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briefs

Black lung president found guilty

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — The president of the Kentucky Black Lung Association was convicted Thursday night of using sick coal miners in a Medicare fraud scam.

A federal jury convicted Carolyn Sue "Susie" Davis on 13 counts fraud and obstructing a health care investigation. The jury deliberated for four hours on Thursday.

Davis' husband, Otis Davis, 72, was also convicted Thursday on the same charges. The couple, who live in Salyersville, were indicted in May.

Jurors acquitted a third defendant, Dr. Raghu Sundaram, 62, of Montgomery, Ala.

Prosecutors had claimed that the former Floyd County doctor approved bogus claims and was part of the scheme.

U.S. District Judge Danny Reeves scheduled the Davises to be sentenced on Nov. 21. They each face maximum penalties of up to 10 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines.

An attorney for Susie and Otis Davis could not be reached for comment.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick Molloy argued during the trial that Susie Davis came up with the scheme to send coal miners to Sundaram for medical examinations.

Sundaram then would send the miners to get

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Today

Isolated storms

High: 87 • Low: 65

Tomorrow

Scattered storms

High: 86 • Low: 66

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East Ky. State Fair begins this week

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Tuesday marks the beginning of a new mountain tradition for Floyd County. The East Kentucky State Fair kicks off with an amusement park organized by Midwest Midway Amusements and exhibits opening at 11 a.m. at the Thunder Ridge Racing and Entertainment Complex.

The 2005 East Kentucky State Fair King and Queen Pageant will be held on Tuesday at 5 p.m. A fireworks display will also help kick things off Tuesday evening.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and local entertainer Marlow Tackett began planning the fair in Floyd County several years ago.

Their goal was to provide a state fair atmosphere for children who may not have the ability to travel to Louisville due to economic reasons.

Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike Counties have teamed up with the Big Sandy Area Development District to organize the event.

This year's lineup includes several events, including concerts by country singer Joe Diffie (Friday, 7 p.m.), Lonesome River Band (Thursday, 7 p.m.), Blue Highway (Thursday, 7 p.m.), BBW Thunder Ridge Wrestling and the "Fall Brawl" (Wednesday, 8 p.m.), and Marlow Tackett, Wendy Shancele and the Music Company Band (Friday, 6 p.m.).

Area senior citizens and 4-H exhibits will be on display all week, with awards presented to 4-H'ers on Wednesday.

A regional band contest begin at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, with winners receiving \$2,500.

Sunday marks an all-day gospel concert, a chili cook off, and the A.S.S.H.B.E.A. Grand World Horse Show, which will also be held on Saturday.

On Monday, participants will enjoy all-day magic and music shows.

Admission to the fair is as follows:

■ \$10 general admission on Tuesday, August 30, Wednesday August 31, Sunday, September 4, and Monday, September 5.

■ \$12 general admission on Thursday, Sept. 1 through Saturday, Sept. 3.

■ \$7 all week for students, veterans, seniors and groups of 25 or more.

■ Free admission for children under three.



photo by Ralph B. Davis

Following Friday's grant announcements, state and local officials took a hike through Elk Horn Educational and Recreational Park.

Grants to promote tourism, recreation

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

TURKEY CREEK — Local residents could be seeing more recreational opportunities following the announcement of two grants to the Floyd County Fiscal Court last week.

State and local officials gathered at the Elk Horn Recreational and Educational Park near Minnie Friday morning to mark the occasion.

One grant will provide \$10,459 to create two new trails at the park. In accepting the money Friday, local officials took the time to celebrate not only the windfall, but also the work done so far by the Floyd Service Project to create the park.

"What we envision here is just a pristine place where people can just enjoy nature, without any swimming pools or ballfields," said Eddie Patton, who serves as the fiscal

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Lifeguards nominated for medals

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two Jenny Wiley State Resort Park lifeguards who saved a man from a burning boat are being nominated for the Carnegie Hero Commission medal.

Jeff Dooley, representative of the commission, said Thursday that lifeguards Monica Newsome, 22, and Ashley Akers, 19, are among the list of nominees for the prestigious award.

"I'm honored," Akers said. "I was just doing my job and I never expected this to happen."

The lifeguards left their post at the park's community swimming pool May 29 and jumped into the lake to save Martin resident Thomas Perkins, 38. The boat burst into flames about a quarter-mile from the shore near Stratton Branch.

Perkins, who couldn't swim, was hanging onto the side of the boat, screaming for help. He had no life jacket.

Both women, armed with life-guard tubes, dove into the water to save Perkins, who was later treated for minor burns on his arms.

The incident could have proved deadly for Perkins, had it occurred on a more secluded section of the lake.

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Monica Newsome and Ashley Akers have been nominated for the prestigious Carnegie Hero Commission medal for saving a man from a burning boat earlier this year.

Grand jury hands down 13 indictments

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The grand jury met for two days this week and handed down indictments on Thursday afternoon. Thirteen indictments were passed on to the circuit clerk's office, with several sealed indictments being held until the parties are placed in custody.

The open indictments include Bobby

Joe Adams, 29, of Salyersville who was indicted on six counts involving sex with a minor under the age of 12. Included in the indictments were two charges of first-degree rape and one count of first-degree sodomy, which are class A felonies. Adams was also charged with three counts of sexual abuse in the case, which allegedly occurred over the course of a year between January 2003 and February 2004.

Two men were charged with bringing

drugs into the county jail. Sherman Poston, 57, of McDowell, was charged with several drug-related crimes having to do with a March 18 incident which accuses him of trying to bring drugs into the Floyd County Detention Center. Poston was indicted on charges of promoting contraband, public intoxication, possession of marijuana and tampering with

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Kelly retires from court system

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — There comes a moment in many district court arraignments that some defendants dread. It is when they are being led away from the judge only to hear a voice call out that there is a warrant to hold them that was issued by another county.

In Floyd County, that job belonged to Ernie Kelly for 20 years.

Kelly retired Friday after his last day of ser-

vice to the courts but treated it as any other day, showing up early at the detention center to interview inmates before they were brought before a judge.

Kelly's job was pretrial services officer, which he began performing on Aug. 19, 1985, but like most titles it doesn't accurately reflect the extent of his duties.

"Anything that happens before a case goes to trial," is how Ernie termed his services.

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Ernie Kelly, who served as pretrial services officer for the Floyd County Courts for 20 years, retired without fanfare Friday, putting in his last day of service to the state.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ James Edward Adkins, 66, of Martin, died Monday, August 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Pat Cochrane Adkins. Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Rose Christene Akers, 64, of Betsy Layne, died Monday, August 22, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Funeral services were held Friday, August 26, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Hazel Campbell, 91, of Wiggins, Mississippi, formerly of Martin, died Saturday, August 20, at the Stone County Hospital, Wiggins, Mississippi, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Lucille Osborn Davis, 95, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, August 19, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 22, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Dickie Hall, 63, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, August 25, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Gayle Wright Hall. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, August 28, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Jeffery Arnold Hall, 41, of Martin, died Thursday, August 25, at his home. Funeral services will be held Sunday, August 28, at 3:30 p.m., under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Delcie S. Hamilton, 96, of Harold, died Friday, August 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 21, under the direction of Hall

Funeral Home.

■ Donald Mack Ratliff, 82, of Printer, died Monday, August 22, in the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Mabel Ernestine Cole Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Margorie Vance Sammons, 87, of Martin, died Thursday, August 18, at her home. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Brenda Kaye Casebolt Stewart, 52, of Hi Hat, died Saturday, August 20, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Stewart. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Linda Gail Tackett, 55, of Beaver, died Thursday, August 18, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Lt. Col. Harlen Granville Adams, 72, of Winchester died Friday August 19, at the Veteran's Hospital in Winchester. He is survived by his wife Susan Cline Adams. Graveside services were held Wednesday, August 24, under direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ James Edward Adkins, 66, of Martin, died Monday, August 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Pat Cochrane Adkins. Funeral service were held Thursday, Aug. 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Glenda Sue Cobb, 63, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Phelps, died Wednesday, August 24, at Mount Carmel West Hospital, Columbus. Funeral services will be held Monday, August 29, at 1 p.m., under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Robert Collins, 77, of Indian Creek, died Wednesday, August 24, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 27, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home of Virgie.

■ Phyllis Jean Coleman, 63, of Matewan, W.Va., a native of Phelps, died Tuesday, August 23, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, August 26, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Allene Edmonds, 71, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, August 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Bob Edmonds. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 27, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ James Andy "K.C." "Jim" Elswick, 69, of Lake City, an Elkhorn City native, died Friday, August 19, at Shands at Lake Shore Hospital. He is survived by his wife Carolyn Elswick. Funeral services were held Monday, August 22, under the direction of Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

■ Jimmy Estep, 55, of Kimper died Thursday, August 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Dorlis Estep. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 21, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Nell W. Glenn, 82, of Robinson Creek, died Monday August 22, at UK Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, August 26, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ George Ronald Hughes, 67, of Williamson W.Va., a Pike County native, died Thursday, August 18, at Parkview Rehab Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 21, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Silas Johnson, 88, of Virgie, died Sunday, August 21, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 24, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Deloris Keel, 77, of West Jefferson, a Virgie native, died Sunday August 21, in Mt. Carmel West Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 24, under the direction of Rader-McDonald Funeral Home, West Jefferson.

■ Randall Lee Layne, 54, of Kimper, died Friday, Aug. 19, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, August 22, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Allene Lockard, 79, of Hardy, a Belfry native, died Friday, Aug. 19, at South Williamson ARH. Funeral service were held Sunday, August 21, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Minnie McKinney, 80, a native of Island Creek, died Friday, August 19, in Muskegon, Michigan. A memorial service was held Saturday, August 27, and burial was in the Blackburn family cemetery, Spring Branch.

■ James "Jim" Robert Otto, 68, of Pikeville, died Sunday, August 21, at his residence. Arrangements, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Delphia Potter, 85, of Largo, Florida, formerly of Dorton, died Saturday, August 20, at the Largo Healthcare Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 24, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Hollie Pruett, 68, of Mouthcard, died Friday, August

19, at his home. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Patty Sharleene Cantrell Pruett. Funeral services were held Monday, August 22, under the direction of Shortridge-Ramey Funeral Home.

■ Charles Richard Ratliff, 58, of Raccoon, died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005 at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, August 26, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Billy Rex Scott, 81, of Hardy, died Sunday, August 21, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 24, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Jordan M. Smith, 17, of Zebulon Hwy., Pikeville, died Sunday, August 21, at Dewey Dam, Jenny Wiley State Park. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 24, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Donnie L. Smith, 61, of Sidney, died Thursday, August 25, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Vano Slone, 68, a Pike County native, died Sunday, Aug. 21. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 24, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Ashley Hope Taylor, 20, of Council, Virginia, a Pike County native, died Friday, August 19, in a Grundy, Virginia hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 25, under the direction of Honaker Funeral Home.

■ Emma Tibbs, 92, of Robinson Creek, died Friday, August 19, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 21, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Flo Varney, 73, of Long Fork, Virgie, died Sunday, August 21, at UK Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 25, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Opal A. 'Nell' Ford, 67, of Thelma, died Saturday, August 20, at her home. Graveside services were held Tuesday, August 23, under the direction of the Phelps Funeral Home.

■ Michael C. Havens, 51, of Lowmansville, died Tuesday, August 16, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 20, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Troy Lemaster, 85, of Paintsville, formerly of Milford Center, Ohio, died Monday, August 8, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. Graveside services were held Thursday, August 11, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Billie A. Rice, 88, of Oil Springs, died Tuesday, August 9, at Darby Nursing Home, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 13, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Christopher Earl Tackett, 40, of Belcher, formerly of Staffordsville, died Tuesday, August 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Louella Stewart Tackett. Funeral services were held Friday, August 12, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ John Earl Ward, 73, of Paintsville, died Monday, August 22, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 25, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Mary Jo Hall Green, 45, a resident of Cheifland, Florida, died Saturday, August 20. She is survived by her husband, James R. Green. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 23, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Kathryn Coldiron Hiner, 61, of Salyersville, died Friday, August 19, at the Hospice Care Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday,

August 23, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Rev. Lionel Lykins, 78, of Albion, a native of Salyersville, died Sunday, August 14, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Janabee Yates Lykins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 18, under the direction of J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home.

■ Billy Ray Lykins, 54, of Salyersville, died Friday, August 19, in Martin. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 23, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Danny Mullins, 50, of Salyersville, died Friday, August 12, at Cabell Huntington Hospital, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Sherry Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 16, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Martha E. Moore, 68, of Norwalk, a Salyersville native, died Monday morning, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 17, under the direction of Walker Funeral Home.

■ Green J. Patrick, 80, of New Cumberland, a Magoffin County native, died Wednesday, August 3. He is survived by his wife, Anna M. Houze Patrick. Services were conducted Saturday, August 6.

■ Minnie Rose Risner, 86, of Salyersville, died Friday, August 19, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted August 22, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Vernon Vanderpool, 73, of Salyersville, died Thursday, August 18, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 21, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Ethel M. Hall, 81, of Topmost, died Wednesday, August 24, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Obituaries

Wanda Hamilton Neese

Wanda Hamilton Neese, 68, of Harold, died Thursday, August 25, 2005, at her residence.

Born August 20, 1937, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of the late William Branham and the late Willie Daniels Branham Caldwell. She was a retired caretaker; and a member of the United Methodist Church at Betsy Layne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Neese.

Survivors include two daughters: Cathy Hamilton Pugh of Richmond, and Linda Hamilton Bartley (husband, Phillip) of Harold; five grandchildren; Lakin Makenzi Pugh, Kennedi Taylor Pugh, Ashley Bartley Shepherd (husband, Mike), Phillip Justin Bartley, and Brittany Lea Bartley; a brother, Howard Branham (wife, Peggy) of Delbarton, West Virginia; two special aunts: Mella Daniels Litteral of Asheville, North Carolina, and Linna Byrd Daniels Lauhon of Ashland; and several special nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, William Branham II; and a son-in-law, Scott Pugh.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, August 28, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Randy Blackburn officiating.

Burial will be in the Ferguson Cemetery, at Harold, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Lottery results

Thursday evening
Pick 3: 3-7-9
Pick 4: 2-3-7-9
Cash Ball: 2-17-27-31-Cash Ball: 6
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Friday midday
Pick 3: 1-2-0
Pick 4: 4-0-2-1

Company fooling Kentuckians with sweepstakes mailing

The Better Business Bureau of Central & Eastern Kentucky is warning of a mailing being sent to area residents from a Las Vegas business that implies they have won more than \$3 million dollars in a sweepstakes, and all they have to do is send \$20.

The BBB has received numerous phone calls from Kentuckians reporting that the mailing comes from a company called "L.V.A.A.P." or "Las Vegas Nevada Actionable Award Program." The official-looking mailing reads in large letters across the top, "YOU ARE OFFICIALLY SWORN TO SECRECY — ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENTIAL." The recipient's name appears at the top of a list of several other people, with the words "confirmed prize over \$3,341,006.00." At the bottom is a place for the recipient's signature along with instructions to enclose a "report release fee" of \$20 and send it back to the company.

"This is leading our callers to believe that they have actually won over \$3 million," said Neil Kingery, president and CEO of the BBB of Central & Eastern Kentucky. "But this company's reliability report at the Las Vegas Better Business Bureau shows a history of complaints from consumers who discovered, after sending in their fee, that they did not win the money

at all." According to the Las Vegas Better Business Bureau, LVAAP, doing business as Lapham, Vargas & Cornell, has an unsatisfactory record due to unanswered complaints.

"It's the fine print that people are ignoring when they get excited about being a big winner," said Kingery. "The fine print states 'LVAAP is a service offered to our customers that provides information on available sweepstakes that are open to the public for entry' ... all consumers get for their \$20 is a sweepstakes newsletter of some kind. In all likelihood, by responding to this offer, consumers may have their names and addresses sold and receive other similar offers in the mail."

The Better Business Bureau reminds consumers that it is illegal to require payment of a fee in order to collect any prize that has been won. "That is the first red flag of a sweepstakes scam," said Kingery. "Legitimate sweepstakes prize money is usually sent by courier or registered mail, with no fee required and no strings attached."

Consumers may check out any mailings they receive by contacting the Better Business Bureau at (859) 259-1008 or toll-free (800) 866-6668. They may also log onto www.ky.bbb.org.

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Former Wildcats find help from local bank

PAINTSVILLE — Citizens National Bank recently donated money to help fund an underprivileged boy's basketball team organized by former UK basketball player and current Pikeville College assistant men's basketball coach Dale Brown, along with former UK basketball player Anthony Epps.

The team, which practices at the Kentucky Basketball Academy, is composed of boys aged 9 to 11 from all over Kentucky.

"CNB is always pleased to help out worthwhile programs for children," commented Mark Wiete, executive vice president and chief operating officer for CNB. "We wish the team much success in their upcoming season."

The donated money will go toward team uniforms, basketball shoes, and help pay for a recent trip to this year's AAU basketball tournament in Orlando, Fla.

Citizens National Bank is the second

largest independently owned and operated community banking company in the Big Sandy region. The CNB headquarters is in Paintsville.

CNB operates branches and ATMs in four counties of the Big Sandy region. The bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Citizens National Corporation, a diversified financial services company that owns mortgage loans and insurance operations serving the Big Sandy region of Eastern Kentucky.



Former UK Wildcat Dale Brown, left, with Citizens executive vice president and chief operating officer Mark Wiete.



The Floyd County Service Project received a \$10,459 grant Friday to use for trails at the Elk Horn Recreational and Educational Park. From left to right are state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, state Rep. Chuck Meade, Gov. Ernie Fletcher's East Kentucky regional representative Grayson Smith, Service Project advisor Eddie Patton and Service Project members Derwin Merion, Ogie Slone, Bill Francis and Jake Halbert.

photos by Ralph B. Davis



The Floyd County Fiscal Court received a \$10,000 grant Friday from the Appalachian Regional Commission. The money will be used for a tourism feasibility study. From left to right are state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, Magistrate Larry Foster Stumbo, Gov. Ernie Fletcher's East Kentucky regional representative Grayson Smith, state Rep. Chuck Meade, County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, Magistrate Alan Williams and Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens.

Grants

court's advisor to the Floyd Service Project.

The 359-acre park came about after the land was donated to the county by Elk Horn Coal Corporation, which had owned it for about a century. Plans for the park included creating a nature preserve that would provide outdoor activities, educational opportunities and a wildlife habitat.

"Too often our industry has been viewed as taking from the land and not giving back," said Jim Newman, president and CEO of Elk Horn Coal.

Currently, the park has picnic shelters and trails, including one paved pathway at the park's entrance. Other trails are more rugged.

Future plans call for building a visitor's center to provide information and restroom facilities. Patton said the first phase of that project should begin this

year, using money from coal severance tax receipts.

The fiscal court also received a second grant Friday, which offered both surprise and serendipity.

The grant — \$10,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission — will be used to fund a tourism feasibility study for the county. And while the study will look at several avenues for increasing tourism in the area, one of the primary methods under consideration will be the construction of a water park.

County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said that the county began exploring the idea of building a water park after a trip he took two years ago with his grandchildren to Kentucky Splash, in Williamsburg. After he saw the park's popularity and learned that it generated a profit in its

first year of operation, Thompson said he began looking into the possibility of a similar attraction in Floyd County.

"Honestly, I just about forgot about this," Thompson said, referring to time it took to receive the grant. "When they said they had a surprise check, they weren't kidding."

While the delay may have pushed the project to the back burner, Friday's announcement came with fortunate timing, as the city of Prestonsburg has also in recent weeks began eyeing the possibility of a water park. Thompson said he has already approached Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin about the city and county forming a partnership to pursue the project.

"We're going to get in touch with each other and try to work together, because I think everybody is heading in the same direction," Thompson said.

\$378,317 contract awarded to resurface Route 404

DAVID — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is working to upgrade the highway network in Floyd County. A contract in the amount of \$378,317.68 was approved by the Cabinet this month.

"Our highway system is the driving force behind Kentucky's economic prosperity and flourishing commerce," said Gov. Ernie Fletcher. "These projects are examples of our continuing work to provide a safe and reliable transportation system throughout the Commonwealth."

The money will be used to resurface Route 404 (David-Prestonsburg Road) from Route 850 near Goodloe at mile point 3.123 to the Middle Creek Bridge at Route 114 (mile point

8.072). Mountain Enterprises of Lexington was the low bidder.

Floyd County is one of seven counties in Highway District 12. \$2,023,030.29 has been awarded for projects in District 12 during the latest round of contract approvals. Statewide, more than \$110 million in projects has recently been authorized.

"These maintenance, upgrades, and new road projects reflect our commitment to the traveling public," said acting Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert. "Kentucky's motorists can rest assured that they are driving on safe, reliable roads."

Locally, work is expected to begin in the near future and should be completed during this construction season, which

means before the asphalt plants close in November. Construction activities are scheduled on a tentative basis and are subject to change, depending on weather conditions, materials deliveries, and other factors that are beyond the contractor's control.

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Indictments

physical evidence.

Jake L. Poston was also charged with promoting contraband for allegedly trying to bring drugs into the jail on Feb. 23 and was charged with promoting contraband, possession of a controlled substance, public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

A Weeksbury man was charged with two class D felony for a July 11 incident in which he allegedly set fire to another man's all-terrain vehicle. Joshua Burchett, 22, faces one count of third-degree arson and one count of criminal mischief for the incident.

Five theft-related cases saw indictments handed down. They

include Mitchell Case, 20, of Honaker, theft by unlawful taking; Lee Shaw, 33, of Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking; Eric Bowman, 22, of Harold, first-degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking and criminal mischief; Timothy K. Bates, 19, of Bypro, theft by unlawful taking and criminal mischief; Jason Osborne, 26, of Ivel, receiving stolen property.

Three drug-related crimes saw indictments handed down to Richard A. Naylor, 37, of Martha, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Xzambria Jarika Brvant, 24, of Pikeville, posses-

sion of a controlled substance and operating a motor vehicle while license suspended or revoked; Paul Harrison Muncy, 24, of Tomahawk, five counts of possession of a controlled substance, disorderly conduct, interference with an officer, controlled substance not in prescription container, possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a vehicle and endangering the welfare of a minor.

One case of flagrant nonsupport saw Ronald Conley, 56, of Elkhorn City, charged with failing to make child support payments between October 1997 and July 2005.

An indictment is not an indication of guilt.

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expression

Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.

— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Time to face facts

The first thing Gov. Ernie Fletcher should tell his new criminal defense lawyer is to open plea negotiations with Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

For his sake and the state's, it's time to say uncle.

The more evidence that emerges, the more clear it becomes that the abuses of merit system law that have occurred were not isolated "mistakes."

They were the result of a conscious decision taken in the Governor's office — and rationalized in classic, self-righteous fashion — to inject partisanship into merit hirings and to dedicate two cadres of operatives to the job.

One was the LINK offices in the field, which were converted into patronage clearinghouses and which were overtly told to ensure the Governor's re-election. The other was the "Disciples" (yes, their leader actually compared them to Jesus Christ's Apostles), who were planted throughout Frankfort to compile the hit-lists, arrange the paybacks and do the dirty work that the personnel professionals in various cabinets wouldn't.

The Governor should just drop the pretenses, stand up and say so.

He should take full, personal responsibility for letting the normal patronage operation the law allows to governors get wildly and illegally out of hand.

That some of his predecessors may have done the same is irrelevant. If they did, they didn't leave a trail of aggrieved whistleblowers and appalling e-mails for a grand jury to consider.

Gov. Fletcher's crew did, and he should offer to plead guilty for the excesses that trail reveals, so that the investigation can be ended and he and everybody else can get back to doing the people's business.

If he were to do that, he might also be able to get away with pardoning the many subordinates who already have been mired in legal trouble and the many others who may soon join them.

Instead of such pardons looking like his way of covering up and buying his colleagues' silence, they would look like acts of decency by a properly contrite chief executive.

Certainly, the Governor needs to do something dramatic, and he needs to do it soon.

His own Medicaid officials are admitting that they still have no clue about how to deal with the financial disaster that's been barreling toward them ever since they took office.

The state's support for education has dropped to dead last in the nation and is still falling.

There's serious work to be done, instead of politics to be played and road-crew jobs to be divvied up.

It's an outrage that this administration has wasted so much of its top officials' time, and sacrificed their good reputations, on the kind of seamy, low-level patronage machinations that have consumed them — first doing handstands to appease small-time GOP hacks' hankering for state paychecks, then conspiring to rig the legal selection process governing those jobs, and finally defending themselves in court by claiming that they didn't do what their own memos and e-mails show that they did.

With more damning evidence rolling out every day, the Governor needs to face facts:

The jig is up, in the court of public opinion if not yet in the court of law, and Kentucky simply can't afford for him to indulge in his increasingly foolish denials of the truth much longer.

There's a good role model close by for what he should do and say. Just last week, the Republican governor of Ohio, Bob Taft, pleaded guilty to violating his state's ethics laws.

He made no attempt to excuse himself or accuse others of partisanship, even though he, too, could have minimized his transgressions — failing to report a number of small gifts, such as free golf rounds, totaling \$6,000.

... "I accept total responsibility for my mistake, and I'm sorry," he told the judge.

Further, Gov. Taft recognized and acknowledged what Gov. Fletcher stubbornly won't: that at the most important level, his actions constituted a profound betrayal of the people who elected him.

Like Gov. Fletcher, Gov. Taft had campaigned for clean government and had repeatedly pledged he would tolerate no ethical lapses. ...

When you cut through all the Fletcher administration rhetoric — all the everybody-does-it whining, all the God's-chosen-people rationalizations and all the legal hairsplitting — that is what JOBTROT represents, too: a terribly disappointing failure to live up to expectations.

The quicker the Governor can bring himself to admit it and to take full, moral and legal responsibility for it, the better for him, his administration and Kentucky.

— The Courier-Journal, Louisville



"We didn't get much of anything in Iraq's new constitution. We hear you have some new vacancies in the neighborhood."

— Rich Lowry Column —

The travesty of 'catch and release'

There are two types of people who are intimately familiar with the practice of "catch and release" — fishermen and border-control agents. Fishermen at least get some satisfaction from it. For border-control agents, it is a symptom of this nation's contempt for its own immigration laws.

When Mexicans are caught crossing into the U.S., they are returned across the border. When illegals from countries Other Than Mexico (OTMs) are caught, it's more complicated. They often come from Latin American countries that have various obstacles to repatriation, and we don't have the space to hold them. So they are released into the U.S. after they promise to show up at a deportation hearing. That promise and \$80 might get you the services of an illegal day laborer.

Congress is beginning a scorching battle over immigration policy, pitting

anti-enforcement business and ethnic lobbies backing the McCain-Kennedy amnesty bill against grass-roots supporters of a tough-enforcement approach, embodied in the more muscular Kyl-Cornyn bill. There is no better emblem of the border insanity Congress must fix than the travesty of "catch and release."

The Border Patrol is set to apprehend 150,000 OTMs in this fiscal year. Most of those are caught in the Rio Grande Valley Sector in Southeast Texas, where 52,160 OTMs have been caught so far this year. Of those,

92 percent have been released on their own recognizance — and are probably bound for an urban area near you. The immigration court in Harlingen, Texas, has a failure-to-appear rate of roughly 90 percent.

The office within the Department of Homeland Security responsible for detentions and removals has 18,500 detention beds. Of those, 16,800 are reserved for criminals and others who urgently have to be detained. Those beds are overwhelmed, since so many criminal aliens attempt to (and do) make it

into the U.S. (Between March 2003 and February 2004, nearly 80,000 criminal aliens were deported.) That leaves only 1,700 beds for everyone else. It's not enough.

Current high levels of illegal immigration are not inevitable. In early July, the Border Patrol began focusing on the problem of high numbers of Brazilians illegally crossing the border in the Rio Grande Valley Sector by placing them in detention and applying an expedited removal process that can get them out of the country in days. About two weeks later, the number of Brazilian crossings in that sector was down 75 percent.

The reform bill sponsored by Republican Sens. Jon Kyl (Ariz.) and John Cornyn (Texas) would encourage authorities to make greater use of expedited removal, setting aside \$50 million for it. On the other end, it pushes the countries of origin to cooperate by making a temporary-guest-worker program in the U.S. available to their citizens only if the governments take back illegals within three days. Finally, the bill provides for another 10,000 detention beds over five years.

It would be a step toward rationality at the border, and toward appropriately reserving the practice of "catch and release" for trout.

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column

— beyond the beltway —

The war machine hits a land mine

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

It is not often that President Bush's PR machine hits a bump in the road. Up to now it has been a thing of beauty, carrying him above petty controversies over the war, the environment, the economy and Social Security.

But it appears to have suffered a flat tire of late. Take for example the case of Cindy Sheehan, the Gold Star mother who camped outside Mr. Bush's Texas ranch in hopes of getting an audience with the great man so that she could make her case against the war that claimed her son.

I certainly don't expect the president to hear her out, then strike himself on the forehead and say: "What a fool I've been! You're right, Mrs. Sheehan. This war was a bad idea from the get-go and I'm pulling the troops home tomorrow."

But how smart do you have to be to figure out that you look better if you invite her into your living room, listen to

her story, then tell her you can understand how she feels but her son died in a noble cause and that his death would lose all meaning if we pulled out of Iraq right now, blah blah blah. That's political jujitsu 101. Use your opponents' strengths against them.

But no, he had to dig in his heels and leave her out there in the heat and dust where she could be interviewed endlessly by reporters, filmed by TV crews and become the focal point of a raucous anti-war protest. Thus what should have been a one- or two-day story at best became a media circus that filled up the better part of two weeks.

But ignoring the lady wasn't enough for the Bushies; they sicced their running-dog lackeys in the media on her.

The Fox News commentator has virtually trembled with outrage at Ms. Sheehan's audacity. Bill O'Reilly, one of its chief quackers, called her actions treasonous. "American Spectator," house organ of the Lying Swine wing of the Republican Party, called Ms. Sheehan, 48, more anti-war protester than grieving mother, an absurd thing to say.

I don't know much about Mrs. Sheehan. Certainly she's an anti-war protester and there's a possibility she likes publicity more than she should.

Her husband, who has filed for divorce, seems to think so.

But I'll guarantee this: Her position as a grieving mother trumps all other facets of her life. Certainly she deserves a measure of respect from administration toadies, few of whom have even served in the military, let alone risked their lives.

Which doesn't mean that I think Ms. Sheehan is right in demanding an immediate pullout of our troops in Iraq.

I have never been a supporter of the war. I thought we entered it precipitously and without thinking the ramifications through. I did not fully realize at the time just how right I was.

Our actions since the invasion have demonstrated an encyclopedic ignorance of the area and its people that has been nothing short of appalling. Whatever benefits that could have derived from the elimination of Saddam Hussein as head of Iraq have been squandered, just as our invasion of Afghanistan is in danger of coming to nothing.

And yet I don't see how we can simply pull out our troops and go home, as attractive as that alternative may seem to some.

We have made a commitment to the Iraqi people and to the region and it will be disastrous for them if we back away now, after a few thousand casualties. We have a responsibility to see this through

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Local doctors attend opening of Hindu center in Lexington

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

LEXINGTON — Two local doctors who donated more than \$200,000 to build a Hindu temple and cultural center in Lexington are attending opening celebrations there this weekend.

Drs. Gopal and Mina Majmundar, of Martin, made the donation because the 10-year project to construct the Bharataya Temple and Cultural Center was halted by a lack of funding.

"For many years, it's been very hard for all of the Indian community," Dr. Gopal

Majmundar said. "We celebrate a lot of holy days and festivals. Until now, we had nowhere to go. We had to rent places every time and the locations were hard to find and it was hard to find parking places."

In the early 1970s, there were fewer than 50 Indian families in Kentucky. By the early 1990s, more than 300 Indian families moved to the area. They had no permanent place of worship and no place centered for social or cultural activities. The community, seeking a way to preserve its heritage, began planning the construction of the center.

In the 1990s, a group of 20

people led by Dr. Ashok Patel, of Hazard, contributed \$100,000 and bought 10.65 acres of land at the corner of Winchester and Cleveland roads in Lexington. When the design of the building was completed in 1997, the community was short \$200,000 in its fundraising goal. The Majmundars provided the "boost" that helped construction get underway, a press release said. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in 2000. Construction of the facility began the following year.

Dr. Rajan Joshi, the center's president, headed fundraising efforts through the construction

of the project during the next four years.

The facility is expected to serve approximately 500 Indian families from the central, southern and eastern parts of the state.

Opening festivities began Friday with a cultural program and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Lexington Mayor Theresa Isaac was in attendance. On Saturday, the community held religious ceremonies and musical programs. Today, an official installation of deities ceremony is planned, and will be followed by a performance by Anup Jabta, one of India's leading musicians.

"Obviously, we're very

excited," said Berea Dr. Suva Desai. "We've been planning this for 10 years."

Practitioners of Hinduism, the world's third largest religion, believe in one supreme deity, or god, who has many manifestations.

The Majmundars pray from 10 to 15 minutes before they go to work each day, and again in the evening to their gods and goddesses. Like all practicing Hindus, they have a small temple in their home, adorned with replicas of their beloved deities.

"In Hindu culture, we always believe in the god and goddesses," Mina Majmundar said. "Every day we pray to god. We take the blessing in the morning and go and work. We want our children to follow the whole culture, respect all old people, their parents. We have different types of god and one supreme lord."

The Bharataya Temple is adorned with shrines dedicated to several deities, including Krishna, the main god, who is thought of as the preserver. Hindus study the Bhagavad Gita, a poem, written from 540 to 300 BC, about a conversation Krishna had with a warrior, Arjuna. They also pray to Shiva, the destroyer goddess, who is also considered to be compassionate.

The community offered "puja" prayers to Gnahs, the "remover of all obstacles," at the center this weekend. By "invoking" his presence Friday, Desai said, the community will ensure that the three-day celebration will go smoothly.

"Hinduism is a 5,000 year

old religion," Desai said. "There's been a lot of misunderstanding. Like Christianity, we are monotheistic with a single god. We all believe in one single god, but that god has many, many manifestations. We do not worship idols. That's [the use of deity statutes for prayer] how we concentrate on a regional god. God is everywhere, in everything."

"Hindus believe that when there's a lot of evil in this world and the good people are overpowered by evil people, then at that time, the lord [Krishna, also known as Vishnu] can take human form and take care of the human people," Desai said, pointing out that the manifestations of Krishna resemble the Christian trinity.

"The manifestation doesn't matter," he said. "They are three symbolic forms of the ultimate god, who is everywhere and in everything."

Hindus believe in samsaras, or reincarnation. They practice good deeds in their lives in order to achieve moksha, or liberation from the cycle of birth, death and rebirth.

Desai said that anyone can visit the Bharataya Temple and Culture Center, but those entering the temple must remove their shoes.

More information about the center can be found online at www.btcckky.org.

Dr. Mima Majmundar practices at Highlands Regional Medical Center and Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Dr. Gopal Majmundar practices at Paul B. Hall and at his private practice in Martin.

Fletcher lawyer seeks to quash subpoena

FRANKFORT — The lawyer for Gov. Ernie Fletcher's office wants to prohibit investigators from rummaging through computer servers taken from the office.

In a request filed Friday in Franklin County Circuit Court, Sheryl Snyder of Louisville said the search warrant that allowed investigators from the attorney

general's office to seize records from the computer server on Aug. 19 was too broad.

Snyder said there are e-mails and other records relating to more than 200 people on the server, most of whom have nothing to do with the investigation into personnel practices. Two of those individuals, identified as John Doe and Jane Doe, joined the

motion.

The motion seeks a court order to prohibit the searching of the computer files, though it is unclear how that would work, since the investigators have had the records for a week already.

Snyder asked a judge to hold a hearing on the request on Sept. 7.

Environmentalists call proposed buffer-zone change 'absurd'

by JOHN RABY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Environmentalists on Wednesday labeled as "absurd" a proposal that would relax a federal mining regulation which requires a 100-foot buffer zone around streams in areas where strip mining is conducted.

The U.S. Office of Surface Mining proposed easing the federal buffer zone rule in January 2004, saying current policy is impossible to comply with during mountaintop

removal mining. The current rule says mining cannot disturb land within 100 feet of a stream unless a company can prove it will not affect the water's quality and quantity. The proposed change would require coal operators to minimize only "to the extent possible" any damage to streams, fish and wildlife by "using the best technology currently avail-

able."

"Leave the rule as it is and enforce the rule. Don't weaken it. Protect our lives and our land," said Maria Gunnoe, who lives on Island Creek Mountain in Boone County.

Her property, which includes various orchards and gardens, has seen seven floods in the five years since a 1,183-acre mountaintop mining operation began in a nearby hollow.

"The forested mountains and streams running through them are a part of our identity as the Appalachian people. These are our hunting and gathering grounds. Here lie our family cemeteries," Gunnoe said. "How will our children know how to hunt and use ginseng if the mountains and the streams that support the ginseng are destroyed forever?"

Gunnoe was part of a news conference held by the coalition Friends of the Mountain before OSM's meeting in Charleston

on Wednesday night. It was one of four meetings the agency is holding this week in eastern coal states on the buffer-zone rule.

The buffer zone rule was the key issue in a West Virginia lawsuit first filed in 1998 by several coalfield residents and the Highlands Conservancy against the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection in a bid to outlaw mountaintop removal mining.

Mountaintop removal mining involves shearing off the tops of ridges to expose a coal seam. Dirt and rock are pushed below, often in stream beds, a practice known as valley fill.

Although a federal judge in West Virginia ruled in favor of the residents, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals concluded the case should have been filed in state court, not federal.

The latest round of meetings seek comment on how officials

should conduct the environmental impact statement for the proposed rule change, according to OSM officials.

"As OSM moves into the environmental impact statement on the proposed absurd rule change, do an honest evaluation of the negative impact the valley fills on our lives and culture," Gunnoe said. "If you weaken the buffer-zone rule, you destroy the streams that are the lifeblood of our community."

David Hartos, a physical scientist for the OSM, said federal surface mine law does not include a buffer-zone requirement. The requirement was created through regulations and as long as mining companies attempt to minimize damage to streams and aquatic life, "the regulatory authority can allow encroachment."

Other OSM meetings were held previously in Knoxville, Tenn., and Hazard.

Lifeguards

Perkins' 16-foot aluminum jon boat (a fishing boat) was completely destroyed and it sat, singed, at the lake for several days.

When asked why she jumped in to save Perkins, even with the potential danger, Akers said her lifesaving training kicked in.

"I didn't want to see anyone get hurt," she said. "I'm glad I did it and I'd do it again."

The Carnegie Hero Commission was founded by Andrew Carnegie after a massive coal mine disaster in Harwick, Pa., that killed 181 people on Jan. 25, 1904. Carnegie, a Pittsburgh steel maker, created the commission and set aside \$5 million three months later to recognize

"civilian heroes." Two of the people killed in the mine disaster were attempting a rescue.

Over the past century, 8,902 individuals out of 78,000 people nominated received Carnegie Medals in the U.S. and Canada. The commission has given more than \$27.7 million in awards, grants, tuition and other assistance to "heroes" (or their survivors) who put their lives at risk to an extraordinary degree while rescuing or attempting to rescue others.

Past recipients of the award

include rescuers involved in the San Francisco earthquake of 1906, the sinking of the Titanic, the crash of Air Florida Flight 90 in the Potomac River, and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Most of the medals given out, however, go to "smaller acts of heroism," according to the commission's website.

If Newsome and Akers receive this designation, they will be the only Eastern Kentucky residents who have done so. The commission has recognized 147 Kentuckians

throughout the years.

The lifeguards will be invited to fill out and return a detailed nomination letter, which will be scrutinized by the organization's full-time staff before a formal review is made by the commission itself. Those selected for recognition receive a bronze medal and \$3,500, in addition to other awards and assistance made available to them.

The awards are given out five times annually.

Kelly

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which included interviewing witnesses, doing background checks and then verifying all of the information he has gleaned.

Kelly noted that he has made a lot of friends and a few enemies doing the job, which required him to look up case histories of anyone arrested in the county. He then had to determine if anyone going before a judge had pending business in other courts across the country and often had to find out that information for himself as most defendants tend to assume that other counties aren't watching when they are picked up.

Kelly said that he has one goal for retirement — "travel," he said with a broad smile spreading across his face. "Gatlinburg, Mammoth Cave, Western Kentucky."

Kelly intends to see the rest of the state and parts of the country now that he is free of his duties for the court.

"I'm also going to go fishing," he noted as he headed back to the Floyd County Detention center to finish his day.



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This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

There is Journalism, and then, we are told, there is Courier-Journalism.

We would have enjoyed that line had it not been applied to us.

WHAT TOWN?

Last week this column in its usual desultory fashion, dealt with the much-abused word, 'unique,' and as a result there pops up on this desk the following 'Letter to the Editor':

'Regarding your dissertation on words in your recent column in which you undertook to deal with the word, 'unique.'

Your effort, while laudable, and in some respects to the point, failed to shed light on the true meaning of the word.

The word, 'unique,' we have, on the best authority, comes, as many English words do, from the Latin, 'unis' meaning one; and equis meaning horse.

So you can plainly see, that a town, for example, that is unique, is a one-horse town.'

And deponent further sayeth not.

UNUSUAL AT LEAST

Come to think of it, the unique thing about our article was that word, 'unqne,' that turned up at our very first mention of the word under discussion.

Come to think of it, which is correct: Mr. and Mrs. Blank and family, Mr. Blank and family, or Mr. and Mrs. Blank and children? (Choose one, two or all.)

ON THE LOSS OF A FRIEND

The death of an old friend always is saddening. Jack May was my friend since the day, 35 or more years ago, when I was negotiating one of the first loans I ever made at a bank.

As nervous as this country boy was, approaching bank officials to borrow money, I knew I cut a rather sorry figure. I was advised to see Mr. May, who at the time was president of The First National Bank; that his approval of the loan would be necessary.

In his office above the bank, he looked at the note, then asked: 'Who is your father?'

I told him my father's name, and his 'O.K.' immediately went on the note. No questions asked. He didn't ask if I was a good son of a good father, or a sorry one. The father's name was enough.

Jack May's friendship ran deep; his loyalties deeper, if possible.

Dismally late

by JEANNE HILL

'CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE BRIDE'S SOUL'

My husband and I were driving across our state to the wedding of my cherished friend's daughter when we had a flat tire on a country road. While he changed the flat, I worried. I wanted to arrive early at the church I once attended. Friends since we were young, I was 'Auntie Jeanne' to her Beth, and she was 'Auntie Ruth' to my three youngsters.

It was devastating when Ruth Ann's husband had died suddenly four months prior, but she'd insisted Beth

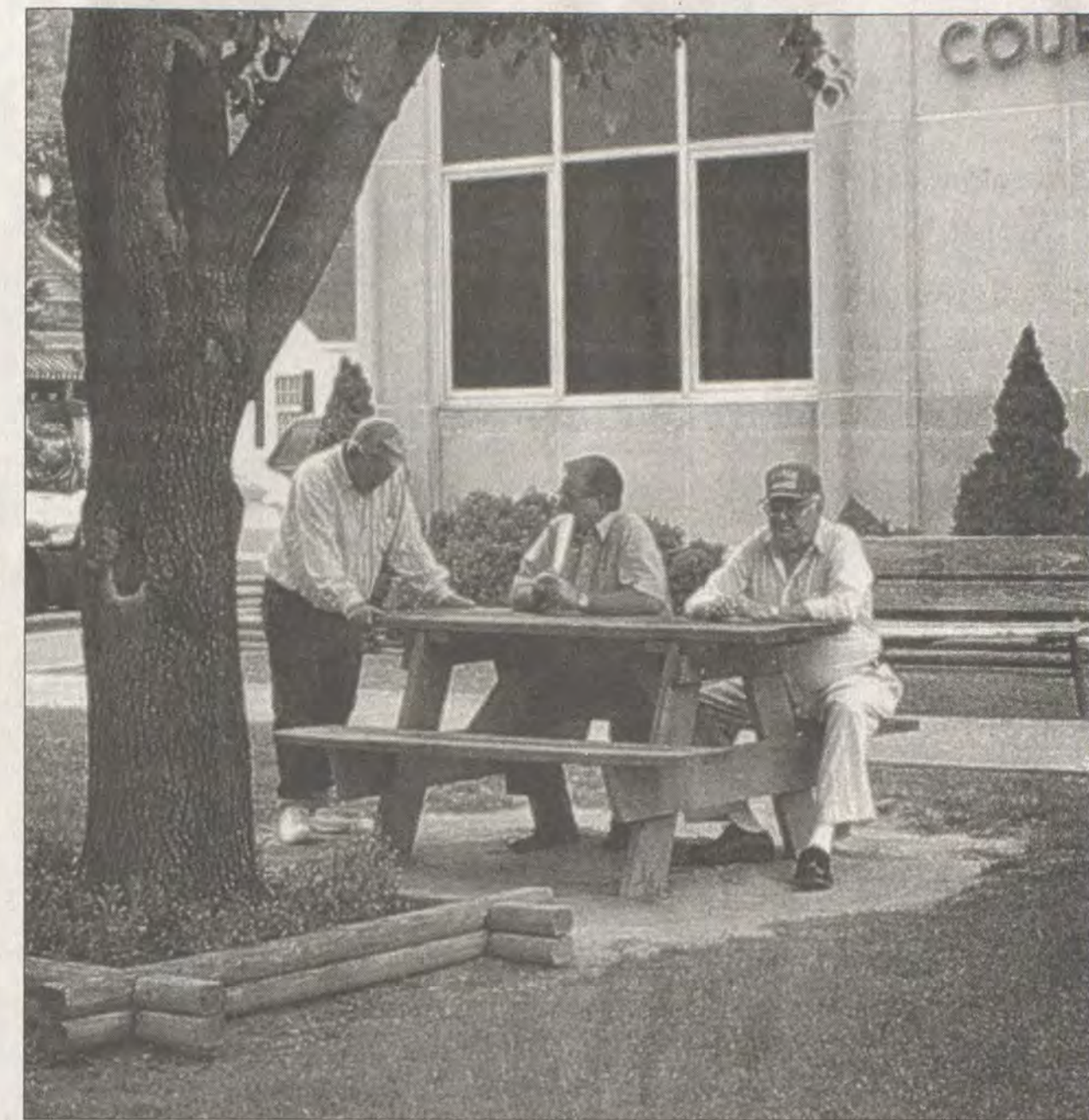


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It's probably not exactly the 'whittler's bench' that our feature article speaks of, but Floyd Countians still tend to congregate today for chats and discourses in front of the old courthouse.

The Whittler's Bench

Compiled by Sarah B. Allen
Edited by William H. McCann, Jr.

The Whittler's Bench on Court Street in Prestonsburg is still going strong. They sit, they spit, they whittle, and they make cutting remarks. Here are some examples:

'Hear there's some real go-getters up Cow Creek.'

'How's that?'
She works at Wal-Mart and he goes to get her.'

'What you thinking?'
'How big a biscuit a barrel of flour would make. What you thinking?'

'How big a pan it would take to bake it in.'

'Did you see Aunt Ida keep looking at Uncle Ermin's corpse last night?'

'Yeah, she wanted to make sure he was dead.'

'Do you think love makes the world go around?'

'No, it just keeps it populated.'

'That was a mighty fine fur coat Sheriff bought Mac.'

'He didn't buy it to keep her warm - just to keep her quiet'

'Where'd you get that new watch? You got a fairy godmother?'

'No, but I've got an uncle that bears watching.'

'See that feller over there?'

'He's a B. V. D. man.'

'BVD?'

'Born Very Dumb!'

'Why is it mostly old men wear hearing aides?'

'They go deaf listening to their wives fuss at 'em.'

'Did you hear that Joe's boy wants to be a CPA?'

'Yeah, but he ain't got the personality for it.'

'Old Joe over there is such a

notorious liar, somebody else has to call his cows.'

'That young Josh is a pretty sorry excuse.'

'Yea, I hear he holds the lantern while his mother cuts stove wood.'

'Did you see that woman Elmo married?'

'Yea, but he's blind in one eye and can't see out of the other.'

'You get new glasses, Clem?'

'Yea, old doc on the corner give'em to me.'

'I wouldn't go to him, I heard you should never get glasses at a place that has a sign like he's got.'

'What's that?'

'Eyes tested - glasses made!'

The new bench motto is 'The Lord leads us and the government feeds us.'

Sarah B. Allen is the daughter of Woodrow Burchett; she compiled the jokes in this article from the papers of her father. She lives in Prestonsburg.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Zombie Holocaust'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

This film played drive-ins in 1982 under the more apt title of 'Dr. Butcher M.D.(Medical Deviate)' and is one whacked out mama jama no matter what you call it. Here you get the cinematic equivalent of a pu-pu platter which includes generous portions of zombie, mad doctor and Italian cannibal movies. This one manages a mean feat by combining gut-wrenching special effects with dialogue so awful you begin to look forward to the on-screen carnage to get a break from it.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

Ian McCulloch ('Zombie') stars as Det. Peter Chandler (a character stolen from a series of pulp novels by Henry Kane). Chandler is investigating a bizarre case that involves the theft of body parts from a New York hospital. When the thief is almost captured he jumps off the hospital roof and plummets to the city streets.

The guy is now street pizza, but Chandler links his remains with a tribe of cannibals. Despite the fact that this leap in judgment seems crazier than the one that the organ thief just performed, Chandler is allowed to fly to a remote island, where he couldn't possibly have any jurisdiction, to investigate the suicide.

Turns out that his old buddy, Dr. Obrero, is working there and he has discovered that one can prolong his or her life through brain transplants into fresh young cadavers. Why anyone would want to have an extended life while shuffling round in a decaying body is a mystery to me, but then again I enjoy watching these things, so go figure.

Chandler brings along the world's worst backup team, which wanders off into zombie infested woods whenever they hear a noise. His chief assistant George is no bargain either and is prone to saying things like, 'We really have nothing to worry about if we stay alive.' Chandler is no smarter and frequently tells his men to split up, even though they have an annoying habit of not returning.

Chandler eventually makes it to an abandoned mission building and finds that it has been converted into a makeshift laboratory by Obrero. The mad doc is happy to see him and exclaims, 'I am anxious to experiment on a caucasian brain.'

Just when this couldn't get weirder, the doc and his zombie experiments are attacked by an army led by one of Chandler's lost companions, who has charmed the local cannibals into helping her take on the zombies.

It all leads up to a smackdown of outlandishly gory proportions as dead flesh eaters take on live ones for the privilege of eating Dr. Obrero. The

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decorating each pew. Then, with a heavy heart, I saw that the groom, his best man and three of the four bride's attendants were already down front by the altar. Shortly, the last bridesmaid glided past us and on down the aisle.

After an especially long passage of music, I saw the organist look expectantly in our direction toward the open sanctuary doors, watching for her cue to start the wedding march. No cue came. Where was the bride?

Fifteen minutes passed, and murmurs of concern stirred the audience. Her mother, seated up front, couldn't go check, but I was in the perfect position to do so. I slipped out of the sanctuary doors.

Once into the narthex, I ran down the hall. As I remembered, there were

two quick turns to the bride's dressing room. On my first turn, I heard faint hammering of small fists against a door. On my next turn, I heard Beth calling: 'Let me out, somebody! The doorknob came off in my hand, and I can't get out! Help me!'

I ran to the door, but I couldn't open it. 'Beth, it's me - Jeanne, I'll go get help.'

'Oh, Auntie Jeanne! Thank heaven!'

When we got the door open, I complimented Beth on how in control she looked in spite of the situation. 'I was

n't at first,' she said. As she gathered her satin skirts and ran through the hall beside me, she told me how she'd started crying but soon felt her father's hand on hers.

'I know it sounds crazy but I heard Daddy say, 'Don't cry, Bethie, everything is going to be all right.''

Moments later, Beth triumphantly marched down the aisle to 'Here Comes the Bride.' I sat in the back row giving thanks for a flat tire that had put me in exactly the right chair at the right time. Dismally late? More like providentially late.



Jim Davidson

We are being 'granted' to death

No one likes to have their parade rained on. However, when that parade is headed in the wrong direction, a little moisture to dampen the enthusiasm might not be a bad thing.

Over the past several decades, a situation has developed in America that could lead to our demise as a nation. What I am talking about is the endless number of grants, that is, "free money" from the public treasury, that does not have to be paid back and are funded by the American taxpayer.

If you think I'm all wet, here is something to think about. About the time our original 13 states adopted their new constitution, in the year 1787, Alexander Tyler (a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh) had this to say about

"The Fall of The Athenian Republic" some 2,000 years prior. "A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, (which is) always followed by a dictatorship."

This reminds me of what the Irish philosopher George Bernard Shaw once said: "The government that robs Peter to pay Paul, will always have the support of Paul." Tyler continues, "The average age of the world's greatest civ-

ilizations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations have progressed through the following sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence; from dependence back into bondage."

Before I continue, here is a question you might want to ponder for a few moments. Where do you think America is today in this sequence? You will have to answer that question for yourself, but I see the proliferation of grants or "free money" as a sure sign that we have become more dependent on our government than on ourselves.

When I was doing research for this column, I went to the Internet and typed in the words, "Government Grants" and up popped more information than I really wanted. The first article I came to was developed by an indi-

vidual who was charging a fee to teach people how to apply for and get "free" government money. You will note he was getting a fee.

When I downloaded this article, it was 16 pages long. In part, here is what it said, "Each day, millions of dollars in Free Government Grants is given away to people just like you for a wide variety of business and personal needs." You may be thinking, "How can I get some of that free grant money?" He goes on to say, "Anyone can apply for a grant from 18 years old and up. Grants from \$500 to \$50,000 are possible. Grants don't have to be paid back, EVER. Claim your slice of the FREE American pie."

Another point he makes is that this money is not a loan that requires a lot of paperwork. "These government agencies don't have to operate under the same stringent requirements that banks do."

Not to belabor the point, but here is the story in a nutshell. Over 20 million people get government money every year. Over 1 million entrepreneurs get money to start or expand a business. Four million people get money to invest in real estate. Six million people

get money to go to college and 10 million get free help and training for a better job. The point I want to make here, and you may or may not agree, grants are somewhat like lawsuits. Some are necessary and serve a useful purpose, but most are frivolous. The same is true for grants. Some grants do serve a useful purpose and are in America's best interests, but the vast majority are not.

What we must keep in mind is that grants or "free money" have to come from somewhere. The bottom line is that this money comes from taxpayers who not only fund the grants but also pay the salaries and overhead of the people who are giving the money away. The people who should be the most concerned are those who have a legitimate and valid reason for a grant, because the rest are actually getting your money.

Let's teach our kids what we know is right. Get a loan and pay it back. That's always been the American way.

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Should she let the tow truck off the hook?

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray: Of these types of tow trucks, flatbed versus the traditional "hook" model, which one is worse for a car? A while back, my starter failed, and my car was towed on a flatbed truck. After the starter replacement, I noticed that the rear wheels angled inward at the bottom, and those tires had begun to wear unevenly. The mechanic replaced the rear tires and said the rear struts also needed replacing. Since neither of these issues was apparent prior to the towing, I'm curious whether the manner in which the car was strapped or removed from the truck could result in damage? Next time I need a tow truck, should I request one type or the other? — Gail

RAY: Well, a flatbed is best, Gail — provided the tow-truck driver actually remembers to chain your car to the bed.

TOM: Sounds like you might have a case of F.O.T. That's "fell off truck." Because there's no other way, on a flatbed tow truck, to change the camber angle of the rear wheels.

RAY: Did you hear a loud bang just after the tow truck went around the corner? Followed by a two-word phrase that starts with "Oh"?

TOM: Generally speaking, flatbed towing is by far the best option. In fact, for four-wheel-drive and all-wheel-drive vehicles, it's the only option. We always request flatbed trucks when we have cars towed to us.

RAY: Or, more accurately, towed BACK to us!

TOM: Have you ever noticed that luxury-car dealers use nothing but flatbeds? You never see a Mercedes bouncing around at the end of a hook.

RAY: So in terms of your car, Gail, it's possible that it was damaged when it came off the tow truck, but by no means is that the only possibility.

TOM: Right. You don't say what kind of car you have, but when you put a car with independent rear suspension up on a lift, the wheels do angle in as the car hangs there — suspended underneath by the frame.

RAY: And when you put the car back on the ground, the wheels still angle in at first, until the car is driven around and the suspension geometry has a chance to sort itself out. So if you saw the car just after it came down from the lift, you might have thought it was damaged.

TOM: And when you were busy inspecting your rear wheels and wondering what that knucklehead tow-truck driver did to your car, you might have then noticed the uneven tire wear.

RAY: The tire wear might have had absolutely nothing at all to do with the tow. Your mechanic has since told you that your rear shocks are worn out. And worn shocks can cause what?

Uneven tire wear.

TOM: So, assuming the rear suspension geometry has since straightened itself out, and the wheels are no longer cambered in, I'd replace the rear shocks and see if the uneven wear continues after a few thousand miles. If not, then you just needed new shocks, and you owe the tow-truck driver an apology for thinking such evil thoughts about him. And so do we!

Making brake noises might hurt your marriage, but it doesn't hurt the car

Dear Tom and Ray:

My husband has a habit that drives me crazy. When we're stopped at a traffic light or a stop sign, he eases his foot off the brake just enough to make an annoying grinding noise (he doesn't let it off enough to enter

the intersection or hit the car in front of him). The sound really gets on my nerves.

I haven't been able to get him to stop doing this. Is he harming the brakes or the car? — Lianne

RAY: Sadly, he's not harming anything except his marriage, Lianne.

TOM: One day when your husband was but a lad, he was taking a bath, and he discovered that if he held his right hand over his left armpit in just such a way, he could then flap his left arm and create a sound much like flatulence. He was deeply amused by this.

RAY: And now, many years later, he's amusing himself by making farting noises with the brakes.

TOM: He's not doing any harm. When you're stopped, each pair of brake pads is squeezing the disc rotor between them. If you release the pressure on the pads just a little bit, they'll make a little noise as they "jerk" or skip along the surface of the rotor. You can do the same kind of thing with your finger and the top of a Coke bottle.

RAY: So the "You're harming the brakes, moron" argument won't work here, Lianne. Skip right to the "You're ticking me off, moron" argument. And if necessary, accompany that with an occasional dope slap. It might work over time, Lianne. Best of luck.

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BSCTC Community Choir taking new members

PRESTONSBURG — The Big Sandy Community and Technical College Community Choir will begin a new semester of rehearsals and performances on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m., on the Prestonsburg Campus. Choir Director Laura Ford Hall welcomes everyone to join in.

"We welcome our students, faculty, staff, and community members to join us," Hall said. "We have a wonderful choir, and I look forward to a new semester of good music and fun."

The choir will be singing a variety of music this semester, including Bette Midler's "From a Distance," "Beauty and the Beast," and of course, great Christmas music including "Rudolph," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "Christmas Grace," and "O Holy Night," among others.

"Anyone can join the choir," Hall said. "We would love to have beginners and experienced singers, as well as everyone in-between."

The choir serves the BSCTC campuses of Pikeville, Prestonsburg and Paintsville, so all Eastern Kentucky residents are welcome. However, those wishing to join should be 13 or older. The choir is accompanied by Candace Nall, piano and voice instructor at the



The BSCTC Community Choir will begin a new semester on Thursday, Sept. 8, and community members are invited to join. Pictured are several of the 2004-2005 choir members after performing in the spring concert in May.

Mountain Arts Center.

The group's first rehearsal will be on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the Prestonsburg Campus, on the first floor of the Pike Building, in Gearhart Auditorium. The group will meet every Thursday at the same time until the final

performances during December. Music will be provided for each member and there is no fee to join.

Questions can be directed to Hall by calling 886-3863 ext. 67227, or emailing to laura.hall@kctcs.edu.

Prayer tour set to roll through Eastern Ky.

The "Prayer the Perimeter" tour is scheduled to make several stops in Eastern Kentucky.

"Pray the Perimeter" is a weeklong tour of the state by Dr. Bill Mackey, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and Dan Garland, KBC church development/evangelism team leader, along with several other KBC leaders. The group plans to travel the perimeter of the state Sept. 10-16 on a tour that will include stops for worship services, meetings with pastors and associational leaders, and prayer.

The purpose of "Pray the Perimeter," is to pray with and encourage Kentucky Baptists around the state and draw attention to the need for Christians to pray for our state. Specifically, leaders will be praying for Christians to experience renewal of their own faith, for churches to experience revival, and for God to use churches to effectively share their faith in their communities.

"I am looking forward to praying with hundreds of pastors and church leaders during the week," Mackey said.

"Everyone is invited."

As he circles the state, Mackey is also encouraging local Baptist leaders to encircle their own areas with prayer. Individual churches are being encouraged to have prayer walks of their own facilities to pray for the work of their church and for their community. Local Baptist associations of churches are being encouraged to pray the perimeters of their geographic areas as well.

The tour will begin and end in Eastern Kentucky. Stops in Eastern Kentucky include:

Saturday, Sept. 10

■ Hazard at 7 p.m., Association prayer service, Three Forks Baptist Association prayer service, First Baptist Church, 107 Madison Avenue, Whitesburg

Sunday, Sept. 11

■ Whitesburg at 11 a.m., Colson Baptist Church, 4598 Highway 7 North, Whitesburg at, Dr. Mackey to speak

■ Pikeville at 3 p.m., Pike Association prayer time, First Baptist Church, 126 4th

Street, Pikeville

■ Prestonsburg at 4:15 p.m., Enterprise Association prayer time, Fitzpatrick Baptist Church

■ Rush at 7 p.m., Garner Baptist Church, 19231 State Route 3, Dr. Mackey to speak

Thursday, Sept. 15

■ Monticello at 7 p.m., McCreary and Wayne Association prayer service, Charity Baptist Church, Dr. Mackey to speak

Friday, Sept. 16

■ Williamsburg at 10 a.m., area prayer time, South Union-Mount Zion Association office

■ Pineville at noon, Bell Association prayer luncheon, Moss Chapel

■ Cumberland at 3 p.m., Upper Cumberland Association prayer time, First Baptist, Loyall

For more information on the Pray the Perimeter Tour, including a complete schedule, go to www.kybaptist.org/prayertour.

Lagoon

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film also manages to answer the time-honored question of what would happen if you applied an outboard motor to a zombie's head — squish.

I first saw this movie under its original title when it played in a Times Square grindhouse cinema in 1984. The theater employed a great gimmick to snatch patrons which consisted of having nurses (actually struggling actresses) set up at a table in front of the lobby where they took your vital signs before imploring you to avoid the film if you wanted to live. They also got ticket holders to sign a waiver absolving the theater from any blame if they died of fright. The play worked and packed the theater for two solid weeks.

Now the doctor can make house calls, so rent this one for some sticky yuks.

Best line: "I could easily kill you now, but I am determined to have your brain."

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Odds and Ends

■ **VANCOUVER**, British Columbia — Peter Symons noticed something odd about a postcard he received in the mail from Florida.

"When I looked at it, I saw it had 4 cents in stamps and I said, 'Well, that's sort of strange,'" he said.

Then he noticed the postmark: Nov. 7, 1955.

The card, which he received Thursday, showed an aerial view of the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach, Fla. It bore a pair of 2-cent stamps with the image of Thomas Jefferson and was addressed to "Mrs. Harry McGee, 1-1135 Davie St., Vancouver 5, B.C., Canada."

The message, written in blue ink, read: "Darling & kids: Arrived here 6:15 this morning. It's nice and cool now but promises to be a stinker later on. Am going to have a wash and shoeshine, etc., and go into town."

It was signed "Love & kisses, Har."

Symons said the card is in good shape with just a couple of bends on one end.

Bob Taylor, a spokesman for Canada Post, said the delivery truly was a fluke. Because of insufficient postage, he said, the postcard should have been returned to sender.

■ **MUNCIE**, Ind. — Beer drinkers in this college town will have to settle for bottles or

cans — more than a dozen liquor stores have quit selling kegs.

The stores are hoping to ditch low profits from kegs, compared with beer sold by the case. Some say they also hope the move will help cut down on alcohol-related violence and accidents.

"The majority of students are very angry because they don't get why we're doing this," said Chris Johnson, manager of Muncie Liquor.

All six of the chain's stores have been no-keg zones since Saturday. At one store, a popular mural featuring a Ball State University Cardinal with a keg and the logo "Keg Headquarters" has been painted over.

"A keg weighs 165 pounds. That's a lot of weight for my people to handle," said Johnson. "It's tough on our equipment, it's tearing up our coolers, and I no longer see the profitability of it."

Save-On Liquor also has quit selling kegs at its six stores in Muncie, and Friendly Package has joined in as well.

But some beer drinkers — particularly those of college age — don't understand why the stores would quit selling a product that is sought-after, profitable or not.

"You tell kids at other schools that you go to Ball State, and now you're going to

hear, 'You mean that school where you can't buy a keg?'" said senior Aaron Shepard.

■ **AKRON**, Ohio — Postal workers who thought their coffee tasted funny had their suspicions confirmed after they set up a video camera in their break room.

Now, a colleague has been charged with putting urine in their coffee after he was caught in the act on tape, officials said.

Thomas Shaheen, 49, a vehicle mechanic for the U.S. Postal Service, was charged Aug. 5 with two misdemeanor counts of adulteration of food or placing harmful objects in food. He has been ordered to appear in Municipal Court on Monday.

"Employees did put a video camera in, and that's how they were able to put a stop to what he was doing," said prosecutor Douglas Powley.

The workers believe

Shaheen poured urine into a coffee pot in a break room on July 5 and 6.

None of Shaheen's co-workers was physically harmed.

Shaheen's attorney did not return a call for comment.

■ **EASTMAN**, Ga. — An intern flight instructor and his teacher got an unpleasant surprise when they touched down for a landing.

The twin-engine plane scraped to a halt on its belly Wednesday after the two forgot to put down the aircraft's landing gear, said Fire Chief Carl Johnson.

Nobody was hurt, Johnson said. "They didn't know they had a problem until they touched down," he said.

The Georgia Aviation Technical College plane had only minor damage.

Johnny Payne, public affairs director with the college, credit-

ed the intern's quick thinking when he noticed the landing gear was still up, saying the pilot kept the plane level and did not panic.

■ **SARANAC**, N.Y. — A bushy brow landed Frank Ames in the Guinness Book of World Records, but not before a new entry was created for him.

The 43-year-old upstate New York man now holds the world record for having the longest eyebrow hair, measured just over 3 inches.

"I don't know why it grows like that; it just always has," Ames told the Press-Republican of Plattsburgh.

Ames' journey toward notoriety began almost two years ago when a co-worker at Bombardier Corp. noticed the lengthy brow and suggested Ames try for a record.

When Ames decided to go for it, he discovered that no

such category existed. So, he called Guinness and got the rules for official recognition.

Ken Joy, a machinist at Bombardier, measured the hair in February 2004 with Plattsburgh Mayor Daniel Stewart and other city officials standing by as witnesses.

Ames' record appears in the 2006 edition of the record book, in the "Body Parts" section.

"It's crazy how much people want to know about this," Ames said Tuesday. "I've been on radio shows all day. I could build children's hospitals all across the world, and this is what I would still be known for."



Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 28, the 240th day of 2005. There are 125 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Aug. 28, 1955, Emmett Till, a black teenager from Chicago, was abducted from his uncle's home in Money, Miss., by two white men after he had supposedly whistled at a white woman. He was found brutally murdered three days later. (Two men charged with Till's murder — Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam — were acquitted at trial. They later confessed in a magazine article to beating and shooting Till.)

On this date:

■ In 1609, Henry Hudson discovered Delaware Bay.

■ In 1774, Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born saint, was born in New York City.

■ In 1916, Italy's declaration of war against Germany took effect during World War I.

■ In 1917, 10 suffragists were arrested as they picketed the White House.

■ In 1947, legendary bull-fighter Manolete was mortally wounded by a bull during a fight in Linares, Spain; he died the following day at age 30.

■ In 1963, 200,000 people participated in a peaceful civil rights rally in Washington D.C., where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

■ In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets of Chicago as the Democratic national convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president.

■ In 1973, more than 520 people died as an earthquake shook central Mexico.

■ In 1988, 70 people were killed when three Italian stunt planes collided during an air show at the U.S. Air Base in Ramstein, West Germany.

■ In 1996, Democrats nominated President Clinton for a second term at their national convention in Chicago.

Ten years ago: Chase Manhattan and Chemical Banking announced a \$10 billion-dollar deal to create the biggest bank in the nation. A mortar shell tore through a crowded market in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, killing 38 people and triggering NATO airstrikes against the Bosnian Serbs. California Governor Pete Wilson formally entered the GOP presidential race.

Five years ago: Authorities in Peru announced that four years after military judges convicted American Lori Berenson of planning a rebel

attack, the military had overturned her life sentence, clearing the way for a new civilian trial. (Berenson, who maintains her innocence, was later convicted of "terrorist collaboration" and sentenced to 20 years in prison.)

One year ago: Islamic militants claiming to be holding two French journalists in Iraq gave France 48 hours to overturn the law banning the wearing of Islamic head scarves in schools. (The reporters, Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot, were released in December 2004.) The U.S. men's basketball team won the bronze, the 100th U.S. medal of the Athens Games.

Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Billy Grammer is 80. Actor Ben Gazzara is 75. Former Defense Secretary William S. Cohen is 65. Actor David Soul is 62. Baseball manager Lou Piniella is 62. Actress Alice Playten is 58. Singer Wayne Osmond (The Osmonds) is 54. Actor Daniel Stern is 48. Olympic gold medal figure skater Scott Hamilton is 47. Actress Emma Samms is 45. Country singer Shania Twain is 40. Actor Billy Boyd ("The Lord of the Rings") is 37. Actor Jack Black is 36. Actor Jason Priestley is 36. Olympic gold medal swimmer Janet Evans is 34. Actor J. August Richards is 32. Rock singer-musician Max Collins (Eve 6) is 27. Actress Carly Pope is 25. Country singer LeAnn Rimes is 23. Actor Michael Galeota is 21.

Thought for Today: "The essence of immorality is the tendency to make an exception of one's self." — Jane Addams, American social worker and Nobel Peace laureate (1860-1935).

Beltway

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to the end and we can't shirk it and expect to be the same country we were when we went in.

You think things are bad now? Withdraw the troops and see how much worse they can get.

There may be a time when things are so hopeless that we have no alternative but to leave the mess and live with the consequences. But not now; not yet.

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Raiders jammed in Jamerson Bowl

Wildcats pull away, hand South Floyd 34-8 loss

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - South Floyd Coach Donnie Daniels hoped for a much better outcome in the Third Annual Shorty Jamerson Bowl. The bowl, which honored Wilbur "Shorty" Jamerson, a Kentucky sports legend, who after starring as a player at the University of

Kentucky, settled down in Floyd County as a long time coach and educator at Wheelwright High School, didn't go the way of the home team. Despite falling behind a touchdown to visiting Shelby Valley, South Floyd led early and had a chance to stretch its lead to more than a score before Shelby Valley grabbed control of the game. South Floyd led 8-7 at the end of the

first quarter, before the Wildcats got things turned around. Shelby Valley took a 15-8 lead into halftime and went on to win by a wide margin, 34-8, claiming the Third Annual Shorty Jamerson Bowl victory.

"We knew coming in that they were a big, strong physical football team," Daniels noted. "From what we saw on film, they liked to just line up and run

their offense, which is a lot of running the football."

Shelby Valley ran the football a lot and seldom passed. The Wildcats attempted just four passes during the win over the Raiders.

South Floyd struggled offensively, but still had its chances to creep back in the game late.

The Shelby Valley defense made it

tough on South Floyd senior quarterback Ryan Johnson, intercepting two of his passes.

South Floyd was held to less than 200 yards of total offense after amassing over 400 yards in the season-opener against Magoffin County.

Jon McPeck put Shelby Valley on the scoreboard in the first quarter when he hit paydirt on a 27-yard touchdown. After a successful PAT kick, the Wildcats led 7-0.

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photos by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg dropped its season-opener Friday night, losing to host Hazard. The Prestonsburg defense held a speedy Hazard team to two touchdowns. Senior Darrick Williams (56) played along both the defensive and offensive lines for the Blackcats. Williams was one of several Prestonsburg players who went both ways. Prestonsburg will return to action this next week against rival Pikeville.

Hazard beats Blackcats, 16-14

Late touchdown pass dooms P'burg

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

HAZARD - What a difference one year can make. After suffering through a 4-7 campaign in 2004, the Hazard Bulldogs are starting to turn some heads in 2005. Prestonsburg traveled to Hazard on Friday evening to take on the host Dawgs in the annual Pride of the Mountains Bowl but came home on the wrong end of a 16-14 final score.

Prestonsburg won the toss and elected to take the opening kickoff. On the first play from scrimmage, senior tailback Brandon Peters would scamper

65 yards for a Prestonsburg touchdown to give the cats a 6-0 lead. Seth more would add the extra point and Prestonsburg led 7-0 after only :24 had elapsed off the game clock. Moore also handles the kickoff duties for Prestonsburg and kicked the ball into the end zone on all three kicks on the night. Hazard is led by the senior tandem of Durrell Olinger and Chucky Osteen and on this night both would play key rolls in the Bulldog win.

Hazard would even the game late in the first half on the strength of a 31-yard touchdown run by Olinger and the two point conversion gave the

Bulldogs a 8-7 lead at the half.

The second half would see both starting quarterbacks go down with injuries on the same play. Olinger was tackled by Dave Shaffer with both players coming up with injuries. Shaffer was said to have suffered a hamstring pull while Olinger came up with a slight shoulder injury. While Olinger would return it was Shaffer that did not re-enter the game on this night. Hazard would add another score in the fourth quarter on a fourth and twenty-five pass from Olinger to Osteen to give the Dawgs a 14-7 lead. A two-point conversion

(See BLACKCATS, page two)



Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett sent a play in with sophomore backup quarterback Bobby Hughes

Defending district champ Betsy Layne falls to 3-3

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY - In her first year at the helm of the Betsy Layne High School volleyball program, Christina Crase found success. In her first season as head coach, Crase guided Betsy Layne to a 54th District championship.

Betsy Layne started the current season back on Aug. 9 with a victory. Since then, the Ladycats have went 2-3.

Betsy Layne traveled to Belfry on Thursday night and came up short. Host Belfry won 2-0 (25-23, 25-10)

Betsy Layne owns victories over Phelps, Magoffin County and Shelby Valley. The BLHS volleyball team entered the season minus some talented players from the 2004 squad, who were lost to graduation.

"We have had a rough start this year," Crase confided. "Losing six seniors last year makes us a fairly young team, only having two returning starters, seniors Amanda Gamble, and Tiffany Daniels. It took the players a while to get use to each other, but now I really see an improvement and I think we have great potential. It should be an interesting year."

(See BETSY LAYNE, page two)

AC, Betsy Layne to play in Rowan County tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MOREHEAD - High school volleyball will take center stage at Rowan County High School on Saturday, Sept. 2. The RCHS volleyball program will host a tournament that'll include some of the state's most consistent high school volleyball programs. Locally, both Allen Central and Betsy Layne are scheduled to take part in the tournament.

Other teams in the tournament will include host Rowan County, Lee County, Green County, Lexington Catholic, Russell, Ashland Blazer and East Carter.

Rowan County, a member of the 16th Region, has hosted the tournament now for several years.

Allen Central, coached by Larry Maynard, spent Saturday in Hardin County, playing the volleyball teams from John Hardin and Central Hardin high schools. The Rebel volleyball team plays one of the area's most competitive schedules. Allen Central will take part in a tournament hosted by Hazard High School on Sept. 10 and later in the

(See ROWAN, page two)

6th Annual Floyd County Hunter Ed Organization event held

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The 6th Annual Floyd County Hunter Education Organization Youth Squirrel Hunt and Campout was held Aug. 19-20 at the German Bridge Campground at Dewey Lake. Sixty-six young boys and girls took part in the annual event that coincides with the opening of the August squirrel season. In addition to the youth hunters, there were more than 100 adults in attendance. Each youngster had to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The heat index for the entire

(See FLOYD, page two)



Sixty-six youngsters took part in the 6th Annual Floyd County Hunter Education Organization Youth Squirrel Hunt and Campout.

Raiders

Ethan Johnson answered for South Floyd near the end of the quarter, scoring with 15 seconds remaining on a one-yard run.

Ryan Johnson found Anthony Thornsberry on the two-point conversion pass and the Raiders took an 8-6 lead out of the first quarter.

South Floyd held a slim lead until Zack Mullins put Shelby Valley ahead with a 47-yard touchdown run. McPeck added the two-point conversion run, putting Shelby Valley ahead 15-8. South Floyd had a chance to score a second touchdown late in the second half when Shelby Valley halted a Raider drive, intercepting a Ryan Johnson-passed ball in the endzone.

The Wildcats added one

score in the third quarter and a final score late in the fourth frame.

Offensively, McPeck did the most damage for the Wildcats, rushing 15 times for 185 yards and scoring twice via the run.

Shelby Valley (2-0) opened the season with a 14-6 win over East Ridge in the Pike County Bowl. Next up for the Wildcats and first-year head coach Anthony Hampton is Grundy, Va.

With the loss, South Floyd has started a second straight season 1-1. The Raiders were 1-1 after two games in 2004, opening with a win over Powell County and losing the following week to Pike County Central. South Floyd went on to finish

the 2004 season with an 8-3 mark, the best in school history.

With little time to look back, the Raiders must now prepare to play their second Pike County opponent in two weeks.

South Floyd is scheduled to play on the road for the first time during the 2005 season next week in Pike County against East Ridge (0-1). The Warriors, with Eric Ratliff calling the shots as head coach in a second stint, had an extra week to prepare for the Raiders following an open week after the Pike County Bowl loss to county rival Shelby Valley.

"The East Ridge game will be another tough game for us," said Daniels, "we have to be ready to play."

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Rowan

month, travel to Johnson County to play in the Johnson Central Invitational.

Johnson Central, coached by Debbie McCool, continues to improve. The Johnson Central

volleyball team if off to a 5-1 start and has victories over Pike County Central. Magoffin County, Shelby Valley, Lawrence County and Perry County Central. Johnson Central's only

loss to date came at home on Tuesday against Belfry.

Other teams slated to play in the Johnson Central tourney include Paintsville. Magoffin County and Pike County Central.

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Betsy Layne

Crase is pleased that her team has been able to play well. Both the returning veteran and younger players have contributed.

"Recently we have had some young players really step up their game," said Crase. "Sophomore Jordan Jarrell went down fighting, serving 14 straight against Sheldon Clark. Sophomore, Tara Case has made

a huge impact in many games. She came in for Senior Ammie Coleman who is out for a while after a car accident. I am really proud of all my players. They have all reached a new level this year."

Betsy Layne is scheduled to return to the court Monday at home against visiting district/conference rival Prestonsburg.

BLHS VOLLEYBALL • UPCOMING MATCHES

Aug. 29 Prestonsburg, 6 p.m.
 Aug. 30 at South Floyd, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 2 Lee County, 6:30 p.m. (At Rowan County Invitational)
 Sept. 2 at Rowan Co., 7:30 p.m. (Rowan County Invitational)
 Sept. 6 Shelby Valley, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 8 at Magoffin Co. 6 p.m.

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Blackcats

pass from Olinger to Lou Jones pushed the lead to 16-7.

Prestonsburg got within two points late after a two-yard touchdown run from Brenton Hamilton but the cats could not stop Hazard in the closing minutes and the Bulldogs were able to run out the clock to preserve the 16-14 win and improve to 2-0 on the season.

Prestonsburg had it's share of

bright spots in the game as senior Zack Ousley and junior Tyler Layne anchored a stingy Blackcat defense for most of the night. Brandon Peters got his first start at tailback and ran for well over 100 yards on the night.

Lincoln Slone came up with the defensive play of the night for the Cats. After a pass completion from Olinger to Colby

Hoskins, Slone would run down Hoskins and strip the ball away at the Prestonsburg one yard line. Prestonsburg was only able to muster one pass completion on the night, but were in the game late with the opportunity to win the game.

Hazard will take on Berea next week while Prestonsburg will travel to Pikeville to take on the rival Panthers.

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H.S. FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Ballard 49, Bates Creek 7	(Pride of the Mountains Gridiron Classic)
Belleuve 42, Estill County 6	Knott County Central 48, Magoffin County 0
Boyd County 27, Sheldon Clark 20	Lafayette 36, Jeffersontown 7
Campbell County 27, West Jessamine 14	Mason County 25, Montgomery County 0
Danville 30, Southwestern 27	Paintsville 61, Allen Central 14
(at Somerset, Ray Correll Bowl)	Paul Dunbar 28, Madison Central 19
East Carter 12, Fairview 6	Rockcastle County 49, Cawood 3
Edmonson County 38, Caverna 27	Russell 25, Greenup County 6
Fleming County 44, Breathitt County 6	Shelby Valley 34, South Floyd 8
Frankfort 40, Western Hills 0	Wayne, W.Va. 27, Lawrence County 0
George Rogers Clark 36, Bryan Station 14	West Carter 50, Nicholas County 26
Hazard 16, Prestonsburg 14	Williamsburg 48, Jellico, Tenn. 14

Floyd

weekend was at least 100 degrees or more, but everyone enjoyed the event. The number of squirrels killed by the young participants was down this year compared to last with the heat being blamed for the low count.

The Floyd County Hunter Education Organization is a group of dedicated volunteers that teach the required hunter education classes for the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Department several times a year in Floyd County. Six years ago, the group founded the annual squirrel hunt and campout as an effort to promote for the young hunters the art of squirrel hunting. The group holds the view that to be a good squirrel hunter one must master the skills of a good outdoorsman. The group also believes lessons learned in squirrel hunting will last a lifetime since one must acquire good shooting skills, concealment and the art of being silent in the pursuit of game.

The campout kicked off with the campers working on their campsites in the primitive section of the campground. After registration, the campers gathered for the evening meal of hamburgers, hot dogs and french fries. The campout was again free to all and the food was donated or purchased by the sponsors of the event. After supper the entire group was entertained by the appearance of a mountain man by the name of Squirrelly Joe, a squirrel preach-

er who takes squirrels with his sling shot. Joe told the group he favored the sling shot since it made no sounds that would help the game wardens locate him. He also showed his skills by knocking several squirrels out of the trees. But he forgot that the Fish and Wildlife Department was a sponsor of the campout. Two of the game wardens caught the mountain man in the act just as the last squirrel hit the ground. This marked the same year that he was arrested for the same offense, proving that all hunters must abide by the hunting rules and regulations, including hunting during the correct designated times.

Squirrel season officially opened on Saturday morning, Aug. 20.

On Saturday morning around 5:30 a.m., campers were served a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, milk and/or coffee. After breakfast, the young hunters were off to the ridges in search of a limit of squirrels.

At around 10 a.m., hunters returned to camp for a group picture. After lunch, the campers took part in a variety of activities. Each camper took part in canoe rides, archery, a video safety hunting and shooting exercise provided by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and a turkey calling seminar.

The campout concluded with a supper of wild game, which included white tail deer, Nilgai, a type of deer, Water Buffalo, Axis deer and summer sausages

as well as the old standby of french fries, baked beans and corn on the cob imported from northern Ohio.

The campout closed with drawings for four youth model shotguns. Door prizes were also given away.

The sponsors for this year's youth hunt were The Floyd County Hunter Education Organization; Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club, Inc.; Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF); Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Kentucky Hunter Education Association.

Donors for this year's event were Ace Hazard and Farm Supply, Willard, Ohio; B&B Distributors, Paintsville; Food City, Prestonsburg; Joe R. Bolton, Royalton; Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin; Wal-Mart, Prestonsburg; Mark Wallace, Hueysville; Hall Brothers Funeral Home, Martin; Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club, Inc.; Floyd County Chapter of the NWTF; Floyd County Hunter Education Organization; Messer's Department Store, Martin; Kentuckiana Election Service, Royalton; Rick Crider; Camp Shawnee, Endicott; Larry Lafferty Taxidermy, Endicott; Conley General Store, Salyersville, Mark Preston, East Point; Sav a Lot, Prestonsburg; McDonalds, Prestonsburg; Wright Lumber, Martin, Tom Bormes, Printer.

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Falcons 23, Jaguars 7

by MARK LONG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - A few hours after Fred Taylor had knee surgery in January, he sat on his couch and wondered whether he would ever play football again.

What might have been a legitimate concern at the time seems almost silly now.

Taylor carried four times for 18 yards in his preseason debut Thursday night, a rain-drenched 23-7 loss to the Atlanta Falcons. He also caught two passes for 8 yards. He made several cuts, took two hard hits and found renewed confidence that he will return to full speed this season.

"I don't want to get too excited, but I'm going to cherish this moment," Taylor said after the game. "It was a pretty serious injury. I was on the couch thinking, 'What am I going to do without football?'"

Taylor injured his left knee Dec. 19 against Green Bay and missed the final two games of last season. He had surgery to repair two partially torn ligaments and said doctors "cleaned up some other stuff, too."

He started running again in the spring, but was limited to one practice a day during training camp and did not participate in any contact drills.

That changed against Atlanta.

He sprinted up the middle on Jacksonville's third play, avoided a defender with a 360-degree spin move and then got hit directly on his left knee.

Taylor's first real action in more than eight months provided a 13-yard gain for Jacksonville's offense and an even bigger lift for himself.

"I didn't have as much burst as I would have liked, but everyone says it'll come back and I believe it will," he said.

The Falcons gave Taylor mixed reviews.

"Fred looked pretty good tonight," defensive tackle Rod Coleman said. "He wasn't hesitating, he saw daylight and just took off for it. He looked like the Taylor of old I thought."

But linebacker Keith Brooking saw things slightly different.

"When he's healthy, I've always said there's hardly anyone in the business better than him," Brooking said. "He does so many good things. But I saw that knee brace - it sticks out - so you know he's not 100 percent. But he looked pretty good. He's running hard. They just wanted to get him a few carries and get him knocked around a little bit."

Taylor touched the ball three times on the opening series (two runs and a reception) and gained 20 yards. Safety Keion Carpenter hit Taylor directly on his left knee after his first carry,

then linebacker Ike Reese drove the running back to the ground on his next attempt. After each tackle, Taylor got up without hesitation or help.

And he was downright giddy with the results.

"I know it probably sounds like we won a championship or something, but I feel good," Taylor said.

Taylor was admittedly nervous and cautiously optimistic before the game. But more than anything, "Fragile Fred" wanted to prove to everyone, including himself, that he hasn't lost a step after seven injury-filled seasons.

"We all know Fred is the catalyst of this offense and to see him get that gain up the middle, it's a big boost for the whole team," receiver Jimmy Smith said.

Taylor left the game after the first play of Jacksonville's third series, giving way to backups. He wanted to remain on the field but said coaches told him he was done for the night.

He won't play again until the season opener Sept. 11 against Seattle.

The Jaguars conclude the preseason next week at Dallas, but coach Jack Del Rio said Taylor will not play because the game is on artificial turf.

"We've seen what he had to go through to get back, so we're all happy for him," quarterback Byron Leftwich said.

Titans add QB Chris Redman, release three

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Tennessee Titans shuffled their competition for their No. 3 quarterback Monday by releasing undrafted free agent Gino Guidugli and signing Chris Redman in time for practice.

Redman, who played at Louisville, was a third-round pick by Baltimore in 2001 and spent three seasons with the Ravens. He went 3-3 in six career starts but was out of football last year. New England signed him in January but released him in June.

Coach Jeff Fisher said they had worked out Redman and liked what he did.

"We are going to give Chris

an opportunity here the next couple weeks to let him compete for that third spot," Fisher said. "There is a chance that Chris could even get in this ballgame for Friday night."

Redman faces better odds with the Titans who originally had four undrafted free agent quarterbacks on the roster with only Shane Boyd of Kentucky still left. Fisher said Redman understands the offense and has experience.

But this may not be the last move in their search for a third quarterback.

"There may be some other guys out there. We just felt timing-wise this was good. He is healthy and certainly willing right now," Fisher said.

The Titans also released rookie receiver Chris Bush and running back Walter Reyes, who had not been drafted coming out of Syracuse.

Fullback Troy Fleming returned to practice for the first time in more than a week after spraining a knee. Safety Justin Sandy, who broke an ankle in his only game last season, was removed from the physically unable to perform list and practiced for the first time in training camp.

Left tackle Brad Hopkins also twisted his right knee at the end of practice when he was caught up at the line. He was able to walk off the field on his own with a team doctor.

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Commonwealth Cup race announced for Kentucky Lake Motor Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CALVERT CITY — Kentucky Lake Motor Speedway promoter Sherri Heckenast and officials of the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series have reached an agreement to sanction the 9th Annual Commonwealth Cup on Saturday night, Oct. 29. There will be a complete show that evening for the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series with Oval Craft Racing Aluminum Designs Time Trials, VP Fuels Makin' Power Heat Races, Mason Racin' Rebel Shock Dyno and PPM Racing Products B-Mains and the 50-lap \$10,000

to win and \$1,200 to start 9th Annual Commonwealth Cup main event.

The race at the state of the art facility will mark the first appearance for the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series which is in the midst of an outstanding points chase for the championship. A mere 225 points separates the top four drivers which are Don O'Neal, Earl Pearson, Jr., Matt Miller and Donnie Moran. In the first 25 races held this year there have been 15 different winners and 439 different drivers have raced with the series this season.

The first Commonwealth Cup event was held in 1997 as

Bob Pierce came home the first winner of the event. In 1998, Ashland native Steve Francis took home the cup for the first time and then repeated the winning effort in 1999. In 2000 there were two \$10,000 to win Commonwealth Cup races held with Scott Bloomquist and Terry English each taking victories. In 2001, Brian Birkhofer was the winner. In 2002, Billy Moyer took home the top honors. Bloomquist took his second cup win in 2003. In the most recent Cup race, held in 2004, Francis made it three wins in the prestigious event taking home the first-place money again.

On Friday, Oct. 28, a non-

sanctioned \$10,000-to-win event will be held preceding the 9th Annual Commonwealth Cup race the following night. Promoter Sherri Heckenast has also announced that a \$3,000 bonus award will be given to the driver with the highest average finish of the two nights of racing combined.

Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series officials have also announced that the cameras of ESPN2 will be at Kentucky Lake Motor Speedway taping the 9th Annual Commonwealth Cup for broadcast at a time and date to be announced.

Kentucky Lake Motor Speedway is located in Calvert

City at the I-24 and Purchase Parkway interchange.

Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series

Saturday Night, Oct. 29
9th Annual Commonwealth Cup
Kentucky Lake Motor Speedway, Calvert City

Event Payoff

- 1. \$10,000
- 2. 7,000
- 3. 5,000
- 4. 4,000
- 5. 3,500
- 6. 3,400

- 7. 3,300
- 8. 3,200
- 9. 3,000
- 10. 2,500
- 11. 1,500
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Little League names its 2005 Good Sport of the Year

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — The Little League Good Sport Award annually recognizes a Little Leaguer who has demonstrated superior qualities of sportsmanship, leadership, a commitment to teamwork and a desire to excel. Dawson Fair of Elizabethton National Little League in Elizabethton, Tenn., has exemplified all of those qualities and this August at the 2005 Little League Baseball World Series in Williamsport, Pa., he will be recognized with receipt of the Little League Good Sport of the Year Award.

"Being a good sport in Little League has nothing to do with victories, or playing statistics," Stephen D. Keener, president and chief executive officer of Little League Baseball and Softball, said. "Being a supportive teammate, and leading by example are traits that can be

learned in Little League, and often translate into attributes of success later in life. Dawson's willingness to respect his coaches and put the team needs in front of his own makes him a worthy recipient of this award."

Fair, 10, is the son of Van and Sandy Fair and is a four-grader at Westside Elementary School. A Little League participant since he was a league-age five-year-old, the young Fair played the majority of this season's games at catcher. In his first year as a Major Division player, he was selected to the 9-10-year-old all-star team.

"Dawson said there are other kids who deserve (this award) more than me ... he's been very humble," Fair, a police officer in neighboring Kingsport, said. "He is really excited about coming to the Little League World Series. He asked, 'Do I really get to go there?' All I could tell him was, 'That's what the letter

says.'" Fair complimented his son's good nature, but also gave credit to his Little League coaches and the Elizabethton National Little League for creating a positive environment that focuses on having a good time, while stressing the importance of sportsmanship.

The Little League Good Sport Award Program was established in 1989 to amplify the importance of Little League Baseball as a leadership training program, utilizing baseball and softball as a vehicle for instilling in children valuable principles, while never figuring in the youngster's playing ability or personal statistics.

Little League Baseball and Softball is the world's largest organized youth sports program, with nearly 2.7 million players and 1 million adult volunteers in every U.S. state and scores of other countries.

South Floyd beats Pike Central, breaks two-game skid

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK —

After opening the season with a 2-0 win over 15th Region rival Shelby Valley, the South Floyd High School volleyball team dropped its next two matches, losing 0-2 to both Hazard and district/conference rival Prestonsburg. The Raiders got back on the positive side in a big way Thursday night, beating host Pike County Central 2-1.

Host Pike Central edged South Floyd 25-23 in the first game before the visiting Raiders livened up and took the second game 25-8. The

Raiders claimed the third and final game of the varsity match, winning 25-19.

Leslie Holbrook was 17-of-19 on serves with 14 assists, five aces and eight digs. Katie Cook finished with seven kills, went 10-for-12 on serves and had three aces and 15 digs.

Megan Castle finished eight-of-10 on serves with five kills, four aces and 30 digs. Amber Tackett was eight-for-11 on serves with four aces and 17 digs. Stephanie Slone and Natasha Osborne each had seven digs. Osborne also had five kills and three aces. Slone was eight-of-10 on serves. Tiffany Tackett who played in the libero role for

the Raiders, added 15 digs.

The SFHS volleyball team was busy Saturday as it played host to the 4th Annual South Floyd Spikefest. Results from the Raider volleyball event were unavailable at press time.

South Floyd has upcoming varsity matches scheduled against Betsy Layne (Tuesday) and Paintsville (Thursday).

The Raiders are scheduled to play in the Lawrence County Invitational tournament on Saturday, Sept. 10. Other teams set to join South Floyd and event host Lawrence County are Paintsville, Fairview, Pike County Central, Sheldon Clark, East Ridge and Rowan County.

UofL softball walk-on tryouts slated for Sept. 7

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville softball team will be holding walk-on tryouts on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at Ulmer Stadium in Cardinal Park. Those interested in trying out should arrive at 4:30 to fill out the necessary paperwork. The tryout will begin at approx-

imately 5 p.m.

To tryout for the softball team, students must:

Have applied and been admitted to the University of Louisville; Be registered as a full-time student for the 2005 fall semester; Show proof insurance at the time of the try-

out; Sign a U of L athletic department tryout waiver and NCAA compliance forms.

Any questions regarding the tryout should be directed to associate head coach Carol Bruggeman at 502/852-5344 or via email at: c.bruggeman@louisville.edu.

KHSAA participates in NFHS steroid education efforts

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — In cooperation with a steroids education program produced by the National Federation of State High School Associations, the KHSAA has provided each of its member schools with a complimentary copy of two videos (one for students and one for parents/coaches) and posters the NFHS produced to better educate student-athletes and parents on the dangers on the use of steroids and other performance enhancement drugs.

"The videos and posters produced by the National Federation are an excellent way to help us educate the student-athletes and their parents about

the symptoms and dangers of the use of steroids and other drugs," KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries said. "State Associations are recognizing that use has filtered to the prep level and we want to assist in educating the various athletes, parents, coaches and administrators, in any way we can."

HYPE STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE — The annual HYPE/KHSAA Student Leadership Conference is set for Wednesday, Aug. 31 at the Lexington Convention Center. This marks the fifth year the Association has provided the free conference for student-athletes to learn teamwork exercises, sportsmanship initiatives and discuss current issues. Over

400 student-athletes and advisors are expected to attend.

Former Louisville Iroquois and WNBA star Kym Hampton will be the conference opening speaker. Hampton was a member of the New York Liberty of the WNBA. She currently lives in Brooklyn where she teaches and is a professional model and singer. Hampton was inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame in March.

Harvey Alston will be the closing speaker. Alston returns to the event having spoken at the first two KHSAA Conferences. He is a former successful coach and teacher in Ohio and currently is one of the more popular high-energy motivational speakers.

P'burg beats Pikeville, improves to 4-0

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Still perfect. The Prestonsburg High School volleyball team hit the road for the first time during the 2005 season Thursday evening. The Blackcats remained perfect, defeating Pikeville 2-1.

Prestonsburg dropped the first game but rebounded to take the next two from host Pikeville. The Panthers squeaked by in the first game of the varsity match, winning 26-24. After settling down in its first road match of the season, Prestonsburg dominated Pikeville in the final two games, winning 25-13, 25-11.

"Our girls were able to settle down and play real well after that first game," noted Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp. "I thought we played real well in those last two games."

Four games into the 2005 season, Prestonsburg owns victories over Lawrence County, Sheldon Clark, South Floyd and Pikeville.

Prestonsburg is already halfway past its entire win total of seven matches from last season.

The win over Pikeville was Prestonsburg's third victory in four days. The Blackcats opened the season with a 3-0 win over Lawrence County less than two

weeks ago with a 3-0 win. The Blackcats were scheduled to return to the court Saturday on the road at 54th District/Floyd County Conference rival South Floyd.

H.S. VOLLEYBALL SCOREBOARD

Thursday's scores

Belfry2, Betsy Layne 0	25-23, 25-10
Bourbon Co. 2, Montgomery Co. 1	13-25, 26-24, 25-18
Breathitt County 2, Owsley County 1	25-13, 24-26, 25-13
Corbin 2, Middlesboro 0	25-15, 25-13
Cumberland2, Knox Central 0	25-14, 25-13
Evarts 2, Harlan 0	25-18, 25-21
Fleming County 2, Nicholas County 1	24-26, 25-19, 25-10
Garrard County 2, McCreary Central 0	25-20, 25-23
George Rogers Clark 2, East Jessamine 0	25-21, 25-13
Harrison County 2, Powell County 0	25-11, 25-16
Johnson Central 2, Perry County Central 0	26-24, 25-15
Letcher County Central 2, East Ridge 0	25-14, 25-12
Lewis County 3, West Carter1	25-16, 25-20, 23-25, 25-20
Madison Central 2, Estill County 0	25-10, 25-13
Morgan County 3, East Carter 1	25-20, 20-25, 25-19, 25-15
Oneida Baptist Institute 2, Jackson County0	25-19, 25-16
Prestonsburg 2, Pikeville1	24-26, 25-13, 25-11
Pulaski County 2, North Laurel 0	25-19, 25-8
Rockcastle County 2, Clay County 0	25-18, 25-11
Russell 2, Ashland Blazer 1	25-19, 17-25, 25-20
South Floyd2 Pike County Central 1	23-25, 25-8, 25-19
South Laurel 2, Somerset 0	25-14, 25-12
Whitley County 2, Lynn Camp 0	25-8, 25-10



A boys' basketball team from the Left Beaver area stayed busy over the summer, playing in a basketball camp held at Transylvania University. The team finished fourth in the five-on-five competition. Cartney Conn won the three-point shooting contest and Shannon Turner won the "Cut Throat" competition.



The South Floyd High School girls' basketball team played various games over the summer. The team played several area teams, including 15th Region rivals Johnson Central and Shelby Valley. Right: Chelsie Tuttle is pictured driving to the basket. Left: Heather Dean blocked an opponent's shot attempt.

KDFWR recommends 2005-06 waterfowl seasons

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission set tentative dates for the 2005-2006 waterfowl seasons and modified trout regulations on the Cumberland River at its quarterly meeting Aug. 19 in Frankfort.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR).

The Commission must place waterfowl seasons in the framework mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service because all migratory game birds are under federal control.

Ducks, Coots and Mergansers:

The duck seasons (except for canvasbacks) will be split for 2005-2006. The first duck season runs from November 24 (Thanksgiving Day) through November 27, 2005 statewide. The season again opens December 5, 2005 and closes January 29, 2006 statewide. The daily bag limit on hen mallard ducks will be reduced from 2 to 1 hen mallard duck, but all other bag limits remain the same as last year except scaup, which is dependent on the final frameworks of the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service. Northern pintails may now be taken for the entire duck season, but under a one pintail daily limit.

Season dates for mergansers and coots are the same as the duck season dates for the 2005-2006 seasons. The daily bag limit for mergansers is five, only one of which may be a hooded merganser. The daily limit for coots is 15.

The season on canvasback ducks is December 31 through January 29, 2006. The daily limit is one canvasback duck.

Dates for the goose hunting seasons are as follows:

Canada Geese:

Western Goose Zone (except the portion of Fulton County in Western Goose Zone that extends to February 15, 2006) - December 5, 2005 - January 31, 2006

Pennyrile-Coalfield Goose Zone (including West-Central Canada Goose subzone) - December 13, 2005 - January 31, 2006

Eastern Goose Zone - December 13, 2005 - January 31, 2006

Northeastern Canada Goose Zone - December 31 - January 8, 2006 and January 21 - January 31, 2006

White-fronted Geese:

Statewide - November 24, 2005 - January 31, 2006

Snow Geese:

Regular Season

- November 24, 2005 - January 31, 2006

Conservation Order Season:

Eastern Goose Zone:

February 1 - March 31, 2006

Western, Pennyrile-Coalfield and West-Central Goose Zones:

February 1-3, 2006; February 6 - March 31, 2006

Fulton County

- February 16 - March 31, 2006

Youth Waterfowl Season:

Eastern Zone:

November 5-6, 2005

Western Zone:

February 4-5, 2006

In other waterfowl related business, the reporting area quota for Canada geese will be 6,700 in the Ballard Reporting Area and 2,600 in the Henderson-Union Reporting Area. The Commission recommended removing the restriction of no more than five hunters occupying a waterfowl blind on private lands in the Ballard Reporting Area. Regulations remain unchanged on public hunting lands.

Also, the Commission recommended that a quota waterfowl hunter shall be prohibited from participating in other waterfowl quota hunts that year and the year following if the waterfowl quota hunter violates state or federal regulations while participating in a KDFWR waterfowl quota hunt.

In fisheries related business, the Commission also recommended modifying trout regulations on the Cumberland River (Lake Cumberland tailwater) below Wolf Creek Dam. Anglers can no longer cull trout on the Cumberland River.

Culling means anglers cannot replace a trout in their possession with another trout. Once an angler holds a trout in their possession, it counts toward the daily creel limit. Also on the Cumberland River, anglers may not attract (chum) trout with bait, corn or other attractants designed to draw numbers of trout to a specific area. (These items remain legal bait for hook and line use.) This includes all tributaries up to the first riffle and Hatchery Creek.

The fisheries related recommendations, if approved by the legislative review committees, take effect on March 1, 2007.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission elected officers to serve until August, 2006. First District Commission Member Charles Martin was elected chairman and Seventh District Commission Member Doug Hensley was elected vice-chairman. Dr. James Rich, Fifth District, was elected secretary.

The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 9 at the Game Farm off U.S. 60 in Frankfort. Persons

interested in addressing the Commission must notify the KDFWR Commissioner's office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact the KDFWR at least 10 days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. To request to address the commission, write to KDFWR, Commissioner Jon Gasset, No. 1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, Ky., 40601.

Waterfowl blind drawings for Sloughs WMA

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TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' staff will conduct the annual drawing for waterfowl hunting blind sites on portions of the Sloughs Wildlife Management Area (WMA) at a public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the Union County Middle School in Morgantown.

Hunters will be required to have in their possession a valid 2005-06 Kentucky hunting license, a state waterfowl permit

and a federal duck stamp to be eligible to register. Registration will open at 6 p.m. with the drawing beginning at 7 p.m. (Central).

The drawing will be for use of waterfowl hunting blind sites on the Grassy Pond-Powell's Lake and Highland Creek Units of Sloughs WMA in Henderson and Union counties. Persons selected will have priority of use over the assigned blind sites; however, these blinds will be open to the public each day if the selected hunters are not on site by 30 minutes before shooting time.

Selected hunters will be responsible for locating, cleaning, preparing, camouflaging and maintaining the blind site for the 2005-06 season. The selected hunters may name a partner for the waterfowl hunting blind site.

Selection for use of the blind sites on the Crenshaw and Duncan II tracts will be performed by computer selection system for two or three-day hunts as they have in the past. Waterfowl hunting on the balance of the Jenny Hole Unit and Highland Creek Units will remain open to "walk-in, wade-in, boat-in hunting" as they have in the past.

For additional information contact: KDFWR Information at 1-800-858-1549 or staff at Sloughs WMA at 1-270-827-2673.

Horsemen's group sues over new Kentucky medication rule

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — A state horsemen's group sued the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority and the state Tuesday, asking that a new thoroughbred medication rule passed by the authority — which was given emergency status and signed last week by Gov. Ernie Fletcher — be declared invalid.

The Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and Rick Hiles, a horse owner and trainer, filed the lawsuit in Franklin County Circuit Court in Frankfort. The Louisville-based KHBPA said that, contrary to the belief of Fletcher and the racing authority, no emergency exists concerning the current medication rule. The group also said that certain portions of the new rule were not available for public review.

The group wants a judge to issue an injunction to keep the racing authority from enforcing the regulations.

LaJuana Wilcher, the secretary of the state Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet — which oversees the racing authority — said Tuesday the new rule "restores some integrity" to Kentucky racing and said there was "ample opportunity for input and comment" before the racing authority passed the rule unanimously on Aug. 15.

The racing authority basically adopted a model rule that limits drugs and medications that can be administered to a thoroughbred on a race day and sets penalties for violators of the rule. The policy is based on

a rule promoted by the national Racing Medication and Testing Consortium, a group trying to establish a national uniform medication policy.

The most notable change in Kentucky's rules will be that race-day medications will be limited to one anti-bleeding drug — Salix, formerly called Lasix — and two adjunct bleeder medications. Also, a single, nonsteroidal, anti-inflammatory drug can be administered 24 hours before post time. Under the former rules, two such drugs could be given up to four hours before post time, as well as a steroid drug.

The rule includes a specific drug classification schedule, upon which penalties for violations will be based. The three classes are drugs that have no legitimate use in the horse, drugs that have a legitimate use but have high potential to influence the horse's performance and therapeutic medications with low potential to influence the horse's performance.

Fletcher signed the regulation Friday. His spokeswoman, Carla Blanton, said the emergency regulation will remain in place for 180 days from that point. For it to become permanent, it must go through the ordinary legislative process.

The rule will be enforced starting Sept. 7, when Turfway Park in Florence opens its fall meet.

According to the lawsuit, the changes in the rule are "substantial and dramatic" and "deserving of study and comment by horsemen prior to their implementation." It said the rule does not meet the requirements to be considered as an emergency measure and that it

was filed "without reporting to the General Assembly the need for changes regarding the regulation of drugs in horse racing" in the state, which makes it invalid.

Marty Maline, the KHBPA's executive director, said horsemen oppose the rule because "it's not in the best interest of the horse" and it "will not allow them to provide therapeutically what the horse needs."

Maline said the racing authority's decision was based on research that has not been documented or peer-reviewed.

Wilcher argued that there is an emergency, saying the most recent medication rule on the books — passed by the now-defunct Kentucky Racing Commission — is even stricter than the one passed last week by the racing authority. She said the racing commission didn't operate under its official medication rule, though, which resulted in Kentucky having one of the most liberal medication policies in the nation.

Those "internal policies" used by the commission in recent years weren't "publicly processed," she said, adding the emergency status for the new rule was necessary for public health and safety reasons.

"If horses are drugged to the point they do not feel pain, if they run while being medicated, they are more likely to break down (or) act erratically," she said. "That puts both the horse and jockey at risk."

Fletcher abolished the racing commission in January 2004 and replaced it with the racing authority. Fletcher had encouraged the adoption of the tougher medication rules.

Synthetic surface ready for North America debut

by TERRY KINNEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLORENCE — Turfway Park is ready to usher in what could be a new era in horse racing, as the first track in North America to use a British-inspired surface that replaces dirt, clay and sand.

It's called Polytrack, a mixture of wax-coated polypropylene fibers, recycled rubber and fine sand. It looks like the insulation that's blown into the attic of a house.

Proponents say it makes a safer, more consistent racing surface that requires less maintenance and drains so efficiently that the track always will be rated fast or wet-fast, regardless of rainfall.

"Water runs right through it. No more sloppy racetracks," said Rogers Beasley, director of racing at Keeneland, which co-owns Turfway Park, about 10 miles south of Cincinnati, along with Harrah's Entertainment.

Keeneland has a vested interest. It is partnering with Martin Collins International as the North America manufacturer and distributor for Polytrack.

Collins created Polytrack and has been installing it in England since the 1980s, at first just at training facilities. It has been used as a racing surface at Lingfield Park since 2001, and was installed at Wolverhampton Racecourse in 2004.

"This surface has met every test in England," Beasley said.

Keeneland installed Polytrack on its five-eighths mile training track last year and has all but said it will install Polytrack on its main track if the experiment at Turfway works out.

"We're sure looking at it,"

Beasley said. "We wouldn't be up here promoting it if we weren't."

Other tracks are watching, too. The new owners of Hollywood Park in California have said they will install Polytrack if they get a state license to race in 2006-2008, and Del Mar officials have said they will decide in October whether to install Polytrack.

Del Mar vice president Craig Fravel has said resurfacing that track could cost \$4 million to \$5 million but could save \$500,000 a year in maintenance costs.

Turfway president Bob Elliston said Polytrack and other improvements cost \$5 million to \$6 million.

Polytrack is one of many changes at Turfway, which has gotten a facelift, a consolidation of ownership and will be the first track in Kentucky to race under strict new medication rules.

Training on the track began in early August. The track's fall meet starts Sept. 7.

About 7 inches of the mixture is put over a base of rough stones, which allows water to drain downward rather than running toward the rail, making a quagmire for inside horses.

The drainage aspect eliminates the need for a crown in the middle of the track, making the new racing surface look wider than the old one.

Also, the surface is uniformly firm and level. Experts say stretch-runners will have a better chance of winning than before, when Turfway was known as a speed-favoring track where a horse that made the early lead and hugged the rail usually won.

"I think it's going to revolutionize racing," said Mike

Battaglia, who sets the morning line for Turfway, Keeneland and Churchill Downs.

Elliston said so many trainers want to train and compete at Turfway's fall meet — because of Polytrack — that the track received 1,600 applications for its 900 stalls.

Elliston expects Polytrack to withstand the extreme weather that has been a problem at Turfway Park. The track's winter meeting spans December, January and February, and every year racing days are lost because of frozen and hazardous track conditions.

Polytrack may offer an added benefit. Turfway Park has no turf course, but trainer Wayne Mogge, who has 25 horses stabled at Turfway, thinks Polytrack has a feel somewhat like grass.

That would enable trainers to run more turf horses in the winter.

"A turf horse is not bothered by it," said trainer Patrick Biancone. "It's a very good surface."

Although the racing industry has high hopes for Polytrack, a couple of North American tracks have experimented with synthetic surfaces that proved unsuccessful.

Remington Park in Oklahoma City opened in 1988 using a surface known as Equitrac, a polymer-coated sand. It switched to a conventional dirt track in 1991 after some horsemen complained about the footing, especially in hot weather.

Scott Wells, general manager of Remington Park, still thinks Equitrac was unfairly done in by trainers and is glad to see a fresh attempt at a synthetic surface.

"I think it has great possibilities. It may well be the future of racing," Wells said.

He said acceptance in Kentucky would give Polytrack greater stature than if it were installed in Oklahoma.

"When your opinion leaders accept something, and it's done at major centers of the sport, it probably will receive better reviews," Wells said.

Calder Race Course in Miami experimented with a Tartan track that it ultimately covered with sand and then tore up, replacing it with a conventional surface.

"I'm rooting for them," said Ken Dunn, general manager at Calder.

On the Net:
Martin Collins Surfaces & Footings, LLC:
<http://www.polytrack.com>
Turfway Park:
<http://www.turfway.com>



Youngsters and adults alike enjoyed the 6th Annual Floyd County Hunter Education Youth Squirrel Hunt and Campout.

Franklin disputes summary of testimony in Bassett court filing

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — A former University of Kentucky football coach on Friday disputed the summary of his testimony made by attorneys for a former colleague in a filing in a court case brought by the colleague.

Tony Franklin, who served with Claude Bassett under then-Kentucky head coach Hal Mumme, said that Bassett's attorneys, in a filing made Wednesday in U.S. District Court, offered a skewed version of Franklin's testimony during a deposition.

Bassett, Kentucky's former recruiting coordinator and the central figure in an NCAA

investigation that led to major sanctions, sued the University of Kentucky Athletic Association, the NCAA and the Southeastern Conference last September, claiming they conspired to keep him from landing another college job, and asked for \$50 million in damages.

In May, a federal judge dismissed a portion of Bassett's lawsuit that claimed the defendants violated federal antitrust laws by banning him from coaching. U.S. District Judge Joseph Hood also threw out a claim of civil conspiracy by Bassett. The judge also dismissed the fraud claims against the NCAA and SEC, but allowed the claim against the UK Athletic Association to

stand. Bassett's claim that the NCAA interfered with his prospective contract negotiations also was allowed to stand. The SEC no longer is a party to the suit.

According to Bassett's most recent court filing, Franklin testified during an Aug. 19 deposition that recruiting violations occurred both before and after Bassett's hiring, that Bassett wasn't the only one at Kentucky who committed violations, and that the violations occurred with the implied consent and to some extent, with the participation of administrators including former university President Charles Wethington, former Athletics Directors C.M. Newton and

Larry Ivy and the university's current NCAA compliance director, Sandy Bell.

Bassett claims in the filing that Franklin alleged that Ivy told Franklin that he "wanted to cover up these violations and avoid scandal to the University by firing Coach Bassett" and that Ivy went to Franklin "specifically looking for evidence to fire Coach Bassett," which Franklin provided.

But Friday morning, Franklin sent an e-mail to various "concerned parties" disputing that summary. Franklin said that as of Thursday afternoon, he had not received a copy of the transcript of his deposition "and therefore have not read, agreed, or disagreed, to its con-

tents. No one else, therefore, has received or read my signed sworn deposition."

Franklin said "the document provided to the court was not my signed deposition" but instead "a one-sided summary of my testimony — prepared and written by attorneys for Bassett."

Robert Furnier of Cincinnati, one of Bassett's attorneys, did not immediately return a phone message left at his office Friday morning by The Associated Press.

Bassett resigned in November 2000, shortly before the NCAA began investigating allegations of wrongdoing in Kentucky's program. In 2002, the NCAA placed Kentucky on probation for more than three

dozen recruiting violations committed between 1998 and 2000. It banned the Wildcats from a bowl game for one season and ordered the forfeiture of 19 scholarships over a three-year period.

Bassett was found in violation of NCAA ethical conduct bylaws and effectively was banned from working for any NCAA school for eight years. At the time, Bassett acknowledged breaking NCAA recruiting rules.

Bassett now is the athletics director and football coach at a high school in Robstown, Texas, near Corpus Christi.

On Thursday, the university asked that the case be dismissed.

Taking the BCS pulse: 'I did not know a couple of them were still alive'

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

This is why you've got to love the newly reconstituted BCS:

Shortly after he was invited to vote in a poll that college football's OPEC-style cartel will use to choose a champion, John Mackovic began scanning the list of names that would join him.

After coaching at Wake Forest, Illinois, Texas and Arizona, as well as the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs and working as a TV analyst, it's fair to say Mackovic knows plenty of people connected to the game. But what he saw still surprised him.

"To tell the truth," Mackovic wrote in a recent guest column for The Desert Sun of Palm Springs, Calif., "I did not know a couple of them were still alive." "Maybe it's just me, but this hardly sounds like a good way for the Bowl Championship Series to begin its fifth (sixth? who can keep count?) reincarnation. C'mon, even Shirley MacLaine got it right after that many tries.

And if the only gripe about the makeup of the new, 114-member Harris Interactive poll panel was the presence of a few grizzled veterans — "people ... who have long since departed their active roles in football," is the genteel way Mackovic phrased it — that would hardly merit a mention. There are plenty of aged sportswriters and broadcasters voting in The Associated Press poll, too.

But it's not. In the last few days, ESPN told four of its employees, coaches-turned-commentators Lou Holtz and Gerry DiNardo, analyst John Congemi and play-by-play man Sam Smith, they would not be allowed to take part in the poll because it is being used by the BCS to determine which teams play for its national championship. That was the reason the AP gave last winter in ordering the BCS to stop using its poll as one of three equally weighted components in determining the BCS rankings. It was cited again Thursday by ESPN spokesman

Josh Krulowitz, who added the network's "decision is consistent given our decision to pull out of the coaches' poll."

But that wasn't the BCS' only oops, either.

Now it will also have to replace a fifth voter, Jason Rash, after discovering his only connection to college football was his father-in-law, Troy University coach Larry Blakeney.

"I was disappointed," Rash said Thursday from Atlanta, where he runs a masonry-supply business. "I would have taken it seriously and done a good job at it. Larry and I have had a lot of in-depth discussions about football and I watch a lot of games."

He's not kidding. A typical fall Saturday in the Rash household consists of much lounging and constantly changing channels to take in as many games as he can, all of them bookended by watching ESPN's "Gameday" when he rises in the morning and "SportsCenter" before he goes to bed at night.

"I'm pretty sure," Rash said, "you can't say that about everybody else on their list."

If you want to know how much thought and effort the BCS put into its new poll, consider: From the time he was nominated until he resigned, Rash got only one phone call — and that was from the Harris people confirming his decision to quit.

"I'm still not sure what criteria I didn't meet, but from what I looked up in the Internet, I think you have to be a former player, coach or college administrator," he said.

Or, as BCS spokesman Bob Burda confirmed later Thursday, a member of the media.

In any case, Rash's name turned up on Harris' list among the 30 submitted by the Sun Belt Conference — to which Troy belongs — because Blakeney knew his son-in-law tracked the sport like a bird dog, and that he was accountable and responsible to boot.

Which, come to think of it, can rarely be said about the suits who hijacked the postseason in 1998. They promised to deliver a season-ending

matchup between the clear-cut No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the land and by most fans' accounting have gotten it perfect just twice in seven tries. In the meantime, they've done everything but brandish dueling pistols to defend their honor and their hefty salaries.

Rash, 33, never played a down of organized football in his life, but he is as die-hard a fan of the game as any and knows what he likes.

"If I was living in a perfect world," Rash said, "I would like to see a playoff."

So would we all.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL: New poll looking to replace five voters

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The new college football poll being used by the Bowl Championship Series will have to replace five voters on its recently unveiled panel, four who work for ESPN and one whose only connection to college football is his father-in-law.

Lou Holtz, Gerry DiNardo, John Congemi and Sam Smith are not permitted by ESPN to vote in the Harris Interactive College Football Poll because it is being used by the BCS to determine which teams play for the national championship.

Jason Rash, the son-in-law of Troy coach Larry Blakeney, has withdrawn from the 114-member Harris voter panel after the BCS informed the Sun Belt Conference that he did not meet its voter criteria.

The Harris poll is being used by the BCS to replace The Associated Press media poll after the AP asked college football officials to stop using the Top 25 in their formula for picking teams to play in the four major bowls.

Negotiations continuing on Huggins buyout

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Bob Huggins tearfully thanked fans for their 16 years of support Thursday, while lawyers for the ousted coach and the University of Cincinnati failed to finish the details of his \$3 million contract buyout.

Huggins agreed to step down on Wednesday, a day after the school warned he would be fired if he didn't resign. He agreed in principle to a \$3 million buyout for the rest of his contract, with details to be worked out.

"We're still talking about the (buyout) language," said Richard Katz, the coach's lawyer.

Katz said he and the university's lawyer have other obligations and probably won't complete the deal until next week.

The sides are discussing when he will leave and how much he will get. The school is willing to let him stay in an advisory role for three months, easing the transition to an interim coach.

Huggins led Cincinnati to No. 1 rankings, a Final Four and 14 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances during his 16 seasons at Cincinnati. The Bearcats also had numerous player arrests and violations during his tenure, earning an NCAA probation.

Huggins appeared at a supportive rally organized by a local radio personality on Thursday night, telling fans they were like family to him.

"I just wanted to stop by and say thanks, it was 16 wonderful years," Huggins told the crowd, pausing between sentences to collect his thoughts and his composure. "Give me a minute here. Honestly, I don't know what to say, but thanks. It's been 16 great years."

His arrest and conviction for drunken driving last year upset president Nancy Zimpher, who was hired in 2003 to elevate the school's national profile. She wanted Huggins and his coaches to be better role models and recruit studious players who

would stay out of trouble. The two sides have clashed over a contract extension since May, setting the stage for his forced departure.

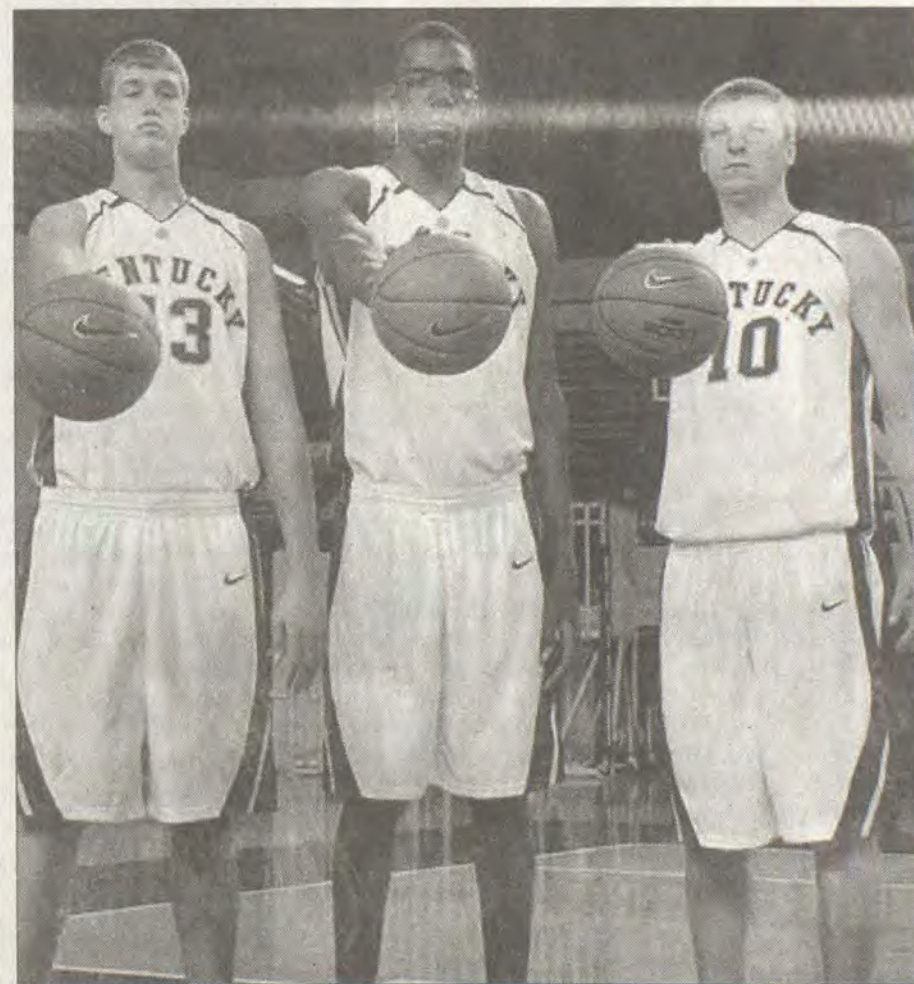
At the rally held at a sports cafe, Huggins recalled some of the Bearcats' most successful seasons.

"But more important than that, the way our guys have turned out, the way they've represented this city, the way they've represented me, the way they've represent you — I'm extremely proud and certainly forever indebted to them," Huggins said. "Thanks."

The university was accepted into the Big East largely because of the basketball program's success. The team will have to slog through its inaugural season with an interim coach — Huggins' successor won't be picked until next year — and no chance to land top recruits.

The school is expected to announce on Friday that Huggins' top assistant, Andy Kennedy, will be the interim coach.

UK BASKETBALL



photos courtesy of UK Athletics

Left: The University of Kentucky men's basketball team, thanks to incoming freshman Jared Carter (Scott County), pictured to the far left, now features three seven-footers. The entire Wildcat basketball team got together Thursday for picture day.

Below: Guards Rajon Rondo (left) and Ravi Moss both return for the UK men's team.

Brown, Johnson named to Butkus List

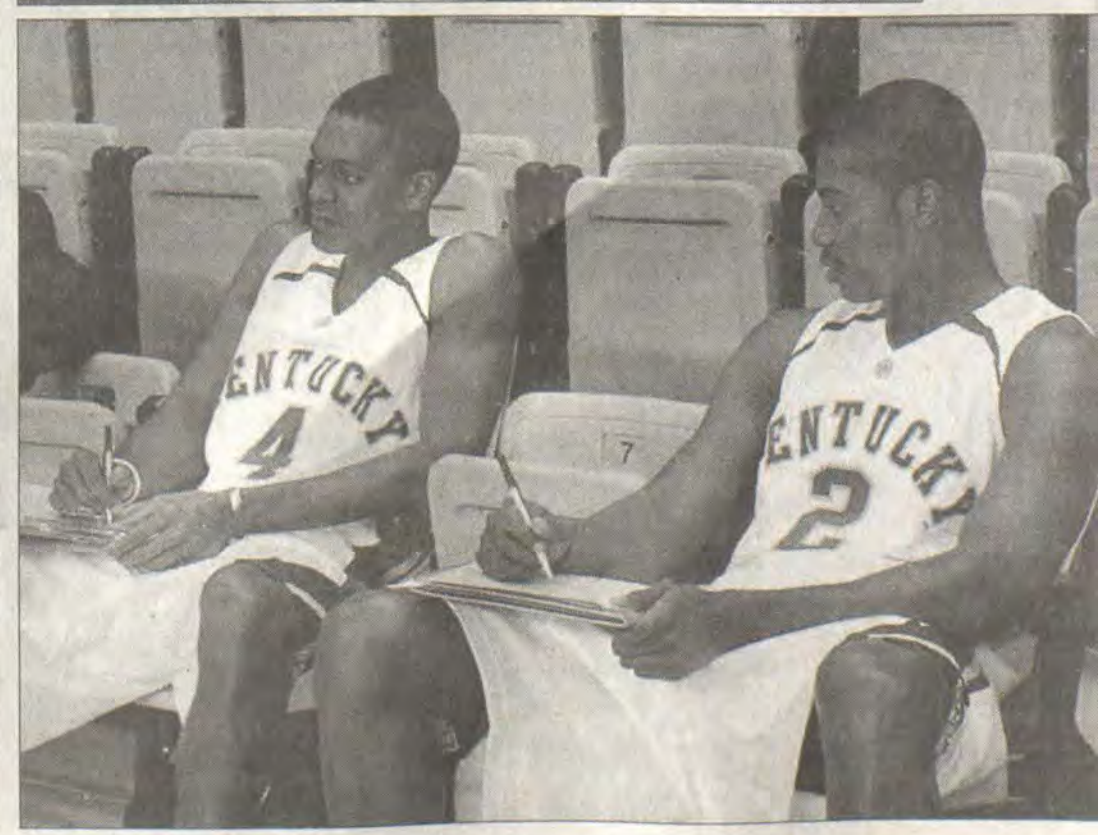
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ORLANDO — Abe Brown and Brandon Johnson of the University of Louisville were named to prestigious Butkus Award to the given to the nation's best collegiate line-backer. Brown was one of 65 named to the preliminary list for this year's award. The Butkus Award and the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando, Inc. are celebrating their 21st anniversary in 2005.

Brown started all 12 games last season and is slated to start for the Cards this season. He recorded 55 tackles and six sacks in his first year as a starter. Johnson, who started all 12 games last season, was second on the team with a career-high 84 tackles.

The Butkus Award Watch List will be trimmed to 10 semi-finalists on Thursday, October 20. That semi-finalist list will be cut down to three finalists which will be announced via a national teleconference with players, coaches, media members and Butkus Award officials on Thursday, November 10. The winner will be announced Saturday, December 10, 2005 at the Butkus Award Gala in Orlando, FL. The Butkus Award will be presented to the winner by the award's namesake former University of Illinois and Chicago Bear NFL Hall of Fame member, Dick Butkus. The finalists, their coaches and families are invited to attend the Butkus Award Gala festivities including a welcome reception, golf tourna-

ment and silent auction. This year's Watch List includes 65 noteworthy candidates that represent schools and conferences from across the nation. The independent selection committee for the 2005 Butkus Award, comprised of 29 of the nation's foremost national media members, is solely responsible for all voting in the selection process. Selection Committee members have already started evaluating the candidates and will continue their review throughout the entire football season. Additional Watch List candidates may be added in the coming weeks. Voting for the three Butkus Award finalists and the Butkus Award winner will be conducted by confidential ballots of the selection committee.



Latest spectator deaths put dirt race tracks under scrutiny

by JIM SUHR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mike Higginson was worried enough about safety at the Illinois dirt track where he raced that he told his 13-year-old son to watch from the upper reaches of the wooden bleachers. The advice saved the boy's life.

While waiting his turn for a qualifying run at the Mount Vernon Raceway on Saturday night, Higginson watched in horror as Kevin Beattie's stock car vaulted a short wall and hurtled through a chain-link fence, killing two spectators. Beattie and five fans were injured.

As investigators try to unravel what went horribly wrong, Higginson hopes the tragedy spurs the nation's 800 dirt tracks — and the insurance companies that dictate site safety in the unregulated sport — to reeval-

ate whether spectators are truly protected.

"If fans don't feel safe, we won't have racing. It's that simple," Higginson said.

Some track operators consider any calls for beefier measures unnecessary, saying spectator deaths are rare. Others say fans assume a certain risk, much like baseball fans who understand they may have to duck a hard-hit foul ball or shard of a shattered bat during a game.

In dirt-tracking racing, various sanctioning groups adopt and enforce rules involving competition — not safety, an issue that track operators readily cede to their site's insurers. Because there's no federal or state oversight of dirt tracks — and because insurers write policies on a case-by-case basis — no uniform safety regulations apply.

"Insurance companies rule

the roost, and they're stringent," said Doc Lehman, a former promoter and sanctioning official who now edits Ohio-based dirtamericaonline.com, an electronic trade magazine. "They've got all the power, and they're doing the best they can to keep everyone as safe as possible."

Several companies that insure dirt tracks either declined comment or failed to return telephone messages.

Beattie has told investigators that his car's throttle stuck before the vehicle hopped the concrete wall and knifed through fencing about 10 feet high. It wasn't immediately clear whether the fencing included cabling commonly used at tracks to catch cars, keeping them out of the stands.

No charges have been filed. Authorities, who are reconstructing the accident and haven't said how

fast Beattie's car may have been traveling, say the investigation may take weeks.

The track's owner, Rick Heck, has declined to publicly discuss his track's safety or insurance. On his track's Web site, Heck says the quarter-mile oval will remain closed at least until the investigation by Illinois State Police is over.

"We can only imagine what the families are going through now," Heck wrote. "It's by far the hardest thing that I have ever witnessed, and I hope to never have anything like this occur at any track."

Recent history, though, shows it has.

The Charlotte Observer reported in 2001 that of 260 people killed in auto racing nationwide since 1990 from Nextel Cup and Indy car events to dirt-track races, 29 were

spectators, including five children. At least 70 other spectators were injured, often from car parts and debris that cleared protective fences.

Recent accidents include a 2003 crash at a track near Los Angeles that sent a car into the inner field, killing a couple, and a 2001 incident at an Ohio speedway in which two cars jumped a guard rail, killing one spectator and injuring at least 11 others.

At Iowa's half-mile Knoxville Raceway, the last accident involving a fan was in the early 1980s, when a shock absorber flew off a car and hit a woman's head, seriously injuring her. Since then, smaller, heavier mesh screens have been installed to catch flying debris, though racing chief Ralph Capitani says "even that's not perfect."

"Every person who goes to sit in the grandstand is accepting

a risk. We post that all over here," he said. "Sometimes, there's not much you can do."

Higginson, 48, had that helpless feeling Saturday at the Mount Vernon track about 80 miles southeast of St. Louis. After he saw the car head toward his son's direction in the bleachers, he frantically fumbled to undo his seat belts and helmet and search for his son, Ryan.

The father scrambled toward Beattie's car, resting squarely on the bleachers, and saw victims on the ground below, Ryan not among them. Only moments later did Ryan turn up unscathed, next to his dad's car.

"I think I aged about 10 years," Higginson said. "I hope everyone learns something from this."

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Clay Rogers wins Food City 150

by PAUL WARNER

BRISTOL, Tenn. — As the defending Hooters Pro Cup champion, Clay Rogers was 0-for-10 since taking the title. But that all changed on Wednesday night.

Rogers, driver of the No. 44 Johnny's Suzuki/Baird Transport Ford, took the lead from Jeff Agnew on Lap 137 of the Food City 150 presented by Naturally Fresh and survived a green-white-checked finish en route to his first victory of the season and his first at famed Bristol Motor Speedway.

"Winning at Bristol is absolutely a dream come true," said Rogers. "I grew up watching them race at Bristol, and I always dreamed about racing here. Now, I've won here, so it was a great night for our team."

Rogers' night didn't start great, however.

After leading the first five laps, Rogers, 24, and pole-sitter Shane Wallace made contact going into Turn 2, bring out the first caution of the night.

"I know Shane is probably mad at me," said Rogers. "But as soon as I started to turn down, my spotter told me he was there."

The contact sent Rogers and Wallace spinning in Turn 2.

"I really thought I'd knocked the radiator out of the car," said Rogers. "I guess I was mistaken. I came in and the team said the nose looked fine."

While inopportune for Rogers, most of the lead-lap cars took the opportunity to come to pit lane under the caution.

Bobby Gill, who inherited the lead after the leaders collided, Shane Huffman and Mark McFarland all came to pit road for what they hoped would be their only stop of the night.

But it wouldn't be for all of three.

On Lap 17, Steve Wallace turned Joel Kauffman around at the exit of Turn 2 in front of the pack. Huffman, Gill and McFarland were involved in the melee, along with Clay Rogers, Brandon Collins, Shane Wallace and Ken Butler III.

McFarland and Rogers received the least amount of damage, but Shane Wallace and Kauffman were finished for the night.

Michael Faulk, driver of the No. 53 Liftoff Ford, found himself out front after the round of stops by the leaders. However, it would be a short-lived lead.

Once the green unfurled, Kertus Davis blasted around Faulk to take his first lead since early 2004. Davis, driver of the No. 68 AwesomeAwnings.com Ford, paced the field for 29 laps before Jason Sarvis took the point.

Sarvis, pitting out of sequence with the leaders, kept his No. 16 Naturally Fresh Ford at the front of the field for 50 laps, but Rogers was making his charge back to the front.

By Lap 75, Rogers had rumbled back to sixth spot on the grid. McFarland was also on the march back to the front after being swept up in the early, multi-car wreck.

The two were knifing their way back to the front when Rogers clipped Kirk Leone while going for the fifth spot. Leone, driver of the No. 52

Ford, hit the wall in Turn 4 to bring out the fourth caution of the night on Lap 90.

Most of the leaders who had not been to pit road used the yellow flag to come in for service. Stacy Puryear, who pitted early in the race, cycled into the lead once Sarvis came to the attention of the Naturally Fresh crew.

Puryear, driver of the No. 01 Willette Investments Chevy, kept the top spot for 19 laps, but Rogers was closing in a hurry.

Rogers finally made his way around Puryear on Lap 115.

"Our car was just great from the center of the corner off," said Rogers. "It wasn't that good getting in the corner, but I could get under them coming off the corner."

But Rogers would not get off the corner that well on Lap 124.

Shane Huffman, driver of the No. 81 Knight's Companies Ford, was trying to fight his way back on the lead lap after being involved in the early-race incident and shoved Rogers high coming off Turn 4. The contact enabled Jeff Agnew, driver of the No. 73 NGA Hooters Golf Tour Chevy, to take the lead on Lap 125.

"I was pretty hot about Shane getting into me," said Rogers. "But, hey, that's just hard racing. He was trying to get back on the lead lap and protect his point lead, but I was still mad."

Rogers regrouped and made his way around Agnew, who led 12 laps, for good on Lap 137. But with two caution flags in the final 20 laps, Rogers would have a mirror full of Agnew, who won the Northern Division race at Illiana (Ind.) Speedway on Saturday night, late in the going.

In the end, Agnew fell .291 seconds shy of his second win in five days.

"Clay was better than us, but it was good for our team to come up here and run second," said Agnew. "We had a bunch of bad luck this year, so maybe we've got some momentum going at the right time of the year."

Unofficial Results Food City 150 presented by Naturally Fresh Thursday, Aug. 24 Bristol Motor Speedway - Bristol, Tenn.

Fin.	St.	Name	Car Make	L. Comp.	Money Won
1.	(2)	Clay Rogers	Ford	155	\$11,100
2.	(19)	Jeff Agnew	Chevrolet	155	\$6,500
2.	(10)	Mark McFarland	Chevrolet	155	\$5,500
4.	(13)	Billy Bigley, Jr.	Ford	155	\$5,100
5.	(14)	Jason Sarvis	Ford	155	\$3,500
6.	(24)	Rick Markle	Pontiac	155	\$3,000
7.	(6)	Michael Faulk	Ford	155	\$3,800
8.	(28)	Wayne Willard	Chevrolet	155	\$2,600
9.	(22)	Daniel Johnson	Pontiac	155	\$2,400
10.	(7)	Matt Carter	Ford	155	\$2,300
11.	(27)	Chase Pistone	Ford	155	\$2,200
12.	(4)	Ken Butler, III	Chevrolet	155	\$2,100
13.	(30)	Stacy Puryear	Chevrolet	155	\$2,000
14.	(21)	Toby Porter	Ford	155	\$1,900
15.	(29)	Randy Gentry	Chevrolet	155	\$1,800
16.	(15)	Steven Wallace	Dodge	155	\$1,600
17.	(31)	Jody Levander	Ford	155	\$1,600
18.	(5)	Shane Huffman	Ford	153	\$1,600
19.	(36)	D.J. Kennington	Pontiac	153	\$1,600
20.	(33)	Bill Manfull	Ford	144	\$1,600
21.	(3)	Bobby Gill	Ford	141	\$1,700
22.	(20)	Michael Ritch	Ford	140	\$1,400
23.	(32)	Bobby Joe Woodley	Ford	139	\$1,400
24.	(18)	Brandon Collins	Chevrolet	133	\$1,400
25.	(35)	Kirk Leone	Ford	132	\$1,400
26.	(25)	Caleb Holman	Chevrolet	130	\$1,200
27.	(17)	Jay Fogleman	Ford	101	\$1,500
28.	(12)	Kertus Davis	Ford	83	\$1,200
29.	(26)	Mike Herman, Jr.	Chevrolet	76	\$1,200
30.	(16)	George Brunnhoelzl, III	Ford	53	\$1,200
31.	(23)	John Sarpraicone	Chevrolet	52	\$1,200
32.	(8)	Andrew Rogers	Ford	51	\$1,200
33.	(11)	Danny O'Quinn, Jr.	Chevrolet	20	\$1,700
34.	(9)	Joel Kauffman	Pontiac	17	\$1,200
35.	(1)	Shane Wallace	Ford	13	\$2,200
36.	(34)	Jeff Roark	Chevrolet	2	\$1,200

Time of Race: 1:35:17
Margin of Victory: .291 seconds
Caution Flags: 10 for 74 laps
Lead Changes: 10 Lead Changes Among 8 drivers
Lap Leaders: Pole Shane Wallace; 1-5 Clay Rogers (36); 6-9 Bobby Gill (4); 10-14 Michael Faulk (5); 15-43 Kertus Davis (29); 44-93 Jason Sarvis (50); 94-114 Stacy Puryear (19); 115-124 Clay Rogers; 125-136 Jeff Agnew (12); 137-155 Clay Rogers.

After numerous stops during the race, McFarland, driver of the No. 32 WINFUEL Chevy, made his way back to third and exploded an engine after he took the checkered in third place.

"I'm just glad that engine held up for that last lap," said McFarland, who announced his plans to enter the Busch Series with his JR Motorsports team next season. "It's been a good couple of days for us. Now,

we'll get ready to go to Lakeland."

Billy Bigley Jr., driver of the No. 25 Peerless Woodworking Ford, picked up his best finish of the season by coming home in fourth.

Jason Sarvis posted a season-best finish by rounding out the top five.

The Food City 150 featured 10 lead changes among eight drivers and was slowed 10 times for 74 laps of caution.

RWI releases crew chief

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Dissatisfied with its 16th-place standing in the Busch Series' owner points two-thirds of the way through the season, RWI Racing, Inc. has released crew chief Blake Bainbridge.

Bainbridge, who worked for the team since its inception in 2004 and has collected two top-five and eight top-10 finishes this season in 25 races while working with four different drivers, was released Monday morning in what a team release deemed "amicable terms."

"Blake and I have parted ways on good terms," car owner Rusty Wallace said. "He's been with me since I started this team and is a very talented crew chief; I wish him nothing but the best wherever he goes. The performance of this race team just isn't where it needs to be right now."

"We feel like this team has

the best facilities, engines, crewmembers and equipment to perform on a championship level. My sponsors deserve better than the way this team has been performing, and I think this will be a step in the right direction."

Steve Darne, the team's current crew chief, will serve as interim crew chief starting with Friday night's Food City 250 at Bristol, with Jamie McMurray behind the wheel of the No. 64 Dodge. Wallace, Jeremy Mayfield and Bill Elliott also have driven the car this season.

"We've got a wonderful guy in Steve Darne to lead this team until we find a replacement," Wallace said. "I want to take my time in finding the right guy to take this team into the future."

Bainbridge led the team to its first victory — at Darlington Raceway in 2004 — in one of 17 races it ran, posting three top-five and six top-10 finishes.

Wallace, Mayfield penalized 25 Busch Series points

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR announced Tuesday that three members of the No. 64 Busch Series team have been penalized for rule infractions found during opening day inspection on Aug. 19 at Michigan International Speedway.

Rusty Wallace, owner of the No. 64 Dodge, was penalized 25 championship owner points after being found in violation of Sections 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing) and 12-4-Q (car, car parts, components and/or equipment used that do not conform to NASCAR rules) of the 2005 NASCAR Busch Series rule book due to an unapproved jacking bolt — incorrect thread count.

Additionally, Jeremy Mayfield, driver of the No. 64 Dodge, was penalized 25 championship driver points for violating the same rules. Blake Bainbridge, crew chief for the No. 64 Dodge, was assessed a \$10,000 fine as a result of the same infractions.

Also, two other NASCAR Busch Series crew chiefs were penalized following rule violations at Michigan found during opening day inspection.

Todd Gordon, crew chief of the No. 10 Ford driven by Brent Sherman, was fined \$5,000 after violating Sections 12-4-A and 12-4-Q (unapproved intake manifold modification — plenum too large).

Gene Allnut, crew chief for

the No. 26 Chevrolet driven by Kim Crosby, was fined \$2,500 for violating 12-4-A and 12-4-CC (unapproved third gear transmission ratio).

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- Oct. 30 — Bass Pro Shops MBNA 400, Hampton, Ga.
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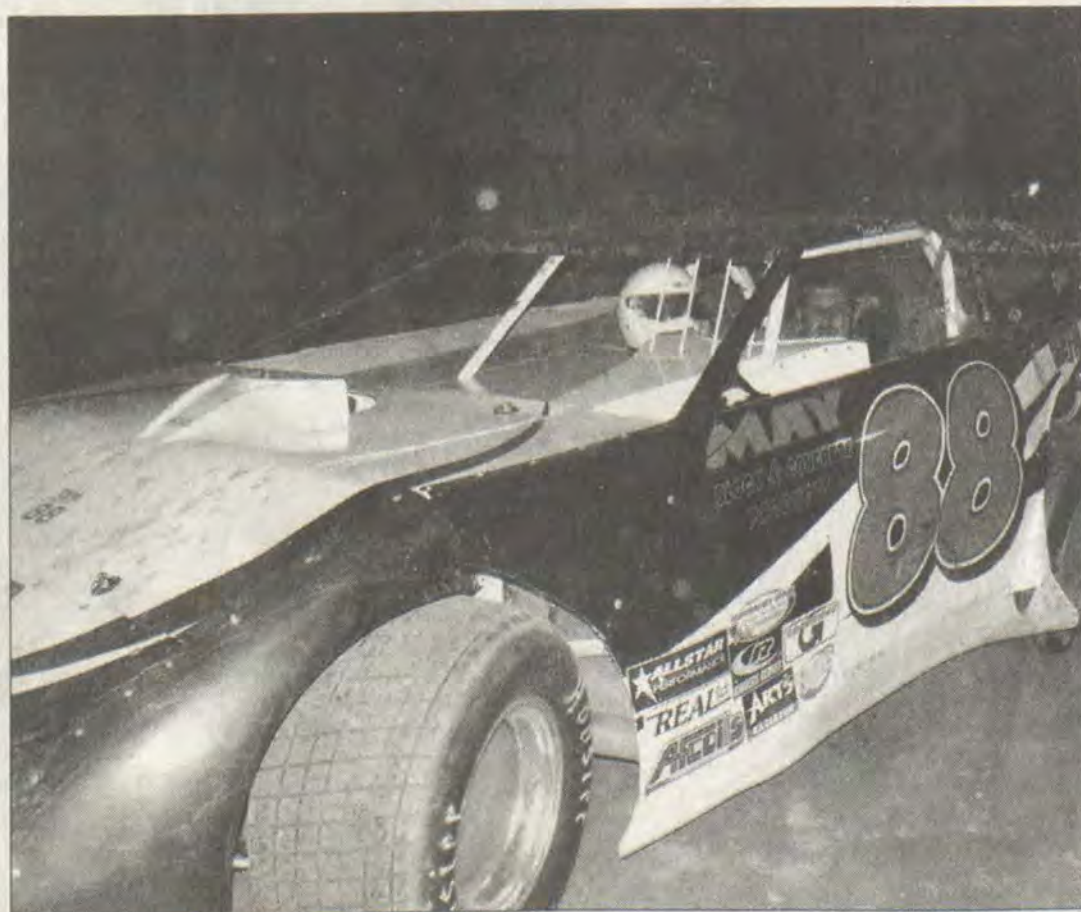


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Trailer lot for rent on old U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

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660- Miscellaneous

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NOTICES

810 - Auctions

AUCTION #1-Taco Bell Property- 649 N. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg KY 41653 plus adjoining lots.

#2- The Prestonsburg Pawn Shop Property- 110 W Court St, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Complete with 8 apartments and additional rental space.

#3- The Red Light Diner property- 310 N Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY

41653 Master Commissioner's Sale. Old Floyd County Courthouse, South Central Ave, Prestonsburg, KY behind the new Floyd Co Justice Center. To the highest bidder at public auction on Thursday the 1st day of September, 2005 at the hour of 10:00 am. Deprez Building Fund Plaintiff

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing has been set by the Floyd County Extension District Board for September 6, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., to 12:00 p.m., at 921 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg. The 1979 General Assembly has required such a hearing with the enactment of House Bill 44.

The purpose of the hearing is to inform the public that the Extension Service is proposing to take the compensating rate plus the allowable 4 percent increase. The anticipated revenue is \$196,920.81. The tax rate for the preceding year was 1.35/1.71 with revenue of \$199,761.00. The compensating tax rate is 1.35/2.06 with revenue of \$196,921.00.

The increased revenue for the 2005-2006 budget will be in the areas of travel, salary, equipment and supplies

ADVERTISE- MENT FOR BID

The Floyd County Board of Health is accepting bids on the following for the new Floyd County Health Department, located on Goble St., in Prestonsburg, KY. Bid Package 1 Successful bidder will review prints and bid to supply all

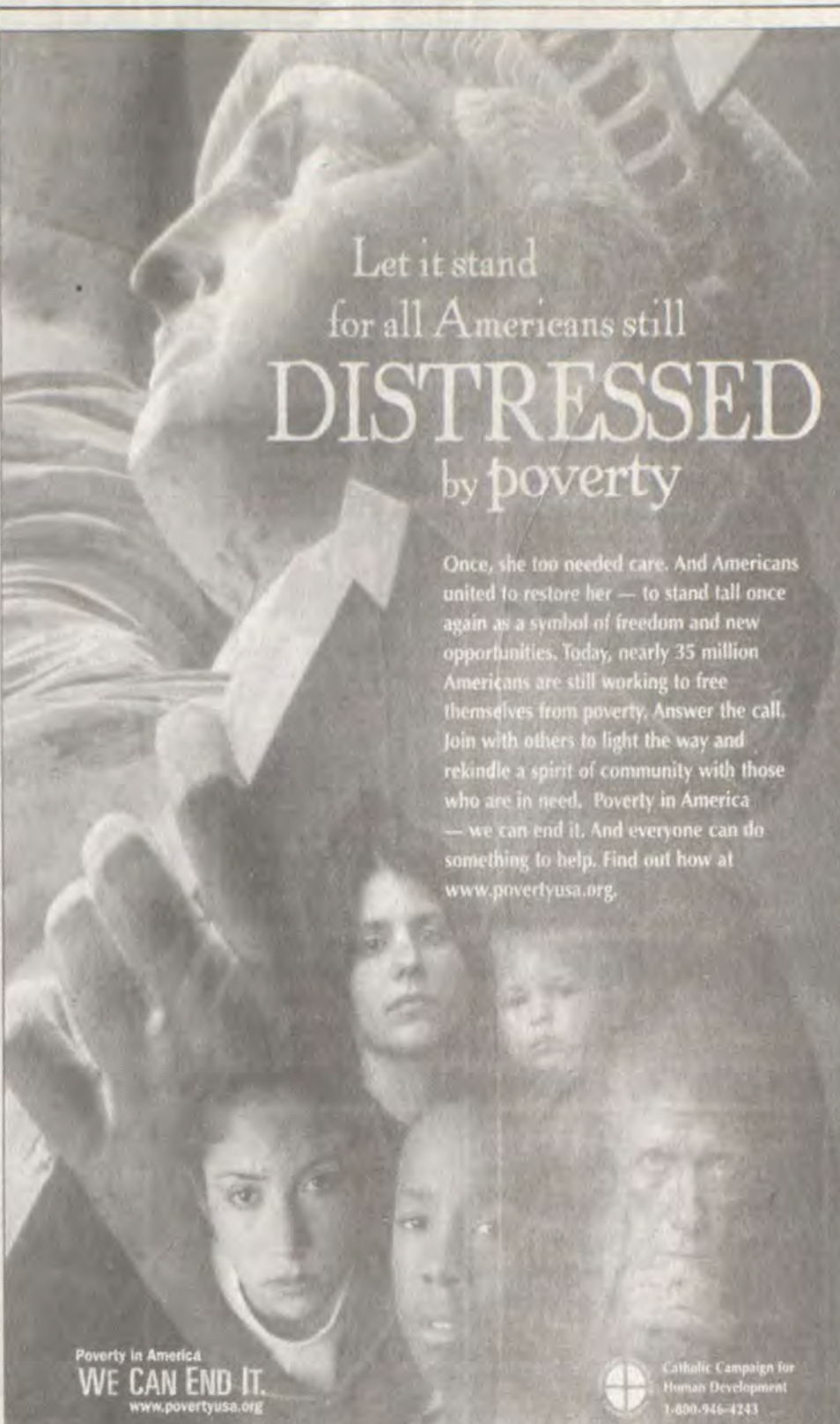
materials, labor, and connections for Cat V data wiring for computer and network services, computer battery backup. Bidder will have to coordinate with Frankfort IT for capability of interfacing with KY Internet Highway Bridge System.

Bid Package 2 Successful bidder will supply phone system designed for up to 40 extensions and 12 phone lines. Specific number of phones and required phone system features may be obtained at the site but shall include auto dialer, paging, voice mail, and other required features.

Bid Package 3 Successful bidder will supply all equipment, wiring, supplies etc., necessary to provide building security. Bid shall include 1 year monitoring service with package.

Print copies and/or specification requirements may be picked up at the Project Manager trailer, located at the job site Monday-Friday from 9-3. Questions must be directed to Matt Mills, Project Manager. All connections and installations must meet all code and system requirements. Successful bidder must be willing to work with project manager on times for installation to avoid any delays to trade contractors.

Sealed bids must be addressed to the Floyd County Board of Health, and must be delivered by COB August 29, 2005. Bids will be opened and awarded at the next Board meeting. Bidders must be bonded.



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