but that's how it is. We can't sit here and complain about it, we've got to get to work to try to win the championship regardless of how it is. I think we're in great shape, but if we do have a big points lead and it's erased, it's going to make for a lot of press and a lot of good questions at the end of the year."

"I think I'll start off with the same temperament that I have now and see where we fall into place. If we're able to come out winning and get a good handle on the points, we'll probably take a more conservative route. If we come out and our normal game isn't enough, we're going to have to dig deep and really start trying hard. At this point it's still hard to tell. When we get three or four races out, I think everybody will have a good idea of how that final 10 is going to play out. Things change so fast in our sport and to be the team to beat for a two month period of time is pretty tough to have. We still have some time and hopefully we'll have this Lowe's team peaking right when we need it to."

Both Hamilton, Jr. and Holly will begin testing under the PPI Motorsports banner later this month. Current No. 32 crew chief Mike Beam continues to serve as the team's crew chief this season and will help oversee the transition.

Hamilton Jr. to drive No 32 Chevrolet in 2005

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HICKORY, N.C. — PPI Motorsports announced Wednesday it has signed a driver-crew chief team to helm the No. 32 Tide Chevrolet full-time in 2005: Bobby Hamilton Jr. and Harold Holly.

Hamilton Jr. currently drives the No. 25 car in the NASCAR Busch Series. He owns five Busch wins, of which four were earned with Holly as his crew chief, and finished a career-high fourth in the series in 2003, just 43 points behind champion Brian Vickers. Hamilton Jr. also has 19 Cup starts to his credit, including five to date this year in the No. 09 car.

Holly currently serves as crew chief for Hamilton Jr. and the No. 25 NASCAR Busch Series team. After joining the team, Holly quickly helped propel them to a series-best four wins in 2003 and into championship contention this season. Holly also has championship experience, having earned the 2000 NASCAR Busch Series title with the largest margin in history (616 points) as crew chief to driver Jeff Green. From 1999-2001, Holly and Green earned 13 wins, 13 poles, 56 top-fives and 72 top-10s, finishing no less than second in championship points each year. Overall, Holly has amassed 25 wins in 248 Busch series starts to date.

By signing Hamilton Jr. and Holly in tandem, Wells hopes to capture the same chemistry that has propelled the duo to four wins and championship contention in the NASCAR Busch Series.

"We are excited about Bobby's potential in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series," Wells said. "He's been a standout performer in the Busch series and has several

Stewart weathers storms with strong on-track performances

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — When the going gets tough for Tony Stewart, he responds the only way he can — by answering his critics on the race track.

NASCAR's reigning Bad Boy and former champion has shaken off one controversy after another to string together three consecutive top-5 finishes and his only victory of the season.

"We've been through so much controversy in my whole career in the Cup series, anymore I'm just kind of numb to it all," Stewart said. "It's not a distraction to me, it's not an aggravation to me. I've found a way to simplify everything and not worry about it."

Under fire most of the season from his fellow competitors for aggressive driving, things boiled over in late June in a confrontation with rookie Brian Vickers following the race in Sonoma, Calif.

Vickers claimed Stewart hit him in the chest while he was sitting inside his car, and NASCAR gave careful consideration to suspending Stewart

before the July 3 race at Daytona.

When Stewart was instead fined and placed on probation, his rivals wondered how he avoided a stiffer punishment.

Stewart ignored them and finished fifth at Daytona.

He then won his first race of the season at Chicago, but that was marred, too. Stewart knocked Kasey Kahne out of his way en route to the win and a fight erupted in the pits between Kahne's crew and Stewart's crew.

Stewart tuned that out, too, along with the boos that rained down on him in Victory Lane.

Meanwhile, the firestorm around him grew to magnitude proportions. "He definitely needs to get suspended," Ray Evernham, Kahn's car owner, fumed after the Chicago altercation. Evernham also said Stewart could use a "good beating."

"That's the problem with him," he added. "Nobody has ever really grabbed him and given him a good beating. If he doesn't get suspended, maybe I'll do that."

Stewart kept racing, and fin-

ished fifth last week in New Hampshire.

He heads into this weekend's event at Pocono Raceway in fourth place in the point standings and a favorite for the Nextel Cup championship when the 10-race playoffs begin in September.

(See STEWART, page four)

NASCAR Nextel Cup

Driver Standings

1. Jimmie Johnson, 2,850
2. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., 2,685
3. Jeff Gordon, 2,648
4. Tony Stewart, 2,548
5. Matt Kenseth, 2,481
6. Kurt Busch, 2,396
7. Bobby Labonte, 2,390
8. Elliott Sadler, 2,370
9. Kevin Harvick, 2,353
10. Ryan Newman, 2,348
11. Jeremy Mayfield, 2,242
12. Dale Jarrett, 2,221
13. Jamie McMurray, 2,214
14. Kasey Kahne, 2,186
15. Mark Martin, 2,156
16. Michael Waltrip, 2,110
17. Casey Mears, 2,083
18. Sterling Marlin, 2,041
19. Rusty Wallace, 2,038
20. Terry Labonte, 2,009

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Reds say young talent not for sale; will add

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The deadline for trading players in major league baseball comes tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m. but don't look for the Cincinnati Reds to deal any of their top players or any of their younger prospects. According to General Manager Dan O'Brien, the Reds may add a player or two but only if the Reds can find the player(s) that will help the club in the future.

That means that players like Austin Kearns (who has spent most of the season of the disabled list), Adam Dunn, Sean Casey and Ken Griffey, Jr. will remain on the club

and return next season. The only two players who names have been connected with any deal has been nine game winner

Paul Wilson and Corey Lidle who owns a 6-8 record. Both players are eligible for free agency after this season and the Reds are expected to move them for some younger prospects.

If indeed both Wilson and Lidle leave the Reds one has to look at the rotation next season. The Reds will return Jose Acevedo who has struggled big time this year but is still young. Aaron Harang has been very impressive and will return. Add left hander Brandon Claussen and you

have three very young but capable hurlers.

Who will be the fourth and fifth pitcher in the rotation? The Reds are high on Luke Hudson who is having a fine second half of the season at

Double-A Chattanooga. Hudson seems to be penciled in as that fourth starter. The Reds are hoping in dealing both Wilson and Lidle they

can come up with another prospect to be that fifth starter.

O'Brien knows of the frustration of the Reds fans but making a deal without any talent in the minors is going to be hard to do. One other player the Reds may try to move before the August 31 deadline is closer

Danny Graves who has had

a horrible 2004 season. Graves has trouble getting batters out and at times looks like anything but a major league pitcher.

Both Kearns and Griffey could be coming off the disabled list in the next two weeks allowing the Reds to have them reunited with Dunn in the outfield. But the question will be what will the Reds

do with Wily Mo Pena who has no doubt carried the club of late. Pena has quickly become a fan favorite and the Reds may have to try and move Pena in the off season. I sure hope not because he has shown vast improvement and could be a big, big star for the Reds in the future.

Well, after Saturday we will know more of how the Reds will look next season. Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Louisville preseason pick to win C-USA title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DALLAS — The University of Louisville has been chosen to win the 2004 Conference USA football championship, according to the league's head coaches. The Cardinals received 106 of a possible 121 points. Memphis was second with 101 points, Southern Miss placed third with 100 and TCU ranked fourth with 99.

The last time the Cardinals won the C-USA title was back during the 2001 season.

The Cardinals finished 9-4 last season and is fueled by one of the most explosive offenses in the country. Nine starters return to an offensive unit that led C-USA in total offense (521.4 yards per game) and scoring offense (36.1 points per game) in 2003.

A pair of first team All-Conference performers from last year, quarterback Stefan LeFors and wide receiver J.R. Russell, are joined on the preseason all-

league offense by left tackle Travis Leffew. Cardinals DE Marcus Jones also received preseason recognition.

LeFors guided the Cardinal attack by throwing for 3,145 yards and 17 touchdowns, while Russell caught 75 passes for a school record 1,213 yards. Jones guided the Cardinal defense with a team-high 10 sacks.

The Cardinals begin practice on August 9.

2004 C-USA FOOTBALL COACHES PRESEASON POLL

Predicted Order of Finish (1st place votes) Pts.

1. Louisville (2) 106
2. Memphis (3) 101
3. Southern Miss (2) 100
4. TCU (4) 99
5. Houston 70
6. UAB 61
7. USF 56
8. Cincinnati 45
9. Tulane 39
10. East Carolina 37
11. Army 12

Cardinals 11, Reds 10

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Scott Rolen hit two of the St. Louis Cardinals' four homers, repeatedly blunting Cincinnati's comeback and sending the Reds to their eighth straight loss, 11-10 on Wednesday night.

Jim Edmonds homered in all three games of the series sweep, which put the Cardinals 11 games up in the NL Central. St. Louis has gone 42-14 since May 27, digging itself out of a fifth-place hole to rise to the best record in the majors.

St. Louis is 34-16 on the road, also best in the majors, and hasn't had a losing trip all season.

The Cardinals have been even better against the Reds, winning 11 of 13. They've played 10 times in July and won nine, including three-game sweeps at Busch Stadium and Great American Ball Park.

The head-to-head dominance knocked the Reds out of contention and sent them into their deepest slump in a year. The Reds also lost eight straight last July, prompting them to fire the general manager and manager and go on a money-saving trade spree.

There won't be another payroll purge this time. Even if they're inclined, there's not much to trade.

That became evident again on Wednesday, when the best the Reds could do was be pesky and keep it close.

Right-hander Jeff Suppan, who hasn't lost on the road this season, walked a career-high 10 in 4 2-3 innings, helping the Reds recover from an 8-1 deficit.

Adam Dunn led off the fifth with his 28th homer, and Barry Larkin had a pinch-hit grand slam off Steve Kline that cut it to 8-7 later in the inning. It was Larkin's second career slam.

Just like that, the Cardinals pulled away again. Rolen led off the sixth with his 22nd homer, and Reggie Sanders doubled home another run. Rolen hit another solo homer in the seventh, his fourth multihomer game of the season.

Rolen also doubled in the ninth, his fourth hit of the game. St. Louis matched its season high with 19 hits.

Cal Eldred (2-0) was awarded the victory for his two perfect innings. Jason Istringhausen gave up an RBI single by Jason LaRue that cut it to 11-10 in the eighth, but got the last five outs for his 26th save in 30 chances.

Cardinals pitchers walked 13 batters, and five of them scored.

St. Louis piled up seven runs in 4 1-3 innings against Jose Acevedo (4-10), who cut his dyed-blond hair for the game but remained winless in six starts — two no-decisions — in July.

Wily Mo Pena stretched over the 8-foot wall in center to steal a three-run homer from Albert Pujols in the fourth.

First baseman Sean Casey bunt away Suppan's squeeze throw with the bases loaded in the fifth, sending home two

runs, and Tony Womack hit a three-run homer off Todd Van Poppel for an 8-1 lead.

Acevedo has lost to the Cardinals three times this season. He's 0-6 career against St. Louis with a 9.85 ERA.

Edmonds led off the third with his 27th homer. Edmonds has 12 homers in July, the most in the majors. He left the game as a precaution in the fifth when he felt tightness in his lower back.

Notes: Edmonds is 11-for-17 in his career off Acevedo with three homers. ... Edmonds' career high for homers in a month is 14 in June 2003. ... The last Cardinals pitcher to walk 10 batters was Steve Carlton, who walked 10 Giants in 5 2-3 innings on July 3, 1971. ... Each of Rolen's last 12 homers have come on the road. ... Dunn's homer was the 100th of his career. He and Pujols are the only active players under age 25 with 100 homers.

U of L Football selling authentic game jerseys

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Authentic University of Louisville football game jerseys from the 2002-03 football season are on sale in the football office for \$150.00.

The actual game jerseys worn in John

L. Smith's last season and Bobby Petrino's first year can be purchased by contacting Vicky Nugent at 502/852-8758 or by e-mail at vlnuge01@louisville.edu.

Please be specific about what numbers you are inquiring about because there are limited numbers available.

Supplies are limited so please contact the football office as soon as possible.

Different Tyson prepares for latest comeback fight Friday night

by TIM DAHLBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — There's no entourage anymore, no angry tirades and no bizarre new tattoos. Mike Tyson is coming back once again, but this time he's aging, broke, and seemingly determined to show his gentler side.

On the verge of his fight with Danny Williams, Tyson can't even bring himself to say anything bad about his opponent.

"I'm trying to be a decent man," Tyson said Wednesday.

Some might say it's way too late for that after years of watching Tyson self-destruct. In a larger-than-life career, he's become notorious by biting ears, serving a prison term for rape and threatening to eat Lennox Lewis' children.

Tyson returns to the ring Friday night for the first time in 17 months more a freak show than serious heavyweight contender. But, perhaps knowing his time is running out at the age of 38, he seems determined not to blow this chance.

"My future seems so much brighter than my past," Tyson said. "I'm a different person than I was 17 months ago."

So far, at least, Tyson has been just that. Even Kentucky's governor and Louisville's mayor, who didn't want him here, can't complain about his behavior leading up to the first big heavyweight fight here in 37 years.

Before arriving in Muhammad Ali's hometown this week, Tyson trained three months in Phoenix for his latest comeback. He believes he can still fight, and hopes people still care.

Many still do, as evidenced by the crowd of 5,000 or so who showed up to watch Tyson work

out Tuesday at a downtown entertainment complex. Some are also buying tickets for the fight, though it's highly unlikely Freedom Hall will be anywhere near sold out despite the addition of Laila Ali to the card.

The fight will be televised on Showtime pay-per-view, and if enough people buy it, Tyson will be able to pay off some of the \$38 million he owes to various creditors.

They won't be paying to see a heavyweight contender, though it's likely Tyson could be one in a few fights. They're paying to see the circus and potential train wreck that now surrounds every Tyson fight.

"It's the theater of it, the drama," Showtime executive Jay Larkin said. "He's a very compelling, dramatic individual."

Tyson didn't seem all that compelling at Wednesday's pre-fight news conference, unless you were the fan who walked around without his shirt on so everyone could see Tyson's face tattooed on his back.

Instead, he was reflective, without trying to make sense of what became of a career during which he once reigned as the baddest man on the planet.

"I let the past die. I can't dwell on the past," Tyson said. "If you dwell in the past you're going to be miserable."

The fight is only the second for Tyson since he was stopped by Lennox Lewis in the eighth round in June 2002 for the heavyweight title. But it's in big contrast to his February 2003 fight with Clifford Etienne that was bizarre even by Tyson standards.

Tyson parted his way through training for that fight, then took the week off before the fight to get his face tattooed. He threat-

ened not to fight, but when he did he stopped Etienne in only 48 seconds.

"I don't even know how I made it to the fight," he said.

Williams is hardly a step up from Etienne, in fact he's probably a step down. The British fighter has never fought in America and admitted Wednesday that sometimes he gets so uptight before a fight that he breaks down crying in his dressing room.

Even the British bookies don't think much of the 31-year-old journeyman, perhaps noting that he was knocked out in the fourth round by Julius Francis, the same fighter who went less than two rounds with Tyson. They make Williams a 9-1 underdog.

Still, Williams knows an opportunity when he sees it, and there's no one better to make a name off of than Tyson.

"I've been brought over here as a knockover fighter for Mike Tyson," Williams said. "But they've made a mistake."

Tyson doesn't seem all that concerned. He's been spending time caring for eight pigeons in his hotel room that an admirer gave to him, and seems to be determined not to get too excited about the fight itself.

Assuming he wins, Tyson will be on an ambitious schedule that could mean fights in September and December. It's all part of a plan to make him a serious heavyweight contender again, while at the same time replenishing his bank account and paying off some of his creditors.

"I don't know about any of that, I'm just looking forward to fighting Friday," Tyson said, adding:

"Isn't it cool to be fighting Friday?"

Stewart

It's a trend Stewart has followed throughout his NASCAR career: When he's in the most trouble, he has his best races. The theory was proven in 2002 when Stewart punched a photographer following the race in Indianapolis, then rebounded to win the next week at Watkins Glen.

"When I'm in the race car, my job is to go out and win the race," Stewart said. "And that's what my passion and desire is, whether its in a midget or in a sprint car or in the Nextel Cup car."

No one denies Stewart creates a ton of aggravation for his Joe Gibbs Racing team and is often a major headache for Atlanta-based sponsor Home Depot. The company was embarrassed in its hometown earlier this month when the No. 20 Chevrolet was heartily booed as it drove around the field during an Atlanta Braves game.

But all that is overshadowed by a tremendous talent on the track that forces those around him to overlook the bad things.

"Tony Stewart is very emotional," Gibbs said last week. "But I think he's one of the neatest guys — he's easygoing, he's laid back, he's fun to be around and he's got a good sense of humor."

"So you've got to take the good and try to balance that out."

Often lost in Stewart's negative actions is his off-track char-

ity. He's helped raise millions of dollars for Kyle Petty's Victory Junction Gang camp, just one of several organizations he helps out, and was recently given NASCAR's "Good Guy" award by The Sporting News.

How could the Bad Boy of NASCAR also get the Good Guy award?

"He's two different people from the standpoint that he's given us a bunch of money for Victory Junction," Richard Petty said. "Yet he goes around and does some childish stuff. I don't think he's grown up as far as really understanding how the public looks at him."

"He'll eventually learn to

Earnhardt

ing barriers on racetrack walls and the creation of the NASCAR research and development facility.

But Earnhardt Jr. didn't take advantage of all the equipment available to keep him safe at Sonoma.

When his car caught fire, he was wearing only a long-sleeved fire retardant undershirt, skipping the matching undershorts and head sock that might have kept him from being burned at all.

"My opinion was that it'll never happen to me or that I'll never be in that situation," Earnhardt said. "So it shows me I need to be wearing everything

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look at the bigger picture."

Gibbs thinks Stewart already is. He said last week that Stewart must perform as if he has "two strikes against him" and that the driver finally understands that.

"I think what Tony has to understand is his past, and he has had situations there and he can't be put in those situations again," Gibbs said. "I think he's determined to do that. We're not looking to control him. He just has to be careful about the situations he gets in, knowing how much publicity it gets."

"Whenever Tony Stewart does something, it's a big deal."

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I can wear and utilize as much precaution as possible."

NASCAR generally allows drivers to make their own decisions on personal safety equipment, like helmets and gloves, but Newman says it's time to make some items mandatory.

"It's not even mandatory to wear gloves right now," he said. "I think drivers should wear the best fire-retardant clothing and underwear, no matter if it's 95 degrees in Martinsville or 35 degrees in Atlanta."

"From a driver's standpoint, it's our responsibility, but if NASCAR is a big family, it wouldn't be a bad thing to be told by our parents what to do."

Pro-Fitness Calendar of Events

SEPT. 4 - HIKE THE PINE MOUNTAIN TRAIL. Meet at Whitesburg McDonalds at the foot of Pine Mountain. Car-pool over the mountain and hike to Bad Branch Falls and High Rock. After the hike have lunch at Pine Mountain Grill, and visit Highlands Winery at Seco for a

free wine tasting.
SEPT. 6 - LABOR DAY BIKE RIDE. From downtown Pikeville McDonalds, ride starts at 8:30 am and will go to German Bridge/Cow Creek, Dana, Island Creek, a distance of 70 miles. Shorter options are available. Bring two water bot-

les, money, extra tube and flat kit. Make arrangements for pick up in case of emergency. Arrive early for breakfast.
SEPT. 11 - GINGERBREAD FESTIVAL, HINDMAN, 5K RUN AND BENCH PRESS. 5K starts at 8 a.m., registration is downtown Hindman.

Bench press contest starts at 10 a.m. at the East Ky Physical Therapy Clinic at the Holly Hills Shopping center, just north of Hindman. Best gingerbread in the whole world.
SEPT. 25 - APPALACHIAN BIKE TOUR, Louisa, Yatesville Lake Marina, register at 8 a.m.,

ride at 9 a.m., choose from 4 routes, 14-90 miles, \$10 fee.
OCT. 2 - TOUR OF THE MOUNTAINS BIKE RACE/RIDE. Williamson W.Va., a distance of 60 miles, race or ride, starts in downtown Williamson at the Coal building Chamber of Commerce.

OCT. 10 - LEVISA CUP. 10 a.m. Canoe or kayak the Levisa Fork from Banner to Prestonsburg, a distance of about 10 miles. Race or just paddle for fun, it's up to you. Take your time and have lunch at Billy Ray's Playhouse Restaurant.

Redskins prepare for Gibbs' first camp in 12 yrs.

by JOSEPH WHITE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASHBURN, Va. — Meet Joe Gibbs, the paranoid, lay-down-the-law, workaholic grandfather who loves what he's doing and does it better than almost anybody else.

At least that's the impression you get if you spend a just few minutes with the Washington Redskins players and coaches as the team prepares for the Hall of Fame coach's first training camp in 12 years.

"The one thing about our coaches is I think they have a little bit more fun at doing this than we do — and that's just completely against the rules," center Cory Raymer said during this week's three-day passing camp, a sort of prelude to the formal opening of training camp Saturday at Redskins Park.

Gibbs has been on a nonstop emotional high since his announcement eight months ago that he will return to coaching. He has taken on with relish the endless hours of film study needed to get back in sync with the game. He was excited about his first foray into free agency, sounding like a kid going to a candy store for the first time. The infamous late-night work ethic that led the Redskins to three Super Bowl titles from 1981-92 hasn't missed a beat.

"I don't see a difference," said director of sports medicine

Bubba Tyer, the longtime Redskins trainer who came out of retirement so he could work for Gibbs again. "He's as focused and as serious and as determined as ever. At the same time, he has that great sense of humor and humility that he shows. He's the exact same guy. It's fantastic."

Gibbs' return goes public Saturday, when the pads go on and the fans are let in. What kind of camp should the players expect?

"We're a curfew team," said Gibbs, adding the familiar high-pitched chuckle that often accompanies even a serious remark. "I learned after the second Super Bowl. We're not doing the no-curfew deal because I can't trust them."

"You probably only need rules for 10 percent of the guys. The rest of the 90 percent are paying attention to business and everything. But I think it does help to set parameters and say 'This is what we're going to do and what we are.' ... This is a team sport. You can't do your own thing."

The players' heads must be spinning. After all, in four years they've gone from the authoritarian, lock-down regime of Marty Schottenheimer to the laissez-faire approach of Steve Spurrier and now back to the more disciplined Gibbs.

Schottenheimer alienated some players with long practices and endless petty fines for

violating rules. Gibbs runs his firm ship with a kinder, gentler demeanor, and the players are buying into it.

"He's the granddaddy-figure type," cornerback Fred Smoot said. "He's the one that you want to go out there and lay it on the line for him. You don't want to shortcut him. He's not just a mean, cuss-you-out-in-your-face guy. He's more of a teacher, more of a philosopher, just making sure you understand why you were wrong instead of just cussing you out."

Gibbs welcomes feedback from players, and he'll sometimes reward them with an unexpected perk. He has also installed a players-only lounge at Redskins Park, a comfortable place to relax away from the grind.

"Coach Gibbs throws you a little bit more bones," Raymer said. "It's hard to keep grinding and grinding and grinding. Every once in a while he'll give you a meeting off or throw you some fun stuff."

Meanwhile, Gibbs' training camp schedule has a much different look from recent Redskins years.

The coach believes that too much work during camp wears players down late in the season, so he's replaced many of the morning practices with weightlifting sessions. That's also the reason he's starting camp as late as possible, only nine days before the opening

exhibition game. In addition, some practices will be held at a local high school so the players can get used to working under the lights.

The biggest change, however, stems from Gibbs' desire for secrecy. Only 10 practices will be open to the public. The rest will be closed to everyone, including reporters, except possibly for the few minutes when the players are stretching or working in simple drills. Gibbs wants his game plan to be as much of a surprise as possible when the regular season opens Sept. 12.

"I think in a lot of sports, giving away secrets is a coaches' shame," Gibbs said. "If we have anything going for ourselves, it will be that first game or two, where there might still be some question about what we are going to do."

OCT. 3 - APPLE DAY 5K RUN, starts at 9 a.m. in Paintsville at the high school.

OCT. 9 - JENNY WILEY FESTIVAL 10 K RUN AND BENCH PRESS CONTEST. 10K run starts at 9am in front of Pro-Fitness Center, age groups; \$25 entry fee. Bench press event will start at noon, entry fee is \$25 and will be outdoors, weather permitting, weight classes and age groups.

OCT. 16 - RED/WHITE/BLUE FESTIVAL 5 K RUN. Martin.

OCT. 23 - PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER 10K RUN. Pikeville.

DEC. 4 - JINGLE BELL 5K RUN. Pikeville.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DON FIELDS at 886-8604.

Single-game UK football tickets on sale today

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Public tickets to all six home games on the 2004 Kentucky Football schedule will be made available starting today. Fans can log onto ukathletics.com at 6 p.m. today to begin purchasing the single-game tickets.

Fans can begin purchasing the tickets through the Memorial Coliseum ticket office on Monday, Aug. 2 at 9 a.m. by calling 1-800-928-CATS (2287), or in person at the ticket office.

There will be a limit of six tickets per customer for the Alabama (Oct. 9) and Georgia (Nov. 6) games.

Hilltoppers to make two appearances on regional TV

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN — Game times were released Monday for the Western Kentucky University football program, with the Hilltoppers scheduled to appear twice on regional television during the 2004 season.

Three of Western's five home games will kickoff at night, with an additional three road contests taking place under the lights. Fox Sports Net will air two

games regionally the first half of the season, the Toppers' 6:30 p.m. (CT) road game at in-state rival Eastern Kentucky — the first time Western will visit the Colonels in the "Battle of the Bluegrass" since 1999 — as well as their Gateway Football Conference opener at L.T. Smith Stadium/Jimmy Felix Field against Youngstown State Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

The season opens with a 1:10 p.m. start at I-A Kansas State Sept. 4, while WKU returns

home the following week to take on Concord (W.Va.) at 7 p.m.

Following the EKU contest, the Hilltoppers wrap up non-conference competition at 5 p.m. on Sept. 25 at Florida International.

After opening Gateway play against YSU, Western faces back-to-back road trips in league play at Northern Iowa (Oct. 9 at 4:05 p.m.) and Southern Illinois (6 p.m. on Oct. 16). Homecoming will take place on the Hill Oct. 23, with the Toppers scheduled to play host to Indiana State at 4 p.m. that afternoon. The month ends with a 7 p.m. kickoff at home against Illinois State in the final evening game of the regular season.

WKU will visit Southwest Missouri State at 1 p.m. on Nov. 6, then returns home to conclude the regular season with a 4 p.m. start against Western Illinois on Nov. 13.

The WKU football team is quarterbacked by former Breathitt County High School standout Justin Haddix.

The Hilltoppers are aiming for their ninth straight winning season and fifth consecutive NCAA Division I-AA playoff appearance in 2004.

Bentley

was truly to his benefit.

Crager was followed briefly by Andrew Joyce, another person I'm happy to call a friend. Andrew and I have worked a few games together and I always enjoy the time we've spent in a press box, or in the many offices I've had.

Jason Branham sits in the captain's chair now, and the sky is the limit for him. Young and enthusiastic, Jason can go as far as his desires take him in this business. And because he's an old Mustang, I'll always pull for him.

There are many others on the hill, folks I work with and for like Keith Casebolt, Randy Jones and Debbie Lawson, but truly to begin naming names is dangerous. That's a fun place to visit. The people on the hill — whether the on-air talent or that dedicated staff of employees they have — always have a joke to tell, always share a laugh.

It's always a pleasure to see them.

Like many of you I grew up listening to the stations of EKB. I'm sure Randy Thompson won't appreciate me saying I listened to his morning show throughout my childhood. I've heard those commercials all week thanking many of those who have been a part of EKB through the years, and names

like Dan P'Poole and Carl D. Ray have brought back many memories for me.

I'll never forget the night I was at Feds Creek playing in a tournament when the game was delayed because Carl — the play-by-play man on the radio — was on the court waving to people in the stands. He had to hustle to get to his radio position, because most games broadcast from Feds Creek emanate from the upper level.

Those in power at EKB are there to make money — it is, after all, the bottom line. But they also understand the responsibility they have to the community, and I wonder how many nights the many voices of the network have slept in chairs or on couches in the office in an effort to keep us updated on floods and blizzards.

Sports has been a prominent part of EKB as well. They've been the Pike County home of University of Kentucky athletics all my life, and save a couple of years in the late 1990s, have been the voice of the Bears for as long as Pikeville College games have been on the air.

This year, I'm thankful WZLK is carrying all of the Cincinnati Reds games. Our friends at WMDJ in Martin have kept Marty and Joe on the air in Eastern Kentucky for decades,

but it can be difficult to pick up in many parts of Pike County.

It sure is nice to hear the much-improved team of Marty and Steve Stewart through a strong signal all around the area.

The Reds are like the Cats — the more stations the better. I'm glad both choose to keep us up to date on the area's favorite team.

I suppose my favorite time to listen to EKB sports is the fall when its worthwhile to find one of their stations by 7 on Friday night and leave it there for the next four hours.

The 30-minute pregame show, followed by a high school football game and ending with the statewide scoreboard at 10:30 is quality radio from start to finish. I know when I covered games each Friday night of the season, it was nice to be able to tune in at 10:30 to get all the scores and know what would be going on in the office the next morning.

EKB has played a huge role in Eastern Kentucky and clearly has been an impact player in the sports world. I can't imagine what it would be like if they decided it wasn't worth the trouble to broadcast local sports.

I remember doing the 2001 NAIA tournament from Tulsa, and having Crager tell us some thought the first game would draw the largest audience in EKB history. I thought about all the natural disasters and the like I'd listened to through a battery-operated radio because of the power being out and wondered if it was possible.

I now think about Belfry's state championship game in December, and wonder how many folks in our mountains listened to that broadcast.

The folks atop Peach Orchard deserve a big pat on the back from us, and here's one guy's attempt at saying thanks.

But because I like them, I'll refrain from calling Randy's show this morning and singing Happy Birthday on the air.

Thanks, gang.
See you at the Pike County Bowl.

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8 SEC schools in Top 20 in national merchandising

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — LSU ranks fifth nationally, and first among Southeastern Conference schools, on the list of top sellers in merchandise. That's according to the Collegiate Licensing Company.

The rankings released earlier this week represent royalties reported July first, 2003 through June 30th, 2004.

North Carolina ranks first

nationally, followed by Michigan, Texas, Notre Dame, LSU, Oklahoma and Georgia.

Georgia is followed by two more SEC schools, Tennessee and Florida. Penn State is number ten.

The second half of the CLC's top 20 include: Kentucky, Alabama, Florida State, Nebraska, Auburn, Miami, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Oklahoma State and Kansas.

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THROUGH MY EYES

A spoonful of sugar

Some of us do better at taking care of others than we do at taking care of ourselves, and I most certainly fall into that category. With three children, two dogs, one cat, and an elderly mother to keep watch over, I often fail to keep watch over my own health and well-being. I don't think I'm



Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

alone in this respect for I truly believe that eastern Kentucky women are among the very most selfless creatures in the world. Honorable in many respects, but not so good

in others. For after all, who's going to take care of the kids, the pets, the grandparents, the husbands (no wisecracks, please), the houses, the bills, etc., etc., if we ourselves become too overwhelmed, ill, or stressed out to keep up with it all?

I have this subject on my mind because I am a terrible medicine-taker. I just have a great deal of trouble remembering to take med-

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POSTSCRIPT

Turnin' a phrase

I've told you before that I'm easily distracted. Here's another example.

I was looking for something to read on my radio show Appalachian Coffeehouse (Tuesdays, 8-11 p.m., WMMT, 88.7FM), and I picked up a little book, titled A Whole 'Nother Language,

by Isaac and Anna H. Ison. I've had it for several years, but I always enjoy leafing through it and learning more about our special language here in these cloistering hills.

Many of the phrases I remember from childhood when I spent lots of time among my

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Tiny Abigail was eager to get into the water earlier this week, but took time out to pose for the camera with brother, Gregory, first.

'Swimming right along'-child both enjoys and benefits from Dream Factory wish

by Kathy J. Prater
 FEATURES EDITOR

Swimming is great exercise for anyone, and even better for some. Such is the case with tiny Abigail Laurel Coleman, age 6, who was born with a condition referred to as osteogenesis imperfecta.

Osteogenesis imperfecta is a genetic disorder characterized by bones that break easily, very easily, according to Abigail's parents. "When Abigail was first born," said her father, Bobby Coleman, of Sansom Fork, Dana, "she would sometimes break a bone just by turning over." A person with osteogenesis imperfecta may suffer only a few fractures in their lifetime, or as many as several hundred.

With such a condition, a child is very limited in regard to what type of play they may become involved in. Naturally, it has always been difficult to allow Abigail to play outside with other children, for fear of the possibility of a fracture occurring.

Enter The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky. Through the services of the Dream Factory, Abigail's dream to play outside with other children has finally come true. The Dream Factory recently installed an above-ground, family size swimming pool, complete with decking, at the Coleman home. "Abigail loves the water," said her mother, Sherri. "She always has. But what this pool has

done for her, what's so great about this, is that now Abigail can go outside and play with other children. We just put her in her floaty and off she goes. The other day she was out here, in the middle of the pool, in her little floaty, completely surrounded by children. It was wonderful, the best feeling ever, to see her having fun like that," she continued with obvious emotion.

"Abigail is such a little sweetheart," said Jerome Greathouse, president of the non-profit organization. "It took us a little while longer than usual to grant Abigail's dream, but we got it done, and she has really enjoyed herself." Greathouse's son, Christopher, built the decking around the family's pool, helping to make the dream a little more cost affordable.

There is, as yet, no cure for osteogenesis imperfecta, and most treatment plans involve preventative measures surrounding bone fractures which adds up to limited mobility for many patients. Controlled exercise routines have been found to be effective in helping to develop optimal bone mass and muscle strength, one reason that Abigail's new pool is so special. Not only does the swimming pool allow her to have increased socialization with other children, it also is helping strengthen Abigail's body, which will further help prevent

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Abigail, according to dad, Bobby Coleman, has "always been a little waterdog." Here, the two enjoy a moment together in the water.

PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH

Things to ponder: High School-ready or not!

Returning to school and especially, when you are going into a "new" level, can be stressful. I remember being so excited about finally being old enough to go to high school. Thought I'd never live to see the day! For whatever reason, I must have viewed it as all of the goodies of life coming together. I was in the local school system for the first time in the eighth grade and our four classrooms were at the end of the school building. Thus, we did not mix with the high school students. It was kinda scary to think about being a freshman and starting

at the bottom, since there were so many people ahead of me. Nevertheless, everyone became acquainted in a good-natured way, during what was known as "RAT" week, with the freshmen doing "special" activities and having responsibilities toward the upperclassmen that helped to break the ice quickly among the students. Needless to say, there was lots of acceptable humorous teasing. Actually, the upperclassmen might have known each other, but I had not stopped to realize that no one was going to know all about the school. After all, it was a

brand new school named in honor of a local boy that grew up to be the governor at the time. For me, the best part of starting high school was that I was on my way to get what I needed to go to nursing school, my dream come true!

Yes, there might still be the summer heat in all of its glory during the last days of July, but the beginning of school for the 2004-'05 term is less than a week away for some students. Do you recall how you felt when you went to high school? Do you think your child is having a hard time leaving primary and mid-

dle school behind - separating from old friends and familiar teachers? In contrast, there is the possibility that your daughter Jill is ready to turn a new page, maybe she did not enjoy that old school very much, did not make good grades and thinks she can have a fresh start, wants to make some new friends, and cannot wait to go somewhere else. Whether or not it is from positive or negative sources, the whole prospect of school starting is more likely than not to



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 Ph.D.

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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ August 5 - New student/parent orientation for AMS students, 6 p.m., at the school. Information about school programs and policies will be provided. Students and parents may meet staff, tour building, and get answers to any questions they may have.

■ Health records for students may be dropped off to the Youth Services Center throughout the summer months.

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

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

■ August 3 - Freshman

Orientation, 6 p.m.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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

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

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The FCHD nurse is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center pro-

vides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

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

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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

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

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

■ Now accepting registration for the 2004-2005 school year. Limited openings are currently available for Preschool thru 8th grade. Call 285-5141 or 285-5142 for more information.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

■ NOTICE - PHS will begin holding their regular SBDM Council meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

■ Aug. 3 - Special-called

SBDM Council meeting, 6-8 p.m. Meeting is being held to provide the opportunity to meet applicants for the position of Principal at PHS. All certified and classified staff, parents, students and community members welcome. A mixer will be hosted with refreshments and the public may submit questions to the applicants.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public.

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

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

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

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

W.D. OSBORNE

"RAINBOW JUNCTION" FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

■ August 1 - Orientation.
■ August 9 - First day of school.

■ Currently accepting enrollment for 2004/2005 Kindergarten, and grades 4-8 (some classes already filled).

■ Wesley Christian Daycare now accepting infants and toddlers up to 4 years old. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

■ Also, still have a few openings in Summer Daycare - up to 12 years old.

■ Orientation for new school year will be held August 1.

■ First day of school - August 9.

■ For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE

■ For information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.

Ponder

create "back-to-school" stress.

As with other phases in life, there are probably parents that feel overwhelmed with getting their kids back into the groove related to school. The following are reminders of some of the ways in which you can help keep the stress to a minimum, in regards to school beginning. First, be alert to your feelings. Usually, parents being aware and doing what they can to control or relax themselves can be a big help. Another general idea has to do with managing the family's activities so that there

is a gradual change over to the needed school routine, such as: buying necessary school supplies; starting "school-like" schedules, by having earlier bedtimes and getting up in the mornings; slowing down on television watching to encourage reading and reviewing math skills; getting together all necessary paperwork, such as shot records and physical examinations; and getting rid of old school papers and supplies that can't be used. Parents should stop and think about how the children might be feeling. Be

encouraging and talk positively about returning to school and also be willing to listen to any negative comments concerning school without making attempts to defend school. In addition, you can discuss the good times of summer, but not forgetting the not-so-good times.

Parents can do other basic things that are likely to decrease stress generally within the household. Pay attention that family members are not over-committed in regards to time and be careful not to accept too many "extras" to your day. You

can only do so much in a day's time. We all do better at solving problems and coping with that we cannot change by having a predictable life as possible. Identifying what's needed for the household, staying organized, and planning ahead of time truly helps to cut down on the chaos. By all means, make sure that you and other family members have fun and take the time to relax - it's excellent medicine for the soul. It is very important to avoid alcohol and drugs, since they only cover up stress and usually makes stress worse. Be conscious of your feelings and talk with someone. Even though they might not be able to remove the stress, talking about what is bothering you often help us to see solutions.

Now, back to the new high school student. You might inquire of your child making such a change, about how she feels, whether really excited or really nervous. You might mention to her the possible sources of the stress she feels. She might feel lost and confused until she is more familiar with the situation. She is likely to feel sad that she is not with the same old friends and misses talking with them. She might be lonely and unhappy, while waiting to make new friends. Anxiety and fear are likely to be created by her concerns about being able to deal with the new classes. Then, there is the usual huge concern of maybe not fitting in with anyone. Sometimes, kids are concerned that their parents will expect more of them than they can do. Remind her that she likely to feel more tired and worn out from using all the energy needed to start something new. Discuss with your child how she can perhaps tolerate the situation better by remembering there is a whole group of new people, not just her. Thus, she does not need to feel that everyone is staring at her. Encourage her to speak to someone by her imagining how relieved she would feel, if someone spoke to her. Talk about how her talking to someone could break the tension and give her someone to walk around with. Repeat often that she had been successful before in other schools with once new students and teachers and to give herself time. Also, encourage her to keep the positive aspects of being in high school in mind - more independence, more variety in classes, some choice in what she wants to study.

After doing whatever you can as a parent to reasonably support your child, recognize that your child might still need

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Children from the Town Branch Church paid tribute to Lowell and Martha Nelson, of Stonehand, California, earlier this year when the Nelson's visited our area. Mrs. Nelson handsews a dress each week to be given to a child in Eastern Kentucky. She also gathers and purchases other items of clothing for distribution, such as adult plus-size clothing.



Lowell and Martha Nelson, of California. Mrs. Nelson is holding one of the children's dresses she has made to be distributed to area children.



Heather Murphy models a dress from Tender Loving Care Ministries.

Postscript

grandmother and her contemporaries, all of who were still very close to the beauties of the old language, speaking it naturally without thought of show. Today, we seldom hear them, except from the occasional mountaineer who loves being the centerpiece and knows he can draw a crowd by his turn of a phrase.

I love to hear these showmen as much as the next one. I'm actually grateful that they are preserving our cultural significance and uniqueness.

Look at these offerings from A Whole 'Nother Language and see if you can remember them, or even understand them. If you don't know right away what they mean, ask around and share some of what we are losing every day.

- A-tall
- A sup
- Argue a black sheep is a white one
- As long as Pat stayed in the Army
- Back door trots
- Blackgard
- Blinky milk
- Briggedy
- Cairn
- Claim kin
- Common as an old shoe
- Cut a rusty
- Dreckly
- Druther
- Dry up
- Feather tick
- Fleshy
- Gallavantin'
- Gome
- Good turn
- Hard tellin' or untellin'
- Hit a lick at a snake
- I grannies

- Idy
- Kindly
- Layin' off
- Mark my words
- No account
- Off
- Pime blank
- Play hob
- Play pretties
- Pon my honor
- Quare
- Qui'tetus
- Quiled up
- Root hog or die
- Ros'n ears
- Set up with
- Somers
- Sworp
- Took a notion
- Touchess
- Waller
- Work brickle
- Have fun and be sure to listen.

Eyes

icine. I don't like to take medicine and, believe or not, I have managed to make it to this ripe old age (keep guessing) without the obligatory anti-depressants, sedatives and such that many others my age swear by faithfully. Except for a funny bout of (extreme!) anxiety that I suffered about a year ago now, I've managed to do quite well with coping with life's stresses and strains, med-free. Also, thankfully, I've somehow managed to not develop any major health problems such as diabetes, heart disease or cancer (knock on wood), so therefore, I haven't been put in a position so that I would have to remember any daily medication routines.

But, for over a year, slowly and building with time, I began to notice that something was not quite right with my system. I was too fatigued too often, way too grouchy, depressed with no apparent reason, and just generally miserable - both physically

and emotionally. Bending my younger brother's ears with complaints, he reminded me, about three months ago, of his thyroid condition. "You know, Jo, I'm very, very hypothyroid and the condition is far more prevalent in women than in men. It's kinda hard for me to believe that I could be the only one in our family with this. Get your thyroid checked," he said.

Well, for once I actually took someone's advice and did just that. Guess what? I have the same condition. After thinking for a time that I was heading for an untimely demise, I was actually quite thrilled to find out that what was wrong with me had a name - and not only that, that all I have to do to feel better is to take a little bit of medicine each day. And therein lies the rub, as they say.

After about two weeks on my new medicine, I began to feel like a new woman. The energy was returning, the fatigue was

retreating, the world was looking like a brighter place. Then, I ran out of medicine.

I believe I've admitted before, in this very column, that I am, undoubtedly, the world's worst procrastinator. So, I put off going by the pharmacy a day, then two, and before I knew it, almost two weeks had managed to get away from me. But the fatigue and depression had lain in wait - they know me well and probably figured I'd do a little backsliding.

Anyway, to make a long story short, I finally got my medicine. It's been a little over a week and once again I'm beginning to feel better - a lot better. And all because of a tiny pink pill.

I guess medicine isn't so bad, after all. Now, if they can only develop a container that will buzz, beep or yell out "Hey, you!" on cue to help keep those bad medicine-takers like me, on cue.

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Family Medicine

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



Baby, and mother, benefit from breastfeeding

Q: My daughter and son-in-law have a baby boy, our first grandchild, who is doing very well. However, the baby is now about seven months old and is continuing to breastfeed. I thought that women should stop breastfeeding when the child was old enough for solid food. My daughter's talking about breastfeeding for up to two years. Is this really a good idea?

Safe, Sound, Sustainable" — goes to the heart of your question.

The period of exclusive breastfeeding that's being referred to in this slogan is, indeed, for six months. During this time the infant should receive only breast milk — from his or her mother, or a wet nurse, or expressed breast milk. The baby should receive no other foods or drinks unless your doctor indicates otherwise.

So, you are right that at six months a baby is usually ready for some solid food. However, your daughter is correct that breastfeeding should continue beyond this point. According to many experts, it's a good idea to breastfeed for two years or more, with complementary foods. The child should still

not receive any formula — just breast milk and some solid foods that are appropriate given local culture and custom.

The benefits of continued breastfeeding are supported by a great deal of solid research. For instance, babies breastfed for more than six months are three times less likely to develop childhood leukemia than those who were breastfed for a shorter period of time. Also, a Danish study found that babies who were breastfed for at least nine months had higher IQ test scores in their late teens and twenties.

Other benefits of breastfeeding include a lower incidence of high blood pressure, respiratory infections, ear infections, diarrhea, juvenile diabetes, celiac disease, rheumatoid arthritis, urinary tract infection, multiple sclerosis, and tooth decay. There is also substantial evidence

that the risk of a baby dying from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or SIDS, is lower among breastfed infants.

And, the benefits are not just for the baby. Women who breastfeed their babies for more than two years have about half the risk of breast cancer compared to women who breastfeed for less than six months. Breastfeeding beyond six months also decreases the risk of osteoporosis for the mother.

Human milk cannot be duplicated. It's the very best food for infants, and it's free. For anyone expecting, or the mother of a newborn, I'd encourage you to breastfeed for a minimum of six months, and up to two years whenever possible.

Finally, let me say that as a female physician, I heartily endorse the work of the United Nations and other organizations affiliated with World Breastfeeding Week to promote world-

wide educational programs on the importance of exclusive breastfeeding. The idea is to encourage citizens of various nations to think of ways to enable more mothers to breastfeed in their respective countries.

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SFHS student recognized for academic achievements

Jarrod P. Gibson, of McDowell, has been selected for membership in The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). Jarrod is a student at South Floyd High School. The Society invites only those students who have superior academic achievement and are among

the top scholars in the nation. "I congratulate Jarrod on this outstanding achievement and applaud the commitment to academic excellence," said NSHSS Honorary Chair, Claes Nobel, a senior member of the Nobel Prize Family. The National Society of High

School Scholars was founded to recognize outstanding academic performance among high school students. Membership is by invitation only and includes valuable benefits for members such as scholarships, networking, events, publications, and other unique opportunities. As

members prepare for college, the Society encourages them to continue to strive for excellence in all their future endeavors. For additional information on The National Society of High School Scholars, visit the organization's website at: www.nshss.org.

Weddings



Wright-Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. John Paul and Sherree Wright, of Printer, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Rose, to Lyndon Keith Johnson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg and Melody Cable, of Melvin. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, August 14, 2004, at seven o'clock in the evening, at the home of the bride's parents. The gracious custom of an open wedding will be observed. Following, the couple will honeymoon in Gatlinburg, Tennessee before returning to reside in Johnson County.

Births/Birthdays

New Arrival

Chelsea Victoria Reynolds was born on July 9, 2004, to proud parents Kimberly and C.V. Reynolds, of Prestonsburg. Chelsea Victoria weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and was 19.5 inches in length. Kim and C.V. welcomed their little angel into the world at 7:07 a.m. Chelsea Victoria was eagerly welcomed home by family and friends and is busy brightening the worlds of all those who love her, most especially proud grandparents Judy and Doug Wiley.



HRMC Blood Drive, August 5

Want a shocker? Did you know that 300 pints of blood must be donated every single day of the year in central and eastern Kentucky? That's how much blood is needed at 67 hospitals and clinics in this half of the state.

Highlands Regional Medical Center wants you to know that the blood you donate here stays here, helping a fellow Kentuckian through a trauma, an accident, surgery, cancer treatment, burn recovery, and more.

Central Kentucky Blood Center will hold a blood drive at Highlands Regional Medical Center on Thursday, August 5, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the hospital conference room.

You don't have to be superhuman to donate blood - just be

over 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. You can be in and out in about an hour, and you can donate every 56 days.

Help save a life. CKBC will even give you a free snack, drink and t-shirt, but more importantly, we'll give you a great feeling.

For more information, call Russell Cassady at 1-800-775-2522.

Grace Way United Methodist to hold open house and first service this weekend

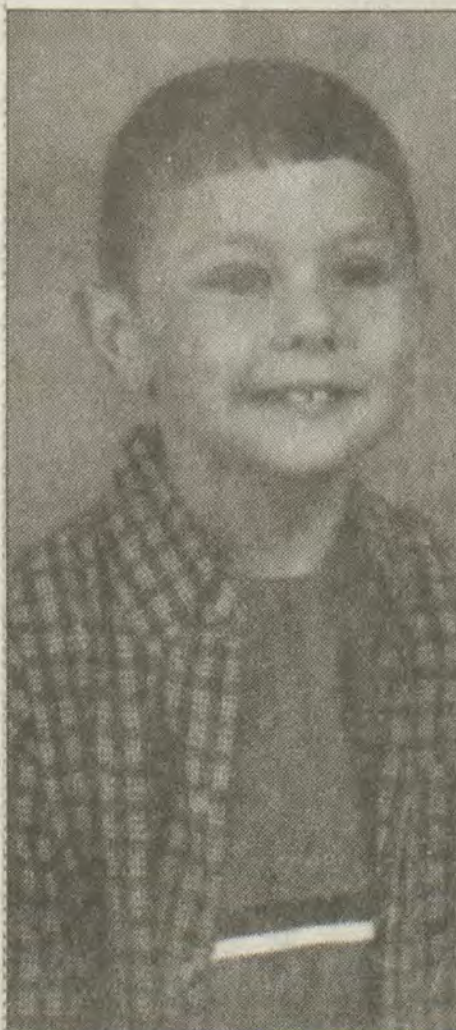
Since the two congregations voted to merge in 1998, the Maytown and Martin Methodist Churches have worked diligently toward the formation of their new church, the GraceWay United Methodist Church. This Saturday, July 31, the members of GraceWay United will host an open house, from 6-8 p.m., in their new church. Hamburgers

and hot dogs will be served and a candle lighting ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. "We're going to light candles at the altar in remembrance of those who have passed on since we began the work of building GraceWay," said Pastor Roy Harlow. The following morning, Sunday, August 1, the congregation will hold its first service in their new

building, at 11 a.m. GraceWay United Methodist Church is located on Route 80, just before the Maytown exit. All are invited to attend this weekend of special events.

Please, keep 'em coming!

Our pet photos file needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so, please, send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but have been afraid to ask"! You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolcac@tusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!



Nicholas is 7!

Nicholas Chase Osborne celebrated his seventh birthday on Wednesday, June 30, 2004, with a "Down on the Farm" theme party that was attended by many friends and family members. Nicholas is the son of Willard Jr. "Bud" and Stephanie Osborne, of Teaberry. He is the grandson of Harvey and Jewel Tackett and Willard and Peggy Osborne, all of Teaberry. He is the great-grandson of Estill and Mary Blankenship, also of Teaberry. Friends attending Nicholas' party included: Brady Jon Tate, Joshua and Samuel Hall, Kyle, Lucas and Shellie Hamilton, Austin Martin, Brenton Kyle Newsome and Victoria Osborne. Also attending were newlywed friends of the family, Justin and Dawn Hall, who were married on Saturday, June 26, 2004.

Wish

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fractures.

"We're pleased as punch to be able to grant Abigail's dream," Greathouse said. Greathouse also said that Patco Pools, the company that installed the above-ground system, also aided in helping keep Abigail's dream "afloat" by donating at least a season's worth of pool chemicals and other necessary items. The Dream Factory also provided both solar and winter pool covers to help keep the pool fresh and clean. "Now," said Greathouse, "if we can just find a way to get Abigail a heater for her pool, she can keep playing and exercising right into the cooler months."

For more information about The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, you can contact the organization's office at 606-886-0556, or in writing to: The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky, P.O. Box 47, Auxier, KY 41602. Donations are accepted and greatly appreciated and all funds are used exclusively to help grant the dreams of chronically and critically ill children. If you know of a child who may be eligible for the granting of a Dream Factory dream, contact the organization for an application.

Ponder

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additional help to learn new ways to tolerate stress, whatever the source. Some of the critical signs/symptoms that indicate your child is having increased stress are: changes in eating or sleeping habits; changes in behavior in relationships; increased fighting with family or friends; physical complaints such as headaches and stomachaches; a return to less mature behaviors; showing emotional distress - irritability, depression, fear, anxiety, and worry; failing grades and/or problems at school; and drug or alcohol use.

Since we cannot live in a vacuum, everyone is going to be involved with stress-producing situations. Furthermore, an "acceptable" amount of stress is

needed to keep us going so that we can accomplish things. But, the big, magic word is balance, in that we have the stress we need to motivate us and not so much that it is harmful. Learning to adjust adequately to stress is a major need for youngsters and the responsibility of parents and the family to see that the kids do the best they can. Being able to cope with the changes created by going to high school is yet another one of those significant developmental stages that can make a big difference in a child's life. Hopefully, if necessary lessons are learned at home, our children will be better prepared to function the very best they can in the "real" world.

Floyd County Devotional Page

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.
New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.;

Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Egt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.

First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Graydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.
Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2656 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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ALTHOUGH SOLOMON'S FAME AS A WISE KING IS NOTED IN THE BIBLE, LITTLE HAS BEEN SAID OF HIS NEIGHBOR TO THE SOUTH—THE QUEEN OF SHEBA. THIS YOUNG WOMAN, RULER OF WHAT TODAY IS THE MOST SOUTHERN POINT OF SAUDI ARABIA, HAD TO BE AS EQUALLY SMART AS HER MORE FAMOUS NORTHERN COUNTERPART, THOUGH MISTRESS OF A RICH COUNTRY HERSELF (CALLED YEMEN TODAY, THE LAND WAS A CROSSROADS OF MANY IMPORTANT TRADE ROUTES TO THE EAST, THIS SHEBA DID PROFIT IMMENSELY) SHE COULDN'T HELP BUT BE IMPRESSED BY THE TALES OF SOLOMON'S TREMENDOUS WEALTH AND THE ABSOLUTE LUXURY OF HIS PALACE... SO SHE ADORNED HER STRANGE DARK BEAUTY WITH HER FINEST GARMENTS AND SET OFF TO VISIT SOLOMON IN THE NORTH...

NOW, IT SHOULD BE QUITE OBVIOUS THAT SHEBA'S VISIT WASN'T JUST TO VIEW SOLOMON'S MAGNIFICENCE—FOR THE TRIP ITSELF HAD TO TAKE THE BETTER PART OF THREE YEARS—AND SHE WENT WITH A GREAT TRAIN OF CAMELS LOADED WITH GIFTS, SPICES, PRECIOUS STONES, PEARLS, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY TALENTS OF GOLD (ABOUT \$185,000). THIS YOUNG QUEEN WAS "LOADED FOR BEAR" AS THE SAYING GOES—AND SHE GOT IT!



NEXT WEEK: WASTED STRENGTH!



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The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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CATHOLIC

St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Damron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.

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Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.

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CHURCH OF GOD

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EPISCOPAL

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METHODIST

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Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.

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PUBLIC NOTICE The Floyd County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet on Thursday, August 5, 2004, at 10 a.m., in the conference room of the Floyd County Annex, Department for Homeland Security Building, 313 Westminster Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. This meeting is open to the

public. Please direct questions to Floyd County EM Manager Jim Caldwell, at 606-886-9678, or LEPC Chairperson Tim Johnson, at 606-886-1010.

INVITATION TO BID

The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center is now receiving bids on window treatments and bedspreads/comforters for its female dorm. Bids will be accepted until Wednesday, August 11, 2004, at 4 p.m. No late bids will be accepted. For more information, please contact Teresa Carroll, at 606-886-0077, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday. The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

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The Floyd County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for Roof Repairs at Allen Elementary School, Betsy Layne High School, and James D. Adams Middle School. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., local time, August 12, 2004. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

Bids must be mailed or delivered to Greg Adams, Director of Facilities, 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601, so as to arrive prior to the time established for their opening. All risks involved with the proper and timely delivery of any Proposal shall be assumed by the Bidder. Any bid which is not received on a

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Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from Richardson Associates Architects, P.S.C. for a non-refundable fee of \$75.00. Plans and specifications may be examined at the Office of the Architect, Office of the Owner, ABC/Reed of Lexington, 300 New Circle Road, Lexington, KY: ACG/McGraw-Hill Construction 950 Contract St., Ste 100, Lexington, KY, and 1717 Alliant Avenue Ste. 11, Louisville, KY, and Builders Exchange of Louisville, 2300 Meadow Drive.

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days after the date set for the opening of bids.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that G & L Energy, Inc., 651 Meade Branch, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for Phase II bond release on increment No. 1, of permit 836-5444, which was last issued on 06/11/2004. The application covers an area of approximately 891.20 acres, located 0.60 mile west of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.30 mile east from Coolwater Road's junction with KY State Route 7, and located 0.07 mile south of Saltlick Creek.

The bond now in effect for increment No. 1 is a Letter of

Credit for Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by September 13, 2004.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding, and mulching, and tree setting, completed spring 2001; and the establishment of an adequate vegetative cover.

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 September 13, 2004.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for September 14, 2004, 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, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by September 13, 2004.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5440, Operator Change

(1) In accordance with KRS 8:010, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise permit number 836-5440, to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC.

The new operator will be McPeck Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 197, Dorton, KY 41520.

(2) The operation is located 0.3 mile west of Craynor, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.15 mile southwest of KY 979's junction with the Mink Branch Road, and is 0.3 mile west of Mink Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

(3) The application has been filed for public inspection, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments or objections, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5458

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a permit for an underground mining operation, located approximately 1.5 mile southeast of Banner in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 4.94 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 112.00 acres, making a total of 116.94 acres within the total permit boundary.

The proposed operation is located 0.4 mile east of Hall Branch Road's junction with State Route 1426, and located 0.30 mile east of Prater Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by the Michael Keith Hall Estate. The permit area will underlie land owned by the Michael Keith Hall Estate, and Hazie Boyd.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5427, Major Revision No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.70 mile northwest of Grethel, in Floyd County. The major revision will add 2.09 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 0.70 acre making a total area of 1174.26 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 1.31 mile east of Drift, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The operation is approximately 1.80 mile east of KY's 122 junction with the Simpson Branch County Road, and located 0.10 mile southeast of Simpson Branch. The latitude is 37°29'33" and the longitude is 82°42'21".

The proposed major revision is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by this major revision is owned by Stella M. Hamilton. The major revision will underlie land owned by Stella M. Hamilton.

The major revision proposes to add a portal area in Simpson Branch.

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

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 860-0349, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070 notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky, 41839-0130, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 0.25 mile east of Betty, and situated in both Knott and Floyd counties. The amendment will add approximately 1.12 acre of surface disturbance, making a total area of 761.61 acres within the amended permit boundary.

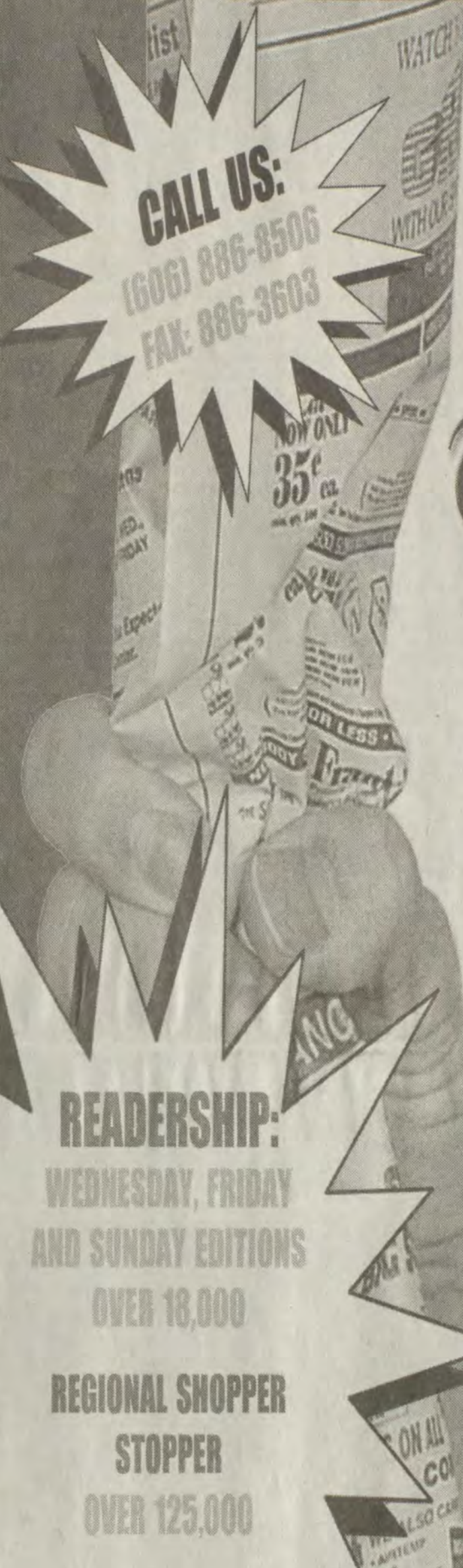
The proposed amendment area is located in Floyd County, approximately 1.17 mile south/southwest of Wayland, Kentucky, approximately 1.07 mile south/southwest from Mill Creek Road's junction with Clear Water Road, and located approximately 1.05 mile due west of Mill Creek's confluence with Beaver Creek.

The proposed amendment area is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Ray Lute, et al. The operation will use the mountaintop removal method of surface mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. Route 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-4321.

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