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briefs

Grand jury to hear rape case

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The case against a Floyd County man accused of raping a Prestonsburg woman has been waived to a grand jury.

Christopher Jason Hall, also known as "Sleepy," is currently incarcerated at the Floyd County Detention Center, where he is being held under \$50,000 cash bond.

A preliminary hearing in the case was held Monday under District Judge Eric Hall, who waived it to the grand jury for consideration.

The accused is charged with first degree rape, menacing, terroristic threatening, second degree unlawful imprisonment, fourth degree assault, and first degree sodomy, for an incident that allegedly occurred on Roberts Drive in Prestonsburg on June 25.

Prestonsburg Police Officer Brian Walker arrested Hall about three months after the alleged victim filed the complaint in district court. He was picked up on the Floyd and Knott county line after he was located by the Kentucky State Police, the citation says.

Hall, who pleaded not guilty during his arraignment, was ordered to stay at least 2,000 feet away from the alleged victim.

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Gas prices put squeeze on locals

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Soaring gas prices Wednesday saw area residents descend on the Gas-N-Go located at the new Food City on University Drive, when the retailer was late in raising prices to \$3.09 per gallon.

The attendant explained that the store hadn't received authorization from its corporate headquarters to raise the rates yet and area drivers hit the pumps, with several drivers using cell phones to alert friends and neighbors to take advantage of the lower price.

The venue was packed with vehicles from

11 a.m. until noon to take advantage of the old price of \$2.67, while the BP station across University Drive resembled a ghost town.

One customer, Greg Horne of Spradlin Branch, took a humorous stance to the problem, observing, "We're sitting here in line to pay \$2.67 for gas. How crazy is that?" Horne also noted that the situation would probably get worse before it got better and said, "Someone's gotta step up and do something."

One Langley man, Cliff Ramey, said that things were already unbearable. He said that

(See GAS PRICES, page five)



The "Gas-n-Go" station at the new Food City on University Drive became a hot spot for motorists Wednesday when it was late in posting a gas rate increase and saw its pumps clogged with traffic late in the morning. By that afternoon, gas prices had risen to an average \$3.29 a gallon.

photo by Tom Doty



The first annual Eastern Kentucky State Fair began Tuesday and will continue until Monday, Sept. 5. Thirty-one rides are scattered throughout the fairgrounds at the Thunder Ridge Racing Complex. There are also numerous booths and other attractions, like Perry's Exotic Petting Zoo and the "Wall of Death," in which CD International Stunt Show daredevils defy gravity, driving their motorcycles on the sides of a wooden 15-foot high dome. Marlow Tackett, Wendy Shanelle and the Music Company Band will open a concert for Joe Diffie tonight at the grandstand stage. The celebration continues throughout the weekend, with 4-H exhibits, talent shows and "Gate City Gunslingers — The Wild West Show" on Saturday, and an all-day gospel concert Sunday. The fair concludes Monday with magic shows, music and fireworks.

photos by Mary Music



HRMC 'resident' puts new twist on annexation

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Regional Medical Center has converted a basement room of the hospital into an apartment.

Carl D. Brown Jr., former resident of Turkey Creek, is now living in a "well-equipped" apartment in the hospital's basement.

County officials confirmed that Brown changed his address for his voter registration on June 27 and his driver's license address on June 22 to the hospital's address, which is listed as 5000 Route 321.

The hospital's attorneys say Brown moved into the hospital for "legitimate business" reasons, but the decision to furnish him with an apartment may also provide a residential voice if the city of Prestonsburg's proposal to

annex Highlands and the Consolidated Health Systems Properties on Route 321 is put on the ballot during the next election.

The city passed an ordinance to attempt the annexation of the properties in April, with opposition from attorneys representing the hospital and Consolidated Health Systems properties. Lexington attorney Hanley A. Ingram, of Stoll Keenon & Park LLP, addressed the city council by letter in May, alleging that the city did not properly send notice about the annexation to all potentially affected property owners.

At that time, Ingram explained that owners of 6 to 7 acres of land targeted for annexation had not been identified. The law firm later provided a petition with 23

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Red Cross says money is most pressing need

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

Red Cross Director Bobby Carpenter says he's received approximately 121 e-mails from residents in Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Pike, Magoffin, Letcher, and Knott Counties who are looking for loved ones that have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Carpenter said hurricane victims who come to the area will be provided with necessities such as food, clothing and housing vouchers and medical assistance.

The Red Cross is currently sheltering approximately 500,000 people in 230 separate shelters in various locations. They are looking for

volunteers — who will be trained locally — to assist hurricane victims in this disaster.

Carpenter said the Red Cross' most pressing concern is raising funds to help in the disaster relief effort.

"Financial contributions are our biggest need at the moment," Carpenter said. "No amount is too small or too large ... People that want to collect food, clothes or things like that, these are items that will be needed down the road. It will be a long recovery period. These items won't be immediately shipped to the area. We'll hold it at the collection sites until people get back into

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Teacher faces assault charge

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

GRETHEL — A court summons has been issued for a Stumbo Elementary teacher for allegedly causing physical injury to one of her students.

Stephanie Tackett, 36, has

been ordered to appear in district court on Oct. 5 to face one charge of misdemeanor assault for allegedly slapping a student's wrist repeatedly with a rubber band on Thursday, Aug. 25. The incident was apparently witnessed by 13 students and possibly two teachers who later took

the child to the office.

Myshellia Mullins, who sought out the complaint, said that her son came home from school and reported the incident to her the same evening. She said that she took the boy to

(See TEACHER, page five)

Grayson promotes program at MAC

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — WYMT's "Issues and Answers" came to the Mountain Arts Center Wednesday to tape a segment with state Secretary of State Trey Grayson and made use of the MAC's technical staff to produce the pro-

gram, which was directed by MAC production manager Neil Thompson.

The program went off smoothly with host Neil Middleton interviewing Grayson about next year's elections, which will feature an unprecedented 4,231 offices up for grabs. Grayson revealed that the importance of so

many races has led him to tour the state this fall to host a series of Civic Literacy meetings at area universities. The tour will come to Prestonsburg on Sept. 6 with an open meeting scheduled to run from 1 to 4 p.m. at room 131 of the Postsecondary Building on

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Obituaries

Resident

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Reba "Mamaw" (Johnson) Blankenship

Reba "Mamaw" (Johnson) Blankenship, age 82, of Marshall, Michigan, died at U of M Medical Center, in Ann Arbor, on Tuesday, August 30, 2005.

Mamaw was born August 12, 1923, in Kite, Kentucky, the daughter of Wid and Dina (Johnson) Vance. She grew up in that area, and was married on April 10, 1942, in Carr Creek, Kentucky, to Elmer Blankenship.

The couple lived in Carr Creek until moving to Detroit, Michigan, in 1953. There they raised their family and spent their lives together, until his death on February 17, 1984. She continued living in Detroit until moving to Marshall in 1992, to be closer to her "babies" (as she lovingly called her children and grandchildren).

While in Detroit, she had worked for a period of time as a sales clerk in a clothing store. However, her main role in life was wife, mother, and grandmother, lovingly guiding her family always. Her sons-in-law, and daughter-in-law were treated by her as her own children.

As expected, she enjoyed time with her family above all else. Bowling, trips and activities were always done with her children or grandchildren. She liked to travel, discovering travel on an airliner with a trip to Atlantic City with her daughters, six years ago. She liked flying, and later enjoyed a trip to see Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, and Pikes Peak. She liked to crochet.

Surviving her are her children, daughter Wilma (James) Colesman of Marshall; son, Rev. Lester (Barbara) Blankenship of Lake Orion, and daughters, Carol Wyatt and Brenda (Al) Pace, all of Marshall; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; two brothers: John "J.W." Johnson of Clyde, Ohio, and Hermis Johnson of Topmost, Kentucky; a sister, Cordie Slone of Topmost; and nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Burnice Johnson; two sisters: Juanita Kilgore and Vedic Castle, as well as several siblings in their early infancy; and her son-in-law, Ira O'Neal Wyatt.

Friends may call at Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home on Thursday, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., with family present that day to receive visitors from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. and 6 p.m.-8 p.m. A service of remembrance will be held at Kempf's on Friday evening during visitation hours at 6:30 p.m.,

with Rev. William Bingham officiating.

Mrs. Blankenship will then be returned to Martin, Kentucky, to Hall Funeral Home, where friends may call on Sunday, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at Hall Funeral Home, Monday at 11 a.m.

Burial will follow in Greasy Graveyard next to her beloved Elmer.

Friends who wish, may make memorial contributions to American Heart Association.

(Paid obituary)



Justin Douglas Ferrell

Justin Douglas Ferrell, 18, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, August 30, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born April 18, 1987, in Pike County, he was the son of Thurman and Donna Hackworth Ferrell of Salyersville. He was a 2005 graduate of Prestonsburg High School; and was a freshman at Prestonsburg Community College.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister: Latoshia Ferrell of Salyersville; his paternal grandfather, Samuel David Ferrell of Prestonsburg; his maternal grandparents, Jack and Sandra, Watkins Hackworth of Prestonsburg; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Martha Ann Cantrell Ferrell.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, September 3, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Nathan Lafferty officiating.

Burial will be in the family cemetery, in Salyersville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)



Lee Isaac Jr.

Lee Isaac Jr., 80, of Wheelwright, died Tuesday, August 30, 2005, at his residence.

Born May 15, 1925, in Wheelwright, he was the son of the late Lee P. and Ludema Hall Issac. He was a retired coal miner; a member of U.M.W.A., Local Union 5899 of Wheelwright; a U.S. Marine veteran; and attended the Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Carrie Johnson Isaac.

Other survivors include a son, Gary Isaac (Pat) of Wheelwright; two daughters: Linda Sue King (John) of Caumer and Wanda Lou Isaac of

Ann Arbor, Michigan; a sister, Gertie Burke of McRoberts; eight grandchildren: Kim, Tim, Ashley, Chris, Amanda, Becky, Kayla and Sarah; and six great-grandchildren: Channing, Allie, Andrew, Keri, Kristen and Ben.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Larry Isaac; five brothers: Ervin Isaac, Ark Isaac, Arthur Isaac, Luther Isaac and Howell Isaac; and three sisters: Mazie Hall, Birdie Lee, and Nettie Whitlow.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, September 3, at 1 p.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin, with Old Regular



Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation is at the church— with nightly services at 6:30 p.m.

(Paid obituary)



Norman Napier Jr.

Norman Napier Jr., age 50, of Martin, passed away Tuesday, August 30, 2005, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington.

He was born January 27, 1955, in Martin, the son of the late Junior Norman Napier and Edith Wheeler Napier.

Survivors include four brothers: Jimmy Napier of New York City, New York, Wallace Napier of Jacksonville, Florida, and Pete Collins and Freddy Collins, both of Martin; five sisters: Mabel Batchelor of Texas, Janice Napier and Betty Jo Music, both of Martin, Corene Marcum of Bristol, Indiana, and Lucille Skaggs of Louisa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Amos Napier; and one sister, Delores Ann Spurlock.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, September 3, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Randy Osborne officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. Nightly services held at 7 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

signatures of property owners who had not been notified to Mayor Jerry Fannin, requesting that the annexation be placed on the November 2006 ballot. The petition is currently being considered by County Clerk Chris Waugh, who previously reported that no one was living in the property proposed to be annexed. Waugh has now confirmed that Brown is living and is, indeed, a registered voter of the Auxier precinct.

The annexation can be voted down during the election if more than 55 percent of the voters living in the area proposed to be annexed vote against it. The annexation will be passed if less than 55 percent oppose it.

Hospital spokesperson Kathy Rubado confirmed that Brown has been living at the hospital for several weeks, but she referred all other questions to the hospital's attorney.

Rubado presented a letter, drafted by Ingram, to the city council during an Aug. 22 meeting, when the first reading of the annexation ordinance was scheduled to be read.

The reading of that ordinance was postponed without explanation during the meeting, and the council called for the reading to be held during a special called meeting on Aug. 24, which was canceled.

Ingram argues in the letter that the council cannot legally continue their pursuit of annexation until after the election.

"Additionally, despite what you have heard, there is a registered voter currently living at the HRMC property," Ingram wrote. "Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh and I discussed this today [Aug. 22] and he confirmed the registration of that individual and we add that he actually resides at the property sought to be annexed. Thus, there is a registered voter to vote in the election that is required to occur on November 7, 2006 ... Furthermore, the registration rolls for voting in the election do not close until next year, so it is possible that additional voters will register and be entitled to vote on the proposed annexation. Any further act taken pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-2005 therefore contravenes the rights of the existing voter and is therefore unlawful."

"That's really stupid for their attorney to put that [the possibility of additional voters in the area] in there [the letter]," Fannin said, alleging that the hospital moved Brown in as a

means to push the annexation out. "It looks like after what we told them, that we want to use the money for paying bonding of the water park and the YMCA for people in the area, that it'd be more of a reason for them to want to be a part of the city's growth and have the hospital grow along with it."

During a telephone interview, Ingram denied that Brown's new living arrangements had anything to do with the proposed annexation.

"He's employed by the information systems department. The system, of course, is very important to the hospital's operations and it's helpful to have him there manning them around the clock," Ingram said. "It's normal for hospitals to provide overnight accommodations for various reasons."

Brown is responsible for ensuring the hospital's computer system and network, Ingram said, a vital part of the hospital's daily operations.

Ingram sent city attorney Jimmy Webb a letter on Aug. 25, one day after the special called meeting was canceled.

"Although the Wednesday meeting was canceled, you and I ran into each other shortly before noon in the Prestonsburg city government offices," Ingram wrote. "I inquired as to why the meeting had been canceled and you indicated that you were not sure. We then discussed the annexation of HRMC in general and you indicated that based on some facts you had 'assumed,' you were investigating whether the registered voter who lives on the HRMC property resides there 'fraudulently.' I asked you to state a basis for making such a claim, and you merely listed some issues,

described some suppositions, and stated some questions as opposed to describing any facts. We take your veiled allegation of fraud extremely seriously and ask that, by the close of business Friday, September 2, you fully state any and all bases for making such a claim, which, of course, we do not believe is in any way supportable."

Ingram asked Webb why the ordinance suggests that "those individuals opposing" don't meet the requirement of a KRS statute dealing with annexation.

"In our conversation yesterday," Ingram wrote to Webb, "you clearly indicated that your efforts into examining the petition are ongoing as opposed to completed. How the petition could be described as somehow deficient prior to the conclusion of your efforts is a mystery to us ... [You] indicated that you may seek declaratory relief concerning these issues. We hope to avoid such proceedings but will vigorously defend our client's rights, if necessary. The mayor's dogged persistence despite the required election can only be taken as an intentional effort to avoid the election and to accomplish the unlawful annexation contemplated by Ordinance No. 5-2005."

The Auxier post office, which delivers mail to a portion of residents living along Route 321, could not confirm that Brown receives mail there.

"All he [the letter carrier] knows is that's Highlands Regional Medical Center's address," Manager Debbie Hall said. "You can't have an apartment at Highlands Regional. It's a hospital ... We can't confirm anything."

(See HOSPITAL, page seven)

Card of Thanks

The family of Merrillyn (Merli) Hurd would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all the family, friends and neighbors for all the love and support during the recent loss of our loved one. Thank you all so much for the food, flowers, cards, and all the gifts from the heart. A special thanks to Dr. Terry Wright and staff, and the nurses and staff at Our Lady of The Way Hospital. We would like to also thank Judy Parsons for her kind words and prayers, as well as St. Joseph's Medical Center, Food City, Allen Elementary students and staff, Jeannie and Brennan Case for their beautiful songs. We also want to thank Jim Smith and Craig McGlone for their kind words spoken during our time of need. Thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for your kindness and understanding. We want to thank the many pallbearers and everyone who helped at the gravesite; the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, Transtar Ambulance, and Respond Ambulance Service. We would also like to give a special thanks to the Allen Volunteer Fire Department for the silent escort to the gravesite. We want to thank everyone so much for all that they have done in our time of need and sorrow. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

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Wednesday midday

Pick 3: 4-3-0
Pick 4: 4-5-8-5

Wednesday evening

Pick 3: 7-6-4
Pick 4: 3-8-0-3
Cash Ball: 5-10-12-17, Cash Ball 25

Tic Tac Cash: 3-9-14-20-21-26-35-38

Lotto South: 8-23-29-33-34-45

Powerball: 13-17-19-41-50, Powerball 13, Power Play 2

Tuesday evening

Pick 3: 7-1-4
Pick 4: 7-4-7-8

Cash Ball: 1-15-25-29, Cash Ball 22

Tic Tac Cash: 5-6-12-17-25-27-35-40



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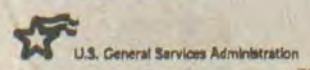
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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Jennifer Renea Hunter, 19, of Prestonsburg, to Johnny Ray Carroll, 22, of Martin.

Randa Sue Hamilton, 23, to Jeremy Robert Thacker, 28, both of Pikeville.

Terra Rena Justice, 28, to Shannon Nathaniel Blackburn, 30, both of Pikeville.

Civil Suits Filed

Christopher Castle vs. Tina Castle; divorce.

Green Tree Servicing LLC. vs. Jeff and Heather Blankenship, Regina Jervis; complaint to foreclose security interest.

Janet Stanfill vs. Tiffany Stevens; auto accident complaint.

Advantage Assets Inc. vs. James Hall; petition and application to confirm and enforce arbitrary award.

MBNA America Bank vs. Ronnie Samons; petition and application to confirm and enforce arbitrary award.

In re: Brandy Perez; petition or application of sale.

PNC Bank, NA. vs. Cecilia Buelis, also known as Cecilia Spriggs, Ulysses Buelis, Jody Spriggs, unknown spouse, if any, of Ulysses Buelis, Discover Bank, Commonwealth of Kentucky; debt complaint.

Midland Funding vs. Tim Stephens; debt complaint.

Maria Honeycutt vs. Willard Adkins, Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Company; auto accident complaint.

Lisa Nolan vs. Sheena Spears; auto accident complaint.

Portia Walls vs. Robert Conley; auto accident complaint.

Community Trust Bank Inc. vs. Shamron and Patricia McKenzie; debt complaint.

Carrie and Michael Kidd vs. Floyd County Fiscal Court, Dale Hall, Mike Jarrell, Alan Williams (in official and individual capacities); property damage complaint.

Beverly Adkins vs. Harold Dean Adkins; divorce.

Dormal and Cathy Ousley vs. Chris Ousley and Amanda Carroll; petition for custody and de facto custody.

Anna Pflieger vs. Adam Castle; verified petition for sale of land for indivisibility.

Greentree Servicing LLC. vs. Julia L. Vanderpool; debt complaint.

Discover Bank vs. Ernie and Ivan Tackett; debt complaint.

Greentree Servicing LLC. vs. Vincent Justice; debt complaint.

Lily Morris vs. Jackie Martin; auto accident complaint.

Jacqueline and Willie Moore vs. Dwanna Johnson, Floyd County Board of Education; auto accident complaint.

Raymond and Robin Daniels vs. Frances Corder; auto accident complaint.

Sam O. and Jeanne Blankenship vs. DW Dickey Energy Inc., doing business as Hill Top Energy Inc.; property damage complaint (blasting).

Wayne and Julia Exley vs. DW Dickey Energy Inc., doing business as Hill Top Energy Inc.; property damage complaint (blasting).

Betty Flanery vs. Columbia Gas Transmission and Nisource Corporate Services, Denver Gasner, At Hall, Charles Chuck Dalfield, unknown agents or employees of the same; property damage (burning hazardous materials) complaint.

Kisha Hinton and Melissa Manock vs. Glenna L. Scott; auto accident complaint.

Don Marshall vs. DW Dickey Energy, Inc. doing business as Hill Top Energy Inc.; property damage complaint (blasting).

Ray Henderson vs. James Henderson; petition for health care insurance.

Heather Robinson vs. Chuck McKinney; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Rita Collins vs. Lisa Crager; petition for health care insurance.

Small Claims Filings

Elexas Thornsberry vs. Devin Hall; debt.

East Kentucky Tire vs. Jimmy Conn; debt.

Pearlie Slone vs. Greg Mullins, alleges that Mullins used an old transmission when he was paid to put in a new one.

Charges Filed

Ryan Lykins, 22, Salyersville; possession of marijuana, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession, manufacture, distribute counterfeit controlled substance, controlled substance in improper container.

Bradley S. Blevins, 28, Dorton, Ohio; first- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, failure to maintain required insurance, driving under the influence, no or expired registration receipt and plates, giving false statements, fraud, in applying for operator.

Tina Ramey, 23, Minnie; first-degree assault.

Charlie J. Duncan, 28, Hueysville; felony theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

Stephanie Anderson, no age available, Allen; nonsupport.

Jimmy Tackett, 36, Teaberry; third-degree burglary, felony theft by unlawful taking.

Jordan Curry, 20, Wheelwright; two counts of second-degree forgery, two counts of felony theft by deception.

Wesley Shepherd, 20, David; shoplifting.

Otis Wallen, no age, Martin; public intoxication.

Jeffrey Turner, 43, Garrett; public intoxication.

Jamie Boyd, 29, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Charles K. Hall, 27, Teaberry; fourth-degree assault.

Jeff Goble, 52, Dwale; harassing communications.

Ryan Hackworth, 20, Stanville; misdemeanor theft by unlawful taking.

Tina Burchett, 30, Prestonsburg; misdemeanor theft by unlawful taking.

Jonathan Chaney, 40, Bellville, Ill; public intoxication.

Martha Barth, 42, Bellville, Ill; public intoxication.

Butch Patton, no age available, Eastern; fourth-degree assault.

Robert C. Barnett, 22, Salyersville; public intoxication.

Nathan Music, 21, West Van Lear; riding on a bow, etc., while motorboat is underway.

Thomas Chandler, 51, Dwale; harassment.

Inspections

Cardinal Country Store, South Lake Drive, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all freezer and cooler units, snack

food items stored in contact with floor, proper hair restraints not in use, cups observed stored on floor, garbage container in food prep area not covered, several floor tiles in disrepair, ceiling in food prep area in disrepair. Score: Food 94, retail 95.

Meade's Stop & Go, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: One container in food prep area not properly labeled, several coolers lack easy to spot thermometers, wiping cloths improperly stored after use, single service articles observed stored on floor, lights in walk-in cooler not shielded, restroom doors not self-closing. Score-Food 95, Retail 95.

Property Transfers

Ocie Black to Roger Webb, property located at Sally Stephens Branch.

Darin and Theresa Conley to Linda and Marvin Howard, property location undisclosed.

Otis Hansel Cooley to Deborah and Steven Haywood and Ricky and Tonia Robinson, property location undisclosed.

Charlotte Cooper to Kellie and Steven Lafferty, property location undisclosed.

Jimmy Goble to Marka and Sharon Neeley, property located at Allen.

Mack Hagans to Martha Dotson, property location undisclosed.

Debbie Hall to Housing Oriented Ministries, property location undisclosed.

Homer Hall to Deborah and Gregory Hall, property location undisclosed.

Lanny Hall to Housing Oriented Ministries, property location undisclosed.

Levi and Tonya Hall to Bryan Adams, property location undisclosed.

Linda and Philip Haywood to Deborah and Steven Haywood, property located at Bull Creek.

Emily and Paul Marsillett to Paul E. Marsillett, property location undisclosed.

Opal Maynard to Randy Akers, property location undisclosed.

Betty Meade to Jimmy Compton, property location undisclosed.

Carol Neeley to Georgetta and Kenneth Kimber, property located at Porter Addition.

Pink Osborne to Odra Osborne, property location undisclosed.

Avonell and Edward Patrick to Duane Patrick, property location undisclosed.

Carol and Ronnie Prater to Jessica and Larry Pitts, property located at Brush Creek.

Andrea and Christopher Waugh to Eric and Stacy Cook, property located at Henry's Branch of Right Beaver.

Times, other papers collecting items for hurricane relief

Times Staff Report

The Floyd County Times is teaming up with the Williamson Daily News and the Hazard Herald, newspapers owned and operated by Heartland Publications, to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The newspapers are asking area residents and businesses to donate bottled water, non-perishable food items, bleach,

cleaning supplies, diapers, baby food and formula, personal hygiene items and new blankets for the "Operation Katrina Relief — Help Is on the Way" donation drive.

Donations can be dropped off at The Floyd County Times office on South Central Avenue in Prestonsburg between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Collections will continue

until Friday, Sept. 9, when a truck will collect all donated items from the three newspapers and transport them to the disaster area.

The newspapers are not accepting clothes donations.

For more information, contact Managing Editor Ralph Davis, or Sales Representatives Jamie Vanhooose and Wendy Trent at (606) 886-8506.

New surgical procedure performed at HRMC

PRESTONSBURG — The first laparoscopic prostatectomy performed anywhere east of Lexington was done on Thursday, Aug. 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Dr. Michael McDonald, a board certified urologist on staff at Highlands, performed the procedure.

The laparoscopic procedure was performed on a 68-year-old male with T1c, early stage prostate cancer. Prostate cancer affects one out of six men at some point in their lifetime, but often goes undiagnosed because there are no real physical symptoms in the early stages. The patient having the laparoscopic prostate procedure was diagnosed as the result of a having a PSA test. The test indicated higher than normal results and further tests revealed he was in the early stages of prostate cancer.

According to Dr. McDonald, the laparoscopic prostate procedure offers many benefits to the patient. Instead of a large open incision, the procedure is done through five small ports and is considered to be a minimally invasive. The patient stays 24-to-72 hours in the hospital instead of the 5-to-7 days required for an open incision procedure. There are also decreased pain requirements related to the decreased need for pain medications. Other benefits include improved continence rates and returning to normal

activities sooner.

The decision to surgically remove the prostate gland, when cancer is diagnosed in the early stages, is done at the patient's preference. Early results appear to show the same survival rate as for open incision surgery.

Dr. McDonald came to Highlands nine years ago after completing a fellowship in urology at the University of California in San Francisco. Since that time he has introduced numerous new urological procedures many of which were performed for the first time anywhere in eastern Kentucky, such as radiation seed therapy for prostate cancer, laparoscopic nephrectomy, laparoscopic pyeloplasty, percutaneous nephrolithotomy, inter-stem device, and one of the first hospitals in Eastern Kentucky to have their own ESWL machine for treatment of kidney stones.

Highlands Regional Medical Center and Highlands Cancer Center will offer their annual prostate cancer screening free to



Dr. Michael McDonald

the community on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Cancer Center. Free PSA tests and digital rectal exams will be offered. Dr. McDonald and several other physicians are donating their time to help with the cancer screening. As with all cancers, prostate cancer, when detected early and treated appropriately improves the odds for a good outcome. For more information about prostate cancer or the prostate cancer screening call 886-7586.

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All of us have been moved by the images we have seen and the stories we have heard of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. Now, The Floyd County Times is teaming up with the Williamson Daily News and the Hazard Herald to bring Appalachians together to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Operation Katrina Relief will serve as way to get the most vital necessities to victims of this disaster. We will be accepting donations of bottled water, non-perishable food, bleach, cleaning supplies, diapers, baby food and formula, personal hygiene items and new blankets. Donations can be delivered to The Floyd County Times until Thursday evening, Sept. 8. The items will then be sent by truck to the disaster area the following day.

For more information about Operation Katrina Relief, contact Ralph Davis, Jamie VanHooose or Wendy Trent at The Floyd County Times, (606) 886-8506.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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

— Albert Einstein

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Guest View

In Katrina's wake

New Orleans — the beautiful, beloved, quirky, bawdy "Big Easy" — is now in chaos, at least the fraction of the city that is not underwater.

Thousands, according to the mayor, are probably dead. Hospitals are barely functioning. Looting is rampant, gunfire crackles sporadically and fires burn unattended. While rescue workers race against the clock to save lives, laborers and engineers work frantically, with little success, to stop the torrent of water that flows from the city's antiquated and broken levee system. As authorities carry out a mandatory, total evacuation of this city of a half-million people, it is obvious New Orleans will never be the same.

Natural disasters are such a regular part of life — that is, life as we experience it through the media — that in many instances we barely pay attention. An earthquake in Turkey, a flood in Bangladesh, even wildfires or droughts in our own country — so long as it's not in our own backyard, the events sometimes have so little resonance in our own lives that we hardly think about them beyond our initial grimaces upon seeing footage of ravaged towns and devastated wilderness. That's why when many Americans awoke Monday to news that New Orleans had not taken a direct hit from Hurricane Katrina and that Katrina was weakening, we could be excused for thinking this was just another of the storms that pound the Southeast every summer and autumn.

Three days later — after the shocking images from New Orleans and after grim new assessments of the damage to neighboring Mississippi and Alabama — any notion that this was just another storm is long gone. Instead, Americans will remember Katrina as an epochal event — a tragedy of sweeping and appalling scale with little precedent in our history.

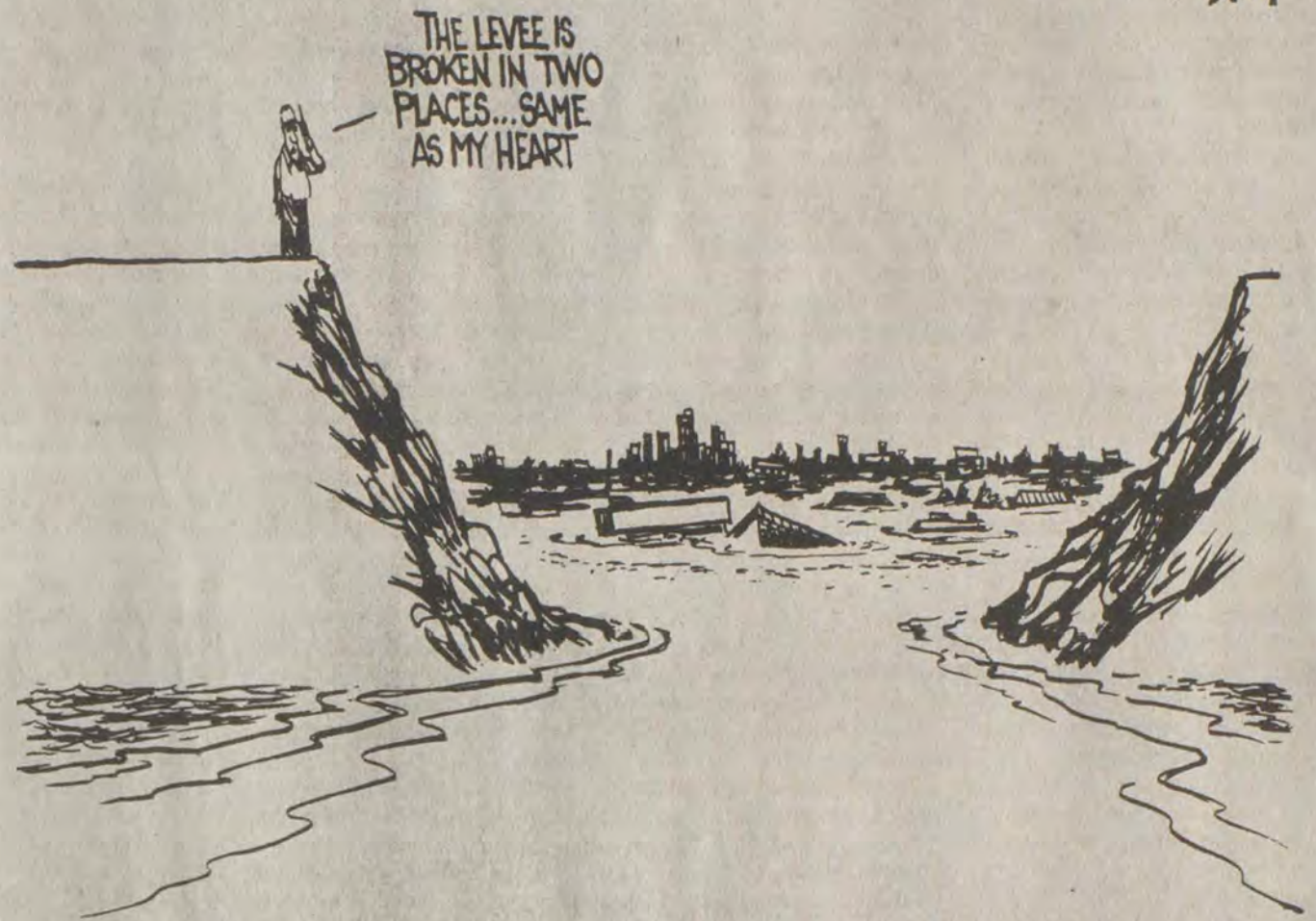
It's hard to imagine given our smug satisfaction about technological and material progress that in 2005 a major American city essentially could be destroyed by a hurricane, or that a storm's toll could be so severe that its effect is credibly likened to a nuclear attack. Such things happen in the Third World, not in the richest country in history.

Or so we thought. It did happen here, and the result is the most costly natural disaster in terms of property damage in U.S. history. But a number preceded by a dollar sign — however many zeroes it has — can only hint at the ruination that Katrina has left behind. It is no exaggeration to say that millions of people will suffer for weeks, perhaps years, in the hurricane's wake. For now, the best way that we as individuals can help is through donations of money and supplies, and through support of the massive relief and rescue efforts already under way. It's time, as President Bush told the nation Wednesday, to make plain that America stands behind those devastated by Katrina, and that we will do all we can to help them.

While we focus on these basics, the hunt for any lesson beyond the obvious — that, despite our hubris, nature is far from tamed — can wait.

— The San Diego Union-Tribune

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Guest Column

Iraq takes root in Texas

by JIM HIGHTOWER
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

By the time you read this, who knows what will have happened? That's the way it is when American patriots rebel and take a bold, direct stand against The Powers That Be.

Cindy Sheehan is the patriot I'm talking about. She's the mother of an Army specialist who was killed a year ago at age 24 in Iraq. She has a question for George W, the guy who sent her son Casey to die: "Why?" She also wants to know why George - who dodged war himself when he was Casey's age - refers to people like her son as being among the soldiers lost in the war. "He's not lost," she says through angry tears, "He's dead."

Bush, of course, is not allowed by Karl Rove to meet with unauthorized, unRepublicanized, unresponsive citizens, but Cindy has made it hard for him to avoid her. When George went to Crawford in early August for a five-week getaway, she made the trek there as well, setting up a makeshift camp on the side of a dusty road leading onto the

Bush spread. She vowed to stay there until he comes out and meets with her, even if it meant spending all of August in the broiling Texas heat.

This one mother's stand, literally drawing a line in the dirt of George's own ranch road, has ignited the anti-war sentiment of a growing majority of Americans. Her personal outrage and thoughtful expression has a legitimacy that even the national media cannot ignore, and support for her cause (which is our cause, too) is flooding into her little camp on the road.

Bush's White House operatives are frantic to remove her from that road, by

hook or crook. By the time you read this, they might have done so - but they cannot remove her as a courageous symbol for all of us who want to speak truth to this tone-deaf White House. Bush brags that he can take the Texas heat... but Cindy Sheehan is giving him more heat than he can stand. Stay connected to her through this website: meetwithcindy.org.

Jim Hightower is the best-selling author of "Thieves In High Places: They've Stolen Our Country And It's Time To Take It Back," on sale now from Viking Press.



Letters

Offers thanks to coach

Betsy Layne High School football coach Glenn Ripkowski, thank you for your time, effort and concern that you have shown to the Betsy Layne Elementary football program. From the parents and the players, we want to express our appreciation for everything you have done to help.

Constant encouragement and the giving of those material things needed to make our kids feel important and being properly equipped are comforting. Keeping kids involved in extracurricular activities keeps them away from the pitfalls of life. We, as adults, must do everything we can with and for our children to guide them in the right direction.

Coach Ripkowski, thank you for giving something of great value to our kids — your time.
Steve Roberts
Betsy Layne

Local businesses support education

Floyd County school employees began the 2005-06 school year with our annual opening day activities at the Mountain Arts Center on Aug. 4 (classified employees) and Aug. 8 (certified employees).

Members of the Floyd County Education Association and Floyd County Education Support Professionals assisted with providing refreshments and gift bags to employees. The gift bags included instructional items like pens, pencils, rulers, markers, discount coupons, etc. for employees to distribute to our valuable students.

We could not have provided these items without the assistance and cooperation of many area businesses who contributed. FCEA and FCESP members would like to take this opportunity to thank those business leaders who care so much about our children and educators

and value the importance of public education.

Area businesses who helped sponsor our effort include BB&T Bank, Big Sandy Education Supply, Citizens National Bank, First Commonwealth Bank, Attorney Eric C. Conn, Martin IGA, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Justice Shamrock Glass, Hall and Clark Insurance, Risk Placement Services, Kountry Shop of Martin, Wal-Mart, Community Trust Bank, Dairy Queen, El Azul Grande Restaurant, Food City of Prestonsburg, OP Nails, Friedman's Jewelry, Advance Auto Parts, Huddle House, Save-A-Lot, Pepsi Cola, Foodland of Prestonsburg, Stanville IGA and Messer's Department Store of Martin.

We very much appreciate the community support of these business leaders.

Celia Hall
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At the Movies: 'Red Eye'

by DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

Today's in-flight movie is "Red Eye," with horror-meister Wes Craven departing from the garish gore of his "A Nightmare on Elm Street" days yet essentially sticking to the formula of his "Scream" flicks, minus the laughs.

"Scream" and its sequels featured Neve Campbell as a passive-aggressive heroine who rises to the occasion and beats up on masked weenies preying on her. "Red Eye" stars Rachel McAdams as a passive-aggressive heroine who rises to the occasion and beats up on a masquerading weenie (Cillian Murphy) preying on her during an overnight plane flight.

Unlike the "Scream" movies, "Red Eye" is not meant as parody, yet it comes unintentionally close in its repetitive closing climax, with Murphy's supposedly deadly character bumbling through attempts to catch his quarry.

An overlong set-up in freshman screenwriter Carl Ellsworth's script also holds the action at bay, leaving only the

fitfully suspenseful midsection to provide a few decent twists and exchanges between victim and tormentor.

McAdams plays Lisa Reiser, a Miami hotel manager returning home from her grandmother's funeral on a red-eye flight in stormy weather. After a dalliance in the terminal with a charming hunk (Murphy) whose only flaw seems to be his name — Jackson Rippner — Lisa winds up seated next to him on the plane.

Pleasant surprise turns to unease then terror as Jackson reveals that their meeting is a ploy. He's there to strong-arm her into changing rooms for Charles Keefe (Jack Scalia), the deputy secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, who's about to check into Lisa's hotel.

If Lisa refuses, a man waiting outside the home of her dad (Brian Cox) will gut the old man with a nasty knife. If she agrees, Lisa will be party to a major assassination by giving Jackson's accomplices a clear shot at Keefe.

We're supposed to believe Jackson is good at his job, which

should make Lisa a pushover to handle. In true "Scream" fashion, however, Lisa often easily, often preposterously, has the upper hand.

Craven and company had a chance to add punch and relevancy to "Red Eye" with a more-thoughtful handling of post-Sept. 11 fears about airline security and domestic terrorism. Yet apart from a few vague references to the rigors of traveling in this new age of anxiety, the movie is a by-the-numbers thriller at 30,000 feet that could have been made two decades ago.

The movie is equally hazy on whom Jackson works for and why this particular federal official is such a prime target. The movie fails miserably at casting Keefe as the hard-line scourge of terrorists the filmmakers want to present. In his few scenes, Keefe comes across more like a pleasantly bland bureaucrat than a hawk.

Likewise, Cox is given little to do, a shameful waste of a steely character actor, who's relegated here to padding about his lonely house and sharing wistful phone conversations with his



"Red Eye," a DreamWorks release, is rated PG-13 for some intense sequences of violence and language. Running time: 85 minutes.

Two stars out of four.

daughter.

Jayma Mays adds a few moments of comic relief as Lisa's nervous assistant hotel manager.

McAdams, who starred in last year's sleeper hit "The Notebook" and co-stars in "Wedding Crashers," continues to develop as a solid lead actress, providing a tough, potent presence despite the weak material.

Murphy, who starred in the zombie thriller "28 Days Later," infuses Jackson with quiet menace, though he was far more ominous as the creepy villain Scarecrow in "Batman Begins."

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

This week's new releases feature action, romance and kung-fu, with the martial arts film being the best of the bunch.

"Ong-Bak-The Thai Warrior" — This chop-sockey opus is easily the best in recent years and features a young performer, Tony Jaa, who may just be ready to take on the role of action kingpin from Jackie Chan, who is getting a little long in the tooth for this kind of thing. Jaa gets to show off his skills as an acrobat and a kung-fu master here, where he is cast as a denizen of a small village who must journey to a big city to reclaim an artifact stolen from his people. The thief turns out to be connected with a mob-owned club that features brutal backroom

fighting tournaments, which gives Jaa a chance to show off some killer moves. Another highlight is a slapstick styled chase through the city which gives Jaa an opportunity to do more than just wallop guys and has him flipping and leaping over obstacles like a live action video game. Warning: The fights in this film are bone jarringly brutal and rightfully earned the film an R rating.

"Sahara" — Author Clive Cussler's series of novels featuring two-fisted hero Dirk Pitt come to the screen with this lighthearted action epic. Matthew McConaughey stars as Pitt and acquits himself fine, though sidekick Steve Zahn steals every scene he's in. Fun hijinks but lighter than air.

"Monster-in-Law" — Jane Fonda returns to the big screen

with this comedy about a faded anchorwoman who is determined to keep her doctor son from marrying the wrong girl. When the son becomes smitten with Jennifer Lopez, it is time for Fonda to turn up the heat. Though marked by one of those "let's be friends" endings, this one manages to compensate with an all-systems-go performance by Fonda.

"The Blues Brothers: 25th Anniversary Edition" — This two-disc salute to the classic 1980 comedy includes 17-minutes of footage that was cut from most prints of the original film. Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi lead the Chicago police department on a high-speed chase while trying to raise money to save their orphanage. This one throws everything

but the kitchen sink into the mix and features vulgar jokes, car

chase antics and fully choreographed musical numbers featuring some of greats of Motown, though many might argue that the film was "on a mission from God."

"Major Dundee" — The efforts by film enthusiasts to restore movies strike again with this retelling of Sam Pekinpah's ("The Wild Bunch") first big studio project. A Union major doggedly pursues a pack of Apaches while shepherding Confederate prisoners to a jail. Their restored footage fleshes out the characters a bit and the film benefits from a solid cast, which includes Charlton Heston, Richard Harris, James Coburn and Pekinpah favorite, Warren Oates.

Next week look for the L.A. set ensemble drama "Crash" and two direct-to-video releases which include Wesley Snipes, who aside from the "Blade" films appears to be doing a fair amount of direct-to-video flicks, in "The Marksman" and the latest Hellraiser yarn, "Hellworld," featuring fright fave Pinhead.

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Gas prices

his family will have to cancel a trip to Cincinnati that had been planned for the holiday weekend and further observed that the family budget was going to be severely impacted.

"We would love to travel, but we have to eat and it ain't gonna be filet mignon," Ramey said.

Customers saw prices go up again later that afternoon, with area stations charging an average \$3.29 a gallon after reports that the flooding of New Orleans had impacted domestic production.

But not everyone believed that the price hikes were completely necessary. At a press conference Wednesday afternoon, Attorney

General Greg Stumbo called on Gov. Ernie Fletcher to declare an emergency to investigate whether price gauging is the culprit and was promptly granted his request.

The high prices may have also prompted some to take more desperate measures. The Marathon station on North Lake Drive posted signs on each pump Wednesday alerting drivers that they would have to pay for their gas before they started pumping. A Marathon clerk explained that the station had been hit by several instances of customers driving off without paying for their gas. However, the Prestonsburg Police Department reported that, so far,

there has not been any increase in the crime.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn also put to rest rumors of a gas crime wave with people puncturing gas tanks to steal gasoline.

"We've had no reports of that and with the way they build gas tanks now you couldn't get more than a trickle and are more likely to blow yourself up," Blackburn said.

The sheriff did note that the gas crisis will have an impact on the county, with emergency services and his department having to stay gassed up and ready to respond to emergencies regardless of prices.

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Teacher

McDowell ARH Hospital, where physicians treated him and then contacted social services and Kentucky State Police.

Mullins noted that the trooper told that Tackett allegedly snapped his arm repeatedly with a rubber band that the students wear which features a smiley-face emblem. She recalled that the trooper said he couldn't arrest the teacher.

A scenario for what prompted the alleged abuse has not surfaced but Mullins was seething as she reported the incident to County Attorney Keith Bartley on Aug. 26. She told Bartley that her son was no angel but that

teachers need to represent proper behavior and that Tackett stepped over the line when she hurt her son.

Bartley told Mullins that both agencies she reported the incident to are required to conduct an investigation and promised to call the trooper and social services to be informed of what steps the investigation was taking.

Mullins believes Tackett shouldn't have been permitted in a classroom until drug trafficking charges brought against her are resolved. Tackett was indicted in February on two counts of first-degree trafficking. The indictment alleges that Tackett sold

oxycodone to an undercover informant on Sept. 9, 2004, and Feb. 21, 2004. The charges are class C felonies carrying a 5-to-10-year penalty for each sale.

Tackett was also arrested in April 2003 for a DUI incident that saw her charged with two counts of drug possession as well as driving under the influence of drugs.

The board of education and staff at the school would only comment that they do employ Stephanie Tackett but could not comment on any investigation due to privacy policies which guarantee confidentiality for students.

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Grayson

the campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Grayson noted that a large turnout is expected for the 2006 elections and his office wants to make sure that voters have a forum for questions and concerns about voting. One of the main issues around area voting was the subject of vote hauling which Grayson talked to Middletown about during the taping of the program.

Grayson revealed that the best thing the government can do is

prosecute cases of vote hauling abuse and send the message that it won't be tolerated. He also observed that with 1.5 million people expected to vote, it will be impossible to totally curb the practice but he expects that recent media attention to vote hauling cases can only help raise awareness of the issue and minimize abuses.

Grayson was asked about Gov. Ernie Fletcher's recent blanket pardon of members of his administration, most of whom had been

charged with misdemeanor counts of unfair hiring practices. Grayson noted that Fletcher's minimizing of the scandal as being "only misdemeanors" was not appropriate, but stressed that there are more important issues facing the state that haven't gotten sufficient attention because of the focus on Attorney General Greg Stumbo's investigation.

Grayson pointed out that a federal investigation could trump the pardons but didn't think that the governor acted inappropriately.

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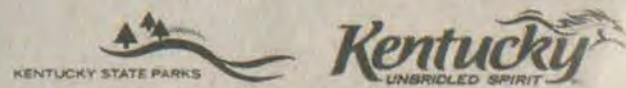
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Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.

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

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Hobert Meek, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on

1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Trusty.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister.

Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

Pleasant Valley Old Regular Baptist Church, Tinker Fork; Meeting time 1st Saturday & Sunday of each month, 3rd Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.; Moderator, Gary Compton; Assist. Moderator, Jimmy Conley.

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

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

Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Jerry Manns, Pastor; Willie Crace Jr., Assistant Pastor.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Huesville; Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Allen Chaffins, phone 946-2123.

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

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Huesville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

CATHOLIC

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

CHRISTIAN

First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.

Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.

Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

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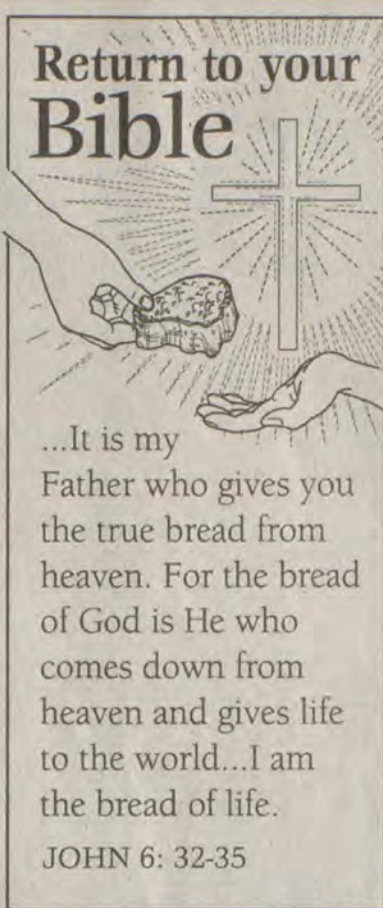
Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.

Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kidder, Ministers.

Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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



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...It is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world...I am the bread of life.

JOHN 6: 32-35

Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley; Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

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

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

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

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.

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

Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL

St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

LUTHERAN

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

METHODIST

Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

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

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

Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m., Pastor David Profit.

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

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.

Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.

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

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

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt., Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcom Slone, Minister.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church, Dwale; Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m. **First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive;** Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Gary Sheph Minister.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Relief Society/Priesthood/Primary, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Mtg., 11:20 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; Ken Carriere, Bishop.

OTHER

Pastor Atha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the **CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY.** Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m.

Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. **Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg,** (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.

Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagens, Minister.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 pm.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Conley Fork of Spurlock, Prestonsburg; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Jeff Kinslow, Pastor

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428. Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

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

Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.

Church of God of Prophecy, Sunday School 10 a.m., worship Service 11 a.m., Sunday Night - 6 p.m., Wednesday Night - 6 p.m. Pastor Glenn Hayes. West Prestonsburg.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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Ext. Council Sept. meeting

The next meeting of the Floyd County Extension Council and District Board will be held Monday, Sept. 12, at 5:30 p.m., at the Extension Office (921 S. Lake Dr.).

BLHS Blood Drive

Donate blood at the Betsy Layne High School blood drive, to be held Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., in the library. For more information, contact Russell Cassady at 1-800-775-2522.

Floyd County Library Bookmobile schedule

Tuesday, September 6: Betsy Layne Senior CC, Mare Creek, Justell, Tram, Daniel's Creek
Wednesday, September 7: Hippo, Pyramid, Martin Senior CC, Mt. Tabor, Spurlock Creek
Thursday, September 8: Karen's Day Care, Dinosaur Playland II, Prestonsburg Senior CC, Highland Terrace, Cliffside, Auxier.

Griffey-Griffith Family Reunion

To be held on Sunday, Sept. 4, at Archer Park - George Archer Shelter.

Harrison-Innis Reunion

A reunion of the Harrison-Innis families will be held on Sept. 3, at Allen Park, beginning at 11 a.m.

Chaffins Family Reunion

Reunion of the descendants of Henry and Lena Chaffins, to be held Sept. 3, beginning at 10 a.m., at the home of Patsy Chaffins Willis. More info., call 285-9958 or 886-2073.

Auxier Homecoming 2005

To be held Sept. 2, at 6 p.m., and Sept. 3, beginning at 10 a.m. A cookout will be held on Saturday, from 1-3 p.m. Other activities will include: Line dancing, Sat., from 5-6 p.m.; hayrides, Fri. and Sat., beginning at 3 p.m.; a performance by the Auxier Volunteer Fire Dept Performers, Sat., 6 p.m. Concession stands, souvenirs, and book sale, Fri. and Sat. Auxier Homecoming Committee members Ursal Wilcox, Bobby Wells, Brenda McKenzie, Sue Hager Morrison and Betty Curmutteal say they'll "See you at the Park!"

Shepherd Family Reunion

To be held Sept. 5, at Shelter #3, Jenny Wiley State Park Spillway. Bring a covered dish, soft drinks, and a NEW towel, wash cloth or dish towel. Hope to see you there!

15th Annual Dwale Homecoming

To be held Sept. 2 & 3, at the Dwale Community Shelter. Everyone welcome!

Shepherd Family "Relay for Life" Poker Run

To be held Sat., Sept. 3, at Prestonsburg Cycle Center. Registration will begin at 10 a.m.; \$10 fee (\$5 for second rider). Cash prize will go to the best poker hand. All proceeds to be donated to the American Cancer Society. 50/50 jackpot tickets; food and drinks available following the ride. More info., call 377-0519 or 587-3320.

Hale Family Reunion

The John M. Hale Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Greenwich Coon Hunter's Club, in Greenwich, Ohio, beginning at noon. Please bring a covered dish. Tableware and drinks will be provided. For more info., call Alma Hopkins at 419-752-6906.

30 year Class Reunion

Allen Central High School Class of 1975 will hold a class reunion on September 3, 2005, from 6-12; 6-7. Registration is at 7:30 and dinner will be at the Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg.

WHS Class of '59

The Wayland High School Class of 1959 will hold their 46th year reunion on Sept. 3, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. For further information, email to: pslone@charter.net.

Creation Seminar Sunday

Event to be held Sept. 11, at Prater Creek Baptist Church, Banner. Mike Riddle, of the "Answers in Genesis" organization, will conduct seminars on Biblical Creationism. For more info., call Pastor J.B. Hall at 874-3222; email to: pcbc@pcbaptist.org.

Hill Country Dancers

FREE square and line dance classes for the month of Sept., beginning Sept. 8, in Pikeville, at Hambley Athletic Center, across from Pikeville High School. For more info., call Linda Frasure at 285-3994; Novella Froman at 432-5834; or Don Schul at 789-5712.

2005 Martin County Harvest Festival Cuties & Beauties Pageant

To be held Oct. 6, at 6 p.m., at the Roy F. Collier Community Center, Inez. Ages 0-11 mos. up to "Mrs." (anyone married or with children), females; Ages 0-11 mos. up to 6 years, males. Contestants will receive gift bags, t-shirts, participation crowns and awards. More info., call 298-0020 or 298-4850. Call now for details on how to enter free! Sponsored by the Inez Volunteer Fire Department.

KY Apple Baby Contest

"Apple Baby Contest, of the KY Apple Festival, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25, in the Paintsville High School gymnasium. Boys and girls, ages 1 year to 23 months, are eligible. Must be resident of KY. May register at Big Sandy Pharmacy, Main Street, Paintsville. Applications available Monday, August 29 and accepted through close of business day on Thursday, Sept. 22. No entries allowed beyond this date. A recent, framed, 5x7 photo required upon application.

Jenny Wiley Festival Pageant

Early registration thru Sept. 15. Applications may be picked up at Lad 'n Lassie, in Prestonsburg. Be eligible for a free event if register by Sept. 15. Pageant to be held Oct. 2, at Mountain Arts Center.

Jenny Wiley Bike Tours

Held every Saturday morning, 8 a.m. Meet at the flags in front of the Jenny Wiley Convention Center/Marina. Group will ride to spillway where a \$6.95 breakfast buffet will be available. Fun ride at a relaxed pace.

For more information, call 886-8604 or email: profitness-ntr@bellsouth.net. You may also visit www.multisports.com to view and print a map of area cycling routes.

Parsons Family Reunion

Reunion for the descendants of Isaac and Louisa Parsons will be held on Sept. 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery, located on Parsons Branch, off Rt. 979. Please bring a covered dish; meal will be served at 1 p.m. All family and friends welcome. For more info., call E. J. Parsons at 865-426-7585.

Hughes Family Reunion

For the families of Mathias Hughes, Linda E. and Jake Marsillett, Mary Darcus and John Wright, Sally and James Marsillett, John Malcom and Sally Hughes, Jim Henry and Ida Hughes. Reunion will be held on Sept. 4, at the home of Delmer Holbrook, located at 143 Holbrook Hollow Rd., in Prestonsburg. For more info., call 886-8481.

Rotary Club

Local Rotary Club holds meetings every Thursday, at noon, at the Student Grill, on the

BSCTC campus. Open to business and professional men and women who live or work in Floyd County. More info., contact Mike Vance at 886-2075.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

Class Schedule:
Basic Computer: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 5 -7 p.m. Begins Sept. 12
Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Begins Sept. 15.
Classes meet once a week for 8 weeks; fee \$30.
Intermediate Computer: Tuesdays, 12-2 p.m. Begins Sept. 13. Classes meet once a week for 8 weeks. Fee, \$30.
Computer keyboarding: Fridays, 12-2 p.m. Begins Sept. 16. Once a week for 6 weeks; fee \$30.
Greeting Card Making: Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Begins Sept. 14. Call for more info.

Creative Sewing: Mondays, 5-7 p.m. Begins Sept. 12; Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Begins Sept. 15. Once a week for 8 weeks; fee, \$24.

Strip Quilting: Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Begins Sept. 15. Once a week for 4 weeks, fee, \$12.

Survival Skills for Women (NEW): Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Begins Sept. 6. Once a week for 10 weeks, FREE.

GED: FREE. Call for more information. Center telephone: 886-0709.

HRMC Community Calendar

Sept. 10 - Child Birth classes, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Meeting Place A & B.
Sept. 13 - Sr. Advantage, 10-11:30 a.m., Prestonsburg Senior Citizen Center.
Sept. 17 - "Living Well with Diabetes," 9-11:30 a.m., Meeting Place A & B.
For more info., contact Highlands Educational Services Dept. at 886-7424.

Victim Services Volunteer Training

The Victim Services program of Mt. Comp. Care Center is looking for individuals interested in becoming volunteers. To be a volunteer, one must complete a 40-hour training requirement.

The training will begin Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; it will continue for the next four (4) Saturdays thereafter.

For an application packet, please call the volunteer coordinator at 886-4323.

Volunteers provide valuable services that positively impact victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. (10-3)

Little Mud Comm. Center

The Little Mud Community Center Board of Directors are currently in the process of locating photos of old historic sites of the area. The pictures are to be added to the center's historic wall. If you have any such pictures, or are interested in more information concerning this project, call 478-1477 or 478-2479. **The center will hold their 2nd annual Spruce Pine Elem. and Comm. Reunion on Sept. 3, beginning at 5 p.m. Live music, old-fashioned pie supper, and more. Please bring a covered dish of your choosing. More info., call 478-1477 or 478-2479.

Attention: BLHS Class of '85

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1985 will host a reunion to be held Sept. 10, 6 p.m. to 12 a.m., at the Landmark Inn, Pikeville. \$50 per couple/\$25 for single. For more info., contact Debbie Hall at 304-757-2918 or Doehallparsons@charter.net

Over 50? Need a friend?

Then check out our Friendship Club for seniors. Share a meal, see a movie, take a walk, have a chat. Meet with other seniors at a local location. Come on out, and let's talk. For more info., call 889-9620. The Friendship Club is not a dating service.

Neighborhood Watch

The Mud Creek Neighborhood Watch group will meet the third Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend meetings.

Local Travel Club formed

A local travel club has been recently organized for the enjoyment of those who enjoy inexpensive group travel. Upcoming trips include: New York City, Oct. 14-16; Washington, D.C., Nov. 25-27; Niagara Falls, Canada, Labor Day weekend, 2006 and Disney World, mid-July, 2006.

The club will host a fundraising event Oct. 7-9, 2005, at the Weeksbury Comm. Park. Vendors with yard sale items, an old-fashioned cake walk, horse-shoe tournaments, and an old-fashioned mill where you may purchase fresh meal and ground grits. Lots of games and food, plus tentative plans for a motorcycle show.

Call Ed or Linda at 452-4149 for more details.

Free Body Recall classes

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

Earn While You Learn

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

Interested in job training?

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929.

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the

Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension

Homemaker Club Meetings
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Evening Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

Looking For a Support Group?

Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 6 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265, or Jane Bond at FCHD.

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

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

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

US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

Sept. 15 - Prostate Health - Dr. Michael McDonald.

Oct. 20 - Regaining Sexual Health - Jeffrey Goyer.

Nov. 17 - Holiday Celebration.

Questions or concerns? Call

487-8360.

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

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

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

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

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

Sept. 9 - Group will go on a field trip to Natural Bridge. For more info., call Lorie at 631-4008 or Susan at 432-0125.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

Hospital

Langley Post office manager Bill May confirmed that Brown, along with his parents, has received mail in Langley for a number of years. May said he wasn't sure whether Brown changed his mailing address with the post office, but he also said, "I rarely see mail for that child. It's possible he could be getting it somewhere else. I haven't seen him in years."

Brown's name was listed in a telephone directory under a Martin city telephone number, which is currently disconnected.

The mayor says that some of the hospital's properties (more specifically every building on the location except the hospital itself) would have to "come inside" the city limits anyway because of a contract agreement the hospital and Consolidated

Health Systems now have with the city utilities.

Ingram said he wasn't aware of any contract agreement.

The city passed an ordinance several years ago requiring residents, living outside of the city limits, who wish to obtain city services to sign a commercial water and consent to annexation agreement. The agreement stipulates that the property owner "will not protest, oppose, or petition against" the city's annexation and that they will not sue the city or any of its representatives.

Eddie Campbell, chief financial officer with the city utilities commission, confirmed that the hospital does receive sewer services through the city. The hospital is provided city water, he said, through an Auxier compa-

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ny that purchases the water from Prestonsburg.

This annexation agreement topic is currently being discussed by the mayor, the hospital's legal representatives and David Ellis, superintendent of the utilities commission.

The Floyd County Clerk's office could not confirm that the hospital or Consolidated Health Systems signed such an agreement, because Waugh, who was out of the office, had the file with him Thursday.

When the annexation was proposed, the hospital argued that they did not receive city services. They continue to argue that annexation attempt is illegal for various reasons.

Brown and Webb did not return inquiry calls.

Need

their homes. Right now, as far as food goes, we are only shipping food that is suitable for mass feeding, full tractor-trailer loads of hamburger or something along those lines, which will be directly sent to the areas in need. The best way to help now is contributions to the disaster relief fund. They can do that by sending their donation to the local Red Cross Chapter, where it will be forwarded, 100 percent, immediately to the disaster recovery fund."

The local Red Cross Chapter

is having the same communication problems that are currently seen in the hurricane afflicted areas, but they are working to connect area families with their lost loved ones. The names of those called in will be matched with names of victims registering at various shelters. Because of the number of people involved, the organization is only processing requests for mental health or medical emergencies. Some trauma victims are being airlifted to the University of Kentucky

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Chandler Medical Center. The Red Cross, currently monitoring blood supply needs, is urging community residents to donate blood at local blood drive centers.

Monetary donations can be mailed to the Red Cross at 313 Westminster Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Credit card contributions can also be made by phone by calling (800) HELP-NOW, or online at www.redcross.org. For additional information, contact the Red Cross office at (606) 886-8330.

Odds & Ends

■ **LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** — It might be a hobby but Steve Lee really knows how to spot a diamond in the rough.

Lee's most recent find — a 1.22 carat, gem-quality diamond — turned up during a recent visit to the Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro.

He said he hadn't been able to hunt for diamonds in more than two years because a disability forced him to use crutches. Lee returned this year after

friends persuaded him to take up the hobby again.

"It's a real thrill to find one this nice," he said Tuesday. "Even if you can't get around good, you can still do it."

Crater of Diamonds Superintendent Tom Stolarz said the size of the find isn't necessarily unusual for the park, but the quality of the diamond is exceptional. The state park is the only diamond mine in North America in which the public can

dig.

About 25 diamonds are found each year that weigh more than a carat, Stolarz said.

In previous years, Lee has found a 6-carat diamond, a 4.7-carat and a few 2-carat diamonds at the park.

The diamond he found Monday could be worth more than \$1,000, but he's got other plans for it: "This one's for mom," he said.

■ **AURORA, Mo.** — A teenager took matters into her hands when a substitute school bus driver who smelled of alcohol sped down the road with youngsters in tow, police said.

The 17-year-old girl, whose name was not released, ushered a group of remaining students off the bus when she reached her stop.

The driver, Daniel Adams, 55, was charged Tuesday with 10 counts of child endangerment, one day after he failed a sobriety test, authorities said. The Lawrence County prosecutor's office said additional charges could be filed. Adams remained jailed on bond.

There were six students left on the bus Monday when the 17-year-old passenger ordered the youngsters to get off at her stop, Aurora Police Chief Rick Batson said. The girl's family took the remaining children home.

"She was our little hero," Batson said.

Batson said a parent then called police to report that the erratic driving had frightened her children. Another parent said her children reported the driver was speeding down back roads and smelled of alcohol.

Police waited for the driver to return to the bus depot before arresting him.

■ **BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** — Indiana University is taking a message to prevent sexual assault to an unusual place — men's restrooms.

Members of Raising Awareness of Interactions in Sexual Encounters, or RAISE, have placed 600 red drain guards in urinals in Indiana dorm rooms with a message urging students to stop sexual assault.

"We're reaching people we wouldn't reach otherwise," said member Cara Berg, a junior.

For years, colleges have tried to prevent sexual assault by focusing on women's behavior.

Female students are told to stay with friends when they go to parties, avoid excessive drinking and to speak clearly and firmly when they do not want to have sex.

That approach may reduce their risk, but it doesn't get at the root of the problem, said Carol McCord, assistant dean of women's affairs.

"It's far more effective for men to say to other men, 'I don't accept this as a way to deal with women,'" she said.

■ **SAN FRANCISCO** — A man has been convicted of animal cruelty for cutting off his pet pit bull's ears with a razor in an effort to make the dog look tougher, officials said.

Smokey, a tan and white male pit bull, was turned into city animal care workers after his owner lopped off the ears in a bathtub on Aug. 1.

Shadrach Go, 25, was accused of taping Smokey's mouth closed, straddling him and performing a crude "crop" job, according to authorities.

"We have seen really bad home 'crop jobs' but this was particularly bad," said Deb Campbell with the city's Animal Care & Control Department.

Go faces a maximum penalty of a \$20,000 fine and a year in jail, but he will most likely receive probation and be prohibited from owning dogs for several years. Sentencing is set for Sept. 14.

Go's listed phone number was disconnected.

"Cropping" is frequent among unlicensed pit bull breeders and owners who use the dogs for fighting or intimidation. Authorities say many owners believe cropping makes the dogs look tougher.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 2005. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri, ending World War II.

On this date:

■ In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out, claiming thousands of homes, but only a few lives.

■ In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established.

■ In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.

■ In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

■ In 1930, the first non-stop airplane flight from Europe to the United States was completed in 37 hours as Capt. Dieudonne Costes and Maurice Bellonte of France arrived in Valley Stream, N.Y., aboard The Question Mark.

■ In 1935, a hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming 423 lives.

■ In 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent republic.

■ In 1963, Alabama Gov.

George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troopers.

■ In 1969, North Vietnamese president Ho Chi Minh died.

■ In 1985, it was announced that a U.S.-French expedition had located the wreckage of the Titanic about 560 miles off Newfoundland.

Ten years ago: At a military cemetery on a hill high above Honolulu, President Clinton marked the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, saying it taught Americans that "the blessings of freedom are never easy or free."

Five years ago: Hundreds of thousands of North Koreans welcomed home 63 former spies and guerrillas released by South Korea.

One year ago: President Bush pledged "a safer world and a more hopeful America" as he accepted his party's nomination for a second term at the Republican National Convention in New York. A military jury at Camp Pendleton, Calif., convicted Marine Sgt. Gary Pittman of dereliction of duty and abuse of prisoners at a makeshift detention camp in Iraq. A jury at Fort Lewis, Wash., convicted a National Guardsman of trying to help al-Qaida; Spc. Ryan G. Anderson was sentenced to life in prison.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Meinhardt Raabe (the Munchkin coroner in "The Wizard of Oz") is 90. Dancer-actress Marge Champion is 86. Jazz musician Horace Silver is 77. Former Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo., is 74. Former Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 66. Singer Jimmy Clanton is 65. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rosalind Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) is 62. Singer Joe Simon is 62. Football Hall-of-Famer Terry Bradshaw is 57. Actor Mark Harmon is 54. Tennis player Jimmy Connors is 53. Actress Linda Purl is 50. Rock musician Jerry Augustyniak (10,000 Maniacs) is 47. Country musician Paul Deakin (The Mavericks) is 46. Actor Keanu Reeves is 41. Actress Salma Hayek is 39. Actress Kristen Cloke is 37. Actress Cynthia Watros is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer K-Ci is 36. Singer Tony Thompson is 30. Rock musician Sam Rivers (Limp Bizkit) is 28.

Thought for Today: "Life is a tragic mystery. We are pierced and driven by laws we only half understand, we find that the lesson we learn again and again is that of accepting heroic helplessness." — Florida Scott-Maxwell, American writer and psychologist (1884-1979).

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Focusing now isn't an easy thing to do

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Forgive me if it's difficult this week. The focus just isn't there.

It's hard to think about sports right now. It's hard to cover sports, it's hard to play sports in a time like this.

Right now, it's just not easy.

They say sports is a great distraction in difficult times, and I suppose they're right. I know eventually we'll need



Rick Bentley

other things to think about, but right now it isn't easy.

Wednesday night's SportsCenter went the entire A block without a sports highlight. Yes, its coverage of Hurricane Katrina is slanted toward sports - athletes who haven't heard from family members, teams who are nomads right now as they bounce from town to town looking for dry land on which to practice. But on Wednesday, the first 10 minutes of the signature sports show in our nation was spent covering the most brutal hurricane in the history of our country.

It's hard to focus on playing ball. Sadly, we don't have to look to the Dirty South - an unfortunate irony in a time like this - for distractions. We need only watch the soaring price of gasoline to take the edge off.

And Wednesday, that was readily available as well. On Monday, gas was \$2.549 at the least expensive place in Pikeville. By Wednesday morning, it was \$3.099, and by the drive home it had hit \$3.299.

I actually thanked a guy for selling me gas at \$2.699 Wednesday morning. That had been the going rate across the area, but by the time neighboring stations tacked the extra 40 cents per tick on, the station I visited was a circus not unlike the happenings of the early 1970s.

As the only worker at the station, this guy was too busy to raise the prices. He just kept pumping away, telling me he didn't know how long it would last, but he'd enjoy it while he could.

A co-worker needed only a quarter-tank to fill up Wednesday night, so she did - that small fraction of gas for her Toyota Camry cost her \$24.

It's easy to think about things other than sports these days.

I also know the sports page isn't the proper forum, but allow me to editorialize for a moment (it's what I do, just not the normal subject, you understand).

There is nobody who can convince me that gas stations paid 60 cents per gallon more for the gas those people got Wednesday evening than they paid for the stuff I got six hours earlier. No way I believe that.

It's part of the problem, and why nobody trusts oil companies these days. I doubt anybody holds it against gas stations when they charge us more as they pay more. But that didn't hap-

(See BENTLEY, page two)

BLHS girls hosting independent basketball tourney

The Betsy Layne Ladycats will host an independent basketball tournament at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse Sept. 9-11. Registration is \$150 per team. For more information, call Cassandra Akers at 794-3106 or Doug Tackett at 587-2128.

Winless Hornets to host Allen Central in bowl game



by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

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SALYERSVILLE - Magoffin County, still looking for its first win of the 2005 season, will play host to visiting Allen Central tonight. In two games, opponents have outscored the Hornets a combined 88-14. Magoffin County started the season two weeks on the road in Floyd County. South Floyd wasn't phased by a much bigger Magoffin County and handed the

Hornets a 40-14 loss. Last week, Magoffin County suffered an even bigger setback as Knott County Central rolled to a 48-0 victory.

Head coach Gerold Howard is in his first season as head coach of the Magoffin County football program - and he's not exactly had a warm welcome. Howard replaced Dayne Brown, who posted a 16-43 overall record and went 8-30 in district play in six seasons. The Magoffin County High School administration made the football coaching change official just a few weeks before the start of the season.

In 2004, his final season with the Hornets, Brown coached Magoffin County to a 3-7 record. Magoffin County will look to beat Allen Cen-

tral tonight in the 2005 Founder's Day Bowl and gain momentum heading into a road game next week against Betsy Layne. After the Betsy Layne game, Magoffin County will get into the heart of its schedule in quick fashion, playing host to two-time defending Class 2A State Champion Belfry on Sept. 16.

Magoffin County is a member of Class 2A, District 8 and annually faces off against perennial state title contenders Belfry and Prestonsburg.

Senior quarterback Wes Helton



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H.S. FOOTBALL TONIGHT'S GAMES ON TAP

- Belfry-Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.
- Berea-Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
- Betsy Layne-Cumberland, 7:30 p.m.
- Breathitt County-Western, 7:30 p.m. (KRMHC Honey Bowl)
- Coal Grove, Ohio-Fairview, 7:30 p.m.
- East Ridge-South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
- Estill County-Clay County, 7:30 p.m.
- Everts-Harlan, 7:30 p.m.
- Harlan/Everts Alumni Bowl
- Franklin Co.-Pulaski Co. 7:30 p.m.
- George Rogers Clark-Southwestern, 7:30 p.m.
- Harrison Co.-Rockcastle Co. 7:30 p.m.
- Jenkins-Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
- Knott Central-Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.
- Knox Central-Cawood, 7:30 p.m.
- Leslie County-North Laurel, 7:30 p.m.
- Lewis County-West Carter, 7:30 p.m.
- Logan, W.Va.-Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Lynn Camp-Perry Co. Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Madison Southern-Letcher Co. Cent. 7:30 p.m.
- Magoffin Co.-Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Mason Co.-Fleming County, 7:30 p.m.
- Middlesboro-Pineville, 7:30 p.m.
- Monroe County-Wayne County, 7 p.m.
- Moore-Iroquois, 7:30 p.m.
- Morgan County-Bath County, 7:30 p.m.
- Pike Co. Central-Boyd County, 7:30 p.m.
- Pikeville-Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
- Powell County-Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
- Raceland-East Carter, 7:30 p.m.
- Russell-Ashland Blazer, 7:30 p.m.
- Shelby Valley-Grundy, Va., 7:30 p.m.
- South Laurel-Corbin, 7:30 p.m.
- Spencer Co.-Rowan County, 7:30 p.m.
- Williamsburg-McCreary Cent. 7:30 p.m. (Alumni Bowl)

Prestonsburg senior lineman Darrick Williams (56) was out of practice some of this week, nursing a bruised knee. Williams and fellow seniors David Shaffer and Charles Robinson have all been out of action this week, healing injuries.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Pikeville offers P'burg another tough test from Class A opponent

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - When Newport Central Catholic beat Pikeville to the tune of a 37-6 thrashing in the Pike County Bowl, many expected the Panthers to limp into last week's Cumberland Falls Pigskin Classic game against host Corbin. Well, it didn't happen. The Panthers, playing under first-year head coach Mike Jackson, regrouped in a hurry and blanked the host Redhounds 34-0. Some of the players from last season's regional championship graduated in the spring and are not back for Pikeville. Others - like quarterback Chase Huffman and running back Weston Robinson - are back for the

Panthers. Some other new stars, including brothers Tim and Ted Honaker, have also emerged. The Panthers will play host tonight to Prestonsburg. The Blackcats will step out onto Hillard Howard Field with an 0-1 record following last week's loss to Hazard, quite possibly one of the state's top Class A teams and definitely a squad capable of dethroning Pikeville in Class A, Region 4. The Bulldogs beat Prestonsburg 16-14. As strange as it may sound, the loss may actually have helped the Blackcats to regain their focus heading into this week's game against Pikeville.

"Hazard is a good football team and so is Pikeville," noted Prestons-

(See P'BURG, page two)

Raiders headed to East Ridge for first road game of season

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - It's time for the South Floyd Raiders to get back on the road again. South Floyd split its first two games of the season. The Raiders defeated Magoffin County 40-14 at home two weeks ago. Last week, Shelby Valley came to Floyd County and beat the Raiders 34-8 in the 4th Annual Shorty Jamerson Bowl. Shelby Valley broke open a close game and outlasted the Raiders. Tonight, South Floyd will travel to East Ridge for a game against the host Warriors. East Ridge is back under the watchful eye of head coach Erik Ratliff. The first head football coach in school history, Ratliff is back guiding the East Ridge High football team. Thanks to open date one week ago, East Ridge has had an extra week to prepare for South Floyd. Two weeks ago, Shelby Valley defeated East Ridge 14-6 in the Pike County Bowl, handing the Wildcats a district loss.

South Floyd found itself in a very similar position one year ago, beginning the season 1-1.

Last season, South Floyd featured the

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Bobcats set to host Cumberland

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BETSY LAYNE - Fresh off a 48-14 victory over Jenkins in the Coal Bowl, Cumberland will visit Floyd County this evening for a non-district game against the Betsy Layne Bobcats. Cumberland had an open date on Aug. 19 and beat Jenkins to get its first win of the season.

Cumberland got scoring via the ground and through the air in the win over Jenkins. The Redskins also got some scoring from their defense.

In the first game of the season, Redskin quarterback Zack Blanton completed five-of-seven passes for 126 yards and two touchdowns. Blanton also threw an

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Dove season opening kicks off fall hunting season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - Dove season opens Thursday and will run through Oct. 24. Dove season opens again on Nov. 24, running through Nov. 29. Despite the drought conditions this past summer over much of the state and Hurricane Katrina, the 2005 dove season looks promising.

"The calm summer was good for dove numbers," said Rocky Pritchert, migratory bird coordinator for the KDFWR. "It was a good reproductive year and we are seeing good numbers of doves. The reports from the fields have been good so far."

The summer drought shouldn't impact the dove season much this fall except some dove fields came in better than others. "The drought didn't have a lot of effect on the doves this year," Pritchert explained.

"Doves can fly and find water holes. The drought affected some of the fields, but the fields are in good shape for the most part."

The heavy rain accompanying Hurricane Katrina is cause for concern, but the storm hit late enough in the summer to minimize its impact. "If the storm breaks on Wednesday like forecast, it won't be too bad," Pritchert explained. "A storm like this in mid-August would be the worst because seeds germinate and there is no food for doves. The rain with Hurricane Katrina is late enough that the seeds won't germinate and doves can still eat them."

Some hunters are confused about the start of shooting hours this year. Last year, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission changed the shooting hours on private lands. The shooting hours on open

remain 11 a.m. to sunset on both public and private lands.

However, today, shooting hours on private lands open at sunrise and close at sunset for the remainder of dove season, including the late season that opens Nov. 24 and closes Nov. 29.

On public lands, shooting hours remain 11 a.m. to sunset until Oct. 24. During the late season from Nov. 24-29, shooting hours on public dove fields open at sunrise and close at sunset.

Hunters using dove fields leased from private landowners are open for public dove hunting on September 1, 3, 5 and 7 and from September 10 through October 24. Fields reserved for Mentor/Youth dove hunts are closed to the public through Saturday. They

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photo by Chris Belcher

Floyd County driver Allen Turner, Minnie, has claimed the 2005 201 Speedway Super Bomber championship.

Bentley

pen on Wednesday. No way. They went ahead and charged the extra 60 cents per gallon in anticipation of what they'll pay next time.

Again, it's difficult not to be distracted.

It's also hard to focus on the game you're involved in. Football season at

Pikeville College kicks off Saturday at 5, but questions abound. You have to wonder how much difficulty Atlantic College will have in buying gas on its way to town from Charlotte, and then ask the same question once they arrive.

Then there's the fact that

folks are going to be forced to stay home more often with gas going for war prices (another unfortunate selection of words on my part) as their disposable income has to be shifted to the necessity of buying gas. That begs the question, will people come to see one of the nation's Top 20 teams open its season or will they stay home and listen on the radio?

It's sad what passes for sports coverage these days.

So for now, we'll prepare to leave the distractions of wastelands that used to be major cities and the fact that the next tank of gas could cost us upwards of

\$100 and try to focus on athletics.

Tonight's marquee matchup pits Prestonsburg against Pikeville, which should be a beauty. Tomorrow finds Pikeville College playing its first game without the Elite Nine and Leonard Moore, while Sunday will see our state's major universities play each other in their football-season openers.

That's plenty of quality sports for us. It will be an excellent weekend for us on the field of play.

Now if we can focus long enough to enjoy it, perhaps the distraction will help us lose sight of all the heartache caused by a week we'll not soon forget.

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Opening

open to the public on Monday.

"If we don't spread out the hunting pressure, they'll burn the fields out in two days," Pritchert explained. "We are try-

ing to maintain use over a longer period of time."

The daily bag limit is 15 doves. For more information on dove hunting, pick up a copy of

the 2005-2006 Kentucky Dove Hunting Guide available wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold. Request a copy by calling 1-800-858-1549.

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Bowl

remains the signal-caller for the Hornet offense.

Brad Wireman, Johnny Dais and Brandon Shepherd are all offensive threats for the Magoffin County football team. Shepherd is Magoffin County's top offensive weapon.

Allen Central got its season started out on a successful note with a 32-6 win over Floyd County foe Betsy Layne. Any jubilation Allen Central football players, coaches and fans

had didn't last long, though. The Rebels came crashing down hard last week. Paintsville came to Eastern one week ago and defeated Allen Central 61-14.

Freshman Josh Prater has settled in and played well at quarterback for the Rebels.

During the preseason, Allen Central head coach Jeremy Hall touted the freshman's playing ability, saying, "he's played real solid for a freshman." Despite

his age and inexperience, Prater has played well in each of Allen Central's first two games.

Speedster Robbie Vanderpool and bruising fullback Raymond Spurlock give Allen Central a nice mix of speed and size in the offensive backfield.

Magoffin County took the 2004 meeting between the two teams, winning on the road, 54-32.

Kickoff for the 2005 Founder's Day Bowl is 7:30 p.m.

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Raiders

one-two running back tandem of Wes Hall and Joe

Osborne. This season, with both gone via graduation, South Floyd has placed a lot of its offense in the hands of senior

quarterback Ryan Johnson and senior Justin Slone, who has hurt opposing defenses both running and catching the football.

Ethan Johnson, a junior who has returned to the gridiron fol-

lowing a two-year-plus hiatus, has also strengthened the Raider offense.

Kickoff for the South Floyd-East Ridge game is slated for 7:30 p.m.

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P'burg

burg head coach John DeRossett. "We took this week to look at some things and get ready for Pikeville."

Pikeville beat Prestonsburg 14-0 in last year's Pike County Bowl. One year later, DeRossett sees another balanced Pikeville team.

"They lose so many good players from last year's team to graduation, but they really didn't drop off any," said DeRossett. "A lot of people thought they would go into Corbin last week and come out 0-2, but they didn't. Those Pikeville kids played hard and whipped Corbin 34-0."

The Prestonsburg coach also sees another very athletic Pikeville football team.

"The quarterback (Chase) Huffman is very athletic and

quick," DeRossett added. "Then you've got Weston Robinson, who is one of the best running backs around."

Some Blackcats have spent most of the week nursing injuries. Prestonsburg senior starting quarterback David Shaffer went out of last week's game against Hazard with a pulled hamstring. DeRossett said Shaffer would be evaluated right before game time tonight.

Shaffer went through physical therapy for most of the week. Sophomore Bobby Hughes went under center for the Blackcats last week when Shaffer went out with the injury.

"We don't want to jeopardize the health of any of our players," DeRossett added. "Injuries take time to heal."

Senior lineman Darrick Williams and senior running back/linebacker Charles Robinson each have bruised knees — and whether or not they play tonight against Pikeville will also be decided some time prior to tonight's kickoff.

Prestonsburg held Hazard to just two touchdowns last week, but will likely need more offense to pull off a win over Pikeville.

Senior Brandon Peters accounted for most of the Blackcat offense last week, rushing for 193 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries. Senior fullback Brenton Hamilton was held to just 32 yards in the loss, but scored the other Prestonsburg touchdown. Kickoff for the Prestonsburg-Pikeville game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Brandi Brown, Allen Central Middle School Girls' Basketball



Brandon Peters, Prestonsburg High School Football

Bobcats

interception in the opener against Jenkins. Brad Watts rushed for two touchdowns and hauled in a pas for another during the opener versus Jenkins.

The Cumberland defense played big in the opener. Chris Vicini intercepted three passes and Cody Ison had a fumble recovery that he returned for a touchdown.

The Redskins (1-0), coached by Jon Reynolds, posted a 5-5 record in 2004, but missed out on the Class A State Playoffs.

Cumberland was in Floyd County earlier this year for a preseason scrimmage game against Allen Central.

Betsy Layne has played each of the last two weeks, losing to Allen Central two weeks ago and Powell County last week. After scoring just one touchdown in a loss to Allen Central, Betsy Layne again struggled to find offense last season. Host Powell County rolled over the Bobcats, winning 40-6. In two games, Betsy Layne (0-2) has been outscored 72-12.

The Bobcats continue to look to find offense. Senior Brandon Kidd is in his first and last season under center for the Bobcats.

Kickoff for tonight's game is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Adams opens with 44-0 rout of Belfry Seventh

Hackworth rumbles for three touchdowns in Blackcat win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — After losing 13 eighth-graders to graduation last season, the Adams Middle School Football Blackcats were expected to spend the 2005 season in the rebuilding stages. However, after opening the season with a 44-0 shutout of the Belfry Pirates, the young Blackcats may not have missed a beat.

Austin McKinney and Sherman Hackworth combined for five touchdown runs in the win as Adams, coached by Jamie

Howell, jumped out to a 22-0 lead after just one quarter.

Adams needed only one play from scrimmage to put six points on the board as McKinney raced 50 yards for the touchdown.

After Belfry went three plays and out on its first possession, Hackworth scored the first of his three touchdowns on a five-yard run midway through the first quarter.

Adams added another touchdown near the end of the quarter on a 48 yard run from Josh Craynon to take a 22-0 lead.

Belfry managed only two first downs in the game and the Adams offense scored again on a McKinney run late in the first half to take a 30-0 lead at the break.

After stopping Belfry early in the third quarter, Adams would march 52 yards in eight plays capped by a 10 yard run from Hackworth to take a 38-0 lead.

For Adams, the final touchdown came early in the fourth quarter on another run from Hackworth, allowing Adams to come away with a 44-0 win.

The Adams defense was led by the play of Alex Griffith, Brian Branham and Josh Blackburn.


Michael Burchett led the Blackcat offense and handled the kicking duties for Adams.



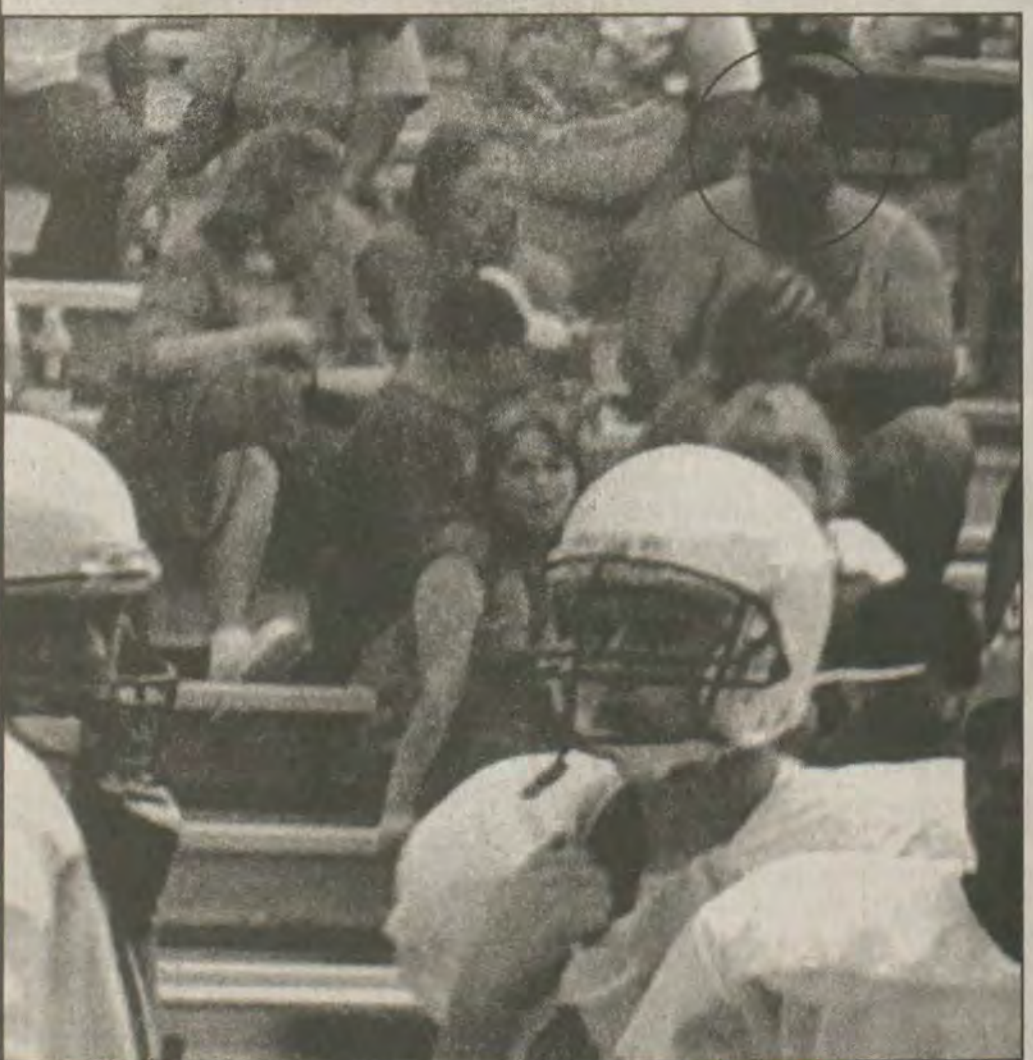
Above: Pete Castle, Martin, in only his first season of racing, won the Bomber championship this season at 201 Speedway.



Below: Shawn "D.I." Henson has won the Stock Four-Cylinder championship at 201 Speedway



SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



If you are the sports fan circled here... it's your lucky day!

If you are the sports fan circled, you are entitled to a free 8-inch ice cream cake of your choice, redeemable at **DAIRY QUEEN OF PRESTONSBURG**. When claiming your ice cream cake, present this newspaper.

photos by Chris Belcher

Astros 10, Reds 0

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Andy Pettitte thinks he is pitching better than ever before.

Pettitte allowed four hits in seven innings, striking out four and walking only one to lead the Houston Astros over the Cincinnati Reds 10-0 on Wednesday night.

Pettitte (13-9) improved to 10-2 in 14 starts since June 20. The left-hander lowered his ERA to 2.50, tied with Washington's John Patterson for third best in the National League.

"I feel I'm a better pitcher right now than ever before," Pettitte said. "I'm using my changeup more and that's helping and I'm just getting smarter and not worrying much about velocity."

Pettitte had elbow surgery that ended his 2004 season last Aug. 24 and caused him to get off to a 3-7 start this year. But he now thinks the ailing elbow might have contributed to his improved performance.

"There's no doubt," Pettitte said. "The elbow hasn't allowed me to over-pitch. It's helped me be more consistent. If I was healthy, I'd probably get stupid and rare back and just try to throw hard sometimes."

Brandon Claussen matched

Pettitte for four innings before the Astros broke open the game with a four-run fifth.

"We put together some big hits tonight," manager Phil Garner said. "Lost in all that was the fact Andy pitched seven shutout innings. He has just been phenomenal for us."

"He has pitched well for most of the season. It seems like he's been pretty good for a couple of months."

Brad Ausmus drove in four runs and helped the fifth-inning outburst. He also praised Pettitte's strong showing.

"He did a great job," Ausmus said. "I don't think he was feeling 100 percent, but he's got the mental wherewithal to overcome any kind of tenderness or soreness."

The Reds couldn't tell if Pettitte was hurting.

"He's one of the best pitchers in the game," Jason LaRue said. "Every time he's out there, he doesn't make too many mistakes and tonight he didn't make too many mistakes. Sometimes you just have to tip your cap when you go up against some pitchers."

Adam Dunn agreed.

"He was back to his old self," Dunn said. "The first time we faced him, he didn't have his velocity back to where it was tonight. When he is spotting his

pitches like he was tonight, he's one of the best.

"He has his confidence back and it showed tonight."

Jason Lane hit a two-run homer for the Astros, who remained a half-game behind Philadelphia in the NL wild-card race.

Claussen (9-9) lost for the first time since July 23 against Milwaukee. He had gone 5-0 in six starts since, the longest win streak by a Reds pitcher this season.

Claussen allowed only two hits in the first four innings before the Astros bunched five consecutive hits to score four runs in the fifth.

"I was aggressive in the strike zone," Claussen said. "They may have changed their approach in the fifth. They were jumping on the first pitch."

"The home run ball to Jason Lane was four inches off of the ground. It was a good pitch but he was able to put the bat on the ball, get it elevated and get it out. I might have been just a hair up in that inning but I was still aggressive in the strike zone."

Lance Berkman led off with a double and Lane hit his 20th home run for a 2-0 lead. Chris Burke and Adam Everett each singled and Ausmus drove them home with a double to right-center.

Ausmus tried to stretch the hit to a triple and was called out on a close play at third, which manager Phil Garner argued.

Claussen lasted 5 2-3 innings and allowed four runs on eight hits. He walked none and struck out three.

Back-to-back RBI singles by Willy Taveras and Craig Biggio off Jason Standridge made it 6-0 in the seventh.

Ausmus had a two-run single and Jose Vizcaino hit a two-run homer in the eighth off Randy Keisler.

Notes: Berkman's fifth-inning double gave him 11 for the month, tying him with Jose Cruz (1985) for the most by an Astros player in August. ... Cincinnati is 1-7 at Houston this season. ... Jeff Bagwell began a rehab stint at Double-A Corpus Christi on Wednesday. ... Sean Casey's first-inning single gave him an 11-game hitting streak. ... Felipe Lopez stretched his four-game hitting slump to 1-for-17. ... Ausmus played second base in the ninth inning for the second time in his career. The last time he did it was Oct. 1, 2000, while he was with Detroit. He made his first career appearance at shortstop against Pittsburgh on Aug. 14. ... LF Burke tied a career high with three hits.

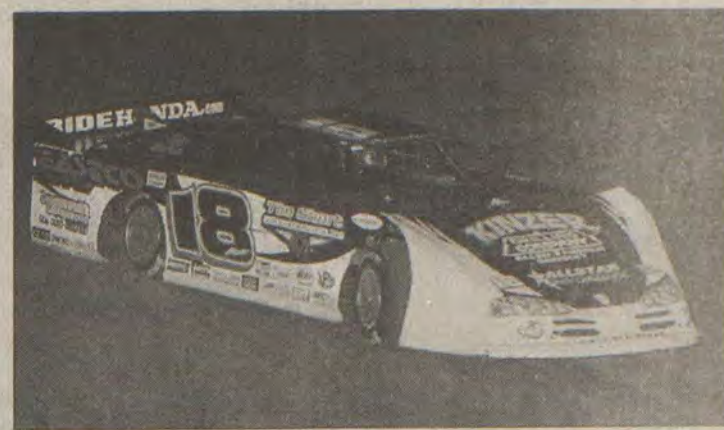


photo courtesy of Brandon Kinzer Motorsports
Driver Brandon Kinzer and the entire Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team will race locally this weekend, returning to Johnson County and 201 Speedway.

Kinzer claims top-10 finish in Scorchers 100

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — A busy last several weeks put the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team all over the middle part of the United States as the team raced from Indiana to Tennessee and back to its home state, Kentucky.

The team's journey started at Brownstown Speedway for the Night Before the Jackson 100, where Brandon Kinzer finished in 11th place. The next evening's Jackson 100, Kinzer and team had a disappointing finish after a front end suspension piece failed on the car and forced the race team pitstop to retire from the event and finish 20th.

After going home and regrouping, Brandon Kinzer Motorsports headed to Volunteer Speedway for the Scorchers 100. The unsanctioned event paid \$30,000 to the race winner. Kinzer excelled all week at the Bull's Gap track. He qualified seventh out of 63 entrants and finished in second place in his heat race, behind to eventual race winner Dale McDowell. In the feature, Kinzer battled

with Scott Bloomquist for the last half of the event and finished in seventh place.

Kentucky was last stop on the schedule for the team. The Lucas Oil Dircar series had a sanctioned event at Bluegrass Speedway in Bardstown. Kinzer finished a disappointing seventh-place in his heat race and had to rely on the consolation race to qualify for the main event. Kinzer had a poor starting spot in the consolation event and once again, finished seventh.

The next event for the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team is scheduled for 201 Speedway. The Battle of the Bluegrass Series is hosting a \$3,000-to-win event on Saturday. The next day, the team will head south to Cherokee Super Speedway, site of the 2005 installment of the Skyler Trull Memorial event, paying \$15,000 to the race winner. The following weekend, the team will head to the famed Eldora Speedway for the 2005 World 100.

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Ladycats edge Adams in A-team contest

Hamilton scores 16 for Betsy Layne

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne Elementary hung on and beat Floyd County rival Adams Middle 32-31 in an A-team girls' basketball game that featured an Adams comeback that fell just short.

Megan Hamilton paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 16 points. She was one of five players to score points for the host Ladycats.

Julie Compton and Alexis DeRossett each had nine points for Adams. Nikki Bradley added eight points for the Lady Blackcats.

The Betsy Layne A-team

took a 9-2 lead out of the first quarter and went on to lead at the end of every quarter.

Adams dominated in the B-team game, winning 31-6.

DeRossett led Adams with a game-high 14 points. Allyson Conley followed with five points and Samantha Hall tossed in four. Compton, Rachel Johnson, Allyson DeRossett and Kierra Shelton all had two points apiece.

Three different players had two points apiece for the Betsy Layne B-team.

Betsy Layne won the C-team game, 7-2.

Conley, Allyson DeRossett and Samantha Hall each had two points apiece for Adams in the C-team game. Shelton rounded out the Adams C-team scoring with a made free throw.

Allen Central pounds Prestonsburg

Rebel offense too much in district win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — In a total team effort, the Allen Central Rebels reeled off their fifth win in the young season, beating the Prestonsburg Blackcats in two straight, 25-12, 25-14. Elizabeth Mosley dominated the Blackcat defense by pounding in five kills on eight attempts. She slammed in six aces to lead the Rebel offense.

Amanda Mills commanded the Allen Central offense 37 times, setting up three of Mosley's five kills. She also set up Brittany Hodge for three kills and assisted Yumekia Hunter with one. Christina Blevins set up Hunter once and Hodge set up Hunter for her fourth kill. Mills also assisted Blevins with one floor-waxer. Hodge ran the offense nine times, assisting Mosley with one kill. The Rebel serving game was tough, getting 11 aces on the night. In addition to Mosley's six aces, Hodge slapped in four, and Mills added one. However, it was the serving game that caused the Prestonsburg squad to commit 18 unforced errors.

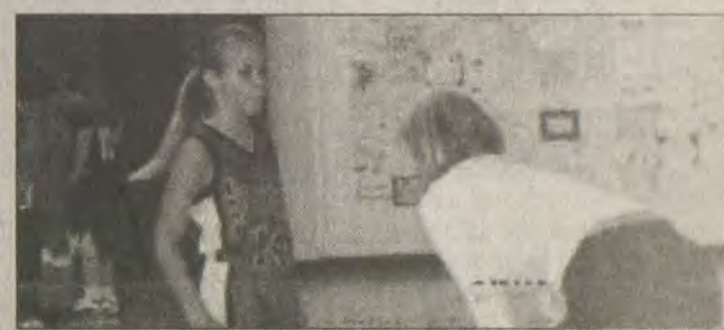
The Allen Central defense stopped 57 Blackcat point attempts and covered the floor

extremely well. Alesia Hall got 12 confirmed digs and prevented 14 Prestonsburg points, Blevins stopped 13 tries, and Hunter dug up 11. The Rebel defense transitioned well and covered their hitters and blockers. Mosley blocked one Blackcat attempt at the net.

Allen Central will travel to Rowan County Saturday and participate in the Rowan County Invitational

Allen Central B-team blanks Blackcats

The Allen Central B-team defeated the Prestonsburg squad in two, 21-7 and 21-17. Sasha Jones led the Rebel attack with three kills, Kimbo Blevins thumped in two, and Koko Martin and Tiffany Owens pounded in one kill each. Hannah Howard set up the offense twice getting two assists. Martin ran the offense nine times, setting up one kill, with Chelsie Cordial and Brittany Waugh also earning an assist each. The serving game was strong, Cordial earned three aces, Owens slapped in two, with Blevins, Howard, Waugh, and Jones each recording an ace. The Rebel defense was solid, stopping 72 Blackcat point attempts. The defense was led by Jones with 11 stops and Tiffany Clark with nine returns.



Adams Middle School assistant girls' basketball coach Christy Howell talked with Samantha Hall during a break in the action.



Chelsie Tuttle connected on the game's only successful three-point field goal.



Two South Floyd defenders converged on Lady Blackcat Julie Compton (24).

ACMS sweeps Allen

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — Host Allen Central Middle was dominant from beginning to end Tuesday evening when Allen paid a visit for a girls' basketball triple header. The host Lady Rebels won all three games — convincingly.

Allen Central took the C-team game, winning 26-2. Logan Cline led the Lady Rebel C-team in scoring with five points. Megan Jones, Beanna Huff, Deshea Elliott and Jeni Dings all had four points apiece. Amber Shepherd and Sabriana Stewart each had two points. Michelle Bradley connected on a free throw and rounded out the Allen Central scoring.

C. Burchett scored Allen's two points.

Allen Central took the B-team game, winning 46-6. Sarah Kinney paced Allen Central in the B-team game,

scoring a game-high 12 points. Jones followed with 11 points and Latasha Braggs flipped in eight. Cline scored six points and Cassandra Stewart tossed in five. Shepherd netted four points in the winning effort.

C. Burchett, A. Burchett and Hurd all had two points apiece for the visiting team.

The Lady Rebels also took the A-team game in commanding fashion, winning 48-12.

Brandi Brown led the way for the Lady Rebels in the A-team game, scoring a game-high 13 points. Brown was one of three Allen Central players to reach double-figures in the A-team game. Jamie Mullins tossed in 12 points and Brittany Cooley netted 10. Jones scored six points and Cline added three. Kinney and April Ashley each had two points apiece.

Erica Meade led Allen with 10 points. Hurd was the only other Allen player to score as she netted two points.

Raiders win fourth straight

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT — The South Floyd High School volleyball team won its fourth straight match Tuesday night, beating district rival Betsy Layne 2-1 (25-21, 21-25, 25-20).

Over the weekend, the Raiders hosted their 4th Annual South Floyd Spikefest. The Raiders,

coached by Keith Smallwood, were back in action on the road last night at Paintsville. Results were unavailable at press time.

The Raiders won a pair of matches over the weekend in the Spikefest, beating Floyd County rival Prestonsburg and Red Bird.

A rundown of the SFHS volleyball matches to date and upcoming contests follows.

SFHS VOLLEYBALL RESULTS/SCHEDULE

Aug. 9 at Shelby Valley	2-0 (W) 25-11, 25-14
Aug. 17 Hazard	0-2 (L) 30-32, 20-25
Aug. 23 at Prestonsburg	0-2 (L) 17-25, 16-25
Aug. 25 at Pike Co. Central	2-1 (W) 23-25, 25-8, 25-19
Aug. 27 Prestonsburg	2-0 (W) 25-23, 25-15
(4th Annual South Floyd Spikefest)	
Aug. 27, '05 Red Bird	2-0 (W) 25-11, 25-8
(4th Annual South Floyd Spikefest)	
Aug. 30 Betsy Layne	2-1 (W) 25-21, 21-25, 25-20
Sept. 1 Paintsville,	(Score unavailable)
Sept. 6 Prestonsburg, 6 p.m.	
Sept. 8 Pike Co. Cent., 6 p.m.	
Sept. 10 Lawrence County, TBA	(Lawrence County Invitational)
Sept. 12 Paintsville, 6 p.m.	(Score unavailable)
Sept. 13 Allen Central, 6 p.m.	

South Floyd takes two from Adams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — In Floyd County girls' basketball, South Floyd hit the road Tuesday and took a pair of games from host Adams. South Floyd won the A-team game 32-13. The Raiders took the B-team game 25-13.

In the A-team game, Andrea Conn led the Lady Raiders in scoring with eight points. Breanna Jackson followed with six points. Brittany Little, Kayla Hall and Ashley Castle all had four points apiece. Laken Hall, Ericka Moore and Chelsie Tuttle rounded out the Lady Raider scoring with two points each.

Julie Compton paced Adams with eight points. Alexis DeRossett rounded out the Adams scoring with three points.

Adams outscored South

Floyd 6-2 in the first quarter. The Lady Raiders took a 14-6 lead into halftime and led 22-8 at the end of the third quarter.

In the B-team game, Tuttle led South Floyd with nine points. Heather Little tossed in four points. Six different Lady Raiders all had two points apiece for the Lady Raiders.

Alexis DeRossett paced Adams with eight points. Kierra Shelton and Leanna Goble each had two points. Alyson DeRossett rounded out the Adams scoring with a made free throw.

South Floyd led 6-2 at the conclusion of the first quarter and 13-6 at halftime. The Lady Raiders held a 21-9 advantage at the end of the third quarter.

Coaches: Fax your team's scoresheets to 886-3603.

BluegrassPreps.com H.S. Football Rankings

Class A	1. Beechwood vs. 2A Lloyd Memorial	Class AAA	1. Bowling Green vs. 4A No. 9 Warren Central
2. Newport Central Catholic at 4A Ryle	2. Highlands vs. Cincinnati Colerain	2. Lexington Catholic - Open	2. Male vs. Seneca
3. Danville vs. 3A No. 5 Boyle County	3. Covington Catholic vs. Cincinnati Moeller	3. Boyle County at 1A No. 3 Danville	3. Trinity at No. 5 DuPont Manual
4. Louisville Holy Cross at 2A DeSales	4. Lexington Catholic - Open	4. Hopkinsville vs. 1A No. 6 Mayfield	4. Henderson County vs. Daviess County
5. Bardstown at 4A Nelson County	5. Boyle County at 1A No. 3 Danville	5. Ashland at 2A No. 2 Russell	5. DuPont Manual vs. No. 3 Trinity
6. Mayfield at 3A No. 6 Hopkinsville	6. Hopkinsville vs. 1A No. 6 Mayfield	6. Bell County at 4A No. 6 Henry Clay	6. Henry Clay vs. 3A No. 8 Bell County
7. Pikeville vs. 2A No. 5 Prestonsburg	7. Ashland at 2A No. 2 Russell	7. Bullitt East vs. 3A Jeffersontown	7. Scott County vs. Boone County
8. Frankfort vs. Paris	8. Bell County at 4A No. 6 Henry Clay	8. Harrison County vs. 3A Rockcastle County	8. North Hardin vs. Christian County
9. Lex. Christian at 2A Christian Acad. of Lou.	9. Bullitt East vs. 3A Jeffersontown	9. Harrison County vs. 3A Rockcastle County	9. Warren Central at 3A No. 1 Bowling Green
10. Hazard at Berea	10. Harrison County vs. 3A Rockcastle County	10. Ballard - Open	10. Ballard - Open
Class AA	1. Fort Campbell at 3A Madisonville-N. Hopkins	Class AAAA	1. Saint Xavier at Fern Creek
2. Russell vs. 3A No. 7 Ashland Blazer	2. Russell vs. 3A No. 7 Ashland Blazer	2. Male vs. Seneca	2. Male vs. Seneca
3. Belfry vs. 3A Lawrence County	3. Belfry vs. 3A Lawrence County	3. Trinity at No. 5 DuPont Manual	3. Trinity at No. 5 DuPont Manual
4. Owensboro Catholic vs. 3A Apollo	4. Owensboro Catholic vs. 3A Apollo	4. Henderson County vs. Daviess County	4. Henderson County vs. Daviess County
5. Prestonsburg at 1A No. 7 Pikeville	5. Prestonsburg at 1A No. 7 Pikeville	5. DuPont Manual vs. No. 3 Trinity	5. DuPont Manual vs. No. 3 Trinity
6. Glasgow at 3A Allen County-Scottsville	6. Glasgow at 3A Allen County-Scottsville	6. Henry Clay vs. 3A No. 8 Bell County	6. Henry Clay vs. 3A No. 8 Bell County
7. Western at Breathitt County	7. Western at Breathitt County	7. Scott County vs. Boone County	7. Scott County vs. Boone County
8. Trigg County vs. 3A Hopkins County Cen	8. Trigg County vs. 3A Hopkins County Cen	8. North Hardin vs. Christian County	8. North Hardin vs. Christian County
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Warrick couldn't break through in Cincinnati



by JOE KAY
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CINCINNATI — The first time he set foot in Cincinnati, receiver Peter Warrick felt like he was in Tinseltown.

"I'm looking at the hills and (thinking) Hollywood," he mused that sunny April afternoon in 2000.

He left town Tuesday during a downpour, the remnant of Hurricane Katrina moving through. The Bengals released Warrick after five failed attempts to craft a feel-good ending in a city that sorely needs one.

"It's weird because you don't expect something like that to happen to him," said receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh, who took Warrick's job when he was

hurt last season. "That's why you're shocked, really."

"I hope he does well. I'm quite sure he will. All he can do is make them feel like they made a mistake."

The Bengals made several mistakes with Warrick, right from the start.

They took the shifty playmaker from national champion Florida State with the fourth overall pick, expecting him to develop into a game-breaking receiver and kick returner. They didn't quite know what to do with him.

They teamed Warrick, college teammate Ron Dugans and quarterback Akili Smith — all rookies — behind a flimsy offensive line in 2000, and disaster resulted. Warrick had a rough adjustment, learning what it's like to play for a losing team.

He tried too hard to make things happen, often doubling back and losing yards while vainly trying to turn a short reception into a big play. The Bengals repeatedly changed quarterbacks, and Warrick languished.

He finally made progress in

2003, the first season under Marvin Lewis. He caught 79 passes for 819 yards with eight touchdowns — all career highs — and helped the Bengals stay in contention for their first playoff berth since 1990.

For the first time, he looked like a first-round pick.

"It was like the old P-Dub we used to watch in college," receiver Kelley Washington said. "He made unbelievable plays with the ball in his hands."

Warrick missed only one game late in the 2003 season after having arthroscopic surgery for torn knee cartilage. The Bengals finished 8-8 and Warrick's knee was never the same.

"He shouldn't have come back from that injury when he did at the end of '03, but he was trying to do what's best for the team," said Jon Kitna, the quarterback that season. "In the end, that probably hurt him individually. I think that speaks to the character he has."

Warrick developed a crack in the bone by the knee last season, when he played in only four

games. He had more knee surgery, and missed minicamp and most of training camp while recovering.

He played in only one preseason game and didn't have a catch, dropping him down the depth chart at the Bengals' most crowded position. He practiced on Monday and urged the team to cut him soon if he wasn't in its plans.

A day later, the Bengals obliged.

"There is some disappointment involved in making this move," Lewis said. "But I believe it's in the best interests of the Bengals and Peter to go forward."

The Bengals made several other moves on Tuesday to get to the roster limit.

Starting safety Kim Herring was placed on injured reserve, ending his season. Herring hurt his shoulder during a preseason game in Philadelphia on Friday night.

The Bengals also signed safety Ifeanyi Ohalet, who was released by Arizona, and free agent linebacker Hannibal Navies from Green Bay. They waived cornerback Terrell

Roberts and rookie guard Kyle Takavitz from Cincinnati.

Warrick would have made \$2.28 million in the final year on his contract. He's free to negotiate with any team.

Agent Drew Rosenhaus said a few minutes after Warrick's contract was terminated that he already had gotten phone calls from other teams.

"There's no question in my mind that he's got a lot of football ahead of him," Rosenhaus said. "Since word's gotten out, we've had a flood of interest. He will be with another team in a couple of days."

When Warrick practiced on Monday, teammates noticed the injury was still affecting him.

"He doesn't have his legs back to where I saw him two years ago," Washington said. "He still kind of limped around a little bit. It's going to take him a while to get back in football shape and get back to the old P-Dub."

"I'm sure he believes he can be that type of player again, it's just not going to be here."

Bengals claim receiver, waive lineman

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Bengals claimed rookie receiver Dante Ridgeway off waivers Wednesday from the St. Louis Rams, adding to the competition at their deepest position.

The move came a day after the club released former No. 1 draft pick Peter Warrick, a receiver who had played in only one preseason game because of injuries.

Ridgeway was the Rams' sixth-round draft pick out of Ball State in April. He played in two preseason games and had one catch for 19 yards. Ridgeway set numerous school receiving records at Ball State.

To open a roster spot, the Bengals waived offensive tackle Benton Johnson, a second-year player from Mississippi who missed all of last season with a torn thigh muscle.

Homeless Saints could face vagabond season

by DAVE GOLDBERG
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There is only one certainty about the New Orleans Saints' future: They will live and work out of the Marriott Riverwalk in San Antonio for a while.

Beyond that, question marks abound. It's highly unlikely they'll be able to hold their home opener Sept. 18 at the Superdome — and they may not be able to play there at all this season after the stadium was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina.

So that first game against the New York Giants could be at the Alamodome in San Antonio. Or at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, La. Or even at Legion Field in Birmingham, Ala.

And all of those sites could host other home games for the Saints, who escaped the hurricane by flying with their families last weekend to San Jose, Calif. New Orleans plays at Oakland on Thursday night in its final exhibition game.

While the Saints and NFL officials have been discussing a variety of alternatives, they haven't talked yet with many of the people at the proposed sites.

"We can say is LSU an option, yeah, but is it an option with them?" Saints spokesman Greg Bensch said Wednesday by phone from San Jose. "That's the next hurdle. We haven't crossed that hurdle yet."

Only one hurdle has been crossed.

Following the Raiders game, the Saints will go to San Antonio, where they will stay at the same hotel they stayed at last season when Hurricane Ivan chased them out of New Orleans

in the second week of the regular season.

The Saints will also use the same practice facilities at Trinity University, so they will have, as Bensch put it, "a certain comfort level with where we are."

That would seem to make the Alamodome, which holds 65,000 for football, a logical alternative, although it's about 550 miles from New Orleans, farther than the NFL would like.

But at this point, no one really knows the options.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and league officials have discussed the situation over the past few days. Location hasn't been the most important topic.

"We've been talking about how we as a league can assist with relief efforts," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. "Not only for Saints players and officials and their families, but also for a lot of other players in the league who live or have families in the region."

During a team meeting Monday, a few Saints players questioned whether playing a game at this time was appropriate — but most players thought it might be a morale booster for the city flooded by the hurricane.

"It might be a ray of light for the people who can't get out of town," tight end Shad Meier said.

Receiver Joe Horn said, "As football players, as a team, I think this game is going to be good for us. We've got to give our fans something, something to look forward to. At least they'll know that we're going to go out there and play as hard and the best we can to show the

fans that we love them.

"In this business, the NFL must go on. That's just the way it is. The games are going to be played, regardless."

The Saints aren't the only ones in sports affected by the damage done to the 65,000-seat Superdome.

Bowl Championship Series spokesman Bob Burda said Sugar Bowl officials hope to meet within the next few weeks to talk about what to do with the game scheduled for Jan. 2 in the Superdome.

"It's just too early on their end to even speculate," said Burda, adding that bowl officials had been in contact with BCS coordinator Kevin Weiberg.

It's unlikely officials would want to let the Sugar Bowl leave Louisiana, even for just a year. Independence Stadium, home of the Independence Bowl, in Shreveport has been renovated in recent years and holds about 53,000. Tiger Stadium could also be a plausible option, with a capacity of almost 92,000.

None of the options for the Saints seem ideal, including the unlikely scenario of playing their entire schedule on the road.

Switching their home opener to the Meadowlands is a problem because the Giants share their stadium with the New York Jets, who are scheduled to play Miami at home that day.

There has been talk of using Reliant Stadium in Houston, but the Texans are home Sept. 18 to Pittsburgh.

Those hurdles could be overcome by playing games on Saturday or Monday, but it hardly seems like a palatable option to

either the team or the league.

The last time a game was shifted on short notice was on Oct. 27, 2003, when the Chargers and Miami Dolphins met at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz., after wildfires in southern California prevented the game from being played in San Diego. That was a regularly scheduled Monday night contest and no admission was charged — 73,000 people attended, far more than usually attend Arizona Cardinals games at the same venue.

But this is likely to be more than a one-shot deal and few of the alternatives seem particularly enticing.

Both the league and the Saints would like to stay as close to home as possible, although other stadiums are showing interest in having them.

Mayor Buddy Dyer of Orlando, Fla., proposed that the Saints try the little-used Citrus Bowl. There was no indication that the Saints were even familiar with that offer.

Even before the hurricane, the team has been negotiating with the state of Louisiana for a new stadium to replace the Superdome. Owner Tom Benson has suggested that without one, he might sell the franchise, leading to speculation that the Saints might be the team that fills the hole in Los Angeles left vacant when the Rams moved to St. Louis and the Raiders went back to Oakland after the 1994 season.

Yes, the Los Angeles Coliseum is among the sites suggested as a possibility for this season.

But all of that is speculation. "We just don't know yet," Bensch said. "We really don't."

Abraham excited to see teammates again

by ANDREA ADELSON
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HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — John Abraham has a handful of practices to get ready for the season opener. The Pro Bowl defensive end is ready for all of them.

Abraham was set to take the field on Tuesday for the first time since January, after signing his one-year, \$6.67 million franchise tender with the New York Jets on Monday.

He reported to the team late in the afternoon, and was excited to see his teammates again and prepare for the first game, at Kansas City on Sept. 11.

"I'm ready to get into the scheme of things with my teammates, get ready to play with everybody," Abraham said. "It's been a while. It'll be good to see their faces."

Abraham missed training camp after refusing to sign the tender because he wanted a long-term deal. But there was no chance he would get that commitment without signing first, so Abraham wanted assurances he would not be franchised again.

He did not get that, either. Instead, Abraham goes into the season with no guarantees. Because he has struggled to stay healthy throughout his career, the Jets have been hesitant to make a long-term commitment to Abraham. In the meantime, the Jets doled out big money to Ty Law, who's coming off a major injury of his own.

"I have no hard feelings about them signing Ty," Abraham said. "It's their money and they do what they want to do with it. It has nothing to do with me. I'm a different type of player, play a different position."

How quickly Abraham can get into game shape is the biggest worry, especially coming off a knee injury that forced him to miss the final four regular-season games and two playoff games last season.

Abraham said his knee feels fine, but might need to wear a brace at the beginning. He has no idea what to expect from himself when he gets back onto the field.

"I think the first week might

be tough, just with all the banging and bruising," Abraham said. "I've been doing this for almost nine years now. If I can't get myself back into getting hit, that's a problem anyways."

As for playing against Kansas City, Abraham wants to make an appearance.

"I'm hoping I will get in a moderate amount of plays," Abraham said. "I'm not trying to go out there and start or say, 'I'm going to have some crazy number' or stuff that I don't know yet."

"I have to get the practice in and see how I feel and see how my body is taking it. I feel like I'm in shape, but the football shape is getting hit and getting pounded. It's different from running plays and doing drills that I've been doing."

In five seasons, Abraham has made the Pro Bowl three times. He has 43 sacks, 12 forced fumbles and 261 tackles, despite all the injuries. In 2000, he was limited to six games because of a sports hernia. In 2003, he missed time with a groin injury.

The only season in which he played all 16 games was 2002, when he had 10 sacks and got his second Pro Bowl nod. Abraham said he put on 10 pounds in the offseason, hoping that will help him stay healthy.

But coach Herman Edwards knows he will have to take things slowly with his star player.

"I'm hoping I'm smart enough to realize that when players come late that you have to handle them a certain way," Edwards said. "Hopefully, I've been here long enough where I understand where he's at, sit down and visit with him, say this is the plan for you and work at it that way."

As for the prospects of a long-term contract, general manager Terry Bradway reiterated the team wants to work out a deal with Abraham.

"I can't give you a timetable," Bradway said. "We've had great communication in the past, and we'll continue to have it in the future. Our intention all along has been to have John here for a long time. We'll continue to work toward that end."

National Football League: Rams 37, Lions 13

by LARRY LAGE
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DETROIT — The St. Louis Rams were so dominant during an 11-play, 90-yard drive in the first quarter, they didn't have a third down. Late in the fourth quarter, they finally had to punt.

While St. Louis was in mid-season form, the Detroit Lions were in a funk.

Marc Bulger accounted for two touchdowns, Isaac Bruce had 85 yards receiving and a score and Steven Jackson ran for 108 yards and a TD to lead St. Louis to a 37-13 exhibition victory over Detroit on Monday night.

"It's time to go now," St. Louis coach Mike Martz said. "It's time to get ready to play the season."

Bulger said the Rams had a game plan for the first time this month.

"We treated this like a regular-season game," Bulger said. "Whether they did or not, who knows?"

The Lions took the game seriously, but seemed to have many of the same problems they've been having.

game like this," Detroit coach Steve Mariucci said. "I thought we were very fired up and ready to go, but it just didn't happen on the field."

"It's alarming."

The game was similar to the last one featuring the Lions on national television in prime time, a 35-0 setback against St. Louis on Oct. 8, 2001.

"It is tough to swallow a game like this, when we had a showcase to show how good we are," said tight end Marcus Pollard, one of Detroit's additions in the offseason.

Detroit has lost an NFL-high 48 games the past four years, while the Rams have been a playoff-caliber team since winning a title.

With crisp passing and Jackson's running, the Rams (2-1) led 21-6 at halftime, a score Mariucci said would be important entering the game.

Bulger was 11-of-14 for 167 yards, threw a TD pass and ran for a 7-yard score, untouched on a sneak. Jackson ran for 64 yards on his first 14 carries, and scored on a 3-yard run. Bruce had five receptions, including a 31-yard TD catch.

A pass rush from all angles

stifled Detroit's first-string offense, which hasn't scored a TD in three preseason losses.

"I have been saying all along that as long as our offensive line protects the quarterback and the defensive line plays well, this will be a good football team," St. Louis' Torry Holt said. "I think we displayed that."

The Lions' starters finally got into the end zone, but two linemen were called for holding, negating the TD. Detroit ended up settling for Jason Hanson's second field goal late in the first half.

Joey Harrington was 9-of-18 for 106 yards, and Kevin Jones had 38 yards rushing on nine carries.

"It was just one of those nights where things kind of piled on top of each other," Harrington said. "We missed blitz pickups, we missed throws and we missed routes. When you get into a funk like that, it's tough to break out."

As impressive as St. Louis was, it was more pleased two of its players appear to be healthy after scares.

Fair, motionless face down on the turf for several minutes, was strapped to a backboard and carted off the field late in the first quarter. As the cart approached the tunnel, the former Lion lifted his right arm and put his thumb up. He was taken to Henry Ford Hospital, where he was to stay overnight.

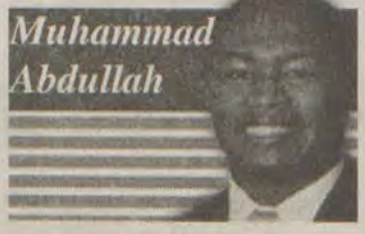
"We feel very fortunate and blessed it wasn't anything more serious," St. Louis coach Mike Martz said.

After jumping offside and blocking an extra point, Lions safety Terrence Holt ran into Jeff Wilkins. The standout kicker limped to the sideline, but was healthy enough to kick field goals later in the game.

Notes: St. Louis RB Arlen Harris (concussion) and S Jerome Carter (Achilles strain) left the game. ... Lions SS Kenoy Kennedy (hamstring) and LB James Davis (wrist) were hurt during the game while LB Wali Rainer played despite injuring his back in a traffic accident on the way to the game. ... Detroit LB Teddy Lehman (knee) was inactive for the game and is expected to miss the final preseason game at Buffalo.



Abdullah the unquestioned leader of Kentucky's defense



by MURRAY EVANS
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LEXINGTON — Kentucky defensive coordinator Mike Archer has no trouble pinpointing the moment when Muhammad Abdullah became the leader of the Wildcats' defensive unit.

The day after an embarrassing 28-16 loss at home to unheralded Ohio last October, head

coach Rich Brooks called a team meeting and opened the floor for comments. As a couple of other players spoke, sometimes critically of teammates, Archer saw the normally quiet Abdullah edging toward the front of the room.

"I didn't know what he was going to do," Archer recalled.

Archer soon learned. Abdullah took the floor and told his teammates that if they were going to talk like that, they'd better back up those words on the field.

"He showed his emotions and said we need to pick it up," senior cornerback Antoine Huffman said of Abdullah. "That's exactly what a leader needs to do in a time of need."

Archer called it "one of the key moments" in Abdullah's life. The low-key Abdullah said it was a little bit out of character for him.

"I still don't say too much now, but that day, I just said what I felt," Abdullah said. "I'm not much of a vocal guy. I watch what I do and try to lead by example."

That's why, although such a challenge might have gone ignored had it been issued by a lesser player, Abdullah's teammates paid attention. Since breaking into the starting lineup as a sophomore, the 6-foot, 205-pound senior from Folkston, Ga., has been arguably Kentucky's most consistent defensive player. As Brooks puts it,

"Muhammad is going to be Muhammad. He's a guy you really don't worry about."

That level of maturity is unusual in a college player, Archer said. But perhaps it's understandable, considering Abdullah is a family man, with a wife and two children to take care of. Abdullah's teammates obviously respect him, having voted him and senior wide receiver Tommy Cook as this season's team captains.

"I can't see anyone else being in those positions except those two," Huffman said.

Abdullah became a starter in 2003, during Brooks' first season as Kentucky's coach. Abdullah had four interceptions that season, tops among South-

eastern Conference free safeties. In a 24-21 loss to Florida, he had an interception, a fumble recovery, a pass breakup and five tackles.

Last season, he started at free safety before switching to strong safety for the Wildcats' final three games. He received second-team All-SEC honors after recording three interceptions and 58 tackles, the second-highest total on the team.

He'll start at strong safety Sunday, when the Wildcats host archrival Louisville in the season opener for both teams.

"The bigger the game, he has played very well," Archer said. "When we play big-time competition, he normally shows up."

Although he's toiled on a

team that has finished 4-7 and 2-9 the past two seasons, outsiders have noticed Abdullah. He's on the preseason watch lists for the Bronko Nagurski Award and Jim Thorpe Award, which are given to the nation's top defensive player and defensive back, respectively. Abdullah appreciates such recognition but said it's not that big of a deal.

"It's an honor, but at the same time, I'm not worrying about it," he said. "When I'm on the field, it never crosses my mind. I think about what I'm doing at the time."

"The real honor would be, if in the postseason, I'm an All-American. I think that would show that I did all that I could do for my team."

Precocious Okoye takes on new role

by CHRIS DUNCAN
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LOUISVILLE — Louisville junior defensive tackle Amobi Okoye has always been precocious.

He started high school when he was 12, became a Cardinal before he had a driver's license and was the youngest player in college football two seasons ago.

"He's never done anything based on his age," said his father, Augustine Okoye.

The 6-foot-1, 317-pound biology major is only 18 as he embraces a leadership role this season. He'll make his second career start when the 12th-ranked Cardinals play at Kentucky on Sunday.

"It's all a learning process, but I'm used to doing things a step ahead," said Okoye, whose first name translates from an African dialect as "Nobody knows God's heart."

Born in Nigeria, Okoye was going to school before he was 2. Amobi's father sold medical supplies and his mother was a school principal. With no alternative for day care, Edna Okoye took Amobi and his older brother and sister to work with her.

"I picked up on stuff," Amobi said. "I was always sur-

rounded by people who were older than me."

Seeking a more stable economy as Amobi entered his teens, Augustine Okoye landed a job in Huntsville, Ala. and the family followed him there in 1999.

Amobi's older brother and sister enrolled in Lee High School and Amobi wanted to join them.

"The school board thought, for my age, I needed to go back to middle school," Amobi said. "I said, 'No, this is the right grade for me and I am in a new country and I want to be with my family.' I didn't really think about having only older kids around me."

With his father's help, Amobi convinced the principal to give him two weeks of classes to prove himself. By the end, he'd been moved into advanced algebra.

"He came home on the day his two weeks ended and I asked him what happened," his father said. "He said, 'Daddy, I told you you didn't have to worry about that.'"

A short time later, a lucky break led him to football. An assistant coach substituted for one of Amobi's teachers, saw Amobi and asked him to try out for the team.

Amobi shied away from the

invitation until one of his new friends, Bradley Nall, irked him with a challenge.

"I remember him telling me, 'Nah, you don't want to do that. You'll get broken out there,'" Amobi said. "So I was like, 'You know, just for that, I am going to go out there.'"

Amobi had seen games as a boy on television in Nigeria, but had no grasp of the rules.

"It just kind of looked like they were fighting," he said.

Nonetheless, Amobi joined the high school team in 2000 and two years later, earned all-state honors as a 14-year-old senior.

He caught the attention of several Southeastern Conference schools — and Louisville — but faced questions from all of them about his youth and maturity. Each school offered to red-shirt him, but that wasn't what Okoye wanted to hear.

"I had concerns about whether I was ready for college, but there were no doubts," he said. "There was urgency in my heart to play as soon as I could."

Auburn looked at Okoye when Bobby Petrino was still the Tigers' offensive coordinator. Petrino became Louisville's coach in December 2002 and jumped on the chance to offer

him a scholarship.

"I never thought it was a gamble," Petrino said. "I thought it was unbelievable that here was a 15-year-old kid with those skills and that level of maturity. It was a great find."

Okoye appeared in all 13 games as a freshman in 2003, making 13 tackles, including a sack. The reality of college life set in the following summer, when he stayed in Louisville to work out with his teammates.

"I was used to having summers off," he said. "I started having thoughts like, 'Well, I'm all by myself. I've got to make my own decisions.'"

His family was never worried. "That boy might be 18, but he thinks like he's 26," said Augustine Okoye. "He's stronger than anyone thinks mentally."

Okoye recorded 26 tackles with another sack in 2004. Now, he has NFL dreams like any other player, but if that doesn't happen, he'll aim to become a pediatrician, a career choice partly inspired by the birth of his now-5-year-old sister, Chinwe.

"If the NFL is meant for me, it's meant for me. If not, then I'll get my degree and go in a different direction," he said. "I'll be happy either way."

Olsen aiming to continue Miami's tight end legacy

by TIM REYNOLDS
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CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami coach Larry Coker typically chooses his words carefully, rarely dipping into hyperbole when it's time to talk about a player or an upcoming opponent.

Yet when the subject is Hurricanes tight end Greg Olsen, Coker lets the emotions fly.

"I think he's going to be as good as any tight end that we've had," Coker said.

And that's exceptionally high praise considering Miami's recent track record of producing tight ends, with Bubba Franks, Jeremy Shockey and Kellen Winslow Jr. all having starred for the Hurricanes.

So it begs the question: Should the school long known as 'Quarterback U' now carry a different moniker?

Olsen respectfully thinks so. "I think it should be known as 'Tight End U,'" he said.

"There's no team out there in the country that has put out more guys, first rounders, top-five picks. I don't know how many other schools put out guys like that."

Olsen will start Monday night for the ninth-ranked Hurricanes when they open their season at No. 14 Florida State in an annual Sunshine State showdown. It's a game that's been hyped for months, and both teams are beyond eager to start their year in the national spotlight.

"That's why you come play major college football. That's why you come to schools like Miami or Florida State," Olsen said. "You're not going to be able to find a better environment all season than that Monday night, and it's going to be exciting."

Olsen's road to this point has been a long one.

The 6-foot-5, 252-pound Olsen originally enrolled at Notre Dame with his brother, a decision he quickly regretted — and quickly rectified.

When Chris Olsen, a quarterback, transferred to Virginia, Greg Olsen took the chance to enroll at Miami. He spurned the Hurricanes during the recruiting process, but was welcomed back warmly when he made his choice to leave Notre Dame.

"In the back of my mind, it was always the place I wanted to be," said Olsen, a Parade All-American as a New Jersey high schooler. "I was always saying to my brother, 'Commit to Miami. I followed him and it didn't work out, but I feel so lucky that they took me back here and that they gave me a second chance.'"

He sat out the 2003 season as a medical redshirt, then played in nine games last season catching 16 passes for 275 yards and one touchdown with a broken wrist. The numbers aren't necessarily eye-catching, but coaches and teammates insist every aspect of Olsen's game is super.

"You see a lot of great tight ends come out of here because we use the tight end a lot," said quarterback Kyle Wright, who edged Olsen for the Gatorade national high school player of the year award in 2002. "I think you can look for the same this year, especially with Greg. Big, strong, fast and athletic tight end. Definitely going to be a great target for me, especially when I get in trouble."

Based on his size, speed and playmaking abilities, Olsen is already hearing questions about his NFL intentions; the sophomore will be eligible to enter the 2006 draft if he's so inclined.

He said that decision is far from his mind these days.

"Everyone, myself, the rest of the guys, we need to concentrate on living up to our potential and living up to expectations," Olsen said. "If we do that, it'll mean quality wins and hopefully a national championship. That's what we're thinking about."

Brooks, players confident heading into opener against Louisville

By MURRAY EVANS
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LEXINGTON — Just because Kentucky fans don't want to hear it doesn't make it any less true, coach Rich Brooks said Monday: Louisville was a profoundly better team than the Wildcats last year and deservedly will be a "prohibitive favorite" when the teams play.

But in his next breath, Brooks said that the Wildcats welcome the challenge posed by 12th-ranked Louisville, which will visit Commonwealth Stadium on Sunday for what has become the traditional season opener for both teams.

"Great. Explosive and great. They are a machine right now," Brooks said of the Cardinals, who averaged 49.8 points per game last season, the fourth-highest total in NCAA Division I-A history, and finished 11-1. "They've had the best offense in college football the last two years, bar none."

"We just have to step up and play at that level."

Without being pressed, Brooks rattled off several reasons why he thinks the Wildcats can do that — they're "much faster" on defense than during

Brooks' first two seasons as coach, they have "some very good weapons" on offense and their offensive line depth is much improved from last season, even though that depth is young. Not to mention, Brooks said, the Wildcats have much better team chemistry than they did during last season's 2-9 effort.

But will that translate to the field?

"We haven't played a game yet. It's easy to say that when you haven't played a game," Brooks said. "Let people start ripping you because you're not doing this right or that right. Then let's see if we have that team chemistry. I believe we will. I think it will be pretty solid. But that's all talk. That doesn't get you in the end zone right now. We've got to go out on the field and prove all of these things."

Brooks went out of his way to praise Louisville on Monday, using the term "prohibitive favorite" several times, pointing out the Cardinals "don't appear to have any weaknesses" and saying that if Kentucky beat Louisville, it would be arguably the biggest upset win of his 21-year college coaching career.

But he also expressed confi-

dence in the ability of his own team to pull off such an upset. For their part, Kentucky's players have bought into Brooks' optimism.

"No one likes to lose. No one is out here just to participate," senior linebacker Raymond Fontaine said. "We definitely want to win. That's the attitude we're going to go with. No matter what corner we're put in and what other people may say, we want to win, so that's what we're going to try to do."

Senior defensive end B. Jay Parsons said the Wildcats aren't practicing so that they'll lose.

"You don't go through all that work and prepare like that and not plan on winning," Parsons said. "There's too much work we've put in to think we're going to go in and just roll over. We're going to play hard and that's all we can do."

Senior running back Arliss Beach noted that several Wildcats — including himself, receivers Glenn Holt and Tommy Cook and strong safety Muhammad Abdullah — played for Kentucky in 2002, the last time the Wildcats beat Louisville.

"You just have to go out there and play, play our game," Beach said. "You've got to be

confident, hold onto the ball and do the fundamental things we need to do to win the game."

Kentucky will be without several key players against the Cardinals. Sophomore running back Tony Dixon is out for the season with a broken ankle. He'll be joined on the sidelines by sophomore guard Micah Jones, who is scheduled to undergo surgery Tuesday to repair knee cartilage and is out indefinitely; and sophomore defensive tackle Ricky Abren, who is out indefinitely after undergoing surgery last week for a dislocated bone in his wrist.

Also, sophomore defensive tackle Jason Leger and freshman cornerback Jarrell Williams are doubtful for the game, with injuries to a knee and groin, respectively.

Two true freshmen — middle linebacker Braxton Kelley and punter-kicker Tim Masthay — are listed as starters, and eight others are listed as a primary backup on the Wildcats' depth chart.

"I still feel very good about our team. I still think we're going to be a much-improved football team," Brooks said. "We can talk about it all we want. Now we have to go out and prove it."

Three Racers arrested after campus 'incidents'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MURRAY — Three Murray State football players have been suspended indefinitely after what campus public safety officials have termed two weekend "incidents."

The school's public safety department said the incidents were related and informed the school's athletics department. Athletics Director Allen Ward, hired March 2, determined that the incidents warranted an immediate response.

"Since my arrival, I have been clear," Ward said. "I will not tolerate aggressive behavior on the part of our student-athletes that causes harm to another individual or causes this university embarrassment."

The first incident occurred off-campus and resulted in a non-student being injured. The

second incident occurred at on-campus apartments.

Murray State coach Joe Pannunzio did not release the names of the players. He told the Paducah Sun that none of the players was arrested. However, he said, none of the players will travel with the team to Saturday's opener at Mississippi State.

"I'm extremely disappointed," Pannunzio said. "I expect my players to act like men, yet some have chosen to act irresponsibly and use extremely poor judgment. As a result of their behavior, there are consequences."

Earlier this year, running back Ron Lane and former wide receiver Terrence Biggers were charged with drug trafficking.

The university banned Lane and Biggers and Ward placed Pannunzio on paid administrative leave. Pannunzio was reinstated in May.

Super Bowl champion QBs teaming as rookie NASCAR owners

by STEPHEN HAWKINS
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FORT WORTH, Texas — Troy Aikman didn't win a game as a rookie starting quarterback in the NFL, and Roger Staubach had to wait until his third season before becoming the regular starter for the Dallas Cowboys.

But by the time they ended their football careers, the quarterbacks had led the Cowboys to their five Super Bowl championships — Staubach two in the 1970s, and Aikman three in the 1990s.

Now Staubach and Aikman are rookies again, this time as NASCAR owners. They plan to debut their Hall of Fame Racing team next February in the season-opening Daytona 500, the Nextel Cup's own Super Bowl.

"I think, relatively speaking, that the hard part is about to begin," Aikman said in a telephone interview this week with The Associated Press. "We keep it in perspective. We haven't done anything yet."

In football, Staubach and

Aikman had been involved in the sport since childhood and experienced success at different levels. Staubach is already in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, while Aikman is eligible for consideration for the first time next year, five years after his retirement.

NASCAR is relatively new to the retired quarterbacks, who were only casual race fans until deciding in 2003 to form a Nextel Cup team.

"We have worked real hard to try to understand this business," said Staubach, CEO of an international real estate company that bears his name. "It's been 2 1/2 years to really try to understand as owners and business people what does it take to have a chance to be successful in NASCAR. ... Now's just the beginning."

Within the last month, Hall of Fame announced a three-year sponsorship deal with Texas Instruments. They also have a partnership with Joe Gibbs Racing — yes, the coach of the Washington Redskins team so

many Cowboys fans loathe — to provide engines, equipment and technical help for the new team.

"That really adds a lot of great luster to this. They have a first-class operation, and Joe Gibbs is a first-class person," Staubach said. "But I never changed my loyalty. I'm still a big Cowboys fan."

Hall of Fame Racing is now in the process of choosing a driver and crew chief, which the team hopes to have done by October. Aikman, who is a lead commentator on Fox's NFL broadcast and owns a Dallas-area car dealership, would like to find a young, talented driver "that can be identified solely with our team."

Staubach, who also spoke with the AP by telephone this week, joked that he still hasn't been able to convince his 6-year-old grandson that he can't drive the car.

What hasn't been decided, at least Aikman and Staubach say, is the paint scheme on the car. So what about the Cowboys'

primary silver and blue colors?

"It's not something Roger and I will say we should put a star on the hood," Aikman said. "We're pretty closely identified with the Cowboys as it is, although whenever somebody gives me a golf bag, everybody seems to think I need to have a No. 8 on it. I say, people know what number I was, I don't have to wear it around my neck. It's the same with this."

"We're both proud we played for the Cowboys and our history with the team. People know we played for the silver and blue."

As for a car number, Nos. 8 and 12 are already taken by two of NASCAR's most popular drivers, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Ryan Newman.

When Hall of Fame Racing was formed in 2003 by the quarterbacks and former Trans-Am driver Bill Saunders, they initially hoped to be racing the following spring. But they stepped back and took their time.

"They wanted to do it right," said NASCAR chairman Brian

France, who counts Staubach as one of his boyhood heroes. "The benefits (for NASCAR) are going to be obvious in that they're legendary players. ... They'll bring in visibility."

Since forming the team, Staubach said most of his clients want to talk to him about NASCAR ahead of the Cowboys. One of his real estate company executives goes to six or seven races a year, but has no interest in going to a Cowboys game.

France believes the former Cowboys quarterbacks will benefit from their association with Gibbs.

"Joe Gibbs has proven that you can take success from one sport and translate it to another," France said. "If they follow anything close to his model, and they're smart guys, they'll have a chance to be successful."

When Gibbs first got into racing, before his drivers Bobby Labonte and Tony Stewart won Cup championships over the past five years, his team had a partnership with Rick Hendrick.

It was similar to the help Gibbs is now giving Staubach and Aikman.

"They've only taken the first step on the climb up Mount Everest. It's a long, steep climb, but give them credit for wanting to do it right," said Texas Motor Speedway president Eddie Gossage. "Just because they're champions in football doesn't necessarily mean it will be an easy road in NASCAR Nextel Cup racing. I think they are aware of that."

The hardest part for the quarterbacks once they have a car on the track may be that they can only watch. It won't be like their days at quarterback, when they could make plays to win a game.

"In some regards, I'll get a taste of some of how some of my coaches felt, when they thought they called good plays and didn't think I executed it right," Aikman said.

"As a part owner, I'm going to be not only an admirer," Staubach said, "but a nervous wreck."

One-time open-wheel powerhouse second tier in NASCAR

by MIKE HARRIS
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When Chip Ganassi made the jump from open-wheel racing to the top stock car series part way through the 2000 season, there were shudders of anticipation and concern in NASCAR garages.

Here was a high-powered team owner, winner of an unprecedented four straight championships in the CART series in the '90s and winner of the 2000 Indianapolis 500, making the move to stock cars and providing yet another major challenge to the top teams in what was then the Winston Cup series.

Sure, Ganassi, who bought out 80 percent of the established team of Felix Sabates, was a newcomer to the ways of NASCAR, but his track record was that of an owner who knew how to meld winning drivers, top-notch personnel and big-time sponsors.

In 2001, Ganassi's first full season as majority owner of the team and the year Dodge reentered the series after a decades-long absence, a rejuvenated Sterling Marlin won two races and finished third in the points for the team.

In 2002, Marlin nearly won the season-opening Daytona 500, picked up two more race wins and led the series points for 25 weeks until a neck injury from a crash in Kansas slowed him down and then prematurely ended his season.

Ganassi, known in CART for signing virtually unknown drivers such as Alex Zanardi and Juan Montoya and turning them into champions, put Jamie McMurray into Marlin's No. 40 Dodge for the final six races of 2002 and the youngster responded with a victory in his second Cup start, the fewest starts for a winner in NASCAR's modern era.

But there hasn't been much for Ganassi to cheer in NASCAR since that surprising win. Nor have things been much better in open-wheel racing.

Scott Dixon did give Ganassi an Indy Racing League title in 2003, but the last of his three victories that season — in June at

Richmond — is the last IndyCar Series victory for the three-car team. After Sunday's IRL event in Sonoma, Calif., Dixon was ranked 15th in the season points, the best of Ganassi's entries.

With Marlin, McMurray and another youngster, Casey Mears, running full-time for Ganassi in NASCAR since the start of the 2003 season, and road racing specialist Scott Pruett also running a handful of events, the team owner has no victories and only 27 top-five finishes in 292 overall starts.

McMurray has been the brightest light for the team during that period.

He barely missed out on the inaugural 10-man championship chase last year — finishing 11th in the regular season and 11th overall.

Heading into Sunday's race at California Speedway, with only two events remaining until the start of this year's Chase for the Nextel Cup championship, McMurray is again the best of the Ganassi drivers, but he lost his tenuous hold on 10th in the standings with a 26th-place finish last Saturday night in Bristol.

That left McMurray in 12th place, 12 points behind 10th-place Jeff Gordon.

Mears is 25th in the points and Marlin, who will be replaced next season by Busch Series driver David Stremme, is 29th.

Moreover, McMurray, who has a year left on his contract with Ganassi, caused a furor by signing for 2007 with Roush Racing to take over Mark Martin's No. 6 Ford, leaving him as a lame duck with Ganassi next year.

The Ganassi team will expand with 19-year-old Reed Sorenson, another Busch star, running a fourth Cup car next year.

McMurray, who would have preferred to get out of his 2006 obligation to Ganassi, says his reason for leaving the team boils down to failing to win.

"This is my third year and we've come close to winning some races, but I didn't feel we're improving enough from where we started three years ago," he said. "That has nothing to do with the people.

"I feel like we have a really intelligent group of people and beautiful race cars. But sometimes things just don't work out. ... You only get to have so many years of being called a winner before you're established as being not a winner, and I don't want to be in that group."

Amid this maelstrom of losing and change, Ganassi remains a stoic and determined figure.

"What people don't understand is there's not one thing wrong when you're doing bad," he said. "And you know what, when you're doing good, there's not one thing that's good. It's a lot of things."

"I will tell you this, I think that our biggest challenge is that Dodge had an advantage, an aerodynamic advantage, in the first couple of years they came in. The other manufacturers knew that and lobbied against that, and basically NASCAR evened all that stuff out with templates and everything. It's leveled the playing field drastically."

But Ganassi remains an optimist. "I think we're making gains and I think we're doing better," he noted. "I also think that Roush and Hendrick and Gibbs are beating us right now, but I will tell you that it's a lot easier to be a failure in this sport than it is to be a success. It's a tough road to be a successful team here in this business."

"And that doesn't mean we're not getting better. We're a lot better of a team than we were. We have a lot better knowledge of where we're at, what our cars are doing and how they work than two or three years ago, and it's making us a better team. Having said that, we're still getting beat in certain areas and we still have more work to do, but we're a much better team than two or three years ago."

And Ganassi said he is going to do whatever it takes to turn this team into the kind of powerhouse he once had in open-wheel racing.

"The only thing we're scared to try is jumping off a bridge," he said. "Other than that, we're open to anything."

Racing pioneer Marlin was one of NASCAR's good 'ol boys

by JENNA FRYER
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Long before the huge salaries, private planes and luxury homes, racing was a mere hobby to many of NASCAR's biggest names. The drivers worked hard on farms, in mills and factories, then escaped to the track each weekend to rub fenders with their friends.

Coo Coo Marlin was one of the originals, a colorful character who raced hard, partied harder and still found time to finish his chores on the family farm. Two weeks after his death at the age of 73, there's been an outpouring of appreciation for one of NASCAR's first good 'ol boys.

"Coo Coo used to stay out all night partying, then show up at the track the next morning ready to run a 500-mile race," retired racer David Sisco said after Marlin's Aug. 16 funeral. "They don't make drivers like him any more."

Clifton Marlin — nicknamed Coo Coo as a child because he couldn't say his name — never won a NASCAR race in 165 starts from 1966 to 1980. His name was instead made at Tennessee tracks near his hometown of Columbia, where he was born and raised and resided on the same family land until his death.

Marlin was one of the best racers to ever turn laps at the Tennessee Fairgrounds, winning four titles from 1959 to 1976 — a record that still stands today — while competing against the likes of Bobby and Donnie Allison and Red Farmer.

In his later years, Marlin became most recognized as the father of Sterling, a current Nextel Cup star and two-time Daytona 500 winner.

His son has years full of memories of his father, including the sneaky way Coo Coo informed his wife that Sterling was going racing on the big tracks. Eula Faye Marlin didn't care if her only child raced cars at Nashville, but she had no intention of letting him take a turn on the superspeedways in Daytona or Talladega.

But Coo Coo gave Sterling the OK, and every night when the two finished work on the farm, they retreated to the garage 100 yards from the house. They spent hours building a superspeedway car, and even though it was a football field away from her, Eula Faye never had a clue.

When the car was finished and had been loaded on a truck, and father and son planned to head out to Talladega that night, Coo Coo broke the news over dinner.

"Pass the potatoes, Sterling's running Talladega," Coo Coo said in one quick sentence.

"It took Mama a second or two to figure out what he said," Sterling said. "Once she did, she was pretty mad. But Daddy got her calmed down, we finished dinner and

headed to the track."

But if Sterling wanted to be a racer, Coo Coo was insistent he do it on his own. Coo Coo was raised to be a hard worker, a self-sufficient man who never relied on anyone, and his son would have to do it the same way.

So Sterling got his start as a pit crew member for his father, always crediting the toughness and tenacity he learned from Coo Coo for his success. Like father like son, Sterling never left the plot of land in Columbia, building a house a few hundred yards from Coo Coo's.

To this day, Sterling still maintains the farm, though it's been scaled down to mostly cattle after years and years of growing everything from tobacco to wheat and barley.

"Coo Coo was a tough man who worked hard at everything he did," said Tony Glover, a boyhood friend of Sterling who was his crew chief for the two Daytona 500 wins. "He had to farm to race. He never had a contract in his life, he did everything with a handshake. And he never forgot where he was from."

"I see all of that in Sterling." Now, in the weeks after his death, the legend of Coo Coo Marlin has been spread through the NASCAR garage with most memories focused on his wild partying days.

There was the time Coo Coo and good buddy Hoss Ellington landed in an Alabama jail after a wild night of drinking. Ellington dozed off, only to be awakened by the constant thud of Coo Coo pounding his cowboy boot onto a tin cup.

"Be quiet, Hoss!" Coo Coo wamed. "I'm makin' us a key. I'm gonna bust us out of this place."

Or the time Coo Coo wanted to test a new race car, so he took it out onto the road outside his house, pushing the pedal until he was well over 100 mph.

"Just as we came over the hill, we saw a little 'ol lady in her gown out getting her mail on the side of the road," Sterling remembered. "She saw us coming and took off, her gown flying and hair up in the air. Daddy just kept on going."

Coo Coo Marlin won a little more than \$300,000 in NASCAR, running as an independent against the heavily funded teams of Richard Petty and David Pearson. Sterling is sure his father never had any regrets, but others believe Coo Coo would have liked to have had a good car just once to race against the big-name drivers he referred to as "hot dogs."

"Racing wasn't always what it is today. There was a time when guys had nothing and had to fight hard to make it to the track every weekend," Glover said. "Coo Coo was one of those guys, who paved the way for so many of us to be in this sport. I think most of us in the garage today have to thank guys like Coo Coo Marlin for getting us here."

2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup Schedule and Standings

- Feb. 20 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Jeff Gordon)
- Feb. 27 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Greg Biffle)
- March 13 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas, (Jimmie Johnson)
- March 20 — Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga. (Jeff Gordon)
- April 3 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kevin Harvick)
- April 10 — Advance Auto Parts 500, Martinsville, Va. (Jeff Gordon)
- April 17 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Greg Biffle)
- April 23 — Subway Fresh 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Kurt Busch)
- May 1 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Jeff Gordon)
- May 7 — Dodge Charger 500, Darlington, S.C. (Greg Biffle)
- May 14 — Chevy American Rev.400, Richmond, Va. (Coleman) (Kane)
- May 29 — Coca-Cola 600, (Jimmie Johnson)
- June 5 — MBNA RacePoints 400, Dover, Del. (Greg Biffle)
- June 12 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Carl Edwards)
- June 19 — Batman Begins 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Greg Biffle)
- June 26 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Tony Stewart)
- July 2 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Tony Stewart)
- July 10 — USG Sheetrock 400, Joliet, Ill. (Dale Earnhardt, Jr.)
- July 17 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H. (Tony Stewart)
- July 24 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Kurt Busch)
- Aug. 7 — Allstate 400, Indianapolis (Tony Stewart)
- Aug. 14 — Sirius at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. (Tony Stewart)
- Aug. 21 — GFS Marketplace 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Jeremy Mayfield)
- Aug. 27 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Matt Kenseth)
- Sept. 4 — California 500, Fontana, Calif.
- Sept. 10 — Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
- Sept. 18 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
- Sept. 25 — MBNA 400, Dover, Del.
- Oct. 2 — UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala.
- Oct. 9 — Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
- Oct. 15 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
- Oct. 23 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
- Oct. 30 — Bass Pro Shops MBNA 400, Hampton, Ga.
- Nov. 6 — Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Nov. 13 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
- Nov. 20 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Driver Standings

1. Tony Stewart, 3,410
2. Jimmie Johnson, 3,197
3. Greg Biffle, 3,186
4. Rusty Wallace, 3,139
5. Mark Martin, 3,014
6. Jeremy Mayfield, 2,983
7. Kurt Busch, 2,982
8. Carl Edwards, 2,849
9. Ryan Newman, 2,819
10. Jeff Gordon, 2,799
11. Matt Kenseth, 2,788
12. Jamie McMurray, 2,787
13. Elliott Sadler, 2,765
14. Dale Jarrett, 2,721
15. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., 2,682
16. Kevin Harvick, 2,677
17. Joe Nemecek, 2,660
18. Brian Vickers, 2,590
19. Jeff Burton, 2,529
20. Michael Waltrip, 2,482

Sharpie 500 is No. 1 sporting event on cable

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The Sharpie 500, the toughest ticket to come by in racing, was the number one cable sporting event of last weekend, garnering a 4.7 rating on TNT on Aug. 27.

The 4.7 rating was up 12 percent from last year's 4.2 rating of the sold-out Sharpie 500, which drew approximately 160,000 fans. A 4.7 rating translates into 4,250,000 households

in the United States tuned into the Sharpie 500.

The Sharpie 500 aired directly against NFL pre-season (Indianapolis/Denver), Major League Baseball, Little League World Series International Championship, tennis, WNBA, to name a few events.

The Food City 250 was the number two cable sporting event of last weekend, grabbing a 1.6 rating, meaning it was viewed in 1,431,000 households. Due largely to the fact

that the Busch Series event was a rain-delayed for approximately two hours, the rating slipped from last year's 1.8.

The Food City 250 aired directly against NFL pre-season (Pittsburgh/Washington), Major League Baseball, tennis and boxing.

The pre-race show for the Sharpie 500 drew a 2.4 rating (2,144,000 households) and qualifying for the race was among the top 10 cable sporting events of the weekend.

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THROUGH MY EYES

'Lazy' mornings

We're now into the fourth week of the new school year. So far, only one tardy has been had and it's looking like, maybe, now that we're in our twelfth year of heading out bright and early each weekday morning, something is finally beginning to click.

Emily is now a high school senior, Elliott a junior and Elizabeth an itty-bitty little "frosh," and, believe it or not, the message "You need to be on time" is (knock on wood) finally kicking in.

After all these years of making my hair grow gray and my waistline grow thick (stress, you know), my kids are finally getting up - and getting out - on time.

I could chalk all of this up as being nothing more than a confounding mystery, but in all honesty, I think I can unravel the deep, dark secret of this long-incoming success: Elliott is now an officially licensed driver.

No more mad mornings of Mom, Emily and Elizabeth all

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POSTSCRIPT

Carry me back to old Virginny

I was treated to a delightful birthday present a couple of weeks ago. Friend Dorothy Carlson of Pikeville learned that I had never been to a production at the Barter Theater in Abingdon, VA, and she set about to correct that.

When she announced she was giving me a performance ticket to the show of my choice, I chose *Singin' in the Rain*, because I love musicals and have an indelible image of Gene Kelly in the film version.

Dorothy, our friend Carolyn Turner and I went down to the classically beautiful city for a Saturday matinee. And it was wonderful, just what I needed to escape the routine and sometime-humdrum quality of my life.

If you've never been, I encourage you to go. I would never steer you away from our beloved Jenny Wiley Theatre, which remains

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Coal careers 'Info Day' to be held Sept. 7

Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) has entered into a consortium agreement with Booth Enterprises, Excel Mining, and Martin County Coal to provide training for persons who want a career in the coal industry.

The first "Information Day" will be from 1-6 p.m. on September 7, 2005, at the Mayo Campus Auditorium. At this event, prospective students-employees

will be interviewed and evaluated for the first class. Each coal company will select 10 students to sponsor. Those students will be "hired" on a co-op basis by the coal company that is their sponsor. Students will be paid while they train.

For more information, call David Pelphrey at 606-788-2844 or call any of the campus numbers and use ext. 82844. Outside Floyd, Johnson and Pike Counties call 1-888-641-4132 ext. 82844.



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JWT announces 'The Diary of Anne Frank' cast

Jenny Wiley Theatre is pleased to announce an outstanding group of newcomers and veteran actors in *The Diary of Anne Frank* Company. Several regional actors will be featured in the production as well.

Cast in the leading role of Anne Frank is Perry County native, **Beth Wicker**. Since the age of 5, Beth Wicker, the daughter of Helen and Mitch Wicker of Hazard, has performed on the stage. She has been a member of

the acting company at Jenny Wiley Theatre for six seasons in various shows including this season's *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

This quote from *The Diary of Anne Frank* describes how thrilled she is to portray Anne Frank. "Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accom-

plish! And what your potential is!" Beth is a sophomore at Hazard High School.

George Gray is happy to return in the role of Otto Frank, Anne's father, to JWT after his appearance as the narrator (Adult Ralph) in last year's production of *A Christmas Story*. Since then, the Charlotte, NC-based "jack-of-all (theatrical) trades" has played Gary Gauger in *The Exonerated* at Charlotte Repertory Theatre (the com-

pany's final show), directed the Uwharrie Players production of *South Pacific* and all six 10-minute pieces of Rock Hill Community Theatre's Down Home Play Festival. George established the Golden Circle Players theatre group for seniors; and after *Anne Frank*, he will design, build, and play the title role in the Pie production of *Sin (A Cardinal Deposed)*.

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THINGS TO PONDER

Empty Nest

by Dr. Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

As we know, indicators of fall are all about us - the crispier morning air and the talk of Halloween. Most importantly the children have returned to school and are either into the swing of things or problems have begun to raise their ugly heads. An even greater change for some families is that there are no children anymore in the home - the nest is empty. The family's older adolescents may have been married over the summer, left home to get a job, or have gone off to college. Whatever the circumstances, not having the sound of various activities with their many noises in the

house can really create a sense of emptiness. From Granny Grace's viewpoint, it is a time to feel lonely and "then again, it's nice to be quiet."

All of this talk and reaction to not having children around any more has been labeled by developmental psychologists as a typical problem for individuals in the middle adulthood stage of life and is commonly referred to as the "empty nest syndrome." One author (Sandtrocks, 1997) defined the empty nest syndrome as "a time when marital satisfaction decreases because parents derive considerable satisfaction from their children and the children's departure leaves parents with empty feelings. Some writers think that this syndrome seems to be more likely for those families where the mother stayed home with the children and with parents that are overprotective. This seems to

be again one of those instances where normal growth and development is interfered with by parents not allowing children to do as they can with adult supervision. Others write, even though fathers can be affected, the mother is the one who is prone to have the greatest emotional impact because she tends to take care of the family's daily care giving and whose role changes the most without children.

There can also be several negative influences on parents when the nest becomes empty. The first children and last children leaving may create very emotional times, while the only child leaving can be a double blow. Some marriages can suffer problems when one or both of the spouses suffer from the feelings associated with the empty nest syndrome. Single parents, or those with struggling mar-

riages, are likely to be weakened the most by this midlife transition. As expected, it is not unusual for marriages to fall apart as the kids leave, especially when the individuals have attempted to stick it out "for the kids." With the children gone, the long-term low simmering difficulties begin boiling over as if to take up the space. Of course, the marriage is more likely to survive these changes, if there is the understanding that their spouse may be experiencing the feelings of loss, depression, and loneliness. Don't be ashamed of feeling down; this tendency to be sad may last for a few months.

Like so many other trials of life, how the now alone individuals managed other life transitions will help with this new situation.

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Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Postscript

tops in my heart, but Barter is open all year long and is close to the definition of posh. The drive from here is not bad — US 23 most of the way, and about two-and-a-half hours.

The production was fabulous all-round. The sets were perfect, particularly the magical replication of a rainy street for the title song. The costumes were right. And the actors were outstanding — as much talent as you could ever expect, most especially from the two main characters.

I can't think of a single criticism. The theater itself is elegant, with comfortable seats and excellent views, even if you're in the nosebleed section as we were. The elegance extends to the lobby areas, as well, where you feel like you've stepped back in time when theaters were opulent and other-worldly.

The town of Abingdon is a destination unto itself. It is one

of the earliest settlements in southwest Virginia and retains so much of the history. The Martha Washington Hotel, across the street from the Barter, dates, in part, to the early 1800s. Its guest lists include royalty, coal barons and probably carpetbaggers. And it has served as a college and a Civil War hospital. The town is full of antique shops and historic, marked houses. I would love to have had the time to wander up and down the secondary streets where so many 19th century houses have been preserved and to have visited every store in the old section.

We did stop at a lovely bookstore on the main street. (I have trouble passing up any bookstore.) It was in an old brick, two-story house with lacy wood trim. The name of the shop is its address, 153 Main. Each room in the downstairs is filled with books, and a large room toward

the back also has an exhibit of works by local artists. The selection of books by Appalachian authors is impressive — as is fitting.

The whole experience was unforgettable and I am so grateful to have friends who treat me to new — and pleasant — experiences.

Visiting Abingdon makes me wish our towns here along the Big Sandy had taken — or would take — more care in preserving our heritage. We've all known of historic houses that have been torn down to make way for businesses or trailer parks. We all know of vintage houses that contain generations of mountain history that have been abandoned and are being allowed to disintegrate, not rapidly by a bulldozer, but slowly and painfully by neglect.

It may very well be too late now, but we could have taken a valuable lesson from Abingdon.

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Eyes

ving for their share of bathroom space (Elliott, lucky boy, has his own). I can now remove one person from that early morning rush and rumble — me. In years past, it was always the kids who had to report to their respective desks at 8 a.m. sharp, not me. But, why make two trips in and out? So, much as I disliked it, I, too, was forced to be an early riser. Even on those dreaded "board meeting Mondays," when I knew I would be lucky to return home after a full day's work by 10 p.m., I still had to be up and out by 7:30 a.m. Now, however, with Elliott holding a valid license in his designer leather wallet, I have the luxury of watching through sleepy eyes as my children scramble about while I wait, rather lazily, for my turn in the shower. A turn that can now take place about the same time they are taking their seats at school.

Deep breath — hold, annd.....release.

Boy, does that feel good. Since my job often keeps me out evenings and working on weekends, I am now afforded the luxury of being a "ten o'clock scholar" here in the

office. Not all of the time, but often enough that my mornings now don't have to begin with me praying fervently as I head down the highway at breakneck speed for that heart attack to hold off "just a little bit longer." How many mornings, mind you, have we made it to the drop-off entrance at my children's schools, "just in the nick of time"? More than I want to think about. And that's saying nothing about the mornings we didn't make it.

Yep, it feels pretty good. At least now that I seem to be getting over those initial stress-inducing thoughts of knowing that my "baby boy" (well, heck, it does seem like only yesterday that I was helping put together those "Hot Wheel" race tracks, you know) was manning a vehicle — all by himself.

Yes, I finally now have the time to iron blouses, let the bathroom "de-steam" before I reenter to blow dry my hair, and, maybe even, make a phone call or two. Now, though, the problem I face is making sure I don't get too comfortable with this new way of doing things and end up "tardy" here at the office. This

past Wednesday morning (which, by the way, was my birthday, so let's not be too harsh), I found myself taking a little more time than I should have, listening to a new CD that I have become enamored with. As I leaned against the kitchen counter, drinking in every lyric, each musical note, I reminded myself that yes, this was great, but, "don't forget to change your shoes before you head out the door."

Glancing down, I thought, "Yeah, yeah, I know, I know. I have to take off the flip-flops. I won't forget." The flip-flops being those soft, squishy things I like to wear when I'm running around the house.

A few minutes later, I exited, locked the front door, said good morning to the lab mix "stray" that's been hanging around the neighborhood for the past few weeks, hopped in the car and headed for the office. After about 7 minutes into my journey, I happened to think, and looking down, saw something I most surely did not want to see. My feet, in big, bright, hot pink flip-flops.

Needless to say, I was a little tardy myself that day...

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Ponder

For example, you are likely to have a more emotionally painful time if your move from your parents' home was difficult, you felt sad weaning your baby, felt down by a career change, or was weepy when you left your oldest child for the first day of school. Good health, friendships, and vision for the future have been identified as factors that contribute to the success of changing from several family members at home to the parents being alone. Other helpful factors are when the woman has had other secure roles, such as wife, friend, or a breadwinner. Another factor to decreasing the stress of the child leaving has to do with parents letting their child

become appropriately independent; the parents feeling their child is ready for the world, such as doing laundry, making necessary appointments, and managing finances. Also like other situations, discussing what might happen with the changes — scale back or live it up — will be of benefit, especially if there are differences in expectations and negotiations are needed.

Now that the children are finally gone and the day has finally arrived, what can you do to cope and benefit yourself the most? Hopefully, you have been thinking about this day all along so that it will not be a total, shocking, new experience. Importantly, make specific

plans for the first childless days, treat yourself delicately and contact an old friend and reconnect. It is very important that these couples fill their extra time with activities they can do together. As an individual or a couple, take up an old hobby, participate in a sport that you both will enjoy, look into a volunteer organization, and/or take time to travel and go places that you have always wanted to go.

Isn't it hard to believe that those cute little 2 year olds are finally 18 and considered "adult" by society. How will they survive without their parents? As well, how will some parents survive without children to cluck around?

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Grayson scheduled to appear on BSCTC campus, Sept. 6

Secretary of State Trey Grayson will be holding a Big Sandy Civic Literacy meeting on September 6, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. at the Prestons-

burg Campus of BSCTC. It will be in room 131 of the BSCTC Postsecondary Building. This is your opportunity to meet with our Secretary of State, talk

about your concerns, talk about Civics and learn how you can be more involved in the affairs of your community and state government.

Wendy's supports student writing

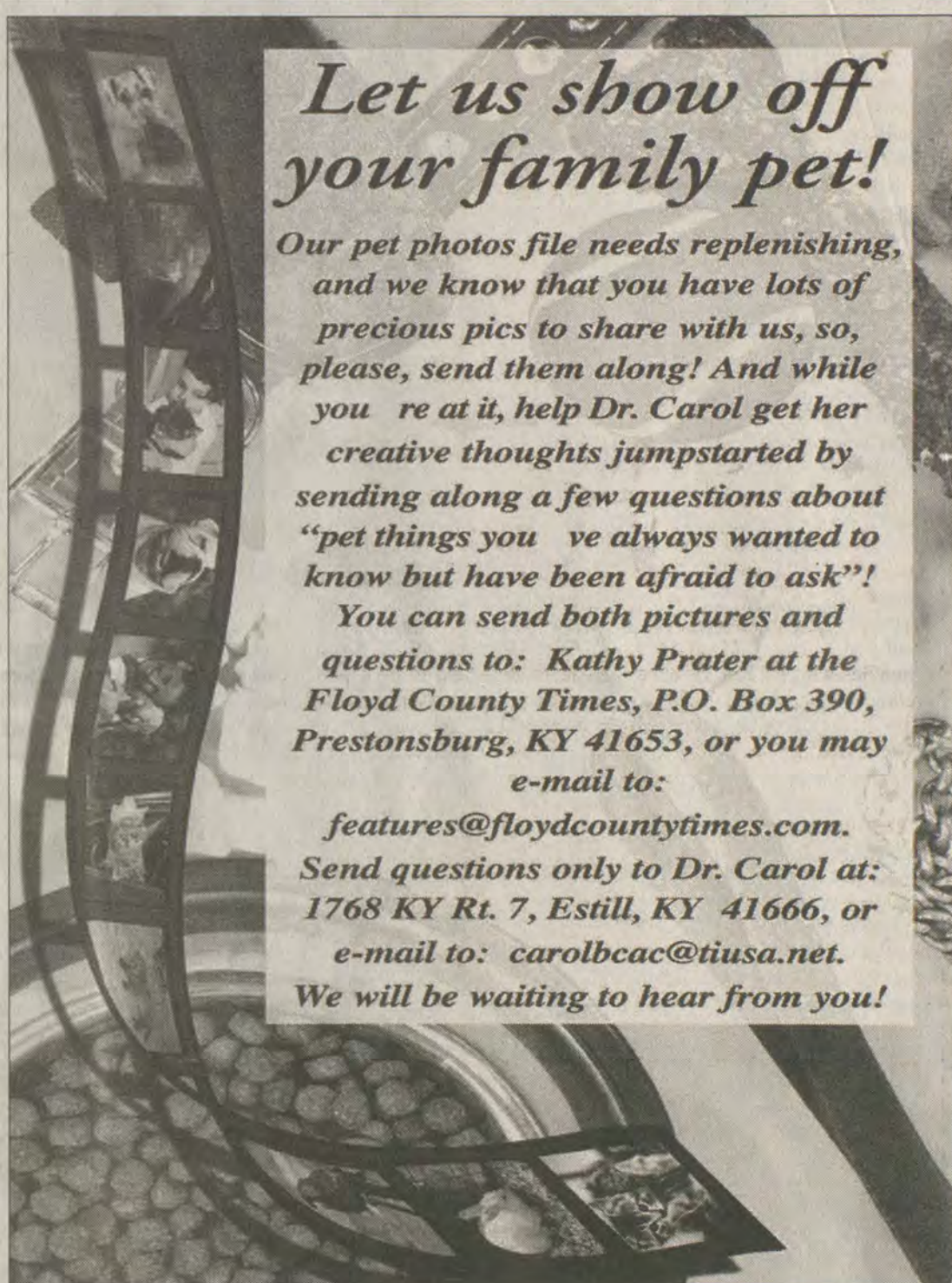
Great News! Jenny Wiley Theatre and The Mountain Arts Center's upcoming production of The Diary of Anne Frank will be September 7th, 8th and 9th, and the show's sponsor, Wendy's Restaurant, has added a wonderful enhancement to the experience. Wendy's will be presenting a small diary for the first 3,000 students that see the production. "This is a wonderful

way to encourage students to journal and develop their writing skills," says JWT Managing Director, Martin Childers. "We are grateful for Wendy's commitment to the arts and educational opportunities for our region."

For tickets, call the Mountain Arts Center at 1-888-MAC-ARTS. For more information on the educational programming contact Jenny Wiley Theatre at

1-877-CALL-JWT. Tickets are still available.

**Jenny Wiley Theatre is a non-profit organization and receives funding from individuals, corporations, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paintsville Tourism, the Kentucky Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Kentucky Department of Travel.*



Let us show off your family pet!

Our pet photos file needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so, please, send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but have been afraid to ask"!

You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com.

Send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbcac@tiusa.net.

We will be waiting to hear from you!

School Happenings

- Adams Middle School Youth Services Center**
Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.
- Allen Central Middle School**
If your child has left any article of clothing at school, please contact the Youth Service Center office.
The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, at 358-0134.
- Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center**
Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.
- Betsy Layne Elementary**
The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in

- at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.
- Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator;** Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.
- Clark Elementary**
After-School Child Care now accepting applications for Clark students, K-5th. Limited enrollment, call now! 886-0815.
A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations.
The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.
- Duff Elementary**
Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.
The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

- able to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.
- Floyd County Health Dept.** nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.
- McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center**
Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.
- Mountain Christian Academy**
Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.
Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.
- Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center**
Sept. 6 - SBDM Council meeting, 6 p.m., in school auditorium.
The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.
After School Child Care, 3-6

- information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.
- Prestonsburg High School**
Sept. 6 - Scheduled SBDM Council meeting for this date has been CANCELLED. New meeting date to be announced later.
- South Floyd Youth Services Center**
School will be participating in the Food City "Apples for Students" program, please save your receipts.
Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.
Walking track open to public.
The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.
Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.
All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.
- Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center**
FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.
Lost & Found located in Family

- a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristian Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.
- W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center**
Lost & Found: Throughout the school year, the center receives items that are left on school buses, in the gym, classrooms, etc. We encourage parents to visit the center if their child has lost a coat, bookbag, or any such item. Lost items are checked for identification, however, if unable to locate owner, and items are not claimed within 2 weeks, they then become the property of the Family Resource Center.
The Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or later by appointment. The center provides services for all families within the community, regardless of income. If you would like more information about programs/services the center offers, please call 452-4553; ask for Cissy or Karen. The center is located inside the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Parents and community members are welcome to visit.
- Wesley Christian School**
Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.
For additional information, call



Family Medicine



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Modern lupus therapy means normal lifespan for most sufferers

Question: My doctor thinks I might have lupus because of a chronic rash I have on my face. She called it a butterfly rash across my nose and cheeks. She wants to do several lab tests and says she will know something in a week or so. No one in my family has ever had anything like this. Can you tell me more about lupus and what else might cause this rash?

Answer: Lupus is ten times more common in women than in men. It is also more common in Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans and Asian Americans. This disease starts in

the young adult years, with the onset usually before age 60.

There are two major types of lupus — cutaneous lupus and systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). Cutaneous lupus affects only the skin. SLE, on the other hand, can involve many different organ systems. The butterfly rash that your doctor described, can be a presenting symptom of both

cutaneous lupus and SLE. Some patients with lupus also have a coin-shaped or oval-shaped rash on areas of the skin that are exposed to sunlight. This is called a discoid rash. There are other types, and subtypes, of lupus, including a very rare one induced by certain medications.

Cutaneous lupus is usually less serious and more easily treated than SLE. However, in about 10 percent of the cases, people with cutaneous lupus eventually develop full-blown SLE. At this time, there is no way to predict who will experience this progression and who will not.

Lupus is classified as an autoimmune disorder without a known cause.

While the immune system is supposed to protect the body from foreign invaders like bacteria and viruses, in certain diseases the body is unable to tell the difference between its own tissues and foreign tissues. In these conditions, unfortunately, the body makes antibodies against itself.

Lupus is a prime example of this type of disorder. It is a chronic autoimmune disease that can cause the body's defense mechanisms to attack its own organs. In the cutaneous form, this is confined to the skin, but in SLE, many organ systems may be attacked — including heart, lungs blood, brain,

joints and skin.

Lupus is commonly called "the great imitator" because its symptoms are non-specific, and it is easily confused with other illnesses. The most common symptoms are achy joints, swollen joints, fever and fatigue.

Twenty-five percent of people with lupus never have the "classic" butterfly facial rash that you have. These symptoms are also known to come and go, so people often do not seek medical advice early in the illness.

Treatment for lupus depends on the type and the severity of the problem. Most people are managed with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication, but others need steroids and, sometimes, immunosuppressive medications. This illness is not contagious and currently is not believed to run in families.

The good news is that with close medical management and good treatment, most people with lupus can now expect to live a normal lifespan. In

fact, less than 20 percent of lupus patients will die as a result of having this disease.

It sounds like your physician is doing a great job of investigating your rash. Be sure to follow her advice for medications and follow up evaluations. You can also find additional reliable information at the Lupus Foundation of America Web site: www.lupus.org.

Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicineneeds.org. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnose and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at www.familymedicineneeds.org.

Casting

In the role of Edith Frank, Anne's mother, is Pike County native **Misty Daniels**. Misty has appeared in more than 30 productions during her tenure at Jenny Wiley Theatre, including leading roles in *Disney's Beauty and The Beast*, *The Sound of Music* and *The Wizard of Oz*. Other regional work includes *Chess* in Concert (Helen Hayes Theatre), *Honky Tonk Angels* (Mill Mountain Theatre), and the world premiere production of *Bye Bye Love* (Ryman Auditorium). Additionally, Misty is a founding member of Kentucky Opry, the resident performing group of the Mountain Arts Center.

Jasmine Osborne is honored to round out JWT's Diary of Anne Frank cast as Margot Frank, Anne's sister. She was seen this summer in *Disney's Beauty and The Beast* (Plate/Napkin), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Ensemble), and *Steel Magnolias* (Annelise/Swing). Her favorite credits include *Tiger Lily* in *Peter Pan*, *Mary Anne Rowen* in *The Kentucky Cycle*, *The Jitterbug* in *The Wizard of Oz*, and *The Blue Fairy* in *Pinnocchio*.

Maggie Heaberlin, the 15-year-old daughter of Frank and Janie Heaberlin of Paintsville, will assume the role of Miep Gies. Maggie has always had a flare for theatre, and has let it shine on the MAC and JWT stages over the past several years. A student of voice and piano, Maggie is a sophomore at Paintsville High School. She participated in many JWT productions, including *Beauty and the Beast*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Babe*, *Peter Pan*, and *HONK!* She enjoys singing, dancing, reading, writing, and many other artistic activities. Maggie thanks her friends and family for all their support and love.

Peter Vaan Daan will be played by **Josey McCoy**, a seventeen year old senior at Sheldon Clark. Josey has appeared for seven seasons at Jenny Wiley Theatre and is spending his second consecutive fall with JWT's educational outreach. He is the brother to one of the newest country music sensa-

tions, **Annalyse**, who is completing a BFA in music theatre at Northern Kentucky University this year. Josey has also performed at the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Virginia, the Stage Door Theatre in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and was in Network's national tour of *Ragtime* for six months. In his spare time Josey likes to play keyboard in the band "U Turn."

Tom Meadows of Hayneville, AL, is better known for his work as the pivotal bartender during the summer season's cabaret *Isn't It Romantic*. Tom gratefully returns to the Jenny Wiley Theatre fall Company in the role of Mr. Kraler. His previous ensemble work includes *Love Letters*, *Christopher Riley in Shadowlands*, the smarmy fork in *Disney's Beauty and The Beast*, and Malchus, the earless soldier, in *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Kim Harne, Mrs. Vaan Daan, is delighted to be a part of JWT's Fall season, having just completed the summer as Mrs. Potts in *Disney's Beauty and The Beast*, *Clairee* in *Steel Magnolias* and ensemble roles in *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Isn't It Romantic*. A native of Columbia, SC and graduate of Winthrop University, Kim's favorite past roles include Meredith Parker in *Bat Boy: The Musical*, Terri in *Side Man*, Theresa in *Boy Gets Girl* and all her various roles in *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. Kim is especially grateful to her parents for their unwavering support.

Frank Calamaro is very happy to be back with his JWT family as he takes on the role of Mr. Vaan Daan. His last appearance was in JWT's production of *Fiddler on the Roof* as Tevye. He recently had the pleasure of being directed by Martin Charmin in the revised edition of *Two By Two* as Shem. Other roles include Dr. Woldour Griffus in *PoeSCrypt*, Dr. Callaway/Mr. Yates in *Chang & Eng* (National Tour), Andre Cassell in *Victor/Victoria* (w/s Toddy), the Reverend Mother in *Nunsense A-Men*, and Isador Straus in *Titanic-*

The Musical. Frank gives thanks to God for his many blessings, family and friends for their love and encouragement, and to his wife, Charlene, and children, Brendan and Aubree for allowing him to "LIVE THE DREAM - Nobody loves you more!"

John Weigand, Mr. Dussel, is pleased to make his JWT debut. He recently performed the role of Avram in the critically acclaimed national tour of *Fiddler on the Roof*. In New York, he played Nigel Quncy in *It's Beginning To Look a Lot Like Murder* at the Daryl Roth Theatre. On Comedy Central's "Chappelle's Show," John recently played Dr. Phil, and he can be seen on *Law & Order: CI*. He has also performed in various films, including *Spider Man 2*, *The Manchurian Candidate*, *The Interpreter*, and the soon to be released *Freedomlands*.

Rounding out the ensemble cast will be summer cast members **Corey Music** of Paintsville, **Robert Hazlette**, the 15-year-old son of Vonetta and Scott Hazlette of Paintsville, and **Corey Martin**, JWT's resident costumer.

The Diary of Anne Frank runs September 7, 8, and 9 at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. There are four School Day Matinees available Wednesday through Friday beginning at 9:45 AM, and one public performance on Friday evening beginning at 7:30 PM. For more information and tickets contact the MAC at 1-888-MAC-ARTS. For more information on the educational performances contact Jenny Wiley Theatre toll free at 1-877-CALL-JWT.

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Health NEWS YOU CAN USE

Good News For People With Osteoarthritis Of The Knee

(NAPSA)-Carol Roslund's life was being interrupted by constant, severe pain in both of her knees. At 58, she began cutting back the activities she loved, tennis and gardening, and climbing steps was becoming more and more difficult. Carol was not happy giving up her active lifestyle, so when she learned from her doctor that she was suffering from osteoarthritis, she began learning more about her treatment options and their safety.

Arthritis is the number one cause of disability in America. The most common form, osteoarthritis, affects 21 million Americans and can result in debilitating pain, stiffness, loss of mobility and function.

"When I was diagnosed with osteoarthritis in both knees, I was worried I would not be able to continue an active lifestyle again," said Carol Roslund. "I immediately started going over possible treatment options with my doctor so I could find the best way to treat it."

Osteoarthritis can occur in any joint, but is commonly found in the knees, the body's chief weight-bearing joints. Evidence suggests that wear and tear on joints, lifestyle differences and genetics can be factors that cause the condition. While it's usually not hard for a doctor to tell if a patient has osteoarthritis, there is no one test that can diagnose the condition.

Most healthcare providers use a combination of clinical history, physical examination and X-rays to diagnose osteoarthritis. In addition, a doctor may order blood tests to rule



A new treatment for osteoarthritis can give you six months of relief at a time.

out other causes of symptoms. Generally, treatment of osteoarthritis of the knee may include weight loss, exercise, rest and joint care, surgery and pain medication.

"With several pain medications taken off the market recently, many physicians and their patients are looking for treatment options with minimal side effects," said Max Hamburger, M.D., chief of rheumatology at St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center, Smithtown, New York and President of the New York State Rheumatology Society.

There's no cure for osteoarthritis, but there are ways to live comfortably with this condition. For patients like Carol, with osteoarthritis of the knee, one treatment that has proven effective involves hyaluronan, a natural chemical concentrated in joint tissues and in the fluid that normally lubri-

cates these joints.

This therapy, prescription Hyalgan(r) (hyaluronan), is one of the treatment options for patients with pain due to osteoarthritis of the knee who have not responded to nonpharmacologic therapy such as weight reduction or strength training, simple analgesics like topical capsaicin or methyl salicylate creams or pain relievers like acetaminophen.

"Treatment with Hyalgan has enabled me to resume an active lifestyle without the pain I used to have in my knees," says Carol Roslund. "I am back to playing tennis three or four times a week, am going to exercise classes regularly and can kneel in my garden to do my spring planting."

Individual patient results may vary. For full prescribing information, go to www.hyalgan.com.

Note to Editors: Important Product Information: HYALGAN is used to relieve knee pain due to osteoarthritis. It is used for patients who do not get adequate relief from simple painkillers or from exercise and physical therapy. You should not take this product if you have had any previous allergic reaction to HYALGAN or other medications containing hyaluronan. You should not have an injection into the knee if you have an infection or skin disease in the area of the injection site. HYALGAN has been used in a number of countries in Europe, South America, and Asia since 1987. During this time, two cases of serious, allergic-type events were reported right after the patients received the injection. The most common side effects of HYALGAN therapy are injections-site pain, swelling, heat and/or redness, rash, itching, or bruising around the joint. Any such effects are generally mild and usually do not last long.

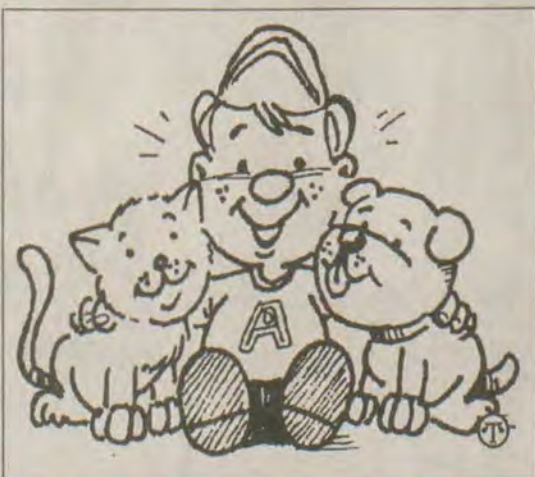
Did You Know?

(NAPSA)-Pets teach children that all animals are individual and unique, just as people are. In "Because of Winn-Dixie," the outcasts and recluses of a little Florida town are brought together by a most extraordinary dog, Winn-Dixie, and a little girl. The DVD is available now.

Now your music can look as good as it sounds. A cultural and aesthetic shift is occurring in which consumers select their electronics devices the same way they choose their clothes: by design, not just function. Companies like Plantronics, Seagate and Rio, for example, are paying attention to the desires of their style-conscious customers by delivering products that excel in style and substance.

David Brown was a local Scottish golfer and a chimney sweep by trade when he was called down from his labors to fill out a pairing in the 1886 Open. He won the championship, of course. This fact and others were discovered by the Royal Bank of Scotland Group through its support of Jack Nicklaus and the game of golf.

Applying lawn lime corrects acidity, adds nutrients and helps grass to resist insects, fungus



and drought damage. According to Burt Brewer of Oldcastle, a lawn and garden product manufacturer, lime is available in a fast-acting pelletized form that can be applied using any broadcast fertilizer spreader. Typical lawn lime brand names include YardRight, Soil Doctor and Garden Scene. For more information, visit www.YardRight.com.



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AUTOMOTIVE

110-Agriculture

FOR SALE: 474 New Holland Haybine Very good condition. \$2,800. Call after 6 pm. 874-0024.

130-Cars

Hicks Auto Sales David Road
 2001 GT Convertible
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1971 DODGE Charger original 45,300 miles, red, black vinyl top. 1978 Mark V Diamon Jubilee Diamond blue, 21,000 miles. 478-4026.

FOR SALE 1995 Ford Taurus 4 door, V-6 automatic, with remote keyless entry, tinted windows, A/C, CD player, power windows and power door locks, new tires. Contact 886-9695 after 5:00 pm.

150- Miscellaneous

FOR SALE: 580 Super E Backhoe with extended how & cab with heat. 2 WD. 82 Ford 600 dump truck + 9 ton trailer. Call 606-478-3266 or call 606-478-2326.

160-Motorcycles

For Sale 1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

2000 HONDA XR 70-Good condition, \$650. Call 886-4260

180-Trucks

1978 CHEVROLET truck 4 WD, 4 new tires, newly repainted. \$3200. 886-1764. Stevens Br, 1 st trailer before you turn in. At West Prestonsburg where the Animal Shelter is located.

FOR SALE: 1975 Ford dump truck, tilt front end, 12' bed. For more info call 606-478-9150.

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

210-Job Listing

Sales Representative: Looking for enthusiastic, career-minded people to join a great team in the automotive field. Twenty year old established company. Sell from the largest inventory in the market. Great pay plan, DEMO, insurance on Demo and insurance available!! No experience necessary! In house paid training provided for your success! Limited space available, so hurry!
 Please apply in person at John Gray Pontiac-Buick-GMC in Paintsville KY 41240. Call 1-800-346-4066 or 606-297-4066. For directions only. Ask for Lance or John.

TREATMENT SPECIALIST- Big Sandy Treatment Foster Care

Responsible for therapeutic intervention with individuals or groups. Complete assessments, prepare treatment plans, and serve on treatment team. Will provide supervision of treatment implementation including a minimum of quarterly in home visits. Master's

Degree in the Human Services Field with at least three years of experience. Send resume to: Buckhorn Children & Family Services Attn: Theresa Gay 116 Buckhorn Lane Buckhorn, KY 41721 Fax: 606-398-7724 email: theresa.gay@buckhorn.org

Oil Field Company has openings for hard working responsible drivers. Must be of age 21 or older. Must have CDL with HAZ-MAT and tanker endorsements, good driving record and some mechanical aptitude. Please apply in person at: Universal Well Services, Inc., 5252 Rt. 1428, Allen, KY 41601 606-874-3487, Accepting applications Mon. thru Fri. between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE Welding positions available. Excellent pay. Call between 8 am to 5pm M-F. Call for more info. 606-285-9358.

WANTED: Full/Part time house-keepers needed. Apply in person. Pikeville Super 8.

220-Help Wanted

AVON REPS NEEDED: \$10 to sign-up. CASSIE - 886-8737, THERESA - 886-3690, WANDA - 285-9486.

EMPLOYMENT POSITION Available: TWO-WAY RADIO TECHNICIAN: Installation and repair of commercial FM Two-Way Radio Equipment and Systems, including portables, mobile, base stations, repeaters, towers, etc. Applicants must have high school diploma or GED, plus 2 year college/Associates Degree in electronics or 2 years vocational

school in electronics. **WORK EXPERIENCE** in a related field may be considered in lieu of school. Excellent benefits package offered. Location of work is headquartered in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. In field work is performed in Eastern Kentucky and Southwestern West Virginia. Wages are negotiable dependent on experience. Resume may be faxed to 606-886-3198 or mailed to: Highland Communications PO Box 790 Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

RECEPTIONIST WANTED: Full time receptionist 10 am - 7 pm daily. Essential job functions and performance standards: Answers, screens, and directs call on multi-line phone system in a courteous and professional manner, takes messages and/or forwards telephone calls to appropriate employee voice mail. Meets and greets all visitors, determines their needs and directs them to the appropriate locations. Responds to visitors, clients, and employees in a courteous and professional manner. Experience/requirements: High school grad preferred, clear speaking voice, professional appearance and demeanor. Apply in person at John Gray Pontiac Buick GMC Inc. Paintsville, KY. 1-800-346-4066 or 606-297-4066 for directions only.

WANTED: Environmental Design Consultants, Inc. has a position available for a Project Manager/Project Engineer to service the growing needs of its clients. The successful candidate should have experience in mine planning, regulatory permitting and compliance, construction QA/QC and have a strong working knowledge of SURV-

CAD and other applicable design software. A BS degree in Civil or Mining Engineering is preferred, but not required. Environmental Design Consultants offers a competitive salary and benefit package, including health, life, and vision insurance, paid holidays/vacation and retirement plan. Please send resume, salary history, and references to: Environmental Design Consultants, Inc. 43 Village Street Pikeville, KY 41501 or fax to: 606-437-0110

FULL TIME SALES POSITION: 4 days a week. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday Approximately 36 hours. Commission with \$7.50 hour draw. \$25,000 to \$35,000 income year Please send resume to: Sales PO BOX 267 Paintsville, KY 41240

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LOOKING FOR someone to clean house one day a week. Must have references. Call after 6:00 pm. 606-874-5717.

HELP WANTED: Currently hiring for tree trimming or line clearance. Experience preferable but not required. Contact 270-401-4800. If no answer, leave message. EOE.

EXPERIENCED MIG Welder needed. Call for more info. 377-2032.

FLOYD COUNTY / PAINTSVILLE/ PIKEVILLE AREAS: The Lexington Herald Leader has a morning newspaper route available in your area. Routes take about 3 hours daily, with an approximate profit potential of \$800 -\$1000 monthly. Dependable transportation and ability to be bonded required. Call 1-800-274-7355. (EXT 3384 or 1629)

FINANCIAL

350-Miscellaneous Need to repair your

credit and move on? We provide low APRs, low monthly payments on all types of loans. 1st, 2nd, mortgage, business loans. Call 1 (800) 405- 8157.

MERCHANDISE

445-Furniture

RAY'S BARGAIN CENTER New & Used Furniture & Appliances @ unbelievable prices. Come in today for incredible savings. Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Savell Route. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

460- Yard Sale

YARD SALE Sept 3 9:00-6:00 furniture, clothes, dishes, lots more. 2 miles up Daniels Creek at Banner. Watch for signs.

MULTI-FAMILY yard sale. Downtown Prestonsburg near Strand Twin theater. Corner of Graham & Maple. Saturday Sept 3 8:00 am-?? Look for yellow balloons.

YARD SALE Saturday Sept 3, Lake Rd behind Angler's Bait Store, watch for signs. Women's clothes, all sizes, lots of plus sizes, boys clothes, home interior, china cabinet, and lots more.

YARD SALE Saturday Sept 3 1.3 miles up Abbott Creek. New 40 gallon aquarium, VCR, DVD player, shelves, very good clothes, little boys clothes, paperback books read once, etc.

HIGE INSIDE YARD SALE at Weeksby Community Center. September 1,2, &3. Moving sale, household items, baby clothes, toys, computer desk, tools, etc.

2 FAMILY YARD SALE: 366 North

Highland, Fri, Sat, Mon 9-5 at Prestonsburg. 9-5 Tuesday September 6 & Wednesday September 7.

YARD SALE Fri & Sat 9/2 & 9/3. 555 North Arnold Ave. Kids clothing, toys, furniture, & misc. items.

MULTI-FAMILY Yard Sale. Sat Sept 3 at 8am. Clothes, lots of furniture, and household items. W/D ALL CHEAP. 344 Armory Road in Floyd Co. Look for signs across from Vito's.

HUGE YARD Sale.

"old time shoe building" in old Allen off US 23 across bridge on left. Watch for sign. Furniture, appliances, household items, clothing, and much more.

470-Health & Beauty

FOR SALE: Wolfe Sunvision 24 Pro tanning bed. Has 238 hours. Asking \$1800. Call 874-9645.

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480-Miscellaneous

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE: Size 12, pearl and sequins intricate design on bodice and train. Must see to appreciate beauty. For more information, call 886-8506 ask for Tonya or after 5:00 call 886-0048 and leave message.

COAL FOR SALE: 50 acre of coal on Laurel Fork of Quicksand in Knott Co. 260-347-0259.

495-Want to Buy

WANT TO BUY: Fill dirt needs to be delivered to the East Point area. Call 367-1506 or 367-1934.

REAL ESTATE

530-Homes

HOUSE FOR SALE: Paintsville area, 3 BR, 2 BA, great room, kitchen, 2 car garage, and large bonus room. Contact 606-297-1180.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Allen, KY. Riley Hall Sub. 17 Cross Road. Main floor 2 BR. 1 BA. Upstairs 2 room 1/2 BA. Basement with full BA Roughed in. All appliances including Dishwasher & W/D. Ramp to rear deck. Front porch. \$67,500 or make offer. No land contract. Call 606-874-2775 or 734-997-7110.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 BR 1 BA 2100 sq ft. two car carport, vinyl siding. Located on RT 1428 between Allen & Lancer. Owner relocating. Priced to sell. \$79,995. Phone: (day) 606-886-9974 or 606-368-2802. After 6 pm, 606-874-8039.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 4 BR Hi-Hat. \$30,000 Call 859-543-9475.

HOMES FOR SALE: A foreclosure! 3 BR only \$14,900. For listings call 1-800-429-7008. ext B 183.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: House and adjoining lot. 16 x 32 inground pool. Located on old 114 across river from MAC. Asking price \$155,000. Shown by appointment only. 606-886-0812.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 5 BR 2 BA 2,000 sq ft. 7 acres of property. Located on RT 850. \$90,000. 358-0379.

A foreclosure! 4 BR 2 BA only \$35,000. Must sell! For listings, 800-429-7008, ext G522

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 BR, LR, kitchen, 1.5 BA, carport, full basement, storage building. Located at 4323 RT 550 Hueysville. Contact 358-4065, 358-4369. Price Reduced!

550- Land/Lots

PROPERTY FOR Sale at Conley Fork

of Spurlock Floyd County, KY. Asking price is \$60,000 firm. Contact C.V. Reynolds Law Office at 886-1020, M-F, between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, or Dora Owsley at 518 N. Coral Street, Lagrange, IN 46761 or by phone 260-463-3893.

FOR SALE: 2.5 acres with a small house located at 833 Sampson's Branch Rd, Dana, KY. Please contact 1-440-967-7022.

570- Mobile Homes

MH FOR SALE: 14 x 70 MH, 2 BR 1 BA. Fireplace, CH/A, large deck, appliances on large private rented lot. \$10,000 or best offer. 606-246-0767.

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

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580- Misc.

STEEL BUILDINGS Top of the Line 20x24 25x36 35x60 Pay only remaining balance Can store or deliver immediately! Financing Available Reserve yours today! 1-800-222-6335 ext 6000

RENTALS

610Apartments

EXTREMELY NICE Apt for rent on University Drive. Also furnished chalet. Lease and security deposit required. No pets please! 886-3565.

FOR RENT 1 BR apt utilities included at Harold. Also, 3 BR 1 1/2 BA house for rent. 1 miles from MAC. \$550 mo, deposit required on both. After 6:00 pm 478-2423 or day, 478-3333.

APT FOR RENT: Renovated apts like new. Furnished. In downtown Martin. Call between 9-5 pm daily. 285-3025.

PARK PLACE APARTMENTS- "LABOR DAY" Move-in special! First month's rent FREE with paid security deposit. Through September 5th. 1 BR/\$309. 2 BR \$304-\$345. Prestonsburg. 886-0039.

DUPLEX FOR RENT: 2 BR CH/A total electric. Excellent condition on US 23 north 1 mile from Prestonsburg.

No pets. Call 886-9007 or 889-9747.

FOR RENT: 1 BR furnished apt, utilities on. All utilities included except electricity. \$370 plus \$130 deposit. 4 Miles from Martin on 1210. Contact 285-3641. Anytime.

2 BR APT FOR RENT: partly furnished, utilities already on. 4 miles from Martin on RT 1210 \$350 plus utilities and \$150 deposit. Contact 285-3641. Anytime

2 BR newly remodeled ground floor apt for rent. Located across from Garth Technical School on rt 122 at Martin. Must have references. Not HUD approved. 285-9112.

APT FOR RENT: Nice 1 BR fully furnished apt. New carpet. Suitable for 1-2 people. No pets. Located on RT 1428 Private lot. \$450 month \$250 deposit. All utilities included. tv. 874-4330.

1 BR Furnished Apartment, including Utilities. 2 BR Unfurnished, and large 3 BR 2 BA, unfurnished on RT 114 Call 886-8366

2 BR 1 1/2 bath Townhouse also 1 bed room furnished or unfurnished located in Prestonsburg .NO PETS call 606-886 8991

Furnished 1 bed room Apt. Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

620Storage/Office

FOR RENT: 3 Room office suite. \$600 month. Call 886-1020 ask for C.V.

OFFICE OR RETAIL SPACE FOR LEASE: 1,200 sq ft in Prestonsburg.. 886-8366

FOR LEASE: New 30x60 Metal building 12 ft ceilings on RT 80 close to Martin 886-8366. \$500.00 month.

FOR RENT: 900 sq. ft. office/commercial space. Located next to Reflection's Beauty Salon 3/4 mile south of Martin on RT 122. Across from Garth Tech. School. Call 285-9112.

630-Houses

3 BR Brick Home for rent. CH/A. 1 mile from hospital 1/2 mile from school. No pets. Contact 377-6161.

STOP RENTING: Buy a HUD! Only \$14,900. For listings call 800-429-7008 ext B930

HOUSE FOR RENT: 2 BR equipped kitchen within walking distance to both schools. Must have references. 886-0825 days or 886-2944 after 6:00.

HOUSE FOR RENT:

3 BR, 1.5 BA, carport, large lot. Call 886-8366.

640- Land/Lots

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

Trailer Lot For Rent, Large Yard. Call 886-8366

For Rent : newly constructed Mobile Home Lots in new Allen, reference required call 606-874-2212

650- Mobile Homes

TRAILER FOR rent at Garrett. Call 358-0239 after 5:00 pm.

FOR RENT 3 BR 2 BA partially furnished MH. CH/A. No pets. \$400 per month. 886-1175.

MH FOR RENT: 1 trailer and 1 camper space just outside city limits. Must have references. 886-2474.

MH FOR RENT: 3 BR 2 BA extra nice. \$425 month plus utilities & security deposit. NO HUD Call 606-874-2802.

3 BR MH FOR RENT: 3 BR, large lot. Call 886-8366.

660-Miscellaneous

FOR RENT: * 2 BR House * MH slip * Barn access 3 stalls 606-434-7507 8/10 mile Cow Creek

SERVICES

770-Repair/Services

CARPENTRY WORK all types. New construction or remodeling. Garages, decks, etc. Concrete work & siding. Free estimates. Call 886-8896.

NOTICES

810 - Auctions

AUCTION: 2004 Ford Super Cab 2 Door 8 Cyl white pick-up with approximately 4200 miles upon reserve of \$25,000. The successful bidder must pay any transfer fees or taxes. Auction will be held in front of the Johnson County Courthouse on Court St in Paintsville, Kentucky on Saturday, September 17, 2005 at 11:00 am. The vehicle can be viewed at 11 Scott Addition, Pikeville, Kentucky. Call 606-432-4207 for additional information.

850-Personal

When responding to Personal ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

SINGLE MAN looking for a friend

age30-45 or someone to go to the movies with or perhaps dinner. Recently divorced looking for a friend. Please email me at jungle_cat41@hotmail.com if interested.

LEGALS

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Highways, in the Division of Contract Procurement, on the 3rd floor and/or the Auditorium, located on the 1st floor of the Transportation Cabinet Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky, until 10:00 a.m., DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME, on the 23rd day of September, 2005, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of:

FLOYD COUNTY FE01 036 0302 007-010: DEWEY LAKE - JENNY WILEY STATE PARK ROAD (KY 302), from 1.760 miles south of KY 3051 (MP 7.990), extending north to 417 ft. south of Ky. 3051 (MP 9.671), a distance of 1.68 miles. Guardrail.

FLOYD COUNTY 036-GR05-P095-FD05 Various routes in Floyd County Ky. 7, and Ky. 122. Asphalt Resurfacing Bid proposals for all projects will be available at the Division of Contract Procurement, until 3 p.m., Daylight Saving Time, preceding the day of the letting of Friday, September 23, 2005. Bid proposals for all projects will be available at a cost of \$10 each, and remittance, payable to the State Treasurer of Kentucky, must accompany request for proposals (NON-REFUNDABLE). BID PROPOSALS ARE ISSUED TO PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS. Specimen proposals for all projects will be available to all interested parties at a cost of \$10 each (NON-REFUNDABLE).

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY CASE #05FA001507 Petitioner Connie M. Jenkins 5353 N. 60th Street Milwaukee, WI. 53218 Respondent Justin Jenkins In re the marriage of Connie M. Jenkins, petitioner and Justin J. Jenkins, respondent. You are being notified to appear in a pre-trial hearing on 9/19/05, 2:00 p.m., at Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 North 9th Street, Room 512, Milwaukee, WI.

In the event a stipulation, is reached, the matter will be heard and a divorce granted at the time of this pretrial if all required information is on file. If the respondent fails to

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5426, RENEWAL

(1) In accordance with 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining

operation, located approximately 1.31 mile east of Drift, in Floyd County. Permit Number 836-5426. The operation disturbs 5.91 acres of surface, and underlies 450.50 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary is 456.41 acres.

(2) The operation is approximately 1.80 mile east of Ky. 122's junction with the Simpson Branch County Road, and located 0.10 mile north of Simpson Branch. The latitude is 37 degrees, 28 minutes, 31 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 43 minutes, 27 seconds.

(3) The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface to be disturbed is owned by Dorothy Martin and Lillian Martin. The operation underlies land owned by Dorothy Martin, Lillian Martin, Clayborn Bailey, Myrtle Salisbury, and Reba Martin.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Division of Mine Permits, Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

appear, the Court may proceed with the case. Action that may be taken includes granting the divorce, dividing property, awarding or permanently denying maintenance, assigning responsibility for debts, making orders for the custody and placement of minor children, and making or modifying child support orders.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PERMIT APPLICATION 836-5468

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuel, Inc., 14305 Old US Route 23, Catlettsburg, KY 41129, has applied for a permit for an underground and surface coal mining operation, located 2.0 miles southeast of East McDowell, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 9.0 acres and underlie 935.0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 944.0 acres.

The proposed operation is located just west of KY 1929's junction with Neds Fork Road, and located just west of Frasure Creek. The latitude is 37°25'28". The longitude is 82°42'28".

The proposed operation is on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by Nicholas Cooley, Kennel Dye, Billy McCoy & Delphine Prater, Melvin R. Hall, Mary Jane Anderson, Nellie Caudill, Kelly & Alma Dye, Rex & Ada Lynn Gayheart, Richard & Beatrice Conn, Anita Stumbo, Curtis Sword, Rengie Dye, Basel Moore, Edd Ray Moore, Polly Howell Estate, Olvin Howard, Abe Howell, Progress Land Co., The Elkhorn Coal Company, LLC, German Stumbo, Edd Ray Moore Est., Day Gayheart, Ivan Moore, Diane Moore, Prophet Moore Est., Jessica Moore, Willard Moore Est., Jake Cooley, Bertha Short, Donald Howell, Interstate Natural Gas, Tracy Frasure, Green & Hellen Gayheart, and Bert Newman.

The application has been filed for public

inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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

ADVERTISE-MENT FOR BIDS For the Project Titled:

ADDITION & RENOVATION TO DUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL 183 Rebel Road Eastern, Kentucky

The Floyd County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for construction of the above named project until 2:00 p.m., Local Time, Tuesday, September 20, 2005, at the offices of Greg Adams, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project consists of an addition and minor renovations to a two-story school. The addition includes special classrooms, toilets, and administrative suites. Alternates include HVAC controls, metal roof and specialty painting.

The addition consists of brick veneer and CMU exterior walls on concrete foundations with concrete floor slabs. The roof system is fiberglass shingles on sloped, metal trusses with metal decking and rigid roof insulation. Interior partitions will be of concrete masonry units and gypsum board on metal studs.

Windows will be extruded aluminum with insulating glass. Exterior doors will be extruded aluminum and painted hollow metal. Interior doors will be sold core wood and hollow metal, in hollow metal frames.

Finishes include vinyl composition tile, quarry tile, carpeting, paint over gypsum

board and masonry, and suspended gypsum board and acoustic panel ceilings.

Specialties and equipment include toilet compartments, plastic laminate cabinetwork, television and projector brackets, visual display boards, projection screens, window treatments and fire extinguishing equipment.

Site work includes fences, walks, curbs, drives, parking area, storm water lines, site structures, utility work, retaining walls, and seeding and sodding.

New HVAC will be a water source heat pump system. The existing boiler, cooling tower and heat exchanger will be replaced to provide additional capacity for the new construction.

Water service for the addition will be provided by the existing water service. New plumbing waste will be into an existing waste line and be processed by the existing waste water treatment plant. The existing building is fully sprinklered. Sprinklers for the new construction will tie into the existing building fire protection system.

The existing (and new) electrical systems are 277/480V three-phase for lighting and HVAC with step down transformers to provide 120/208V/3-phase power for convenience receptacles. Interior and exterior light fixtures are predominantly fluorescent with emergency battery ballasts providing the emergency lighting.

Other electrical work includes fire alarm modifications and information technology, television and telephone systems. The School's two existing intercom systems and existing fire alarm system will be replaced. Two existing camera systems will be replaced and relocated. The existing security alarm system will be expanded into the new addition.

Bidding Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be examined at the following places:

AGC/McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge, 950 Contract Street, Suite 100, Lexington KY

AGC/McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge, 1717 Alliant Drive, Suite 11, Louisville,

Century 21 Classic Realty
693 North Mayo Trail
Pikeville, KY 41501

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All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than 5% of the amount of the total bid. A 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful Bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the Instruction to Bidders and/or the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract.

Bids must be submitted, in duplicate originals, on Bid Form included in the Project Manual. Mailed Bids shall be addressed to the offices of Greg Adams. Bid submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids or any bid which is not submitted in the proper form, shall not be considered.

The Owner reserves the rights to reject any and all

bids or to waive any formalities in the bidding. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days subsequent to the

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