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Thieves target flood victims

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — With waters receding and a huge cleanup at hand, the Floyd County Sheriff's Office reports that flood victims are now facing another obstacle.

The severity of damages can be seen throughout the county with piles of furniture and personal property pushed along creeksides and sprawled on residential front lawns to dry as people clean up the mess. These areas, Sheriff John K. Blackburn said, are perfect targets for theft.

According to Blackburn, the sheriff's office is currently investigating three complaints of theft against flood victims at Abbott Creek.

"People are busy trying to get everything cleaned up," Blackburn said, "They haven't had time to move anything and people are coming in and stealing

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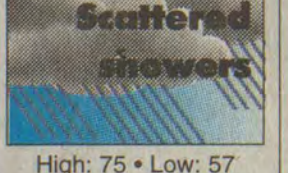
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Flood toll could reach \$4 million

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court met Thursday to continue to discuss damages and cleanup from weekend flooding.

The first announcement was an assessment of damages for the county that were reported by Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson. Damage to 130 roads was

reported, with 40 of those being impassable. Nine bridges were destroyed with the estimated cost of just three of them reaching \$350,000.

Fire Marshall Bob Carpenter added to the list by reporting damages in Prestonsburg. He reported 200 homes flooded, with five of those being completely destroyed, and 15 roads demolished at an estimated cost of \$700,000. He also reported \$300,000 in damage to three

area schools and \$75,000 in damage to utilities. One dugout was destroyed at one Archer Park ballfield.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin was called upon to speak next and pleaded for patience.

"It's going to take awhile for state aid and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to come through," Fannin said.

Thompson noted that he has seen seven

floods in the last five years, but "this one has done more dollar damage and affected more people than any of the others."

Thompson also pointed out that the timing of the flood couldn't have been worse as there is still no state budget approved as the end of the fiscal year draws near. Thompson estimated the total cost of repairs at \$4 million, with a quarter-million

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Although Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn claims he's "not much of a shopper," the man, with a team of several others, gathered seven truckloads of cleaning supplies for flood victims.

Sheriff finds help to get victims cleaning supplies

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Sheriff John K. Blackburn went shopping Wednesday with Deputy Greg Clark and local church members to purchase cleaning supplies for those affected by weekend flooding.

An Abbott Creek resident, Blackburn requested and received funding Wednesday from the Kentucky Sheriff's Association to help those suffering the brunt of the weekend storm event.

The association, headed by Davidson County Sheriff Keith Gaines, readily donated \$2,500

during a meeting Wednesday in Frankfort. The Floyd County Sheriff's Office used the money to purchase truckloads of cleaning supplies for area victims.

"I try to help people," Blackburn said. "Some people are in so bad a condition, bad shape. Some of them lost everything they had, their home, their cars. There are kids without clothes, everything. This is something that is not supposed to happen, but does. Mother Nature is something you can't stop."

Blackburn and eight other individuals went shopping Wednesday at Prestonsburg Wal-Mart, who also donated \$250 to

the Department for the event. The shoppers hauled out seven truckloads of bleach, disinfectant and other cleaning materials, as well as brooms, mops, buckets, scrub brushes, garbage bags, paper towels and plastic gloves.

The supplies, housed at the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church and the Landmark Christian Church in Watergap, are now available to victims seeking assistance.

"I urge anyone that can donate to these flood victims to do so," Blackburn said. "If they would just drive through these places and see what happened to these people."

Park expects quick rebound

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Jenny Wiley State Resort Park will open on schedule this weekend with only a few inconveniences due to the flooding.

Derrick K. Ramsey, deputy secretary of the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet, toured the park Thursday and was optimistic about getting the park in shape. He was most impressed with the staff at the park and said, "They are absolutely incredible. This group is a real team."

Ramsey also singled out Commissioner George Ward for praise and said, "His foresight and determination will get things done."

Ramsey also singled out act-

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photo by H. Allen Bolling
Despite withstanding quite a bit of damage from Memorial Day flooding, such as at the golf course pictured above, officials are confident that attractions at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park will be up and running soon.

Churches picking up slack for swamped insurance agencies

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

DEBORD — The aftermath of last weekend's flood damage continues to envelop the lives of area families as they frantically seek aid and assessments of the punishing losses they have incurred.

In Martin County, Paul Bessie Morrison's family saw their home get washed out and taken a quarter-mile down the creek at Middle Fork, where it

is lodged behind the Freedom Freewill Baptist Church.

Paul Morrison, his son, has been on the phone for days trying to help his parents.

"We've contacted FEMA," he said, "They said that the area hasn't been declared a disaster yet."

The Morrison family includes three brothers who all lived in the Debord area and are now staying in campers on

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WHERE TO GET HELP

- To report damages to county roads, bridges and culverts, call the Floyd County Road Department at (606) 452-1001 or (606) 478-1001.
- County residents with damages to private property, including homes and other structures, private bridges and private roadways, are being asked to call the Floyd County Emergency Management Office at (606) 886-0498 or (800) 279-3191.
- Prestonsburg residents with damages to public property including city roads, bridges and culverts to report should call the city's Department of Public Works at (606) 886-3537.
- Prestonsburg residents who suffered private property damage are being asked to call Fire Marshal Bobby Carpenter at (606) 886-2335 to report damages are request assistance with cleanup.
- To obtain cleaning supplies, call (800) 696-3873
- The Christian Appalachian Project Warehouse in West Prestonsburg is offering clothing, cleaning supplies and other materials for area flood victims. They are also accepting donations at this location. Call (606) 886-9718.
- Cleaning supplies can be picked up at the Landmark Christian Church at Watergap and the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church at Abbott Creek.
- The Johnson County branch of the Salvation Army is offering shelter to those left homeless by the flood at the Paintsville Community Center. They have a canteen set up at that location to provide hot meals to those in need. Mobile canteens are also set up throughout surrounding counties. Cleanup kits and water can also be picked up at the organization's Main Street location in Paintsville. Call (606) 789-2612 or (606) 788-8794.
- The Red Cross currently has shelter available on U.S. 23 in the R.E. Michaels building. They are also offering water and cleanup kits for those in need. Call (606) 886-8330.
- A food bank is currently available at the St. James' Episcopal Church in Prestonsburg.
- St. Martha's Catholic Church is offering clothing to families, based only on referrals from other agencies such as the Emergency Management Office. Call (606) 874-9526 or (606) 886-0498.
- Families who plan to seek assistance through FEMA if and when it's available should contact the Emergency Management Office at (606) 886-0498.

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Odds & Ends

The Associated Press

■ KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A man who nearly drowned while trying to retrieve his car keys from a lake bottom — using a garden hose to breathe — will try again Thursday with a trained diver.

Michael Hatfield, 54, lost his car keys in Longview Lake on

Memorial Day. The Missouri State Water Patrol said he used the hose to snorkel 30-feet below the surface, with a 20-pound boat anchor tied to his waist to help him reach the bottom.

On one attempt, the garden hose slipped from his mouth. Hatfield, unable to breathe, became disoriented, the water

patrol said.

A spotter holding a rope tied to Hatfield pulled him to safety after sensing trouble.

Hatfield was not breathing for a short time after he surfaced, but eventually began breathing on his own. Authorities said he refused medical treatment.

"I'm shaking now, thinking about what could have been,"

Hatfield said.

"Keys can really be replaced," he said. "At the time, I did not think about that. It was really an embarrassment."

■ NEW YORK — Cracker Jack is back in the lineup at Yankee stadium.

The snack mentioned in the lyrics to "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" returned after it was briefly replaced this season by the competing caramel popcorn, Crunch 'n Munch.

Yankees officials replaced Cracker Jack after Frito-Lay started packaging the 7-ounce size in bags, rather than boxes. Officials said the bags broke open and weren't as popular.

They changed their minds after the decision drew the ire of baseball purists.

"The fans have spoken," said the Yankees' chief operating officer, Lonn Trost.

A spokesman for Frito-Lay, Charles Nicolas, said the company had sought to better preserve the caramel popcorn's freshness with the bags and was pleased that Cracker Jack

would return to the home of the Bronx Bombers.

■ PITTSBURGH — State police are taking to the woods, dressed in camouflage and armed. But the weapons are radar guns, the quarry is speeders and the season never closes.

Police at the Rockview Barracks near State College began using so-called "camo cops" patrols after a 44-vehicle crash on Interstate 80 that killed six people in January.

"As a result, there were many, many letters and questions and fingerprinting — What are you doing? What are you not doing enough of?" said Lt. Jeffrey Watson, station commander.

The tactic is catching on with state police in other counties.

In one five-hour blitz in Indiana County last week, troopers issued 25 citations to motorists zooming along at least 15 miles faster than the posted 55 mph limit — including one lead foot cited for

going 90 mph.

"It's going to continue throughout the summer months," said Shawn Houck, a spokesman with the state transportation department, which partnered with the barracks.

■ FOND DU LAC, Wis. — Gene Noe fears he may be the only one who shows up for his high school class reunion.

Noe, 93, is planning a 75-year reunion for the class of 1929.

"It's kind of funny," Noe said. "I hope we can find seven or eight, if we're lucky."

Noe, a former assistant postmaster, graduated from Fond du Lac Senior High School with about 270 other students.

His class last met 10 years ago. Since then, many of Noe's classmates have died or can no longer get around. Noe doesn't know how many are living and can attend.

Noe's son is helping to throw the party at a local restaurant at the end of the month.

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Democratic County Chairman Keith Bartley announces that

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The purpose of this county-wide caucus is to elect delegates to attend the Congressional District and State Conventions on June 19, in Lexington, where we will be electing delegates from our Congressional District to represent Kentucky at the National Convention in Boston on July 26-29, 2004.

All Democrats who reside in Floyd County and are registered to vote, are eligible to attend on June 5 and participate in the election of delegates to the Congressional District and State Conventions.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 4, the 156th day of 2004. There are 210 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On June 4, 1942, the Battle of Midway began during World War II.

On this date:

■ In 1812, the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory.

■ In 1878, Turkey turned Cyprus over to the British.

In 1892, the Sierra Club was incorporated in San Francisco.

■ In 1896, Henry Ford made a successful pre-dawn test run of his horseless carriage, called a "quadricycle," through the streets of Detroit.

■ In 1940, the Allied military evacuation from Dunkirk, France, ended.

■ In 1944, the U.S. Fifth Army began liberating Rome during World War II.

■ In 1947, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved the Taft-Hartley Act.

■ In 1954, French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Premier Buu Loc initialed treaties in Paris according to "complete independence" to Vietnam.

■ In 1986, Jonathan Jay Pollard, a former Navy intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty in Washington to spying for Israel. (He is serving a life prison term.)

■ In 1989, hundreds, possibly thousands of people died as Chinese army troops stormed Beijing to crush a pro-democracy movement.

Ten years ago:

President Clinton and British Prime Minister John Major paid tribute to the lost airmen of World War II at the American Cemetery in Cambridge, England.

Five years ago:

Using a provision of the Constitution allowing him to bypass the Senate, President Clinton appointed openly gay San Francisco businessman James C. Hormel ambassador to Luxembourg while Congress was in recess. On the tenth anniversary of China's crackdown on the Tiananmen Square protests, tens of thousands of people in Hong Kong held a candlelight vigil.

One year ago:

President Bush held landmark meetings with the Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers, hoping to advance a Middle East peace plan after winning new support from top Arab leaders. Martha Stewart stepped down as head of her media empire, hours after federal prosecutors in New York charged her with obstruction of justice, conspiracy, securities fraud and lying to investigators. (Stewart was convicted last March of lying about why

she'd sold her shares of ImClone Systems stock in 2001, just before the stock price plunged.)

Today's Birthdays:

Former Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) is 87. Opera singer Robert Merrill is 85. Actor Dennis Weaver is 80. Actor John Drew Barrymore is 72. Actor Bruce Dern is 68. Country singer Freddy Fender is 67. Musician Roger Ball is 60. Jazz musician Anthony Braxton is 59. Singer Gordon Waller (Peter and Gordon) is 59. Rock musician Danny Brown (The Fixx) is 53. Actor Parker Stevenson is 52. Actor Keith David is 48. Actress Julie Gholson is 46. Actor Eddie Velez is 46. Singer-musician El DeBarge is 43. Tennis player Andrea Jaeger is 39. Actor Scott Wolf is 36. Actor Noah Wyle is 33. Rock musician Stefan Lessard (The Dave Matthews Band) is 30. Comedian Horatio Sanz is 30. Actress Angelina Jolie is 29.

Thought for Today:

"Conventionality is not morality. Self-righteousness is not religion. To attack the first is not to assail the last." — Charlotte Bronte, English novelist (1816-1855).

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Flood

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lion needed now to get things started. The county is still waiting on a \$600,000 check for damages from previous floods but hasn't received it as of yet.

Good news came about halfway through the meeting when it was reported that Gov. Ernie Fletcher declared several Eastern Kentucky counties to be disaster areas. That designation is expected to help push FEMA towards doing assessments which could result in that agency picking up 75 percent of the repair costs.

Thompson was very concerned about Middle Creek, which has been damaged in all of the last five floods, and opined that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers should look into why the area seems to have become more prone to flooding.

The best news for the county is that several groups are already at work to provide services.

"This is what makes Eastern Kentucky great," said Sandy Runyon, director of Big Sandy Area Development District. "At times of disaster we pull together."

Present at the meeting to announce their services and offer aid were a variety of people and organizations.

Barry Newill, who manages the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center in Thelma, was on hand as a representative of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and presented the court with a donation of \$10,000 for flood victims.

Harold Moore, of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the first to call Thompson to offer aid.

"We're always glad to help," Moore said. "We help remove mud, pull out wet insulation and help make homes safe again. When we got here we saw that a house we cleaned up last year was gone. It breaks our hearts, but we are going to be here as long as people need us."

Rev. Johnny Ross, of the St. James Episcopal Church, reported that the church has assisted

48 families so far and served 170 meals. The Red Cross has asked to use the church's pantry as a resource center.

Red Cross representatives were all out in the field and could not be present at the meeting.

A representative from Floyd County Schools said that the family resource centers of all area schools would be available to aid families. Clark Elementary has become a staging ground for relief efforts as well.

The Salvation Army has a mobilized meal service which can get food out to those who need it. They are being joined in this effort by Alton Gardener, of Oklahoma, who has assisted in efforts such as the Oklahoma bombing and, most recently, Iraq.

An assistant from U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers' office was present and promised that a letter would be drafted to ask federal officials to speed up the process with FEMA.

Also present were members of the Floyd County Health Department, which is offering tetanus shots to anyone whose area was flooded with water containing sewage.

Representatives from an offshoot of FEMA, called Project Recovery, were also present and that program will be available to offer emotional support to those who have been shaken up by the destruction of their homes.

Churches

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their property. They have been trying to reach their insurance carrier, the Martin County office of Kentucky Farm Bureau, but have had no success getting through.

This is not surprising due to the volume of calls that other branches of the Farm Bureau are receiving. Floyd Green, of Kentucky Farm Bureau in Floyd

Judge refuses to step down from death row appeal

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Circuit Judge John David Caudill refused to recuse himself from proceedings regarding a death row inmate who is accusing him of unethical behavior.

Donald Herb Johnson, 36, sentenced to death by Caudill in September 1997 for the brutal slaying of laundry clerk Helen Madden, 61, sat quietly in a chair with his legs crossed during the hearing yesterday.

Johnson, who entered a blind plea to murder, burglary, robbery and two counts of first-degree sexual abuse, is accusing Caudill of "promising" him a

25-year-to-life sentence during a closed hearing with his former defense attorneys.

Johnson claims he pleaded guilty to the charges because Caudill promised him the deal.

His attorneys, assistant public advocates David Hershaw and Susan J. Balliet, referred to five separate affidavits from Johnson's former lawyers and others who claim to have knowl-

edge of the alleged deal. With this in mind, they say Caudill is now a witness in the case and is, therefore, unable to preside as judge over the proceedings.

"You have a dog in this fight, your Honor, and we feel that's a basis for recusal," Hershaw said.

David Smith, special prosecutor for the commonwealth, "vehemently" objected to the

motion, saying that Caudill would be setting an unwelcome precedent if he were to recuse himself from the case.

"I dread to think of what a slippery slope we'd begin if we started calling judges as wit-

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State says moonshine making a comeback

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

Officials with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control said there's a growing trend in the area — the production and consumption of moonshine.

That affirmation came after the arrest of a Langley man charged with purchasing the illegal beverage.

Kenneth Patton Jr., 28, of Langley, was cited by ABC investigator John Adkins for misdemeanor charges of unlawful possession of moonshine and possession of an open alcoholic beverage.

According to the citation, filed May 26 in Floyd District

Court, Patton "was observed" getting money from Ricky Carol and purchasing a quart of moonshine on Route 7, near the Floyd-Magoffin county line.

Adkins would not give details of the arrest yesterday, saying only that ABC investigators did not witness the alleged purchase.

An investigation continues, he said, into the alleged moonshine supplier.

"It seems to be getting to be a problem," he said, noting that his office has received increasing complaints regarding moonshine. "It hasn't been in the past, it's more so now than in the past."

Patton is scheduled for arraignment on June 23.

Theft

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things along the creeks and yards ... If we catch anyone doing this, they will be heavily prosecuted."

Blackburn, who says he's initialized 24-hour surveillance of the area, urges residents to take down license numbers of suspicious vehicles and report suspicious activity to the sheriff's office at (606) 886-6171.

County, noted that, "We are handling claims as they come in and we're getting to them as fast as we can."

Since the flood, Farm Bureau has received 150 claims in Floyd County and 100 at the Magoffin County office. Green was about to leave on a call but said that additional help is on the way.

"We had three extra people in yesterday, one today and a call into our headquarters [in Jackson] for additional help tomorrow," Green said. "I took down information from 30 calls that I received at home last night."

Green implored customers to not give up calling if they receive a busy signal and said, "Just keep trying. We will get out to you and do all we can."

Kentucky Farm Bureau will be coming out to area homes to do assessments. In order to help those who were hardest hit they are ranking their visits and placing homes that were completely destroyed at the top of their priorities. This shouldn't discourage others from calling with their claims, Green said, but those who suffered comparatively minor damage should expect a visit after the major claims have been processed.

The Morrison family has been able to depend on their local church for aid. The Freedom Freewill Baptist Church has been getting food out to citizens in Debord.

Felicia Johnson, of the church, stated that, "This [Wednesday] is our third day of food," church member Felicia Johnson said. "We had a shelter open the first night and there's a couple staying there now. We have been open for three days to offer shelter, food and water."

Park

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ing park manager Mike Paley for his ability to "rally everyone together. His leadership is what they needed here at a time like this and I commend him for that."

Paley was optimistic about this weekend. "Only a few activities have been affected. Golf and the marina but both are expected to open soon."

It's also full steam ahead for the theater, which opens its first show this weekend at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. The musical that starts

the season will be "My Way." The show had already been scheduled for the indoor venue, giving the staff two weeks to prepare for the first outdoor performance.

Paley is looking forward to a healthy summer season and noted that a good portion of the campgrounds are ready for use.

"Some sites will need more work," Paley said, "but the campgrounds will be open this weekend and the Lodge and restaurant are already in use."

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Daytona (Fla.) Beach News-Journal, on spiraling prescription drug prices:

Two major, recent studies agree: Even as seniors sign up for the new Medicare prescription-drug benefit, the ever-increasing price of pharmaceuticals threatens to wipe out any "benefit."...

The grim picture was painted by the numbers in two separate studies issued by Families USA and the AARP, both of which showed drug prices increasing at roughly three times the rate of inflation.

The methodologies were slightly different. The AARP tracked the list prices for the 200 most commonly prescribed drugs from 2000 to 2003, finding that prices increased nearly three times the rate of inflation. That's a fair comparison, given that Social Security checks are also keyed to the rate of inflation.

The Families USA study used slightly different methodology and covered 30 drugs, many of which it has tracked for several years. The conclusions, however, were the same: Prices have gone up between 6 percent and 7 percent each year. ...

These reports expose the truth. Congress has not dealt with the issue of prescription-drug price gouging. In fact, the new law — which prevents the federal government from negotiating for price discounts and undermines existing Medicare supplement plans — could actually make the situation considerably worse for seniors. ...

Dayton (Ohio) Daily News, on planned terrorist attacks:

Bad as the Iraq war has been, at least this country has had no major terrorist attacks since 9/11. But Tuesday brought two pieces of bad news.

Government officials said they think terrorists are planning a major attack this summer and are already deployed here.

Meanwhile, a respected British-based think tank offered its guess that al-Qaida still has 18,000 terrorists scattered around the world.

The 340-page survey rejects completely the Bush notion that Iraq is the front line of the war against terror. The Bush administration has, of course, rejected the institute's criticism of the Iraq war.

But, given the administration's own need to keep pressing the anti-terrorist campaign in this country to keep funding it, to keep warning people, the White House cannot convincingly argue that the situation is much better than the institute suggests, a year after the fall of Saddam.



Guest Column

Capitol Ideas Governor's tax plan picks up support from a House leader

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — After weeks of political deadlock, a member of the Democratic House leadership hoped to trigger new budget negotiations last week by calling for an end to partisan politics over the state budget.

Flanked by Republican and Democratic House lawmakers, retiring House Majority Caucus Chairman Jim Callahan on Thursday called for a special session. Callahan, a Democrat from Wilder, said legislative leaders should promptly resume budget negotiations.

They should work toward passing a spending plan along with some form of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's proposed tax plan, Callahan said.

"It's time for us to put the R's and the D's aside, and recognize that we're all K's," Callahan said. "Kentuckians who are committed to Kentucky's future."

The 2004 General Assembly adjourned in April without passing a state budget for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1. Leadership in the House and Senate have been locked at odds over Fletcher's tax proposal.

The plan is supposed to be "revenue neutral" by cutting some taxes while increasing others. The proposal includes a "trigger" that would cut income tax rates when state revenues reached certain levels.

Fletcher has said he was willing to negotiate on that trigger point.

However, the governor said he won't call legislators back to Frankfort for a

special session unless leadership in the two chambers have an agreement.

Lawmakers should look at Fletcher's willingness to negotiate on the trigger as a starting point to resume negotiations and pass a budget for the next biennium before June 30, Callahan said.

Fletcher said he was encouraged by Callahan's statements.

"We're willing to certainly work with that group on that effort and I would encourage the speaker of the House to join that effort," Fletcher said. "I think it would certainly allow us to stop this deadlock that we've got and move things forward."

Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly said Callahan and the other House lawmakers who stood with him gave him new hope.

"I have not been very hopeful that the House leadership would change their mind because of statements that I've

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Guest Column

Washington Today 'Full sovereignty' in Iraq might not be so

by GEORGE GEDDA
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WASHINGTON — President Bush and top U.S. officials repeatedly stress that Iraqis will have "full sovereignty" after June 30. The interim Iraqi government that takes power then, however, will be more caretaking than autonomous, unable to do basic functions such as make laws or control military forces.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, national security adviser to former President Carter, says the term "full sovereignty" — emphasized Tuesday by Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice — lacks credibility. No government can be fully sovereign while its country is "still being occupied by a foreign army,"

140,000 men, subject to our authority," he said.

Brzezinski envisions a government of "limited sovereignty," the same wording used by Undersecretary of State Marc Grossman before Congress in April.

The Bush administration quickly disavowed that phrase in favor of "full sovereignty."

Nevertheless, the Iraqi administration to be installed on July 1 is more a caretaker government than an entity with broad authority to exercise its will.

As an example, U.S. forces there will remain under American control. Also, the approval of any new laws must await the early 2006 installation of an elected government contemplated under the current timetable.

The main task of the interim authority will be to run the country through the various government ministries and to organize elections in January for what Bush calls "the first freely elected, truly representative national governing body in Iraq's history."

The State Department said Tuesday the interim government — a 33-member cabinet was announced Tuesday in

Baghdad — will be free to establish diplomatic relations with Iran or other countries if it wishes.

But Simon Chesterman, of the Institute for International Law and Justice at New York University, likens U.S. relations with the future Iraqi caretaker government to the dominant role the Soviet Union maintained over pliable East Bloc allies during the last century.

U.S. officials say the two situations are not comparable, based on the permanent nature of the Soviet troop presence in Central Europe contrasted to the U.S. goal of leaving Iraq as quickly as possible and American support for a transfer of power to an elected government.

Powell said Tuesday he believes the transfer in Iraq from the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority will be genuine.

"The Iraqi people will now see that their destiny is in the hands of their own leaders," he told reporters. "The occupation as they know it is coming to an end, in that their political leaders are in

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Entertainment Extra

At the Movies:

'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Entertainment Writer

Harry Potter is 13 now, an awkward age for anyone - even a boy wizard armed with magical powers.

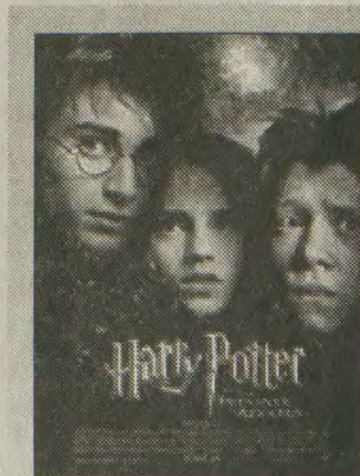
But "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," the third film in the series, couldn't be more self-assured.

Alfonso Cuarón, best known for making the gritty coming-of-age film "Y Tu Mama Tambien," has taken over directing duties and taken the tale in a darker direction.

Much of that comes from author J.K. Rowling's source material itself - "Azkaban" is heavier thematically than its predecessors, as Harry learns more about how his parents died and begins to understand who he really is.

(Steve Kloves, who adapted the first two "Harry Potter" books for the screen, wrote the script for this one, as well. Rowling, meanwhile, has completed five books in her seven-book series.)

Visually, though, "Azkaban" isn't as glossy or whimsical as



"Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG for frightening moments, creature violence and mild language.

Running time:
141 minutes.

Three and a half stars out of four.

the first two films - "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" and "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" - both of which Chris Columbus directed. Cuarón has completely reinvented the series with a bleakly beautiful style that resembles German expressionism, using cold shades of gray, a generous amount of black and off-kilter camera angles.

The skies are constantly cloudy over the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and even a game of

Quidditch, the young wizards' beloved sport, takes place in a driving rain storm.

It's a daring move, one that makes "Azkaban" more stimulating for adults but may have resulted in a film that's too scary for young kids.

The Dementors - hooded creatures who guard the Azkaban prison and suck the souls from their victims - are sent to Hogwarts to protect the students from escaped wizard Sirius Black, but that doesn't make them any less ominous.

(Perhaps, though, playing video games has taught children how to divorce this kind of experience from reality; a Dementor may seem like just another zap-pable bad guy.)

"Azkaban" has some wondrous moments, too. A scene in which Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) takes a ride on a hippogriff - a flying animal that's half horse, half eagle - has a soaring, I'm-the-king-of-the-world energy about it, only without the bombastic Celine Dion music.

The supporting cast is more fabulous than ever. Besides the returning actors - including Alan Rickman as the snippy Professor Snape and Robbie Coltrane as the lovable giant Hagrid - there are some wonderful additions.

David Thewlis plays the supportive Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher who helps Harry face his fears, and Emma Thompson is a scene stealer as a hippie-chick divination professor, a showy role that's a great contrast with the prim parts for which she's best known. As the mysterious, misunderstood Sirius Black, Gary Oldman infuses his character with great heart and sympathy.

(Michael Gambon takes over seamlessly as Hogwarts headmaster Albus Dumbledore, the role Richard Harris played until his death in 2002.)

Most importantly, Radcliffe and the young actors who co-star as Harry's pals are more confident than ever. Radcliffe, who was a likable if slightly goofy kid in the first two movies, has grown into a charismatic (and cute) 14-year-old.

Emma Watson, as Harry's bossy buddy Hermione, has developed into a strong, beautiful

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Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

The first week of June was marked by the home video and DVD release of last year's "Monster." This film, which netted an Oscar for lead actress Charlize Theron, is the true account of Aileen Wuornos. She was a rarity in that she was a female serial killer.

Wuornos killed seven men in Florida, where she lived as a transient and often supported herself by working as an occasional prostitute. The film got mixed reviews but critics were unanimous in their praise of Theron in the title role.

There is also a documentary out by Nick Broomfield (who did documentaries on Kurt Cobain and Heidi Fleiss) called "Aileen Wuornos: The Selling of a Serial Killer." This film features interviews with Wuornos, on death row in Florida, and all of the people around her. Ironically, it is her attorney who comes off the worst, as he appears to use his client's celebrity to advance his career.

Kids might like the new "Dora the Explorer" title which is called "Super Silly Fiesta."

There is also a trio of Spiderman DVDs out from the new series on MTV. The sharp consumer should avoid these, priced at \$10 each and containing three episodes per unit, and get the whole season of 13 episodes which is priced at about \$25.

Television fans might enjoy the first season of "The Dukes of Hazzard." There are 13 episodes on three discs and they restore footage that was cut to squeeze them onto TNN, where the commercials ate up a fair amount of time.

The DVD dud of the week is a straight-to-video sequel to Starship Troopers called "Hero of the Federation." This film, which premiered last month on Encore Action Channel, is more like "The Thing" and "The Hidden" and features none of the epic battle sequences which enlivened the original film. The director here is an FX guru named Phil Tippet. The script is

by Ed Neumeier, who wrote the original, but it still turns out to be a plodding exercise that showcases a decimated company of soldiers taking refuge at an abandoned bunker (bad idea, guys) and soon discovering that the bugs they are fighting can control human hosts. You've seen it before people and there is nothing new here.

Next week brings two popular television series to DVD. "Quantum Leap" and "The A-Team" mark their digital debuts, but the big release will surely be a three-disc special edition of Clint Eastwood's adaptation of Dennis Lehane's "Mystic River."

Appalachian-based films featured in festival

The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The best of Appalachia will be profiled this week when the Huntington Regional Film Commission hosts its inaugural Appalachian Film Festival.

The festival started Thursday and will feature 13 independent films before it ends on Saturday.

The films were selected from a field of 44 that were submitted to the commission. Each was produced since 2000

in the 13-state Appalachian region.

"One of the most surprising things about the festival was not only how well we have done in getting these kinds of films and screenplays but the name, 'Appalachian Film Festival' had never been used before," said commission member George Snider. "We did a lot of research and it is ours."

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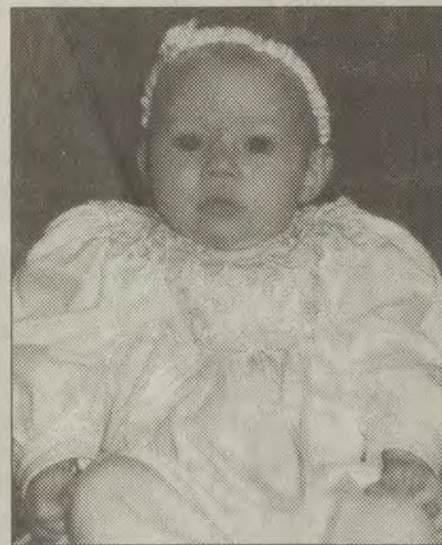
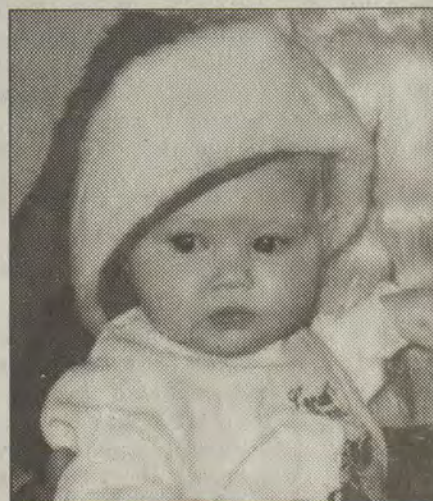
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Kathleen Johnson vs. Roy Dean Johnson; divorce.

Avery Lowe vs. Lisa Ann

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heard them make from time to time," Kelly said last week. "What happened today gives me some encouragement."

Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said House leaders want to pass a state budget. However, he thought Fletcher's plan still had some questions.

It was unlikely, Richards said, that lawmakers would have time to pass both a budget and Fletcher's tax plan before the end of June.

"We continue to believe that we need tax reform," Richards said. "But we need to do it in a more measured way and a way that would produce the kind of results that we all want."

Rep. John Draud, R-Crestview Hills, stood with Callahan. He said rank-and-file members of the legislature would likely vote for Fletcher's plan.

"What we want is for our leadership to get together and go to the governor and say, 'Look, we're ready,'" Draud said. "'We're ready to talk about this process.'"

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charge."

Brzezinski sees things far differently.

"The transfer of nominal sovereignty to a few chosen Iraqis in a still-occupied country will brand any so-called sovereign Iraqi authority as treasonous," Brzezinski says.

But U.S. officials hope that Iyad Allawi, prime minister of the new government of the still nonsovereign Iraq, will gain more acceptance from Iraqis than the U.S.-picked Iraqi Governing Council, which dissolved itself Tuesday.

In terms of public support, Allawi appears to have a leg up on the council because he has the blessing of Lakhdar Brahimi, the U.N. envoy to Iraq.

The more the new government is seen as sovereign by outsiders, the better its chance of acceptance by Iraqis.

Accordingly, the administra-

tion is nurturing in virtually all

public statements the notion that a "fully sovereign" Iraq is about to be born. Powell is confident that the U.N. Security Council will endorse the new arrangement.

The United States and Britain submitted a revised resolution to the council Tuesday that for the first time sets a deadline, 2006, for the departure of U.S. and other foreign troops. It also would give the interim government control over Iraqi army and police forces.

Bush will have plenty of opportunity to present his case to allies. He leaves Thursday for visits to Italy and France. After meetings with leaders of both countries, Bush travels to Sea Island, Ga., to host next week's summit of the Group of Eight, the world's seven major industrial democracies plus Russia.

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Remit Corporation vs. Sheila Kay Bevins; complaint.

Leonara A. Absher vs. Jack A. Absher; complaint.
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Robert Prater vs. Nickie Prater; divorce.
Clifford Bailey vs. Aubry D. Hamilton and Southern Water and Sewer District; complaint.

Sandra Scroggins vs. Donald Hampton, Robert Hampton and Kentucky National Insurance Company; complaint.

Green Tree Servicing vs. Jeffrey Mudge and Leah Mudge; complaint.

Ladonna Gibson vs. Thomas Gibson; divorce.

Ricky Carroll, 21, Langley; unlawful transaction with a minor.

Larry D. Music, 53, Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Jordan R. Bixler, 21, Ivel; shoplifting, public intoxication.

Ryan J. Stevenson, 30, Vernal, Utah; public intoxication.

Christie S. Brown, 30, Wayland; public intoxication, prescription in improper container.

Kenneth Patton Jr., 28, Langley; unlawful possession of moonshine; possession of a quart of moonshine.

Christopher N. Nelson, 31, Harold; making a false report.

Ralph Jacobs, 35, Hueysville; first-degree criminal trespass.

William J.R. Slone, 22, Tram; terroristic threatening.

Mary Bailey, 42, Prestonsburg; four counts of theft, cold checks.

Walter L. Setser, 29, West Prestonsburg; theft.

Wanda Newsome, 53, Prestonsburg; third-degree criminal trespass.

Douglas Newsome, 54, Prestonsburg; third-degree criminal trespass.

Rita Gerretson, 37, Mousie; harassment.

Robert L. Hamilton, 30, Teaberry; public intoxication.

Kyle Webb, 18, Langley; possession of alcohol by a minor, public intoxication.

Hank Boyd, 47, Banner; public intoxication.

Jeremy Boyd, 21, Banner; public intoxication.

Edgar Brown, Jr., 42, Garrett; speeding 21 miles over the limit, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Chris J. Skeen, 21, Allen; terroristic threatening.

Roger D. Gamble Jr., 33, no location listed; fourth-degree assault.

Michael J. Hall, 19, Melvin; public intoxication.

Gary M. Hunter, 24, Garrett; public intoxication.

Ross Gibson, 18, Martin; disorderly conduct.

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Jason Slusher, 28, Allen; hunting or fishing without a license.

Robin Holbrook, 43, Harold; operating a motor boat with an 8-year-old not wearing a personal flotation device.

Kenneth L. Prince, 23, Kermit, W.Va.; nonresidential hunting or fishing without a license.

Bryan A. Ludy, 26, Southgate, Mich.; nonresidential hunting or fishing without a license.

Bobby E. Webb, 29, Prestonsburg; hunting or fishing without a license.

Jimmy L. Nelson, 31,

Prestonsburg; first-degree criminal trespass, terroristic threatening.

Todd E. Hamilton, 38, Stanville; theft, first-degree criminal complaint.

Mary Ann Dotson, 28, Teaberry; theft.

Jeff Slone, no age listed, Prestonsburg; theft.

Jackie Howell, 36, Summitt, Ohio; nonresidential hunting or fishing without a license.

Byron McFarland, 36, Summitt, Ohio; nonresidential hunting or fishing without a license.

Burnis Newsome, 29, Blue River; third-degree criminal trespass.

Jackie Woods, 45, Allen; receiving stolen property.

Michael B. Whitaker, 23, Hueysville; illegal pursuit without a license.

Keith Blackburn, 23, Teaberry; harassment.

John Osborne, 38, Hi Hat; menacing.

Robert Harold Griffith, 28, Garrett; menacing, third-degree criminal trespass.

Jason D. Kidd, 21, Harold; terroristic threatening, third-degree criminal trespass.

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Obituaries

Estill "Eck" John Branham

Estill "Eck" John Branham, 90, of Bowling Green, died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at his residence.

Born December 27, 1913, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late John E. Branham and Esther Nora Hopson Branham. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg, and a World War II Army veteran.

He entered Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, in 1933, and was lettered in Basketball, Football, and Baseball, and held a Master's degree from Western.

He coached at High Schools for 31 years all across the state. While coaching, he was the director of East West All-stars from 1956 to 1977, and was a charter member of the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation, a member of the W Club, the Kentucky High School Coaches Association, and was a Scout for the Cleveland, Indians and the Cincinnati Reds Baseball Teams for 18 years.

He retired in 1968, but remained active as a volunteer coach for WKU, and raising cattle on his farm.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Senseman Branham of Bowling Green.

Other survivors include one step-daughter, Tamara Jorgensen and her husband, Jean of Canton, Ohio, and one step-son, Craig Long of Boulder Co.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazel Branham; two brothers: Woodrow Branham and Frank B. Branham; three sisters: Elva Sammons, Belvie Wills, and Chloe Owsley.

Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Sunday, June 6, at Richmond Memorial Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, with Rev. Bob Collins officiating.

Visitation is Saturday, from 6 p.m., until 9 p.m., at Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to The Hospice of Southern Kentucky, 1027 Broadway Avenue, Bowling Green, Ky. 42104.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Branham Family. (Paid obituary)

Juanita Bailey Hall

Juanita Bailey Hall, age 86, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at her residence, following an extended illness.

She was born January 22, 1918, in Rush, the daughter of the late Pierce and Mary Ann Bailey. She was a homemaker, and worked various jobs in Wheelwright and Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William R. Hall, who passed away October 27, 1989.

She accepted Christ as her Saviour on August 19, 2002, in the presence of Beth, her granddaughter.

Surviving are two sons: Bill Hall and wife, Lois, of Richmond, and Dickie Hall and wife, Peggy, of Prestonsburg; three daughters: Dr. Mary Hall of McDowell, Janice Hall of Louisa, and Elaine Roberts and husband, Clint, of Georgetown; three brothers: Chester Bailey of Ironton, Ohio, and Vernon Bailey and Paul H. Bailey, both of Bypro; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; a very special friend, to whom she referred as "my other daughter," Pat Lee; wonderful caregivers, and many relatives and friends who will mourn her passing.

The funeral for Juanita Bailey Hall will be conducted Friday, June 4, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with the clergyman, Aaron Allison, officiating.

Burial will follow in the Mayo Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 3703 Taylorsville Road, Suite 102, Louisville, KY 40220-1330. (Paid obituary)

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"Far Out Far East Rickshaw Rally Racing to The SON"
June 6th-10th—6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Festival

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we can market to 13 states and it is all right here in Huntington. It is going to happen here in West Virginia—the only state in the country that is located fully in Appalachia. It is absolutely appropriate since we are the heart and soul of the Appalachian region."

The movies will be shown at the Jean Carlo Stephenson Auditorium, the Keith-Albee Theatre, and the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

Floyd Countians who attend the festival will find a local connection. "I. Zombi," a documentary about Prestonsburg native Hayden Milligan, will be shown at the festival Saturday. The film portrays how Milligan overcame severe burns from an accident as a young child to become host of a public-access horror show in Lexington.

Pam Haynes, who directs the state's film office, said Huntington's festival complements other state-based film festivals in Charleston, Shepherdstown and Sutton.

"The film festivals are an important staple for the state because no matter how many there are — they are providing outlets," Haynes said. "They are providing educational

opportunities to learn about different cultures as well as tourism dollars."

Schedule

Friday, June 4

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Registration, Radisson Hotel

1:30 to 3 p.m.: "Bucharest Express"

2:30 to 4 p.m.: Screenwriter's Workshop by Esther Luttrell

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.: "Intervention"

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.: Cocktails at Tapas at the Frederick, 940 Fourth Avenue

8 to 10 p.m.: "The Last Hit" special screening

Court says black-lung law unfairly limits X-ray evidence

by **JOE BIESK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's "black lung" law unfairly limits the amount of X-ray evidence a coal miner can use in trying to prove a case for workers' compensation, the state Court of Appeals has ruled. Miners who lose their claim are thereby denied a meaningful opportunity to rebut the decision, the court's majority ruling said.

The ruling, issued Friday, was made by the entire 14-member court.

The case pitted Gordon Bartrum against the Workers' Compensation Board, an administrative law judge and Bartrum's employer, Hunter Excavating.

At issue was a section of the law that allows a black-lung claimant and the claimant's employer to each submit a single lung X-ray and physician's report. If findings differ, the X-rays are submitted to three randomly selected experts known as "B" readers for a consensus ruling that is legally presumed correct.

Bartrum, who lost his claim, had submitted three X-rays but a law judge permitted the use of just one. On appeal, Bartrum said the restriction violated his constitutional right to legal due process.

The appeals court agreed. Writing for the majority, Judge William Knopf of Louisville said limits imposed by the General Assembly and

the board on the number of X-rays and readings admissible to rebut the "B" readers "violates the parties' constitutional right to a fair hearing."

In a separate opinion, Judge Wilfrid Schroder said the problem was not the law but administrative rules governing these cases. The rule on filing X-ray evidence "exceeds its statutory authority," Schroder said.

The appeals court reversed the ruling of the Workers' Compensation Board and sent Bartrum's case back for further proceedings.

A lawyer for Hunter Excavating did not return calls seeking comment.

Bartrum's attorney, Thomas Moak, said the court's ruling would help other coal miners seeking black lung compensation.

"This case will likely affect several hundred cases that are now pending," Moak said.

"We've won this battle. Whether we win the war or not has yet to be seen."

Depending on his level of disease, Bartrum may have qualified for about \$42,000 in damages, Moak said.

By allowing more X-rays as evidence, the court's ruling may invite additional mounds of evidence and expert opinions in such cases, said Bill Caylor,

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Refuse



photo by Mary Music
Death row inmate Donald Johnson appeared in court during proceedings asking Judge John David Caudill to recuse himself from his case.

nesses every time these sorts of allegations come up," Smith said. "If this thing really happened, I feel it would have been shouted off the mountain-tops years ago."

In response, Hershaw

argued new evidence came to light in the case, specifically founded in testimony from Johnson himself, allowing him and Balliet to investigate Johnson's claims more thoroughly. Johnson's appeal attorneys, Hershaw said, were previously "constrained by record" to bring the allegations to the court's attention.

Caudill ruled in favor of the commonwealth, telling attorneys that he's "well aware" of his ethical responsibilities.

"To say, 'Okay, I'm gonna recuse myself,' would be a violation of my ethical duties," he said.

At that time, Hershaw entered two motions, asking Caudill to stay the proceedings until the Supreme Court could rule on the matter.

Caudill overruled the motion. "Until the chief justice removes me, I'm on this case," he said.

As proceedings continued, Hershaw, noting he was "surprised" by Caudill's decision, submitted several other motions for consideration.

Pointing out that the Supreme Court has been "sitting on" a request for expert assistance in the case, Hershaw requested that Caudill grant the request.

Smith countered Hershaw's motion by saying that "trial rule laws" were not applicable in civil cases, such as this one, and that Johnson's defense would use the funding to pay for the same expert witnesses used previously in the case.

"We have already heard these same guys testify, I think, a couple of times now," Smith said. "It's strange that any court would permit the same witnesses to testify in the same case on the same subject matter they've already testified to in the case."

"We have, yes, the same expert witnesses, but there are things which haven't been considered," Hershaw argued. "Mr. Johnson gave new information. That's why experts have been reemployed in this action. They had no ability to testify to these things before."

Caudill overruled Hershaw's motion, saying that they could "come back and do it" if he's wrong. The issue, he said, would be resolved with the Supreme Court decision on the matter.

Balliet, referring to Smith's use of colorful dialogue in a previously filed response, argued a motion for the commonwealth to prepare a "more definite" statement.

"The commonwealth's response is very humorous, very full of illustration and joking language," Balliet said. "It's very pleasurable to read, but when you try to frame a response to it, it's not easy ... I read it and read it and after I stopped laughing, I kind of got mad."

Balliet said she wanted clarification on whether or not the commonwealth was accusing them of "making up allegations" when they compared their expert witnesses to "high-kicking chorus girls."

"I do not intend to be drawn into a skunk fight," Smith said. "I tend to be rather sarcastic and have been known to turn a colorful phrase ... The allegations in this matter are not credible. I don't know how else to say it."

Caudill overruled Balliet's motion, but granted the defense 15 days to respond. He said he would reset the hearing until after the Supreme Court made its ruling.

said the commonwealth had none to offer.

After Johnson was taken back into custody, Hershaw entered motions in support of judicial recusal, which included affidavits from several witnesses who supposedly back up Johnson's claims.

Kelly Gleason, Johnson's former attorney, said she went against Johnson's other attorney, Mike Williams, when he suggested Johnson enter a blind plea to the charges, but that her mind changed when Caudill "stood in front of Don, looked him in the eye, and said, 'Will you take life without parole for 25?'" a question, she claims, Johnson agreed to.

Williams verbally abused Johnson, she said, and threatened to pull from the case if he did not enter the plea.

Anna Brown, another public advocate who claims to also have been present at that hearing, said she did not hear the alleged promise given during the meeting with Williams, but that she was present when Williams and Gleason asked Caudill to "put something on record" regarding the discussion.

"Judge Caudill said that he would have to be a fool to go on the record about the ex parte meeting. He said that they had his word as a judge and that they would just have to trust him," she wrote.

Attorney Gary E. Johnson claimed in his affidavit that he discussed these issues with Williams and Gleason during dinners at his home and that he "urged" them to protect their client in case Caudill "should renege" on the alleged promise.

Williams and Gleason withdrew from the case, claiming their own ineffectiveness, after Johnson pleaded guilty to the crimes.

Prior to the close of the hearing, Caudill called counsel to the bench to discuss Hershaw's motions for recusal.

"If you call this to its fruitfulness, I'm a liar and there can be charges filed against me," Caudill said. "I may file a complaint myself saying that you're accusing me and I want it reviewed."

Caudill said he'd file a request with the chief justice to allow him the opportunity to respond to the allegations.

Madden was beaten, stabbed, raped, mutilated and tortured to death in the supply storage room of a laundromat where she worked.

Johnson, a paranoid schizophrenic prone to seeing things and hearing voices, claims he thought he was pleading guilty but insane to the crimes.

Record

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Suzanne Sellards, property located at Levisa Fork.

Foster Johnson to James D. Newsom, property located at Route 979.

Billy Joe Akers, administrator of the Ricky Akers Estate, to Arthur Lewis, property located at Cow Creek.

Chester McCarty to Tony Hall, property located at Frasure Creek.

Foster Johnson to Elbert Stratton and Linda Stratton, property located at Mud Creek.

Gray's Real Estate to Patrick Collins and Stacey Collins, property located at Graystone Hills of Big Branch at Abbott Creek.

Bobby G. Harvey and Geraldine Harvey to Ray Douglas Hagans and Sheila Bevins, property located at Coldwater Branch.

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The D.D.D. and C.P.S. (Floyd County Animal Shelter), will not be holding its annual roadblock, due to the recent flooding. We feel that there are others who are in need, more than the Animal Shelter at this time. We would like to thank everyone who has donated in the past. All donations are greatly appreciated. If you still wish to contribute to the Animal Shelter, you may do so by sending your donation to D.D.D. and C.P.S., P.O. Box 1502, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

Please spay or neuter your pet to help prevent pet over-population.

REWARD

Eastco Supply, Inc. located at Eastern, Ky., will offer a \$2,000.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for burgularizing our store on Tuesday night, May 25, 2004. If anyone has any knowledge of this happening, please contact Adam Adkins at 606-358-9251, or the Kentucky State Police, or the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold B. Johnson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception given by their children and grandchildren, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, June 12, 2004, at the Boldman Free Will Baptist Church, at Harold, Kentucky.

The couple was married on June 12, 1954, at Yeager, Kentucky, by John A. Damron. The Johnsons have three children and four grandchildren.

All friends and family members are encouraged to attend.

Community Calendar

CALENDAR ITEMS WILL BE PRINTED AS SPACE PERMITS

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@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits

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RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOC.

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will hold a meeting on Thursday, June 3, in the May Lodge Dining Room, at 10 a.m. Focus of the meeting will be to plan for the September 2 Memorial meeting. For more info., call Judy Burchell at 886-8978.

FREEDOM BIBLE CHURCH

June 20 - Special Sunday morning services. Frankie Bryant will bring message.
June 23-26 - Vacation Bible School, 7-8:30 p.m., nightly.
Cookout - Saturday at 1 p.m.
Everyone welcome!

HALL FAMILY REUNION

The 2nd Annual Hall Family Reunion will be held Saturday, June 5, at 10 a.m., at Archer Park. Everyone with connections to the Hall or related families invited to attend. A business meeting will be held same day, at 7 p.m., at the Microtel Inn. For more info., or to share an idea for the event, contact Ona Hall-Scalf at: onascalf@charter.net, or telephone 606-528-0835; or contact Annette Chateau at: mopspops@bellsouth.net, or telephone 901-837-0988.

PIKEVILLE ARMY RESERVE REUNION

To be held Saturday, June 5, at 4 p.m., at the Allen Volunteer Fire Dept. Catered meal, charge per person. Contact numbers: 478-5151, 639-4400, 478-2042, 886-3476, 432-0205, or 432-0332. No alcohol, no drugs - no exceptions.

HAGER-SAMMONS FAMILY REUNION

To be held Saturday, June 12, at Paintsville Lake. Please bring covered dish, dessert, soft drinks, old pictures and folding chairs. For more info., call Barbara Estep at 265-3242 or email: bobaree2@yahoo.com, or contact Larry Ginslinger at fallcityrambler@aol.com

TEEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A teenage Christian study group meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 7 p.m., at the Burton Pentecostal Church, in Upper Burton, near Wheelwright. All interested

teens cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

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Kids Sewing Camp - June 7-11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn to sew, make own purse and other fun things. For kids over 8 years. Small fee will include sewing supplies and daily snack. For more info., call 886-0709.

STEPHENS-SLONE REUNION

Relatives of the late Samuel and Rebecca (Castle) Stephens, Samuel and Mary (Sammons) Stephens, and Carew and Callie (Brown) Slone will host a reunion that will be held at the Morsches Park Pavilion in Columbia City, Indiana, on Saturday, July 10, at 12 p.m. Register by July 3 by calling (260) 839-4206 or (260) 691-2830, after 4 p.m.

BLHS CLASS OF '94

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1994 will hold their 10-year class reunion on July 24, 2004. Call 478-3253 or 587-1028 for more information.

PHS CLASS OF '69

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1969 will hold a reunion on Saturday, September 4, 2004 (Labor Day weekend), at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. Pre-dinner meeting will be held from 5-6 p.m.; Dinner will be at 6 p.m., in Lodge dining room; Reunion meeting following dinner, from 8 p.m. until midnight in Lodge conference rooms. For more info., contact Ken & Jan at 886-8328, or Mike at 886-0252.

FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church, in Prestonsburg. Classes are held

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

'LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?'

Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

Alzheimer's Association, East-ern KY Regional Office - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

Fibromyalgia Support Group - Meets first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building, on the Pike-Floyd Hollow Road (just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept.). For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

Community Weight Loss Support Group - To meet Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center, beginning Feb. 5. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group

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Walters Automotive Group, Eastern Kentucky's largest volume new and used car dealer, just announced plans to hold a five-dollar used car and truck sales event on Saturday, June 5, 2004.

Recent record sales from the last few months have resulted in an overstock of trade-ins. According to the Walters family, sales have been at a tremendous rate. A spokesman for the family said, "now we must reduce the number of our used cars and trucks to a more manageable level."

During this five-dollar sale, cars and trucks will be sold for thousands below their original price. In fact, there will be cars that normally sell for five to eight thousand dollars sold for three to five thousand. "Our customers will find these prices even lower

than at wholesale auctions." Auction bidding often inflates the true value of a car, so you pay more. Here, every car is on sale, first come, first served, and no bidding. It's the perfect opportunity to get a good quality used car at the lowest price possible, over ten cars for only five dollars.

The used vehicles from all Walters dealerships will be on display at Walters Mazda-Mitsubishi, next to Kmart in Pikeville. At 9:00 a.m., all vehicles will be opened so that buyers may inspect the vehicles for one hour before the sale begins at

10:00 a.m. Whoever is sitting behind the wheel at 10:00 a.m., when the prices are posted on the windshield, will be given the first opportunity to purchase this vehicle at the sale price. This innovative approach to selling used vehicles will make it easy for anybody in the market for a good used vehicle to get a great car or truck at a very low price, with no hassle.

"Wholesale buyers will be represented to take trade-ins during this sale." According to a family member, "there will be eight business managers who will help

buyers arrange low-cost financing. We've got over 5 million dollars in inventory to choose from. Our total inventory will be close to 450 used cars and trucks. We want to remind everyone that this is a one-day only sale. When our inventory has been reduced, we will remove the sale prices and return to normal operations. Since we are a local business, we would like to give back to the community." The whole Walters family feels that they would rather allow local people to buy these overstocked vehicles than wholesale them at an auction.

Governor asks judge to put budget suit on hold

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher's attorney Wednesday asked a judge to suspend a lawsuit by the attorney general on whether the governor can spend state money without an enacted budget.

The lawsuit, filed last week, was premature because the current executive branch budget does not expire until June 30, the administration claims in papers filed in Franklin County Circuit Court.

The General Assembly adjourned April 13 without passing a budget. Fletcher, a

Republican, has been preparing an "executive spending plan" with which he would run state government in the interim.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo, a Democrat, sued to ask the circuit court to determine the extent of Fletcher's spending powers.

Budget negotiations between the Republican-controlled Senate and Democrat-controlled House collapsed in April over Fletcher's request for a "revenue neutral" overhauling of the tax code — changes that would raise some taxes and lower others to avoid any net increase of taxes.

The Senate incorporated

Fletcher's tax plan in its version of the budget. The House refused to consider it.

Senate President David Williams said he agreed that Stumbo's lawsuit should be set aside because it is "completely hypothetical" at this point.

That may not be the case much longer. Fletcher has said he will not call the legislature back into session for action on a budget until the two sides have struck an agreement. Four weeks remained in the fiscal year Wednesday, and there was no sign either side had budged.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, continued to insist on dealing

with the issues separately — pass a budget first, then take up a tax code.

Williams and Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly said they still wanted a budget that included a tax plan. Said Williams: "You have no leverage if you go ahead and pass a budget" without it.

Said Richards: "I thought we were moving along. I don't know whether we are or not."

Richards said in an interview that some Democrats in the House noted the defeats of two Senate Republicans in the May 18 primary — Sens. Virgil Moore of Leitchfield and Albert Robinson of London — and question whether Williams and Kelly could round up the votes to pass a budget with a tax plan a second time.

All 22 Senate Republicans voted for it during the 2004 session while the Senate's 16 Democrats abstained. Moore and Robinson could be disaffected now — especially Moore because Fletcher actively worked for his opponent, Carroll Gibson.

Kelly, R-Springfield, noted that it takes 20 votes — not 22 — to pass a budget. "We wouldn't need Democratic votes, but there would be Democratic votes" if it got to the Senate floor, Kelly said.

Judge Roger Crittenden scheduled a hearing June 9 on Fletcher's suspension motion.

State Board of Education resumes talks on new GED program

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — State Board of Education officials resumed talks on implementing a new General Education Development program Wednesday that would allow potential high school dropouts an earlier chance to get their certificates.

Details were still uncertain, and education officials on the board's curriculum committee said they wanted more information next month. But in concept,

the plan would afford students close to dropping out an opportunity to take their high school equivalency tests rather than leave school with nothing.

They would also be provided counseling and tutoring to pass the test.

"We are trying to offer an option for students who have one foot out the door," said Dorie Combs, a board member. "It is something to be a midpoint between dropping out and staying in school, it is an option for students we are otherwise losing."

Currently, high school dropouts have different options for obtaining a GED certificate, depending on their age.

Dropouts below age 17 can take a GED test with their local school superintendent's approval or by meeting certain other criteria. Those between ages 17 and 19 may take the test if they've been out of school for at least a year, or if their class has already graduated. Those age 19 and over can simply take the adult GED test.

Under the proposal, eligible students would not face the same delays. However, students seeking their GED certificate would still have to take the

Commonwealth Accountability Testing System exam for their equivalent grade level, along with the GED test.

But Richard Innes, of the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions, said this may encourage more students, already unmotivated to finish high school, to get their GEDs instead. Promoting the GED certificate at the high school level could give students the false impression it is as good as a diploma, Innes said.

"It's a quick way out, not a way back in to education," Innes said. "And that's the wrong attitude."

It could also dilute the quality of adults' GED certificates, he said. Most adults who get their GED certificates usually recognize they've made a mistake and have changed their attitudes, Innes said.

School districts like the idea because it could help lower their dropout rates, he said. Students earning their GED would not count as dropouts under the plan.

Before the state could start offering the program, the full board would have to adopt a regulation that would establish it. The American Council on Education also would have to approve Kentucky's plan.

Committee officials asked staff members to have a proposed regulation ready for the board's next meeting.

The board also decided how it wants the \$10 million Gov. Ernie Fletcher scrounged up for education allocated. The board is recommending that about two-thirds of it go to preschool and the rest to technology.

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president of the Kentucky Coal Association.

That could lead to "doctor-shopping" by employees and companies, something the legislature was hoping to avoid when it passed the current law, Caylor said.

"The way I read it, it seems to imply that it's opening up the floodgates," Caylor said. "We do not need to go back to having multiple experts on both sides. An X-ray is an X-ray. It is more science than art."

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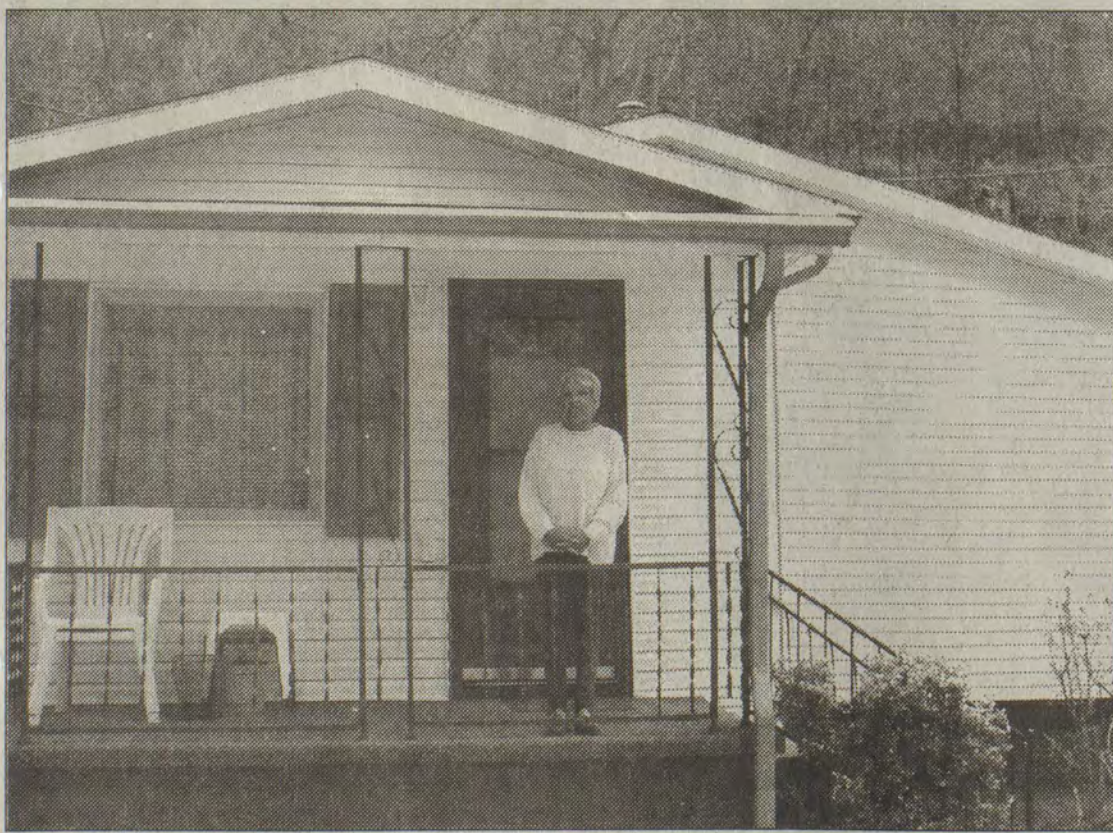
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for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

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Judith Hutton is happy with her home after USDA Rural Development helped her make some needed repairs.

Rural Development helps widow make repairs

WHEELWRIGHT — On August 5, Judith and Ernest Hutton placed an application for assistance from USDA Rural Development for some much-needed repairs to their home in Wheelwright.

The siding on the north side of their house had decayed, causing the weather to rot the framing and destroy the insulation. The Huttons also needed a new door, guttering, downspouts and other minor repairs. Judith Hutton said she could

feel air coming in around the wall.

The Huttons were not strangers to the agency. They had received USDA Rural Development's assistance in the past and did not hesitate to call on us when their home was once more in need of repair.

But before the loan could be funded, tragedy struck. On August 21, Ernest Hutton died.

Even though grief had befallen Judith Hutton, she knew the repairs must be done. She

USDA Rural Development staff in the Prestonsburg Local Office continued working with her to assure the home would be repaired. The repairs have now been completed.

"My home looks so good", Hutton said.

Hutton is quick to tell neighbors and friends that USDA Rural Development is the place to call if they need help with repairs to their homes.

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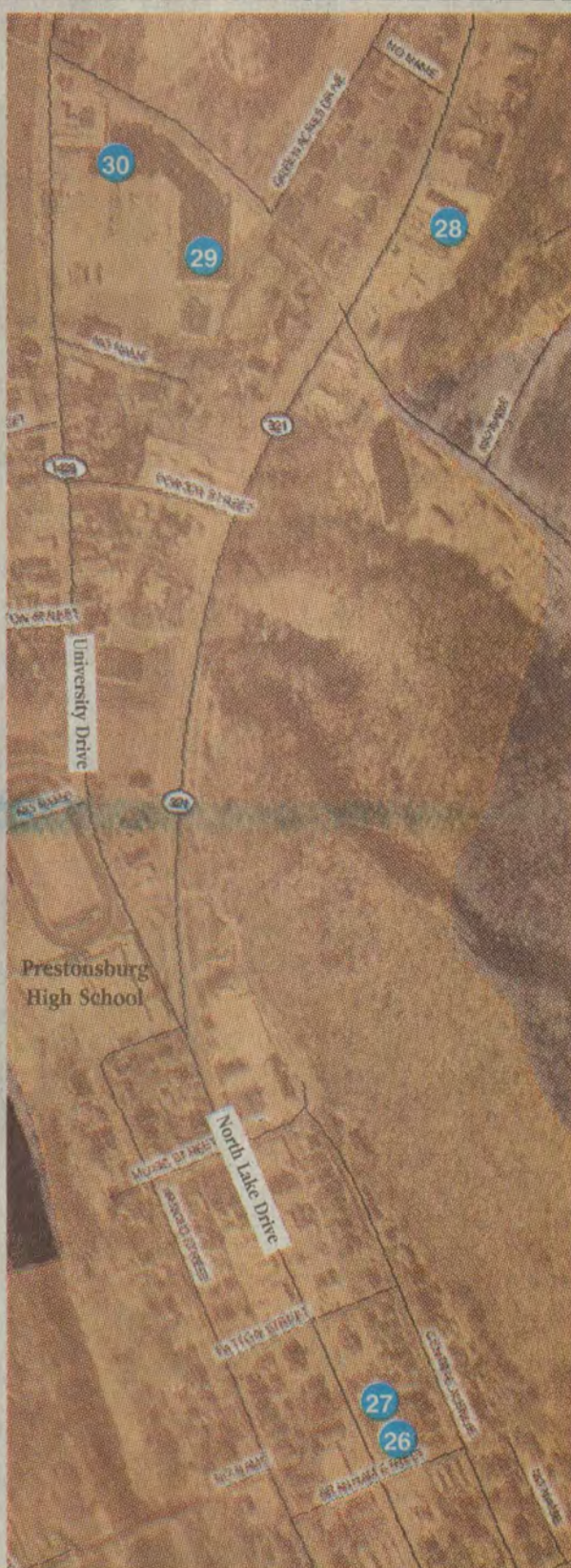
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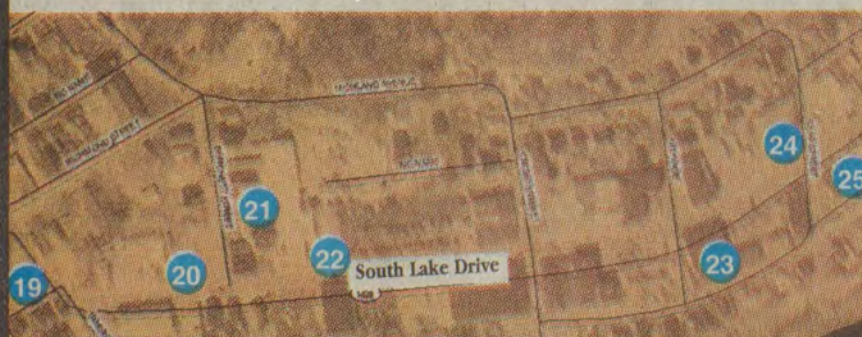
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Stranger things can happen

by RICK BENTLEY
 TIMES COLUMNIST

Tim Kurkjian of ESPN fame often says the reason to watch baseball every night is because you never know when you'll see something never seen before.

Oh! Tim needed to leave the cushy offices of The Worldwide Leader in Sports Tuesday night and head down to Davis Park. Many sights heretofore unseen were on display there.



Rick Bentley

I'm in my 17th year of covering high school athletics in the 15th Region, and for a good deal of Tuesday, I sat in the press box in awe.

Part of the irony of what I saw was happening inside my own imagination. I

was wondering what young Justin Schuver was thinking. See, whereas I'm in my third decade covering sports in Eastern Kentucky, the young intern of the News-Express was there on about his third day on the job.

He must truly think we're all a bunch of nuts. Come to think of it, he's probably closer to right than we'd like to admit.

It all started when ...

(See BENTLEY, page two)

Blanton, Johnson Central eliminate Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – The favorite to win the 15th Region Baseball Tournament has been eliminated. Johnson Central, last season's 15th Region runner-up, took on tournament host and favorite Pikeville Tuesday evening. The Golden Eagles scored four runs in the fifth inning and led 5-0 before Pikeville (30-7) put a pair of runs on the scoreboard in the seventh and final frame. Johnson Central junior pitcher Adam Blanton, who went the distance, recording the win, held Pikeville to two runs on three hits. The Golden Eagles prevailed, 5-2, earning a spot in the regional championship game.

Blanton commanded the Pikeville hitters for most of the game. The Johnson Central junior, who in the past has played with the Huntington Hounds summer baseball team, recorded eight strikeouts in the winning effort.

Johnson Central (20-17) broke open a scoreless game in the fifth inning, plat-

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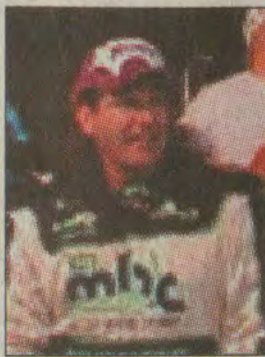


The fence at the Archer Park Little League field was uprooted following heavy rain.

photos by Jamie Howell

JCHS cheerleaders to host golf scramble

The Johnson Central High School Cheerleaders Black Squad will host its fourth annual golf scramble June 25 at the Paintsville Country Club. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Golfers will tee off at 9 a.m. The deadline to enter is Friday, June 18. For more information, call Cheryl Blair – after 5 p.m. – at 606/297-5718.



Bloomquist

Bloomquist commits to at least 1 race at 201

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA – Over the weekend, 201 Speedway owner Bill Mike Vaughn made a huge announcement, saying dirt track legend Scott Bloomquist would make an appearance in Eastern Kentucky at the Johnson County track later on in the 2004

season.

"We have found out that (Scott) Bloomquist will be racing with us at 201 Speedway at least once this season," said Vaughn. "When we find out exactly when he'll be racing at 201, we'll make an official announcement. We're looking forward to having Bloomquist race at 201."

Bloomquist, who lives in Mooresburg,

Tenn., is sponsored by Miller Brothers Coal and Hawkeye Trucking, both of which are locally-owned Eastern Kentucky businesses.

Other sponsors for the No. 0 car include All-Star Performance, Hoosier Tires and Sweet Manufacturing.

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photos by Jamie Howell

CAMP IS IN SESSION

Betsy Layne High School boys' basketball head coach Brent Rose got his annual Bobcat Basketball Camp underway earlier in the week. Rose, his staff and current players are working the camp. Several campers were present Wednesday, taking in instructions on fundamentals of the game.



Brandon Kinzer Motorsports heads to Eldora for Modified race

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN – Just days after finding out that he would be the new Barry Wright housecar pilot, 26-year-old dirt track driver Brandon Kinzer ended last week in great fashion, posting a win at 201 Speedway

Saturday night. Kinzer took the Late Model checkers at 201 Speedway, winning the \$1500 top Late Model prize.

The Allen native went out and set fast time of the 15 cars on hand – by four-tenths of a second.

Setting fast time placed Kinzer in

the first heat, sitting on the pole. Crew members Jimmy Cabral, and Earl Cline were stellar in setting the car up for the heat and upcoming feature event. Kinzer went on to win his heat race by a straightaway and won the night's feature from the

(See KINZER page two)

BoB Modified series to visit 201 Speedway

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – Something new is set to make its debut at one of Eastern Kentucky's top dirt tracks.

The 2004 NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Modified season is off to a successful start, in its first year of existence, with four different winners in the first four races contested. The fastest growing open wheel modified sanctioning body in the state will visit 201 Speedway Saturday night for its first-ever appearance at the Johnson County racetrack. Historic 201 Speedway is promoted by Floyd County resident Bill Mike Vaughn.

There will be a complete show for the NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modifieds Saturday night with Racing Optics Time Trials, the Crown Spray Power Heat Races, the O'Reilly Auto Parts B-Mains and the

(See BOB, page two)

Royalton racetrack closed for 2 weeks

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

ROYALTON – Following a rash of severe, wet weather, Half Mountain Speedway will be closed the next two weeks.

Rains that totaled well over six inches in Salyersville and the Royalton area flooded the pits and parking lot of the Magoffin County track. Half Mountain Speedway will next host races on Saturday, June 19 when all divisions will again be competing for feature purses.

HMS will not hold a raceshow on June 12, due to the annual Dream race at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio. Several HMS track officials will be attending the Eldora race, spreading the word about one of the state's top tracks. In addition, many loyal Half Mountain drivers and fans have made plans to

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Archer Park washed out, again

by JAMIE HOWELL
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – One of the area's most widely used parks is basically gone. Archer Park was almost completely destroyed by recent flooding and according to the park director, Ralph Little, baseball and softball seasons at the park could be finished for the year.

The massive damage more than dampened the spirits of Little.

"This is the worst it has ever flooded that I know," said Little.

The heavy rain that caused the flooding caused major damage to all of the baseball fields. The Little

League field was a complete loss as both dugouts were reduced to large piles of block. The outfield fence was uprooted and carried to the infield and the large backstop was damaged as well. Three of the park picnic shelters were damaged and one was even carried away by the flooding.

Tennis courts were covered with mud and debris, while playground equipment was damaged and debris-covered as well.

Archer Park is one of Eastern Kentucky's top destinations when

(See AGAIN, page two)



Dugouts were wiped out, left lying in the wake of flood waters.

Bentley

Wait a minute. A bit of foreshadowing took place Tuesday afternoon. I pulled up at the traffic light in front of the Pikeville College Gym alongside my friend Kevin Garris, who is umpiring the long-delayed 15th Region softball tournament being held at East Ridge. As we sat there waiting on the light to change, we wondered if that event — already facing a Saturday finale if things go, well, swimmingly — would be done in time for the state tournament.

"It's supposed to stay clear," Kevin said.

Allow me to say, in the words of my old pal Mitchell Brad Lockard, "HAHAHAHAHAHA!!!!!!!"

I got to the park about 5:15 on Tuesday, and as I came through the gate my buddy Mark Wheeler told me it looked like storms were coming our way. It was the first I'd heard of it, but because Montgomery Gentry's newest CD has dominated the airwaves of the Monte Carlo recently, I hadn't gotten a weather forecast and knew anything was possible.

So at 5:53, seven full minutes prior to the scheduled start of the semifinal round, Chase Huffman rocked and fired and our night of action was underway.

See, it's right about here I got

cocky. While Royce Mayo and I were basking in the glow of starting play a full 420 seconds before it was supposed to happen, I'd underestimated just how much "action" we'd be seeing.

All was going along, as Eric Cartman would say, "quite nicely" until, oh, 6:17, when it commenced to rain. And rain. And rain. And the wind blew.

Did I mention rain?

For 1:34, we sat atop the grandstand and chewed the fat with some of the most knowledgeable people our mountains have to offer and listened to the thunder roll and the rain pelt the tin roof above. One piece of advice — if you're going to be stuck watching it rain for the better part of two hours, see if you can do it near Gene Davis. I could listen to him tell those old war stories for days, so these 94 minutes flew by.

That's when something happened never before seen in the history of 15th Region baseball. We had a rain delay. Notice we didn't have a postponement — it was a delay!

Thanks to the miracle of SprintTurf, in its first baseball season in Pikeville, we were able to resume play after a storm that would have left every other field in the mountains looking like

Cameron Hamilton's bathwater most nights. It would have been a muddy mess.

But just before 8 o'clock, we resumed play.

Something odd had happened, though, during the storm. It had cooled off considerably. I'm going to estimate the temperature had fallen 25 degrees by about the fifth inning. In fact, it got so cold that a certain official scorer had to hop in his car between games and drive across town for a wardrobe change that would have made Reba McEntire proud.

Here's another thing: When I made it to the humble abode, I realized that like much of the rest of Pike County I was without electricity. Thankfully I'm in touch enough with my feminine side to keep scented candles around the house, and as a result was able to find levis and a long-sleeved shirt.

I'm telling you, this had turned into a science fair Rob Herbst hisownself would be proud of.

Not long after that, we began the second semifinal game. It was a nice, somewhat cool evening by this point. A terrific night for

Ah, who am I kidding? We started this game at 10:38! Are you kidding me? We started a baseball game at 38 minutes past the hour of 10 at night! There were no cameras there! ESPN's late game? It was so late even Jamie Currott had left with the WYMT lens.

Yet on we played.

Kentucky Baseball announces summer camps

LEXINGTON — Head coach John Cohen and the Kentucky baseball program has announced its schedule for summer baseball camps to run in June and July. Friday, June 6 will be the open of the camps with a showcase held for high school seniors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camps continue next week, Monday, with Kentucky Wildcat Baseball School, for ages 6-14.

All camps begin at 9 a.m. and will take place at Cliff Hagan Stadium, located adjacent to the Shively Training Facility, on the UK campus. Anyone interested in registering for any camp should contact Phillip Sledge or Brad Bohannon at the Kentucky baseball office, by phone at 859-257-3013 or via e-mail at kentuckybaseball@uky.edu. Walk-ups will be accepted.

Around 11:50, the fifth inning commenced and I decided I'd bored Coach Mayo about as much as he could take — the coach, by the way, is owner of at least the top two lines of this week's play, but that's for another column on a slower news week — so I joined Joe Kincer on the EKB broadcast, mostly to make snide remarks about Jason Branham for the seven insomnia-suffering listeners with the game still on.

After the top of the fifth, Joe left and Jason returned. Then, with one on and one out and one ball on the batter ...

Total darkness fell upon Davis Park.

It went pitch black. Right at the stroke of midnight.

Thankfully, the pitcher was checking for the sign and not ready to uncork one in the general direction of the plate, batter, catcher and umpire. Also, we're glad a line drive hadn't been hit toward some unsuspecting infielder.

Some 15 minutes later, six hours and 22 minutes after we innocently began a night of baseball action, Ken Trivette announced to the crowd that due to the lights being slow to return and the imminent threat of more bad weather, the night's play was being stopped.

In theory, it was to resume last night.

I had already joked with Mayo — the person I couldn't say no to when he asked for help with this tournament — that when I signed up for this gig I had no idea we were going to play four games on a national holiday and start a semifinal game at 10:38 at night.

But in retrospect, I'm glad I was there. This was one of those had-to-see-it-to-believe-it nights. And for better or worse, I saw it all.

Finally, I'm left with one final question for my friend Coach Mayo, whose company I've delighted in sharing throughout this tournament. I neglected to ask when we began, but I feel the need to know now:

Do we get combat pay for this tournament?

Floyd teams bow out of regional softball tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LICK CREEK — After advancing out of the 57th District, the fast-pitch softball teams from Allen Central and Prestonsburg high schools began play earlier this week in the 15th Region Tournament. Both of the Floyd County teams fell in opening round games.

Magoffin County beat Prestonsburg 20-5. The Blackcats entered the regional tournament following a runner-up finish in the 57th District Tournament. Magoffin County, the champion out of the 56th District, wasted little time getting runs across on Prestonsburg and head coach Jack Pack. The Lady Blackcats ended their season with a 1-15 record. Prestonsburg's first win of

the season came over South Floyd in the 57th District Tournament.

Allen Central, coached by Mark Martin, went down to the wire against Johnson Central, before falling to the Lady Eagles.

In the Johnson Central-Allen Central game, each team enjoyed a lead before the Lady Eagles plated two runs in the top half of the seventh inning and held Allen Central, the home team on the scoreboard, scoreless in the bottom half of the final inning.

Chelsie Salyers and Maggie Callis, the number three and four hitters in the Johnson Central batting order, respectively, scored one run each in the final inning.

Senior Terri Mullins and freshman Amanda Thacker each scored twice for Allen Central.

Kinzer

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pole by nearly half the track.

"Last week couldn't have been any better," said Kinzer, looking back on the remarkable week that was. "We announced the deal with Barry and went on to win at 201. We couldn't have asked for anything better than that."

Kinzer's Late Model dirt car will sit idle this week as he will take his JB Performance Modified to Eldora in Rossburg, Ohio to run in conjunction with the World of Outlaws Sprint Cars and the

Eldora stock cars.

"After the upcoming weekend, Brandon Kinzer Motorsports will return to Eldora for the \$100,000 to win Dream race. For more information on Brandon Kinzer Motorsports, go online to www.brandonkinzer.com

Bloomquist

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Bloomquist is in his 24th year of racing. He has raced previously in Eastern Kentucky at both Thunder Ridge Raceway and Mountain Motor Speedway. Bloomquist, who pilots a Ford Mustang, last season won his 400th career feature race. He has started nearly 1100 feature races. This season, Bloomquist is competing in the World of Outlaws Late Model Series Dirty Dozen. He has an Xtreme Series record 100 feature wins and is a five-time series champ.

With many years of racing behind it, weather permitting, 201 Speedway hosts races on Saturday nights through the spring and summer months.

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The Fourth of July holiday rolls around. It will take major rebuilding to get the Prestonsburg park back in order before the holiday arrives. Archer Park has seen its share of flooding over the years and with hard work the park will soon return to host area baseball and softball games.

Johnson easily wins second straight Cola-Cola 600

by KEITH PARSONS ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.C. — This time, Jimmie Johnson overcame the pit road miscue.

The leader virtually all night, Johnson dropped to fifth during a caution but roared back to the lead with 16 laps left Sunday night to win the Coca-Cola 600 for the second straight season.

A red flag with six laps left forced Johnson to sweat it out a bit, but when the green fell, he sped away from the field again at Lowe's Motor Speedway. He won under caution after Bobby Labonte's wreck on the final lap, with Michael Waltrip second.

Matt Kenseth ended up third, followed by Jamie McMurray and Elliott Sadler.

Johnson led an incredible 334 laps — which would be the entire distance in a 500-mile race — and came up one short of the record set in 1967 by winner Jim Paschal.

As a rookie in 2002, Johnson gave away a chance to win this race when he slid through his pits on the final pit stop. He didn't make the mistake this time, but a slow effort by his crew allowed Kasey Kahne to beat him out of the pits.

McMurray decided not to come in and held the lead, and Waltrip and Jeremy Mayfield changed only two tires to take second and third.

The move that likely won the race for Johnson came with 25 laps to go, when he still was mired in fifth. As he drove to the outside of Kahne in Turn 3, they came up on the slower car of Robby Gordon.

Johnson got by Kahne, then turned hard left to get under Gordon, a dynamic maneuver so late in the race.

Once he got by that traffic, Johnson wasted little time chasing down McMurray. He had moved into second four laps later, and he stalked McMurray for a bit before moving to the inside on the backstretch.

He zoomed ahead in Turn 3 and survived that late red flag for his second victory of 2004 and the eighth of his 2 1/2-year career.

Robby Gordon failed in his attempt to complete a racing double when the Indianapolis 500 was stopped by rain after only 27 laps earlier in the day. With the start of the NASCAR race approaching, Gordon had to leave Indy and backup driver Jaques Lazier took the wheel.

It's probably just as well. The car dropped out after only 88 laps with a mechanical failure, and Gordon was credited with 29th.

At Lowe's, he finished three laps down in 20th.

Blanton

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ing four runs. The Golden Eagles, coached by first-year manager Shawn Hall, tacked on another run in the sixth inning to lead 5-0 before the host Panthers put a couple of scores up in the home half of the last inning.

Pikeville pitcher Chase Huffman was tagged with the loss for the Panthers. In just over four innings of work, Huffman gave up four runs on six hits. He walked five Johnson Central batters and recorded seven strikeouts.

Jeremy VanHoose and Mike Walters each had a double for Johnson Central. Steven Burgess smacked a triple and Blanton helped his cause with a triple of his own. Johnson Central scored its five runs on eight hits.

Corey Hamilton had a triple for the Panthers.

Each team had a pair of errors.

Johnson Central was awaiting the winner of last night's Paintsville-Belfry game, a contest that was suspended early Wednesday morning due to a power failure.

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Lucas Oil A-Main which will pay \$1500 to win and \$125 to start.

Kelly Warren of Columbia scored his first-ever NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series win six days ago in the 4th Annual Mod Squad Bash held at Bluegrass Speedway in Bardstown.

The NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series visited 201 Speedway on May 1. The feature race saw 22-year-old Tyrel Todd hold off Allen racer Brandon Kinzer for the feature victory.

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attend the Eldora race.

Half Mountain Speedway will run a regular show on June 19 in all five divisions with Late Models running for \$1,500 to win, Limited Late Models \$800 to win, Modified \$650 to win, Bombers \$400 to win, and Four-Cylinders \$200 to win.

Floyd County driver Chuckie May captured feature checkers Saturday at Half Mountain Speedway, winning in the Super Late Model division.

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Ford program aims to launch NASCAR's first female star

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANDERSON, Ind. — Erin Crocker always figured she'd face a higher standard as a race-car driver. And she knew it would take more than top finishes to turn heads.

After 16 years of racing quarter-midgets, mini-sprint and winged sprint cars, and even trucks, she now has the biggest break of her career.

Ford Motor Racing chose the 23-year-old Massachusetts native over about two dozen other women for a new initiative designed to eventually launch NASCAR's first female star.

"You'd always hear things, like 'A girl doesn't belong in the sport,'" Crocker said. "But I think if you've got the skill and get the respect, you'll be fine."

Only a handful of women have reached the top levels in a sport that remains almost exclusively a man's world even now, 27 years after Janet Guthrie became the first woman to drive in the Indianapolis 500.

Guthrie, Lyn St. James and Sarah Fisher have run Indy cars. Shawna Robinson tried stock

cars. Kelly Sutton and Tina Gordon are regulars on NASCAR's truck circuit this season.

So far, none has made it big. Ford and Crocker hope to change that.

"No woman has won a NASCAR or IRL race," Crocker said. "But I want to compete with the Tony Stewarts and Jeff Gordons of the world."

The women vying to take part in the program were chosen by Ford officials, along with St. James and Bob East, a prominent midget car owner who helped train NASCAR champions Tony Stewart and Jeff Gordon.

The four finalists — Crocker, Michelle Theriault, Lynsey Tilton and Alison MacLeod — were invited to a two-day tryout last month in Anderson, about 25 miles north of Indianapolis.

Ford decided to go with Crocker, who grew up driving quarter-midgets in Wilbraham, Mass., and was the first woman to qualify for the Knoxville Nationals in a sprint car.

"We want someone who is a great driver, who is properly trained," said John Szymanski,

Ford's director of sponsor development. "The fact she is a woman, we feel, is the trump card."

The plan now is for Ford representatives to scout Crocker's races in the World of Outlaws series before giving her another test drive. If all goes well, Crocker could join East's midget team later this year.

NASCAR started a similar program, "Drive for Diversity," this year with five drivers — four blacks and one woman — who are now driving late-model cars.

"When we have more women as part of pit crews and drivers and fans, we think the opportunities will be greater for women drivers," NASCAR spokesman Ramsey Poston said. "That's good for the sport."

The four finalists from Ford's program came from a variety of backgrounds.

MacLeod, a 14-year-old from Ontario whom Ford identified as a long-term prospect, has competed the last three years in go-karts. She was the only female with a podium finish at last year's winter nationals in Daytona, Fla.

Theriault, 18, is from Alpharetta, Ga., and drives on the Hooters Cup series. She was chosen as the Legends' series most improved driver at Atlanta Motor Speedway in 2001.

Tilton, 17, drives in Arizona and had eight top-five finishes last year on the go-kart circuit. Before that, she raced motorcycles and BMX bikes.

During the tryouts, the drivers went through a series of physical exercises as well as an on-track test at the bumpy, paved, one-quarter mile track.

East, who watched from the infield, kept an eye on the stopwatch. But he was more interested in the intangibles — communication and how the drivers responded to coaching — than speed.

"Basically, you're looking at car control, how they catch onto things, whether they squeeze the throttle," he said. "Midgets are one of the hardest cars to drive, and it gives them a good idea of where they're at."

The drivers ran about 10 laps before pulling into the infield to

discuss their runs with East. For Crocker, the biggest problem was not knowing how hard to push the car — or her runs. In Tilton's case, the toughest part was adjusting to the faster, heavier cars.

Theriault, who runs heavier cars on the Hooters circuit, had a different problem: backing off.

"Coming out of stock cars, I'm used to being aggressive," she said. "Once I got used to going into the turns and got into

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BASKETBALL CAMP DIRECTORY

Lady Blackcat Basketball Camp

The first annual Lady Blackcat Basketball Camp will be held at Prestonsburg High School June 7-10. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Players ages 9-14 are eligible to participate in the camp. Both boys and girls are eligible to participate. Boys and girls will take part in separate competitions.

Cost of the camp is \$45. For more information, call 886-0307 or 874-9558. Registration will be held the day of the camp. Checks should be made payable to Lady Blackcat Basketball Camp.

Pre-register by mail at the following address: 25 Blackcat Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

Les Trimble Basketball Camp

The Les Trimble Basketball Camp will be held June 7-11 at Johnson Central High School. For more information, call 606/789-2500.

Alice Lloyd College summer basketball camps

The dates for the Alice Lloyd College summer basketball camps for both boys and girls

have been announced. The camps will include both group and individual instruction, 5-on-5 play and a variety of competitions. Each participant will receive a certificate, t-shirt and camp basketball.

The boys camp will take place from June 21-June 25 and is for grades one through eight. For more information, contact men's head basketball coach Gary Gibson at 606/368-6127 (Office) or 606/633-2651 (Home).

The girls camp will take place from June 28-July 2 and is for grades two through 12. For more information, contact women's head basketball coach David Adams at 606/642-3299.

The camps will take place at the Grady Nutt Athletic Center on the campus of Alice Lloyd College.

Pikeville College Lady Bears Basketball Camps

The Pikeville College women's basketball program will hold camps in June and July. An individual camp will begin on Monday, June 28 and run through Thursday, July 1. The individual camp is for players ages 6-18. Cost of the camp is \$55 per camper. The camp will run each day from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Family and group discounts

are available. All campers will receive a camp shirt.

A three-day high school team camp will be held July 13-15. Cost of the team camp is \$300 per team, \$550 for two teams; \$750 for three teams.

Each team is guaranteed eight games. Teams will also receive T-shirts.

For more information, contact Pikeville College head coach Bill Watson at 606/297-6522 (home), 606/218-5356; or assistant coach Robert Staggs, 606/432-1807 (home), 606/218-5357.

Lonesome Pine Raceway June Schedule

June 5 — LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG
June 12 — UARA Late Model Touring, PC
June 19 — LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG
June 26 — LM,LS,GS,M4,P4,LG

Divisions
LM-Late Model
LS-Limited Sportsman
GS-Grand Stock
M4-Mod 4
P4-Pure 4
LG-Legends
PC-Pro Challenge

Martin to host pro wrestling show July 3

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN — Professional wrestling will make a return to Floyd County Saturday, July 3. The City of Martin will host an action-packed professional wrestling card with one of the country's top up and coming sports entertainers visiting Eastern Kentucky.

In the card's main event, Abyss, a nationally-known pro wrestling star and a regular in NWA-TNA, will take part in a Triple Threat match against Koko Warrior and Kid Krazy.

Admission to the show is free.

More matches will also be announced for the Martin card. Bell time set for 8 p.m.

NWA-TNA, Fox Sports Net announce national weekly television program

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — NWA-TNA (Total Nonstop Action) Impact will debut on Friday and will be filmed in Universal Studios Universal Orlando Resort.

"The national telecast of Impact on Fox Sports Net marks a milestone for TNA Entertainment and the wrestling industry," Dixie Carter, President of TNA Entertainment, LLC said. "Total Nonstop Action Wrestling has continued to grow and exceed expectations over our history. As we celebrate our second anniversary in June, we are excited this opportunity with FSN and Universal Studios Orlando will expose a wider range of viewers to our distinctive brand of professional wrestling."

Total Nonstop Action Wrestling features some of the most well-known names in wrestling today, including Jeff

Jarrett, Raven, D-Lo Brown, Sting, and Konnan with the industry's hottest new stars such as AJ Styles, Abyss, Chris Harris, James Storm and CBS's Survivor Pearl Islands star, Jonny Fairplay. TNA Wrestling separates itself from its competitors by delivering quality family programming that focuses on the athletic in-ring action instead of the over the top, shocking antics that have become all too common in the mainstream.

Aug. 20 designated as 'NASCAR Day'

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CONCORD, N.C. — NASCAR announced plans Tuesday for a new and exciting charity initiative, designating Aug. 20 as the inaugural NASCAR Day.

This one-day event is an opportunity for the nationwide NASCAR community to celebrate its enthusiasm for the sport while raising money for the Victory Junction Gang Camp, which is scheduled to open this summer.

On Friday, Aug. 20, fans can show their NASCAR spirit by donating a minimum of \$5 in exchange for the opportunity to wear their favorite NASCAR apparel to work. All participants will receive a commemorative lapel pin celebrating NASCAR Day. Proceeds will benefit the Victory Junction Gang Camp for kids, a Proud Charity of NASCAR established to provide fun and memorable camping experiences to chronically ill children. All fans and companies are welcome, and encouraged, to participate in this cause program.

"NASCAR Day is a way for fans and companies across the country to come together and visibly show support for the sport they love while raising money for a special cause," said George Pyne, NASCAR's chief operating officer. "NASCAR fans are passionate about the sport and for helping others. We are asking all of our sponsors, tracks, teams and fans — the entire community — to get behind this great initiative. If there's any group that has proven they can pull together to make a difference, it's the NASCAR community."

Already, NASCAR is seeking participation within the industry and is encouraging companies outside the industry to participate. To date, The Coca-Cola Company, Toyota, Goodyear, Best Western and Levi Strauss Signature have committed their support by allowing employees to wear NASCAR apparel on Aug. 20th. Fans seeking information, or to sign up for NASCAR Day, should visit www.nascar.com/nascarday or call 1-866-305-4703. Corporations interested in implementing a company-wide NASCAR Day program can call 704/348-9640.

"There are no other fans like NASCAR fans," said Kyle Petty, driver of the No. 45 Georgia-Pacific Dodge. "Their dedication and enthusiasm for the sport is unrivaled. NASCAR Day is a great way to harness the energy of every single person, company and organization involved in the sport for a greater good. I'm looking forward to

showing my NASCAR spirit on Aug. 20."

NASCAR Day is organized through NASCAR Community Relations, which makes the most of the sport's combined strengths to help as many people as possible through charitable foundations. Together, the NASCAR community is using this unique and dedicated format to assist people everywhere.

Petty and his wife, Pattie, founded the Victory Junction Gang Camp, a Proud Charity of NASCAR, in honor of their late son, Adam. The only year-round multi-disease camp of its

kind in the Carolinas and Virginia. Victory Junction will include more than 36 buildings on 65 acres donated by Petty's parents, Richard and Lynda Petty.

Like other camps under the umbrella of The Association of Hole in the Wall Gang Camps founded by actor Paul Newman, Victory Junction Gang Camp will be geared toward making every child's camp experience unforgettable and empowering. For more information, visit their site at www.victoryjunction.org.

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2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup

Schedule

Feb. 15 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
Feb. 22 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth)
March 7 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas (Matt Kenseth)
March 14 — Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
March 21 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C. (Jimmie Johnson)
March 28 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch)
April 4 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Elliott Sadler)
April 18 — Advance Auto Parts 500, Martinsville, Va. (Rusty Wallace)
April 25 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Jeff Gordon)
May 2 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Jeff Gordon)
May 15 — Chevy American Revolution 400, Richmond, Va. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
May 30 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Jimmie Johnson)
June 6 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
June 13 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
June 20 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn
June 27 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
July 3 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11 — Tropicana 400, Joliet, Ill.
July 25 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
Aug. 1 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond
Aug. 8 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis
Aug. 15 — Sirius at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn
Aug. 28 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 5 — Pop Secret 500, Fontana, Calif.
Sept. 11 — Chevrolet Monte Carlo 400, Richmond, Va.
Sept. 19 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 26 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
Oct. 3 — EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 10 — Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 16 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 24 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 31 — Bass Pro Shops MBNA 400, Hampton, Ga.
Nov. 7 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 14 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Nov. 21 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Driver Standings

1. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1,798
2. Jimmie Johnson	1,793
3. Matt Kenseth	1,687
4. Jeff Gordon	1,654
5. Tony Stewart	1,587
6. Bobby Labonte	1,554
7. Elliott Sadler	1,537
8. Kurt Busch	1,521
9. Ryan Newman	1,500
10. Kevin Harvick	1,498
11. Kasey Kahne	1,420
12. Jamie McMurray	1,414
13. Rusty Wallace	1,381
14. Jeremy Mayfield	1,350
15. Mark Martin	1,336
16. Casey Mears	1,311
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Probation-plagued SEC takes steps to discourage cheating

by PAUL NEWBERRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DESTIN, Fla. — Dave Odom knew the Southeastern Conference had an image problem when he talked recently with a colleague from another major league about scheduling a game.

"He told me there were only four teams in the SEC he would play," said Odom, the men's basketball coach at South Carolina. The message was clear: Two-thirds of the SEC's 12 schools should be avoided because they played loose with the rules.

Acknowledging its reputation as a renegade conference, the SEC approved a policy Wednesday that is designed to reduce the sort of cheating that has put a constant stream of schools at odds with the NCAA.

The policy is supposed to streamline the process for reporting violations and make schools more accountable for keeping their people in line.

"Obviously, we needed to do something," Auburn football coach Tommy Tuberville said. "I think this is the right road to take. We'll see."

Four SEC schools — Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn and Kentucky — are currently on probation. Georgia and Mississippi State recently admitted to rules violations but have yet to be sanctioned by the NCAA.

Over the past decade, nearly every league school has been accused of malfeasance, some more than once. The SEC's reputation for athletic excellence has been tarnished by recruiting scandals and academic fraud.

"This is the first time in the history of the league that we've all come together in the process,

looked each other in the eye and acknowledged the issues we've had," SEC commissioner Mike Slive said. "We don't want them to happen anymore."

At its annual spring meeting on Florida's gulf coast, the SEC unanimously approved the recommendations of the "Task Force on Compliance & Enforcement." Slive has set a goal of having all SEC schools off probation by the summer of 2007.

A centerpiece of the new policy: If one school suspects another of violating NCAA rules, they must follow a strict protocol for reporting the allegations.

For instance, if a coach at School A believes someone at

School B has broken a rule, he must report those concerns to his own athletic director. The AD would determine if the information should be reported to the SEC office, which would make a similar decision before passing along the allegations to School B. That school must conduct its own investigation and report back to Slive within 30 days.

The new policy, which might become known as the "Phillip Fulmer Rule," is supposed to give coaches a clear-cut policy for dealing with suspicious behavior by a rival school.

Fulmer, the Tennessee football coach, told an NCAA investigator in 2000 that he suspected improper dealings between Alabama boosters and recruits.

While assured of confidentiality, Fulmer's claims were revealed during a federal lawsuit that claims he was part of a conspiracy to bring down the Crimson Tide football program.

The NCAA wound up placing Alabama on probation for five years, including major

scholarship reductions and a two-year ban on playing in a bowl.

"I think everybody has gotten the message that this is the way things need to be," Fulmer said. "We want to have the reputation around the country that the SEC is not only a great conference

academically and athletically, but we do things the right way."

Asked if he felt the new policy grew out of his embarrassing allegations against Alabama, Fulmer replied, "I hope not."

Gene Marsh, an Alabama law professor and member of the task force, said anyone who suspected wrongdoing should know how their concerns were being addressed.

"People have complained that they would raise an issue, then never hear how it was resolved," he said. "Now, there are absolute lines of authority about who's reporting and who's got the responsibility for investigating."

Still, the new policy provides no penalties for a school that doesn't comply with the reporting guidelines. Slive is counting on "peer pressure" to keep members in line, which could be difficult given the SEC's track record.

When Odom was coaching in the Atlantic Coast Conference, he was amazed at all the rule-

(See SEC, page five)

MSU announces dates for soccer camps

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — This summer, Morehead State University head women's soccer coach Greg Sheen will host the Junior Eagle Soccer Camp and the Morehead State Residential Team and Advanced Individual Camp. Each of the camps will take place at Jayne Stadium on the Morehead State University campus. There will be two sessions of the Junior Eagle Camp, which is open to both boys and girls ages 6-14 of beginner and intermediate skill levels. Session I runs now through Sunday, while Session II is from August 8-11. Each of the Junior Eagle camps will run daily from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Registration will be

the first day of each camp, beginning approximately at 4:45 p.m., on the Jayne Stadium field, with walk-ups welcome. The Morehead State Residential Team Camp, which is open to just elite-level girls on U11 to U14 Select Teams, will have four sessions, one each from June 6-11, June 27-July 2, July 4-9 and July 25-30. A minimum of 15 players and a maximum of 18 players are required for the team camps. There also will be a residential camp for advanced individuals, open to girls ages 12-18, with sessions running at the same time as the Residential Team Camp. Each of those camps runs from 3 p.m., Sunday through noon the next Friday, with registration beginning at 3 p.m. There is no deposit for the Junior Eagle camps, but the cost is \$65 per camper. For the residential camps, a nonrefundable deposit for each team is \$200 or \$100 for individuals. The remainder of the \$375 camp fee is due on the first day. Checks should be made out to Eagle Soccer Camps. For the residential camps, the deposit and the registration plus medical waiver forms are due one week prior to each camp. In each camp, attendees receive a free t-shirt. All campers should bring a water bottle, soccer ball, shin guards, cleats and/or flat-soled soccer shoes. In the residential camp, the cost also covers three meals and a room in the dorms. Residential campers should also bring linens, plus plenty of socks, shorts and t-shirts. Application and medical waiver forms or more information can be obtained via mail from: Women's Soccer, Morehead State University, 230 Academic-Athletic Center, Morehead, KY 40351-1689; or by phone at 606/783-2589; through the MSU website, www.msueagles.com; or by email at g.sheen@moreheadstate.edu.

Morehead State golf camp scheduled

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Once again this summer, Morehead State University head golf coach Dr. Rex Chaney will be operating the 24th annual Morehead State University Golf Camp, with one session offered from June 6-11. The camp is open for boys and girls ages 8-18. Enrollment is limited to 40 campers, with slots filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Application forms can be obtained via mail from: MSU Golf Camp, c/o Brenda Kissinger, Morehead State University, Academic-Athletic Center, Morehead, Ky. 40351. A \$100 deposit is due with the application, with the balance due at the time of registration. Please make checks payable to Morehead State University Golf Camp. The rates are \$400 for overnight campers and \$175 for day campers. Groups of four or more prepaid campers receive a \$25 discount, but all application forms need to be sent in together in the same envelope. There is a \$25 fee for those needing round-trip transportation to and from Lexington airport. Registration runs from 3-5 p.m., on Sunday, June 6. Residential campers are asked to bring a blanket, two sheets, a pillow and pillow case; while all campers should bring six golf shirts and pants/shorts, a bathing suit, a cap and golf clubs, in addition to regular necessities. For more information, call 606/783-2500 or 606/783-2396.

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1 team needed for Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BUCKLEYS CREEK — The Pike County Central Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic has had a team drop out at the last minute. With that, the tournament currently has one opening. Each team in the tournament will get to play 3 games and receive 20 t-shirts. In addition,

all teams will be fed during the first round of play. The date for the start of the tournament is Nov. 30.

Host Pike Central is the defending 15th Region Champion.

If interested in taking part in the tournament, contact Tammy Tussey at Pike Central, 606/432-4352.

Reds: Vander Wal needs more rehabilitation, return uncertain

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — John Vander Wal will need more time to physically recover from an off-season knee injury and there is no timetable for his return to baseball, the Cincinnati Reds said Tuesday.

The backup outfielder and pinch hitter told the Reds on Tuesday that his legs were not ready to withstand the everyday rigors of professional baseball. He is to continue his rehabilitation at his home in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Reds said Vander Wal will likely be placed on the disabled list with the Louisville Bats, their Triple-A affiliate.

Vander Wal, 37, signed a \$700,000 contract with the

Reds as a free agent on Jan. 12. On Jan. 28, he underwent arthroscopic surgery to repair damaged cartilage and a torn anterior cruciate ligament he sustained in his right knee while shoveling snow. He was released by the Reds on March 15 and re-signed to a minor league contract two days later. On May 12, he was sent to extended spring training in Sarasota, Fla. Two weeks after that, he was reinstated from Louisville's disabled list and batted .250 with one RBI during five games with the Bats. The 13-year veteran batted .257 with 14 home runs and 45 RBI in 117 games with Milwaukee last season. He ranks fifth in career pinch hits with 124 and third in career pinch homers with 17.

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- Others receiving votes: Dunbar, Presentation, Madison Central, Elizabethtown, Bates Creek, Dixie Heights, Ryle, Lexington Catholic, Pulaski Southwestern, Murray, Bullitt Central.

NASCAR

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a rhythm, it got easier."

St. James, who drove in seven Indianapolis 500s from 1992-00, believes programs like Ford's are beginning to open the door for a new generation of women.

"Ford has made a commitment with longer-term plans and implications to it," she said. "I've gotten jillions of resumes for this."

The question now is where it will lead.

Ford has not decided whether to continue the program in future years because it would prefer to work with only a few drivers at a time.

"We don't want to cultivate this talent and have nowhere to put it," said Scott Denby, Ford Racing's business manager. "If we don't see one of them come out (of the program) this year, we'll continue. We think we'll see one come sooner rather than later."

Crocker knows it will take more than Ford's backing to

advance. She needs to win.

"I've always said being a woman in the sport has a lot of advantages and disadvantages," she said. "Being a woman opens doors. But once you get in the door, you have to do more."

Morgan County looking for team for summer league

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WEST LIBERTY — Head coach Donna Robinson, a Floyd County native, and the Morgan County High School girls' basketball team had a team drop out of their summer league because of prior obligations of a new coach. Robinson and her team need one team for the event. The fee is \$150. Games will be played each Tuesday in June. Each team will play two games per night. A total of 10 games will be played. The first game was played on Tuesday.

Lexington Catholic is in need of one final team to complete the 32-team field for the 2004 Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic. This year's event will be played on December 18-21 at Lexington Catholic. Each team is guaranteed three games with most playing four. If interested, contact Greg Todd at 859/278-2077 or at gtodd@lexingtoncatholic.com

Due to a couple of cancellations the Boyd County High girls' basketball program is looking for two teams to participate in its two day shootout Jan 14-15. T-shirts and meals are provided. For more information, email head coach Pete Fraley at pfraley@peoplepc.com.

The Rowan County High School girls' basketball program is looking for two games for the 2004-05 season. The Rowan County program is also in need of two scrimmage games. For more information, call coach Troy Thomas at 606/776-5631.

Reds: No winter publicity event for fans next two years

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds said Tuesday they are canceling Redsfest, their annual winter gathering of players and team officials to meet with fans, for the next two years because the Reds cannot find space for the events.

The event was held each of the last eight years at the Dr. Albert B. Sabin Cincinnati Convention Center in downtown Cincinnati. Reds players and team officials were available for autographs, pho-

tographs and sometimes question-and-answer sessions with fans.

But the center is to be renovated, and other regional convention centers are not big enough to provide the space that the event requires, said Cal Levy, the Reds' director of marketing.

The team has begun talks with officials of the Cincinnati convention center about a potential date for Redsfest 2006, Levy said.

More than 70,000 fans have attended Redsfest.

photo by Chris Belcher

Pikeville racer Glen Patton won the Super Bomber feature Saturday night at the 201 Speedway.

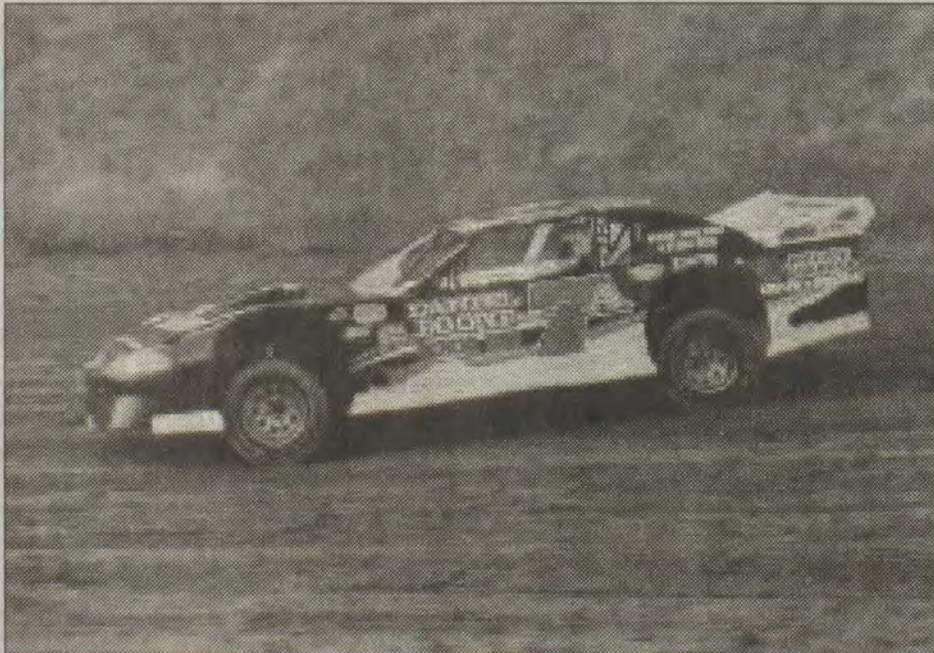
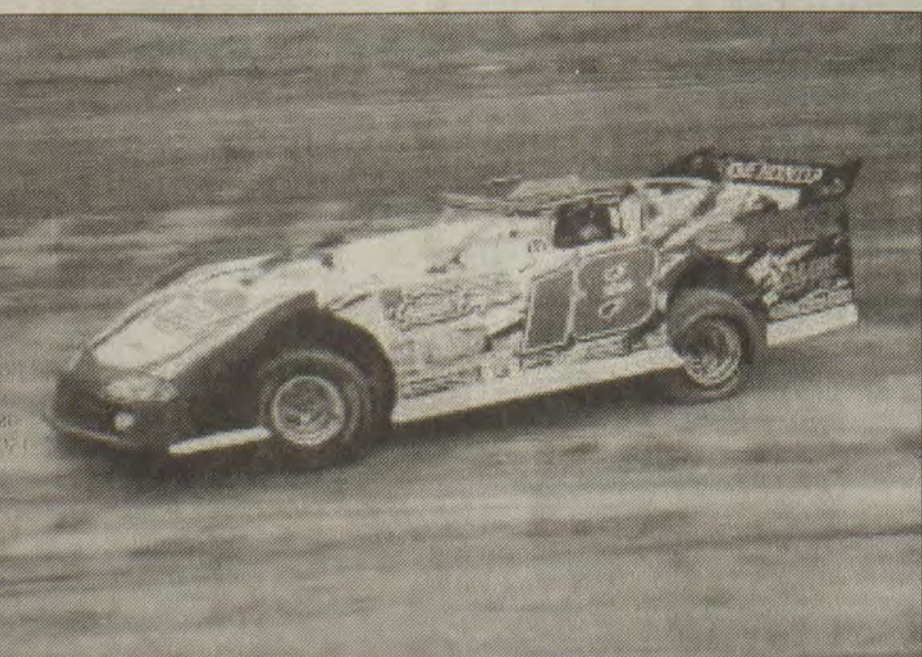


photo by Chris Belcher

On Saturday, Floyd County dirt track driver Brandon Kinzer won the \$1500 Barker's Mobile Homes Late Model feature.



HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL
Scores from Wednesday's games
Middlesboro 8 Corbin 6
(13th Region Tournament)
Hazard 8 Lee County 5
(14th Region Tournament)
Whitesburg 11 Knott County Central 2
(14th Region Tournament)
Ashland Blazer 2 Boyd County 1
(16th Region Tournament)

FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL
Scores from Wednesday's games
Putaski Southwestern 2 Danville 1
(12th Region Tournament, 8 innings)
South Laurel 3 Garrard County 1
(12th Region Tournament)
Breathitt County Powell County 4
(14th Region Tournament)
Whitesburg 9 Lee County 0
(14th Region Tournament)

Junior named Daytona president (for a day)

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr., the 2004 Daytona 500 champion, took on a second job on Wednesday, as president of Daytona International Speedway.

The driver of the No. 8 Budweiser Chevrolet for Dale Earnhardt Inc. in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series filled in for Speedway President Robin Braig and performed several

presidential duties at the "World Center of Racing" which included:

n Selected the paint scheme for the Chevrolet Monte Carlo that will pace the Pepsi 400 on Saturday, July 3. It's the first time since 1969 that a Chevrolet has paced the Pepsi 400 and the first time a Monte Carlo has paced the field in the history of the mid-summer classic.

n Announced that Orlando Magic guard and NBA All-Star

Tracy McGrady will serve as Grand Marshal for the Pepsi 400.

n Announced a record purse of \$5,804,363 for this year's Pepsi 400 on Saturday, July 3, an increase of more than \$800,000. The winner of this year's Pepsi 400 will collect a minimum of \$266,475.

n Offered a special 8-pack ticket package for the Pepsi 400 weekend for \$308. The package includes four general admission

tickets to the Winn-Dixie 250 presented by PepsiCo and four Superstretch tickets for the Pepsi 400. The offer, which is good June 2 through June 8, is available by calling 1-800-PIT-SHOP. Earnhardt Jr. also worked at the counters selling tickets at the ticket office.

n Looked over the new infield renovation plans for the Speedway. The construction for the new garages, Gatorade Victory Lane, tunnel, fan walk

and specialty vehicle area will begin following the Pepsi 400.

"It's really a fun place to be around," Earnhardt Jr. said of the Speedway. "Not just on the race track or in winner's circle but actually out there seeing all the people that sell tickets and keep the Speedway running everyday. It's pretty impressive. There's a huge commitment. It's a family atmosphere too, which is something NASCAR has always had.

"The coolest thing for me was meeting all the women in the ticket office. That was fun. They're all in there selling tickets. They seem like they all have a good time together and all know each other. That was cool meeting all of them."

Taking a break from his presidential duties, Earnhardt Jr. previewed the Pepsi 400 weekend, where he'll compete in both the Pepsi 400 on Saturday night, July 3 and the Winn-Dixie 250 presented by PepsiCo NASCAR Busch Series on Friday night, July 2.

"I'm really excited about that race," Earnhardt Jr. said of the Pepsi 400. "Running at night, it's one of my favorite races of the year. It's a good time for a vacation and it's a good time for a race. You get a little bit of both.

"We've run good at it in the past. We've won it once and ran up front last year. We had an opportunity to win and ended up with a top-10 finish. We're just hoping that we'll have better luck coming around this time."

Earnhardt Jr., who won the 2001 Pepsi 400, is familiar with the history of the Pepsi 400. He has been attending the 160-lap, 400-mile Independence Day holiday race since he was a kid.

"I came to this race track a lot when I was young," Earnhardt

Jr. said. "The 1985 Firecracker 400 was one of the first ones I remember when Greg Sacks won. I watched all of that race down in Turn 1.

"From there on, it was a race that I looked forward to because I knew I was out all summer from school and that was a race I expected to be at. We liked to go to as many races as we could when we were kids. School and things like that prevented us from going but we always knew we would get to go to the Firecracker 400."

Marshall Football season ticket Choose a Seat set for Saturday

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The Marshall University Ticket Office is hosting a Choose a Seat from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Joan C. Edwards Stadium, Saturday.

All available seat locations will be marked and on sale to the general public. In addition, ticket office staff will be on hand to assist fans with any ticket questions.

Saturday marks the official release of 2004 season ticket locations. Marshall fans wishing to become season ticket holders should take advantage of this opportunity to get the best seats available for 2004, and lock in seat locations for the 2005 season, when Marshall plays host to Kansas State and a Conference USA slate of opponents.

For more information contact the Marshall University ticket office at 1-800-THE-HERD.

Why the world loves Smarty Jones

by STEVE WILSTEIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sourpusses argue that a racehorse, even one as grand as Smarty Jones, is not an athlete.

They say that it (not a he or a she) does not aspire to be a champion, does not consciously train to win and break records.

A racehorse, not being human, therefore lacks the essential qualities of the athlete to achieve something noble of body and spirit. All the "beast" does is carry out its genetic imperative: It is bred and born to run.

A more felicitous view of the way most people see Smarty Jones is that this is one heck of an athlete by any measure, and a better one than many of the human varieties.

Neither greedy nor arrogant, Smarty Jones has a more endearing personality than a lot of NBA, NFL and baseball players. He — let us at least give him a friendly pronoun — doesn't mouth off with stupid opinions, draw atten-

tion to himself with staged celebrations, and commit assaults or other crimes.

He displays a sense of the moment, coming up big in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness and preparing now for the Belmont Stakes on Saturday. Ears pricked up, eyes alert, he plays to the crowd. He wins in slop or on dry ground, from the rail or on the outside.

The world loves Smarty Jones for all the reasons people have always embraced certain champions more than others:

— His story has the great mythic quality of overcoming obstacles — his own brush with death and the murder of his first trainer.

— He is pursuing perfection — 8-0 and trying to become only the second undefeated Triple Crown winner in history. Seattle Slew did it in 1977 and no horse has won racing's three jewels, even with a loss along the way, since Affirmed in 1978.

— He has the look of an underdog, a red chestnut colt smaller than his rivals, but possesses a regal bearing.

— He inspires awe. His record 11 1/2-length victory in the Preakness was reminiscent of Secretariat's 31-length rout in the 1973 Belmont.

In picking The Associated Press top 100 athletes of the 20th century — as the year 2000 approached, several voters left off Secretariat simply because he was a horse. It was a blatant case of equine discrimination, but Big Red, arguably the greatest Thoroughbred in history, still got enough support to be ranked No. 81.

(The jockey Willie Shoemaker was No. 80 and the modern iron man of baseball, Cal Ripken Jr., was No. 82. The top five were Babe Ruth, Michael Jordan, Jim Thorpe, Muhammad Ali and Wayne Gretzky.)

Man O' War, Seabiscuit, Seattle Slew — all beloved champions — got a smattering of votes but didn't make the final cut.

Maybe voters 95 years from now will feel the same reluctance to rank horses among human athletes. But if Smarty Jones captures

the Belmont in a manner similar to the way he did the Preakness, chances are that more than a few will cast ballots for him.

This is a horse that has a chance to transcend his sport, as Seabiscuit and Secretariat did for different reasons, and bring it a desperately needed infusion of fans.

Seabiscuit, as recounted in Laura Hillenbrand's bestseller and the hit movie it inspired, captured the American imagination by enduring "a remarkable run of bad fortune, conspiracy, and injury" during the late years of the Depression from 1936 to 1940. She called him "one of history's most extraordinary athletes," but, of course, she was biased.

Secretariat was another sort of animal altogether, a majestic colt with an oversized heart, figuratively and literally. He was so beautiful to watch in full, muscle-rippling gallop that some fans by the rail wept with joy as he crossed the finish line at the Belmont, winning by what seemed the length of a football field.

It was one of the most breathtaking moments anyone had ever seen in sports. There, truly, was a phenomenal athlete, but, of course, I'm biased.

Children and adults wrote letters to both of those horses — and to Seattle Slew, too — as if they could read them and respond. It was a way to reach out to great-

Belmont braces for record crowd for Smarty Jones

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A record crowd is expected Saturday at Belmont Park when Smarty Jones goes for the Triple Crown.

"It's hard to project because we are heading into uncharted territory," said Bill Nader, New York Racing Association senior vice president. "There is no question, the attendance and handle figures will fall. We will rewrite the record book. It will be the biggest day in the history of New York racing.

A record Belmont Stakes crowd of 103,222 turned out for War Emblem's failed Triple Crown bid in 2002.

Funny Cide also had the Triple Crown on the line last year and attracted 101,864 on a rainy afternoon.

With a partly cloudy day forecast for Saturday, how many people will show up for Smarty Jones?

"If they could open the infield here, which they can't, they would get 150,000," said Bobby Frankel, the winning trainer in last year's Belmont with Empire Maker.

NYRA will have 1,000 parimutuel clerks and 1,000 food service staff to handle the crowd.

TRACK RECORD: Stewart Elliott, Smarty Jones' jockey, is 1-for-13 at Belmont since 1991.

He last won here on Sept. 22, 1999 aboard Tickle Me Red in a claiming race.

Elliott does not feel lack of experience at the track poses a handicap.

"You know where you're starting and you know where you're finishing," said Elliott. "Naturally if you are not there all the time, it's a little bit of a disadvantage."

Elliott, like Smarty Jones, has been based at Philadelphia Park. He shifted to Monmouth Park over the Memorial Day weekend for the summer season in New Jersey.

LEARNING FAST: Rock Hard Ten has the least experience of any horse in the Belmont with only four starts.

He finished second to Smarty Jones in the Preakness, beaten by 11 1/2 lengths.

ness. Long after the races were done, fans made pilgrimages to see them.

It's happening again with Smarty Jones, bundles of letters arriving each day from all over the country. Young and old, the fans write about their love of this colt and tell how much he means to them.

Smarty Jones' trainer, John Servis, was especially moved by an e-mail from an 11-year-old Florida boy born with a rare skeletal muscle condition. The boy, Beach Cutler, breathes through a ventilator and receives food and liquids through a button attached to his stomach.

"I watched you win the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, and I think you will win the Belmont, too," the boy wrote. "I am so excited. You have inspired me to run like a racehorse while walking with my physical therapist. And when I walk in the pool with my mom, my nurse times me when I'm pretending to race. I even whinny like a horse. You've lifted my spirits."

The sourpusses may go on insisting that Smarty Jones is no athlete, but there are dam few humans out there in sports these days lifting spirits like this intrepid little colt.

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Bench to highlight Kenny and Kenny program

TIMES STAFF REPORT

This week, Major League Baseball Hall of Fame catcher Johnny Bench talks baseball and golf with Kenny Rice and Kenny Walker on their weekly syndicated radio show. ABC

Sports auto racing reporter Jack Arute will visit the Kenny and Kenny duo to review the Indy 500.

The Kenny and Kenny Sports Show Plus is on WQHY-FM 95.5 each Sunday from 7-8 p.m.



Late last week, the Prestonsburg Legends softball team swung for the offering given by Amanda O'Brien (not pictured) of the Paintsville Alabama team.



Savannah Wright of the Prestonsburg Legends softball team swung for the offering given by Amanda O'Brien (not pictured) of the Paintsville Alabama team.

Panthers to face Wildcats in November

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWENSBORO — Kentucky Wesleyan will face Kentucky this year in an exhibition game that matches two of the NCAA's winningest programs.

The eight-time Division II national champion Panthers will visit Rupp Arena on Nov. 9.

Kentucky Wesleyan is the winningest program in Division II, with an all-time record of 1,400-689-1 over 93 seasons. Kentucky, a seven-time NCAA champion, is the winningest program in Division I, with a record of 1,876-575-1 across 101 seasons.

The teams have not played

since 1938, when Kentucky won 57-18. They tied 21-21 in 1918, the only tie in each program's history. The tie resulted from an error by the official scorer that was not detected until both teams had left the gym. The game was never rescheduled.

Kentucky Wesleyan is the only school in history to win NCAA championships in each of the past five decades — 1966, 1968, 1969, 1973, 1987, 1990, 1999 and 2001.

Kentucky won NCAA championships in 1948, 1949, 1951, 1958, 1978, 1996 and 1998.

The Wildcats will also play Division II Northern Kentucky in an exhibition this year.

SEC

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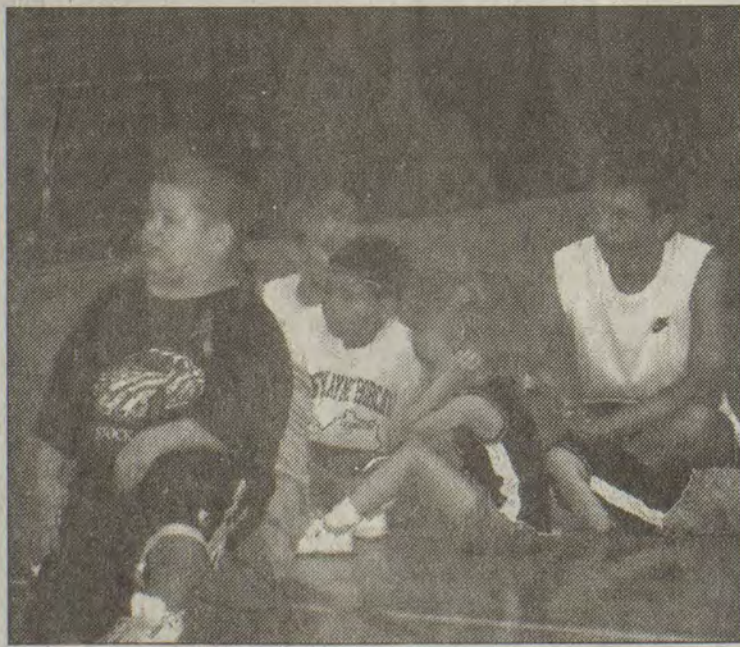
breaking that seemed to prevail in the SEC. Coaches talked openly about paying for players and bragged that they had their own system of checks, balances and avoiding the NCAA.

"I'd say, 'How in the heck do you get by with that stuff,'" Odom recalled. "They'd say, 'Hey, local rules prevail. We take care of our own.'"

The SEC is now urging schools to shy away from hiring coaches who have run afoul of NCAA rules at other institutions.

In addition, the SEC plans to hire an outside firm to review each school's compliance programs every two years, plus spend more time educating everyone from school presidents to athletic department secretaries on the importance of obeying NCAA rules.

"The commissioner is very committed to helping clean things up," Georgia football coach Mark Richt said. "No conference is perfect. But certainly we want to do a better job."



photos by Jamie Howell

Campers attending the Bobcat Basketball Camp, under the direction of Betsy Layne High School boys' basketball coach Brent Rose, will learn fundamentals and compete in games and various contests.



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THROUGH MY EYES

Where's the ark?

All my life, I have heard my parents speak of the '57 flood and how awful it was. Their home, they said, had 6 feet of water in it. Lost many of their kitchen appliances and, I suppose, much more, though their home did have an upstairs and they were able to pile it high with furnishings, clothing and such before they had to run to higher ground.



Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

Although I've seen some of the devastating effects of flood waters in the past

few years, I have to say, this past weekend's floods have been worse than anything I have yet to see. So much mud and debris. So many homes ruined, so many folks temporarily displaced. I've been able to see, much more, the sort of things I have heard my parents talk about for so many years.

Here, we have had at least two co-workers whose homes were

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POSTSCRIPT

Parks need to 'park' new rules

I fear I've been dwelling on emotional or sentimental topics for too long. It's time to get back up on the soapbox and express outrage.



Pam Shingler
 contributing writer

The subject is the new rules for state parks employees. They represent the new way of doing business, according to Gov. Ernie Fletcher's

parks boss, George Ward. (God, I hope he's not from my set of Wards.)

It seems Mr. Ward believes that by making the employees look better and stay in their place, the parks will turn a profit and save the non-existent state bud-

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MAC Summer Term 2004: Join in the FUN at the MAC!

June 7 - July 30, 2004

The Mountain Arts Center provides service to the children teens and adults of Eastern Kentucky in the areas of classroom education in music, art and drama and private instruction in piano, violin/fiddle, voice, percussions and

martial arts.

The Arts Education Department will have the following classes in the Summer 2004 schedule: Art, Music and Drama, Basic Piano, Children's Choir and Community Choir. Private Instruction in piano, violin/fiddle, voice, percussions and martial arts will continue throughout the summer.

Registration is currently being held at the Mountain Arts Center and will continue through to Friday, June 4th, 2004. You can register by phone, mail, e-mail or by stopping by the Mountain Arts Center during normal business hours. Please contact Khrys Varney, Arts Education Director, at (606) 889-9125, ext. 15 or by e-mail at

khrys@macarts.com to register for the Summer Term. The cost for the term is \$150.00 with one-half of fee payable upon registration. Scholarships may be available for special needs or low income students.

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2004 9TH ANNUAL GIRL SCOUT OLYMPICS



Leading the opening festivities, girls paraded the BSCTC walking track, meeting together at the gazebo for opening ceremonies.

Keeping girls happy and healthy

On Saturday, May 22, 2004, Floyd County Girl Scouts played host to the 9th Annual Girl Scout Olympics event. Over 120 girls from Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence, Magoffin, and Martin Counties were on hand to compete in the scheduled events. Girls from ages 5 to 12 met at the walking track area of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg campus, for the event.

Girls from grades kindergarten through sixth grade were invited to participate in the events. Daisy Scouts are girls who are in kindergarten. Brownie Scouts are girls who are 6 through 9 years of age. Junior Scouts are girls who are 9 through 12 years of age. This year, Floyd County's oldest troop, Senior Troop Number 44, assisted at the Olympics event by serving as

judges and volunteer helpers.

Several area businesses donated services or goods that helped make the Olympics event a great success. Big Sandy Community and Technical College allowed the girls to once again use their walking track area for the day. Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., Heiner's Bakery, Prestonsburg Pizza Hut, the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen, Snyder's Chips, and Big Sandy Wholesale all donated food items that were used to provide lunch for all participants. Promotions, Inc., donated signs that were used to mark individual events.

The girls met at the walking track area with their individual leaders. Many girls changed into their "Olympic" t-shirts and prepared themselves for the day's events. The troops were then

(See GIRLS, page seven)



"I'm supposed to run - like this?," this Girl Scout seems to be saying just prior to the beginning of the sack race event.



It's all about the friendship. "Girls growing together."

PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH

Things to ponder: 'Sculpturing' child behaviors

After all the sudden and ernie weather of last weekend, this has been one of those "going with the flow" (with no pun meant) weeks. Some of the things happening reflected an issue relevant to lots of children and families, the children's behaviors. The lion's share appeared to be the parents' attempting to control the child's behaviors versus shaping his or her behaviors. Although this topic has been around, it just seemed that there just could not be too much discussion about parents' and boundaries for their children, so that

the children can learn to control themselves from the inside out. Adults learning to increase their parenting skills and children learning to say "No" to themselves can especially be helpful, since parents and children are together more in the summer and want to have fun.

The idea of modifying a child's behaviors brings to mind "sculpturing," utilizing the usual child's characteristics of desiring to learn new things, needing approval and acceptance from others, and parents need to use these characteristics in

an effort to make behavioral changes by natural processes and to mold reactions, so to speak. While the parents are being consistent with the rules and working as a team, the child learns to trust that "things will always be the same from them and it's up to me to get what I want." During a phone call, after the long holiday weekend and routines were more likely to be broken, a friend with a 4 year old daughter remarked, "Guess you can hear her whining. I had to wake her up from a late

doesn't get her sleep out. She won't allow me to distract her and I've tried everything to please her, so I'm just letting her get it out of her system." This is a primary example of a parent recognizing the source of the child's behaviors, not getting emotionally caught up herself in trying "to fix" the situation for the child, and knowing from experience it is best now to ignore what is happening. This mother has learned over time that it is not helpful to either one of them for



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ June 14- July 22 - UK Dental School will offer services at the Floyd County Health Dept., in Prestonsburg. Call 886-2788, ext. 221 for an appointment.

■ 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.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ June 7 - SBDM Council meeting, 3 p.m., in school auditorium.

■ 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

■ June 7 - SBDM Council parent representative election for upcoming 2004-05 school year; 6 p.m. Applications will be accepted until 3:30 p.m., Friday, June 4. See Jerry Butcher, Asst. Principal.

■ School now has applications for 2004 Summer School program, dates to run from June 1-June 28, 2004 for 1 credit. For more information, call 886-2252.

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.

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

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

Girls

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asked to form a line on the track and parade to the gazebo area. Once arrived to the gazebo, girls, leaders, and spectators were informed of the rules and introduced to the judges for each age group. The Brownies were divided into "younger Brownies," age 6-7 years old, and "older Brownies," age 8-9 years old.

Olympic events included a bean bag race, sack race, three-legged race, crab walk, broad jump, jump rope, frisbee throw, hula-hoop contest, a 50-yard dash, a 220-yard run for Brownies, and a 440-yard run for Juniors.

The events began at approximately 8:40 a.m., with the Brownies and Juniors competing in the 220-yard run and the 440-yard run. After the runs, each age group of girls was put with their own group of judges and everyone was off to a morning of fun-filled events! Each girl played hard and put forth her best effort in each event. Winners were recognized from first to third place in each event, from each age level category.

Following the Olympic event competitions, the girls were treated to a picnic lunch. As the girls enjoyed their lunch, the judges combined the scores and tallied the results. Afterwards, an informal recognition ceremony was held with each first through third place winner receiving a gold, silver or bronze medallion.

Serving as timekeepers and helpers for the Olympics from Senior Troop 44 were Senior Scouts Jennifer Adams, Jessica Adams, Anita Allison, Katherin Austin, Brittany Crisp, Megan Goble, Caitlin Hale, Charla Helton, Shannon Hicks, Renee Maynard, and Amanda Price. Winners were as follows:

Bean Bag Race:

Daisies: 1st, Kaitlyn Branham; 2nd, Katie Goble; 3rd, Kaylee Bates

Younger Brownies: 1st, Savannah Mullins; 2nd, Tyra Mullins; 3rd, Carey Ousley

Older Brownies: 1st, Alyssa Collins; 2nd, Destiny Olcott;

3rd, Elizabeth Collins
Juniors: 1st, Kaitlyn Bellamy; 2nd, Leanna Goble; 3rd, Brittany Bates

Sack Race:

Daisies: 1st, Seaira Craft; 2nd, Alison Collins; 3rd, Chelsea Frazier

Younger Brownies: 1st, Monica Halsey; 2nd, Jonna Little; 3rd, Keiona Craft

Older Brownies: 1st, Taylor Akers; 2nd, Gretchen Treadway

Juniors: 1st, Celeste Hall; 2nd, Mirianda Powers; 3rd, Brittany Bates

3-Legged Race:

Daisies: 1st, Emily Sparks and Katie Goble

Younger Brownies: 1st, Keiona Craft and Madison Moore; 2nd, Laken Wells and Savannah Helton; 3rd, Madison Young and Tyra Mullins.

Older Brownies: 1st, Alyssa Conley and Meghann Basham; 2nd, Paige Looney and Taylor Akers; 3rd, Hannah Spurlock and Catherine Spurlock.

Juniors: 1st, Emily Webb and Jerri Helton; 2nd, Autumn Daniels and Meghan Banks; 3rd, Nikki Anderson and Danielle Ousley.

50-Yard Dash:

Daisies: 1st, Eliza Love; 2nd, Kaitlyn Branham; 3rd, Seaira Craft

Younger Brownies: 1st, Jonna Little; 2nd, Lakin Wells; 3rd, Macy Potter

Older Brownies: 1st, Katie Bush; 2nd, Hannah Spurlock; 3rd, Destiny Olcott

Juniors: 1st, Emily Webb; 2nd, Carla Forsyth; 3rd, Danielle Ousley

Jump Rope:

Daisies: 1st, Kaitlyn Branham

Younger Brownies: 1st, Grace Boleyn; 2nd, Haley Preston; 3rd, Macy Potter

Older Brownies: 1st, Elizabeth Collins; 2nd, Taylor Akers; 3rd, Paige Looney

Juniors: 1st, Mirianda Powers; 2nd, Leanna Goble; 3rd, Carla Forsyth

Eyes

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flooded. My children have a few friends whose lives have been affected, and, my goodness, the photos showing flood waters barely inches away from the Jenny Wiley pool, Archer Park under water, the "Korner Drug" redlight area engulfed, and poor Jenny Wiley Theatre hit hard by mudslides and storm damage. It's enough to make anyone throw their hands up and holler, "I give!"

Thankfully, my daughters and I were kept high and dry at our little home situated atop a tiny knoll at Roberts Branch, and, my son kept out of harm's way sheltered cozily in a Georgia hotel on his way home from a Florida vacation with his friend, Wes, and his family.

Talk about a stressful, worrisome night! I last talked with my son via cell phone, about 1:20 a.m. Sunday morning, as he and his "host" family traveled down a Georgia interstate. "Mom," he ordered, "Get on weather.com and tell us what's ahead."

"What?," I asked. "I don't know exactly where you are, what town are you near?"

"That doesn't matter, Mom. Just tell us what it's doing in Tennessee and in Hazard."

So, I tried. But, my attempts were of little help. "Just tune in to a local radio station or call 511 for information," I told him. "And if it gets bad, get off the road."

Well, turns out getting off the road is exactly what happened as Debbie (mother of Wes), later reported, "It started raining really hard and I don't do rainstorms, so I said, 'That's it, kids, we're gettin' off.'"

Good thing. Would have been an even better thing if my son had called back to let me know.

Anyway, my family stayed safe and I hope yours did, too.

In the meantime, hats off to all of our local Red Cross, CAP, FEMA workers and all other organizations, churches and volunteer helpers. You folks are a Godsend to the people you help.

Postscript

get. I don't know about you, but I'm pretty fond of Kentucky's state parks. I love the little resort park in my backyard, and I've been to many other state parks, even writing about several of them. Plus, I know some of the people who work for the park service, and I can see - and taste - the results of their hard labor.

Now, I do not understand why anyone would want a ring in their nose or belly button or a spike through their tongue. If you've got a collection of piercing trinkets in public view, I might have a hard time not to stare. But, hey, if you're doing your job and the jewelry is not interfering with the job, why should I care?

The same is true of tattoos - as long as they're not vulgar or racist. And the same is true of hair length, as long as the hair is

kept clean and out of my food. Still, the most ridiculous of the new dress code is the rule that parks employees have to tuck in their shirts.

That would be a real problem for me. Even when I was svelte, I did not like to tuck my shirt in. I always felt the need to keep patting my waist down to make sure the tuck was smooth. Nowadays, a tucked-in shirt emphasizes my untucked waistline. (My opinion, it looks much worse to see a roll of fat above the tuck than it does to see the shirttail cover the roll.)

And come on, if you're cleaning a toilet or driving a backhoe or cutting grass, what difference does it make to have your shirt tucked in? How does a tucked-in shirt relate to how well you do a job?

The most absurd and most outrageous new rule, however, is none of the above. Mr. Ward's

edict reportedly states that parks employees cannot be guests at the park where they work. Mr. Ward is afraid, apparently, that their presence as guests will lend a low-class aura to the outside visitors.

This means that if you spend day after day cleaning the bathroom, changing the sheets and sweeping the floors at a lodge, and you decide you'd like to be the one who is cleaned up after for even one night, you can't.

Actually, this is almost an irrelevant point, since a good number of park employees, especially those in seasonal jobs, make so little they might have a hard time affording a room.

Tell me, is this the kind of park system Kentuckians really want?

Certainly not, says at least one Kentuckian.

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Ponder

there to be a power struggle with a child of any age.

Another biggie that is important in sculpturing and adapting children's behaviors is for the parents to know what is "normal for a specific age." This quickly brings to mind an image of the "all demanding" 2 year old. His limited vocabulary and lack of speech experience further adds to the impression that he wants to be in charge, such as "Mine! I do! No!" His sense of trying to control his world is even further enhanced with his loud voice that he has learned, by positive or negative reinforcement or watching others, usually gets everyone's attention immediately.

Needless to say, most of us are attached to our children and would do whatever we need to do to get what they need and want that is reasonable. This seems to be even truer when the child has special needs, which tends to create a more intense level of emotional reactions for parents. A mother called last weekend about an issue related to herself and, in the midst of it

all, started explaining how she was talking on a cell phone in the bathroom with the door locked. Her 9-year-old daughter with special needs was extremely angry after not getting her way and was going through the house screaming loudly. She quickly admitted that she and her husband had "spoiled" their daughter over the years and they "just could not do anything with her" at this time. Individuals, young and old, respond to a behavioral approach and children with special needs are typically excellent candidates.

No matter what the age the child is, behaviors are usually more readily shaped under the following circumstances: (1) parents determine exactly what behaviors need to be changed; (2) parents work together and support each other, making sure both know their goal and how they are going to do; (3) parents do and say the same things each time, about the expected action, "I'm so proud of you - when you follow the rules and pick up your toys." Because of the significant value of parents working together, usually a great effort is made to arrange a time when both parents can come together; (4) the child accepts the outcome or consequence as a positive or "good" thing, "Since you cleaned up your room on time, you can play with the video game for 30 minutes;" and (4) sometimes "bad" behaviors will stop when they are ignored, such as not paying

attention to whining, but responding when the child's tone of voice is acceptable.

There are also other major factors that tend to influence the child's response to a behavioral program, such as the child's levels of maturity and intellectual functioning. For example, what would be a positive outcome for a 6 year old would not necessarily be one for a 10 year old. Be sure that the child thinks the consequence is worth working for. Typically, the younger the child is the more frequent repetitions of the action with the positive consequence are needed to shape the child's behaviors. The child's attention span and memory grow as they do, so try to be patient and tolerant of the need to repeat to a young child. A young child and especially one that is upset, is not likely to remember what is said or explained, especially when he sees something he wants, but tend to react more to a consistent behavioral approach having a firm voice and follow up at the time of the event. "Just wait until your daddy gets home" is not the thing to do.

By all means, this is an extremely brief description of how behavioral techniques can be used to shape a child's behaviors. Hopefully, there are some ideas that will be helpful to parents and children and decrease some of the conflicts that might come up during the long, hot days of summer.

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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@floydcounty-times.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbcac@tusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!



Family Medicine

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



Knowing BMI first step to reducing health risks

Q I went to the doctor for my annual physical. He said I was overweight. I weigh what I always have — 150 pounds. He then told me not to worry about being overweight because I was a pear. Can you please tell me what he was talking about? I would also like to know how much I should weigh.

A It seems that the problems of being overweight and obese are on the front page of the paper very frequently these days. Also, you may have noticed that what we consider to be overweight has changed in recent years.

Whatever the exact cutoff points between normal, overweight and obese are, it's always a matter of judging what the appropriate weight is for a given height. For many years physicians used height and weight tables created by insurance companies. While these tables are good, more physicians are now using the Body Mass Index (BMI). Obesity is defined as an excess of body fat tissue in relation to your lean body mass. So while we previously just looked at height and weight, we now understand that how much fat tissue you have, as well as how it is distributed is very important in predicting other health measures.

The Body mass Index (BMI) is a

mathematical formula that is a weight to height ratio. It is more highly correlated with body fat content than any other height-weight indicator. A BMI of 22 to 25 is considered a healthy weight for almost anyone. A BMI under 18.5 is underweight. Mild obesity is a BMI of 25 that correlates to about 110 percent of ideal body weight. Severe obesity is a BMI of over 30 and morbid obesity is a BMI greater than 40. The BMI definition of obesity is the same for men and women. Your family doctor can supply you with a BMI table, or you can find a handy BMI calculator online at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site. The specific URL is: <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/bmi>.

As for being a "pear," the other important correlation between weight

and disease is how the fat is distributed on your body. People with primary fat distribution around their abdomen are said to be "apple shaped" and are at increased risk for cardiovascular disease and insulin resistance.

People who are larger around the hips are said to be "pear shaped." A lying down waist measurement of over 35 inches in women and 40 inches in a man place these people at risk. Measuring the ratio of the waist to the hips also can help assess risk. If the waist is larger than the hip measurement, the risk is increased.

While this pear v. apple business is of some help, what you really need to know to properly "size up" your individual risk is your BMI. If you find that your BMI is above 25, I'd recommend that you take steps to reduce your

weight so that BMI drops down into the normal range. This will reduce your risk of a host of diseases including Type II diabetes and heart disease.

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Jenny Wiley Theater's Summer Children's Theatre and Teen Theatre Workshops

Have some questions about Jenny Wiley Theatre's Summer Children's Theatre and Teen Theatre Workshops? We've got answers.....

What?
Children's Theatre Workshop and Teen Theatre Workshop

When?
June 28 - July 16, Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Performance, Tuesday, July 20 at 8:15 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal, Monday, July 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Where?
Clark Elementary School in Prestonsburg
Dress Rehearsal and Performance at the JWT Amphitheatre, Prestonsburg

Who?
Children's Theatre Workshop for ages 7-11
Teen Theatre Workshop for ages 12 and up

Why?
Because it's great FUN!

So that young people have an opportunity to learn about theatre and performance and the chance to experience the magic of performing live theatre on a professional stage.

Because research shows that youth who have been exposed to the arts do better in school, better on standardized tests and are more successful in college and in their future careers.

A little more info:

CWT and TTW teach young people about all aspects of theatre including terminology and vocabulary, basic acting skills, diction and vocal projection skills, basic music concepts, body movement and expression, proper use of the voice, basic props and costume construction, character and plot development and analysis, improvisation skills, and the rehearsal and production process for a live performance, all while having fun.

Staff includes professional members of the JWT company, theatre and music majors from numerous universities, and a professional clinical social worker who has worked with children for over 20 years. There is a 1:5 ratio of staff to children so participants will get ample opportunity for individual feedback and individual attention.

Participants will tour the JWT amphitheatre with JWT technicians, observe a rehearsal of The Legend of Jenny Wiley, and perform on the JWT amphitheatre stage with lights and sound.

How can I register my child?

Call Jenny Wiley Theatre at 606-349-5269 or 1-877-CALL-JWT, fill out a Registration Form and send a check!

Jenny Wiley Theatre — enriching the regional community through the performing arts, one child at a time!

Teen Theatre Workshop and Children's Theatre Workshop sponsored by KY WV GAS and Equitable Resources

■ Educational outreach programs at Jenny Wiley Theatre are sponsored by Eastern Kentucky Cardiology Services - Prestonsburg, KY

■ Jenny Wiley Theatre is a non-profit organization and receives funding from individuals, corporations, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paintsville Tourism, the Kentucky Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Theatre students enjoy a magical journey in Jenny Wiley Theatre's 2002 Children's Theatre Workshop performance of "Alice in Wonderland."



KY/WV Gas Company Sponsor JWT Summer Workshops

Where can area students expand their theatrical knowledge and make new friends at the same time? At Jenny Wiley Theatre's Children and Teen Theatre Workshops, of course.

Students enrolled in the workshop will receive instruction from experienced actors and professionals in diction, voice projection, body movement, dance, mime, vocal performance, music, rhythm, theatre terminology, stage directions, stage blocking, memorization, basic costume, set, and prop design, audition techniques, character development, performance preparation and production. In addition, they will spend a day "backstage" at Jenny Wiley Theatre with demonstrations and instruction from the technical staff and JWT Professional Company.

In addition, students will visit a Jenny Wiley Theatre Company rehearsal and receive

one free pass to see the opening night of The Legend of Jenny Wiley.

The Children's Theatre Workshop, sponsored by Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company is for any regional student ages 7-11 who enjoys theatre and drama. The Teen Theatre Workshop is for students ages 12-17.

The workshops begin Monday, June 28 and run through Friday, July 16 from 10:00 - 3:00, Mondays through Fridays at Clark Elementary School in Prestonsburg. Daily sessions end on Friday, July 16, but the performance will be held the following week. Dress rehearsal is on Monday, June 19 and the final performance open to the public on the Jenny Wiley Theatre mainstage will be on Tuesday, July 20 at 8:00 p.m.

This summer's staff includes Annalyse McCoy, well known to many JWT Patrons for her numerous roles onstage in JWT productions and other companies. Annalyse is currently studying theatre at Northern Kentucky University and making a demo CD. Also on staff is Alicia Brown, a theatre major from Morehead State University, and Emily Meyer, a JWT and MAC technician as well as a long time CTW alumni and staff person. Miriam Silman, will serve as the coordinator of the program.

Registration is \$200 per student. Both workshops are limited to 23 students each to ensure that individual attention and feedback are available. Students are admitted on a first-come first-serve basis, therefore participants are encouraged to apply soon. Some par-

tial and full tuition assistance may be available based on need and funds availability.

Call the theatre today for more information at 606-886-9274 or check out the education page on the theatre's website at www.jwttheatre.com. You won't want to miss it!

All Jenny Wiley Theatre educational programs are underwritten in part by East Kentucky Cardiology Services of Prestonsburg and the Kentucky Arts Council.

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Class Description

Art: Students will learn the basics of art, complete art projects, develop their creativity and work with different mediums.

■ **Music and Drama:** Preschool and Early Childhood classes will introduce students to the simple concepts of art, music and drama while learning what actors and actresses do and the songs of childhood.

■ **Voice:** Each student will learn the basics of singing and singing techniques such as breath control and reading music. They will learn how to sing individually and as a group.

■ **Piano:** Students will learn how to read music, the different kinds of chords and the basic of playing a piano.

Summer Term 2004 Schedule

Monday
■ Preschool Music and

Drama (3-4 years) - 2:30-3:30pm

■ Early Childhood Music and Drama (5-6 years) - 3:45-5:00pm

■ Art: Level I (3-6 years) - 5:00-6:00pm

■ Basic Piano A (16-Adult) - 6:00-7:00pm

■ Art: Level II (7-9 years) - 6:15-7:15pm

Tuesday

■ Children's Choir (8-12 years) - 5:00-6:00pm

■ Community Choir (13-Adult) - 6:00-7:00pm

■ Art: Level III (10-12 years) - 6:00-7:00pm

Thursday

■ Art: Level IV (13-18 years) - 5:30-7:00pm

■ Basic Piano B (16-Adult) - 6:00-7:00pm

For application, contact Khrys Varney, Arts Education Director, at (606) 889-9125, ext. 15.

Birthdays

Caitlin is 3!

Caitlin Abigail Couch celebrated her third birthday on May 30, 2004.

Caitlin is the daughter of Chris and Christine Couch. She is the granddaughter of Isabelle and Ray Parsons, Colson and Debbie Couch and the late Delbert Prater. She is the great-granddaughter of Patty and Janon Coburn, Ruth Couch, and the late James Couch. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Thelma Chaffins. Caitlin has one sister, Chelsey Noel Couch.

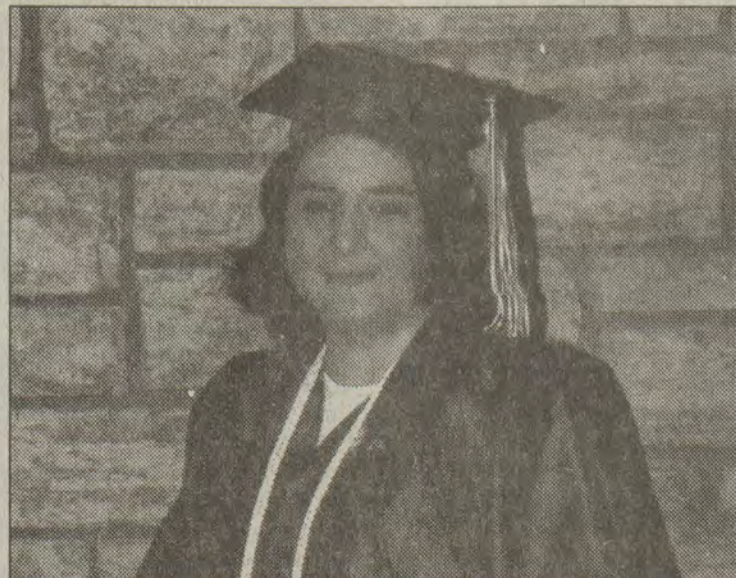


Announcements



Graduates MSU

Stephanie Conley, the daughter of Buford and Karla Conley, of Banner, recently graduated from Morehead State University with a bachelor's degree in social work. Stephanie is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, the Kentucky Chapter of Social Workers, Social Work Honor Society, National Dean's List, Dean's List, Who's Who Among College Students, and Phi Kappa Phi. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Elsie Isaacs Hall, of Topmost.



Gibson receives associates of arts from BSCTC

Lisa Gibson graduated from the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, on May 7, 2004, with high distinction by completing her associates of arts degree with a 3.791 grade point average. Lisa is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society and is currently employed with Highlands Regional Medical Center as human resources assistant. She plans to attend Morehead State University in the fall to pursue a bachelor's degree in social work.

Named to Dean's List

Rachel Ann Hall, of Banner, was named to the Dean's List at Liberty University for the Spring 2004 semester. Hall was one of 1,520 undergraduates at Liberty who earned Dean's List recognition for the spring. Students named to the Dean's List earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and carry an academic load of at least 12 credit hours.

Liberty University is a private, Christian liberal arts university in Lynchburg, Virginia.



Grilled Corn With Spiced Honey Butter and Sweet Spicy Salmon With Honeyed Mango Salsa

grilling in the garden

To truly appreciate the great outdoors, fire up the grill and enjoy the culinary bounty of nature in al fresco dining. Rebecca Kolls, lifestyle expert and host of "Rebecca's Garden," loves to take fresh garden-grown vegetables, baste them with honey and spices and lightly grill them for exquisite flavor. The grill can produce mouth-watering entrees and side dishes that are simple and delicious.

Honey is an all-natural ingredient that is the perfect complement to poultry, pork and seafood as well as fresh fruits and vegetables. Not only does it enhance the taste of the food, but the honey also marries the flavors, making chicken more delicious and vegetables extra scrumptious.

"I put honey on everything," said Kolls. "I'll mix it into a grilling sauce or brush it straight on vegetables when they are on the grill. It is so versatile, and it's all natural, so I feel good about feeding it to my family."

Try these sweet recipes hot off the grill. For more delicious recipes, go to www.honey.com.



Grilled Corn With Spiced Honey Butter

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 8 ears fresh corn
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 8 lime wedges

In small bowl, stir together butter, honey and chili powder; set aside.

Fold back husks and remove silk from corn; pull husks back up over corn. Place corn in large bowl of ice water and soak 15 minutes. Remove and shake off excess water. Place on grill over medium hot coals and cook 15 to 20 minutes, turning frequently. Remove husks and spread each ear with seasoned butter. Sprinkle with cilantro and serve with lime wedges.

Makes 8 servings

Grilled Peaches With Honey Amaretto Sauce

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes

- 2 large ripe peaches
- 1 tablespoon honey

Sauce

- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/4 cup butter (no substitutions)
- 2 tablespoons amaretto liqueur
- 1/4 cup heavy cream

Almonds

- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds
- 4 small scoops vanilla ice cream

Wash peaches and cut in half; discard pits. Brush lightly with honey and set aside. Heat grill to medium-low.

To make sauce, bring honey to boil in heavy saucepan; reduce heat and simmer 3 to 4 minutes until deep golden brown. Add butter and stir until melted. Add liqueur and cream; simmer 2 minutes more, stirring frequently. Remove from heat and let cool slightly.

To make almonds, preheat oven to 350°F, and in an oven-proof bowl, stir together melted butter, honey, brown sugar and cinnamon. Toss with slivered almonds. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, stirring twice. Spread almonds onto buttered piece of foil and let cool completely, then break apart.

Place peaches cut-side down on medium-low heated grill. Cook 3 to 4 minutes or until lightly charred. Remove from grill and place on 4 dessert plates. Top each with ice cream and drizzle with warm sauce. Sprinkle with almonds and serve.

Makes 4 servings

Grilled Peaches With Honey Amaretto Sauce

Sweet Spicy Salmon With Honeyed Mango Salsa

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 10 to 15 minutes

Salsa

- 1 large ripe mango, peeled and chopped
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice, divided
- 1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 small jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced
- 2 tablespoons Mexican hot sauce
- 4 (4- to 6-ounce) salmon fillets

To prepare salsa, in medium bowl, combine mango, bell pepper, red onion, cilantro, 1 tablespoon lime juice, 1 tablespoon honey and jalapeño. Stir well and refrigerate until ready to use.

Whisk together 1/3 cup honey, hot sauce and remaining lime juice in small bowl. Rinse salmon and pat dry; brush liberally with honey mixture. Place skin-side up on well-oiled grill over medium coals; cook 2 to 3 minutes until lightly charred. Turn and cook 8 to 10 minutes more, basting liberally with sauce during cooking. Remove from grill and transfer to serving platter. Top with mango salsa.

Makes 4 to 6 servings



Grilling Tips

From "Rebecca's Garden" resident chef Andrew Zimmerman come the following tips for using your grill:

- Gas is all about convenience. Coals can be messy and often are a deterrent from grilling, so gas grills are another choice. With a gas grill it is easy to regulate the temperature using the knobs, as low as 175°F or as high as 600°F.
- Vegetables will benefit from a little smoke flavor, especially the ones that take longer to cook. Some gas grills come with a handy smoking device that adds soaked smoker chips. Try drizzling honey on the vegetables right when they come off the grill for a sweet and smoky flavor.
- For the garden-fresh fruits and vegetables that will take 5 minutes or less to cook, such as peaches, pears, corn on the cob, peppers, zucchini and yellow squash (cut 1/2-inch thick), try a charcoal grill. Use skewers or a grill pan for smaller items to keep them from falling through the grill.

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.
Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; 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. Stooe, 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, Com 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.; Nathon Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.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 Expt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 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.
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Longaburger Baskets *Pottery* more will be at Bull Creek Trade Center Sat. 5th

MERCHANDISE

410-Animals

For Sale 1 year old Small Male Cocker Spaniel, Blonde with papers asking \$100.00 please call 606-886-8648

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445-Furniture

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460-Yard Sale

Garage Sale Yard Sale June 4th, 5th, 6th from 9am to 5 pm on Route 550 @Eastern 2 miles above Allen Central

2 Family Yard Sale, Allen, Ky. 2nd house on right just behind the Allen Fire Dept. Big & Tall Mens Clothing, Christmas Items, Beanie Babies, Figurines, household items, CD's, Kitchen items and much much more Rain or Shine

3 Family Yard Sale June 4th and 5th Friday and Saturday, 1 1/2 miles up Stephen's Branch at Martin beside Kountry Shop, Furniture, clothes, bikes pictures and much more starting at 9am

2 family moving sale June 5th, brick house beside Tremble Chapel, Highway 80 / 23 intersection, Watergap, furniture, brand name clothes, & baby items

3 family yard sale - 1.2 miles up Abbott Creek, (Ky 1427), Fri & Sat. June 4 & 5, children's clothes, some furniture, dishes, glassware, misc.

Saturday 3 family yard sale - Lancer, 43 south Cardinal Drive, side by side fridge, small appliances, Jeans, toys, ect. from 9am to 1 pm

NASCAR AND YARD SALE JUNE 3 RD. AND 5TH Green Acres across from Community building across from Jerry's restaurant to man items to list look for signs.

Big Family Yard Sale including household items everything must go 1/8 mile up Abbott creek, 1st Rt. past Ambulance Station follow Balloons and signs June 1-6 call 606-889-9675 for more information

Yard Sale 2 miles up Abbott Creek, Thru & Fri. from 8am to 6 pm for more information call 889-9758

Yard Sale and Bake Sale, Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, Abbott Creek Prestonsburg, June 5, beginning at 8am For More info, call 886-0037 or 874-6030

470-Health & Beauty

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530-Houses

For Sale or Lease 5 bed room 3 bath at Lancer, located 319 South Cardinal Drive call 606-358-4163

For Sale 3 bed room House, living room, Kitchen, Utility room 513 7th street, Paintsville open house Sat., Sun. from 1pm to 4 pm call 789-9942

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NOTICES

805-Announcements

Church of God of Prophecy, West Prestonsburg would like to invite the area to Vacation Bible School June 7th to the 11th from 6 to 8 pm classes for all ages call 886-2086

Knickerbockers will be at the Allen Convention Center on July 13th thru 15th, Get your 10 x 13 Canvas Mounted or 16x20 a classic Portrait for only \$10.00 call Amy for more information at 606-285-4793

812-Free

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

900-Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: Public Service Commission of Kentucky (CASE NO. 2004-00190)

Notice is hereby given that East Kentucky Network, LLC, dba Appalachian Wireless has applied to the Kentucky Public Service Commission to construct a tower near Prestonsburg in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed tower will be a 300-foot self-supporting tower. The proposed tower site is located at Rough-N-Tuff and Richardson Branch in Floyd County, Kentucky. If you would like to respond to this notice, please contact the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Please refer to Case No. 2004-00190.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Koch Victory, a Division of the C. Reiss Coal Company, 2525 Harrodsburg Road, Suite 130, Lexington, KY 40504, has applied for a Phase II and Phase III bond release on permit number 836-5289, which was last issued on 6/16/93. The application covers an area of approximately 42.12 acres, located 0.45 mile southwest of Dema, in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 0.20 mile south from KY 7's junction with Bradley Branch Road, and located on Bradley Branch of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 24 minutes, 57 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 48 minutes, 40 seconds.

(3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety in the amount of \$20,100.00, approximately 77 percent of the original bond amount of \$26,000.00, is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: final grading and revegetation, which was completed on 11/25/97.

(5) 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, KY 40601-4321, by 7/23/04.

(6) A public hearing has been scheduled for 7/26/04, at 10:00 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 in no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 7/23/04.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Koch Victory, a Division of the C. Reiss Coal Company, 2525 Harrodsburg Road, Suite 130, Lexington, KY 40504, has applied for a Phase II and Phase III bond release on permit number 836-9014, which was last issued on 12/11/95. The application covers an area of approximately 25.00 acres, located at Hite, in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 0.67 mile southeast from KY 122's junction with KY 80, and located on the Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 33 minutes, 32 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 44 minutes, 55 seconds.

(3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety in the amount of \$29,800.00, approximately 42 percent of the original bond amount of \$71,300.00, is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: final grading and revegetation, which was completed during May 1991.

(5) 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, KY 40601-4321, by 7/23/04. (6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 7/26/04, at 11:00 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 7/23/04.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

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(2) The permit area is approximately 0.6 miles east from KY 80's junction with KY 3188, and located immediately east of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 33 minutes, 02 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 45 minutes, 46 seconds.

(3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety in the amount of \$14,300.00, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$23,700.00, is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: final grading and revegetation, which was completed on 9/12/94.

(5) 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, KY 40601-4321, by 7/23/04.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 7/26/04, 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 in no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 7/23/04.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 436-5181, Renewal

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1.2 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 46.08 surface acres, and will underlie 436.00 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 482.08 acres.

(2) The operation is approximately 1.0 mile southeast of KY RT 80's junction with Goose Creek Road, and located along Goose Creek.

(3) The operation is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The disturbed surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Bill Allen et al., Kenneth & Velva Hall, James E. Patton, Willie Jr. & Rebecca Conley, George Ousley, Coal-Mac, Inc., and Lafayette Gayheart.

(4) 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, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5274, Renewal

1. In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1 1/2 mile southeast of Grethel, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 4.97 surface acres, and will underlie 1397.29 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1402.26 acres.

2. The proposed operation is approximately 1.5 mile southeast from Rt. 979's junction with Branham Creek Road, and located 0.2 mile east of Branham Creek. The latitude is 37°28'24". The longitude is 82°37'55".

3. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by K.C. Rogers. The operation will underlie land owned by Sadie Martin, Darrin & Roy Kidd, Oliver & Mildred Newman, Oliver Newman, Jake Akers, Oscar & Vallie King, Leonard & Mildred Kidd, Mary Newman, William & Martha Newsome, Paul Parsons,

Joseph Deal, Lois Rose, Donnie Deal, Jerry Martin, Allie McKinney, Banner McKinney, Ollie McKinney, Martha Akers, Oscar & Viola Akers, Albert King, Randall & Loene Lawson, Larry & Lois Kidd, Joseph Deal, Jerry Martin, Jackie Martin, Elvin & Goldie Adkins, Berry & Lexie Akers, Eugene & Lulabelle Akers, Bill & Lillian Hall, Kingsley Perry, Kenneth C. & Georgia Wallace, Pearl Justice, Kinis Tackett, Ira B. Stephens, K.C. Rogers, Dean Akers, Lee & Lizzie Alley, Jessie Stephens, Lizzie McKinney and Jack & Patsy King.

4. 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, 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 836-5461, Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that AEP Kentucky Coal, L.L.C., P.O. Box 270, 248 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, intends to transfer Permit Number 836-5431 to CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839. The new permit number will be 836-5461. The operation disturbs approximately 18.4 surface acres, and overlies approximately 551.0 acres, for a total of 569.4 acres. The retransfer affects no new acreage.

The operation is located approximately 0.5 mile northeast of Hippo, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.5 mile northeast from State Route 850's junction with

Brush Creek County Road, and located north of Hicks Fork of Brush Creek. The operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°32' 22" and longitude 82°51'52".

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 41653-1410. Written comments or objections, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections, must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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