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Mine safety
office opens

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Appalachian Citizens Law Center is restarting the Mine Safety Project under the leadership of Wes Addington.

The project will work to reduce injuries and deaths in the mining industry, which saw 600 deaths in the last 14 years. It will be the only public interest law project in the country that is solely dedicated to improving mine safety.

It was originally initiated by Tony Oppergard in 1991 but he has since moved on to become general counsel to the Kentucky Office of Mine Safety. Lack of funding stalled the program after Oppergard's departure, but it has been jump started with a grant from the Equal Justice Works, which is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Addington has been chosen to lead the latest incarnation of the project, which will be centered at the Appalachian Law Center on West Court Street in Prestonsburg.

The Project will offer miners a place to go to for legal help in safety related disputes. Addington will also use the office to monitor

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Castle arraigned for alleged rampage

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Carter Castle was arraigned in District Court Wednesday on charges he attacked three Prestonsburg police officers Tuesday after showing up at the Justice Center and waving a shotgun at stunned onlookers.

Castle appeared to be in a daze as he spoke to Judge Eric Hall via a television monitor from the Floyd County Detention Center. Since his alleged crimes constitute felonies, he could not enter a

plea but a preliminary hearing date was set for Oct. 14.

An additional charge of resisting arrest was added to the other charges incurred by Castle, including six counts of wanton endangerment, one count of second-degree assault, one count of third-degree assault and one count of attempt to commit murder.

Castle allegedly fought with three policemen at the Red Light Diner following the Justice Center incident. He was followed into the diner by the police, who had to wrestle with him to bring him in.

Castle was holding a .357 Magnum during the struggle and allegedly pointed it at one of the officers, who suffered a punch to the nose for his trouble but never let go of the weapon.

Castle has remained quiet since being arrested and has not let on as to what precipitated the incident. He was placed on a \$25,000 cash bond.

Castle's right hand appeared to be very swollen and his demeanor was somewhat bewildered. He

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Carter Castle appeared dazed when he was arraigned in district court Wednesday via television monitor.

photo by Tom Doty



Festive Days

The Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival is now in full swing in Prestonsburg, with plenty of food, rides, crafts and games for visitors. The festival runs through tomorrow.

photos by Tom Doty



Defense attorney: Hays didn't know votes were bought

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Former state Sen. John Doug Hays didn't know that one of his key financial backers was making illegal campaign contributions to his failed judicial race in 2002, a defense attorney said Wednesday.

Hays is on trial on federal election fraud charges stemming from his race for Pike County district judge in 2002. His wife, Brenda Hays, and one campaign worker, Jerry Joe Dotson, are co-defendants in the case.

Defense attorney John West said in his opening statement Wednesday morning that Pikeville coal operator Ross Harris, "who was convicted of election fraud last month for his part in the Hays campaign, is the villain, not his clients."

"You can connect the dots," Assistant U.S. Attorney Ken Taylor said. "You can follow the money trail."

Taylor said in his opening statement Harris got involved in the Hays campaign late and began funneling illegal contributions through straw contributors so that precinct-level workers like Dotson could buy the election through a scheme disguised as an effort to get out the vote.

That was done, the prosecutor said, in part by giving 686 people \$50 checks to drive voters to the polls on election day. The problem was that most of those

people didn't drive anyone other than themselves and their spouses to vote.

U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell seated a jury of 14 women and two men on Monday. West and Taylor made their opening statements on Wednesday. Dotson's defense attorney, Mickey McGuire of Prestonsburg, opted to give his opening statement just before he starts calling witnesses.

Caldwell said the trial is expected to last about three weeks. About 100 witnesses are expected to testify.

The case began, Taylor said, when a Pike County woman sought out FBI agents to complain about alleged vote buying in the district judge's race. He said an investigation turned up instances of wrongdoing. As a result, the three people on trial were charged with mail fraud, conspiracy to commit mail fraud and conspiracy to buy votes.

West said Harris, not the Hays campaign, handed out more than 400 of the so-called vote-hauler checks. West said the ones that John Doug and Brenda Hays handed out were intended to get voters to the polls, not to buy votes.

"This case truly is about Ross Harris, not John Doug Hays," West said.

West pointed out to jurors that Taylor spent more time in his opening statement talking about Harris than about Hays.

Harris got involved in

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Dealer's plea for shock probation heard

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A shock probation hearing was held Wednesday for convicted drug trafficker Jesse Compton.

Compton was convicted by a Floyd County jury last year on two counts of first-degree trafficking, one count of trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school and single

counts of second- and third-degree drug trafficking.

Compton's was the first drug case to go to trial based on charges developed by the Floyd County Drug Task Force and was a huge success for that agency as it also led to other roundups as well as seeing several traffickers enter open pleas rather than face the combination of a Floyd County jury, which handed down the maximum

sentence in Compton's case.

Compton's attorney, Gerald DeRossett, spoke first at the hearing and presented his appeal to Judge Danny P. Caudill.

"In the 10-to-15 years I've known him, I've seen a lot of changes in his attitude," DeRossett said.

DeRossett went on to describe how Compton was an addict who never had a felony conviction before and has since got-

ten his GED in prison. He also noted that Compton has a job as plumber's apprentice waiting for him and is off drugs now.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor spoke for prosecution.

"The commonwealth did offer Compton a plea that would have netted him substantially less jail time," Taylor

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Odds & Ends

■ **RENO, Nev.** — The margin of error in the latest presidential poll is pretty wide — about 50 yards wide.

Golfers in northern Nevada have been recording their slices — left and right — as part of a very unscientific attempt to predict the outcome of the November election.

More than a dozen sports and travel writers played two holes at nine courses Tuesday, taking care to chart how many of their shots sliced to the right and how many hooked to the left.

If the final results are any indication of the real election, spokesman Phil Weidinger said, the Kerry-Edwards ticket will ride to the White House on the strength of the left-leaning trend that was evident at the promotional event.

Of the 1,416 shots, 646 went to the left, 562 went to right and 214 were up the middle. The margin of error was about 50 yards, from left to right, depending on the width of the fairway and the number of mulligans allowed.

Weidinger said the results prove one thing that nobody can dispute, regardless of handicap or political affiliation.

"We all need a lot of work on our golf game," he said.

■ **LIVERMORE, Calif.** — Spelling counts — especially at a library.

A \$40,000 ceramic mural was unveiled outside the city's new library and everyone could see the misspelled names of Einstein, Shakespeare, Vincent Van Gogh, Michelangelo and seven other historical figures.

"Our library director is very frustrated that she has this lovely new library and it has all these misspellings in front," said city councilwoman Lorraine Dietrich, one of three council members who voted Monday to authorize paying another \$6,000, plus expenses, to fly artist Maria Alquilar up from Florida to fix the errors.

Reached at her Miami studio Wednesday by The Associated Press, Alquilar said she was willing to fix the work, which is

16 feet wide and made up of brightly colored ceramic pieces. But she offered no apologies for the 11 misspellings, including "Eistein," "Shakespeare" and "Michaelangelo," among the 175 names.

"The importance of this work is that it is supposed to unite people," Alquilar said. "They are denigrating my work and the purpose of this work."

Alquilar said it took her quite a bit of her own time and money to create the work, and that it sat idle for two years until the city — home of the Lawrence Livermore nuclear lab — cleared the way for its installation. It was unveiled in June.

There were plenty of people around during the installation who could and should have seen the missing and misplaced letters, she said.

"Even though I was on my hands and knees laying the installation out, I didn't see it," she said.

Anyway, she said, the mistakes wouldn't even register with a true artisan.

"The people that are into humanities, and are into Blake's concept of enlightenment, they are not looking at the words," she said. "In their mind, the words register correctly."

■ **PORTLAND, Ore.** — Wine snobs may snub screw-off caps in place of natural corks, but a study says they have no reason to whine.

A blind taste test done by researchers for Oregon State University has found that the stopper — be it natural cork, synthetic cork or a cap — makes no discernible difference in taste.

But in a second study, consumers given a choice between the two kinds of stoppers were much more likely to choose corked wine, saying it was better quality. Others said they would pay less for wine that was topped with a screw-top bottle.

Emily Jorgensen, an Oregon State graduate student working with the university's Food Innovation Center in Portland, said the results show that it may be difficult for the wine industry to phase in screw-top bottles.

"A sommelier opening a \$100 bottle of wine with a twist of a metal screw top just doesn't go over with many discerning consumers," Jorgensen said. "When they couldn't see the cork, they couldn't make a distinction."

■ **SUNNYSIDE, Wash.** — Hoping to shed the nickname "Smellyside," the City Council

has approved a \$2.5 million agreement to move a 150-acre feedlot out of this Yakima Valley town.

A deal for the town to buy the land from Monson Ranches Feed Co., which promised not to open a similar operation within 20 miles, was approved Wednesday night after years of unsuccessful negotiations.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the city of Sunnyside," council member Jim Restucci said. "Our corridor has been suffering for a long time."

Boosters in the central Washington town of 13,900

have blamed the feedlot, a source of frequently pervasive dust and reeking manure from 25,000 head of cattle, for hampering commercial and residential development.

Under the agreement, Monson is to stop delivering new cattle by Feb. 1, remove all cattle by Aug. 31 and get rid of all feedlot improvements and manure by July 31, 2006.

With the completion of each phase, Monson will be paid about a third of the total, and at the end title to the property will be transferred to the town, City Manager Bob Stockwell said.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Oct. 8, the 282nd day of 2004. There are 84 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire erupted while another deadly blaze broke out in Peshigo, Wis.

On this date:

■ In 1869, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce, died in Concord, N.H.

■ In 1890, American aviation hero Eddie Rickenbacker was born in Columbus, Ohio.

■ In 1918, Sgt. Alvin C. York almost single-handedly killed 25 German soldiers and captured 132 in the Argonne Forest in France.

■ In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was indicted for murder in the death of the infant son of Charles A. Lindbergh.

■ In 1944, "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" made its debut on CBS Radio.

■ In 1945, President Truman announced that the secret of the atomic bomb would be shared only with Britain and Canada.

■ In 1956, Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series to date as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers, 2-0.

■ In 1970, Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was named winner of the Nobel Prize for literature.

■ In 1982, all labor organizations in Poland, including Solidarity, were banned.

■ In 1985, the hijackers of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro killed American passenger Leon Klinghoffer.

Ten years ago: President Clinton, responding to the massing of Iraqi troops near the Kuwaiti border, warned Saddam Hussein not to misjudge "American will or American power" as he ordered additional U.S. forces to the region.

Five years ago: A damage award to State Farm auto insurance customers swelled to nearly \$1.2 billion after a judge in Illinois ruled that the nation's largest auto insurer committed fraud by using generic auto-body repair parts. (The \$730 million award of actual and punitive damages came on top of a jury's \$456 million verdict in the same class-action lawsuit.) President Clinton dedicated a new U.S. embassy in Ottawa, Canada. Laila Ali, the 21-year-old daughter of Muhammad Ali, made her professional boxing debut by knocking out opponent April Fowler 31 seconds after the opening bell in Verona, N.Y.

One year ago: A day after being elected governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger said he was

promised "a very smooth transition" by ousted Gov. Gray Davis and vowed to "open up the books" in dealing the state's ailing economy. Americans Peter Agre and Roderick MacKinnon won the Nobel Prize in chemistry; American Robert Engle and Briton Clive Granger won the Nobel Prize in economics. Jarome Iginla of the Calgary Flames was tabbed to become the first black captain in NHL history.

Today's Birthdays:

Entertainment reporter Rona Barrett is 68. Actor Paul Hogan is 65. Rhythm and blues singer Fred Cash (The Impressions) is 64. The Rev. Jesse Jackson is 63. Comedian Chevy Chase is 61. Author R.L. Stine is 61. Country singer Susan Raye is 60. TV personality Sarah Purcell is 56. Actress Sigourney Weaver is 55. Rhythm and blues singer Robert "Kool" Bell (Kool & the Gang) is 54. Producer-director Edward Zwick is 52. Country singer-musician Ricky Lee Phelps is 51. Actor Michael Dudikoff is 50. Comedian Darrell Hammond is 49. Actress Stephanie Zimbalist is 48. Rock musician Mitch Marine is 43. Rock singer Steve Perry (Cherry Poppin' Daddies) is 41. Rock musician C.J. Ramone (The Ramones) is 39. Singer-producer Teddy Riley is 38. Actress Emily Procter is 36. Actor-screenwriter Matt Damon is 34. Actress Kristanna Loken is 25. Rhythm and blues singer Byron Reeder (Mista) is 25. Actor Nick Cannon is 24. Actor Angus T. Jones ("Two and a Half Men") is 11.

Thought for Today: "Politics are usually the executive expression of human immaturity." — Vera Brittain, British author (1893-1970).

School board approves GED program changes

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Potential high school dropouts could pursue their General Education Development certificates while they're still in school, under a change the Kentucky Board of Education approved Thursday.

Proponents of the plan say it will help students already on the verge of dropping out to leave school better prepared than if they simply dropped out. Meanwhile, opponents say it will encourage more dropouts.

Wayne Young, executive director of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, said it offers educators a final opportunity to "salvage some of those students" who are otherwise "on a dead-end street." By completing a GED program, they will at least be better prepared for a job, Young said.

"It's going to affect the most difficult students to keep in school right now," Young said. "In my view, it's a big plus for them. It's another option."

High school pupils as young as 16 would be able to take the GED test and receive their equivalency certificates under the plan. Those students who qualify would have to complete a GED program and would be provided counseling and tutoring to pass the test.

But Richard Innes, a spokesman for the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy

Solutions, said state education officials may "have opened a Pandora's box," by approving the measure. Innes said the idea promotes students struggling in school to give up.

It also dilutes GED certificates for adults who possess them, he said.

"It might take a while to take hold, but kids are smart and at least some of them will try to take the easy way out," Innes said.

The idea still has to be approved by state lawmakers.

Currently, pupils under age 17 may only take a GED test with the approval of their local school superintendent 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.

Anyone over age 19 can simply take the GED test.

Now, if lawmakers sign off on the proposal, eligible students would not have to wait before seeking their equivalency certificates. Those entering

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An '88 Blue S-10 Pick-up Truck was robbed in Martin, Kentucky, on Wednesday, October 6, 2004, at Family Dollar, at approximately 6 p.m.

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Former insurance executive sat in on talks with governor

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A former insurance company executive was a "technical adviser" in meetings with the governor while state officials were working on a new state health insurance plan, an administration official said Thursday.

Mark Birdwhistell, the former CHA Health executive, was at meetings with the governor both before and after the state sent out bid specifications, called an RFP, said Mike Burnside, an executive director in the state's Finance and Administration Cabinet. Shawn Crouch, former CHA director of government relations and com-

pliance, also would have sat in as an adviser at those meetings, Burnside said.

"They would have provided analysis of the data that we had received so far," Burnside said. "But as far as influencing the final outcome of the contract award, no, they did not have any influence on that."

The House State Government Committee has been investigating, among other things, the role the former CHA Health executives played in negotiations that led to the state's new health insurance plans. The attorney general's office is also looking at the matter.

Birdwhistell is now an undersecretary in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. He

was chief executive officer until January at CHA Health, which is 84 percent owned by the University of Kentucky.

Rep. Charles Geveden, the committee chairman, said "there's got to be a perception that there might have been some undue influence on the part of somebody."

Fletcher's chief of staff Daniel Groves called the investigation "the very definition of a witch-hunt" by Geveden and said there have been no allegations, nor evidence of wrongdoing.

"I don't think there's any question it's political, and I think people see this," Groves said in a telephone interview. "He has no evidence of anything

illegal, unethical or inappropriate. He's just digging and grandstanding for political purposes."

Geveden, D-Wickliffe, has said the investigation is not political. However, the fact that Birdwhistell's immediate past employer was one of the bid-winning insurance companies "creates that perception that something's not right."

Still, Groves said the administration wanted Birdwhistell in on the meetings for his knowledge of the subject. Groves said he attended the meetings and that Birdwhistell's only role was to give the administration "general advice" about the direction the state was headed.

"That's what we get paid to do," Groves said. "The fact is

that even if I or Mark Birdwhistell had been part of the entire development of the entire RFP process — even if we were involved in every single facet of that — it would be entirely appropriate and expected."

CHA is one of four insurance companies that were awarded contracts with the state to carry next year's state health insurance plan. The others are Anthem Blue Cross, Bluegrass Family Health and United Healthcare.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher announced last month drastic changes to the state's health insurance plan, which covers 229,000 retired and active public school and state employees. Participants have argued the

governor caught them by surprise with expensive changes.

For example, an employee who makes the state average \$36,000 per year and is covered by one of the state's least expensive family plans this year would pay about \$430 per month. Next year, a comparable plan — the state's benchmark "Commonwealth Preferred" plan — would cost about \$490 a month.

Teachers have threatened to strike Oct. 27 — less than a week before the November elections — if the current benefits aren't restored. Calling the situation a "crisis," Fletcher called the General Assembly into a special session, which began Tuesday.

Castle

later came back to the monitor and asked the judge to review what he was already told but didn't react when he was reminded that his bond was \$25,000. He said that he was not working and was appointed a public defender.

Up until now, Castle has not talked to authorities but a family friend who served with Castle in Vietnam was able to see him. He stated that Castle is Vietnam veteran who has had a very difficult readjustment. He is on medication and visits a V.A. Hospital twice a year.

"He [Castle] saw the Justice Center sign and went in because he thought it was his turn to stand for justice," the friend

said. "He thought he had to put in a three-hour shift like he was assigned to in the war. That's why he said, 'Don't ask me any questions.' He thought he was on duty."

Office

tor any proposed changes in mine safety laws as well as offering a voice for mine workers to voice concerns.

The office will also work to restore benefits and get aid for miners who suffer from black lung disease. Steve Sanders, director of the Law Center, has

The friend feels that Castle would benefit from the medical care that he can get at La Grange and said that "sitting in the jail is doing him and everyone else no good. He needs treatment but it

been long dedicated to assisting miners and their families in obtaining federal benefits for black lung victims.

More information about their services can be obtained by calling the center at (606) 886-1442 or visiting their website at www.appalachianlawcenter.org.

will probably be awhile before he gets moved up to circuit court, where they can arrange a competency hearing and get him into treatment."

Though Castle's alleged actions seemed bizarre, his friend noted, "He partially believes that he is still there [Vietnam] sometimes. He served his country but the war messed with his mind and he needs help."

Request

said. "A jury served on this case for three days and provided the commonwealth with a careful review of the facts before rendering their verdict."

Compton has served less than a year so far, with seven years left on his eight-year sentence that the jury recommended.

Though Compton had never had a felony conviction before the drug bust he did have several misdemeanor infractions.

Judge Caudill announced that he would rule on the matter in 10 days.

Trial

the judicial race, West said, when he got angry at incumbent Pike County District Judge Darrel Mullins and the incumbent's wife, Debbi Hylton-Mullins, West said. He said Hylton-Mullins made public allegations of sexual misconduct against Pike County Circuit Judge Charles Lowe.

Lowe and Harris were

friends, West said, and Harris decided to support Hays in an effort to punish Hylton-Mullins and her husband. That, West said, is when Harris got involved in the Hays campaign.

"It's not so much that Mr. Harris wants to see John Doug Hays elected," West said. "He's out to punish Darrel Mullins."

GED

the program would have to be at least 16 and two grades behind the cohort group the student entered high school with and have earned at least four credits toward graduation.

They may also still have to take the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System exam, depending on their grade level. The CATS test is an end-of-year accountability exam.

About 6,500 16- to 18-year-olds enrolled in GED classes last year, with about 3,500 passing the exam, according to preliminary figures from the council. Kentucky schools lost more than 7,000 dropouts in 2002, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

State law permits students to drop out of school at age 16.

Before it's presented to lawmakers for final approval, there will be public hearings on the matter by the end of November, said Lisa Gross, a spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department of Education.

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— Samuel Butler

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Sun, Baltimore, on making changes to the intelligence agencies:

As Congress prepares to depart Washington shortly for the campaign trail, the stage is set for last-minute skullduggery on the overhaul of national intelligence agencies. If lawmakers come home and say they've done the job, don't buy it sight unseen. ...

Voters would be best served if Congress remained on duty long enough to hammer that measure into a shape of which all could justly feel proud. ...

The measure expected to come before House members this week is far weaker than the Senate bill in the authority it would assign to a proposed national intelligence director, and also includes "poison pill" provisions that demand harsher treatment of immigrants and intrude on civil liberties.

Most alarming is the plan to reconcile differences between the House and Senate versions of the overhaul in a conference committee, meeting while the majority of lawmakers are out campaigning. ...

The job needs to be done both promptly and sensibly. One top official must be in charge and accountable, data should be consolidated in a single center available to analysts from all relevant agencies, and Congress needs to streamline its oversight of the process.

If lawmakers declare victory after achieving less, they shouldn't get away with it.

The Daily Nonpareil, Council Bluffs, Iowa, on election security:

Shortly after the 9/11 Commission issued its recommendations for intelligence reform, Congress knocked off work for the rest of the summer only to return to a legislative calendar, foreshortened by the November election, that was — and still is — jammed with stuff the lawmakers must do.

But they don't want to return to the voters unless they can say they've "done something" about intelligence reform.

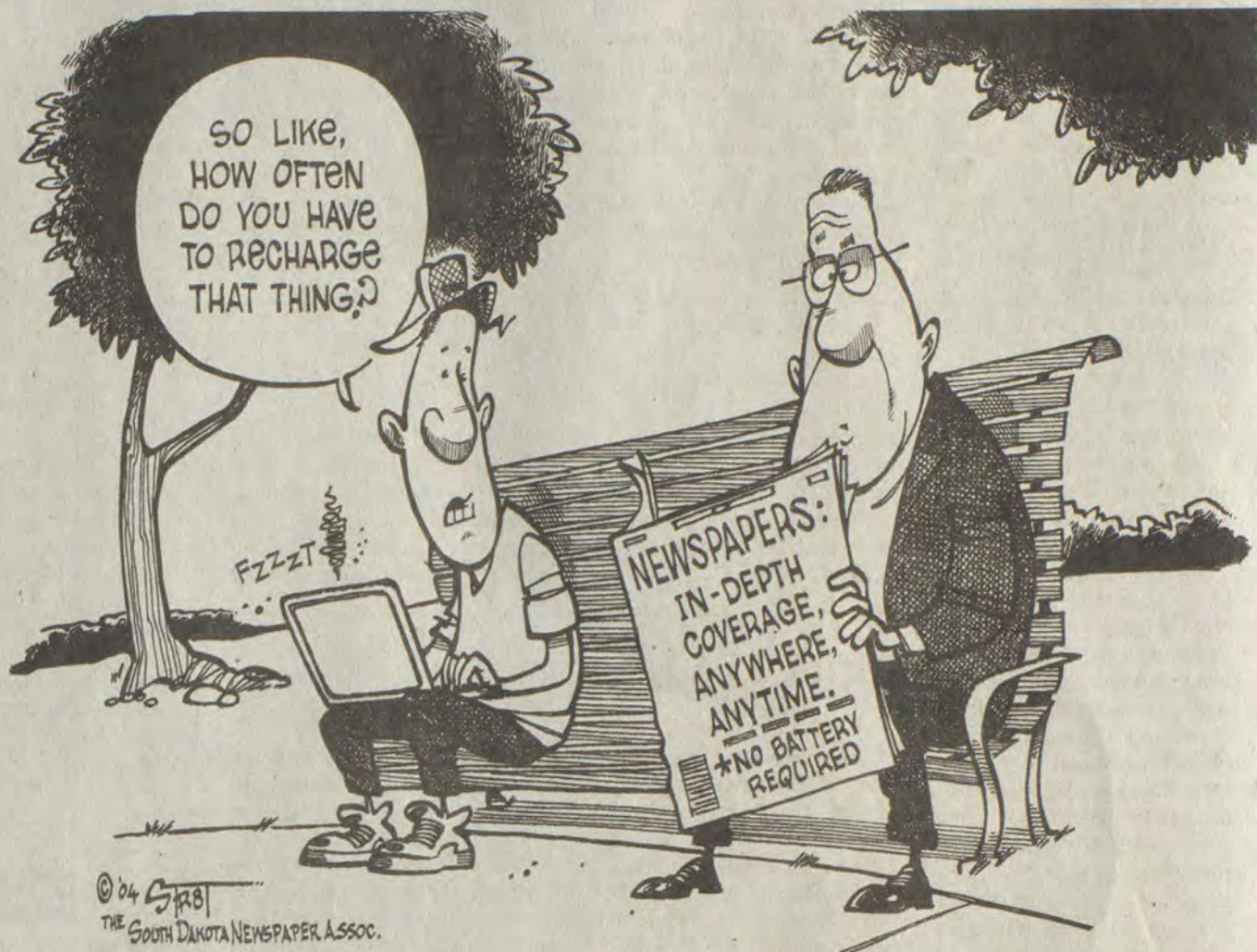
What the Senate did is pretty much take up the commission's recommendations intact, principally its proposal for a powerful national intelligence director with full authority over 80 percent of the intelligence budget and hiring and firing authority over most of the 15 intelligence agencies. ...

But the House bill has much else besides. How much else is hard to tell, the Democrats complain, because the bill was drawn up largely in secret. ...

And, as happens with large bills, odd, unexplained bits keep cropping up. One provision, spotted only at the last minute, was a two-paragraph change that would allow the president to bar federal workers engaged in "homeland security" from joining unions or bargaining with their agencies. ...

It's a safe bet that when the House bill makes it to the floor, many of the members won't know what they're voting on. ...

Government might operate that way in an election year, but it shouldn't.



Guest Column

Fletcher's tax agenda helped create health insurance crisis

by JASON BAILEY

Gov. Ernie Fletcher recently claimed that the teacher and state worker health insurance disaster would be less severe if the legislature had passed his tax reform package. However, the real relationship between those two issues is that the governor's approach to tax reform helped bring about the current crisis.

As a new governor, Fletcher had the leeway to set the state's agenda early on. He acknowledged the long-standing problem of Kentucky's failing tax system in his State of the Commonwealth Address and urged the legislature to

work with him for its complete overhaul.

The governor's reform agenda could have included new revenue to make up major budget shortfalls and allow expanded investments in areas Kentuckians care about: education, health care, human services, environmental protection and economic development. In doing so, he could have opened the door to pivotal changes in our state's history not unlike the 1990 passage of the Kentucky Education Reform Act. Such leadership might have taken cues from recent advances in states like Virginia, Nevada, Nebraska and Connecticut.

Instead, Gov. Fletcher narrowed the discussion by declaring that any tax reform package had to fit the "no new tax pledge" signed by the governor and 48 legislators. It therefore had to be "revenue-neutral," meaning the plan could raise no new money overall. Rather than the wholesale changes needed to stop program and service cuts and invest in our future, Fletcher — it seemed at the time — would consider only politically safe, minor adjustments.

The plan that was finally released was all that, and worse. Parts of the proposal

seemed right off the shelf of anti-government extremists like Grover Norquist (founder of the "no new tax pledge"), who told *The New York Times* this summer that he hopes "a state goes bankrupt" as a way to force cuts in health care, education and other critical investments.

The plan that came out was revenue-neutral in the immediate term (promising a pitiful 0.1 percent gain the third year). It also lacked several of the structural changes that comprehensive reform was supposed to address. It included new priorities: tax cuts heavily skewed to the wealthy and a lowering of the tax rate for corporations. And the plan included a "trigger" measure that threatened to bring about major budget cuts in the not-too-distant future.

Because the package was revenue-neutral, there would be no new money to deal with the immediate state budget crisis. This includes the estimated \$1.3 billion Medicaid shortfall Kentucky is facing this year and next, the cuts to legal services, the double-digit tuition increases for students at colleges and universities, and the increase in health insurance

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Letters

Board moving in right direction

The Floyd County Board of Education is not a failure. I have heard from educators and parents, throughout the state and locally, about what our board has been doing for children these last few years.

They mention the long history of "troubles" experienced by Floyd County boards. In my opinion, this board is focused, the board is committed and this board has goals. We are focusing on academics. Instruction is our top priority. Our commitment is no child left behind and our goal is higher achievement for every child and to prepare the brightest of the bright and the best of the best students. You all see us moving in the right direction.

To continue this progress, we need help from parents, teachers and others who want the best school system for our children. If we can have more support from the community, it will allow our board to continue to progress toward a system that truly represents the best of interest of children.

"You need a village to raise a child." You need support, encouragement and involvement of parents and community

to have successful children and the best of education.

Dr. Chandra Varia
School board member
District 2

Stumbo's responses 'wrong'

I would like to respond to Carol Stumbo's ad that appeared in the Wednesday, Sept. 22, issue of *The Floyd County Times*.

First of all, Carol, I was wrongfully terminated by Paul Fanning! How did you get your information — from lawyers or hearsay? Paul Fanning for one? This is how he got his information to wrongfully terminate me. Paul Fanning got layers, layers and layers of hearsay from South Floyd Middle School, which got its information from other hearsay. This is why I beat the superintendent on my unemployment, because of all that hearsay.

Carol, you don't know anything about me. No personal knowledge at all.

The charge was that I had improperly assisted students on state assessment was wrong again, Carol. It was alleged (declared without proof) that I assisted

these students on state assessment improperly. But the truth is that I assisted these special education students properly on state assessment, not enough cause to get wrongfully terminated.

It was listed on the agreed order from the professional standards board that I assisted these students in an acceptable manner, what their individual education programs allowed me to do.

I presented a good defense to those charges and it came down to me getting \$200,000 compensatory damages if the jury would have voted yes to two questions concerning discrimination, which didn't have anything to do with your assertions on assisting students improperly. Your assertions on assisting students improperly was thrown out of U.S. District Court in Pikeville because of hearsay.

Soon thereafter, I appealed to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio, the reason being two issues. One was that U.S. District Judge David Bunning wasn't fair in that he should have given me summary judgment on the unemployment hearing, where I beat the board in a court setting. Second was that he wasn't fair on 20 objections that had to do with hearsay. By this time, some \$1.6 million later, I was going to the U.S. Supreme Court if I was going to pursue

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At the Movies: 'Friday Night Lights'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

The rhapsodic hyperbole, the media scrutiny, the fan obsession.

No, we're not talking about the Boston Red Sox at playoff time. This is Texas high school football, and exaggeration is impossible.

From the big cities to the smallest wind-swept towns, it really is a way of life. H.G. "Buzz" Bissinger captured it with eloquence and evocative detail in his 1990 best seller "Friday Night Lights" — and director Peter Berg does it again in his film of the same name.

It's easy to overdramatize the heroism and heartache of a sports movie, but Berg, who adapted Bissinger's book with screenwriter David Aaron Cohen, resists the urge and goes in the opposite direction.

The focus is on Permian High School football in the West Texas city of Odessa, both on the field and in the locker room. The look is stripped down and bleached out, making the already parched landscape of oil fields and scrub brush seem even bleaker, though in a strikingly beautiful way. And the soundtrack is an eclectic mix of old-school rap, rock and punk, including the truly inspired use of The Stooges' "I Wanna Be Your Dog" during the Permian Panthers' gutsy second half in



the 1988 state championship.

There is an awful lot of action, though — the football scenes have a bone-jarring realism thanks to stunt coordinator Allan Graf, a former USC offensive lineman who also choreographed the plays in "Any Given Sunday" and "Jerry Maguire" — but sometimes at the expense of character development.

For example, the book focused more on Brian Chavez, Permian's star tight end who went on to Harvard and is now a lawyer in Odessa. Here, he's a barely fleshed-out supporting character played by "crazy/beautiful" co-star Jay Hernandez.

Bissinger, who happens to be Berg's second cousin, also spent more time exploring the racial and socio-economic rifts that existed both within Odessa in the late 1980s and between Odessa and rival Midland, a wealthier, whiter town 20 miles east.

But Berg does faithfully

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Three stars out of four.

depict the be-all, end-all element of high school football in places like this, where literally every store shuts down on Friday nights and the 20,000 people packing the stadium all have some opinion on how the coach should run the team.

As the under-pressure Coach Gaines, Billy Bob Thornton continues to show he can bring nuance to any role. Thornton doesn't turn the character into a cliché, barking out orders like a drill sergeant. Instead, he shows the seething anxiety of living under the constant possibility of being fired (after a huge Permian loss, Gaines comes home to a sea of "for sale" signs sprouting from his front lawn) as well as the genuine desire to develop strong players and even stronger men.

Among the stars of his squad are shy quarterback Mike Winchell (Lucas Black, who played opposite Thornton as a boy in "Sling Blade"), who's not really sure why he's playing football, and party-boy tailback

Don Billingsley (Garrett Hedlund), who's living in the shadow of his alcoholic father (Tim McGraw), who was a star at Permian 20 years earlier. McGraw, the country music stud, gives a surprisingly convincing performance in his film debut, one that's reminiscent of Dwight Yoakam's turn in "Sling Blade."

The showiest role of all, and the one that offers the greatest range, is that of Boobie Miles (Derek Luke), the showboating running back who helps the Panthers light up the scoreboard in their first game, only to suffer a serious injury at the end that sidelines him for the rest of the season. Luke, the "Antwone Fisher" star, is magnetic at the character's high point, then furious and fearful as he realizes his dreams of playing college and pro football have been destroyed.

His performance vividly conveys how high school football can be more than a religion — it can represent life itself, for better or worse. Berg, as Bissinger did before him, lets us decide for ourselves.

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Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

October got off to a spooky start this week with several offerings aimed at monster movie fans. First up is the DVD debut of Larry Cohen's 1975 horror classic "It's Alive." This is probably the best movie ever made about killer mutant infants and was a huge draw at the drive-in.

The film did so well that two sequels followed and they were also released this week as a double feature. "It's Alive Two" ratchets up the action by having three killer babies to contend with while part 3 ("Island of the Alive") offers an entire island full of homicidal toddlers.

"Return of the Living Dead 2" was another horror sequel

hitting the shelves this week and it retains the horror/humor combo of the first film, though it fails to keep up with that film's manic pacing and inspired characters.

The real find this week, for horror fans, may be "The Hunger." This one is stylishly directed by Tony Scott ("True Romance") and stars Catherine Deneuve and David Bowie as ultra-chic New York vampires who set their sights on Susan Sarandon. Beautifully staged with very little dialogue but heaps of atmosphere.

Jason finally got his own boxed set this week with the release of the first eight "Friday the 13th" films. The hockey mask doesn't make an appearance till the third film, but the body count begins with the first

one and rises considerably with each entry. The set also includes a bonus disc of outtakes, deleted scenes and interviews with cast members.

Television hit DVD this week with two complete miniseries arriving. "North and South" sees the Civil War through the eyes of two affluent families. Patrick Swayze and David Carradine star. "Tanner '88" looks at the 1988 Democratic Convention and was actually filmed there by Robert Altman for this HBO comedy series. Classic political comedy that has never been available before with a savvy script by Doonesbury creator Gary Trudeau.

The big kahuna this week was Michael Moore's award winning Documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11." Here Moore

points his cameras at the Bush administration and links it to corporate scandals, the war in Iraq and exposes ties with Saudi big wigs and — gasp — Osama bin Laden. The high point here is when Moore goes to D.C. and questions politicians about whether their children will serve in Iraq.

Next week is devoted to big happenings with nothing less than the end of the world profiled in "The Day After Tomorrow" and two Stephen King miniseries ("Salem's Lot" and "Kingdom Hospital") hitting the racks.

This week Rental Central mourns the passing of two of Hollywood's best entertainers, Janet Leigh and Rodney Dangerfield. Fans of Leigh should check out the special edition of Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho," which includes a great cut of the film as well as an interview with Leigh in which she candidly recalls the making of a horror classic. Dangerfield had scattershot success with films, his best medium was always stand up comedy, but viewers are urged to check out his hilarious turn as an obnoxious windbag in the comedy classic "Caddyshack."

Insurance

costs for teachers and state employees.

In addition, the plan left out a key measure needed to bring the tax system up-to-date: the expansion of the sales tax to services. Eager to avoid introducing new taxes in an election year and loathe to anger powerful service industries, the governor dismissed a reform experts agree is critical to bringing our tax system in line with today's economy.

Furthermore, the biggest source of new revenue in the plan is an anemic cigarette tax increase, which public health advocates said was not enough to deter teen smoking. Since cigarette tax revenues grow slower than most other taxes, its fix would only be temporary which means new budget holes in the future.

Additionally, Fletcher's income tax proposal would give the wealthiest 1 percent of Kentuckians an average tax cut of \$1,686 (while lowering income taxes on the poorest 20 percent just \$83 on average). Furthering the dilemma, the governor's long-overdue proposal to close some corporate loopholes was neutralized by a measure to cut the top tax rate for corporations at a loss of \$70 million to the state.

Most dangerously, the gover-

nor included a controversial "trigger mechanism" designed by anti-tax groups that would, over time, force further reductions in critical public services by capping the amount of revenue Kentucky can collect. A similar law in Colorado forced cuts of 17 percent to the state's budget between 2001 and 2003, reductions that ranged from children's health insurance to universities and highways.

By setting an agenda that excluded new revenue and by proposing a package that was

inadequate, unfair and damaging in the long term, Gov. Fletcher helped bring Kentucky to the edge of our current cliff. Whether we go over depends on our willingness to turn this discussion around. That requires leaders who are willing to support real tax reform that raises the revenue needed to fix our present mess and build a better, more prosperous future.

Bailey is co-director of the Democracy Resource Center.



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Jim Anderson vs Mary Lou Ray, damages for loss of one cow and calf that were killed by three unleashed Great Danes.

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Shilsa Campbell, 26, of Tram; harassment.

Milonda Adkins, no age listed, Martin; theft by failure to make required disposition.

Tina Gamble, 31, of Dana; fourth-degree assault.

Randy Bell, 48, of McDowell; violation of an emergency protective order.

Steven Michael Odom, 20, of

Kernersville, N.C.; terroristic threatening.

Debra Anderson, 47, of Kite; theft by unlawful deception.

Shawn Whitaker, 34, of Wheelwright; criminal trespassing.

Amy Bailey, 19, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Randy Osborne, 48, of McDowell; alcohol intoxication.

Kisha Collins, 21, of Martin; public intoxication.

Cheryl May, 41, of Hager Hill; controlled substance in non-prescription container, public intoxication.

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Chadrick Hutton, 42, of Columbus, Ohio; criminal trespassing.

Steve Williams, 42, of Pikeville; theft by unlawful taking.

Luther Johnson Jr., 50, of Bevinville; theft by deception.

Dwayne Williams, 44, of Harold; conspiracy to commit third-degree burglary, identity theft, theft by unlawful taking.

Timothy Hamilton, no age listed; theft by unlawful taking.

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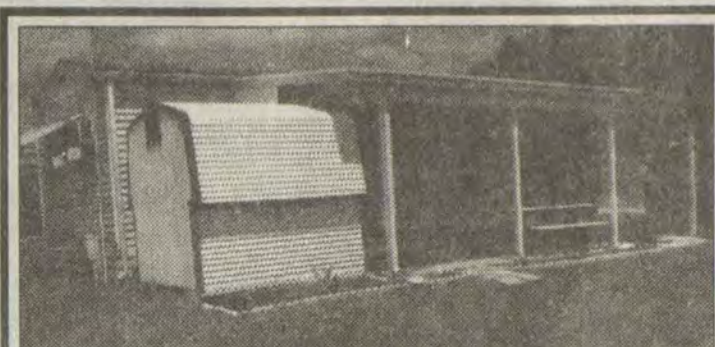


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Letters

further.

So, I was at the U.S. District Court in Pikeville, in which you weren't, Carol. Also, you got your information through hearsay. Hearsay won't stand up in court. Wrong again, Carol.

You say the Floyd County board chose to pursue legal action rather than settling with me, and you ask what's my criticism of the superintendent and the board? Come on, Carol, I've told you! He wastefully spent over \$1.6 million to fight me on a lawsuit for four years and forgets all about the children's education. he could have used part of this money to help the children.

Carol, I've heard you say many times that you want what's best for the children, but yet you, Glenna Slone and Jeff Stumbo support this superintendent in fighting people like me and you on lawsuits and costing taxpayers money, money that these children could use toward their education.

The board won't go bankrupt. How many millions of dollars does the board get to litigate, Carol? The superintendent makes sure the board won't go bankrupt, because he'll keep enough money to fight people on lawsuits. This way, Carol and Paul, you won't have to close your candy store.

The board survived lawsuit defeats in the past. How many times did the board lose? It seems like they lost 95 percent of the time. It looks like the board has not learned its lesson. They're still trying to fight people on lawsuits. I understand that Paul Fanning is keeping a big amount of money in the bank so it won't go bankrupt. He also has to keep a little extra on hand to pay his law buddies, Mike and Jonathan. This doesn't make "cents", Paul and Carol.

My question to you, Carol, is that if the board didn't win lawsuits 95 percent of the time in the past and it's a continuation of losing in the future, so then, why continue on fighting a losing battle? Oh, I'm sorry, I forgot. You like to mismanage the board's money and knock the school kids out of an education, don't you, Paul and Carol?

Your last paragraph is wrong again, Carol. You said I warned the voters. I suggested, Carol, that the voters should go the polls and vote against you, Glenna Slone and Jeff Stumbo

because nothing will change.

Four sentences down, you said you "will not vote to pay off people simply to avoid litigation." Well, there you go again, voters. Carol just admitted to not "paying off" people to avoid litigation. In other words, she would rather pay hundreds of thousands of dollars, maybe millions, to fight the people in lawsuits than settle cheaper and save taxpayers money and use the money where it's supposed to go — toward our children. You even made a dumb joke out of this, "the candy store." The board has enough money to keep the candy store open, but they would rather spend it on lawsuits.

In paragraph six you say, "Our system doesn't exist for adults, to serve individuals. It's primary purpose is not an employment office for adults. It exists for children, and if the board has to spend money to insure that children have good role models, that they are being taught what they need to learn and are learning at high levels, then I, for one, will support legal action to make that happen."

I think you got the three I's in school law mixed up, Carol. I didn't get wrongfully terminated for "incompetence," but I did

get wrongfully terminated for "immoral" conduct on "hearsay."

You said that you support legal action for the board to spend money to insure that good teachers teach children what they need to learn at high levels. Just like I said! You don't know anything about me, Carol, only what you heard through hearsay. I consider myself a good teacher. No complaints from the kids or parents. I've never had a parent tell me that their kid didn't like me as a teacher.

I thought that it was very unethical of you to talk about another teacher. Doctors and lawyers don't do it. Teachers, lawyers and doctors are not perfect, but they can be good at what they do. If you think this way about another teacher, then you're unfit to be board member.

Go to the polls and vote to keep the candy store open, so the children can wander in and get a piece of candy. I don't think the board will go bankrupt. Vote for Jody Mullins, Mike Vanderpool and Mike Harris and focus on children. I'm John Edward Hicks and I approved this article.

John Edward Hicks
Hueysville

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Council on Postsecondary Education to host regional meetings

FRANKFORT — The Council on Postsecondary Education, the coordinating board for the state's system of higher education, will host nine regional meetings across the state, including one next week in

Prestonsburg, to get the public's input on a variety of issues shaping the future of postsecondary education.

Locally, the meeting will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 12 at Prestonsburg High School.

"The success of postsecondary education in the future depends upon our collective efforts today," stated Tom Layzell, president of the Council. "We're asking members of each community to come prepared to talk to us, to work with us, and engage with us in a long-term relationship to develop a better educated workforce in tune to the needs of their communities and region," he added.

Layzell said the regional meetings provide an opportunity for citizens to inform the statewide initiatives that will be developed for the state's public colleges and universities.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher noted that the planning process gives citizens an opportunity to help move the commonwealth forward.

"Our universities and community colleges are essential economic engines in the state —

they are the incubators of human capital," said Fletcher. "As such, postsecondary education is critical to improving the quality of life of Kentuckians and attracting business to our state," he added.

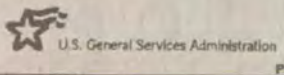
Layzell, Council members, and Council staff will attend the forums.

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Obituaries



Jerry Wayne Robinette

Jerry Wayne Robinette, 55, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, formerly of Floyd County, passed away, Friday, September 24th, 2004, at a local hospital, following a brief illness.

He was the son of the late Glen Dalton and Pauline Robinette. He was born on December 23, 1948, in Portsmouth, Virginia, and was raised on Prater Creek in Floyd County.

He retired from the United States Navy after 23 years service. He also served in the Vietnam War. While serving his country, he received two Purple Heart medals. He was an active officer of the Virginia Beach Auxiliary Police Department, and was presently working for Canon ITS, as a computer technician.

He is survived by his wife, Denise Ward Robinette; two sons: Jerry (Dayno) Wayne Robinette II, of Meridian, Mississippi; Scott (Nikki) D. Robinette of Virginia Beach, Virginia; three daughters: Shawntel Leigh (Johnny) Ray of Wheelwright; Robin Lynn (Virgil Jr.) Slone of Hi Hat, Paulena (Lee) Summer of Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico; one sister, Tina Goble of Pikeville; eight grandchildren: Kyle, Cody, Corey, Meshana, Wesley, Jason, Lillie, and Jessie.

He was preceded in death by both parents, and his brother, Michael Robinette.

Visitation was at the Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home on Monday, September 27, and funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 28, at 11 a.m.

Final resting place was at Colonial Grove Memorial Park in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Full military honors were given at the graveside.

Active pallbearers: Jerry W. Robinette II, Scott D. Robinette, Johnny W. Ray, Virgil Slone Jr., Daniel Cox, and Scott Ray.

Honorary pallbearers: The Military Auxiliary.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

(Paid obituary)

Chadwick Spears

Chadwick Spears, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, October 6, 2004, at his residence.

Born March 19, 1921, in Banner, he was the son of the late Thomas and Margaret Crum Spears. He was a retired lineman for Big Sandy RECC, a member of the Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist Church, where he was a deacon, a member of DAV Chapter 18, at Auxier, and a World War II, Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Amy Campbell Spears.

Survivors include: three daughters: Earlene, (husband, Tommy Nelson), Debbi, (husband, Greg Campbell), and Thelma Laferty, all of Prestonsburg; a brother, Thomas Spears Jr., of Chelsea, Michigan; four sisters: Georgia Campbell of Prestonsburg, Ruth Miracle of Spring Hill, Florida, Carmella McConnell of Sebring, Florida, and Hester Wills of Oak Hill, Ohio; four grandchildren: Heidi Hackworth, Leah Vaughan, Chaddi Stumbo, and Brandon Campbell; three great-grandchildren: Sydney Hackworth, Ethan Hackworth, and Dalton Vaughan.

In addition to his parents, and wife, he was preceded in death by four sisters: Dorothy Saxton, Luna Rose, and two infant sisters; and a grandson, James Alan Laferty.

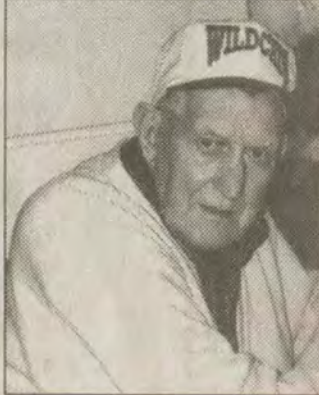
Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, October 9, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin, with Roger Music officiating.

Burial will be in the Campbell Family Cemetery, Corn Fork, Brandy Keg, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

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Eighty-six years worth of good, he left here behind. Happiness without him has been so hard to find.

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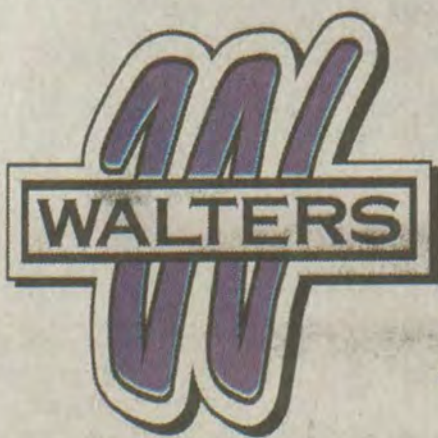
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Prestonsburg Little League to meet, hold elections

Prestonsburg Little League will hold a meeting for officers and coaches Oct. 25 at 8 p.m. at Highlands Freewill Baptist Church.

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P'burg-Belfry: Bigger than big

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Depending on how things go, Vipperman Stadium could be hosting its last really big game tonight when Prestonsburg comes to town to play Belfry.



Rick Bentley

Make no mistake; this is a huge football game. Tonight's game has far-reaching implications in the Double-A playoffs, deciding who plays whom when and, most importantly, where. It's pretty clear the winner of tonight's matchup will be the champion of District 8. And because of this being an even year, the winner of this district will host the Region IV championship if they're still alive to see it.

And the loser, well, the loser has a much tougher road to hoe. And it's all because of what's happening in the small mountain town of Jackson.

It seems certain that Breathitt County will win District 7. The Bobcats are considered by many to be the best Double-A team in the mountains, and while the teams meeting on Pond Creek tonight

(See BENTLEY, page three)

Allen Central defeats Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – The Allen Central High Rebel volleyball team demonstrated strong play Tuesday, taking a 2-0 victory over host Pikeville. The Rebels won 25-23, 25-23. The win moved Allen Central's record to 13-17.

Brandi Meade led Allen Central with her high-school best 10 kills on .435 hitting for the match. The junior outside hitter added three aces and 23 digs in the victory, posting the first double-double (10 kills and 23 digs) of her high school career. Junior Yumekia Hunter and sophomore Courtney Martin added two kills, while Amanda Mills dropped in one.

Alesia Hall took charge of the offense, running it 25 times and earning six assists while making only three errors. Hodge and Mills set up the offense 16 times each and earned four and three assists respectively while making one error each.

Meade paced the Rebels serving, placing 14 serves in play with no errors, and recording three service aces. Martin, Hunter, and Hodge each landed one ace.

Again, Meade dominated the Panther attack, digging 23 of the Pikeville attempts, while recording a superb 96-percent return rate of all hits in her area. Hunter prevented 20 Pikeville points and Mills and Hall stopped 13 each. Hodge denied Pikeville 10 times on 12 attempts. Hunter and Christina Blevins recorded a block assist.

The Rebels hung on to win both games due to its .268 hitting, running its offense 71 times while committing only 5 errors, serving an unprecedented 90 percent in play, making the critical digs at the critical time, and the outstanding individual effort of Meade.

Phelps-Allen Central game full of playoff hopes

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – The postseason picture in regards to teams heading to the State Playoffs remains quite uncertain.

With key district games left in the regular-season, Class A, District 8 rivals Allen Central and Phelps still harbor hopes of making it into the postseason

and the State Playoffs. The two teams will meet up tonight and a loss for either squad will likely spell the beginning of the end of any postseason hopes.

Phelps, coached by Bill McKinney, will enter tonight's game reeling after back-to-back district losses. The Hornets currently carry a 2-4 record. Phelps, which lost to Pikeville last week, has scored wins over

Betsy Layne and Jenkins.

Much of the Phelps offensive attack revolves around Chris Robinette. In just four games, Robinette has rushed for 411 yards and five touchdowns on 62 carries. Robinette has split time under center, sharing the duties with teammate Robert Gannon. In six games, Gannon has passed for

(See PHELPS, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Allen Central running back David Slone and the rest of the Rebels will return to action tonight, hosting Phelps in another key Class A, District 8 game.



photo by Jamie Howell

The Prestonsburg High defensive unit will get its toughest test to date tonight when it travels to Belfry to take on the host Pirates.

Wes Hall closing in on rushing mark

Raiders to face defending district champ

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Senior Wes Hall has a great chance to become the next 1,000-yard rusher in South Floyd High School football history. Hall will enter tonight's home game against Hazard with 879 yards rushing. In seven games, Hall has rushed for 879 yards and 11 touchdowns on 100 carries.

Last week, in a win over Jenkins, South Floyd senior Joe Osborne broke the 1,000-yard rushing mark. Osborne, who in seven games has taken 132 carries, has now rushed for 1,119 yards and nine touchdowns.

As a team, South Floyd has rushed for 2,357 yards. The Raiders as a collective unit have passed for 694 yards.

Hall has scored 76 points – tops on the team. He's caught passes out of the backfield on occasion and has helped to aid in a

(See SFHS, page two)

Cats riding five-game win streak into annual showdown against Belfry

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Area football fans can ask for no better a matchup than tonight's Prestonsburg-Belfry clash. It's the Blackcats and the Pirates inside Vipperman Stadium facing off in their annual regular-season clash. And again, a district championship hangs in the balance.

Losing to Pikeville in the Pike County Bowl during the first week

of the season may have been the best thing to happen to this year's Blackcat football team. Since that loss, Prestonsburg has played – and won – with authority. Since the season-opening setback, the hits seem to be harder and the big plays seem to be bigger and all Prestonsburg units – offensive, defensive and special teams – are clicking.

Prestonsburg has won its last five games. The Blackcats will take a 5-1 mark into tonight's district

clash against Belfry.

Belfry has seemingly settled on Adam Warren as its starting quarterback. Prestonsburg continues to operate an efficient offense with senior Trevor Compton and junior David Shaffer each taking snaps. Prestonsburg High head coach John DeRossett has said many times that he feels comfortable with either player calling the signals. In addition to their offensive obligations, both players are also

(See BLACKCATS, page two)

Jones-Howard duo more than a 1-2 punch

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY – To beat Belfry, Prestonsburg may have to stop a running back tandem ranks as one of the top running back duos in the

state. The Prestonsburg defense has a tall task ahead of it tonight as it visits Death Valley and Vipperman Stadium. Belfry seniors David Jones and Doug Howard, both running backs await the Blackcats.

Both Jones and Howard play

both ways for the Pirates. Each also contributes on special teams. Jones has already made a verbal commitment to attend the University of Kentucky. Howard remains undecided on college.

(See BELFRY, page two)

MSC pre-season poll picks Bears to finish third

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE – The collective coaches of the Mid-South Conference have picked the Pikeville College men's basketball team to finish third in the upcoming 2004-05 season. Pikeville, coached by Randy McCoy, finished strong last season, making a run all the way to the National Tournament

The coaches of the Mid-South Conference have voted Lindsey Wilson

College as their pick to win the MSC men's basketball title for the upcoming season.

Lindsey Wilson took the MSC Tournament Championship last season, with Georgetown taking the regular season crown. Along with Pikeville, all three teams advanced to the NAIA National Tournament, with Georgetown reaching the semifinals. Pikeville fell in the first round as Lewis-Clark State College edged the Bears

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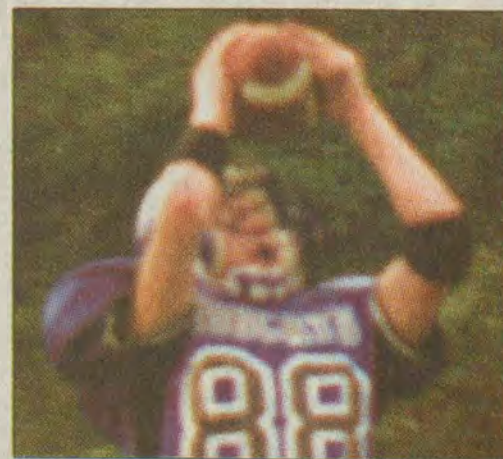


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Jim Bradley and fellow Bobcats Betsy Layne have this Friday night open on their schedule following a come-from-behind win over J.J. Kelly (Va.)



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want to have something to say about that, neither have a chance until the playoffs are at least into their second week.

Now, with Breathitt being all but assured of the district title, it will be at home for at least the first two weeks of the playoffs. As such, they will host the fourth seed from District 8 in the opening round.

Then, in the second round, they'll host either the third seed from their own district, or the second seed from this one - the team that loses tonight in Death Valley.

Now, let's take a look at the road the winner will have tonight.

They'll tune up by playing the four seed from District 7, and then play host to the winner of the two/three matchup, likely to be Middlesboro.

Then comes the regional finals.

Then, they'd most likely play

the winner of the game between Breathitt County and the loser of tonight's titanic struggle.

And they'd play them at home.

See, there's the deal. One team will be forced to travel to Jackson in Week Two. The other will get to host either Breathitt County or the team they beat tonight in Week Three.

Now, it's true Belfry won the regional finals on the road

last year, and it's possible it could happen again this year. But any coach will tell you that's a game you want on your own field, not somebody else's.

Are we beginning to see why tonight's battle is so important?

It's also important for Belfry because their remaining schedule is difficult - most notably, they still play Ironton. The series with the miniature Cleveland Browns has been a good one for the Pirates through the years because of the attitude

the coaching staff takes to it.

Most coaches wouldn't continue to play a team they've only beaten once in 13 tries. But most coaches aren't named Philip Haywood either.

Here we have a coach who understands his team is better off losing and learning against Ironton than smashing around an also-ran from a neighboring county.

There Belfry will face the only game on its schedule it will likely not win. But does anyone think losing to the Ohio school hurt them on the way to the state title a year ago?

You may have heard it from me first that this Prestonsburg team looks eerily similar to last year's Pirates, but it's not an opinion I have to myself. Many people have noticed the similarities: A shutout loss in the Pike County Bowl, and then a big win in their second game many thought they'd surely drop. That has been followed by

slow, steady improvement to this point in the season, much like Belfry showed last year when it stormed into the Ironton game with only one loss.

I like this Prestonsburg club and what it's been able to do. The question we have now is will this year's Belfry team prove a little better than any it had in its own path a year ago.

And then there's this: As tonight's game unfolds, keep in mind the date of Oct. 25, 2002.

It's significant to note this should the Pirates score tonight. Why?

Simple: That date, two weeks shy of two years ago, was the last time Belfry scored in a game and lost. That setback was to Ironton. Belfry ran the table until it was blanked in the regional finals by Breathitt

County on the muddiest field I've ever stood on.

Last year, Belfry lost twice - in the Pike County Bowl to

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So far, Howard has out-rushed his teammate. Through six games, Howard has taken 68 carries for 900 yards and 12 touchdowns. Jones has carried the pigskin 56 times for 782 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Jones has outscored Howard 90-74.

The Pirate offense has rushed for 2,202 yards. The Pirate passing attack has registered 293 yards passing.

Belfry has outscored opponents 242-34.

"There's no doubt that Belfry has two outstanding running backs," Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett conferred, when talk of the two Pirate running backs came up in an interview earlier in the week. "Both Jones and Howard run extremely hard and both are team leaders."

DeRossett was also impressed with the size of the Belfry offensive and defensive lines. Great athletic girth is a typical trait of Belfry High football lines.

The Pirate defense has simply limited opposing teams. Already, Belfry has pitched three shutouts and just last week limited Pike Central to a safety in a 40-2 rout of the Hawks. The Pirates have yet to give up over three touchdowns in a single game.

Hazard

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Olinger has passed for 1,077 yards and 11 touchdowns. He has completed 62-of-113 passes and thrown just four interceptions.

In last week's win over Allen Central, Olinger was 16-of-20 passing for 260 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed for 64 yards and a touchdown.

Olinger's favorite target through the air is receiver D.J. Hoskins. In six games, Hoskins has caught 25 passes for 411 yards and six touchdowns. In last week's win over Allen Central, Hoskins (6-1, 170) scored five touchdowns and passed for another score, helping to lead the Bulldogs to a runaway win over the visiting Rebels.

South Floyd, which has shown an accomplished running game in an offense that has also on occasion taken to the air, must be leery of Hazard's pass defense. Colby Hoskins leads Hazard with five interceptions. Hoskins and Olinger each have three.

Hazard and second-year head coach Mark Dixon went into the current season knowing a "rebuild or reload" situation was before them. In the spring, Hazard graduated quite possibly its most talented football class ever - a class that included quarterback Steven Sizemore and wide receiver Lamar Williams.

Following this week's road game at South Floyd, Hazard has district games remaining against Paintsville, Jenkins and Phelps.

Cards' Basketball Tipoff Luncheon set for Oct. 19

LOUISVILLE - University of Louisville men's basketball coach Rick Pitino will be the featured speaker at the annual U of L Basketball Tipoff Luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at noon in the Galt House East Grand Ballroom. Tickets for the event, presented by Anthem and UPS, are \$30 each and may be purchased by calling the U of L special events office at 502/852-1974.

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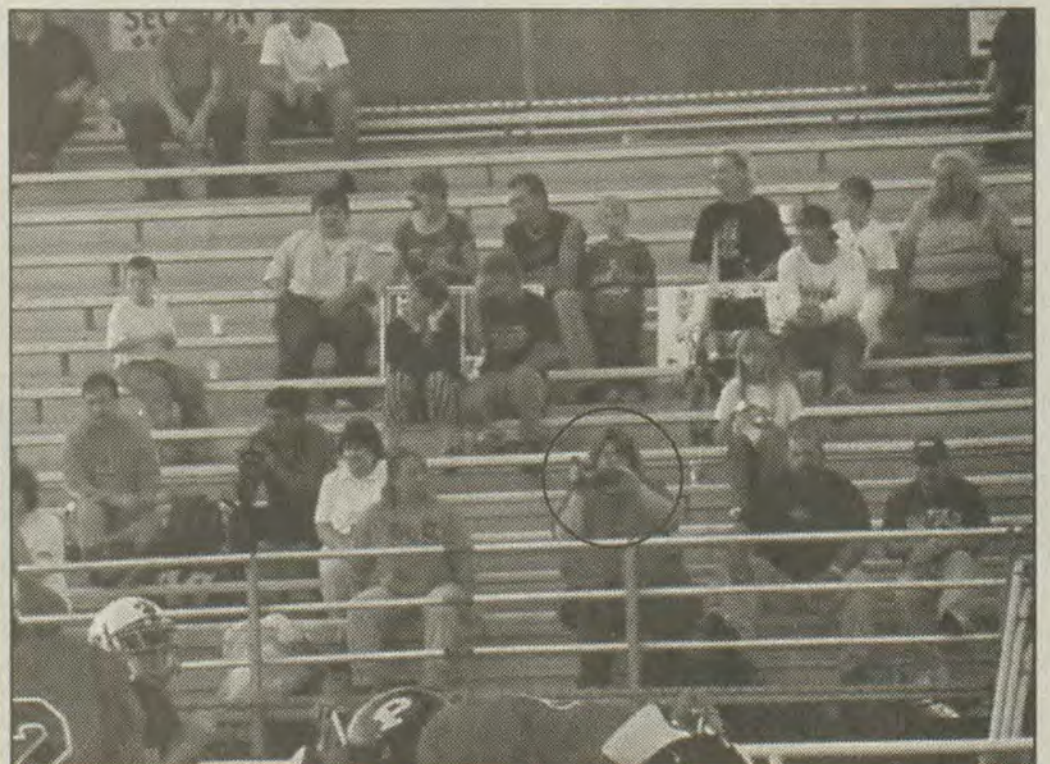
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Phelps

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436 yards and four touchdowns, completing 21-of-42 passes. Gannon has thrown for 172 yards and two touchdowns. A little bit more accurate than Gannon, Robinette has completed 12-of-20 passes and throw just one touchdown compared to three thrown so far by Gannon.

Chris Hardin leads Phelps in receiving with 273 yards and four touchdowns. In six games, Hardin has hauled in 19 passes. Robinette is the team's leading

scorer with 40 points. Hardin has accumulated 36 points.

Earlier in the season, Phelps dropped a game to South Floyd, falling in double-overtime. Two weeks ago, the Hornets battled tough before falling to Paintsville. The Tigers, playing at home, prevailed, winning 16-6.

Opposing teams have outscored Phelps 186-156. In six games, the Hornet offense has managed nearly 1,900 yards while giving up over

1,600.

Allen Central has won three of its last four games - a run that includes a pair of district victories - triumphs over Jenkins and Fleming-Neon. Last week, Allen Central went on the road and played Hazard nearly even through one quarter of play before struggling in the second quarter and eventually falling. Opponents have outscored Allen Central 249-246.

Kickoff for the Phelps-Allen Central game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Blackcats

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defensive starters.

Through six games, Prestonsburg has outscored its opponents 186-91. The Blackcat offense has churned out 1,264 rushing yards and 822 passing yards.

Senior Joe Blackburn continues a gallant gallop at 1,000 yards rushing. Blackburn has already rushed 100 times for 665 yards and seven touchdowns as he is on pace to rush for over 1,000 yards.

Blackburn leads

Prestonsburg in scoring. He has scored 44 points.

Compton has rushed for 241 yards and Brenton Hamilton has rushed for 233.

Compton has passed for 528 yards and eight touchdowns. Shaffer has passed for 209 yards and one touchdown.

Tight end John Mark Stephens, a player who is being courted by several college football programs, leads Prestonsburg in receiving with 11 catches for 377 yards and five touchdowns. Kyle Ousley has hauled in 13 catches for 262 yards and three touchdowns.

While its riding momentum into storied Death Valley, Prestonsburg will have to be at its best tonight in a matchup

that most always is decided in the final quarter.

Being out of school for fall break shouldn't hinder the Blackcat football team. Prestonsburg has practiced each day this week in preparation for the Belfry Pirates. The last five weeks for Prestonsburg have included two district wins and victories of Bell County, Ashland and Lawrence County.

"I'm proud of the way our kids have played," said DeRossett. "We've got a great bunch of young men and a good bunch of football players. The Belfry game is no doubt a huge game for both teams."

Kickoff for the Prestonsburg-Belfry game is 7:30 p.m.

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South Floyd offense that has also been impressive through the air.

In five games, junior quarterback Ryan Johnson has passed for 642 yards and six touchdowns. Justin Slone leads South Floyd in receiving with 39 catches for 522 yards and five touchdowns. T.J. Hall is another top target.

South Floyd has outscored opponents 272-215.

Tonight's matchup will pit two Class A, District 8 playoff contenders.

"There's no doubt it's a big game for both teams," noted South Floyd Coach Donny

Daniels. "We've had a good week of practice heading in."

Some other things are also happening tonight as the Raiders play host to Hazard.

During tonight's game, Appalachian Wireless will give away \$100 in prizes to fans who have cellular service through Appalachian Wireless.

Tonight is also Flag Football Night at South Floyd. Teams from the South Floyd Flag Football League will play during halftime of tonight's game.

Kickoff for the Hazard-South Floyd game is set for 7:30 p.m.

SEC leads all conferences in NFL players

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The Southeastern Conference had 260 of its former players on opening day playing rosters in the National Football League, which leads all college football conferences.

The Big Ten was second with 215 followed by the ACC with 212, the Pac-10 with 196, Big 12 with 80 and the Big East with

78 former players on NFL rosters.

Tennessee led all SEC schools with 38 former players in the NFL followed by Florida and Georgia with 36 each, LSU with 31, Auburn with 22 and Alabama with 20. Ole Miss and South Carolina each had 17 former players on NFL rosters, Mississippi State had 16, Arkansas 13, Vanderbilt 10 and Kentucky had four.

Anderson, Kentucky face 'critical' week

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Even when he might be about to lose his job as a starting inside linebacker for Kentucky's football team, Chad Anderson — whom his teammates call the "team mouth" — will talk.

Anderson realizes, though, that talk has its limits, and knows without better performances, he could well be coming off the bench Saturday, when Kentucky (1-3, 0-1 Southeastern Conference) hosts Alabama (3-2, 1-2).

"If you want to make me the 'team mouth,' you might want to pick somebody who is playing more consistent than I am now," Anderson said. "Right now, I'm as inconsistent as I've ever been in my life on the field."

Long after his teammates

exited the practice field following conditioning drills on Monday, Anderson ran sprints by himself and looked to be deep in thought. The 6-2, 250-pound junior from Canton, Ohio, is as mystified as anyone why he hasn't been able to play as well as he did last season.

"If I knew what I was doing wrong, I wouldn't be doing it," Anderson said.

Anderson saw just spot action as a freshman, but broke into the starting lineup five games into his sophomore season. He was named by coaches as the team's most improved player after leading the Wildcats in tackles with 125 and the SEC in tackles per game with 11.4.

"I know the type of player he can be and the type of level he can play at," said defensive end Ellery Moore, a cousin by marriage to Anderson. "He proved it last year. Against some good teams, he made some big plays and dominated the games."

This season, though, Anderson has struggled to regain that form. He lost his starting job before Kentucky's third game, against Florida, and returned to the lineup only because Dustin Williams broke

his arm in that game.

Anderson started Saturday in a 28-16 loss to Ohio almost out of necessity, but defensive coordinator Mike Archer's patience with Anderson is wearing thin — even though Anderson leads the team in tackles (32) and interceptions (two).

"I'm disappointed, I'm sure he's disappointed," Archer said. "A lot was expected, and he has not performed to the level we expected — the expectations he created himself by what he did last year. When you do it one year, you've got to do it the second year."

"His job is in question right now. He's accountable to his teammates and he's accountable to me. If he doesn't do it, then he doesn't deserve the chance to play. He's no different than anybody else. He's got to perform. It's a very critical week for him. It's a critical week for our whole football team."

Anderson theorizes that two things have caused his play to deteriorate — the absence from the lineup of his good friend Williams, who missed most of the first two games with a hamstring injury before suffering the broken arm, and a minor change in where he lines up on the field.

But neither of those things should cause such a free-fall in the quality of his play, Anderson said.

"I haven't adapted as well as I would have hoped," he said. "I was good at what I did last year, but I'm not playing that spot any more, so I can't play the way I did last year."

Despite his struggles, Anderson has maintained his talkative personality. Moore said that sometimes he just starts to walk away when Anderson gets rolling.

"He'll follow you to finish his story, and maybe start another one," Moore said. "He just doesn't be quiet."

Anderson counters that claim, saying Moore and others always are interested in what he has to say. But Anderson knows there is one group of people for whom talk is cheap — his coaches. Instead of talking a good game to them, he wants to let his effort on the field say everything for him.

"I'm not going to say anything about the fact that I'm getting demoted now," he said. "I'm not playing good. When I play good, I'll be the guy. When I don't, I won't."



Chad Anderson

Paintsville sorting things out during open week

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — When Johnson Central beat Paintsville 48-6 eight days ago, Tiger players and coaches both knew the following week, this week, could be a long stretch. Paintsville, which has won three of the last four Apple Bowl meetings with crosstown rival Johnson Central, had this week open on its schedule. The Tigers are preparing for the final three games of the regular-season and are playing for a return trip to the State Playoffs.

Before he went out with an injury in a game against Grundy, Va., Tiger junior running back Hans Doderor had rushed for 763 yards and 12 touchdowns in five games. In seven games, sophomore quarterback Daniel Pugh has rushed for 628 yards and 10 touchdowns. Pugh is in his second season as a starter for the Paintsville High grid team.

Pugh, Paintsville's second-leading scorer, has also went to the air and passed for 190 yards.

Paintsville has outscored opponents 258-172. The Paintsville offense has churned out 2,350 rushing yards.

The loss of Doderor automatically had its effects on the Tiger offense. In the two games since losing Doderor, Paintsville's offense has sputtered, scoring just two touchdowns.

Other players getting carries out of the Tiger backfield include juniors Wes Ward and Matt Hicks and sophomore Shane Cantrell.

Last week, Cantrell led the Paintsville offense in rushing, gaining over 100 yards on a stingy Johnson Central defense.

Two of Paintsville's final three games in the regular season are at home.

Paintsville is scheduled to return to action one week from today, playing host to defending Class A, Region 8 champ Hazard.



photo by Jamie Howell

Both the Prestonsburg High junior varsity and freshman teams have enjoyed successful seasons.

High.com State football polls

Class 4A

1. St. Xavier (5-1)
2. Trinity (5-1)
3. Manual (6-1)
4. Conner (6-0)
5. Male (4-2)
6. Dixie Heights (6-1)
7. Henderson County (6-1)
8. Madison Central (6-1)
9. Apollo (5-1)
10. Ballard (5-2)

Class 3A

1. Hopkinsville (6-0)
2. Lexington Catholic (5-1)
3. Bowling Green (7-0)
4. Highlands (6-1)
5. Boyle County (4-2)
6. Waggener (5-0)
7. Bell County (5-1)
8. Covington Catholic (4-2)
9. Madisonville-N. Hop. (6-1)
10. Harrison County (5-1) tie Pulaski South. (4-2)

Class 2A

1. Belfry (6-0)
2. Breathitt County (7-0)
3. Russell (6-0)
4. Elizabethtown (6-1)
5. Prestonsburg (5-1)
6. Fort Campbell (5-1)
7. Fleming County (6-0)
8. Trigg County (5-1)
9. Garrard County (6-1)
10. Henry County (6-0)

Class 1A

1. Beechwood (6-1)
2. Newport Cent. Cath. (6-1)
3. Danville (2-4)
4. Louis. Holy Cross (5-1)
5. Murray (6-0)
6. Hancock County (6-1)
7. Williamsburg (7-0)
8. Pikeville (3-2)
9. Bardstown (4-2)
10. Campbellsville (5-1)

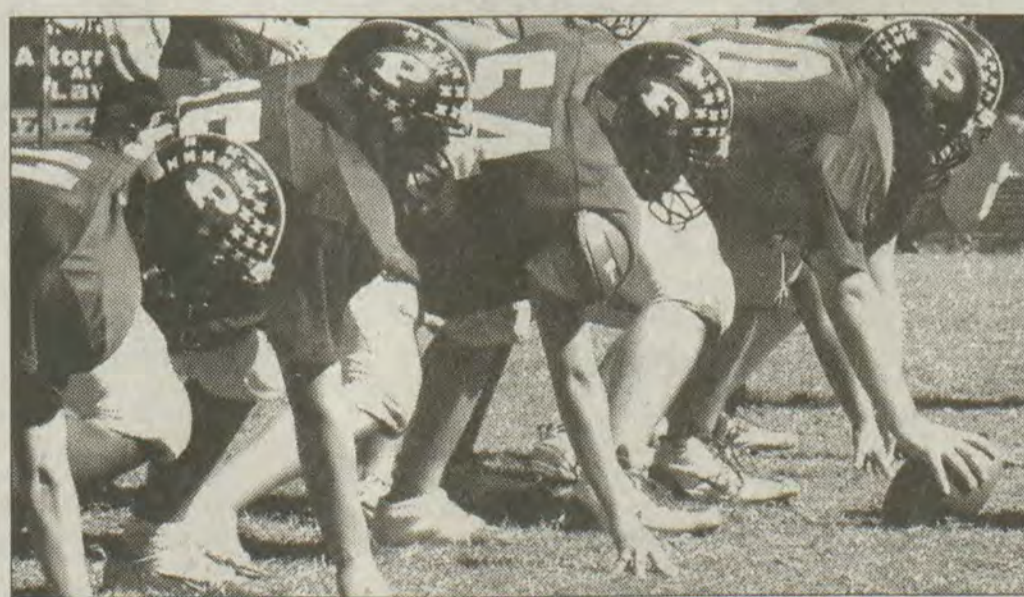
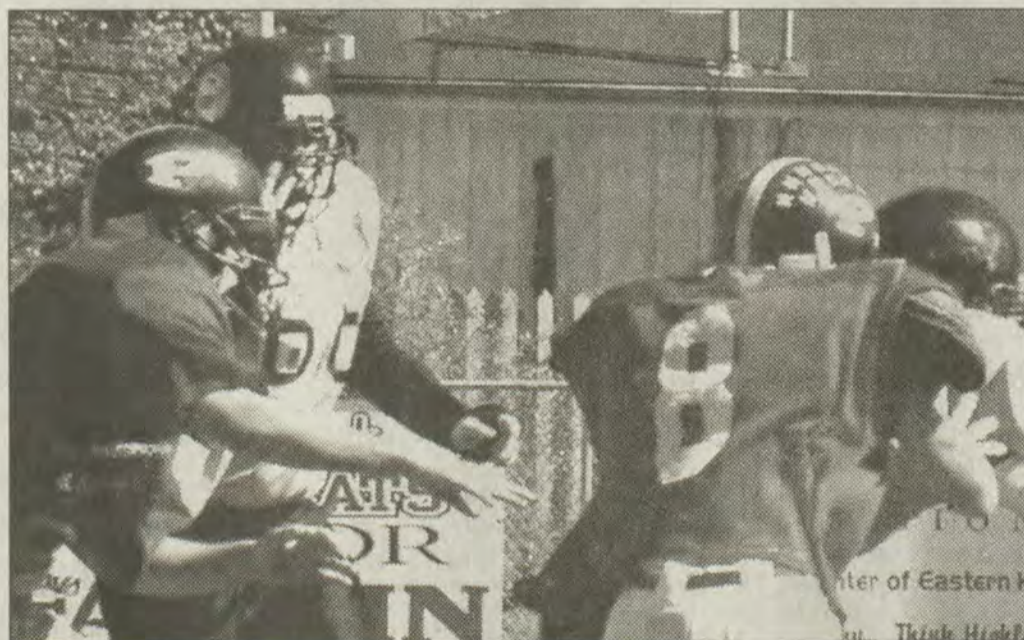


photo by Jamie Howell

Johnson Central visited Prestonsburg Wednesday for a freshman game. The Golden Eagles left town with a 28-8 win. Prestonsburg took an 8-6 advantage before Johnson Central battled back. Both the Prestonsburg and Johnson Central varsity football teams return to action tonight. Prestonsburg will go on the road and play Belfry in a huge district match while Johnson Central will remain at home and take on Clark County in another key district contest.

Alabama's dominant defense not pointing fingers

By JOHN ZENOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alabama's football team is a package deal — the defense and the offense, the good and the bad.

That's the attitude Roman Harper said the defenders have to take while the offense struggles.

"I think it's hard as a team not to get frustrated whenever you lose," the Crimson Tide free safety said. "We're not going to try to separate the offense and defense. We came in together, we're a team, and that's how we're going to look at it."

Alabama (3-2, 1-2 Southeastern Conference) has been anything but a balanced team lately, but hopes to begin changing that Saturday at Kentucky (1-3, 0-1) and the league's lowest-rated defense.

"There's no way we can win football games leaving the defense on the field that long," quarterback Marc Guillon said. "They were out there for way, way too many plays."

The Tide ranks last in the league in passing offense, with five interceptions and no touchdown passes in the two games since Guillon replaced the injured Brodie Croyle at quarterback. Both were losses.

The defense, meanwhile, leads the league and ranks fourth nationally, allowing only 246 yards per game. Opposing teams are averaging only 120 yards passing against the Tide, third best in the nation.

Defensive coordinator Joe Kines isn't ready to anoint this a great defense yet.

"If we can get better these next four or five weeks, that might mean something," Kines said. "If we can add to that, at least we're building on something, when guys begin to take a little pride in how we're doing things and what they're doing."

Harper is a big reason for the Tide's defensive success. He and linebacker Cornelius Wortham are tied for the team lead with 37 tackles. Harper also has two interceptions — as do Anthony Madison and freshman Simeon Castille — along with a sack and four tackles for loss.

Kines likes his team's ability to force turnovers, but said Alabama could have more than its six interceptions.

Turnovers, he said, are "what you play for. It's been a thing that we've been able to create this year. Our secondary, we've gotten our hands on a bunch of them. We ought to have three or four more."

"And they know that. They talk about that a lot. We got our hands on them and didn't pull them down. Those are the things that bother you."

It's hard to find too much fault with the Tide defense beyond that.

Alabama gave up two third-quarter touchdowns against South Carolina that were set up by interceptions. Harper doesn't believe the defenders can afford to point fingers at the offense.

"One day they're going to have to bail us out, too," he said. "We have to look at it that way. And at the end it's all going to even out."

H.S. Football Region Records

Class A, Region 4

Team	Record
Williamsburg	7-0
Harlan	5-1
Paintsville	5-2
South Floyd	5-2
Pikeville	4-2
Cumberland	4-2
Lynn Camp	4-3
Allen Central	4-3
Somerset	3-4
Hazard	2-4
Evarts	2-4
Phelps	2-4
Jenkins	1-5
Pineville	0-6
Fleming-Neon	0-6

Class 2A, Region 4

Breathitt County	7-0
Belfry	6-0
Prestonsburg	5-1
Leslie County	4-2
Middlesboro	4-3
Shelby Valley	3-3
Knott Co. Central	2-4
Pike Co. Central	2-4
East Ridge	2-5
Magoffin County	2-5
Cawood	1-5
Sheldon Clark	1-5
Whitesburg	1-6

Bears

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67-65. In the final 10 seconds in a tournament opener last March, Lewis-Clark forward Dustin Endsley drained two free throws and in the process drained the Bears of any post-season life.

The results of the poll are

as follows, listed by school, last year's final overall record, poll points, and first-place votes, with teams getting five points for a first-place vote, down to one point for fifth. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team.

MSC Men's Poll

Position	School	Record	Points	Votes
1.	Lindsey Wilson	33-4	24	4
2.	Georgetown	30-8	22	2
3.	Pikeville	26-8	16	
4.	Cumberland Coll.	23-8	14	
5.	Campbellsville U.	18-15	9	
6.	Lambuth	17-16	5	



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Efficiency of QBs impresses Petrino

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

after the Cardinals' 59-7 win over East Carolina on Saturday. "They're both athletic enough to make positive plays when things break down or when we've called the wrong play."

LeFors, last year's Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year, has started every game, but Brohm has replaced him each time by the second quarter. LeFors has always returned by the third and Brohm has seen much of his playing time in the fourth — when the Cardinals have always been comfortably ahead.

Petrino said he'll stick with the rotation against the Hurricanes, whose defense is far superior to any the quarterbacks have faced this season.

"We'll stay on the path we've been on and see what happens," he said.

To this point, the duo has silenced skeptics who thought Petrino's decision to alternate them might create tension and upset team chemistry.

LeFors has run 179 total plays, while Brohm has run 128. LeFors has led 30 drives, 15 of which have resulted in points. Brohm has guided 18 possessions and 11 scoring drives.

"The system is working great," said LeFors. "We're doing well as an offense."

If the quarterbacks don't like the job sharing, they're keeping it to themselves. LeFors has shied away from questions about Brohm, whom he outduelled to keep his starting job in the preseason.

LeFors has spent virtually his entire Louisville career sharing the spotlight with another quarterback, but said before this season that the competition has always improved him.

"If there was nobody behind me challenging me, maybe I would get complacent," he said. "That's important for me to have — that if someone's on my heels, I have to stay one step ahead. It fuels the fire."

Brohm, meanwhile, seems content to learn the game at his own pace. Against East Carolina, the former Louisville Trinity star went 12-of-16 for 186 yards and a touchdown in what he considered his best performance yet.

"I feel real good right now," Brohm said. "Each game, I've been getting more confidence, especially in the last game. Hopefully, I can take that into Miami and build on

that confidence." Neither quarterback has seemed fazed by their long stretches on the bench.

LeFors is eighth in the nation in pass efficiency and has three TD passes to Brohm's one. Brohm has completed 31 of 41 passes (75.6 percent), the best percentage in Conference USA, although only decimal points ahead of LeFors' ratio (51 of 68, 75 percent).

"We're both completely prepared for the games," said Brohm, who completed 65 percent of his passes in high school. "We just have to stay loose on the sidelines when we're not in there and take advantage of the time we get."

Quarterbacks coach Jeff Brohm, Brian's older brother and a former Louisville quarterback, said he senses the two are feeding off each other and making the other one better.

"I'm sure they both don't love it, but they've accepted it and performed well," Jeff Brohm said. "They don't want the other one to outshine them, so they work extremely hard. They know that when they're in there, they need to perform. And so far, so good."



Brian Brohm



Stefan LeFors

completed 75 percent of their passes while splitting time for the 20th-ranked Cardinals (4-0), who play fourth-ranked Miami (4-0) on Oct. 14.

"Both of our quarterbacks are making good decisions on when and where to throw the ball," Petrino said

UK set to host storied Alabama program

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky grid team is set to host the University of Alabama and head coach Mike Shula. Kickoff for the game is set for 12:30 p.m.

More on Saturday's game and activities follows.

Fans are encouraged to welcome the team during the "Cat Walk" outside Gate 1 of the stadium. The team will arrive at approximately 10:15 a.m.

The "Rally in the Alley" is a tailgate area for students, located between Commonwealth Stadium and Nutter Field House at gates 14 and 15. The "Rally in the Alley" begins two hours before the game (10:30 a.m. for the Alabama game). Radio station 104.5 The Cat will be providing the music.

The UK Marching Band will parade around the stadium, beginning at approximately one hour prior to kickoff. The band parade will begin at Gate 4 and end at Gate 9.

The honorary captain for the Alabama game is former Wildcat All-America quarterback Vito "Babe" Parilli. From 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Parilli will sign autographs in the Wildcat Refuge, which is located outside Gate 9 of Commonwealth Stadium.

The ESPN/Suzuki Heisman Trophy Tour has a traveling exhibit which will be located in the Wildcat Refuge. The display includes the Heisman Trophy and fans may take photos with the trophy, some of which are posted on internet site Heisman.com. There will be giveaway items in addition to the display.

The Alltel "Freedom Rig," an interactive exhibit,

will be located in the Wildcat Refuge.

The Char-Broil Grilling Team will be located in the Wildcat Refuge. Char-Broil will have souvenir giveaways and grill samples available.

UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. will honor the first graduating class of the Robinson Scholars program at the end of the first quarter of play. The Robinson Scholars Program serves first generation college-bound and college students who have demonstrated the potential to succeed but who might encounter economic, cultural, or institutional impediments to their completion of four-year college degrees. In 1996, the University approved a working plan for the Robinson Scholars Program, and the first class of Scholars was selected in the spring of 1997. Since then, the Program has named 452 students as Robinson Scholars. The students being honored tonight are members of the 1997 class.

"The Zone" will be located outside Gate 9 of Commonwealth Stadium and will feature music from Kenny Owens, food, and Wildcat fun. "The Zone" will open two hours before each home game and all tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information and to reserve your spot in "The Zone," call Host Communications at 859-226-4328.

UK Team Shop: The UK Team Shop, featuring officially licensed Wildcat apparel and merchandise, will be open outside the stadium prior to the game and will be located near the ticket booth between the Red and Green lots. Additional UK Team Shops will be located inside the stadium gates.

MSC women's basketball pre-season poll announced

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE — The coaches of the Mid-South Conference have voted Campbellsville University as their pick to win the MSC women's basketball title for this upcoming 2004-05 basketball season.



Bill Watson

Campbellsville and Cumberland finished tied with 8-2 records in league play last season, with Campbellsville

winning over Cumberland in the MSC Tournament final. Along with Georgetown, all three teams advanced to the NAIA National Tournament, with both Campbellsville and Georgetown reaching the second round.

Pikeville College was picked to finish fourth. Lindsey Wilson was tabbed to finish fifth and Lambuth was picked to finish sixth.

Pikeville College recently added a nice addition when Kelli Jo Moore transferred in from Marshall University. Moore, who played high school basketball at Sheldon Clark, scored over 2,000 points in her prep career. Bill Watson is returning to coach the Lady Bears.

EKU Football to host Take A Kid to the Game Day

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — The Eastern Kentucky University football game on Saturday against Ohio Valley Conference foe Eastern Illinois has been tabbed as Take A Kid To The Game Day at Roy Kidd Stadium.

As part of the NCAA Football sponsored program, children ages 15 and under will be admitted free with their TAKG ticket, which have been distributed to all Madison County elementary and middle schools. Tickets can also be found on EKUsports.com and in ads in the Eastern Progress and

Richmond Register.

Entering its seventh year, NCAA Football TAKG is a national grassroots program designed to encourage adults to take children to an NCAA Football game. Over 200 institutions from every NCAA division will be hosting a TAKG day this year. Since its inception, this program has been a huge success and has allowed thousands of children to experience NCAA Football.

Games and fun begin Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in the Alumni Coliseum parking lot prior to the 6:30 p.m. kickoff at Roy Kidd Stadium.

Eastern Kentucky athletic director resigns; interim AD named

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky athletic director John Shafer announced his resignation Wednesday, citing health concerns.

University President Joanne Glasser named Robert "Jake" Bell of Lexington to fill the position on an interim basis.

Shafer, who has been the university's athletic director since February 2003, will step down Oct. 31. Bell's appointment will cover the 2004-05 school year, university spokesman Marc Whitt said.

Whitt said no time frame had been set to find a permanent replacement for Shafer, who previously had served as athletic director at Mississippi before leaving that job in April 2002.

Bell was the athletic director at Georgetown College

from 1997 to 2000. He retired earlier this year after four years as principal at Henry Clay High School in Lexington. He previously served as a coach, teacher and administrator at three Lexington high schools.

For 20 years, Bell also officiated basketball games in the Southeastern Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletics Conference and Great Lakes Valley Conference as well as high school contests.

"This is an incredible opportunity to be associated with an outstanding president, an incredible athletic staff and a wonderful university," Bell said. "John Shafer had put together a top operation. It's nice to come in to an organization in as good a shape as the one he is leaving me so we can move forward. I can't wait to get started."

Blackwelder, Russell County claim golf crowns

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN — Woodford County High senior Mallory Blackwelder shot a 2-under par 70 to win the individual title and Russell County won the team title at the Leachman Buick/GMC-KHSAA state golf tournament on Wednesday.

Blackwelder, the daughter of former LPGA touring pro Myra VanHoose Blackwelder, who, while playing for Lafayette, won the title in four consecutive years — 1970-73.

Russell County defended its state championship by shooting a 660, finishing 12 shots ahead of Central Hardin.

Vander Wal becomes free agent

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Pinch-hitter John Vander Wal chose free agency Wednesday instead of a demotion off the Cincinnati Reds' 40-man roster.

Vander Wal, who ranks fifth on the career list with 126 pinch-hits, signed with the Reds as a free agent last January, then tore cartilage in his knee while

shoveling snow.

He was released and signed a minor league deal with Cincinnati while he rehabilitated the knee. He was finally added to the roster on July 11 and hit only .118 with two homers. He started seven games in right field.

Vander Wal finished the season in an 0-for-24 slump, the longest of his career.

Kyle Busch to run Cup events at Lowe's, AMS

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Hendrick Motorsports has added two NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series dates to the schedule of 19-year-old Kyle Busch, team owner Rick Hendrick announced Wednesday.

Driving the No. 84 CARQUEST Chevrolets, Busch will compete Oct. 16 at Lowe's Motor Speedway and Oct. 31 at Atlanta Motor Speedway, marking his fifth and sixth career races in NASCAR's

most elite division.

Busch, who has made Cup-level starts at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Lowe's Motor Speedway and California Speedway in 2004, will also enter Sunday's 400-mile event at Kansas Speedway as announced in May.

Busch, a Las Vegas native, is currently second in the NASCAR Busch Series standings with four pole positions, five victories, 12 top-five finishes and 18 top-10 results in Hendrick's No. 5 Chevrolets.

H.S. FOOTBALL GAMES ON TAP

Tonight's games

- Allen Central-Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
- Bath County-Raceland, 7:30 p.m.
- Belfry-Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
- Boyd County-Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.
- Boyle County-Pulaski County, 7:30 p.m.
- Clay County-Perry County Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Corbin-Casey County, 8 p.m.
- East Carter-West Carter, 7:30 p.m.
- East Ridge-Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Estill County -Morgan County, 7:30 p.m.
- Fleming County-Powell County, 7:30 p.m.
- Greenup County-Rowan County, 7:30 p.m.
- Harlan-McCreary Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Jenkins-Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.
- Johnson Central-George Rogers Clark, 7:30 p.m.
- Lee County, Va.-Cawood, 7:30 p.m.
- Leslie County-Breathitt County, 7:30 p.m.
- Lewis County-Russell, 7:30 p.m.
- Mason County-Ashland Blazer, 7:30 p.m.
- North Laurel-Montgomery County, 7:30 p.m.
- Pineville-Somerset, 7:30 p.m.
- Rockcastle County-Bell County, 7:30 p.m.
- Sheldon Clark-Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
- South Floyd-Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
- Whitesburg-Knott County Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Whitley County-South Laurel, 7:30 p.m.
- Williamsburg-Cumberland, 7:30 p.m.

MSU Alumni Spotlight – Teater cashes in on NGA Hooters Tour; Minard, Kings begin training camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — A pair of former Morehead State University student-athletes are now excelling at the next level.

Former Eagle golfer Josh Teater picked up the biggest check of his professional golfing career when he earned \$25,000 for finishing third in the NGA Hooters Tour Championship Sunday at Suntree Country Club in Melbourne, Fla. Teater shot 69-69-70-70 for a 11-under par total of 277. Next up for the native of Lexington, and Henry Clay High School graduate is the PGA Tour Qualifying School where he will attempt to earn weekly playing privileges on either the PGA Tour or Nationwide Tour.

Among NGA Hooters Tour alumni are PGA major cham-

pionship winners Lee Janzen, John Daly, Tom Lehman, Jim Furyk, David Toms, Ben Curtis and Shaun Micheel.

More information on Teater can be found at www.joshteater.com.

Ricky Minard, MSU's all-time leading scorer in men's basketball, and the Sacramento Kings have begun their 2004 Training Camp. Minard was a second-round draft choice of the Kings and was the 48th overall selection.

Minard is one of 12 individual listed on the Kings roster. Several non-roster players were also invited to training camp. The Kings open their preseason exhibition schedule on Oct. 10 at home against Golden State. Their regular season opener is Nov. 2 at Dallas.

The official web site of the Kings can be online found at www.nba.com/kings.

McBride hospitalized for blocked artery

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Ron McBride

will miss Saturday's game against Alabama, Wildcats' coach Rich Brooks said.

"The surgery went well," Brooks said. "I went to see him and he is in good spirits. He hopes to be out of the hospital in another couple of days."

McBride coached Utah from 1990-2002. McBride was fired after the 2002 season, when the Utes finished 5-6.

McBride went 88-63 at Utah and guided the program to six bowl games.

McBride underwent surgery Wednesday to repair a blocked

artery.

McBride, who coaches Kentucky's inside linebackers,



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Dirt Nation presents DTWC Preview Show

by DOC LEHMAN

The 24th Annual Arizona Sports Shirts Dirt Track World Championship, founded and promoted by famed National Dirt Late Model Hall of Fame inductee Carl Short, will be the focus of the Monday, Oct. 11 edition of DIRT NATION presented by Switchme.net. The DTWC is all set to go at Bluegrass Speedway in Bardonia, on Oct. 14-16. The 24th edition of the Arizona Sports Shirts Dirt Track World Championship (DTWC) will pay the eventual winner of the prestigious race \$60,000 out of an overall total purse of \$175,000. The DTWC will again be sponsored by Arizona Sports Shirts and co-sanctioned by STARS and the NARA and will feature the World of Outlaws 'Dirty Dozen'. The show airs from 8-10 p.m. EST.

Special guests will include Carl Short, the founder of the DTWC, HILLBILLY 100 and the STARS sanctioning group. Short, a top dirt track promoter for 30 years, was inducted into the National Dirt Late Model Hall of Fame in 2003. Also joining the show Monday night will be DTWC and STARS Public Relations Director Doc Richard.

Also on the schedule for Monday's DTWC Preview will be Jackie Boggs of Grayson, one of dirt Late Model racing's hottest drivers in 2004. Boggs father, the late 'Black' Jack Boggs, won the DTWC three times ('84, '90 & '95). Boggs drives the No. 4B, a Steve Cascio Racing-owned Swartz Monte Carlo powered by Cropper Racing Engines and sponsored by McDonalds, Miller Brothers Coal, Hawkeye Trucking and Richard A Mitchell Motorsports. Boggs' most

recent wins came at West Virginia Motor Speedway where he swept the two-race weekend events co-sanctioned by MACS and World of Outlaws Late Model Series.

Additionally, former DTWC winner Marshall Green from Dalton, GA will appear. The 30 year-old Green, a former Southern All-Stars Series Champion, was the 1997 winner of the Dirt Track World Championship. Green competes with backing from team partner Mike Vaughn and longtime sponsors Hoosier Racing Tire, Warrior Race Cars, Hatfield Race Engines and AFRC Racing Products. In addition to the support garnered from Mike Vaughn's Auto Exchange the team carries the banner of Green's new company RACE IT. The business, located in Woodstock, Ga., carries a complete line of racing accessories, parts and components necessary to compete successfully in the dirt racing arena. RACE IT is an authorized dealer for chassis and parts for all major chassis companies within the dirt late model industry.

DIRT NATION presented by Switchme.net, co-sponsored by Virginia Motor Speedway and Dirt America Online presented by GottaRace.com, is one of the fastest growing and most popular weekly racing radio programs broadcast over the world wide web. DIRT NATION presented by Switchme.net is hosted each week by the Rat Pack, featuring Dave Seay, Brian Tidball and Doc Lehman and airs every Monday evening from 8-10 p.m. EST and can be



Jackie Boggs

accessed over the internet at: <http://www.racetalklive.com/>

Listeners can participate by calling 877/899-7223 or by instant messenger at dirtnation2003 at any of the following instant messenger services online: AIM, MSN or yahoo. You can also e-mail Dirt Nation at dirtnation2003@yahoo.com and submit your tracks or tours results to racereporter@hotmail.com To listen to the program visit: www.racetalklive.com Dirt Nation can also be heard on its host radio station, "The Outlaw" 1490 AM.

DIRT NATION presented by Switchme.net features in depth interviews with the show's weekly guests (national and regional). Joining hosts Seay, Tidball and Lehman each week is Ron Fleenor, a close family friend and spokesperson for the Duayne Hommel family, who updates listeners on the continuing progress of Hommel who suffered severe head injuries following a traffic accident on Sept. 23 near Newport, Tenn.

Junior wants respect off the track, too

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dale Earnhardt Jr. is about to turn 30, and despite occasional indiscretions like being penalized for cursing on TV, he longs to be the go-to guy in NASCAR.

Already the sport's biggest star despite his lack of a championship, Junior is adored by millions of fans, is wealthy beyond the dreams of most and has shown he inherited a considerable amount of talent from his late father.

In five years in NASCAR's top stock car series, Junior has won 14 times and has finally become a legitimate title contender, going into Kansas Speedway this week second in points with only seven races remaining.

But he wants more — and not just on the racetrack.

"I'm kind of like the guy who has some old valuable baseball card in his collection that he's looked at for years and doesn't know it," Earnhardt said.

"Everybody is always telling me about my position in the sport and how far I reach and my impact here and there. I can't grasp it. I don't know if I walk into a room who is listening and who isn't."

The elder Earnhardt, a seven-time champion and the biggest star of his generation, died in a crash during the 2001 Daytona 500. At the time of his death, he was the biggest name and the most powerful influence in NASCAR, often visiting the NASCAR hauler to let the sport's officials know his opin-

ion of every crisis or proposed change.

More important, as far as Junior is concerned, the NASCAR officials more often than not listened to his father. That's what the younger Earnhardt wants.

"I know it was pretty commonplace with my dad to be up in that trailer every weekend," he said. "All the drivers have said that was something they really liked about dad was that he could go up in there and get something done for the drivers."

"I'd love to be that guy. Who wouldn't? Hopefully, I can just get smarter and every time I talk I'll know what I'm talking about and everybody will think it was awesome and they'll do it."

It may be a while, though.

Little E's remarks came a day before he raced away with his latest win at Talladega Superspeedway, then let his mouth race away with him in Victory Lane, uttering a vulgarity during a post-race TV interview on NBC Sports.

The curse brought a \$10,000 fine from NASCAR and, far more important, the loss of 25 points, turning a 13-point lead over Kurt Busch into a 12-point deficit.

His team immediately appealed the points portion of the penalty. The appeal is pending.

Meanwhile, Junior will celebrate his birthday Sunday in Kansas as he tries to overcome the loss of points with another strong performance in the Banquet 400.

Junior chuckled as he talked about older sister, Kelly, also his business manager, planning a

"surprise" party for him this weekend.

"I'm looking forward to finding out where it's going to be and who is going to be there," he said.

As for turning 30, Junior, who professes a love for rap and MTV and prefers jeans and baseball caps to suits and ties, isn't outwardly concerned.

"It's really cool," he said. "I'm looking forward to it because I don't feel 30 and I don't act 30, so it don't bother me to turn 30."

"Obviously, the older you get, the more credibility you attain from people and the more sensible your actions and thoughts and words are. I would really like the day to come when I can walk into the NASCAR hauler and say something or ask them to consider something and it truly gets considered."

One driver who can understand Earnhardt's situation is Kyle Petty, whose father, Richard, is the other seven-time Cup champion and the biggest star of his generation.

"He came into the sport with a big last name," Petty said. "I think a lot of people just focused on that at first. They knew who he was because of the Earnhardt name, but maybe didn't know who he was as a person."

"It has been impressive to watch him grow into his own person. Kyle Petty is different than Richard Petty. Brian France is different than Bill France Jr. I think that's the way you need to look at Dale Earnhardt Jr. He's a different person than his father and he's done a good job of becoming his own person."

Kinzer team returning to Eldora Speedway for UMP National Championships



Brandon Kinzer

ALLEN — The beat goes on for the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team. After a pair of top-5 finishes in Alabama at Talladega Short Track, Brandon Kinzer and race team are set to return north to Rossburg, Ohio and Eldora Speedway for the UMP National Championships. The team will be in action at Eldora beginning Friday and carrying over into Saturday night. The national event will play \$10,000 to win. Both Late Models and Modifieds will be a part of the racing action, but the No. 18 Kinzer Drilling, Barry Wright Race Cars, Eastco Supply, Ranger

Contracting, Mopar By Gaerte Engines Dodge Intrepid will be the only entrant from the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team.

Earlier this year, 83-year-old Earl Baltes, Eldora Speedway owner, announced his retirement from the sport of dirt track racing after a storied career. The UMP National Championships are part of his Farewell Tour. The UMP National Championships race is being dubbed as Earl's Final Farewell.

More information on the race is available online at www.eldoraspeedway.com.

NASCAR AUTO RACING GLANCE

Focus on NASCAR Nextel Cup, Busch

by BRIAN KACHARABA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Site: Kansas City, Kan.

Schedule: Friday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 4:10 p.m.); Sunday, race (NBC, 2 p.m.).

Track: Kansas Speedway (tri-oval 1.5 miles, 15 degrees banking in turns).

Race distance: 400.5 miles, 267 laps.

Last race: Dale Earnhardt Jr. temporarily held the lead in the standings after winning the EA Sports 500 at Talladega, but dropped to second after being docked 25 points and fined \$10,000 by NASCAR on Tuesday for using a vulgarity during a televised post-race interview.

Last year: Ryan Newman's gas gamble paid off as he won the Banquet 400. Newman drove the final 117 laps on one tank of fuel and held off a challenge from Bill Elliott to record

his eighth victory of 2003.

Fast facts: Kurt Busch leads Earnhardt Jr. by 12 points in the standings. They are the only two drivers to record top-10 finishes in each of the first three races of the chase. ... Jeff Gordon has four wins at Kansas Speedway. ... Michael Waltrip is expected to make his 600th Nextel Cup start this weekend.

Next race: UAW-GM Quality 500, Oct. 16, Concord, N.C.

On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>

NASCAR BUSCH

Mr. Goodcents 300

Site: Kansas City, Kan.

Schedule: Friday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 2:30 p.m.); Saturday, race (TNT, 2 p.m.).

Track: Kansas Speedway (tri-oval 1.5 miles, 15 degrees banking in turns).

Race distance: 300 miles, 200 laps.

Last race: Points leader Martin Truex Jr. took the lead with 12 laps to go and drove to an easy victory in the Stacker

200 at Dover International Speedway. It was Truex's fifth win of the year, tying him with rookie Kyle Busch and Greg Biffle for the most on the circuit.

Last year: David Green led just one lap down the stretch, but it was good enough to win the Mr. Goodcents 300. The race finished under caution when Bobby Hamilton Jr. crashed on the last lap.

Fast facts: Truex's 152-point lead in the standings is the largest for any driver since he trailed Kevin Harvick by 153 following the March 27 race at Bristol. ... Busch is three top-ten finishes shy of the rookie season record of 21 set by Biffle in 2001. ... Chevrolets have won 17 of the 27 races this season.

Next race: Little Trees 300, Oct. 15, Concord, N.C.

On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>

Next event: ACDelco Nationals, Oct. 31, Las Vegas

On the Net: <http://www.nhra.com>

Commentary: NASCAR too busy blushing over Junior's curse to think straight

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Much of America still needs an interpreter to wade through the interviews at NASCAR races. They're so packed with technical talk, car numbers, jargon, good old boyisms and corporate plugs that by the end, the casual fan's head is spinning faster than those sacrificial bozos who get knocked out midway through the races.

That sure wasn't a problem Sunday at the Talladega Superspeedway

Dale Earnhardt Jr. stepped out of his car after winning at the fabled Alabama track for the fifth time, and when asked about its significance, he fumbled trying to honor the man who taught him the business. That was before Dale Earnhardt was killed in a last-lap crash at another fabled superspeedway almost four years ago.

"It don't mean s— right now," Junior told NBC Sports during a live broadcast from Talladega. "Daddy's won here 10 times."

Talk doesn't get much plainer than that.

But Tuesday, it got more expensive.

NASCAR's bosses fined Earnhardt \$10,000, enough to remind him that cursing is bad. He already knew that. Earnhardt was flat-out joyful in the winner's circle, but deflated by the time he sat down in the interview room a few moments later. That's because he knew NASCAR wasn't going to stop at his wallet.

True to form, those officials also docked Earnhardt 25 points in the Nextel Cup standings — enough to drop him into second place in the series, and more than enough to decide the championship with seven races left. If you want to hear some foul language, just listen to what fol-

lows if he comes up the same number of points short of the championship at series end.

There's no defending what Earnhardt said, and on the other hand, plenty of precedents for what NASCAR did.

NASCAR chief Mike Helton warned drivers in February to watch their language on radio and TV, and over the next four months, he fined and erased the same 25 points from the ledgers of Busch Series drivers Johnny Sauter and Ron Hornaday Jr. for cursing on-air during radio interviews in Las Vegas and Dover, Del.

The shame is that no one at NASCAR headquarters took the fine money and flew to New York to make sure NBC used a five-second delay on its racing telecasts. That would have stopped bad precedent from becoming an even worse law. If such catches on — if every foul-mouthed remark by an athlete over the years found its way

onto the air or into print, and wound up costing them wins instead of money — there would still be plenty swearing, only most of it would be about the hundreds of trophies changing hands.

Stepping off a football field with fresh bruises and separated from your senses, then stepping in front of a microphone to say anything coherent is tough enough. It's one reason why "Monday Night Football" put a delay in its broadcasts this season, and why the networks have extended theirs on some programs to 10 seconds. The other reason is that after Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" at the Super Bowl, the FCC hit CBS with a \$550,000 fine.

That sum was enough to make some people look ahead. As is often the case, NASCAR remained stuck in the past.

They're still selling drivers risking their lives every weekend as a "family sport," and pretending to be surprised when those same drivers can't shut the

adrenaline flow off the second they climb out of their cars. It's like boxing in that sense; you can't have it both ways.

The practice of deducting points from racers began when the circuit found out that hefty fines for violations like using illegal parts weren't enough to deter cheating. When Helton started applying the principle to cursing, he probably reasoned you can't have too much of a good thing. But that's exactly what happened.

Lifting points wasn't a good idea when it happened to Sauter and Hornaday, but those penalties passed without much of an outcry on the second-tier circuit. Even after Earnhardt was docked, he was still second in the standings and more than 26,000 respondents who voted in one Internet poll by early Wednesday morning made him the clear favorite to be the Nextel Cup champion by season's end.

The outcry won't — nor should it — be anything like the one that followed Earnhardt's death at the Daytona 500 in 2001. That came in the debut race of a \$2 billion-plus television package that was supposed to put NASCAR on the national sporting map. It was the fourth racing death under similar circumstances in nine months, but it was the first one to force NASCAR officials to adopt several long-overdue safety measures.

His father's death has affected the son and his sport ever since. Earnhardt was called "The Intimidator" for a good reason and revered for his aggressive style and straight talk. Years ago, when cigarette sponsorship dropped up stock-car racing, someone asked him whether he'd ever smoked. Earnhardt didn't mince words.

"I don't mess with anything," he said, frowning, "that's on fire."

Sounds like the apple didn't fall far from that tree.



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THROUGH MY EYES

Gotta keep smiling

Another busy week almost gone again. The older I get, the faster the hands on the old clock seem to fly. This week, I begin working with an impressive list of Floyd Countians, along with



Mandy Stumbo, Executive Director, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, as the 2005 leadership class gets underway.

This means I'll be out of the office for the last two days of this week. That means "crunch time" as far as getting this little column together. Which also translates to "cheat time," meaning that instead of giving you another litany of the foolishness that regularly runs through my mind, I'm going to give you a sampling of little funnies passed along to me via some friendly email.

Maybe next week I'll have some original thoughts (or funnies) to pass along.

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POSTSCRIPT

The news

I heard an interesting comment the other day about an old subject. Speaking about the First Amendment, a journalist said, "Freedom of the press and freedom of speech are not for the media; they are for the people. They guarantee the right of the people to know."



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

Whoa! That's pretty deep — and full of truth.

A free press means we all have access to information. Our responsibility then is to have an open mind, to find out as much as we can, to sift through what we hear, see and read, and to make choices based on what we know.

Earlier this week, the official announcement was made in Whitesburg of the establishment of the Institute for Rural

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New art exhibit at the Mountain Arts Center

A collaborative collection of art presented by Christian Appalachian Project

In the Art Gallery...at the Mountain Arts Center
Open now through October 27
Andrew Busroe was born and raised

in Morehead, Kentucky. He has been a librarian at Alice Lloyd College since 1996 and has served as the Library Director since January 1999. He has been interested in photography for as long as he can remember and has seriously pursued it for about 15 years. This is his second photographic exhibit. He has traveled and photographed throughout the state, country and Europe.

Catherine S. Wells. Painting and Drawing has always been part of Catherine's life, from growing up in Mason County to the last 20 years living in her hollow in Johnson County, Kentucky. Recording the grace of Nature is a reoccurring theme whether painting with oils or watercolors. Featured in a segment of KET's Kentucky Life in 1999, Catherine's

work has been in exhibits including Central Bank Gallery and the Headley-Whitney Museum of Lexington, Images from the Mountains, Appalshop of Whitesburg, and previously at the Mountain Arts Center in 1997. Public viewing of Catherine's work can be seen in murals painted in the Public

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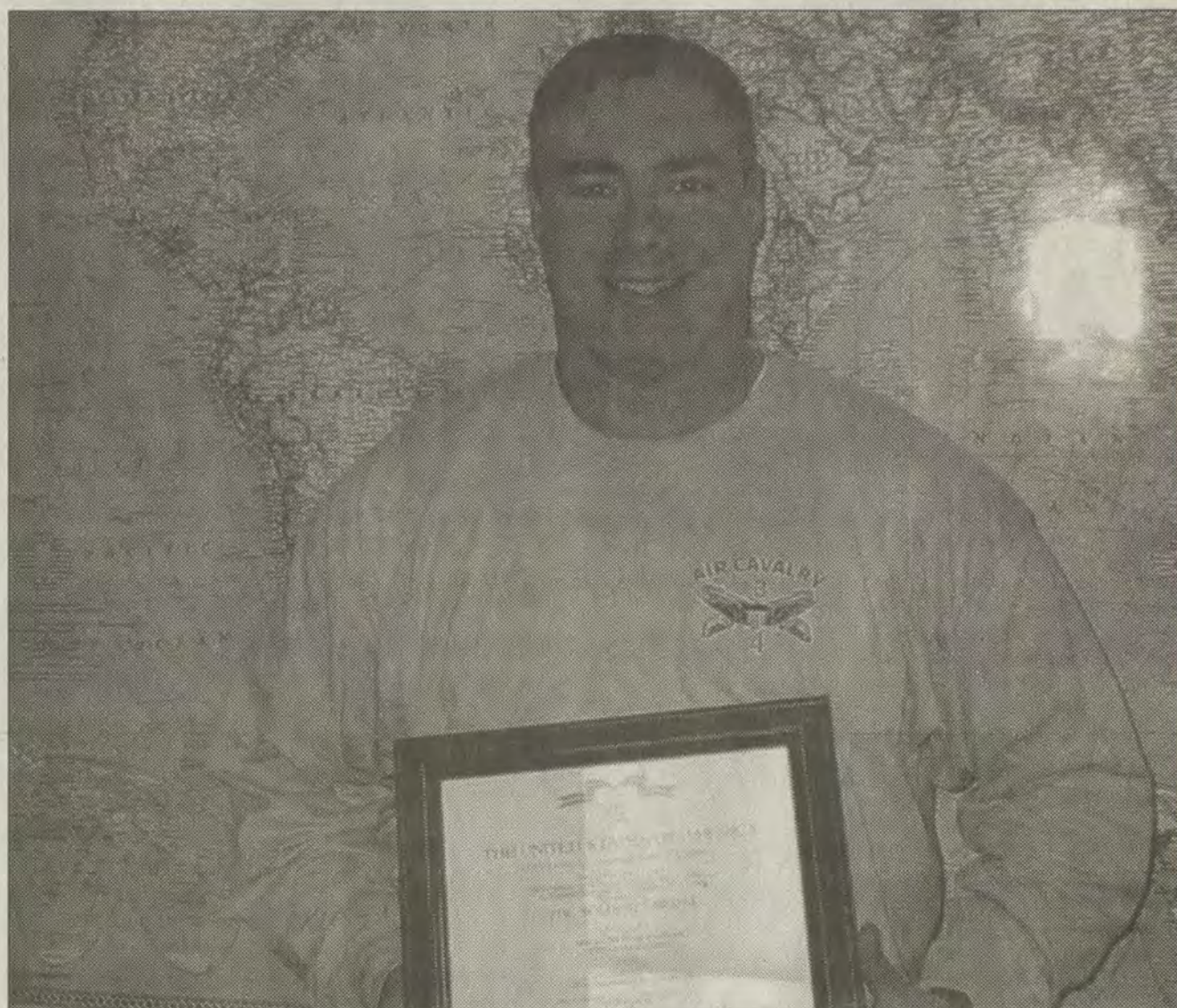


photo by Kathy J. Prater

Spc. Mark A. Branham, of Allen, was awarded the "Soldier's Medal" for meritorious achievement and heroic service related to his efforts to successfully save the lives of fallen comrades in Fallujah, Iraq, on November 2, 2003. Branham is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

Native son returns from Iraq a hero

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Allen - As a nation worries about loved ones away at war, one Floyd County soldier recently returned home bearing honors. Spc. Mark A. Branham, the son of Tony Branham, of Allen, and Carmen Branham Haines, of Hueysville, was recently awarded the "Soldier's Medal" by the United States Army. The distinguished award is given to honor those who have exhibited heroism.

On the morning of November 2, 2003, Spc. Branham and members of his aviation squadron were en route to enjoy a brief interlude of rest and relaxation when anti-coalition forces shot down an American aircraft, near

Fallujah, Iraq.

Spc. Branham, along with Sgt. Jose Rengel, Sgt. Shaun Wells, Spc. Steven Huckaby, and Spc. Tomekia Brevard, all of the 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, landed the aircraft they were in, departed it upon landing, and though wearing unprotective gear amid enemy fire, immediately began to administer first aid to the fallen soldiers. The life of one soldier was saved when the squadron successfully lifted the engine of the destroyed aircraft from atop the trapped soldier.

Spc. Branham, without a weapon, in the hostile city of Fallujah, crossed 50 yards to reach the burning aircraft wreckage, which was strewn among large puddles of aircraft fuel. Branham, in repeated acts of heroism, made several trips to the aircraft, alone and with his

peers, to remove the bodies of those injured and mortally wounded, away from the fire and flammable liquids. One soldier, lying dangerously within inches of the flames, was rescued when Spc. Branham freed him by removing a large, hot, jagged piece of aircraft wreckage that had been pinning down the soldier's foot.

Once the area had been secured, according to Branham, the squadron began gathering medical supplies and utilizing items on hand, such as their own clothing, to make makeshift splints and bandages for their fallen comrades.

After the arrival of a Medevac aircraft unit, which arrived within 30-45 minutes following notification of the incident, Spc. Branham and his peers assisted in placing the wounded aboard the medical aircraft.

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THINGS TO PONDER

Job Stress

"My goodness! I don't know if I can take my job another day. It is about to drive me crazy. I've put up with the situation until I don't think I can stand it any longer!" Excessive workplace pressure tends to lead to stress, especially when the pressures are intense or prolonged, and

result in long-term psychological and social problems and physical ill-health. How would you rate your job in regards to stress and pressures you need to cope with everyday? Do you look forward to going to work or do you dread having to deal "one more day" with the circumstances, because you need the money?

Researchers started in the early 1960s examining the psychosocial and physical demands of the work environment that trigger stress. Many organizational factors

were thought to increase stress levels. Examples were: job insecurity — not knowing how long the job will last; shift work — especially not having one shift consistently; long work hours; role conflict — not really being sure what your responsibilities are; physical hazard exposures — such as police and firemen are expected to do; and interpersonal conflicts with coworkers or supervisors — such as "personality conflicts" between a fellow worker or the boss. Some other possible factors

include poor staff selection, poor training, unclear job description, too much work for skill level, and personal inability to cope with the various circumstances.

Harassment was given after job pressure as a major reason for stress in the workplace, even though it is extremely difficult to assess and quantify the two of them. These negative situations are often contributed to and even directly caused by

(See PONDER, page eight)



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JWT Auditions Friday, October 15

Jenny Wiley Theatre announces auditions for its upcoming production of A Christmas Story. A Christmas Story - the hilarious family favorite about Ralphie and his quest for a Red Rider BB gun will be presented at the Mountain Arts Center November 16 - 20. Performers, both professional and amateur, are invited to attend the Theatre's local casting call Friday, October 15 at the Mountain Arts Center. There are numerous speaking roles for

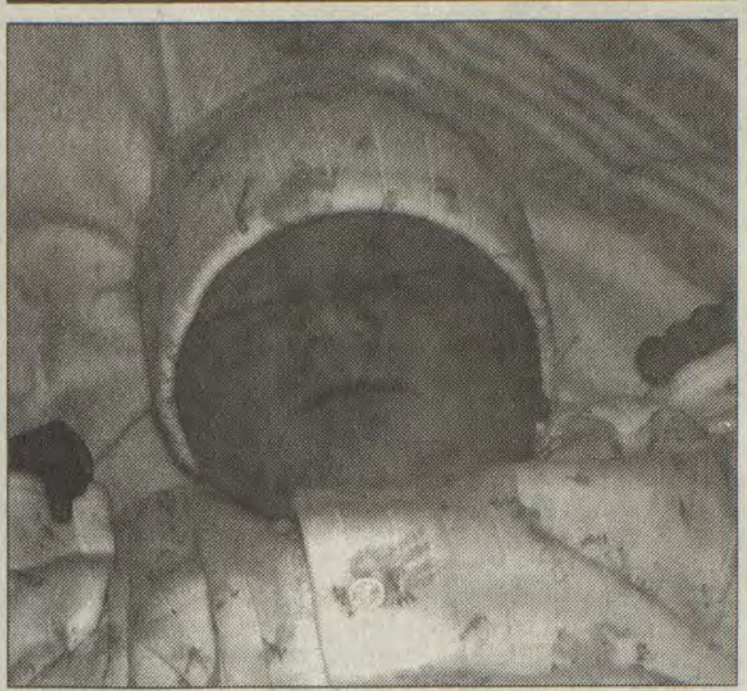
children; boy roles include Ralphie, Schwartz, Flick, Randy, Scott Farkus; female roles include Helen and Esther Jane. There will also be several child extras cast. Also seeking The Old Man (Ralphie's Dad), Mother, Adult Ralph, and Santa. Auditionees should prepare a short monologue - preferably comic in nature. Actors may be asked to read from the script. Auditions will be held from 6:00 - 9:00 PM in the Mountain Arts Center theatre in Prestonsburg.



PHS grad participates in Transy service project

Prestonsburg High School graduate and Transylvania University freshman William May headed to campus a week early to tackle some community service projects as part of Transylvania's First-Year Urban Program (FUP). Entering its third decade, FUP is a student-led organization sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), a leadership honorary. The program teaches incoming students about the needs in their new community, and the group spends a full week working on various community service projects. May joined 14 freshman and nine upper-class student leaders to complete 11 service projects during the week including volunteering at the Rape Crisis Center, the Breckinridge Nursing Home and the Catholic Action Center. Students also took tours of other service agencies to learn about volunteering needs in the Lexington area. May is the son of Billy May, of Allen.

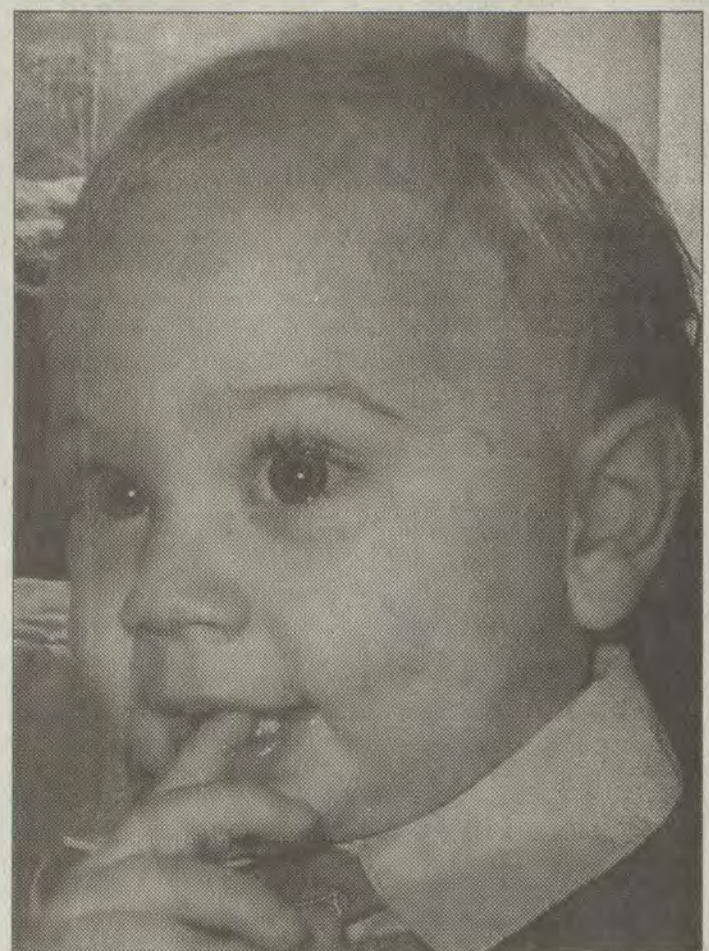
New Arrivals



New Arrival

Grace Angellee Patton was born September 23, 2004, at Whitesburg ARH to proud parents Grace and Mark Patton, of McDowell. She is the granddaughter of Eddie and Joy Patton, also of McDowell, and Jason and Grace Reynolds, of Miami, Florida.

Pageants



Pageant winner

Brycen Christopher Shepherd, age 11 months, the son of Chris and Erica Shepherd, of Prestonsburg, was awarded the title of "Baby Mister Jenny Wiley" at the Jenny Wiley Festival Pageant, held October 3, at the Mountain Arts Center. Brycen competed in the age 0-11 months division. Brycen is the grandson of Russell and Patty Shepherd, of Prestonsburg, and Eric and Theresa Ousley, of Martin. Brycen enjoys singing rhymes, dancing, playing outside and taking rides on 4-wheelers. He will turn one year old on October 21, 2004.

A Forum for the Women Of KY

presented at the Mountain Arts Center by Toyota Motor Manufacturing

Featured Speaker: Melissa Gilbert

With presentations by Former Governor Martha Layne Collins & Former First Lady Judi Patton

Toyota Motor Manufacturing is sponsoring a forum for the women of Kentucky at the Mountain Arts Center on October 18, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. Award winning actress, Melissa Gilbert will speak to the audience about her life and experiences in the entertainment industry. Former Governor Martha Layne Collins will emcee the event, and former First Lady Judi Patton will be on hand for a special presentation.

In addition to the formal presentation, a resource area will be available to the event's attendees. Vendors will be on hand to provide information on health-related services, finance, and other area resources and attractions.

Cost to attend the event will be \$15. Tickets can be purchased now at the Mountain Arts Center and will also be available at the door. All proceeds from the event will be donated to charitable organizations in Eastern Kentucky.

Call Toll-Free: 1-888-MAC-ARTS or Locally 886-2623 to reserve your seat or for group arrangements

Highlands Regional Medical Center

New Arrivals

- Sept. 25, 2004 A daughter, Ryleigh Grace Taylor, to Kristie and Joshua Taylor
- Sept. 25, 2004 A son, Hunter Reece Clatworthy, to Tangie and Kevin Clatworthy
- Sept. 27, 2004 A son, Benjamin Kennel William Hackworth, to Faith Settles
- Sept. 27, 2004 A son, Nicholas Burchell Rackey, to Jessica and Nicholas Rackey
- Sept. 27, 2004 A daughter, Brittany Cheyenne Walters, to Regina Lynn and Russell Elvin Walters
- Sept. 28, 2004 A son, Christopher Kumar Srivastava, to Correnia and Sanjaj Srivastava
- Sept. 28, 2004 A daughter, Ashley Nicole Molina, to Rebecca Lynn Wicks
- Sept. 29, 2004 A daughter, Kaylee Jo McCarty, to Amy and Joseph McCarty
- Sept. 30, 2004 A son, Orie Jacob Ray Spence, to Judy and Orie Spence
- Sept. 30, 2004 A son, Dakoda Allen Ryan Ward, to Genell Hall
- Sept. 30, 2004 A son, Patrick Michael Meek, to Glenna Harmon
- Sept. 30, 2004 A daughter, Isabella Marie Marcum, to Amy Marie and Jeffrey Lyle Marcum
- Oct. 01, 2004 A daughter, Madison Faith Thacker, to Ashley Dawn and Donnie Lee Thacker

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation. The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-1297 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 Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. September calendar activities include presentations in collaboration with the Floyd County Health Department, Quality Kids, Parent Volunteer Meetings (VIP) with Lola Ratliff from the Floyd County Board of Education and our school nurse, Debra Hayes. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers,

Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

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

School is collecting Food City receipts again this year! Receipts must be dated Sept. 12, 2004 - March 12, 2005.**

Oct. 11 - Parent meeting, 11 a.m., in FRC. Topic - "Addicted Kids."

Oct. 14 - PTO meeting, 6 p.m., in FRC.

Oct. 19 - Bridges Parent Support meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 21 - SBDM meeting, 5-6 p.m.

Oct. 22 - Gary Boothe, anti-drug theme program, 9 a.m.

Oct. 29 - Dance, K-5 students, 6-8 p.m.

Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); 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

FIT (Fitness is Terrific) Club will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the months of September and October, from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. Club promotes good nutrition, self-esteem, health education, and physical activity and is open to all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. "FIT" is sponsored by the Family Resource Center and the Floyd County Health Department.

Time to collect Food City receipts again! School goal is \$500,000 in receipts. Anyone in the community may mail receipts, in care of PES, to 236 North Lake Drive, or drop them off at the school office.

Oct. 11 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 3:15 p.m., in FRC office.

Oct. 11 - SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., in school auditorium.

Oct. 19 - Family Read Night, 6 p.m., in school library. All parents and guardians invited to come read with their children.

Oct. 19 - PTA meeting, 7 p.m., in school auditorium.

Oct. 21 - Parent Support meeting, 1 p.m., in FRC office. Connect! The video series presents "Addicted Kids."

Kids experimenting with alcohol and tobacco are "going through a phase"...aren't they? Are your kids at risk for addiction?

Oct. 22 - Fourth Annual "Make a Difference Day," sponsored by the Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers and the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service. Please donate 1 can of beef stew. Our goal is to collect 175 cans. The food is donated to the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center.

Nov. 11 - "Parent University," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, in Prestonsburg. Keynote speaker: Trooper Scott Hopkins. Lunch will be provided. Sponsored by the Floyd County BOE.

The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

Oct. 19, 28 - Sexual harassment awareness classroom presentations by Mt. Comp. Care.

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

Oct. 13 - Parent meeting (Kids, Drugs, and Alcohol). All

parents/guardians welcome to attend.

Oct. 14 - Ronald McDonald presentation, 2 p.m. Grades K-3.

FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

Lost & Found located in 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

Oct. 14 - Ronald McDonald presentation for grades Pre-K thru 3rd.

Oct. 18 - 20 - Classroom presentations on "Our Environment"

Oct. 22 - Gary Boothe assembly program, "Attitude is Everything"

Oct. 25-29 - Red Ribbon Week.

"Lost & Found" is located in the FRC.

If items not picked up within 2 weeks, they become the property of the resource center.

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

Wesley Christian School

Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care now accepting infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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

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.



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Family Medicine

By Martha A.
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Skin tags harmless but require diagnosis before treatment



Question: I am 65 years old and have been bothered by moles (sometimes called skin tags) mostly in the neck area. I have had some removed in areas that might cause a problem. Is there a topical medicine I can apply to make these go away?

Answer: Skin tags, or "acorchordon" in medical lingo, are very common benign skin lesions. A skin tag is not the same thing as a mole. Since you seem to be confused on this point, the first thing to do is to see your family physician or a dermatologist to confirm that you actu-

ally have skin tags.

Assuming that what you have are skin tags, I'll devote the rest of today's column to this common skin problem. Why some people develop skin tags is still a mystery. However, we do know that they are caused by an overgrowth of skin, and the incidence increases with age. In fact, more than 25 percent of the population past midlife have them. Further, we know that they tend to run in families and are more common in obese people.

Skin tags are most common in the creased skin of the armpit, groin region and neck. They usually appear flesh colored but can be brown. These tiny

skin protrusions often have a small, narrow stalk connecting the skin bump to the surface of the skin, but sometimes they can be flat.

Skin tags do not grow or change. They are usually painless, however, sometimes friction from clothing rubbing against the skin tags can cause irritation.

No treatment is needed for a skin tag, but many people want them removed. Often the person feels they are unsightly and detract from his or her appearance. Another reason cited for removal is that they have become inflamed or sore because of the friction with clothing that I mentioned.

Skin tags can be removed easily in a doctor's office. The doctor may cut them off with no local anesthetic if they are very small. Usually they snip right off, but some can be frozen with cryocautery or burned off with electrocautery. Skin tags that are removed

from an adult generally do not have to be sent to a pathologist for review. However, if a skin tag is removed from a child, a pathologist's review is necessary because childhood skin tags can sometimes be cancerous.

Now, to answer the last part of your question, which asked about topical medicine for removal of skin tags.

I looked over several Web sites that tout over-the-counter topical treatments for skin tags. I do not know if they work. I did find one site that said the medication it was touting would get rid of the skin tags after three months of use, but that the tags would recur when the medication was stopped.

If you want to get rid of your skin tags, I'd recommend the surgical route. This is because once they are removed surgically by your doctor, skin tags do not usually recur. The "down side" is, however, that your insurance may not cover this simple procedure as it is seen

as "cosmetic."

As I said at the beginning, my strongest caution is not to attempt self-treatment of your skin problem until you have had the diagnosis confirmed by your family physician. Also discuss your plans for self treatment with him or her before starting any OTC medication, even a topical cream.

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Postscript

Journalism. Although housed at the University of Kentucky, the institute involves several other institutions in Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia.

The aim, as I understand, is to help media in rural areas, such as ours, to provide better coverage of local issues and, thus, help community members become better citizens and our local governments more democratic.

Of course, that's harder than it sounds. Many factors make it increasingly difficult.

For instance, the low pay for reporters at community papers means it is nigh on to impossible to attract and keep experienced writers who understand the complexities and nuances of local government. If a reporter excels, he or she will soon be

lured away to a public relations or a metropolitan paper where living wages are paid.

Also, far too often, the rural paper or radio station is part of a large conglomerate where sales outweigh news and community responsibility.

On the other hand, when the medium is locally owned, it runs the risk of its owners being entrenched in the local power structure and, thus, reluctant to challenge it.

I'm hoping the new Institute for Rural Journalism can have an impact on the quality of journalism — and the level of citizen knowledge and participation — throughout the region.

The reason, by the way, that the announcement of the institute was made in Whitesburg

was to honor two outstanding Appalachian journalists, Tom and Pat Gish.

The Gishes came back to Letcher County from metropolitan media 47 years ago to take over the Mountain Eagle. They have prevailed through the loss of the paper at the hands of an arsonist. Their children have been threatened. They have experienced periods of little or no income. Yet, they have endured and have created a fine newspaper with a strong voice in the community.

As a result, they have been recognized regionally and nationally.

One of the Institute for Rural Journalism's first actions was to establish the Tom and Pat Gish Award. Appropriately, they are the initial winners.

Ponder

the owners or management of the company. Frequently supervisors were either directly involved or did nothing to stop the harassment after it was reported.

As a result of trying to function in a workplace with elevated stress levels, employees are likely to have an increased turnover, absenteeism, sickness, reduced productivity, and low morale. At a personal level, the individuals are prone to depression, anxiety, general mental distress symptoms, heart disease, ulcers, and chronic pain. Also, many people are distressed by having to juggle work and family demands, such as arranging childcare and taking care of sick or aging parents. There are additional factors pertaining to each individual that need to be taken into account when attempting to distinguish the relationship between work conditions and psychological distress, such as sex, age, race, income, education, marital and parental status, personality, and methods of coping.

In an effort to better understand work stress, it is helpful to recognize that your job provides two categories of rewards and they are: (1) internal or intrinsic value (creating good feelings inside) with "payoffs" that improve or create skill development, self-esteem, and personal identity; and (2) external or extrinsic value (from outside ourselves), such as money, variety from domestic surroundings, and social contacts. Although increasing the rewards of work can offset the stress it might create, the physical environment, such as continuous loud noise, and the psychosocial, such as being bullied by a coworker, conditions of employment can have very harmful effects on workers' mental and physical well-being.

The lack of control over work, the work place, and employment status have been recognized both as sources of stress and as a critical health risk for some workers. In fact, a feeling of powerlessness has

been identified as the universal cause of job stress that in turn usually leads to depression with feelings of helplessness and hopelessness. Often the employee does not take charge and do something to correct the situation or avoids the whole thing due to feeling that nothing can be done. Thus, everything stays the same and the stress continues. It has been found that secretaries, waitresses, middle managers, police officers, editors, and medical interns were among those with the most highly stressed occupations. Their job description is marked by the need to respond to others' demands and timetables, with little control over events. It is not unexpected that the common complaints associated with these positions have to do with too much responsibility and too little authority, unfair labor practices, and inadequate job descriptions.

Now that the stress in the workplace has been identified, what is there to do about it? Managers or organizational policies might attempt three main strategies for reducing work-related stress: (1) alter the working conditions so that they are less stressful or more conducive to effective coping, such as decreasing stressful noise levels or changing decision-making processes so that the employees' opinions might be included; (2) help individuals adapt to the situation better by teaching them more appropriate coping strategies for conditions that are impossible or difficult to change. There might be individual counseling services for the workers; and (3) identify the stressful relationship between the individual or the group and the work environment. Some other examples of adjustments that administration might do for improvement are changes in worker assignment to produce a better "fit," or have programs to teach coping strategies for individuals that share common coping difficulties, such as training in relaxation skills. Employees can work at correcting these

job-related pressures and stress through workers' unions, grievance or personnel offices, or by direct negotiations with their immediate supervisors.

A major difficulty that some folks have at work is that of not speaking up when they need to. By all means, try hard to not be a doormat on the job. Do you need to set verbal limits at work? Telling others what you will or won't do isn't always easy. The following are some approaches you might attempt to get your needs met where you work: practice saying "no" out loud. You won't become an expert instantly. Practice saying "no" in front of the mirror until it becomes second nature. Give honest reasons why you can't help. Tell others that you'd like to help, but give them a clear picture of why you are refusing. "All of my free time is gone for a month." Learn to deal with bullies. If some individuals won't accept your boundaries, use more powerful words or gestures. Before setting boundaries, however, you must know your own limits. If your boss at work is demanding, emphasize that it's time that is limited, not your willingness to help. "I have several things that you want done today. So, in order to do something new, I need to know what stays and what goes, so you get exactly what you want accomplished." Thinking and acting like a team player gets you respect. Also, ask yourself, "Am I working hard enough to demand respect?"

If nothing helps and the working environment stays stressful, exercise your avoidance options — get a new job. You can't change the whole world. Job hunting can be stressful, particularly in times of high unemployment, but being pushed down day after day by work is far worse. Good luck with your career, whether or not it is new. After all, you usually spend many awakening hours at work.

Hero

In a ceremony held earlier this year, Spc. Branham was recognized for his acts of heroism and his willingness to repeatedly risk his own life in order to save those of his comrades. Branham was praised for "his dedication to the soldiers of his unit and the army's mission in Iraq."

Spc. Branham, in an interview conducted last week in the Times offices, said that he

believes that "as a whole, what we're doing (in Iraq) is good." "We're helping another human race to become free — the land of the free and the home of the brave. I think we should spread that to all nations."

Spc. Branham also humbly said of his award that he was very honored to have played a role in assisting his fellow soldiers.

Branham is the grandson of

Paul and Pluma Branham, of Allen, and Cynthia Crum, of Arkansas Creek, and the late William D. Crum. He is also the step-son of Freda Branham, of Allen, and Jim Haines, of Hueysville.

He has now returned to active duty following his trip home to Floyd County. He has hopes of returning yet again for the Christmas holidays.

Eyes

3 REASONS WHY WE LOVE KIDS:

1. A small boy is sent to bed by his father. Five minutes later, his father hears: "Da-ad." The father answers, "What?" A little voice responds, "I'm thirsty. Can you bring me a drink of water?"

"No," dad replies, "you already had a drink of water. Go to sleep."

Five more minutes pass and then: "Da-aaaad."

"What?," Dad replies with a more than a little irritation.

"I'm really thirsty. Can I have a drink of water. Please?"

"I said no! Now go to sleep. If you ask again, I'll have to spank you."

Five more minutes and then...."Daaaa-aaaaad..."

"WHAT!"

"When you come in to spank me, can you bring me a drink of water?"

2. An exasperated mother,

whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "Dylan, how do you ever expect to get into Heaven?"

The boy thought this over for a minute or two and then replied: "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door just like here until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

3. One summer evening a violent thunderstorm blew up as a mother was just tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when her son asked, with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?"

The mother smiled and gave her son a reassuring hug as she replied, "I can't, dear. I have to sleep in Daddy's room."

A long silence was broken at last by her son's shaky little voice: "The big sissy."

AND, my personal favorite of the week:

WOMEN ARE LIKE APPLES

Women are like apples on trees. The best ones are at the top of the tree.

Most men don't want to reach for the good ones because they are afraid of falling and getting hurt. Instead, they just take the rotten apples from the ground that aren't as good, but easy to get.

The apples at the top think something is wrong with them, when in reality, they are actually amazing. They just have to wait for the right man to come along — the one who's brave enough to climb all the way to the top of the tree.

But now men...men are like a fine wine. They begin as grapes...and it's up to women to stomp the daylights out of them until they turn into something acceptable to have dinner with!

Keep smiling, folks! And, I'll see ya next week.

Art Exhibit

Libraries in Paintsville and Maysville, Kentucky

Lacy Hale has lived in Knott Co., Ky. for most of her life. She has been drawing and painting for as long as she can remember and doing commissions for about eight years. Artistically her focus is Appalachian Portraiture although she likes to dabble in many styles and mediums; and if she hasn't yet, she would probably like to. She attended Pratt Institute of Art for a year and a half and is currently Administrative Assistant at the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center in Hindman, Ky. There they believe that we can preserve our heritage by encouraging our local artisans to create and thrive. Lacy could not agree with them more.

Emily Ritchey is a painter currently living in Huntington, West Virginia. She teaches drawing and art history at Marshall University in Huntington, WV and Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio. In 2003 she received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She has also studied art in Paris,

France and New York City at the New York Studio School.

Lewis Newman of McDowell spent a good portion of his youth growing up in Northern Ohio. He spent a lot of his time learning to draw as a student while recuperating from and illness. He and his family lived on a small farm, and race horses became the subject matter of much of his work. When he was older and returned to his roots in McDowell, his grandfather instilled in him his love of hunting and working in Floyd County, and the artist we're seeing today evolved. Lewis says he hopes to keep history alive in this area for the rest of his years by drawing from old pictures and old memories ... to share the past with the present and deliver the present to future generations.

Bill Salyers was born in Lawrence County, Kentucky and has received many awards and honors for his ink drawings depicting Appalachia. Through a correspondence course taken at the Washington School of Art in New York, Salyers learned the fundamentals of art, but his depictions are inspired by his

memory and love for Appalachia. Salyers has a unique style of drawing; besides using a pen, he makes his own foliage brushes. "I draw from the nostalgia of my Appalachian childhood here in Eastern Kentucky," he says. William has been in countless art shows and fairs, including the Mountain Arts Center, and was once invited to an international art show in Paris. His art work can be seen in various collections throughout Eastern United States.

Jean Salyers was born in Carter County. New to the art world, she has already won numerous awards in various states for her flowers, Appalachian landscapes, and seascape paintings. A self-taught artist, she paints with oil and acrylics and is well known for her use of brilliant colors. Jean entered into the arts only seven years ago, but in her debut art competition she was awarded first place. This inspired her to keep reaching for new heights in the art arena. She has painted about two hundred paintings since her first show and paints every day for at least two hours.



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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.

New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Slope, 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, Stick 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.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102: Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

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.; Nathan 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 Bible Church, an Independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 8 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.

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.

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

First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial): Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.

Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.

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

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

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HOW THE LORD TOOK CARE OF ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS...

WHEN THE ISRAELITES UNDER MOSES' GUIDANCE, ESCAPED FROM EGYPT INTO THE WILDERNESS IT WAS NOT LONG BEFORE THE PEOPLE BEGAN TO HAVE THEIR DOUBTS AND MISGIVINGS. AS THEIR MEAGER FOOD SUPPLIES PETERED OUT THEY BEGAN TO PAIN A DISMAL PICTURE OF THEIR FUTURE....

...THEY RANT AND RAVE BEFORE MOSES AND HIS BROTHER, AARON, FILLING THE AIR WITH THEIR BITTER RECRIMINATIONS--MOSES HAS LED THEM HERE TO STARVE TO DEATH!

...BUT THE LORD SPEAKS TO MOSES, "I HAVE HEARD THE MURMURINGS OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, AND I SHALL GIVE THEM FLESH TO EAT IN THE EVENING, AND IN THE MORNING THEY SHALL HAVE BREAD!"

JOHN LEHTI

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Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist: Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinville: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barrett, Minister.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.

Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.

Lancor Baptist Church: 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter

Liberty Baptist, Denver: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon: Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.

Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.

McDowell First Baptist, McDowell: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.

Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.

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Prater Creek Baptist, Banner: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist, Garrett: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Cragger, Minister.

Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Huesville: Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.

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Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers): Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist: Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Services, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist: Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

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CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

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First Church of God: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

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Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.

Little Paint First Church of God, 571 Little Paint Road, East Point: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.

The Church of God of Prophecy, Hi Hat: Sunday School, 3 p.m.; Saturday night, 7:00 p.m. Singing; Wednesday night, 7 p.m. Prayer Service. Ralph Hall, Pastor.

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

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Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville: Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLV (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bentrup, Minister.

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Christ United Methodist, Allen: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neely St.): Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pasco, Minister.

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma: Sunday Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Jack Howard, Minister.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue: 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

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Drift Pentecostal, Drift: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

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International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin: Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

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The Food City Team will be accepting applications and conducting interviews for the following positions for our new Prestonsburg location. The positions include:

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Food City offers you competitive wages, flexible hours, comprehensive training and an excellent benefit package.
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The Food City Team will be taking applications and scheduling interviews at:
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All applicants will receive an appointment date and time to be interviewed!!! We are also accepting applications for these positions for our upcoming Prestonsburg Store at our current Prestonsburg location.

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570-Mobile Homes

For Sale 1995 Fleetwood Stone Ridge 24 x 52, 3 bed room 2 bath with 2 new decks, all kitchen appliances included, central heat and air, in excellent condition asking 19,500 call 606-886-3437 leave message.

Final clearance

2004 lot models and 2005 models now available! If you are serious about purchasing a new home you need to be with experienced staff to get the right home at a great price. The Home Show- South Williamson, Inc. US 119, Belfry, Ky. 41514 606-353-6444 or toll free 877-353-6444

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RENTALS

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Renovated efficiency Apts. 1 and 2 bed room in Martin, Ky. like new good location call 606-285-3025 between 9am to 5pm for more information

For rent furnished Apartment near J. W. Lake in Prestonsburg very clean, private, suitable for working man, ready to move in, no pets call 606-886-3941

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For Lease Finished Office Space for lease in prime location near BSCTC, (PCC) and the new Food City -- 2100 - sq. ft. Ground floor location with up to five private offices, conference room, kitchen, bath, parking lot Call Today! 424-2690 or 226-2266

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For Rent nice 1 bed room House on Highland Ave. in Prestonsburg 300.00 pr month 200.00 Deposit call 606-874-9488

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House for rent 2 bed room House in Martin quite neighborhood, excellent condition furnished with all accessories, call 9a.mto 5 p.m. 606-285-9812 or 606-285-3025

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640-Land & Lots

Owner private, in country, location trailer 686 on Fitzpatrick Road, off Mountain Parkway 4 1/2 miles from Prestonsburg, \$150,00 plus \$150. deposit, 281-538-4405

For Rent : newly constructed Mobile Home Lots on Reynolds Hill, in new Allen, City water, sewage, underground utility lines and lighted concrete drive ways, First and Last Month rent and reference required call 606-874-2212

Trailer lot for rent on old U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

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Mobile Home for rent 3 bed room , 2 bath like new, insulated top, sewer, water & garabe furnished near P.C.C. 475.00 per month call 606-874-2162

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For Rent 3 bed room mobile home at Teaberry some funirure, washer /dryer included new carpet \$390.00 a month plus utilities and deposit also mobile home lot for rent call 606-587-2985

For rent 3 bed room mobile home 6 1/2 miles out of Prestonsburg references required call 606-886-8366

For rent 2 bed room mobile home in Wayland Hud approved call 606-3504 \$350.00 per month 250.00 deposit

For rent two bedroom mobile home near Wayland HUD approved, call evening's (606)-946-2833

Trailer for rent 300.00 a month located in Salt Lick on Route 7 call 606-358-4524

For rent 14 x 65 Total electric 2 bed room 2 bath call 606-285-3980

670-Com. Property

For Lease Retail or Office space in Prestonsburg call 606-886-8366

For Rent: Beauty shop equipped with 3 stations, and tanning bed. located 1 mile south of Martin on Route. 122. or would consider remodeling for office space Call 606-285-4826 or 606-285-9112.

For Sale or Lease Large Building Great for offices spaces call 606-478-5403

NOTICES

812 - Free

FREE PALLET: can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

890-Legal

REPORT OF UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL WINNING TICKETS PRESUMED ABANDONED.

Any person holding unclaimed pari-mutuel winning tickets presumed abandoned under the provisions of KRS 230.361 shall file annually, on or before September 1 of each year, with the office of the authority a list of and the amounts represented by unclaimed pari-mutuel tickets held by such person as of July 1, and other information as the authority may require for the administration of KRS 230.361 to 230.373. The report shall be made in duplicate; the original shall be retained by the authority and the copy shall be mailed to the sheriff of the county where the unclaimed pari-mutuel tickets are held. It shall be the duty of the sheriff to post for not less than twenty (20) consecutive days a copy of

the report on the courthouse door or the courthouse bulletin board, and to publish the copy in the manner set forth by KRS Chapter 424. The cost of the publication shall be paid by the authority. The sheriff shall immediately certify in writing to the authority the dates when the list was posted and published. The list shall be posted and published as required on or before October 1, of the year when it is made, and such posting and publishing shall be constructive notice to all holders of pari-mutuel tickets which have remained unclaimed for a period of one (1) year from the time the ticket became payable. Effective: July 13, 2004 History: Amended 2004 Ky. Acts ch. 191, sec. 18, effective July 13, 2004. — Amended 1998 Ky. Acts ch. 237, sec. 7, effective July 15, 1998. — Amended 1980 Ky. Acts ch. 188, sec. 223, effective July 15, 1980. — Created 1978 Ky. Acts ch. 307, sec. 2, effective June 17, 1978. REPORT OF UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL TICKETS (To be Submitted in Duplicate prior to September 1, 2004) Report of Unclaimed Pari-Mutuel Tickets, in compliance with KRS 230.361, Section 3. I, Wilma Foley of Thunder Ridge, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, do report as of July 1, 2004, that we are holding \$38,892.20 in unclaimed winning pari-mutuel tickets one (1) year old or older. COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, County of Floyd. The affiant being duly sworn or affirmed according to law, deposes and says that the foregoing report is correct and true to the best of

his knowledge and belief. Sworn or affirmed to and subscribed before me this 30th day of August, 2004. Anita S. Ratliff, Notary My commission expires 07-11-06. Anyone holding such unclaimed winning tickets may redeem same prior to December 1, 2004, at the office of Thunder Ridge, Prestonsburg, Ky., at which time, the remaining balance will be forwarded to the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority, 4063 Iron Works Pkwy., Lexington, Kentucky 40511. I, John K. Blackburn, Sheriff of Floyd County, Kentucky, do hereby certify that the above notice has been posted at the county courthouse for twenty (20) consecutive days from 9-9, 2004 to 9-29, 2004, and a notice published in the Floyd County Times on in accordance with KRS 230.362.

PURSUIT TO APPLICATION NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION 836-5459, OPERATOR CHANGE

In accordance with KAR4 8:010, notice is hereby given that King Brothers Coal, P.O. Box 52, KY Rt. 550, Hindman Kentucky 41822 intends to revise permit number 836-5459 to change the operator. The operator presently approved is Rama Development Co., Inc., Rt. 3, Box 706, Goff Hollow Road, Delbarton; W. V. 25670. The new operator will be King Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 191, Leburn, Kentucky 41831. The operation is located 0.15 miles south of Price in Floyd County. The

operation is approximately 1.90 miles north from State Route 122,s junction with State Route 979 and located 0.1 miles east of Left Beaver Creek. The Latitude is 37 degrees 23 minutes 21 seconds and the longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes 42 seconds. The operation is located on the Mc Dowell U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, s Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6 Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653. Written comments or objections must be

filed with the Director, Division of Permits, and #2 Hudson South, and Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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The City of Prestonsburg is currently soliciting bids for a consolidation loan in the amount of \$996,000.00. This loan should have no closing or other hidden cost. The bids should be based on a fixed rate of either 7 to 10 years. Sealed bids should be mailed or hand delivered to City of Prestonsburg, Consolidation Loan, 200 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 no later than Wednesday, October 13th 2004 at 12:00 p.m. The city reserves that right to accept or reject any bids sent to our office. If you have any questions please call 606-886-2335 ext.18. The city reserves the right to re-bid this project.

Positions Available Direct Care Provider
Join a growing organization committed to providing quality services to individuals with mental retardation/developmental Disabilities. Must be 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license (DCPs do some transporting of individuals) and must be able to work flexible hours and weekends. Starting salary is \$6.50
Apply in person, or submit a resumé to:
Community Connections
4663 US 23 South (at old Unisign Building)
P.O. Box 468
Allen, Ky. 41601

Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, Kentucky, is accepting applications for the following positions:
MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST
This is a full-time position in the Health Information Department. Experience: Minimum of five years experience in medical transcription. Must meet typing requirements of 60 words per minute. Skills in grammar, spelling, punctuation and use of computer is required. Medical terminology and knowledge of Microsoft Word is a must.
REGISTERED NURSE
Surgical Services: This position is full-time plus call in the Surgical and Specialty Clinic Departments. Applicant must have current, active Kentucky Registered Nurse license. ACLS certification required within one year of employment. The position requires ability to work flexible hours. Surgical experience is preferred, but not required.
Nursing Service: This position is full-time, 7 p.m.-7 a.m. shift on the medical/surgical unit. Applicant must have current, active Kentucky Registered Nurse licensure. ACLS certification is required within one year of employment. As least one year Med/Surg experience is preferred.
Generous benefits and salary commensurate with experience. Qualified candidates should send resumé or contact:
Debi Bentley, Human Resources
Our Lady of the Way Hospital
P.O. Box 910
Martin, KY 41649
(606) 285-5181, ext. 1-2020
email: dbentley@olwh.org
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BUSINESS SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE
Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc., is seeking a Business Services Representative for the Floyd County Service Office. Duties would include, but not limited to, promoting JobSight policies and initiatives, attending community meetings, coordinating outreach and marketing efforts, and providing services to customers in Johnson, Martin, and Magoffin Counties.
Would prefer Bachelor's Degree in business, social work or related field, but will consider non-degree candidate with a combination of relevant education and work experience.
The successful candidate must possess the ability to communicate effectively, have excellent planning, organizational and marketing skills, and possess the ability to work with a wide range of people. Proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office products is essential. Must have a valid driver's license and access to an automobile.
Qualified applicants may send a resumé and letter of application to Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc., ATTN: Ida F. Webb, Human Resource Manager, Johnson County Courthouse, Third Floor, Paintsville, KY 41240.

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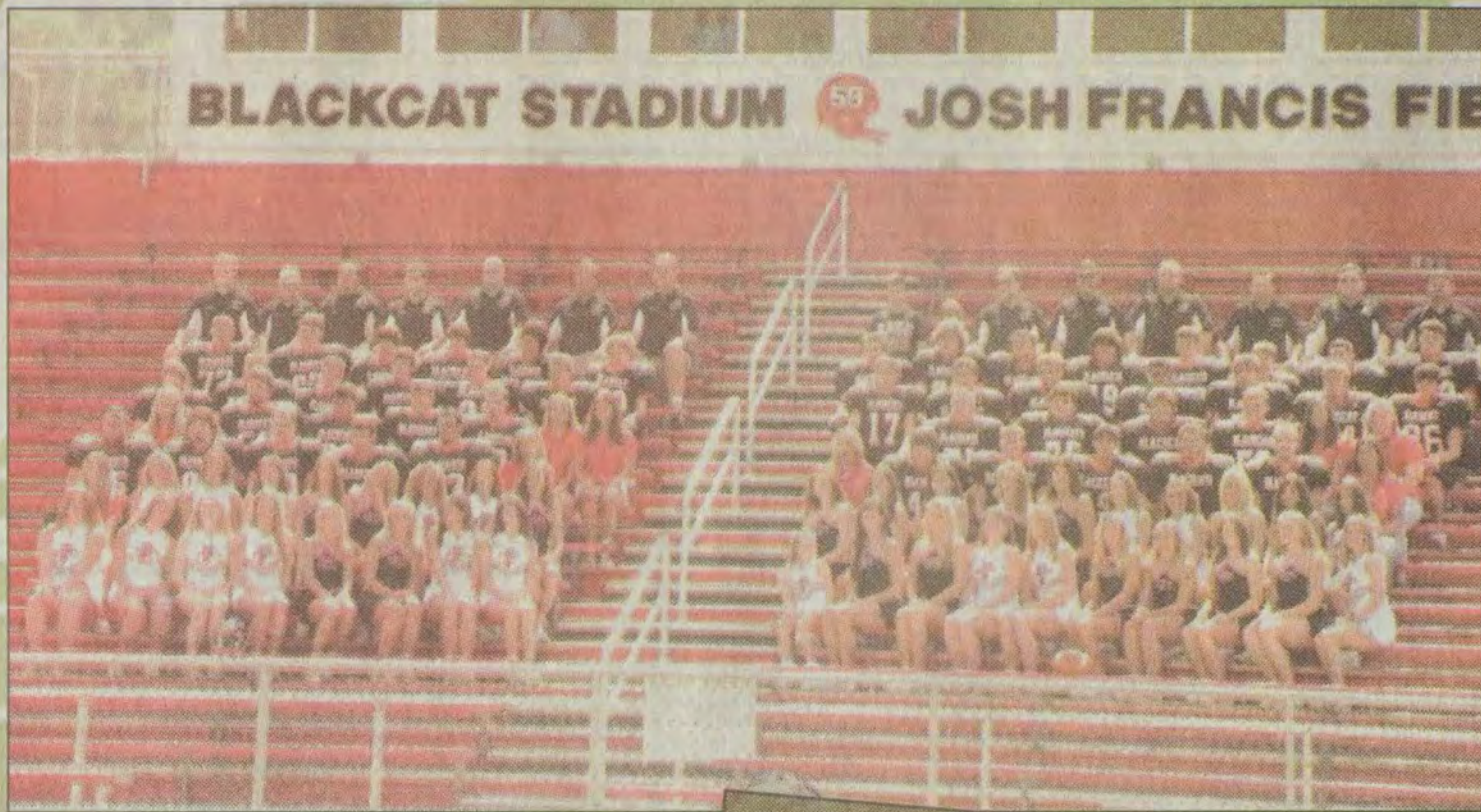
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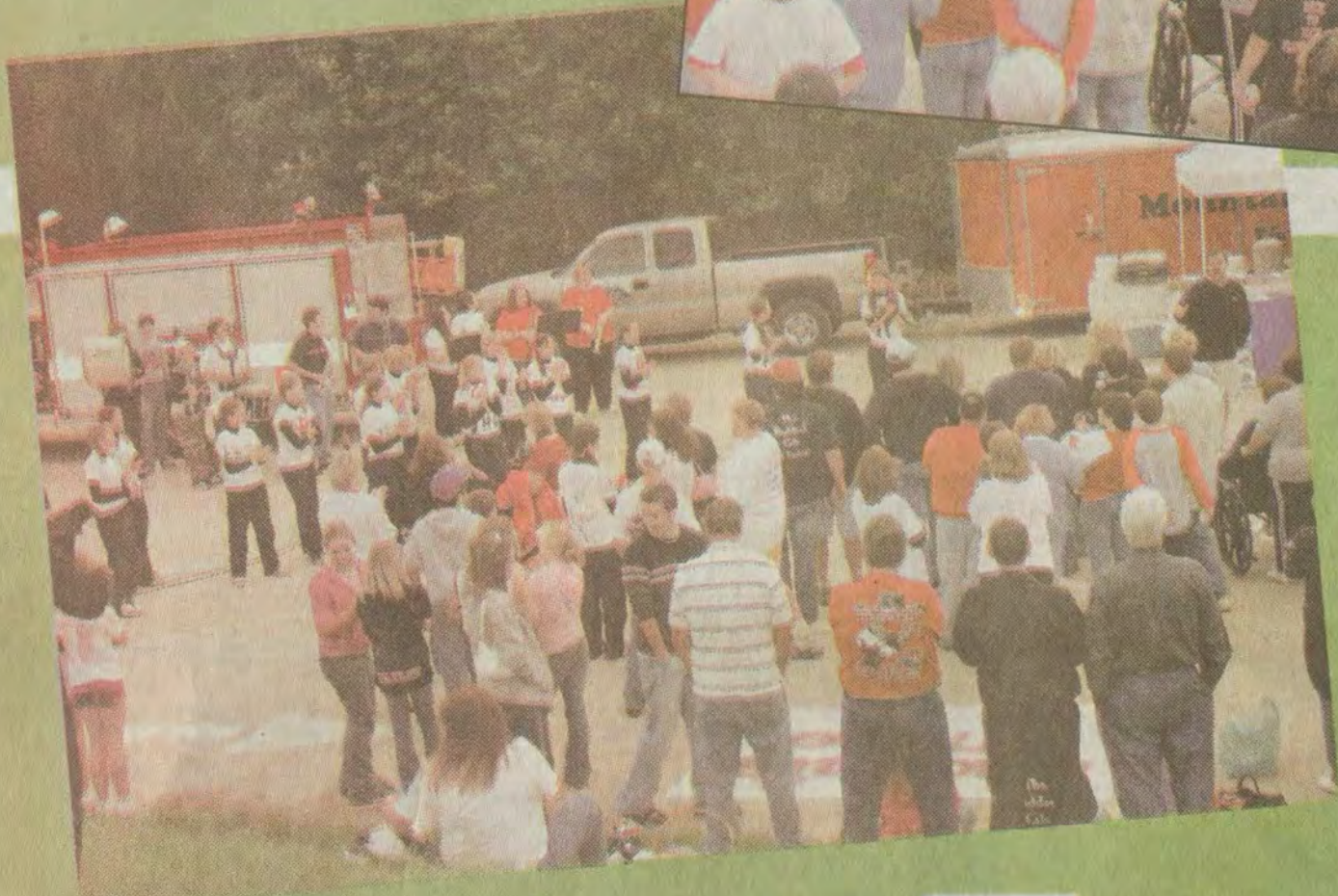
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