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briefs

Man killed in accident on U.S. 23

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

COAL RUN — A Pikeville man was killed on Tuesday when a Coca-Cola truck struck him as it was executing a right turn from the middle lane of U.S. 23 at Mossy Bottom.

Robert N. Groves, 25, was driving a motorcycle in the southbound right lane when he was hit by the truck, which was driven by Ronald Bowling. After the impact, the Coca-Cola truck struck a Federal Express van which was stopped at the traffic light.

Groves was rushed to the Pikeville Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead by Pike County Coroner Russell Roberts.

The collision is under investigation by Kentucky State Police accident reconstructionist Det. Eddie Crum. Assisting at the scene were Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement, the Pike County Sheriff's Department, the Coal Run Fire Department and the Department of Highways.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 76 • Low: 57

Tomorrow



High: 72 • Low: 52

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Teachers could be taped as examples

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — Members of the Floyd County Board of Education met in special session at May Valley Elementary Wednesday evening, where they received a report from directors of instruction Henry Webb, Roy Johnson and Michael Hughes.

In addressing the subject of ways in which school administrators plan to improve test scores in the upcoming 2006-07 school year, the joint directors reported that plans have been made to "increase time on task," provide "more profes-

sional development opportunities," increase focus on attendance and conduct regular walk-through evaluations at the individual schools, among others.

When board member Mickey McGuire commented that the proposed plan was much like those of years past, and further that similar plans had failed to provide an impetus for significant improvement, McGuire made the suggestion that perhaps using video recorders in school classrooms could prove to be a catalyst for the significant gains that schools are currently striv-

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Roy Johnson, Henry Webb and Michael Hughes, directors of instruction for Floyd County Schools, presented a report to members of the school board Wednesday evening.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

STAYING DRUG-FREE



photo by Tom Doty

Sheriff John K. Blackburn and Sgt. Terry Chaffins posed with students from McDowell Elementary's fifth grade who completed the DARE program on Wednesday. Each student learned about the dangers of drugs and violence in the classes, which were led by Chaffins and saw each child receive a t-shirt, trophy and certificate. They will also attend a picnic with fifth-graders across the county on May 1 for their efforts.

DARE class graduates

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — Sheriff John K. Blackburn and Sgt. Terry Chaffins, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, met with fifth-graders Wednesday at McDowell Elementary School to distribute prizes for graduates of the DARE program.

The DARE training was introduced eight years ago and is aimed at educating children about the dangers of drugs and violence. Area fifth-graders were taught by

Chaffins, who has instructed students in the DARE curriculum for the last six years.

Blackburn spoke highly about the program, noting that it is a proactive measure aimed at educating children about the dangers inherent in drug use before they enter their teen years, when pressure to try drugs peaks.

"It's an important service to the community, and Terry does a fine job with the kids," Blackburn said.

Blackburn and Chaffins will visit all nine area fifth-grade

classes this week and will be distributing t-shirts, trophies and certificates to all the kids who participated, but the rewards for completing the program don't end there.

On May 1, all of the children will be invited to Jenny Wiley State Resort Park for a barbecue beside Dewey Dam. The annual tradition includes ball games, hamburgers and a chance for kids to explore a fire truck.

Blackburn said that the depart-

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Two more arrested in jail drug ring

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two more subjects connected to a drug ring aimed at bringing methadone and marijuana into the Floyd County Detention Center were arrested Wednesday evening and lodged in the jail.

Lisa Marie Compton, 29, of Prestonsburg, and Shawn Thacker, 27, of Beaver, were picked up by members of the sheriff's department who had been looking for them for several days.

Thacker did not go easily, allegedly resisting arrest when Deputy Kevin Shepherd served the complaint. Sheriff John K. Blackburn noted that it was not his department's policy to release information about subjects facing an arrest warrant as it imperils his officers. He noted that there was a media report about the suspect, though it wasn't clear at this point if it led to Thacker's arrest, though Thacker did incur additional charges of resisting and disorderly conduct when he allegedly refused to cooperate with Shepherd and tried

to avoid being handcuffed.

Thacker was charged with criminal conspiracy to traffic in methadone and marijuana at the jail last May. He is also facing a felony charge and two additional misdemeanor counts for another occasion in which he is alleged to have conspired to bring methadone and marijuana into the jail. The charges allege that he was an inmate at the facility when he schemed to bring the drugs into the jail.

Compton did not resist, though she did run into a back room of her trailer and did not emerge until officers entered her home and searched it after observing that her front door was open and a plate of hot food was set out.

Compton is facing three misdemeanor charges and one class C felony for conspiring to bring methadone and marijuana into the jail last May.

Thacker was ordered to be held on a \$150,000 cash bond, while Compton's bond was set at \$100,000 full cash.

Each will be back in court

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Three complete first phase of new drug program

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Three habitual drug users successfully completed the first phase of a pilot program this week which is aimed at breaking drug addiction and building skills necessary to rebuild a drug-free lifestyle through a holistic approach that includes education, counseling, faith-based services and breaking addiction.

The "New Beginnings" program aims to provide an alternative sentence for non-violent offenders. It was proposed by three men with varied experiences, including minister David Akers, Leonard Cieslak, of the Cabinet for Families and Children, and William Snyder, a pretrial services officer for Floyd County. The men hope to offer a jail alternative with the program, which is aimed at rehabilitating male offenders who have traditionally been more prone to recidivism than female inmates.

Judge Eric Hall, who supervises the Drug Court program, addressed the three subjects and offered encouragement to them and at the same time let them know that the implementation of a full-time program rests on their rehabilitation.

"Our county government has agreed to underwrite this program if it works," Hall told the men.

Hall stressed the importance of their role in the birth of a new program by using language that the men understood, saying, "I'm gonna put a monkey on your back — the future of this program rests on you."

Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson later said, "Judge Hall came to me with this and I respect his judgment. The fact is we need more programs like this."

Akers said that the men were off to a good start and told the court that all three

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photo by Tom Doty

District Judge Eric Hall, second from right, posed with facilitators and charter members of a pilot program aimed at rehabilitating non-violent offenders Thursday. From left are Leonard Cieslak, three charter subjects for the program poised to enter the community reintegration phase, nurse Rebecca Yagci, of Scotland, and David Akers.

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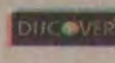
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Obituaries

David C. (D.C.)

Gilliam

David C. (D.C.) Gilliam, 59, of Wheelwright, died Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born September 18, 1946, in Wise, Virginia, he was the son of the late James and Rosie Flannery Gilliam. He was a disabled laborer, and a member of Burton Pentecostal Church, at Bypro.

He is survived by his wife, Pluma Jean Newsome Gilliam.

Other survivors include his sons: Marty Gilliam, Mark Gilliam, James Noah Gilliam and Derrick Gilliam, all of Wheelwright; his brothers: Creed N. Gilliam and Tracy Gilliam, both of Prestonsburg; a sister, Ellen M. Collins of Prestonsburg; grandchildren: Kevin, Dustin, Stephanie, Mark Jr., Jerry, Destiny, James Jr., Ashley, Johnathan, Tiff and Laken; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three infant children and his brothers: Ralph Gilliam, Billy Gilliam, Johnny Gilliam and Claude Raymond Gilliam; and a sister, Iona Slone.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, April 21, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, in Bypro, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial will be in the Gilliam Cemetery, in Wheelwright, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

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Connor Ethan Goble

Connor Ethan Goble, 6 days old, of Hueysville, died Monday, April 17, 2006, at the U.K. Medical Center.

Born April 11, 2006, in Lexington, he was the son of Stacy and Vanessa Castle Goble.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one brother, Cameron Stacy Goble; maternal grandparents: Anthony R. and Maria Castle of Martin, and James and Darla Bentley Bradley of Oil Springs; paternal grandparents: Frankie and Phyllis Wells Goble of Auxier; great-grandmothers: Alma Hughes Castle of Hueysville and Japalene Bentley of Hueysville; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 20, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Chester Varney officiating.

Burial was in the Castle Family Cemetery, in Hueysville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

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Magnolia Hall

Magnolia Hall, 87, of Bevinsville, died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

Born September 11, 1918, at Jacks Creek, she was the daughter of the late Eligha and Dahlia Johnson. She was a homemaker, and attended the Old Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ishmael Hall.

Other survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Ray Jones of Bevinsville; a granddaughter, Crystal Moore (Bradley) of Bevinsville; and three great-grandchildren: Trey, Dylan and Ashley.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Noah Johnson, Felix Johnson, and Loss Johnson; and two sisters: Goldie Burke and Hattie Burke.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 18, at 10 a.m., at the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, in Bevinsville, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the John M. and Hattie Mae Burke Cemetery, in Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church, with nightly services at 6:30 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

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Cora Johnson

Cora Johnson, 68, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, April 15, 2006, at her residence.

Born June 29, 1937, in Breathitt County, she was the daughter of the late Archie and Bessie Crittenton Caudill. She was a homemaker and a member of the Weeksbury Pentecostal Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ned Johnson.

Survivors include six sons: David Lee Johnson of Bevinsville, Hank Johnson, Earl Johnson, Jonaathan Nelson Johnson, Larry Gene Johnson and Tom Wayne Johnson, all of Weeksbury; three daughters: Kathy Blackburn of Prestonsburg, Sue Ellen Hurt and Tammy Lynn Hall, both of Weeksbury; a step-daughter, Irene Anderson of Bath County; a sister, Nell Chance of Vider, Texas; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Connie Mae Johnson; a brother, Sam Bo Crittenton and two sisters: Oma Sharp and Louise Caudill.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 18, at 11 a.m., at the Weeksbury Pentecostal Church of God, with Donald Smith officiating.

Burial was in the Johnson Family Cemetery, (Poplar Grove) in Weeksbury, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

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Priscilla Ann (Sue)

Sturgell Boyd

McKinney

Priscilla Ann (Sue) Sturgell Boyd McKinney, 56, of Harold, died Monday, April 17, 2006, at her residence.

Born January 24, 1950, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Rush and Mary Belle Justice Sturgell. She was a homemaker and a member of the Mayflower Unity Baptist Church in Pike County.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmy McKinney of Harold.

Other survivors include a son, Kenneth Boyd (wife, Sallie) of Campton; her daughters: Tina

Thorn (husband, James) of Mt. Morris, Pennsylvania, Jamie Joseph (husband, Darrell) and Jenny Shepherd (husband, James Ebb), all of Salyersville; a brother, Ronnie Sturgell (wife, Carol) of Harold; and 13 grandchildren: Lindsey, Danielle, Christian, Savannah, Emilie, Bethany Ann, Colton, Bethany LeAnn, Keisha, Jerrica, Casandra, Dustin and Whitney.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Donnie Lee Boyd; a son, Darren Boyd; a daughter, Nina Boyd; and a brother, Elmer Dale Sturgell.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 20, at 11 a.m., at the Toler Creek Freewill Baptist Church, in Harold, with Tim McClanahan, Tim McCoy and Homer Lee Mullins officiating.

Burial was in the Rush Sturgell Cemetery, in Harold, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

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Glyndon O. Vitatoc

Glyndon O. Vitatoc, 84, of Briarwood Drive, Somerset, died Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, in Somerset.

Born February 26, 1922, in Linnet, he was the son of the late Luther Owen Vitatoc and Nora (Heath) Vitatoc. He was a retired welder of Inland Steel, a U.S. Army WWII veteran, a member of the Kentucky Colonels, Somerset Masonic Lodge No. 111, United Mine Workers, Board of Directors of God's Food Pantry and attended Ferguson United Methodist Church, in Ferguson.

He was married to Evalée (Gayheart) Vitatoc for 59 years, who still survives.

Survivors include his daughter: Trudy, wife of (Terry) Case of Georgetown; a son, Gary, husband of (Doris) Vitatoc of Decatur, Indiana; a daughter, Linda, wife of (Fred) Partin of Nancy; a son, Randy, husband of (Pat) Vitatoc of Somerset; two sisters: Gypsy Smith and Fern Mosley, both of Somerset; four grandchildren: Leslee Newsom of Amarillo, Texas, Beth, wife of (Jimmy) Blankenship, and Justin, husband of (Lisa) Case, both of Lexington; and Glyndon Vitatoc of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He is also survived by seven great-grandchildren: Katelyn Newsom, Garrison Newsom, Hunter Blankenship, Mazie Case, Alexander Vitatoc, Savannah Gerald and Hannah Jo Gerald and a step-grandchild, Jessica Gerald.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Pete Vitatoc and a sister, Clara Holbrook.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, April 21, at 1:30 p.m., at the Chapel of Morris & Hislope Funeral Home, in Science Hill, with Bro. Bobby Sexton officiating.

Military services will be conducted by American Legion Post No. 38.

Burial will be in the Mill Springs National Cemetery, in Nancy, under the direction of Morris & Hislope Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Whistleblower in hiring scandal appears before grand jury

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A state whistleblower said Wednesday he did not regret coming forward with evidence that led to a yearlong probe into whether Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration awarded state jobs to political cronies.

Former Kentucky Transportation Cabinet personnel manager Doug Doering made his first appearance before a Franklin County special grand jury handling the patronage probe. Doering said he felt an "obligation" to testify since he was the one who started the investigation.

"From time to time I guess I'd have some regrets," Doering told reporters at the Franklin County Courthouse where jurors were meeting. "But looking back on it at this point in time, I still think it was the right thing to do and I no longer have those regrets."

Doering is a key figure in the investigation into whether the Fletcher administration violated state hiring laws by giving jobs protected by a state Merit System to political supporters when the governor took office two years ago. Doering turned over hundreds of internal administration e-mails and memos relating to hiring decisions to the attorney general's office last May.

So far, 13 current or former administration officials and associates have been indicted for violating state personnel laws. Fletcher issued a blanket pardon for everyone who has been or might be indicted in the case with one exception — he did not pardon himself.

Prosecutor Scott Crawford-Sutherland said Doering's appearance should be seen as nothing more than the grand jury continuing its work.

"I think it's self-evident that he is a material witness to the investigation, and it's appropriate for him to appear,"

Crawford-Sutherland said.

The appearance, Crawford-Sutherland said, was Doering's first and was purposefully timed.

"Those are decisions you make based upon where you are in an investigation and what information you think needs to be brought before the grand jury," he said. "Those are the decisions that have been made, and here he is."

The investigation is nearing its end. Prosecutors have declined to say whether additional indictments are expected.

Doering said his appearance "was a matter of wrapping up some loose ends" but again declined further explanation. Nevertheless, Doering said he felt like he "needed" to appear before the panel.

"I guess I was the one that started it all, and so I just felt like I had an obligation to talk to these people and also thank them for their time and effort that they've put into the investigation," Doering said. "And I know it's taken a lot of time away from their jobs and their families and their lives over the last year, and I did want to thank them for that."

Speaking to reporters outside the grand jury room, Crawford-Sutherland said the grand jury, working under a May 19 deadline to complete its work, won't be able to review all the electronic information that has been turned over by the Fletcher administration.

Even so, Attorney General Greg Stumbo said he won't ask for an extension of the special grand jury's term, primarily because the statute of limitations on misdemeanor charges that might be made in the case will run out over the next month.

Given the deadline, Crawford-Sutherland said neither prosecutors nor grand jurors can possibly get through the large amount of e-mails and other computerized evidence that they now have in their possession.

The prosecutor said the Fletcher administration has turned over the equivalent of hundreds of thousands of pages of computer files.

"I'm not sure there's any body young enough in our office who will live long enough to read all that data," Crawford-Sutherland said.

KCTCS board approves pay raises

VERSAILLES — The Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents today approved a 3.5 percent 2006-07 salary increase for full-time regular KCTCS employees who meet job requirements on their performance evaluation.

In a special session, the Board also approved:

■ A \$2.5 million pool for additional salary increases for eligible, full-time regular KCTCS employees whose salary is below the Market Rate

as established in the KCTCS Salary Schedule.

■ Nonrecurring merit bonuses, ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500 for eligible, full-time regular faculty and staff members based on the KCTCS Merit Bonus Program.

"This compensation plan places the highest priority on distributing salary increases and other compensation in a fair and equitable manner, consistent with legislative provisions," said KCTCS President Michael B. McCall.

Man sentenced to 3 1/2 years for running over wife with 4-wheeler

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A Pike County man who pleaded guilty last month to causing his wife's death by running over her with a four-wheeler has been sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison.

Julian Holbrooks, 47, pleaded guilty March 20 to reckless homicide.

His wife, Patricia Holbrooks, 46, called Kentucky State Police last June and reported that her

husband had run over her legs and lower torso with an all-terrain vehicle twice, according to police documents. She sought medical treatment but left the hospital the next day.

When neighbors checked on her the next afternoon, they found her unconscious, the documents said. Doctors at Pikeville Medical Center found she had severe trauma to her lower legs and feet as well as renal failure. She underwent

surgery and dialysis but died two days later.

Pike County Circuit Judge Steve Combs sentenced Holbrooks on Friday.

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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Velma Lea Hayton, 19, of West Virginia, to Joshua Kevin Blanton, 18, of Martin.
Linda Sue Jones, 59, to James Warren Hager, 63, both of Johnson County.
Felisha Dawn Bradford, 21, of Prestonsburg, to David Keith Ratliff, 31, of Hazard.
Kasey Nadine Adams, 21, to Harlon Dwayne Hall, 35, both of Prestonsburg.
Susan Renee Davis, 31, of Indiana, to Craig Hicks, 33, of Prestonsburg.
Maranda Leigh Montgomery, 20, to Delmer Lee Ousley Jr., 20, both of Prestonsburg.
Sheldon Compton, 29, to Whitney Shea Ward, 18, both of Pikeville.

Civil Suits Filed

Cabinet for Families and Children vs. Jerry Lewis; petition for child support and health care insurance.
Cabinet for Families and Children vs. Charity N. Lewis; petition for child support and health care insurance.
Cabinet for Families and Children vs. Carolyn Keathley; petition for health care insur-

ance.
Joshua Brunty vs. Billy S. Osborne; for damages.
Cabinet for Families and Children vs. Tammy L. Garrett; petition for child support and health care insurance.
Kentucky Farm Bureau vs. Paul Maynard Jr.; for damages.

Small Claims Filings

Sadie Lee Chaffins vs. Greentree LLC Servicing; to collect back rent.
Prestonsburg Housing Authority vs. Kevin Ray Patrick; to collect back rent.
Arrow Financial Services vs. Paul Skeens; to collect credit card debt.
Sandy Valley Financial Services vs. Freddie Conn; to collect a debt.
Patricia Reynolds vs. Jerry Howell; order of eviction.
Appalachian Regional Health Services vs. Curtis Lee Mays; to collect debt for medical services rendered.
Arrow Financial Services vs. Candace M. Ring; to collect a debt.
Housing Authority of Martin vs. James E. Layne; for breaking term of lease agreement.

Charges Filed

Larry Slone, 35, of Banner; trafficking in marijuana.
John Bartrum, 32, of Martin; second-degree possession of a controlled substance, two counts of third-degree possession of a controlled substance.
Joe D. Fraley, 43, of Hager Hill; alcohol intoxication.
Debbie C. Stumbo, 48, of Martin; theft by unlawful taking.
Danny Burchett, 56, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
Vincent Edward Jarrell, 37, of Banner; fourth-degree assault.
Bryan Curtis Manns, 28, of Hueysville; nonsupport.
Tony Wayne Harns, 31, of Beaver; harboring a vicious animal.
James W. Miller, 19, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
Dustin Kenneth Hall, 26, of Bevinville; disorderly conduct.
Donna Sue Keathley, 42, of Dana; terroristic threatening.
David Lyn Crum, 47, of Betsy Layne; alcohol intoxication.
Willie Hall, 41, of Keaton; alcohol intoxication.

Timothy M. Johnson, 21, of Garrett; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
Vonda Kay Gayheart, 36, of McDowell; alcohol intoxication.
Lee Osborne, 20, of Bypro; theft by unlawful taking.
Ronnie Lee Lawson, 43, of Stanville; theft by deception; criminal possession of a forged instrument.
Ezra Lee Robinson, 30, of Martin; flagrant nonsupport.
Kevin William Halbert, 35, of McDowell; leaving the scene of an accident, operating a motor vehicle while on a DUI-suspended license, fleeing or evading police, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
Ronald Adkins, 42, of Tram; terroristic threatening, criminal mischief.
Melissa Ann Akers, 35, of Drift; theft by unlawful taking, forgery.
Property Transfers
Appalachian Wireless and East Kentucky Network LLC to Bonita and Ivanell Rice, property location undisclosed.
Bank of New York to Melissa and Stephen Caudill Jr., property

located at Moore's Branch.
Myrtle Burchett to Appalachian Wireless and East Kentucky Network LLC, property located at Little Paint Creek.
Amanda and Jimmy Campbell to Freddy Collett, property located at Abbott Creek.
Stephen and Michelle Compton to Joshua and Marissa Coleman, property located at Hunt's Fork Road.
Lois Conn to Anita and Jeff Adkins, property location undisclosed.
H & H Building Development to Virginia and William Harless, property located at Dana.
Bulevene and Leonard Hall to Virginia and William Harlee, property located at Dana.
Ronald Hall to Virginia Jones, property location undisclosed.
Roy Hall to Deloris Martin, property located at route 979.
Dorothy, Marjorie, and Ronald Hayes to Wanda Lee Brown, property located at Turkey Creek.
Lornzo and Mary Hinchman to John Goble, property located at Allen.
Betty and James McCoy to Virginia Jones, property location undisclosed.
Bill and Judy to Estalene and

Grant Newsome, property located at Weeksburg.
Alex and Laura Newsome to Estalene and Grant Newsome, property located at Big Mud.
Norman Scott Osborne to Floyd County Fiscal Court, property located at Drift Ball field.
Lula Ramey to Virginia Jones, property location undisclosed.
Clarence and Sandy Sheffield to Wanda Lee Brown, property located at Turkey Creek.
Gregory and Regina Stanley to Sun Valley Construction, property located at Windy Brooks Subdivision.
Elizabeth Stiltner to Anita and Jeff Adkins, property location undisclosed.
Anna May Stephenson to Betty and Ransom Hunt, property located at Brandy Keg.
Thoroughbred Development to Jason and Samira Simone, property located at Big Mud.
Freda and James Watkins to John Dustin Ramey, property located at Rough and Tough.
Thomas and Ivanell Rice to Appalachian Wireless and East Kentucky Network, property located at Little Paint.
Ricky and Tonia Robinson to Amanda and Jeremy Chaffins, property located at Abbott.

Man arrested in BL robbery

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — A Teaberry man was arrested on Wednesday after a week long investigation into a robbery at the Velocity Market in Betsy Layne on April 11.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn reported that the incident happened in the late evening, when Nathan J. Hamilton, 23, allegedly walked up to the cash register

in the store and opened it. He is accused of then grabbing approximately \$297 in cash.
A cashier stepped in and tried to wrest the money from Hamilton. The cashier said that they got some of the money out of the subject's hands but that he grabbed it back before bolting from the store.
Sheriff Blackburn investigated the incident with deputies Kevin Shepherd and Jason Pelphrey. The challenge turned

out to be locating him when he went to ground. Eventually the officers tracked Hamilton to the Regency Apartments in Auxier, where Shepherd apprehended him Wednesday evening.
Hamilton was arraigned before Judge James Allen on Thursday and was ordered to attend a preliminary hearing on April 28 to face one count of second-degree robbery. He was placed under a \$10,000 cash bond.

Ring

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this morning alongside those already charged in the case, which include Velma Sparkman, her son Travis Banks, and Lucille Thacker.
The Sheriff's Department is still seeking a sixth subject involved in the case and expected to have that person in custody by Thursday evening.

DARE

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ment may get their hands on a dunking booth this year which will give the children a chance to douse members of the sheriff's department who staff the event every year.
"They always look forward to this picnic," said Blackburn, "so every year we have to work hard to make sure that it tops the previous year. They're worth every effort we can make."

Suits allege man injured friend in separate wrecks

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man filed two lawsuits against a second man on Tuesday in which he accuses him of causing him injury in two separate auto accidents in which he was a passenger.
In the first suit, filed by Lowmansville attorney Leo Marcum, Rodney Yates accuses Larry D. Music, of Prestonsburg, of not exercising

due diligence when he was operating a car in which Yates was a passenger on August 25. The suit alleges that Music, who was operating a third party's vehicle, turned into the path of another vehicle and the resulting collision caused permanent injury and damage to Yates.
The suit seeks to recover damages for "pain, suffering and mental anguish."
Yates is also suing Music over another accident which occurred two months later. The

second suit seeks the same damages, as well as future medical expenses.
The second action asserts that Yates was injured again when he got into a car driven by Music on Oct. 18. On this occasion, Music allegedly drove again without exercising due diligence and drove his vehicle off the road and into a ditch off Route 404.
Music has 20 days to file a response to the suits' allegations.

Program

had completed the Kentucky Employment Certification program since they began rehabilitation on March 26. He said that two had scored high enough to put them in the "Gold," or top, category, which makes them two of only 52 people to score that high this year across the state.

Akers went on to note that the men have completed the residential portion of the program and will now enter the counseling phase, during which they return home and are monitored to make sure that they are fitting back in and avoiding habits and people who they associated with

when they were using drugs.
Judge Hall applauded their efforts.
"Use of drugs is a one-way street," Hall said. "We hope that path is in the past. I appreciate your hanging in with this. I'm glad you stuck with it."

Board

ing for.
"I think we could maybe consider videotaping the teachers," McGuire said. Initially, McGuire suggested targeting the instructors whose students rank highest in achievement scores. "Not necessarily the best (teachers), but certainly the most successful in terms of test scores," he said.
The rationale behind McGuire's suggestion was that other teachers within the district

could then view the videotapes and gain pointers on how to best present the targeted subject materials to their own students.
McGuire also went further with his suggestion, saying that perhaps it would be an even better idea to videotape "not necessarily the best, or most successful, teacher, but the average teacher, as well ... Then that teacher could review themselves ... Most people are harder critics on themselves than others are to

them."
The suggestions were received favorably by the directors of instruction, as well as Supt. Paul Fanning, who suggested that it may be possible to use professional development funds in order to offset any costs incurred in making the tapes.
The Floyd County Board of Education will meet in regular session on Monday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m., at Osborne Elementary School.

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Ad Council

Allen Central High School
Parent Organization members will be accepting nominations for parent members of the School Based Decision Making Council until May 1, 2006.

All nominations must be turned in to Brenda Turner, in the school office. The election for parent representatives will be held on Wednesday, May 3, from 7:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and then at 6 p.m., in the front office, the ballots will be counted.

Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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

— Albert Einstein

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Post and Courier, Charleston, S.C., on Flight 93:

A story of enormous courage has been told under the most extraordinary circumstances, the sentencing trial of Zacarias Moussaoui, the would-be al-Qaida hijacker who has confessed that he planned to crash a commercial airliner into the White House. The tape from the cockpit of United Airlines Flight 93 which records the epic final 30 minutes aboard the plane on Sept. 11, 2001, was given its first public airing in the courtroom recently. ...

The terse dialogue in the tape recorded the bravery shown by the passengers when they realized that the plane had been hijacked and the word spread from those who had cell phones that two other hijacked airliners had been flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center. ...

There was chaos and there was fear, but the passengers overcame their fear to act with great bravery. The courage of those aboard the doomed plane when they stormed the cockpit saved the lives of countless others. ...

Flight 93, as the tape played recently confirms, was an epic that will be remembered for the outstanding courage of passengers and crew who overcame chaos and fear to thwart the unspeakably evil intentions of four cutthroats who hoped to wreak unbelievable chaos, fear and destruction on the nation's capital.

Star-Ledger, Newark, N.J., on calls to replace Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld:

It's about time President Bush paid heed to the wisdom of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. To paraphrase Rumsfeld's very own words - about the looting that followed the fall of Baghdad - it's true that free people are free to make mistakes and do bad things, and it's true that war is untidy, but when you're in charge of a couple of wars and you make too many mistakes, stuff happens.

Getting fired, for instance.

This is a suggestion being made with growing frequency by a group generally not known for breaking ranks, particularly during times of war. Six retired generals, all of them involved with the Iraq war, have come forward to blast Rumsfeld for "arrogance," micromanagement, "throwing away 10 years worth of planning," and failing "to build the peace" in Iraq.

Add to that damning list the failure to deploy enough troops to secure Iraq following the invasion, the disgrace of Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo and the current chaos in Iraq - which has yet to form a government four months after the ... elections - and it's hard to make the case in favor of Rumsfeld. ...

There is a great deal that getting rid of the defense secretary would not accomplish. It would not stabilize Iraq, or, for that matter, Afghanistan, which is becoming increasingly vulnerable to incursions from the Taliban and al-Qaida. It would not help Iraqis form a government. It cannot, sadly, reverse the tactical and strategic errors that have been made at Rumsfeld's behest.

What bringing in a new defense secretary might do, however, is begin rebuilding trust between the administration and an American public that polls show has seriously lost faith with the White House's performance in Iraq. It would be an acknowledgment that inexcusable mistakes have been made - not simply the errors inherent to the chaos of war - and that the administration has given serious thought to correcting them. ...



Letters

Hackworth deserves honor

I am writing about a native Floyd Countian that should be the concern of every citizen. We see bridges and roads named after people of less distinction than Henry Haywood Hackworth.

He was a young man who walked the railroad from Auxier to Prestonsburg High School, graduated and went to the University of Kentucky in the 1940s with 10 cents in his pocket. He returned back to this town after graduating.

For three years he tried to clean up the terrible political mess this town was in, but the good people sat back and did nothing to help. He abandoned his mission and took a job with the Department of State of the United States as legal counsel. After several years of working his way ever upward, during which time he codified several volumes on international tax law, he was appointed one of the highest honors that could be awarded to anyone in our system of justice — one of 15 judges on the International Court of Justice.

So long this man has gone unhonored, whether by design or neglect, and it is time for this injustice to be corrected. I, therefore, suggest that all the civic and political leaders take immediate action to see that the Floyd County Justice Center is named in honor of this man — The Henry Haywood Hackworth Memorial Justice Center — with a plaque bearing same in large print and clearly open to the public view.

Should this not be done immediately, it will demonstrate poor sportsmanship and leadership on the part of responsible leaders in our local and county communities, though it be granted posthumously.

C.M. Isaacs
Prestonsburg

What's wrong?

I must seriously ask myself this question, if I want to know how to fix a problem. I will agree that people often blame others for the things that have gone wrong in their lives, when in reality the problems were the result of their own actions.

Society seems to be seeing more violence, drug and alcohol abuse, teen sex, unwanted pregnancies and children experimenting with deviant sexual behavior. I was taught that education was the key to having a better life. The

education I received has brought me heartache, pain and suffering. In a "free" country, where people are supposed to be able to express themselves, I have found that my differing views have put me in a minority group. Because of my knowledge, I have been denied and lost jobs. I am not politically correct and never shall be.

I believe that my concerns are valid. You can judge for yourself. What's wrong with our school system? The Floyd County Times helped illustrate part of the problem with the following headline: "Stumbo teacher pleads guilty to selling drugs." And I know (from being a student for many years in the Floyd County school system) that despite test scores, many children leave the system not being able to read or write. When I was going to school, teachers discriminated against children if they were poor, didn't belong to the correct political party and if they were related to certain families. I know from personal experience that children were disciplined for bring attention to the fact that school personnel did not follow the system's own guidelines.

Part of the problem now is that our school system is practicing nepotism. It is willing to hire teachers whose parents have been teachers. I was told by certain parties that they could guarantee me a position if I "belonged" to the correct church. I am also discriminated against by the state government.

If I can't get a job in the school system, how can I hope to complete Kentucky's internship program? Jump through this hoop, go through this program, this proves you can teach. It doesn't prove anything. If completing a pro-

gram proved that all the teachers that have tenure were competent, there would not be such great needs for literacy program and adult education classes for adults trying to get a diploma.

The idiocy of the school system has been proven even more. The school system can't even apply the word "tardy" correctly. During my whole lifetime, "tardy" meant being late or not on time. The school system now applies that word to a child leaving early from school. Something's w-r-o-n-g! I was told by the school secretary that the school had to do something with the children, that they just couldn't let the children go FREE. Have our school become prisons or jails for our children? That would seem to be the case.

Do you disagree with the way our school system is being run? Do you even care what they are teaching our children? If you have a problem with the school system, please send me an email at bbtusseyjr@kaxxy.com, or you may send a letter to the following address:

B.B. Tussey Jr.
146 Clark Drive
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Since when has it been right for the education of our children to be in the hands of others and not ourselves? I am asking that all parents of Floyd County help me gain the attention of the Floyd County school system and help make it clear that we want to be included in the decision-making process concerning our schools at a county level. If you want to help form a plan of action, contact me.

Bill B. Tussey Jr.
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Entertainment Extra

At the Movies: 'Stay Alive'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP MOVIE CRITIC

In "Stay Alive," if you die in the video game, you die in real life.

This is a cool/potentially creepy idea only if, like, you're in high school and goofing around with your friends at the movie theater on a Friday (as many were during a recent matinee, which this critic had to attend because the film wasn't screened before opening).

For everyone else, this isn't just a preposterous premise for a horror movie, it's a source of unintentional hilarity.

"Somebody ran my brother down in a horse-drawn carriage!" yells goth-chick October (Sophia Bush), one of many characters with distractingly unusual names. Because, you know, that's what happened to her brother Phineus while he was playing the video game — titled, appropriately enough,



"Stay Alive."

Meanwhile, "Malcolm in the Middle" star Frankie Muniz, slumming as a hyperactive gaming geek named Swink Sylvania, screams out as things get ugly, "Something's happening! Something bad!" and sounding as if he's paraphrasing a song from "West Side Story."

Recycling ideas from "The Lawnmower Man," the "Final Destination" movies, the third "Spy Kids" and "Tron," "Stay Alive," features an underground video game that a bunch of pret-

"Stay Alive," a Touchstone Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for horror violence, disturbing images, language, and brief sexual and drug content.

Running time: 85 minutes.

One star out of four.

ty teenagers feel compelled to play because it was the last thing one of their friends was doing before he died. A loving tribute, indeed.

The game has something to do with a Louisiana plantation-turned-finishing school, where a bunch of little girls were brutally killed and now scamper about as the undead. As the player, you have to track down and destroy the source of evil, some 17th century noblewoman known as The Blood Countess.

After sitting around talking

trash and getting carpal tunnel syndrome, the gamers (including Jon Foster, Samaire Armstrong and Adam Goldberg, who's fallen far from "Saving Private Ryan") eventually realize that the characters on screen look just like them, and that "Stay Alive" is making them see and hear things even after they've stopped playing.

Then when they begin dropping one by one in exactly the manner they die on screen, they get even more freaked out.

Dude!

But the effects in the movie from director William Brent Bell, who co-wrote the script with Matthew Peterman, look too jumpy and cheesy to make anyone in the audience seriously squirm.

It's enough to make last year's video game-inspired "Alone in the Dark," starring Tara Reid as a brilliant anthropologist, look better all the time.

Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

Horror movies ruled the new releases this week, though there was still room for a bawdy English comedy featuring Dame Judi Dench as a saucy businesswoman.

"Hostel" — Eli Roth's follow up to "Cabin Fever" is an intense thriller which showcases the perils of traveling abroad. Two post-college hipsters are drawn to an Eastern European hostel on the promise that they're stature as Americans will have the local women falling at their feet. They fall for it hook, line and sinker and they may not live to regret it, as they find that they have been lured to a house of horror where rich sadists pay handsomely for the privilege of torturing tourists. Grisly stuff here and there is also an unrated version available which manages to be even more graphic than the theatrical print, though the film suffers from leading characters that are hard to like.

"Mrs. Henderson Presents" — Dame Judi Dench missed out on an Oscar for her leading role here, but that's no reason to ignore this bawdy comedy/drama that focuses on a businesswoman in World War II England who purchases a posh theater and uses it to stage nude revues. Based on a true story this also features a fine performance by Bob Hoskins ("Who Framed Roger Rabbit?").

"Return of the Living Dead 4: Necropolis" — The director of "Eight-Legged Freaks" returns with this well intentioned effort which just misses being on a par with the original,

which posited that George Romero's film was based on actual events which were subsequently covered up by the military. This time out the military loses control of experiments to create zombie soldiers and chaos ensues. The best line is delivered by a hungry zombie who gets hold of a walkie-talkie: "Send more security guards."

"Event Horizon" — A special edition of the 1997 sci-fi horror hybrid that moved the haunted house theme into outer space. There are chills aplenty when a team is sent to board a ship which disappeared seven years earlier when it engaged its prototype engine. This one mixes "Hellraiser" with "Alien" and the extras include alternate

footage which never should have been deleted in the first place. The film benefits from great sets and good leads which include Lawrence Fishburne and Sam Neill.

"Visiting Hours" — This average 1980s slasher film finally gets a DVD release and is best enjoyed as a guilty pleasure due to its potent cast, which includes William Shatner, Lee Grant and Michael Ironside. The story follows the efforts of a serial killer to finish off the one that got away which means getting admitted to a sprawling hospital and hitting every room. Okay, but the cast is what sells this lackluster effort.

"The Iron Cross" — Sam Peckinpah's only war film gets the deluxe treatment here and is

one of his finest efforts. The action takes place on the Russian front, as German soldiers deal with being spread too thin in an effort that has gotten out of control. Peckinpah stages some incredible sequences here that don't flinch from the grim realities of combat. He also reunites with James Coburn, who starred in "Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid" for Peckinpah, and gets an Oscar caliber performance out of him.

Next week look for Charlize Theron in the live action version of MTV's animated series "Aeon Flux," and see Heath Ledger shake off any "Brokeback Mountain" type-casting woes as history's most infamous heterosexual in "Casanova."

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Odds & Ends

■ **SHANGHAI, China** — Maybe they should have stuck to firecrackers.

A cannon that fired confetti at a grand opening celebration in Shanghai damaged power lines and cut electricity to scores of factories, offices and homes, a newspaper reported.

Chinese often set off strings of firecrackers on auspicious occasions, but Shanghai Danone Biscuit Foodstuff Co. apparently sought an alternative to celebrate the opening of a new operation in an industrial park west of the city.

A 6-foot plastic strap that was accidentally ejected with the shredded paper wrapped around high voltage electrical cables, apparently causing a short circuit, the Shanghai Daily reported Wednesday.

"We heard a big bang and then the electricity was gone," the newspaper quoted Wang Xiaohua, an employee at a post office located opposite the new outlet, as saying.

At least two people were trapped in stalled elevators, and neighboring factories demanded compensation for damaged equipment and lost production, the newspaper said. A 50-member repair team needed five hours on Tuesday to get power running again, it said.

■ **VELVA, N.D.** — The winner of a bowling tournament here gets a unique prize — the bowling alley.

Star City Lanes owner Darin Bail says he needs to hand off the business because he must spend several months a year in Oregon because of a family situation.

"I call it the 'ultimate winner take all,'" Bail said. "There's one winner, no second place prize. The winner gets the whole property — a bowling alley, restaurant, the real property that goes with it."

The tournament's format is different from most. The score nearest to a bowler's own average will win, which ensures that someone who regularly bowls 75 could win just as easily as someone who rolls a 250 every

time.

The entry fee is \$250. Qualifying rounds will be held at North Hill Bowl in Minot on May 27 and June 3, 10 and 17. The top 12 bowlers will face off June 24 in Velva in the bowling alley they hope to win.

Bail said he has lawyers and accountants overseeing the tournament and has cleared it with state gaming officials.

He said he needs at least 600 entrants to make his plan work. If not enough people sign up, he will refund all entry fees, minus a \$10 processing fee.

"People tell me we should expect 1,000 people," he said, adding that he has received calls from bowlers in several states.

■ **LOPBURI, Thailand** — The promise of a \$25 reward has volunteers spread out around a central Thai district in the hopes of catching stray crocodiles slithering through canals.

About a dozen of the reptiles are believed to remain at large after having escaped from area farms that breed them for their skin and meat, much of it exported to destinations including Europe and China.

Experts are struggling to catch the animals before the rainy season arrives and raises water levels.

The hunt has drawn crowds of people, many of whom share in a feast of crocodile meat after one is caught. About 100 experts and volunteers, armed with nets and electrical wire intended to electrocute the crocodiles, on Wednesday plied the ponds and canals of Lopburi province's Pattana Nikom district, which is 90 miles north of Bangkok.

Eighteen crocodiles have been caught since authorities started the search Saturday, when one of the reptiles bit off a fisherman's finger as he waded through a canal.

"We will continue our hunt until all the canals in these villages are free from crocodiles and people feel safe to walk through rice fields or go fishing," said municipal official Surasak Jermson.

■ **BRAY, Okla.** — A man has caused an uproar in this southwestern Oklahoma town by advertising in an unusual manner that he'd like to pay for a virgin to be his bride.

A sign that 45-year-old Michael Thelemann posted in his yard Sunday said that he'll pay \$1,000 for a virgin bride between the ages of 12 and 24.

"I feel like I'm living down the street from a pedophile," said neighbor Christy Sternadel. "We want him out of this neighborhood. Who asks for a 12-year-old virgin bride?"

As of Wednesday, no one had taken up Thelemann on his offer, but he had heard several negative comments from neighbors, which he said he didn't understand. He said his grandmother married "a much older man" at age 14.

"I'm just somebody who is getting up there in years, and I'm looking for a born-again, God-fearing virgin between the ages of 12 and 24 who can bear me children," said Thelemann, who was divorced in 1989. "What's the problem? I just think I have some wicked neighbors."

Neighbors asked the Stephens County sheriff's department to stop Thelemann from displaying the sign, but Undersheriff Bob Hill said the

sign was gone by the time deputies visited Thelemann's home.

That's because it was stolen, Thelemann said. He put up another sign Wednesday that didn't include the minor ages. The new sign also noted he's not interested in a "pig-worshipping, heathen, white-supremacist wife."

■ **WAUKESHA, Wis.** — Lance Nesta did what many people do when receiving a fruitcake: He set it aside. Only Nesta rediscovered his more than 40 years later in his mother's attic.

Nesta couldn't resist taking a peek at the cake, still in its original tin and wrapped in paper.

"I was amazed that it hadn't changed at all," he said.

His two aunts sent him the fruitcake in November 1962 while he was stationed in Alaska with the Army, he said.

"I opened it up and didn't know what to do with it," Nesta said. "I sure wasn't going to eat it, and I liked my fellow soldiers too much to share it with them."

As best he can remember, he packed the cake with the rest of his belongings and shipped it home to Waukesha when he left the military a few years later. He recently rediscovered it.

The cake arrived wrapped in

brown paper with a red "fragile, handle with care" sticker on it. The cake itself was contained in a round blue tin printed with the words "Old Fashioned Fruitcake."

"Now it's just old," Nesta said.

■ **SANTA ANA, Calif.** — A homeless man searching through garbage bins for recyclable cans found a missing wallet and had it returned to its owner.

Kim Bogue, who works as a janitor in the city's government buildings, realized that her wallet was missing last week and doubted she'd ever get back the \$900 and credit cards inside, she said.

"I prayed that night and asked God to help me," said Bogue, who was saving the money for a trip to her native Thailand.

Days later, a homeless man found the wallet wrapped in a plastic bag in a trash bin, where Bogue had accidentally thrown it away with her lunch. He gave it to Sherry Wesley, who works in a nearby building.

"He came to me with the wad of money and said, 'This probably belongs to someone that you work with, can you return it?'" Wesley said.

Workers at a nearby relief

kitchen said the man, who didn't want to be identified, insists on paying for his food.

"He has a very good heart," said Bogue, who gave the man a \$100 reward. "If someone else found it, the money would be gone."

■ **WEST NEW YORK, N.J.** — When fire broke out at a busy poultry market, the goats weren't sticking around.

A drove of goats hightailed it down a busy avenue as firefighters responded to a three-alarm fire on Tuesday afternoon.

Some firefighters teamed up with market workers to run down the goats by fashioning a corral out of garbage cans and a trash bin, said Jeff Welz, North Hudson Regional Fire and Rescue co-director.

The scheme worked. The Humane Society in Newark stepped in after the fire had been brought under control about 90 minutes later to provide temporary shelter for the goats.

Rescuers also saved some of the dozens of live chickens for sale in the market, Welz said.

The one-story building, however, was heavily damaged, and the rear half of the roof collapsed.

The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 21, the 111th day of 2006. There are 254 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 21, 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

On this date:

■ In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, which provided for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.

■ In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

■ In 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn.

■ In 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace known as the "Red Baron," was killed in action during World War I.

■ In 1940, the quiz show that asked the "64-dollar question," "Take It or Leave It," premiered on CBS Radio.

■ In 1960, Brazil inaugurated its new capital, Brasilia, transferring the seat of national government from Rio de Janeiro.

■ In 1972, Apollo 16 astronauts John Young and Charles Duke explored the surface of the moon.

■ In 1975, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu resigned after 10 years in office.

■ In 1976, full-scale testing of the swine flu vaccine began in Washington, D.C.

■ In 1986, a vault in Chicago's Lexington Hotel that was linked to Al Capone was opened during a live TV special hosted by Geraldo Rivera; aside from a few bottles and a sign, the vault was empty.

Ten years ago: President Clinton and Boris Yeltsin traded warm compliments and played down nagging differences, insisting their election-year

summit in Moscow was not being influenced by presidential politics. Oddsmaker Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder died at age 76.

Five years ago: Western Hemisphere leaders meeting in Quebec ratified a plan barring undemocratic nations from a massive free trade zone they hoped would expand prosperity across their 34 nations. For a second day, protesters clashed with nightstick-wielding police who fired water cannons and rubber bullets. The Los Angeles Xtreme beat the San Francisco Demons 38-6 in the first — and last — XFL championship game.

One year ago: A commercial helicopter contracted by the U.S. Defense Department was shot down by missile fire north of Baghdad; 11 people, including six American bodyguards for U.S. diplomats, were killed. Army Sgt. Hasan Akbar was convicted by a military jury at Fort Bragg, N.C., of premeditated murder and attempted murder in an attack that killed two of his comrades and wounded 14 others in Kuwait. Zhang Chunqiao, one of the Gang of Four that terrorized China during the Cultural Revolution, died at age 88.

Today's Birthdays: Ice skater Werner Groebli ("Mr. Frick") is 91. Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is 80. Actress-comedian-writer Elaine May is 74. Actor Charles Grodin is 71. Singer-musician Iggy Pop is 59. Singer-songwriter Paul Davis is 58. Actress Patti LuPone is 57. Actor Tony Danza is 55. Actress Andie MacDowell is 48. Rock singer Robert Smith (The Cure) is 47. Rock musician Michael Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 47. Actor John Cameron Mitchell is 43. Rapper Michael Franti (Spearhead) is 38. Comedian Nicole Sullivan is 36.

Thought for Today: "Why is it that we rejoice at a birth and grieve at a funeral? It is because we are not the person involved." — Mark Twain (1835-1910).

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Area 3 Games set for Saturday

Prestonsburg High School will host the Special Olympics Area 3 Games Saturday inside Blackcat Stadium. State Representative Charles "Chuck" Meade will serve as guest speaker for the event. The Parade of Athletes will welcome in athletes from Floyd and other Area 3 counties. The Otter Creek Correctional Center's SORT (Special Operations Response Team) will lead the Parade of Athletes.

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New MSU men's hoops coach announces dates for team camp sessions

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MOREHEAD - High schools in Floyd and surrounding counties will soon close the books on the 2005-06 school year. The end of the school year will put many high school basketball teams - boys and girls - on the road to various team camps. Each summer, many area high school boys' basketball teams make the trek to Morehead State

University to participate in the Eagle men's basketball program's annual high school team camp.

Head coach Donnie Tyndall, headed into his first season at the top of the MSU men's basketball program, has announced two sessions of team camps for the upcoming summer. Each of this year's camp sessions are set for June. Session I is scheduled for June 9-11. Session II is slated for June 16-18.

Tyndall, who replaces Kyle Macy,

entered the MSU men's basketball program after a tenure as an assistant coach at Middle Tennessee State. The first-year MSU head coach also previously served as an assistant coach in the Southeastern Conference on the LSU staff.

"We want to invite you to bring your team to the Morehead State University Team Camp," Tyndall said in a letter posted on the MSU Athletics website. "There will be two sessions of team

camp offered this summer."

The MSU team camp will feature Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman leagues.

The MSU men's basketball program will require a school fee of \$50 per session to insure placement in the team camps. The fee is due to the camp's ever increasing popularity and limited dorm space.

The cost of the camp will be \$175 for overnight campers and \$150 for

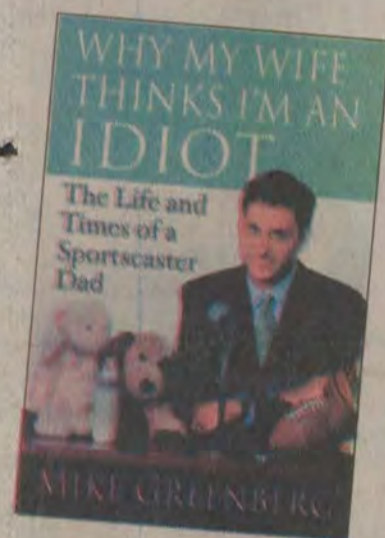
commuting campers.

Each participating team will be required to have a separate coach. The camp application should be completed and returned to the MSU men's basketball office along with the \$50 school fee made payable to Donnie Tyndall-MSU Basketball Camp.

Tyndall also noted that he expected the camps to fill up quickly.

For additional information on the camps, call 606-783-5398 or

Am I an Idiot?



by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Mike Greenberg's wife thinks I'm an idiot. But he says I shouldn't take it personally.

"It's purely a gender thing," he said.



Rick Bentley

Greenberg is becoming an expert on wives, as well as idiots. This is the result of his first book, "Why My Wife Thinks

I'm an Idiot: The Life and Times of a Sportscastrer Dad", which is featured prominently on bestseller lists everywhere.

In his real job, Greenberg co-hosts "Mike & Mike in the Morning" with former NFL star Mike Golic on ESPN Radio and ESPN2 from 6-10 a.m. weekdays and "SportsCenter" two evenings a week.

But the moonlighting gig is working out so well he tried out a potential title for the sequel during our chat this week, squeezed between "M&M" and a flight to a Dallas book signing. "I kind of

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FLOYD FIGHTERS



photos by Paula Goble.

HILLBILLY HAVOC: Sharon Lewis (above) and Glenn May (below) were two of several Floyd Countians to emerge victorious Saturday night when the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center hosted Gladiator Fighting Championships VI.

Locals rumble in GFC VI

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Gladiator Fighting Championships VI rocked the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center Friday and Saturday. The two-night event included 32 bouts and entertained 2,000-plus fight fans. Big crowds packed the Expo Center each night.

In one of the event's shortest bouts, Glenn May, fighting out of Floyd County, defeated Scott Huff via submission in the first round.

Sharon Lewis was another local fighter to claim a victory, outlasting fellow competitor Brandy Shell. Lewis won via judges decision.

Brad Bond, Elzie Webb and Josh Stepp were among the other local fighters to emerge victorious.

A list of GFC VI results follows.

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P'burg football summer schedule released

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - With summer quickly approaching, the Prestonsburg Blackcat football team has announced summer workout plans that will keep the team busy during the offseason.

Prestonsburg is one of several teams that will be looking to improve on a sub-par 2005 campaign. The Blackcats will attend four separate passing scrimmages this summer.

Prestonsburg will travel to Richmond for the Eastern Kentucky University passing tournament June 5-7.

Saturday, June 10 will find Prestonsburg in Louisville for the U of L passing tournament. Prestonsburg will host a passing tournament June 21-23 and will wrap up the passing league schedule June 24 in Lexington at the University of Kentucky passing tournament.

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Rebels sweep doubleheader

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN - The Allen Central High School baseball team claimed a pair of wins Saturday in the Knott County Invitational. The Rebels beat Wolfe County 12-2 in the first game, topping the Wolves in five innings.

In its second game, Allen Central edged Cumberland 11-10.

Alex Hammonds got the starting pitcher's nod and went to the mound for Allen Central in the opening game. Hammonds pitched well in all five innings en route to his first win of the season. In the second game, senior Nick Music claimed the win. Music recorded

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U19 Warriors, Letcher Storm tie

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WHITESBURG - The Floyd County U19 Warriors traveled to Letcher County on Saturday to take on the Swarm, manned with players from Letcher County Central High School's varsity teams. The Letcher County squad included Robert Brown, possibly the fastest player in East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association (EKYSA). The Warriors were able to escape with a 3-3 tie.

The first half was a competitive battle for field position, with no scoring until the 35th minute. Brown fired a shot from the left wing while under pressure from Floyd defender Taylor Moak. The new ball was quite slippery, and combined with new gloves, made for a dangerous situation for sure-handed Warrior goalkeeper P. J. Collins. Collins, along with central defender Chris Baker, repelled Brown and his

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U19 Floyd County player Taylor Moak worked the soccer ball up the field in Saturday's road game versus the U19 Letcher County Swarm.

Changes come to Sandy Valley Football Conference

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE - Wednesday evening witnessed the first meeting of the Sandy Valley football conference for the upcoming 2006 season. With several schools from the league not attending the meeting, the news was delivered that four of the 16 squads would not be returning for the upcoming season due to financial concerns. Belfry (Seventh and Eighth), Pikeville and Morgan County have decided to play in separate conferences. The new alignment will see the conference

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Bentley

regret Golic not taking a more prominent role in the book," he said, explaining he wasn't sure how the power's that be at the Worldwide Leader would react. "And if I write a sequel, it may be called, *Why My Co-host Thinks I'm an Idiot*."

If critiques are used as a measuring stick, the folks at Villard may want to keep the presses warm for the next one. The book is smoothly written, easy to read and a laugh at every turn. Among the common foils are:

■ Dr. Gray, Greenberg's psychiatrist which he professes is a collage of three different doctors he's seen since the first recommended he keep a journal during his wife's first pregnancy.

■ Aunt Ada, who often calls "Greeny," as he's referred to on the radio, for insider tips before placing bets on everything from football to how long his marriage will last.

■ His wife, an attorney, who takes his love of shopping into an entirely different stratosphere and who often stops him cold

with a mere glare.

■ And, of course, Greeny himself, who tends to be the butt of most jokes. "The only person I wanted to come out of it looking bad was me," he said. "I certainly have no trouble making fun of myself."

The women in his life play a featured role in the book, meaning Greeny knows a lot of women who think he's an idiot. "And chief among them," he adds, "is my five-year-old daughter."

The daughter played a key role in the inspiration of the book. In the opening chapter, the writer debates if he should write his unborn child a letter for her to read at some point in the future and if so what said epistle should say. There's also a humorous contest to decide the name, further complicated by the couple's desire to not know the sex of the baby until childbirth.

When I first heard about the book and its title, I thought it could serve as a self-help read for me. Sabrina and I have been married for a year and a half

now, and in that brief time she seems to have passed from *thinking* I'm an idiot to *firmly believing* it to be the case.

Perhaps, should she read this book, she could understand me a little better.

To that, Greeny said essentially it could never hurt. "I've been pleasantly surprised with the reaction I've gotten from women," he said, saying many women tell him at signings they think they understand the men in their lives a little better now. "It was something I hadn't counted on or figured on, but it's been a great little side bonus."

The author warned, however, not to expect any grand changes from the women in your life. "Let's put it this way: Even those women who feel they understand the men in their lives a little better still think they're idiots," he said. "Ultimately, I may have taken us one step further down the road, but it's still an insurmountable task that we have encountered."

In addition to coming to grips with our pending idiocy Greeny tries to help us with other issues as well, including his interesting stand that he's only a little famous, but that it's actually preferable to being a lot famous.

"It's actually a nice space to occupy," he said. "I covered Michael Jordan for a long time when he may legitimately have been the most famous person in the world. And I can tell you I would not want that kind of fame. It makes it impossible to lead a normal life."

His theory is explained in the parable of the restaurant. Being a little famous, he opines, is "the perfect kind of famous to be. The best thing about being a little famous is that you can get a table in a crowded restaurant. If you're really famous you can't go to the restaurant because people

will bother you, and if you're not famous at all you can't even get into the restaurant because they're afraid you'll bother the famous people."

Restaurants can still be an issue. One of Greeny's favorite stops is called Vito's, where he once overheard an employee demand the radio be turned from his show while another chimed in that they hated the guy they didn't realize was preparing to order lunch.

That issue, while embarrassing, hasn't deterred him from returning time and again. "In fact, I took Golic there the other day," he said.

But, just as he writes, he's much less confrontational in public than on the air, and he still is yet to mention the incident. "I don't know if they know for sure," he said. "It's been so long ago, and they subsequently now all know who I am, but I certainly - being as nonconfrontational as I am - have never mentioned it. And it's probably sad to say, but I like the food so much that I never stopped going there."

The book succeeds on so many levels that it pleases the sports fan even though it is entirely not a book about sports. It's about marriage, parenthood, and the successes and failures of being a man.

And ultimately it's about dealing with the fact that like it or not, if you're married, your wife probably thinks you're an idiot.

Which, I admit, is one thing. Another is trying to figure out what I've done to make Mrs. Greeny think that about me, even though we've never met.

I guess, in the end, some guys are such colossal idiots that well-meaning women everywhere can just make the assumption.

And, of course, be correct.

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Schedule

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Coach John DeRossett and the Blackcats will wrap up the 2006 summer schedule in Richmond July 31-Aug. 4 at the EKU team camp.

Prestonsburg will open the 2006 season at Hazard on Saturday, Aug. 26 in the Pride of the Mountains Gridiron Classic. The Blackcats will tangle

with Leslie County, one of Class 2A, Region 4's top teams last season. For the Blackcats, four straight home games will follow the opener, starting with a home game against Pikeville. Paintsville, Ashland and Sheldon Clark will visit the Prestonsburg over the following three weeks.

Rebels

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seven strikeouts in the victory. Tyler Turner aided the Rebel offense in the first game, driving in four runs.

Justin Jacobs was three-for-four from the plate in the second game, finishing with a double and two singles.

Allen Central slugger Scott Little had one of the best days of his prep baseball career, smacking three home runs in the two Knott County Invitational games. Little was three-for-three in the second game.

The Rebels remain undefeated in 58th District play.

Allen Central has won three of its last four games. The

Rebels will take a 6-4 record into Prestonsburg today for a 58th District doubleheader against the Blackcats. First pitch for the opening game of the district doubleheader is set for 5:30.

REBEL BASEBALL

Last two games
April 15
Wolfe Co. 12-2 (W) (5 Innings)
April 15
Cumberland 11-10 (W)
Today's games
at Prestonsburg, 5:30 p.m.,
7:30 p.m.
(Doubleheader)

Warriors

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mates for the remainder of the match.

The Warriors, down 1-0 at the half, came out in the second half firing on all cylinders. Stefan Hoeffkes and Ethan Filowitz scored two quick goals to put the Warriors up 2-1.

The Warriors made a mistake on a defensive throw-in and Brown won the scramble for a loose ball just outside the Warriors penalty area, and scored despite a great effort by an unprotected Collins.

Letcher County took the lead on a penalty kick by Brown, following a foul call on defender Victoria Colmenares. The Warriors were dismayed at the sensitivity of the center referee, who seemed to feel the Warriors were a bit overzealous.

Down 3-2, the Floyd/Courtyans were not done: Midfielder Jacob Moak stole the ball from the right midfielder for the

Swarm and made a run to the 30 yard area, where he centered a ball that center forward Jarrod Willis won from two Letcher defenders. Willis then sent the ball to an open Hoeffkes, who nailed the tying goal from just inside the 18-yard mark.

The Moak siblings, along with Nathan Crum, Adam Kimbler ("AK 47"), and Daniel McKinney were terrific in controlling midfield toward the end of the game. Nathan Lazar, playing with a sore foot, made a valiant effort late in the game disrupting a Letcher break out by hustling to a pass between Letcher attackers.

This was the first game of the season for the Warriors. The Floyd County U19 team took on the Perry County U19 squad Thursday night. Results were unavailable at press time.

Locals

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GFC VI RESULTS

- Bobby Strouth Def. Greg Swartz, Rd. 1 Sub.
- Jon Lee Cortes Def. Robert Alfaro, Rd. 3 Judges Dec (Kickboxing)
- Gerald Chaney Def. Vernon Hensley, Rd. 1, TKO (Boxing)
- Donny Greathouse Def. Steve Layne, Sub. (Grappling)
- Trenton Maynard Def. Johnathon Jackson, Rd. 2 TKO
- Andrew Yearly Def. Tony Fisher Sub. (Grappling)
- Sharon Lewis Def. Brandy Shell, Judges Dec.
- Brad Bond Def. Aaron York, Rd. 1 Sub.
- Jack Ward Def. Scottie Little, Rd. 2 Sub.
- Ricky Conley Def. Zach McCoy, Rd. 1 Sub.
- Dean Hamilton Def. Luke Moody, Rd. 1 Sub.
- Brandon Blair Def. Larry Looney, Rd. 3 Judges Dec.
- Bones Def. Jason Craft, Rd. 1 Sub.
- AJ Agazam Def. Danny Jenkins, Rd. 1 Sub.
- Elzie Webb Def. Aaron Mounts, Rd. 1 Sub.
- Hershel Layne Def. Mike Slone, Rd. 1 Sub.
- Jack Hamilton Def. Justin Hamilton, Rd. 1 Sub.
- Kevin Yearly Def. Alex Adkins, Rd. 1 Sub.
- Sean Beller Def. Billy Lemaster, Rd. 1 Sub.
- Andy Chaffins Def. Josh Mays, Unanimous Dec.
- Dustin Pennington Def. Greg Robinson, Rd. 1 TKO
- Adam Mays Def. Grant Heppel, Rd. 3 Sub.
- Gary Compton Def. Sam Wallen, Rd. 1 Sub.
- Jason Wolfe Def. Bryan Minks, Rd. 3 Unanimous Dec
- Greg Maynard Def. Justin Prater, Rd. 1 Sub.
- Mike Preece Def. Brandon Smith, Rd. 1 TKO
- John Cook Def. Parnell Barnett, Rd. 1 TKO
- Glenn May Def. Scott Huff, Rd. 1 Sub.
- Adam Sepulveda Def. Kelly Craft, Rd. 2 TKO
- Adam Alanz Def. Brent Hunter, Rd. 2 Sub.
- Matthew Year Def. Derrick Molett, Rd. 3 Judges Dec
- Josh Stepp Def. Kenny Kretzer, Rd. 2 Sub.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Amber Whitaker, Prestonsburg Softball



Scott Little, Allen Central Baseball

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Conference

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divided into two divisions. The South Division will include Perry County Central, Leslie County, Paintsville, Breathitt County, Johnson County Eighth and Hazard. The North Division will include Adams Middle, South Floyd, Betsy Layne, Magoffin County, Johnson County Seventh and Martin County (Inez and Warfield combined) The 2006

season will begin with the annual preseason grid at Paintsville on Saturday, Aug. 26.

Pairings for the preseason grid will see Adams taking on Perry Central at 10 a.m. Martin County will tangle with Leslie County at 11:15 a.m. while Magoffin County and Hazard will play at 12:30 p.m., followed by Breathitt County and Johnson County Seventh at 1:45 p.m. Betsy Layne and Johnson County Eighth will square off at 3 p.m. Paintsville and South Floyd will conclude the day at 4:15 p.m. The postseason grid will be held at Breathitt County on Saturday, Oct. 21st.

Any teams interested in participating in the Sandy Valley Conference should contact Dip Stafford at 789-2564 or Ronnie Wells at 789-2612.

The conference's next meeting will take place on June 14 at the Paintsville Recreation Center at 6 p.m.

MCA to host golf scramble

Mountain Christian Academy will host a golf scramble Saturday, April 29 at Stumbo Park in Allen. Start time for the scramble is 9 a.m. With a minimum of 18 teams, the first-place prize will be \$750; second-place \$400 and third-place \$250.

The entry fee for those registering by April 22 (Saturday) is \$200. The entry fee after April 22 is set at \$250.

Food and drinks will be provided.

For more information, contact Rick Hughes at 886-2232.



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The defense of the U14 Tide was tested by the Pike County Crew on Saturday. Joseph Kidd, Meghan Banks, Warren Vierheller, and Tori Hunt had to work hard to preserve the 5-4 victory. More on the game appears on B5, photo submitted

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Kinzer Motorsports claims first top-five finish of season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — Things are looking up for the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team. The Eastern Kentucky-based team Dirt Late Model team competed in four different events over the past two weekends.

The weekend of April 7-8, the team competed in two Lucas Oil events. The event April 7 was held at Mike Swims Dixie Speedway. Brandon finished seventh in the 6th heat race. That finish set him up for a start in the Penske Shocks B-Main. Unable to get a handle on the racecar, the team finished an uncharacteristic 13th-place. Unable to qualify for the A-Main event.

The following evening, the Lucas Oil tour traveled into Gaffney, S.C. to Cherokee Super Speedway. Qualifying started off to Kinzer's expectations as he posted the benchmark time of 20.199 seconds. As the team pulled out on the track for the first heat race, Kinzer noticed a problem with his Jay Dickens powerplant. A carburetor problem surfaced and sidelined the No. 18 Kinzer Drilling entry to an 11th-place finish.

Forced to run the B-Main, Brandon had to rely on a top two finish to make the event's A-Main. A track surface that didn't condone to passing made Kinzer's efforts hard to come by. Kinzer started on the tail of the B-Main and finished sixth.

The next weekend, the Brandon

Kinzer Motorsports team competed in two Carolina Clash events. On Friday, April 15, the team competed at Crossville Speedway and claimed their first top five of the season with a top-five finish.

The next evening the team traveled to Cleveland, Tenn., and Cleveland Speedway for another Carolina Clash event. Unable to get a handle on the car, the team made the feature event and finished 15th.

"We've just had a rough 2006 to say the least," Kinzer confided. "We've switched our entire program around this year and it's taking us a while to catch up. The engines are great, the cars are great, we just don't have any baseline to go back on if we need to. I have the best crew in the business working for me and it won't take soon before we are back running up front again."

The next event for Brandon Kinzer Motorsports is April 29 at Talladega Short Track. The Southern All Stars event will pay \$5,000 to the race winner.

2006 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Upcoming Schedule

April 21 — Ponderosa Speedway, Junction City, \$3,000-to-win (3rd Annual Spring 40)
 April 22 — Brownstown Speedway, Brownstown, Ind., \$3,000-to-win (23rd Annual Hoosier Dirt Classic)

April 28 — Richmond Raceway, Richmond, \$3,000-to-win (Spring Shootout)
 April 29 — Bluegrass Speedway, Bardstown, \$3,000-to-win (9th Annual Spring Sizzler)
 May 6 — 201 Speedway, Sitka, \$3,000-to-win
 May 20 — Lake Cumberland Speedway, Burnside, \$3,000-to-win (Coca-Cola 40)
 2006 NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Series Schedule
 April 22 — Lake Cumberland Speedway, Burnside, (\$1,500 to win)
 May 19 — Ponderosa Speedway, Junction City, \$1,500 to win
 May 20 — Richmond Raceway, Richmond, \$1,500 to win
 May 27 — Bluegrass Speedway, Bardstown, (\$1,500 to win) - Sixth Annual Mod Squad Bash
 June 3 — 201 Speedway, Sitka, (\$1,500 to win)
 July 1 — Lake Cumberland Speedway, Burnside, (\$1,500 to win)
 Aug. 5 — 201 Speedway Sitka, (\$1,500 to win)
 Aug. 11 — Ponderosa Speedway, Junction City, (\$1,500 to win)
 Aug. 12 — Bluegrass Speedway, Bardstown, (\$1,500 to win - Sixth Annual Bluegrass Rumble)
 Aug. 19 — Richmond Raceway, Richmond, (\$1,500 to win)
 Sept. 16 — Richmond Raceway, Richmond, (\$1,500 to win)
 Sept. 23 — Lake Cumberland Speed-



photo courtesy of Brandon Kinzer Motorsports
 Brandon Kinzer is fresh off of his first top-five finish of the 2006 race season.

Bernstein looking for continued consistency at O'Reilly NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — After a two-week break on the NHRA schedule, second-generation driver Brandon Bernstein is itching to get back into the cockpit of his 7000-horsepower Budweiser/Lucas Oil Top Fuel dragster for the O'Reilly NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals April 28-30 at Bristol Dragway.

Bernstein, who won in Houston and made a semifinal appearance at the last race in Las Vegas, vaulted from 12th to fourth in POWERade point standings.

"The Houston race was awesome," said Bernstein. "We

were running consistent numbers, we were low elapsed time and top mile per hour of the event, plus low elapsed time of each round.

"At the start of the season we had some weird mechanical malfunctions that came at us totally out of the blue and sent us out of competition early. We were out in the first round of the first three races. That's not like our team. We usually come out with guns blazing.

"It would have been real easy to get down in the dumps, but this team stayed focused, determined, and positive and it all paid off in Houston.

"We knew we were capable

of some strong performance, and in Houston and Vegas we went rounds. Now we're anxious to get back into the groove!"

This year will mark Bernstein's fourth appearance in Bristol as the pilot of his father's marquis race team. He was No. 1 qualifier last year at this event and he was the No. 1 qualifier and won the event in his 2003 rookie season. Following his '03 victory at Thunder Valley, he left with the point lead for the first time in his career.

"Bristol is a beautiful facility," said Bernstein. "I love racing here."

Pool Land wins Keeneland feature

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Pool Land took an early lead and drew away to a 12-length win Wednesday in the \$107,300 Doubledogdare Stakes at Keeneland.

The 4-year-old daughter of

Silver Deputy, with John Velazquez aboard, ran 1 1-16 miles in 1:44.08. Private Gift finished second, followed by Miss Matched, 6 1/4 lengths back in third in the field of five 4-year-old fillies.

Pool Land, the second betting choice, paid \$6, \$3.40 and \$2.40. Private Gift returned \$4.40 and \$2.60, and Miss Matched paid \$2.80.

The winner, owned by Eugene Melnyk, earned \$66,526 to increase her career total to \$156,976.

Turkey hunting highlights Kentucky Afield TV

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — Experience the excitement of spring turkey hunting this weekend on Kentucky Afield television. It's hunting from start to finish as host Tim Farmer and guests show viewers the essentials of patterning a shotgun, scouting for turkeys and calling turkeys into range. Watch how all the preparation comes together as Farmer joins Louisville resident T.J. Walden for a youth hunt in Scott County. Farmer

also heads to Clark County during opening week for an exciting hunt with an unusual result.

Spring turkey season opened April 15 in Kentucky, and continues through May 7. If you still haven't harvested your bird, tune to "Kentucky Afield" for some helpful tips that could make your season a success.

Kentucky Afield is a production of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. It is the longest continuously running outdoor television show in the

nation. "Kentucky Afield" airs Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Eastern time/7:30 p.m. Central time on KET affiliates. The airtime for the Sunday repeat of the show is 4 p.m. Eastern/3 p.m. Central.

Kentucky Afield television is a companion program to Kentucky Afield magazine. To learn more about Kentucky's great outdoors and the state's hunting and fishing opportunities, subscribe to Kentucky Afield magazine online at fw.ky.gov.

YOUTH HUNTING



YOUNG TURKEY HUNTER: Thirteen-year-old David Patrick of Prestonsburg took a wild turkey (19 1/2-pounds) while participating in the Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation's Third Annual Youth Wild Turkey Hunt on April 1, on the Dewey Lake WMA. The young hunter is a Jakes member of the National Wild Turkey Federation and his turkey will be registered in the NWTFF record books. The turkey had a 10 1/4" beard and 3/4" spurs. Above: Patrick was accompanied by his stepfather Mark Adams (left) and Floyd County NWTFF Chapter Treasurer Paul Robinson (right), photos submitted

Keeneland to install synthetic surface on main track

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Keeneland will replace its main dirt race-track with a synthetic surface designed to make the track more durable and safer for horses.

The Keeneland Association board of directors on Wednesday approved installing the Polytrack surface in time for its fall meet, the track said.

Keeneland becomes the third North American track to choose Polytrack as its main racing surface. Turfway Park in northern Kentucky installed Polytrack last year, and Woodbine in Toronto announced it will

install Polytrack this summer.

Polytrack is a mixture of polypropylene fibers, recycled rubber and silica sand covered in a wax coating. The surface is used at several tracks and training centers in Great Britain. It is billed as always being uniform—even in rain and winter weather.

Keeneland installed the surface on its five-furlong training track in 2004.

Among tracks considering Polytrack is Churchill Downs, where the Kentucky Derby will be run on dirt for the 132nd time on May 6.

"I just think it'll be the standard in the industry," Churchill

Downs Inc. chief executive Tom Meeker said of Polytrack this month.

But any decision is at least a year off, he said.

The Keeneland directors also voted Wednesday to lengthen the home stretch, install a new tote board with digital LED video screens as well as a new safety rail and install lighting around the track for training hours.

"With these renovations and improvements, we hope to have one of the safest and most modern racetracks in the world," Keeneland President and CEO Nick Nicholson said in a statement.

Fusaichi Pegasus colt brings top price at Keeneland sale

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — A colt by Fusaichi Pegasus brought top price of \$1.05 million Tuesday during Keeneland's April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale.

Trainer Patrick Biancone, as

agent, bought the colt on behalf of a "group of clients and friends" from Becky Thomas, whose Sequel Bloodstock sold nine horses for \$2.78 million to lead consignments.

The colt is out of stakes-winning A.P. Indy mare Indy Glory, a full sister to multiple stakes win-

ner and sire Stephen Got Even.

For the session, 87 horses sold for \$18,440,000, an average of \$211,954 and a median of \$150,000. Last year, 105 horses sold for \$17,040,500, an average of \$162,290 and a median of \$130,000.



Only one warning to be given for delay situations in high school hoops

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS — Beginning next season in high school basketball, only one warning will be given for any of the four delay situations before a technical foul is assessed, including the newly approved delay situation for water on the court following a time-out.

This change was one of five rules revisions approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Basketball Rules Committee at its April 9-10 meeting in Indianapolis. The rules changes subsequently were approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

In addition to the new delay situation for water on the court following a time-out, the other delay situations in Rule 4-47 are for throw-in plane violations, for a huddle by either team and contact with the free thrower,

and for interfering with the ball following a goal.

Previously, a team could receive a warning for each of the other three delay situations before a technical foul was assessed and two free throws awarded to the opposition.

"The elimination of three warnings for various delay-of-game situations into one warning will better assist with the flow of the game, as well as the administration of the rule by officials and scorers," said Mary Struckhoff, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Basketball Rules Committee. "With new tactics of additional delay-of-game situations increasing, such as wiping up the floor following time-outs, the rule gives coaches and officials clear direction on limiting these situations by allowing only one warning prior to administering a team technical foul."

In another major change, the

exact time observed by the referee may be placed back on the clock when an obvious mistake is made by the timer in starting or stopping the clock.

"With this change in Rule 5-10-1, it eliminates the lag time/reaction time of the clock operator," Struckhoff said. "If the referee observes the time on the clock when an error occurs, the exact time will be able to be put back on the clock."

Two equipment changes were approved by the committee. In Rule 3-5-2, the guidelines for headbands and sweatbands were altered, and in Rule 3-6, the school logo/mascot now will be permitted on pants, compression shorts, sweatbands and headbands.

Headbands and sweatbands must be white or similar in color to the torso of the jersey and must be the same color for each item and all participants. Only one item is permitted on the

head and on each wrist. Sweatbands must be a maximum of four inches and worn below the elbow.

"Increasingly, headbands and sweatbands have become items of concern, mainly on how and where athletes have worn them," said Nate Hampton, assistant director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association and chair of the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee. "Many are concerned that these items are worn mainly for decorative reasons or individual identification rather than for a useful purpose. This change will give a clearer direction on where sweatbands may be worn, and the colors will be more reflective of team and school."

Among the five rules changes was the addition of a new signal for a team-control foul. The mechanics for this signal will be extension of the arm with the fist punched. Struck-

hoff said the new signal should eliminate confusion at the scorer's table, as well as with players, coaches and fans.

"Today's game of interscholastic basketball is in the best position ever," Hampton said. "The great work done by so many knowledgeable and caring previous committee members has made for the great game we enjoy today. This year's committee discussed at length many proposed changes with an eye on how each proposed change would affect the game as it is coached, played, officiated and understood by the various levels of participation in interscholastic programs across the nation."

In addition to the actual rules changes, six major editorial revisions were approved by the committee, along with five points of emphasis for the 2006-07 season.

Among the editorial changes

is a revision to Rule 5-11-2 which prohibits on-court entertainment during a 30-second time-out.

In addition to the point of emphasis on the Proper Procedures for Handling Apparent Concussions that is being emphasized in all NFHS sports rules this year, the Basketball Rules Committee issued four other areas of concern: uniforms, time-outs, intentional fouls and rule/signal enforcement.

In terms of school sponsorship, basketball is the most popular high school sport for boys and girls, according to the NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey. In 2004-05, a total of 17,482 schools offered the sport for boys and 17,175 for girls. In terms of participants, it ranks second for boys with 545,497 participants and first for girls with 456,543 individuals playing the sport.

YOUTH SOCCER

U12 Fireballs notch win over Martin Co. team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INEZ — The U12 Floyd County Fireballs traveled to Martin County on Saturday to take on that county's U12 team in a game played at the Warfield Middle school. The "Fireballs" won the game by a score of 3-2. Two of the goals were scored in the first half, making the half-time score 2-1. The Fireballs played excellent offense and controlled the ball for most of the game.

U14 Tide edge Pike Crew: After outscoring their opponents by twelve goals to none in their first two games of the season, the U14 Tide found their hands full with the Pike Crew last Saturday, escaping Pikeville with a 5-4 win.

The Tide defense, missing two players from its normally staunch back line, was back on its heels early in the game, as the speed and aggression of the Crew's front line gave them the early 1-0 lead. The Tide offense got that goal back quickly, however, as forward Kathleen Smith knotted the score from the left side of the field. Forward Kaitlyn Minix, in the right place at the right time (as usual), took a pass from midfielder Bradley Hicks and knocked in a shot to give her team the lead. The Crew evened things up, despite

a great effort by starting Tide goalkeeper Nicholas Conn, who made several saves, including a diving stop of a ball just before it crossed the goal line. Late in the first half, Hicks played the right side of the field to perfection, scoring on a great shot from just outside the 18, giving his team the 3-2 halftime lead.

Early in the second half, the Crew earned another goal to even the score again. Then, an infraction against the Tide gave the Crew a direct kick from just outside the penalty box. Zachary Burgy-Vanhoose quickly set the ball down, and shot it past the unprepared Tide defense and second half keeper Alexis DeRossett. DeRossett didn't let another ball into her goal, however, making several saves, including the denial of a shot high above her head. Faced with a score deficit for the second time in the game, the Tide began to use their superior speed at the forward and midfield positions. Recognizing this advantage, the fullbacks and midfielders began to dump passes over the heads of the Crew defense, which forwards Jerralyn Kelsey, Clara Osborne, Joseph Kidd, Minix and Smith collected and shot. For the third time this season, the Tide faced an excellent

goalkeeper, who was called upon make numerous saves. Finally, Smith took a beautiful long pass from Hicks and evened things up for her team.

The defense of the Tide really tightened up in the last thirty minutes of the game. Nicholas Conn, who came out of the goal to play fullback, Meghan Banks, Tori Hunt and Warren Vierheller picked up the intensity and began to wear down the offensive players of the Crew.

The midfielders for the Tide were outstanding once again. Michael Walz, Caleb Petry and Hicks played their positions

almost flawlessly, supporting the attack and the defense. Walz pressed the attack from the left side, Petry from the center, and Hicks from the right. With three minutes left in the game, Petry used his dribbling skills to outmaneuver the Crew defense, and found the net to give his team the lead. The Tide then packed in the defense to deny the Crew the opportunity for a tying goal, and came away with the win.

Floyd County's U14 team will travel to Letcher County on Saturday to place its 3-0 record on the line.



The Floyd County U19 Warriors battled to a 3-3 tie Saturday on the road in Whitesburg against the host U19 Letcher County Swarm. Ethan Filowiat (bottom, right), Jacob Moak (left) and Victoria Colmenares (top) are pictured for the Floyd County team.

KSCA Coaches Poll

(High School Softball)

1. Grayson County (1) 559
2. Greenwood (7) 548
3. North Hardin (10) 543
4. Owensboro Cath. (6) 537
5. Ballard (1) 532
6. Reidland (1) 449
7. Christian County 413
8. Henderson County 405
9. North Laurel 397
10. Ryle 387
11. Male 356
12. Manual 354
13. Allen Co.-Scottsville 340
14. Dunbar 338
15. Lafayette 306
16. South Laurel 272
17. Butler 253
18. Mercy 245
19. Hopkins Central 216
20. Scott County 156
21. Edmonson County 83
22. Western Hills 76
23. Woodford Co. 74
24. Clark County 56
25. Estill County 55

Others receiving votes: Shelby Co. 51, Franklin Co. 45, Heath 45, Meade Co. 44, Middlesboro 42, Assumption 41, Presentation 37, Larue County 36, Southwestern 24, Anderson Co. 22, Oldham County 22, Nelson Co. 17, Boyd County 14, Lex. Catholic 14, Hopkinsville 14, St. Mary 13, Danville 13, Union County, 12, Bowling Green 10, Dixie Heights 9, Fern Creek 9, Holy Cross 9, Bryan Station 8, Whitley County 8, Sacred Heart 6, Warren East 6, Model 6, Bell County 6, West Jessamine 5, Central Hardin 4, Pulaski County 4, PRP 4, Eastern 4, Henry Clay 3, Bullitt East 3,

KHSBCA Coaches Poll

(High School Baseball)

1. Lexington Christian (4)
2. Lexington Catholic (8)
3. Pleasure Ridge Park (4)
4. Louisville Eastern (1)
5. Louisville Trinity (2)
6. Owensboro Catholic (3)
7. Christian County (1)
8. Louisville Male (1)
9. Danville
10. Paul Dunbar
11. Louisville Manual
12. Boyd County
13. Tates Creek
14. Louisville St. Xavier
15. Campbellsville
16. Owensboro Apollo
16. Henry Clay
18. Hopkinsville
18. Lexington Lafayette
20. Bowling Green
21. Elizabethtown
21. Pulaski County (1)
23. Louisville Ballard
24. Covington Catholic
25. Heath

Others Receiving Votes: Caloway County 6, Harrison County 6, North Laurel 6, Ryle 6, Mercer County 5, Allen Co.-Scottsville 4, Daviess County 4, DeSales 4, Franklin-Simpson 4, Leslie County 4, North Hardin 4, Rockcastle County 4, West Jessamine 4, Madisonville 3, Louisville Butler 2, LaRue County 2, South Laurel 2, Woodford County 2, East Jessamine 1, North Bullitt 1

P'burg Mets win opener in Knott County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN — The Prestonsburg Little League Mets opened their 2006 season with an amazing, come-from-behind 12 to 10 victory against the Knott County Blue Jays.

Trailing 9-0 entering the last inning, the Mets scored 12 runs with two outs to win in Friday night action at Hindman.

Mets captain Caleb Petry homered on a 3-2 pitch with two runners on and two out to give the Floyd County team the lead in the top half of the sixth inning.

In the bottom half of the sixth, Wesley Robinson saved

the game when he caught a line drive with two runners on to seal the victory. Mets rookie pitcher Brett Blankenship was credited with the win after pitching the last three innings.

Mets manager Ned Pillersdorf called the improbable rally the most amazing comeback he has seen in his 25 years of coaching Little League baseball in Prestonsburg.

The Mets have won back-to-back pennants, but Pillersdorf said this year's team has only two returning starters and is comprised almost entirely of first-year players.

MU to host girls' soccer school

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Chris Kane, Marshall's head women's soccer coach, will be hosting a girls' soccer school June 13-16. The camp is for any girl between the ages of three and 15.

The camp staff is comprised of many talented and experienced individuals. Kane, who

will be at the helm, holds a USSF "B" national license and an Advanced National Diploma from the NSCAA. Joining Kane will be Marshall assistant coaches Matt Gwilliam and Suzie Grech. Gwilliam has five years of collegiate coaching and two years at the high school level. Like Kane, Gwilliam also holds an Advanced National Diploma from the NSCAA. Grech, who played goalie for Michigan, will be entering her second season at the collegiate level after coaching high school soccer in Michigan.

Also joining the staff will be team members from Marshall women's soccer program.

Campers have the option to attend the camp for a half day, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., or a full day, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch will not be provided.

The price for the half day session will be \$75 while the full day session will cost \$135. Any camper who is a child of a Marshall student or employee will receive a \$10 discount.

The entry form can be found on Marshall's women's soccer webpage at www.herdzone.com.

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Kelly Wells new PC men's basketball coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — One of Kentucky's most successful coaches in recent memory is returning home this week, as Kelly Wells has accepted the position of head men's basketball coach at Pikeville College.

Wells, who coached Mason County High School to the 2003 Kentucky state cham-



Kelly Wells

pionship and a runner-up finish in 2004, comes to Pikeville after spending two years at Hawaii Pacific and one as a head coach.

Wells replaces Dale Brown, who had served as interim head coach since taking over for Randy McCoy, who stepped down at Christmas due to illness. Brown was 3-14 after assuming the leadership role. McCoy was 140-79 in six years

as head coach, leading the Bears to the NAIA Div. I national tournament on three occasions.

Wells, 35, said he was excited both personally and professionally. "This is an opportunity to be a part of the No. 1 conference in the nation, and participate against some of the best coaches in the country," he said. "And personally, I can bring my family back home, where we have roots in both Kentucky and West Virginia.

"This is a two-fold great day for me."

"Kelly is a tremendously suc-

cessful person as well as an outstanding basketball coach, and will be a tremendous asset to Pikeville College and our community," said Ron Damron, athletics director at Pikeville who is also vice-president of student services. "He has been a winner both on the court and off.

"We're thrilled to welcome him to Pikeville and look forward to working with him on a daily basis."

Hawaii Pacific was 9-18 last year after Wells moved into the head coaching office. He was an assistant at the NCAA Div. II

school during the 2004-05 season, and served as assistant director of athletics.

Wells is a legend in Kentucky for his incredible postseason success both as a player and coach. He led Rowan County High School to three straight Sweet 16 appearances as a player, where he was a two-time First-Team All-State selection and a member of the 1990 Kentucky All-Star team.

After spending two seasons as head coach at Marion County High School in Lebanon, Wells moved to Mason County High. He was named coach of the year

in Kentucky both in 2003 and 2004, and was the National Federation of High School Coaches coach of the year in 2003. In addition, he coached the Kentucky All-Star team in 2004.

In addition, Wells played one year at Tulsa and three at Morehead State, where he scored 459 points in three injury- and illness-plagued seasons and was Academic All-OVC.

Wells is moving to Kentucky with his wife, the former Shawne Marcum, a native of Delbarton, W.Va., and his three-year-old daughter Kaylee.

Judge drops case of former UK football coach

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
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LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky owes nothing to a former assistant football coach who claimed the school's athletics department defrauded him after he resigned amid recruiting violations, a federal judge ruled Tuesday.

In a 25-page ruling, U.S. District Judge Joseph Hood called

Claude Bassett's case "ludicrous" and granted the university's request for it to be dropped before trial even begins.

Other charges had already been dismissed in Bassett's \$50 million lawsuit against the school, the Southeastern Conference and the NCAA. All that remains is Bassett's claim that the NCAA interfered with his future contract negotiations, and the NCAA is trying to get that

charge dismissed.

University spokesman Jay Blanton said he was pleased by the dismissal.

"It has been the university's firm position all along that there was no merit to Mr. Bassett's case, and Judge Hood's ruling clearly affirmed that," Blanton said.

Bassett resigned in November 2000, shortly before the NCAA began investigating Kentucky. In 2002, the NCAA

placed the school on probation, banned it from a bowl game and ordered the forfeiture of 19 scholarships for more than three dozen recruiting violations committed between 1998 and 2000.

Bassett, who acknowledged breaking NCAA recruiting rules, was found in violation of ethical conduct bylaws and banned from working for another school for eight years. But Bassett claimed he resigned

with the assurance there would be no further investigation and that the school's action prevented him from landing another coaching job.

Hood said the argument was absurd because it would require the university to commit further NCAA violations by covering up his role.

"This court refuses to condone plaintiff's ludicrous efforts to bind the (University of Ken-

tucky athletics association) to agree to breach its obligations to the NCAA and conceal plaintiff's numerous rules infractions," he wrote.

During court proceedings last summer, another former Kentucky assistant coach, Tony Franklin, testified that he heard boosters bragging about paying players, including star quarterback Tim Couch. Couch's brother, Greg Couch, said that charge was false.

Clark a keynote speaker at Spring Sports Banquet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville Athletic Department honored all 550 of its athletes and spirit groups at the annual Spring Sport Banquet Monday evening at the Galt House East.

The keynote speakers were two senior athletes who reflected on their careers as Car-



Jeremy Clark

dinals, imparting lessons and wisdom they gained being a part of the University of Louisville athletic family. Prestonsburg High School graduate Jeremy Clark (Men's Tennis) and Gina Lower (Women's soccer) each spoke during the banquet.

The athletic department's community service efforts were recognized with the three Card-

sCARE Awards. The field hockey team amassed the most hours of community service. Swimmers Stephanie Wyatt and Travis Gray logged the most hours of community service individually. CardsCARE Team award - Field Hockey, CardsCARE Female - Stephanie Wyatt, swimming CardsCARE Male - Travis Gray, swimming

The most outstanding freshman athletes received recognition for their outstanding contribution to their respective teams during their initial season as a

Cardinal. 2006 Male Freshman of the Year - Vali Preda, swimming 2006 Female Freshman of the Year - Kristi Cunningham, softball

The Sherrill Brakmeier/Clark Wood Awards are presented to student-athletes who have at least a 3.0 gpa and exemplify outstanding qualities of leadership, dedication to the community, service and scholarship as well as commitment and loyalty to the University of Louisville.

2006 Sherrill Brakmeier Award Winner - Beth Daun-

hauer, rowing; 2006 Clark Wood Award winner - William Hanna, golf.

Athletes that have provided inspirational leadership qualities for their teams are eligible for the Anthem Leadership Award. 2006 Male Anthem Leadership Award - Joshua Tinch, football; 2006 Female Anthem Leadership Award - Lisa Wasser, field hockey.

The Ed Kallay award is the highest honor presented to U of L seniors and is awarded to the student-athlete who has at least a 2.5 gpa, exemplifies the char-

acteristics of leadership, demonstrates commitment to the community and dedication to excellence and exuberance in their sport. 2006 Ed Kallay Male Award - Matt Lees, swimming 2006 Ed Kallay Female Award - Gina Lower, women's soccer

The Athlete of the Year is best described as the most valuable athlete for a program that reached post-season play. 2006 Male Athlete of the Year Award - Elvis Dumervil, football 2006 Female Athlete of the Year Award - Jennifer Hoffman, volleyball.

Louisville earns No. 2 seed in BIG EAST Championship

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville men's tennis team earned a No. 2 seed in their first BIG EAST Championship. The Cardinals will face No. 7 seeded DePaul on Friday, April 21 at noon. The eight-team tournament will take

place Friday-Sunday at USF's campus in Tampa, Fla.

No. 29 U of L will take a 15-7 record into their match against former Conference USA member DePaul (7-12). The Cards hold a 6-1 lead in the series with the Blue Demons with their last meeting resulting with a 4-0 Louisville win on March 8, 2002.

The conference champions will earn the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Championships. The men's national championships will be held May 12-29 with the first and second rounds being held at campus sites and the finals held at the Taube Tennis Center in Stanford, Calif.

Dreaming of QB, Robinson aims to please elsewhere in NFL

by GENARO C. ARMAS
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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Michael Robinson has the thick neck and shoulders of a bruising running back, tattooed arms and legs that give him the intimidating look of a hard-hitting safety, and the ability to make open-field plays that might make a receivers coach drool.

The quarterback who led Penn State back to prominence last season knows NFL teams aren't looking at him solely as a signal-caller, and he's prepared to play anywhere on the field.

"There's a misconception that I just want to play quarterback, but I'm not limiting myself to that," Robinson said as he strolled past a large photo hanging in Penn State's spacious football building.

The picture? Robinson, in stride, ball tucked under his arm running toward the end zone without a defender in sight and his burly offensive linemen trailing behind.

"I just want to play. I'm a football player first," Robinson said. "I want to play any way I possibly can."

Just like in college. Robinson's story might sound familiar. Most recently, Antwaan Randle El, a run-pass QB at Indiana, helped the Pittsburgh Steelers win the Super Bowl while playing wide receiver. Drew Bennett is the top receiver for the Titans after playing some quarterback at UCLA.

There have been disappointments, too. Woodrow Dantzler couldn't stick in a multipurpose role with the Cowboys after being signed as a free agent in 2002 out of Clemson, where he played quarterback. Kordell Stewart, back in his Slash days, helped the Steelers go to the 1996 Super Bowl, but overall has been inconsistent as a starting quarterback.

Prospects in the NFL draft in a similar situation to Robinson include Marques Hagans, the Virginia quarterback listed as a wideout at the NFL combine, and Missouri's Brad Smith, the school's career leading passer and rusher.

Both boasted "willing-to-do anything" attitudes at the combine.

"I'm pretty comfortable now, there are still things I need to learn, like running routes," said Hagans, who played all over the field before settling in at quarterback his last two seasons at Virginia. "That takes a little time, but I feel confident in myself."

Smith was a four-year starter at quarterback at Missouri. "I want to play quarterback, but I don't want to turn people off, so I'm open to helping the team out however they want," Smith said. "I'm just looking for a great situation that would be best for me."

At least Smith got to start at quarterback for four years. Robinson had to wait until his final year at Penn State after having been shuttled all over the field by coach Joe Paterno during his first three seasons.

But 2005 was quite a year for Robinson. With unrest growing among the "Joe Must Go" set, Paterno tied his fate to Robinson's performance at quarterback. Robinson ran for 11 touchdowns, threw for 17 more and became the emotional center of a team that went 11-1 and won the Orange Bowl.

Paterno has called Robinson one of the best players in his 40-plus seasons as Penn State's head coach.

Their connection hasn't eroded even though Robinson is no longer a Nittany Lion. Robinson said Paterno will call to check on him, like a father checking in on a son.

The 79-year-old coach also offered advice.

"You got to get on the field. Get on the field wherever you can," Robinson recounted Paterno telling him recently. "But don't let them get quarterback out of your mind, because you're a great quarterback."

NFL.com lists Robinson as a 6-foot-1, 226-pound receiver who was timed in the 40-yard dash at 4.55 seconds. Robinson said he added two pounds of muscle during the offseason and has been working out at receiver, running back and quarterback for teams.

But Robinson dreams he will be a quarterback five or 10 years into his NFL career.

"A big-time quarterback in the NFL, going to the Super Bowl," Robinson said. "I want to be a guy in the Hall of Fame, make a difference."

Gil Brandt, longtime Dallas Cowboys personnel director and current NFL.com draft analyst, calls Robinson a natural athlete and strong runner. His main concern is that Robinson didn't complete more than 50 percent of his passes until his final year at Penn State (52 percent), his first season as the full-time starter.

"He's got a lot of athletic ability, and had a lot of success," Brandt said. "In my opinion, he is someone you have to try at quarterback. He has to show that he can't play the position."

AP sports writer Michael Marot in Indianapolis contributed to this report.

COLLEGE TENNIS

Cavs blanks Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WISE, Va. — The University of Virginia's College at Wise tennis teams blanked Pikeville College Tuesday afternoon. The Highland Cavaliers coasted past the Bears by identical 9-0 scores.

Derick Wood and Adam Meadows claimed singles wins for the Cavs' men (3-11) while Davina Dishner and Rhyssa Philipp won their women's bouts. The Lady Cavs improved to 12-4 for the season.

Both teams will drive for an Appalachian Athletic Conference tennis crown this weekend in the league tournament in Johnson City, Tenn., today and Saturday.

Men's Tennis

UVa-Wise 9, Pikeville 0

Singles

- 1 - Derick Wood (W) def. Kyle Sineath 6-0, 6-1
- 2 - Adam Meadows (W) def. Adam J. 6-2, 6-2
- 3 - Charles Anderson (W) win by default
- 4 - Henning Kuich (W) win by default

5 - Chris Kostic (W) win by default

6 - Kevin Berry (W) win by default

Doubles

- 1 - Kuich/Daniel Robinson (W) def. Sineath/Jackson 8-1
- 2 - Wood/Kostic (W) win by default
- 3 - Anderson/Berry (W) win by default

UVa-Wise record: 3-11

Women's Tennis

UVa-Wise 9, Pikeville 0

Singles

- 1 - Davina Dishner (W) def. Ashley Day 6-0, 6-0
- 2 - Rhyssa Philipp (W) def. Miranda D. 6-2, 6-3
- 3 - Autumn Lauzon (W) win by default
- 4 - Laura King (W) win by default
- 5 - Nicole Pilkenton (W) win by default
- 6 - Audra Fritz (W) win by default

Doubles

- 1 - King/Pilkenton (W) def. Day/Dotson 8-5
- 2 - Dishner/Lauzon (W) win by default
- 3 - Philipp/Fritz (W) win by default

UVa-Wise record: 12-4

Stallworth signs with Morehead

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Maze Stallworth, a 6-4, 190-pound guard from Brandenburg and John Hardin High School, has signed a national letter-of-intent to play basketball for the Morehead State Eagles and new Head Coach Donnie Tyndall.

Stallworth, who was named second-team all-state by both the Lexington Herald-Leader and the Louisville Courier-Journal, averaged 17.2 points, 6.5 rebounds, 3.0 steals and 2.0 assists as a senior for Coach Artie Braden at John Hardin.

"Maze comes from one of the best high school programs in Kentucky," Tyndall said. "He is a proven winner. The things I love most about him are that he shoots the basketball with range, and he is a competitive young man.

"I believe that Maze will have the opportunity to earn immediate playing time. He is a Kentucky kid of great character and toughness."

The all-time leading scorer at John Hardin with 1,491 points, Stallworth led the Bulldogs to Kentucky's "Sweet 16" and was named co-most valuable player of the Fifth Region

Tournament. Kentucky basketball coaches (KABC) named him 2005-06 Fifth Region Player of the Year. He earned all-tournament honors at the 17th District, Fifth Region, King of the Bluegrass and Nelson County Cardinal Classic.

Stallworth is the second Kentucky high school standout to sign with MSU this week. He joins Dan Penick, a 6-8, 225-pound forward from Ludlow High School on Tyndall's first Eagle recruiting class.

Tyndall and staff expect additional signees during the spring signing period.

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Say It. In Print.

Roush trio, Penske drivers among top names needing to get on the gas - quickly

by JENNA FRYER
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Matt Kenseth proved last year that a driver can have a horrible start to the season and still recover in time to make the Chase for the championship. Stuck near the bottom of the standings, he used a frantic summer push to put himself back into contention.



Matt Kenseth

As the Nextel Cup series starts a stretch of 14 straight races, several top-name drivers will have to follow Kenseth's model or risk being shut out of the playoffs. Eight of the 10 drivers who qualified for the Chase last season ranked in the top 10 in points after the fourth race of the season, and Kenseth (who was 31st) and Jeremy Mayfield (21st) were the only two to rally their way in.

Although the 2006 season is only seven races old, here's a look at which drivers are in the biggest trouble.

1. Jeremy Mayfield (currently ranked 35th): Mayfield made the Chase the past two seasons using solid summer runs to get in, only to struggle once the playoffs began. Even though he finished at the back of the Chase both years, there was still some pride in simply being eligible to run for the Nextel Cup title.

The way things stand now, Mayfield has very little to feel

good about.

He has yet to notch a top-10 finish this season, and his best showing was a 16th last month at Bristol Motor Speedway. Meanwhile, teammate Kasey Kahne has won two races and Scott Riggs is ranked seven spots higher - despite missing the season-opening Daytona 500.

Car owner Ray Evernham says Mayfield is struggling with off-season changes the team made to all of its cars. Kahne has taken off with the new adjustments, and Riggs is also pleased. But Mayfield is uncomfortable in the cars, and if that doesn't change soon, his season will be written off.

2. Bobby Labonte (29th): Everyone has high hopes for Labonte being the final piece in an aggressive turnaround effort at Petty Enterprises.

In his first season driving the No. 43 Dodge that Richard Petty made famous, Labonte has shown the potential for giving the company a lift. He was fast at Daytona and Atlanta - where he even led early - but has been hampered by bad luck.

Although he has two top-10 finishes, he's wound up 30th or worse in his other five races. And at Atlanta, where he looked to have a car capable of winning the race, engine failure relegated him to a last-place finish.

Perhaps no one expected the 2000 series champion to contend this year. But Labonte thinks he can, and will need this stretch to prove it.

3. Roush Racing's Greg Biffle (23rd), Carl Edwards (22nd) and Jamie McMurray (21st): Biffle has been good this year, and his spot in the standings can really be blamed on bad luck - engine failure, an accident and running out of gas ruined three cars capable of winning. He also had a flat tire in Bristol that took him out of contention. But Biffle, who was runner-up to champion Tony Stewart last season, has enough time left to turn it around.

Edwards is iffy, especially since Roush Racing just shook up his team to help fix McMurray's issues.

Edwards was spectacular in last year's rookie season, teaming with crew chief Bob Osborne to win four races and finish third in the final standings. Yes, he's stuck back in 22nd right now, but has three accidents to blame for his current woes.

Turning it around in time to make the Chase might not be so easy for Edwards now that Osborne has been reassigned to aid McMurray's ailments. McMurray has not been competitive in his first season at Roush - and he broke in with a team that won the championship two seasons ago.

Perhaps Osborne can turn it around in time to save McMurray's season - albeit at

2006 NASCAR Nextel Cup Schedule

Feb. 19 - Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Jimmie Johnson)	July 16 - New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
Feb. 26 - Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Matt Kenseth)	July 23 - Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
March 12 - UAW-Daimler Chrysler 400, Las Vegas (Jimmie Johnson)	Aug. 6 - Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis
March 19 - Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga. (Kasey Kahne)	Aug. 13 - TBA, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
March 26 - Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch)	Aug. 20 - GFS Marketplace 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
April 2 - DIRECTV 500, Martinsville, Va. (Tony Stewart)	Aug. 26 - Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
April 9 - Samsung/Radios 500, Fort Worth, Tx (Kasey Kahne)	Sept. 3 - Sony HD 500, Fontana, Calif.
April 22 - Subway Fresh 500, Avondale, Ariz.	Sept. 9 - Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
April 30 - Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.	Sept. 17 - Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
May 6 - TBA, Richmond, Va.	Sept. 24 - Dover (Del.) 400
May 13 - Dodge Charger 500, Darlington, S.C.	Oct. 1 - Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
May 28 - Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.	Oct. 8 - UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala.
June 4 - Neighborhood Excellence 400, Dover, Del.	Oct. 14 - Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
June 11 - Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.	Oct. 22 - Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
June 18 - 3M Performance 400, Brooklyn	Oct. 29 - Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, Hampton, Ga.
June 25 - Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.	Nov. 5 - Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas
July 1 - Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.	Nov. 12 - Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
July 9 - USG Sheetrock 400, Joliet, Ill.	Nov. 19 - Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Driver Standings

1. Jimmie Johnson, 1,063	8. Jeff Gordon, 911	15. Martin Truex, Jr., 744
2. Matt Kenseth, 1,048	9. Kevin Harvick, 859	16. Jeff Burton, 741
3. Kasey Kahne, 1,017	10. Casey Mears, 845	17. Kurt Busch, 722
(tie) Mark Martin, 1,017	11. Dale Jarrett, 828	18. Ryan Newman, 711
5. Tony Stewart, 966	12. Elliott Sadler, 804	19. Reed Sorenson, 701
6. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., 951	13. Clint Bowyer, 750	20. Brian Vickers, 684
7. Kyle Busch, 950	14. Denny Hamlin, 747	

Edwards' expense.

4. Ryan Newman (18th): Much like Mayfield, Newman seems to be struggling with the handling of his Dodges. His Penske Racing team tried to circumvent the issue by giving him Intrepids to drive. But Dodge doesn't want its drivers in the outdated model, and Newman must now get behind the wheel of the Charger.

If Newman can get comfortable quickly, he'll make the Chase. But he'll need to improve in several areas - including qualifying. He's the best in the business at going fast for one lap, and has 35 career

poles (eight last season) to show for it.

But Newman has yet to take the top qualifying spot this year. His best was a second in Atlanta - where he's been almost impossible to beat - and he's got four efforts outside the top 10.

5. Kurt Busch (17th): Busch has had some bad luck in his first season with Penske. He had chances to win at Daytona and Atlanta until accidents contributed to three of his finishes of 34th or worse.

He did, however, score a victory at Bristol. But winning that race meant bumping former teammate Kenseth out of the

way. When he had contact with Biffle - another former team mate - at Texas two weeks ago it began to look like Busch has not kept any of the few friends he actually has.

That could be trouble when his Chase eligibility is on the line. Busch may not find too many friendly faces willing to give him the inch here or there that he may need to make the playoffs.

But Busch is a former series champion, and a skilled driver. He'll do what he has to do to work his way into contention - regardless of who he alienates along the way.

Music City drivers to get shot at 'Big Chance'

by TERESA M. WALKER
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - There's "American Idol" for wannabe divas and rock stars. "The Apprentice" looks for a few good tycoons-in-waiting.

Now drivers wanting to grab fame and fortune have their own chance at creating a new reality: "Operation Big Chance."

There's no TV deal - yet. And there's no tour, recording contract or job.

But Dollar General, a local race track and Kevin Harvick have teamed up to offer one driver from the historic Music City Motorplex something just as important with the chance to drive Harvick's truck in March 2007 at Martinsville in NASCAR's truck series.



Kevin Harvick

Local truck racer Nicholas Formosa of Nashville called it an opening.

"This is the opportunity that everybody's working for, and everybody's going to be racing hard to get it," he said.

The prize is a one-race ride, not a season-long contract. But the lure of even one race on the lowest of NASCAR's three series is powerful because of the chance to attract the attention of some- one looking for new talent.

"To be on the same track with all the great drivers out there and running with them and get the experience and the knowledge, it would take you a long way and help out your chances of going to the next level tremendously," said the 20-year-old Formosa, who has

been racing at the Nashville track for five years.

For Harvick, he knows 99 percent of drivers don't get that chance. He remains appreciative of the chance Richard Childress gave the then-truck racer to drive a Busch car in 2000.

He had a similar idea a couple years ago that didn't work out and recently put Burney Lamar into his second Busch car for the 2006 season after seeing him race in a shootout at Irwindale, Calif.

"Big Chance" should shake out a similarly talented driver.

"That's the biggest question mark in the whole deal. If you can race for a championship at your local race track, you're a lot more qualified than a lot of the guys that have a lot of money and just buy their way into the sport," Harvick said.

"It is a different way of scouting. It is something where you're going to get a champion."

But "Operation Big Chance" isn't an act of charity.

Dollar General, which is based just north of Nashville in Goodlettsville, already advertises at the track that was once a regular stop on NASCAR's Grand National Series with drivers like Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt.

Darrell Waltrip, Sterling Marlin and Bobby Hamilton are among the drivers who honed their skills here.

Executives had been talking with track promoter Joe Mattioli about how to attract drivers and fans. Mattioli thought back to a gimmick he used at Pocono to help introduce NASCAR to fans used to Indy cars by letting them vote for a favorite local short-track driver with the winner drive in the first race.

Dollar General, which sponsors Lamar's Busch car, brought on Harvick.

The competition is open to drivers in the track's top two

series each Friday night: late models and super trucks. The driver with the most points at the end of the season wins the ride. Dollar General is offering discounts on tickets to fans who want to watch.

"Our hope is that drivers from across the country who are looking to make that step from weekly racing to the big time will come out and play in our playground," Mattioli said.

Mattioli has inquiries from companies wanting to televise what the promoter calls "reality reality."

"It's kind of a cross between 'American Idol' and 'The Beverly Hillbillies' where you go from nowhere, here's somebody making their debut on a national stage," Mattioli said.

Simply winning the season title won't assure that driver will be starting at Martinsville. NASCAR will have to approve the driver - who also must qualify for the race.

Nicky Formosa, crew chief for his son who won five track championships himself when he raced against Hamilton, Marlin and Earnhardt, isn't sure this promotion will help the local drivers. He's seen personally how looks, polish and money count more than talent but hopes he's wrong.

"I don't care if it's not my son. I hope they go forward. That's what I tried to do, and what I'm trying to do with him," he said of his son. "Just don't have a lot of money to do it. He has the talent. It's a money thing."

Lamar knows that challenge only too well after stressing over money, parts and races for years, hoping to make his dream come true. He loves the promotion.

"I've been in their shoes, and it's hard," Lamar said. "It's great to see somebody at least have that opportunity."

Start those engines.

FanView, new Sprint Nextel device, takes fans deeper into the action

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - From his seat high in the grandstands, Lance Ramsey could see every bit of action on the race track. When he yearned for more insight into the race, he needed to look no farther than the device in his hands.

Sprint Nextel introduced its latest contribution to NASCAR this season with the FanView, a hand-held device that will undoubtedly become a must-have gadget for the die-hard gearhead. Part radio, part scanner, part television, part statistic service, the FanView blows away any current race accessories on the market.

"It's like sitting at home and

watching TV, but yet you are still at the race. You get all the same info they put on TV right at your seat," said Ramsey, a Seattle-area State Trooper who used the FanView at both Daytona and Las Vegas races this year.

"For the ultimate fan, this is the ultimate device."

Nextel vowed to bring many new technological advances to NASCAR when it took over as the top series sponsor in 2004, and the FanView is its biggest contribution yet. The device launched at Daytona when all 4,000 models were rented out before race day.

The company will take more than 5,000 to Phoenix International Raceway this weekend in one of the final test runs before the FanView goes on the mar-

ket. It currently rents for \$50 a day, or \$70 for the entire weekend. Its sale price has not yet been determined.

But whatever it costs, fans as devoted as Ramsey will have no qualms plopping their money down.

One of the biggest complaints NASCAR newcomers have is that they are unable to tell what's going on, aside from cars going in circles on the track. They often aren't sure who is leading, who is in the top 10, and aren't always familiar with the drivers.

"If you are into racing, and not just there to enjoy the atmosphere, the FanView is a must-have," said Malcolm McGregor of Greensboro, N.C. "When it came to drivers and cars we

weren't familiar with, like some of the up-and-coming drivers, it told us who they were.

"When they were practicing, it was letting us know who was the fastest, how many laps they had run. When you go to a race, you can lose track of who is leading the dang thing, or who is in 13th, 14th, or 15th. This thing right here, you just hit the button and there it is."

Sturdy and light - it weighs just 12 oz., the same as a can of beer - the FanView attaches to a lanyard and can be worn around the neck. Among the multiple features are:

- Video capability which lets users choose between one of seven in-car camera angles (yes, you can watch the race from inside Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s car)

or the in-house race broadcast.

- Audio capability lets the user listen to the team communications of all 43 drivers - with the ability to rewind and listen to the last three minutes of conversation - as well as the television broadcast.

- A color graphics package that allows the user to follow the real-time race and points standings, the status of every driver, lap times and "Who's Hot."

"Fans for years have used the audio scanners," said Michael Robichaud, vice president of Sprint Nextel sports marketing. "We're just trying to take that to another level."

The device can be intimidating to figure out at first, but fans have raved about the walk-throughs they've received at the

rental counter. An online demonstration is also available to give users an advance lesson.

The lessons were key for McGregor, who is admittedly cautious when using new technology.

"I am someone who is always thinking, 'If I hit this button, I am going to delete this,'" he said. "But this was very, very easy to use."

Alas, users have found one complaint with the device: With so few currently available, envious fans can be a nuisance.

"The worst part of the thing is that everybody behind you is trying to look at it," Ramsey said. "Everybody asks 'What is that? How does it work? Where do you get it? Can I see it?' Once people see someone with it, everybody wants to have one."

Rev-It-Up Party set for today

Want to see your favorite Hooters Pro Cup Series driver before the Food City 250?

Well, you're in luck.

For the eighth consecutive year, Food City will host the Rev-It-Up Party at its store in Coeburn, Va.

Fans will be able to get autographs and pictures of some of the best short-track racers in the country.

Hooters Pro Cup drivers Eric

Sartin, Tim Baine Jr., Dominick Casola, Ken Butler III, Woody Howard, Eric Corbett, A.J. Frank, Lonnie Rush, Joe Harrison Jr. and L.W. Miller will all be on hand at the Food City store in the Marty Shopping Center today from 4-7 p.m.

Baine Jr., Casola, Butler III, Frank, Howard, and Sartin will also have their Hooters Pro Cup machines on display for fans.

Food City will have the fan-

favorite "Food City Big Cart" at the gala. Also, free food samples, autograph cards and prizes will be available to fans while they last.

Event: 8th Annual Food City 250 "Rev-It-Up" Party.

Date: Friday, April 21, 2006

Time: 4-7 p.m.

Location: Food City, Marty Shopping Center, Coeburn, Va.

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THROUGH MY EYES

As young as you feel (uh-oh)

You know how it is, the days just seem to fly by. With never enough hours in any one of them to get it all done. Maybe, I keep telling myself, it isn't so important to get it "all" done. I'll let you know if I ever get myself convinced of that.

In the meantime, since I've begun to notice of late that the old knees are getting a little stiffer and the eyesight's not quite as sharp as it used to be, this recently received email managed to get my attention when it came in under the subject line, "Feelin' old?"



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

Am I? Well, it wasn't really actually all that bad 'til I read the following.

Hope you get a grin.

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POSTSCRIPT

Random thoughts

Sometimes I wonder how incompetent I can be. I'm not even sure I want to find out the answer. In fact, I don't believe I could face the answer.



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

In last week's column, I related the story of the fall that wounded my knee and foot and reduced me briefly to using a mop for a crutch.

Sunday, as my scars and swelling were well on the way to healing, I fell again. I was walking with dogs Daisy and Ben up the holler on my cousin's property, a place I dearly love to walk. Again, I stepped on a rock and, in seeming slow motion, hit the ground, my right knee bearing the brunt and my left foot twisted in the same peculiar position as before.

Fortunately, I did no further damage, as far as I could tell. But I did jostle the scabs on my knees and bring back the swelling on my left foot. (At least, I didn't have to use

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Left to right: Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, Brent Graden, director of economic development, and Michael Pollard, PRIDE field representative, look at maps and schedules in City Hall as they prepare for Saturday's downtown clean-up. Mayor Fannin is wearing one of the t-shirts that will be given away to volunteers.

Downtown clean-up to take place Saturday

Show your PRIDE by volunteering

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Though our recent one was fairly mild, the winter season, nonetheless, has a way of leaving behind its fair share of dirt and debris. Spring flowers deserve better than to have to share their space with unsightly bits of litter. Hence, the City of Prestonsburg's scheduled "Spring Clean-Up" campaign. The campaign, which will kick off tomorrow morning at 9 a.m., has been scheduled in conjunction with the PRIDE program.

"I am pleased that the city of Prestonsburg is taking advantage of the PRIDE program," said Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin. "Everyone can come out and help make a difference in the community."

Michael Pollard, PRIDE field representative, also said that he is "pleased with the response" that he has seen in

the city as city workers and community members have come together in the past weeks to plan the implementation of the downtown clean-up.

Those wishing to participate in the clean-up are asked to gather at the city's Municipal Building (City Hall) between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m., Saturday, April 22. The clean-up will continue through 1:00 p.m. Those participating will then be treated to free pizza. Free t-shirts will also be given away, while supplies last.

The downtown clean-up is being organized by Brent Graden, director of economic development for the city. "Brent has done a great job of organizing this event," said Pollard.

For more information about Saturday's downtown clean-up, you may contact Graden at 886-2335 or 226-9353.

Volunteer your services - come on out and help make our "Star City" shine this Saturday!



These smiling faces are indicative of a cooperative spirit. Rachael Hall, left, and Morgan Wood, right, donned t-shirts, gloves and smiles as they teamed up to help make downtown sparkle during last year's clean-up campaign.

FLYLADY

Facing our Stuff

by Marla Cilley

I have been overweight all of my adult life since giving birth to my son over thirty years ago. Yes, I have tried to lose weight but I was never really successful and I have finally figured out why. It took writing a book about "Body Clutter" for me to see that you just can't wish weight away; you have to develop a structure in your life that will help you to succeed with your new lifestyle. I am thankful that I have finally faced my Body Clutter and made healthy changes in my life.

Just like we had to build our routines to get our homes in order, we have to do the same thing when it comes to becoming healthy. The best part is that we can

piggy-back these routines with the effective ones we already have in place. It doesn't take much planning to make these essential changes that will put us on a healthier path in life.

I have always hated the word diet! When I look at the word all I see is DIE! When I used to diet I would feel so deprived that I would think that I would die if I couldn't have that piece of candy. We always want what we can't have. This is why changing our lifestyle is hard. I have found a simple game I can play with myself that helps me to celebrate with each meal. If I have a salad, it is hard for me to eat it without some sort of dressing. So I put the dressing on the side. It is there if I feel like touching my lettuce to it. The secret is in not

depriving myself of it; giving myself permission, and then celebrating that I did not eat it all and ask for seconds. Do you see how this can be empowering?

My perfectionism used to cause me to throw my meal plan out the window when I messed up and ate something that I was not supposed to. I have realized that I don't have to be perfect to enjoy eating better. That one little bite of a taboo food is not the end of the world. I am celebrating the fact that I did not eat the whole thing! Do you see the difference? I am not beating myself up anymore. I don't have to continue the abuse to punish myself. In the long run, when you toss the plan out the window over one mistake you are saying that you are not worth it. Well, I am worth it! Waits and all! It is such a relief to know that I don't have to be perfect anymore; I can make mistakes and still lose the Body Clutter that is between my ears and on my thighs.

As I look back at my years of weight gain I see the



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Family Medicine

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Question: My mother is in her early 80s, is in good health and lives by herself. Recently a friend of hers fell, broke her hip and ended up in a nursing home. I am worried that my mother will fall. What can I do to decrease her risk of falling or injuring herself if she does?

Answer: Over 20 percent of serious injuries in people over 65 are due to falls. In fact, in this age group, fall-related injuries are the leading cause of accidental death.

Most falls occur at or close to the patient's home. So both of your concerns — fall prevention and reducing injuries when falls do happen — are quite legitimate.

Many factors increase a person's risk for falls. The primary causes of falls are environmental factors. Throw rugs that are not secured, clutter and poor lighting are common causes of falls in the home. Address these by eliminating throw rugs or using a non-skid mat under them, and adding lighting to halls, stairways, bedrooms and bathrooms. Removing excess furniture

Reducing clutter and good lighting two keys to preventing falls

and clutter is also helpful.

The shower and bathtub pose risks for a person of any age, but for a senior they can be particularly hazardous. To lessen the risk, install handrails and non-skid surfaces in the bathroom. It can also be helpful to paint the walls around the toilet in a dark color. This can make the toilet "stand out" in low light and make it easier to find at night.

Figuring out if a person is still capable of independent living is a complex matter. There is, however, a simple "in home" test that you could try as a quick screening test. This is called the "get up and go" test. It checks a person's agility. Have your mother rise from a sitting position, walk 10 feet, turn around, and return to the chair and sit down. If she is adequately mobile, this should take less than 20 seconds. If it takes over 30 seconds, she is at great risk for falls and less able to live independently. In that

case, I would suggest that you consult a physician for further guidance.

Another area to look at carefully is medications. If your mother is taking more than four different medications, she's statistically at a greater risk of falling. If one of her medications is a tranquilizer, sleeping pill or antihistamine, that can be particularly problematic. It would be a good idea to go over your mother's medication list with her and her physician.

Here are a few additional tips that might help reduce the risk of falling. Wear flat, rubber soled shoes. Take an exercise class once or twice a week. This can improve balance and agility. Have regular vision tests. It's common to need stronger eyeglass prescriptions as we get older. Having a good pair of glasses can be especially crucial in the evenings or low light situations.

Finally, if you feel that your mother

is at increased risk for falls, there are hip protective pads that can be worn to protect the hip bones in case of a fall. Ask your pharmacist or a local home care supplier where these can be purchased in your area.

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Eyes

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Feelin' Old?

Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things for you:

The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1987. They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

The CD was introduced the year they were born.

They have always had an answering machine.

They have always had cable.

Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.

Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.

They never took a swim and thought about "Jaws."

They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.

They never heard: "Where's the Beef?"; "I'd walk a mile for a Camel"; or "de plane Boss, de plane."

McDonald's never came in styrofoam containers.

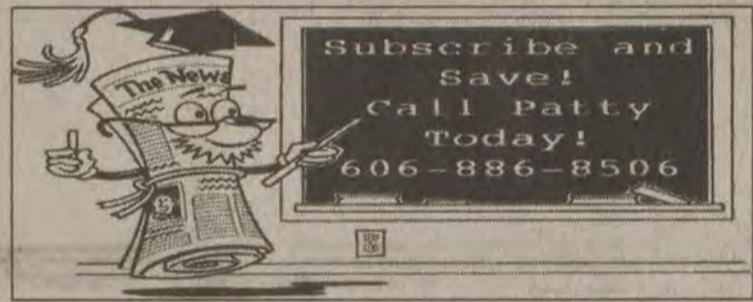
And, they don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

Feeling old yet? (Sorry)

My first baby, born September 5, 1987, is graduating high school this coming May. So, yes, this friendly little email was quite an eyeopener for me. Oh well, at least we did have that one fun evening when we popped up some Jiffy Pop on the stovetop...not quite the old "old-fashioned" way, but still a hoot.

And, in honor of the upcoming Earth Day (April 22) - Save the earth. It's the only planet with chocolate.

See ya next week!



Postscript

the mop as a third leg.)

Not that it matters what I think, but I commend Prestonsburg City Council for banning smoking in city facilities. That doesn't solve the whole problem, but it's a good start. At the very least, a person should be able to go into city hall and not come out smelling like a bar.

I'm a former smoker, and I know that a smoker has a hard time understanding how the rest of us feel. If you smoke, you're unlikely to smell scents the way nonsmokers do. When you stop smoking, you think, Oh, my God, was I a part of that?

I can remember when anyone with breathing problems took his life in his hands when he came into the Times office. The rancid smell of smoke permeated every nook and cranny and was almost overwhelming. The smokers were, of course, oblivious to the condition of the air.

The Letcher County Fiscal Court just last week went considerably farther than the Prestonsburg City Council. The

magistrates passed an ordinance banning smoking in all public places, which includes not just county property, but also restaurants.

The tired arguments about smokers having fought for the right to smoke were bandied back and forth, but the magistrates had the courage to let reason prevail.

A fellow I know - a smoker - got on his soapbox with me. He said he fought in Vietnam, was wounded, and saw all manner of devastation just for the right to smoke if he wanted to. I said that if he was in Vietnam fighting for the right to smoke, then I know for sure the war was senseless.

To equate the right to smoke - and subsequently kill yourself and people around you - with rights such as the freedom of speech and religion is the height of irrationality. At least that's how I see it.

This time of year, we tend to get overly gushy in trying to describe the indescribable

beauty of spring in the mountains. It's hard to avoid clichés about the earth coming back to life and such.

But, my goodness, the world is beautiful, isn't it. The evolution of the green hues on the hillsides gives us a new view every day. The redbuds and the emerging white of the dog-

woods tickle the senses. I love it.

One thing I don't love, though, is the growing of the grass. You can almost see it spew out of the ground. I love flowers, trees and shrubs, but I hate having to deal with grass. As I've said before, I liked the old days when people swept their yards.

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denial that was present. That denial caused me to not face up to the simple fact that there was a problem. When we stick our heads in the sand we don't evolve. We just continue to grow by adding more Body Clutter. We make excuses for our eating. We slip around and try to even fool ourselves into thinking that no one sees. After all, what can it hurt anyway, we ask ourselves. Well, it does hurt us even if no one does see. We have been lying to ourselves for a very long time. When a tree falls in the forest does it still make a noise if

there is not anyone there to hear it? Yes, that Body Clutter does still collect on our backside even when no one is around to see us eating. When are we going to face our stuff instead of stuffing our faces?

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check Maria's website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, "Sink Reflections" published by Bantam and her new book, "Body Clutter." Copyright 2006 Maria Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Character words for the month of April: "Kindness" and "Tolerance"

■ April 17-28 - CATS testing.

■ April 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," Mountain Arts Center. Program is free to all parents/guardians. Sponsored by Floyd County Family Resource Center's. Information, entertainment, door prizes and free lunch.

■ Sign-ups still going on for Beginner Sewing Classes. Stop by YSC if interested.

■ Lending Library available for students and parents in YSC.

■ 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

■ April 19-May 3 - SBDM Council nominations.

■ April 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the MAC.

■ May 8 - SBDM Council elections, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Note to School Volunteers:
Please send in all your volunteer hours to the YSC office. You may call your hours in to 358-0134.

■ There are several lost coats in the YSC. If your child is missing a coat, please have them check in the center office. Parents are also welcome to drop by and check for themselves. All coats left behind at the end of the school year will be donated.

■ 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 Marilyn Bailey, assistant coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ May 1 - Election for SBDM Council member (Teacher representative) for 2006-2007 school year; 3:15 p.m. Election for Parent representative will be at 6 p.m., in school library. Par-

ents and staff may vote, in school office, April 14 thru April 27.

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

■ 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. Call 886-2487 for questions.

Duff Elementary

■ May 2, 3, 4 - Kindergarten registration, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Note: For those wishing to register children for kindergarten, please see Brenda Conley or Kim Slone in front office upon entering building. Children wishing to enter kindergarten must be 5 years of age by October 1, 2006. Please bring the following items when registering: Social security card (child's); birth certificate (or proof that you have applied for one) - must be full size; valid immunization certificate; completed medical exam form; completed KY eye exam form - form must be completed by an optometrist.

■ Anyone wishing to schedule a school medical exam through the Family Resource Center may call 358-9878 to set one up.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physi-

cal; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

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

May Valley Elementary

■ April 17-28 - CATS and CTBS testing window.

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Now accepting Summer Care and Preschool-8th grade 2006-2007 Fall Registration. Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ April 29 - MCA Golf Tournament. For more info., call Rick Hughes at 886-2232.

■ MCA is selling raffle tickets for a Pontiac G6 which will be given away on April 21, at the 12th Annual Spring Fling Gospel Sing. Tickets are \$50 each. Please call 606-285-5141 for more information.

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ April 17-28 - Nominations for

SBDM Teacher and Parent elections (for 2006-2007 school year) will be accepted during this time. Nomination process will end on April 28, at 3 p.m. Nominations should be submitted to school office.

■ May 1 - Election for Teacher representatives; 3:15 p.m., in school library.

■ May 4 - Election for Parent representatives; 7 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 p.m., school days.

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

■ Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. Watch for dates to be announced. If you need training, call to set up an appointment.

■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

■ Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

■ 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

■ April 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Mountain Arts Center.

■ May 1 - DARE Day field trip, for 5th grades, at Jenny Wiley Spillway.

■ May 5 - "Career Day," K-8.

■ May 8, 9 - "PRIDE" presentation, K-8.

■ May 9 - Hot Air Balloon rides, 8th grade.

■ GED classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Mud Creek Clinic. Classes are free.

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

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center.

■ GED classes - Tuesdays (1-4:30 p.m.); Wednesdays (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.) at the Weeksbury Comm. Ctr. Questions? Call Kay Ross at 886-7334. Classes are FREE of charge.

■ Lost & Found is located in resource center. Items not claimed within 2 weeks become property of the FRC.

■ The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. For more information about center programs or functions, call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

Wesley Christian School

■ Fall registration for new school students, contact office at 874-8328, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

■ WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

■ Learning Ladder Academy

■ After-school students welcome (after-school will be closed on March 21).

■ For more information, contact MaShawna Jacobs, assistant director, at 886-0771.

■ Learning Ladder Academy privately owned and operated by Cindy DeRossett Hitchcock and MaShawna A. Jacobs. Academy located at 44 Hillside Center Drive, Prestonsburg.

New Arrivals

WRMC New Arrivals



March 28, 2006

- A son, Jonathan Cole Butcher, to Jessica Spradlin, of Staffordsville

March 29, 2006

- A son, Jacob Sean Patel, to Carey Lynn Adams, of Paintsville

March 30, 2006

- A son, Logan Thomas Rose, to Chastity Osborne, of Vest
- A son, Russell Roy Gibson II, to Amanda & Russell Gibson, of Salyersville

- A son, Evan Brent Kretzer, to Brittney Kretzer, of Prestonsburg
- A son, Marvik Hendrix Holbrook, to Shawna & Robert Holbrook, of Wittensville

- A son, Austin Gregory Jarvis, to Arlinda & Estill Jarvis, of Banner
- A son, Timothy Bryan Ashton Fields, to Sonya & Timothy Fields, of Viper

- A daughter, Kailey Brooke Gayhart, to Melissa & Lyndon Gayhart, of Hazard

March 31, 2006

- A daughter, Hannah Janae Mollett, to Christine & Mark Mollett, of Tomahawk

- A son, Ethan Lee Murrell, to Lisa Alberty, of Kite

- A daughter, Aerial LaDawn Smith, to Michelle Dobson, of Ary

April 1, 2006

- A daughter, Lauren Elisabeth Allen, to Kendra Le Moore, of Hazard

- A son, Gregory Robert Castle, to Melissa Ward, of Paintsville

April 2, 2006

- A daughter, Rayna Angelie Jarrell, to Mary & Marshall Jarrell, of Inez

- A son, Joshua Willis Elkins, to Erica Bradford, of Prestonsburg

April 3, 2006

- A son, Michael Ethan Thomas Chapman, to Darielle Anthony Chapman, of Inez

Births



New baby sister

Rodney Dean and Carla (Coburn) Robinson, of Louisa, are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Kinley Deanna Robinson, born on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 19 inches in length. She was happily welcomed by her sister, Madelyn Grace, who celebrated her second birthday on March 5, 2006. Madelyn and Kinley are the granddaughters of Gary and Ouida Coburn, of Wayland, and the late Ruth Ann Robinson, formerly of Garrett. They are the great-granddaughters of Alvanell and the late Buford Coburn, of Garrett, and the late Willard and Dell Thacker, formerly of Garner.



Carole D. Combs

Carole D. Combs, retired principal of May Valley Elementary School, was recently honored at the 86th Annual Kentucky High School Speech League (KHSSL) Senior High State Tournament, on Friday, March 24, 2006, in Bowling Green.

In addition to its regular assemblies and competitions,

the league hosts an annual induction to the KHSSL State Speech Hall of Fame. Mrs. Combs, a Knott County native, was recognized at this event as a 2006 inductee.

Combs has worked as a teacher/coach in the areas of speech and drama for the past 32 years. In 1973, Combs formed the

first speech team in Bell County and started membership in the Cumberland Region, all while directing school plays for the community. She continued her service in this region until 1981, when she came to M.C. Napier High School, in Perry County.

At M.C. Napier, Combs coached for nine years, until 1990 when she went into elementary administration as an assistant principal at A.B. Combs Elementary School, in Perry County. She continued

coaching, this time on the elementary level, during her stay at A.B. Combs and even after her 1992 move into a chief elementary principal's position in Floyd County.

Following a move into full time administrative duties in 1994, Combs continued to remain active in the field in the areas of judging and assistant coaching at Knott County Central High School, where her daughter attended school and her son coached.

For the past nine years, she has attended tournaments and contributed to the forensics community as a volunteer

coach. In February, 2005, Combs retired from her principalship at May Valley Elementary. In August of the same year, she accepted the position of principal at Hindman Elementary.

Combs' commitment to speech has been evidenced by her years of active participation. Additionally, she has taught speech communications courses at both secondary and post-secondary levels and has either officially or unofficially coached numerous state finalists and champions. Combs herself is a former competitor and prodigy of Mrs. Ollie Morgan, of the Hall of Fame class of 1994-95.

J. Dustin Combs, son, former student and team member, of Mrs. Combs, spoke on his mother's behalf at her induction ceremony.

"I am obviously very biased when speaking of the character of Carole D. Combs," he said. "She is the woman who helped instill within me the values, ethics, and morals that I carry with me today...It is because of her initiative and leadership that many students have been driven to succeed, not only in the world of speech, but also in the real world," he said.

Birthdays



Happy 1st birthday, Sophie!

Sophie Alivia Slone celebrated her first birthday with family and friends, on March 29, 2006, with a party at her home. She is the daughter of Jason and Deborah Slone of Hippo, and the granddaughter of Linda Thornsberry and the late James Slone, also of Hippo, Delores Smith, of Prestonsburg, and the late Delbert Meade.



Happy 16th!

Joy Ann Hunter celebrated her 16th birthday on April 15, 2006. She is the daughter of Larry and Loretta Hunter, of Printer, and the granddaughter of Daniel and Nelvie Sue Boyd, of Dana.

Weddings



Combs-Blankenship

Mr. and Mrs. Sherilene and Kenneth Inmon, and Mr. Benny Combs, all of Garrett, are proud to announce the forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Ms. Keli E. Combs, to Mr. Steven R. Blankenship, the son of Teresa and Gary Carroll, of Vanceburg. The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Grace Combs and the late Jerry Combs, of Garrett, and the late Edith and Homer Whitaker, formerly of Hueysville. She is a 1998 graduate of June Buchanan High School and a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University from which she obtained both a bachelor's and master's degree in psychology. She is currently attending Spalding University, in Louisville, where she is working toward a doctorate's degree in clinical psychology. She works as an independent case manager and is a member of both the American Psychological Association and the Kentucky Psychological Association.

Steven is the grandson of Tina Carroll and the late Edwin Carroll, and William Gum and the late Edith Gum. He is a 1996 graduate of Lewis County High School. He, also, is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. He is currently employed as a loan officer for Citi-Financial.

The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, August 5, 2006, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at Danforth Chapel, in Berea.



Hall-Burke

Shirley Grant, of Prestonsburg, is pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Belinda Gail Hall, to Paul Scott Burke, the son of Edith and Paul Burke, of West Prestonsburg.

Belinda is the granddaughter of Mertie Ousley, of Indiana, and the late Orville Ousley, formerly of Prestonsburg. Scott is the grandson of Douglas Burke, of West Prestonsburg, and the late Martha Burke, and Bennie and Amie (Burke) Meadows, also of West Prestonsburg.

The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Thursday, May 25, 2006, at six o'clock in the evening, at the Church of God of Prophecy, in West Prestonsburg.

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Former May Valley principal honored in Bowling Green

Carole D. Combs inducted into KHSSL Hall of Fame

Carole D. Combs, retired principal of May Valley Elementary School, was recently honored at the 86th Annual Kentucky High School Speech League (KHSSL) Senior High State Tournament, on Friday, March 24, 2006, in Bowling Green.

In addition to its regular assemblies and competitions,

the league hosts an annual induction to the KHSSL State Speech Hall of Fame. Mrs. Combs, a Knott County native, was recognized at this event as a 2006 inductee.

Combs has worked as a teacher/coach in the areas of speech and drama for the past 32 years. In 1973, Combs formed the

first speech team in Bell County and started membership in the Cumberland Region, all while directing school plays for the community. She continued her service in this region until 1981, when she came to M.C. Napier High School, in Perry County.

At M.C. Napier, Combs coached for nine years, until 1990 when she went into elementary administration as an assistant principal at A.B. Combs Elementary School, in Perry County. She continued

coaching, this time on the elementary level, during her stay at A.B. Combs and even after her 1992 move into a chief elementary principal's position in Floyd County.

Following a move into full time administrative duties in 1994, Combs continued to remain active in the field in the areas of judging and assistant coaching at Knott County Central High School, where her daughter attended school and her son coached.

For the past nine years, she has attended tournaments and contributed to the forensics community as a volunteer

coach. In February, 2005, Combs retired from her principalship at May Valley Elementary. In August of the same year, she accepted the position of principal at Hindman Elementary.

Combs' commitment to speech has been evidenced by her years of active participation. Additionally, she has taught speech communications courses at both secondary and post-secondary levels and has either officially or unofficially coached numerous state finalists and champions. Combs herself is a former competitor and prodigy of Mrs. Ollie Morgan, of the Hall of Fame class of 1994-95.

J. Dustin Combs, son, former student and team member, of Mrs. Combs, spoke on his mother's behalf at her induction ceremony.

"I am obviously very biased when speaking of the character of Carole D. Combs," he said. "She is the woman who helped instill within me the values, ethics, and morals that I carry with me today...It is because of her initiative and leadership that many students have been driven to succeed, not only in the world of speech, but also in the real world," he said.

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In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.

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

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

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.

Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

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

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

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

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

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 Ept. 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.; Wed., 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.

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Garrett Regular Baptist, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Willie Crace, pastor; Assist. Larry Patton. Phone 358-4275.

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.

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

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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.

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

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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.

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Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. Jeremiah 23:24

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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

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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.

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

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Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, 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.

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. Rev. Mike Chamberlin, interim pastor.

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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, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; 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.

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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; Darlene W. Arnette, Pastor

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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.

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AUTOMOTIVE

110-Agriculture

FOR SALE:
7ft New Holland mower conditione, shed kept, ready to work. 874-0024 after 5pm

130 - Cars

HICKS AUTO SALES
David Road
01 CHEVY VENTURA - Power sliding door 78,000 mi \$5595
05 TRAILBLAZER - Good title, 15,000 mi loaded, \$16,900.
97 ECORT - 70,000 mi loaded \$2850. 886-2842
886-3451.

Honda/Chevy/Fords! From \$500!
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160-Motorcycles

For Sale 1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

180- Trucks

1993 CHEVY 1 TON
4 WD 454 5,000 miles on re-build. \$5,500 or best offer. 874-4034.

190- Vans

FOR SALE: 1998 Ford Windstar Van. v6, Auto, all power, excellent shape. \$3500. 606-686-3082.

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

TRUCK DRIVER WANTED Full time truck driving positions available. Must have CDL with hazmat & clean driving record. Must pass drug test. Pay based on experience. 377-2032.

DRIVER WANTED
C&S Vaults seeks driver for Inez warehouse. Applicant must have a Class B CDL license. Ability to perform physical labor. Must be

dependable. Drivers load, unload and deliver steel grave vaults throughout regions in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia. Must be comfortable dealing with customers. Benefits available after 90 days. Full-time position. Please call 606-298-7792.

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220-Help Wanted

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410- Animals

LOOKING FOR A NEW PET?
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AKC REGISTERED LAB Female - gold-9 months old. Moved, need to sell, asking \$200. 606-437-4274.

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, after 5:00 call 886-0048 and leave message

REAL ESTATE

530-Homes

HOUSE FOR SALE
1900sq. 3 BR 2 BA A/G pool w/deck, 2 lg. Sheds/garages, apple trees, grape vines, beautiful landscape, shown on Saturday 12-5. Directions call 886-9913.

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550- Land/Lots

LAND FOR SALE
Prime location located on US 23. 12 acres next to Prestonsburg Shopping Center. 886-3023.

570- Mobile Homes

Final clearance
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RENTALS

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APT FOR RENT
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FOR RENT Nice 2 BR townhouse apt 1BA, stove, refrigerator, W/D hook-up, city limits at 23 and 80. \$485/mo plus utilities. \$275 deposit. No pets. One year lease. 606-237-4758.

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Townhouse also 1 bed room furnished or unfurnished located in Prestonsburg. NO PETS call 606-886 8991

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600Storage/Office

BUILDING FOR LEASE
30x60 metal storage building on RT 80. 886-8366.

FOR RENT: 3 Room office suite. \$600 month. Call 886-1020 ask for C.V.

630-Houses

2BD RM HOUSE FOR RENT
Wheelright area, free electric 350 MO 350 deposit HUD approved. 478-2623.

HOUSE FOR RENT
1 BD RM home, small fenced yard at Lancer, no pets, no HUD. 886-9460.

HOUSE FOR RENT
3 BR house large-yard located on Mountain Prkwy 886-8366.

HOUSE FOR RENT
3 BD RM house for rent at Abbot. 500 Mo. 500 Deposit. Call 780-8214.

HOUSE FOR RENT
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640- Land/Lots

MH LOT FOR RENT
between Prestonsburg and Paintsville on Old US 23. 886-9007 & 889-9747.

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

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650- Mobile Homes

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2 BD RM trailer at Mcdowell. HUD accepted, located near school & hospital 377-2400 or 358-4498.

MH FOR RENT RT
1210 886-8366.

MH FOR RENT 2BD
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815- Lost & Found

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 10:21 a.m.
DEWEY LAKE DAM AREA
We have been authorized to offer at a public land auction approximately 15 lots adjacent to the property of the Corps of Engineers next to Dewey Dam. These wooded, hillside lots are prime development property for chalets, A-Frames, or rustic housing. Deed restrictions do apply to these lots. Public water is available. Lots vary in size from .35 to .87 acres. The lots will be offered as CHOICE WITH THE FIRST OFFERED. ABSOLUTE. Any additional lots will be offered with RESERVE.
TERMS & CONDITIONS: A Buyer's Premium of 5% will be added to the high bid price to establish the contract price. Property will be sold free and clear of any and all encumbrances with possession given at the closing. \$2000 cash or check (out of state checks must be Cashier's or Certified) deposit will be required on each lot purchased. Balance of contract price must be paid within 30 days and passing of the deed. 2006 property taxes will be paid by the seller.
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The Pike County Head Start Program is accepting applications for the following position:
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JOB DUTIES: The Health Coordinator is primarily responsible for the organization and administration of health services, including medical, dental, and mental. QUALIFICATIONS: High School Diploma or GED, Kentucky LPN credentials, basic computer skills, good organizational skills, and good people skills. Work experience in the health field with small children is preferred.
Applications will be taken until April 25, 2006, at the Pike County Head Start Central Office. Office Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
The Pike County Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, gender, or disability.

ABSOLUTE AUCTION
April 29th, 2006 @ 1:30 p.m.
80-Acre+/- Wilderness Farm
We have been retained to sell to the highest bidder an 80-Acre+/- by the boundary deed wilderness farm located about 7 miles out of downtown Campton, Ky., off of Hwy. #746 (Calaboose Road) on Brown Flats Rd. The property has approximately 5 to 8 acres of pasture with the balance in woodland. Small livestock or wildlife pond. Small barn in need of maintenance and repair. This is a unique farm with development potential, hunters' getaway, family farm, and investment. The property has some scattered timber. The farm has a roadway which could be utilized for development of the boundary. The property is located in an area with lots of wildlife for hunting or to observe. There are many places for a family to build their dream home in a private setting. Land of this nature has become hard to find and will get only harder to find. If you are looking for land of this nature, don't miss the Auction. We will be conducting an Open House on Sunday, April 23, 2006, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For any other information, please feel free to contact the auction company.
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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8059

Amendment No. 1 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, WV 25541, has applied for a permit for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.50 mile south from Allen, Kentucky, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 119.05 acres of surface disturbance, making a total area of 172.53 within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.7 mile southeast from KY 1428's junction with U.S. 23, and located 0.1 mile south of Webb Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Adams Real Estate, LP, and Frasure Creek Mining, LLC.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Tammy Goble has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to replace single family dwelling with a modular home. The property is at 50 S. Evergreen Street in Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION No. 1 CASE No. 04-CI-01168 HSBC Bank, USA and Mortgage Electronic Registration Plaintiffs Vs. Timothy Welch, Charlene Welch, aka Charlene M. Welch, Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Robert Welch, Annice L. Welch Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 21st day of December 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$97,693.60, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on **Thursday, the 4th day of May, 2006**, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows.

Being all of Lot No. 71-A in the Dewey Lake View, Inc., Subdivision as shown by plat or map on file in the Office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky, to which reference is made for a more particular description.

Said property was conveyed to Timothy Welch and Charlene Welch, husband and wife, by Robert Welch and Annice L. Welch, husband and wife, on November 26, 2003, by a deed recorded on January 30, 2004 in Deed Book 495, Page 135, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the

unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, real property taxes for the year 2006, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. David E. Johnson Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that John I. Jarrell, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to, place a 28' x 60' mobile home in town of Dwale, Ky., behind post office next to U.S. 23. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to Ky. Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.



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5	8.50	15.30	20.40	23.80	25.50	25.50
6	10.20	18.36	24.48	28.56	30.60	30.60
7	11.90	21.42	28.56	33.32	35.70	35.70
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9	15.30	27.54	36.72	42.84	45.90	45.90
10	17.00	30.60	40.80	47.60	51.00	51.00
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12	20.40	36.72	48.96	57.12	61.20	61.20
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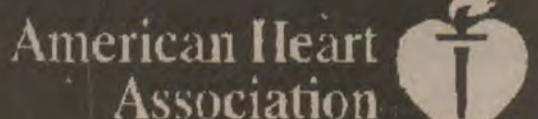
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