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briefs

Johnson sheriff conducts 'blitz'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Sheriff Bill Witten organized a Labor Day Weekend blitz that saw all of his deputies develop sore wrists as a record 631 citations were issued to motorists in Johnson County. One hundred seven speeding tickets were written over the weekend and 21 outstanding warrants were also issued. Fourteen DUIs were also flagged as well as 35 tickets issued for seat belt and child safety seat infractions. Witten was pleased with the weekend traffic blitz and reiterated his intention to make Johnson County a safe place for families to spend their holidays as long as they observe posted speed limits.

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Today
 Mostly sunny
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 Sunny
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Bishop trial on hold again

Prosecution witness recants testimony



Dwayne Bishop

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The trial of Dwayne Earl Bishop, accused of the murder of his wife, Carolyn, four years ago, has been put on hold again.

The latest stumbling block in the case was hit at the end of the first day of jury selection when the court received a letter from a witness who has recanted his testimony.

Harlan McIntosh, currently an inmate at the Lee Adjustment Center in Beattyville, has changed his story. McIntosh had previously told investigators that Bishop admitted committing the murder to him while the two were incarcerated together.

McIntosh begins his letter by saying that the statement he gave regarding Bishop was "all a lie." McIntosh claims that he was told what to say by Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, who promised to get him out of prison if he would help

convict Bishop of murder. He also claims that Turner chose to make this deal in front of two other people that he fails to identify. He further claims that Turner visited him twice in prison, in November and December 2002, and brought an investigator along.

McIntosh further says that on the second visit, Turner brought along Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor and the investigator who played him the grand jury tapes and then allegedly took his statement, which McIntosh claims "was all made up by Mr. Turner."

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Louisville's Blue Apple Players were at the Mountain Arts Center bright and early yesterday morning to present their newest production, "Appalachian Homespun Yarns." The show was a lesson in traditional Appalachian values, highlighting the art of storytelling. Pictured are Chris Haulter, Geraldine Ann Snyder, Bakari King, Michelle Rynbrandt and Ken Troklus, in their portrayal of a 1954 Appalachian family. The Blue Apple Players, a nonprofit organization, will return to the arts center in late fall for a production of "Hansel and Gretel." Students from the Floyd County, Pike County and Pikeville Independent school systems enjoyed Thursday's presentation.

Charges against Reno's manager dropped

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two charges of wanton endangerment were dropped Wednesday against Eric Fitzer in district court.

The charges were originally brought against him by Kenni Gambill who used

to work for Fitzer as a general manager at Reno's Restaurant.

Gambill claims that Fitzer tried to run her over while she was walking with her 12-year-old daughter.

"The case was dismissed without prejudice by a motion of the County Attorney's Office [represented by Assistant County Attorney Jimmy

Marcum]," said Fitzer's attorney, Sheridan Martin.

Martin mentioned that his client is in good spirits after the decision.

"We had a credible witness who saw the incident and stood by us," Martin said.

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Two from Floyd named highly skilled educators

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Education has trained 14 educators to become highly skilled educators. They will join the 35 other teachers who have completed the training to assist Kentucky schools in bringing up their overall grades.

Two of the educators chosen are from Floyd County schools and include Joyce Watson, director of instruction at the central office of the Floyd County Board of Education, and Carolyn Martin who teaches at South Floyd Middle School.

Rigorous training and several criteria are involved in meeting the standards for the Highly Skilled Educators Program. Applicants must have Kentucky certification, a minimum of five years experience teaching, knowledge of current educational practices in the state and a willingness to travel to area where they are needed.

Since 1990, the program has had 300 graduates. They have been assigned to schools that have been identified by the state as needing assistance and have had a 95 percent success rate in their assignments after only two years of service. In fact, 85 percent of the schools even exceeded their goals.

Schools are assigned highly skilled graduates on varying degrees of need. However all of the lowest performing schools that have needed assistance from the program have been able to move out of the neediest category and meet or exceed their goals.

Watson has been moved to Buckhorn High School and Buckhorn Elementary and will also be assisting at the A.B. Combs school in Knott County.

Carolyn Martin will be bringing her skills to bear on Inez Middle School.

Business makes donation to Kentucky Black Lung Association

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

IVEL — Den Hunter is the East Kentucky representative for the Kentucky Black Lung Association and he is on a mission. First and foremost, he is out to raise money to offset the costs of medical treatment for coal workers.

In this effort, Hunter was recently joined by Scott Stanley of Kentucky Oil. Through their

Cardinal Store, on Route 80, the company has helped raise money by committing a portion of all gas sales for the month of August. The effort raised \$300 dollars and more efforts are expected in the future.

Hunter received the check on Sept. 9 from state Rep. Chuck Meade. Meade has pledged to keep working on propositions to aid coal miners.

"We have to help ease the burden of medical treatments for min-

ers and their families," Meade said. "House Bill 495 would do that and it passed the House with nothing but yes votes, but since then has been stuck in the Senate."

Hunter's other mission is to enlist aid for the Kentucky Black Lung Association by publishing articles and bending the ear of anyone who can make a difference. In a recent article he has submitted to

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photo by Tom Doty

Den Hunter, Eastern Kentucky representative for the Black Lung Association, accepted a check for \$300 yesterday from state Rep. Chuck Meade. The money was raised by the Cardinal Country Store's August gas sales.

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Kentucky State Police Commissioner Mark Miller, left, and Capt. Brad Bates, KSP Community Relations Branch, right, congratulate Ed Sanlso and Chick Whitaker of ADESA Auctions, in Lexington, for their good fortune in winning a 2004 Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle in the KSP Trooper Island raffle.

Panel hears concerns about moving hospital

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — The potential consolidation of two state mental hospitals — one in Louisville, the other in Lexington — stirred strong reactions from people appearing before a state panel.

Speakers at the Wednesday forum said a new hospital needs to be built. Eastern State Hospital in Lexington is the nation's second-oldest psychiatric hospital, and many buildings are more than 60 years old.

"That's not just old, but ancient," said Dr. Arthur Shechet, vice president for clinical services for the Bluegrass Regional Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board, which operates Eastern State. "We must be very careful not to build less capacity than we might foreseeably need."

But speakers told the panel of state officials and legislators

that moving the hospital from Lexington could be a hardship for patients, families and staff.

"The thought of Eastern State being gone from here is very, very frightening," said Neal Vaughan, board chairwoman of Chrysalis House, which serves women with substance abuse problems.

Ronald Toombs, 44, told the group about his more than 20 hospitalizations for paranoid schizophrenia at Eastern State Hospital.

"Eastern State saved me," Toombs said, adding that he hasn't been hospitalized in six years, has earned his GED, and is happier than he has ever been since his diagnosis in 1977. "But when I get sick again, where am I going to go?"

James Holsinger, secretary of the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services, said the idea of building a new 300-bed psychiatric hospital between Lexington and Louisville isn't set in stone. Holsinger, a panel member, said it wouldn't be possible to move forward with any plan that didn't have strong support from the community.

But in assessing the mental health system, Holsinger said, "I'm not satisfied with where we are."

A variety of legislative actions would be needed for the new hospital to be built. Construction could potentially begin in early 2006, with operations fully transferred by early 2009.

Bishop

There is also talk of a third visit by the investigator, who allegedly promised McIntosh that he would get out soon.

Any facts and or determinations from all parties in the case will remain on hold as a "gag order" has been issued by Judge John Caudill that bars everyone in the case from talking to the media.

The order will probably help Bishop, who has incurred the wrath of his attorney, public advocate Harolyn Howard, by granting interviews and shouting out inappropriate remarks during most of the hearings that have been held in the case.

In order to use the statements that McIntosh gave, the Turner, Taylor and some of their office staff will have to appear as witnesses. Since they can't prosecute the case and appear as witnesses, a special prosecutor will have to be assigned by the Commonwealth's Central Office in Frankfort. The action will be continued at a future date after that assignment is made.

The prosecution was able to examine McIntosh Tuesday. He denied ever having made any of the statements that were recorded by the investigator, Jim Redrick. He also couldn't name any of the people he testified about, even though he claims to have read the transcript from the grand jury that investigated the murder in order for him to frame his "story."

While on the stand he recanted information given to the investigator and among his denials from that interview were that he knew Bishop and developed a friendship with him when he was assigned as a janitor to his block; that Bishop told him he killed his wife at the behest of a biker gang called the Highwaymen, of which his uncle was a member; that the Highwaymen believed that Carolyn was an undercover agent for local law enforcement who were going after drug dealers; and that Bishop was told to kill Carolyn or be killed by the Highwaymen. McIntosh also

denied that Bishop told him details of the killing that were not reported by the media.

McIntosh's original letter to Turner was part of the case file and it contradicts his story. The letter is proof that McIntosh sought out the commonwealth on his own initiative and reads: "I am an inmate at the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex. I was close friends with Dwayne Bishop and he told me a lot of things about his case that I'm sure you would be interested in. I would like to talk to you or the head detective in the case in person."

McIntosh has been a habitual offender since he was 19 years old and has been arrested for arson, burglary and several theft.

Turner has had to submit to the gag order but was allowed by Judge John Caudill to make a statement refuting the charges that McIntosh has leveled.

"We believe the first statement he made was accurate and that the subsequent statement made two years later, on the

opening of the trial, is an absolute lie," Turner said. "It will be shown to be a lie by a large amount of evidence, including the testimony of myself, Mr. Taylor, Officer James Redrick and members of my office staff. In addition, there will be records from the prison that will refute what he's saying now because they contain information about the dates of the meetings, who was present at the meetings and what was brought into the meeting room."

"Because of the gag order, it's not appropriate for me to say anything more at this time. I regret that I have to recuse myself from the case but we believe Mr. McIntosh's original statement must be made known to the jury. It will be necessary for me and others from my staff to testify at trial for the truth to be known. The law prohibits me from prosecuting the case and appearing as a witness."

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Martin also said that ongoing lawsuits will eventually prove out the character of his client. Fitzer and his father, Terrence Fitzer, have filed a complaint against Gambill and several other former employees of Reno's, alleging a conspiracy to destroy the business. Many of the employees have in turn filed countersuits alleging wrongdoing on the Fitzers' parts.

"When all of the facts come out it will show that Mr. Fitzer is an honorable businessman," Martin said.

But Gambill didn't see the proceedings the same way as Martin.

"My lawyer didn't come because he said it would be a pretrial hearing to set a date only," Gambill said.

She also pointed out that the witness, Adam Caldwell, was, "Eric's best friend. He was in Reno's all of the time."

Gambill also noted that the case was dismissed because the citation used was marked incorrectly.

"Judge Hall told me I could have the case redrawn because of that and I intend to see the police on Friday and do just that," Gambill said.

The lawsuit that started the ball rolling was brought by Eric and

Terrence Fitzer and alleges that several employees of the restaurant conspired to hurt the business in order to build up a new restaurant with Steve Dixon called Steve O's. A countersuit filed by Gambill and two other employees accuses Eric Fitzer of not advancing female employees and also accuses him of sexual harassment.

Steve Dixon has two attorneys who are prepared to file a response to the original lawsuit but plan to meet with attorneys for the Fitzer's before filing.

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several papers he wrote, "The only thing that keeps our coal mines here is because they are underground. They can't be loaded on a truck and sent overseas."

Hunter has fun with this notion when he writes about the president hopping aboard Air Force One and flying far away to find a place out of the country to send the rest of taxpayers' money.

Hunter is always looking for fund raising opportunities. He can be written at P.O. Box 267, Harold, KY 41635 with any ideas you may have that will help raise funds for the Black Lung Association.

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In observance of Patriot Day 2004, Citizens National Bank invites you to remember and honor the heroes of 9/11 by honoring all first responders in our community. Join us at one of our eleven branches today, September 10th for refreshments and an opportunity to personally salute local fire, police and rescue personnel, military service and other citizens who risk their lives daily for the safety of our community.

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Los Angeles Times, on 1,000 troops perishing in Iraq:

Six U.S. soldiers were killed, two Italian aid workers were kidnapped and warplanes bombed a Sunni enclave in Fallouja, a city mostly off-limits to coalition troops. It was just another day in the war Tuesday, except for the numbers. By this morning, Iraq time, the Associated Press count of casualties stated that 1,000 U.S. troops had been killed in Iraq, aside from more than 100 other coalition soldiers and thousands of Iraqi noncombatants. And many thousands more have been wounded.

It is an obvious point at which to ask: To what end are U.S. personnel continuing to die? What is it that commanders should tell their troops as they head into lethal streets?

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday that violence was increasing because insurgents viewed peaceful balloting, set for January, and a democratic constitution as enemies. That conclusion is debatable, perhaps even a smoke screen. What's not in doubt is insurgents' view of U.S. troops as the enemy. It's a belief that unites adherents of the Sunni brand of Islam, who have forced coalition troops out of much or all of the cities of Fallouja, Ramadi and Samarra, and the Shiite Muslims who fought the Americans in the sacred city of Najaf. ...

The U.S. will not win a war of attrition. Such wars do not favor occupying armies. Enclaves off-limits to soldiers give insurgents staging areas. ...

Invading nations have an obligation to try to repair the damage they cause, but armies also need a clearly defined mission. How much are U.S. troops supposed to rebuild? Are they still meant to install democracy? Or will the U.S. settle for any kind of political stability, even if repressive clerics rule the country? ...

Soldiers and Marines deserve to know, as they head out to face snipers and roadside bombs, what they're meant to accomplish for that price.

The Courier, Findlay, Ohio, on Bush's comments about our ability to win the war.

President Bush created quite a stir when he said Monday on NBC's "Today" show, "I don't think you can win it" — meaning the war on terrorism.

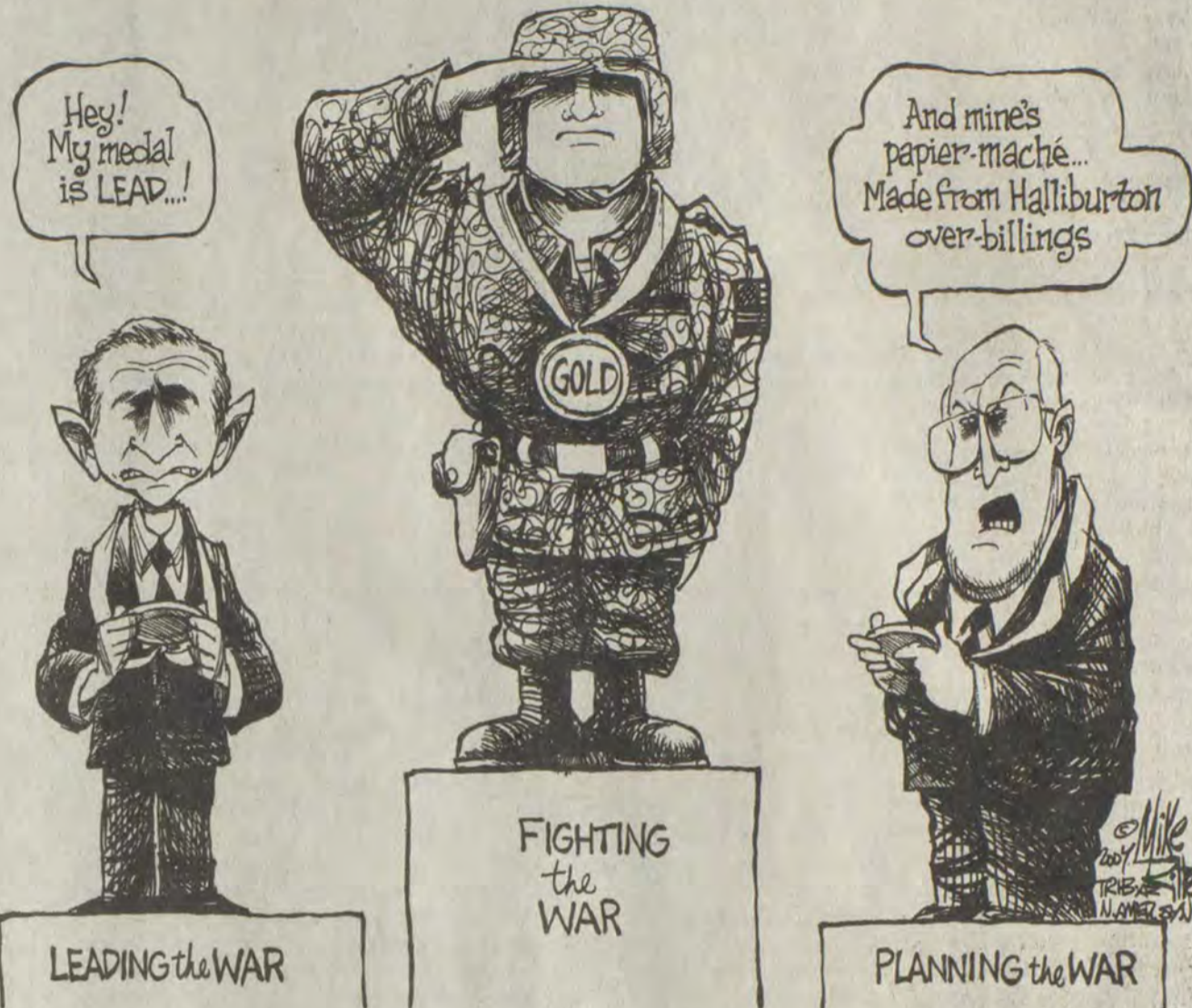
His political rivals immediately pounced. Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards said, "After months of listening to the Republicans base their campaign on their singular ability to win the war on terror, the president now says we can't win the war on terrorism. This is no time to declare defeat."

Well, that's politics.

Bush was hardly declaring defeat. He was being both realistic — acknowledging that the scope of this war makes it more a battle to control than to win — and optimistic.

We can't "win" this war militarily — but we have to continue to do all we can to create the conditions that make a real victory possible.

Bush understands this. The Democrats never have. That's why we need to re-elect the president.



Guest Column

U.S. investment moving to China

by GREG TARPINIAN

Global multinational corporations, led by U.S. based multinationals, stepped up the export of capital in the first half of 2004. And for U.S.-based firms, as investment has shifted, so have jobs. As domestic employment by U.S. multinationals has declined, foreign employment has increased. And where, as recently as the late 1990s, the United States and Europe were the largest recipients of foreign direct investment, China and India now lead.

Foreign investment by multinationals accelerated during the first half of 2004. After years of record-breaking increases, that investment slowed dramatically dur-

ing the 2001 global recession and continued to decline through 2002, but growth has now resumed.

General Motors' June announcement that it will invest \$3 billion in China over the next three years underscores the trend toward greater investment in Asia by U.S. companies. In the first half of this year, GM lost money in Europe and sales slumped in the United States, but sales in China rose 58 percent.

China still plays a relatively small role in GM's overall operations. The company employs 325,000 workers worldwide, with 11,000 in China. But GM, like many U.S.-based multinationals, will increasingly rely on China to offset low growth and profitability in developed Western markets.

Although they are shifting operations to Asia, U.S. multinationals in many industries have been slower to move east than their European counterparts. Germany's Volkswagen already dominates China's market for motor vehicles.

China and India are now the top destinations for foreign investment, followed by the United States, Thailand, Poland, Czech Republic, Mexico, Malaysia, United Kingdom, Singapore and South Korea, according to the United Nations. Foreign investment in China rose 11 percent in the first half of this year.

Investment will continue to be concentrated in manufacturing industries such as food and beverages, motor vehicle and other transportation equipment, and electrical and electronic products. Despite the rash of publicity about relocating white-collar jobs, experts believe that foreign investment will remain focused on processing, logistics and supply.

New data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis documents trends in the activities of U.S. and foreign companies operating in the United States:

■ U.S. multinationals employed 30.6

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Letters

Churches should get involved

It wasn't long ago that 3,500 concerned Christians marched through the streets of Clay County, demonstrating that it was time to take a stand against the drug dealers in the county. Although it was a bleak and rainy day, the Christian masses were not deterred.

Yes, we did have naysayers. However, we as Christians knew that God had promised He would stand with us in the face of the Devil.

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31 KJV

My fellow Christians, we know the Lord cannot be for the drug epidemic that we are facing.

Since that day in May when all those people marched in the rain to take a defiant stand against the war on drugs, we have seen amazing events occur. We have shown the naysayers that the church people will fight against the drug epidemic and because of our determination, we are already seeing results. Through the programs UNITE has established within the community coalitions, we have been able to reach out to people who have been suffering from drug abuse. Not only have we reached out to the drug abusers, but we have also reached out to their friends and family

members. People who were once afraid to take a stand against drugs are now standing tall.

The churches in Clay County have joined together, as one. We will be strong and we will succeed in our endeavor against the drug dealers. However, this is just one county. We cannot do it alone. I want to challenge all other counties to join us in this fight.

If you want to get your congregation involved, please attend "The Anchor Holds." The purpose of this conference is to arm the faith-based community by providing workshops and materials to help communities build after-care programs and support systems. You can RSVP for the conference or find our more information by calling 1-866-OP-UNITE. I hope to see you there!

Pastor Doug Abner
Community Church
Manchester

'Red still means stop'

Attention to all the people who operate motor vehicles in Floyd County and the state of Kentucky. I would like to bring to your attention two very important things involving school buses:

First, loading and unloading. If a school bus is parked on school property loading or unloading children, it is against the law to pass a school bus stop sign, whether you are in the teachers or

parents parking, or anywhere else on school property.

While on main highways or in hollows, a school bus activates its big yellow lights at 150-200 feet before a stop. These lights mean the same as any other flashing yellow lights: 1) caution; 2) slow down. Once we come to a complete stop we activate our red lights and our sign comes out, and, like anywhere else, "red" and "stop," even on a school bus, means what it says. It does not mean pass. This situation also is against the law. I myself believe it's not worth endangering the life of a child just to try to save a little time.

If at any time a vehicle runs mine, or another driver's, sign, if I can get your tag number, I will go to the Commonwealth Attorney's Office in Prestonsburg and swear out a warrant, and meet you in court.

Second, I would also like to bring to your attention the size of a school bus, whether it is 18, 34, 66 or 78 passengers. We are all 96 inches in width - that's eight feet. Most hollows call for a 14-foot right-of-way, but as we all know, many are not, especially after recent flooding. So when you see a school bus approach, try to yield the right-of-way to the bus. Do not force your way through. Everyone can take a little time when it comes to the safety and the future of our children.

Victor Harper
Floyd County school bus driver

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At the Movies: 'Cellular'

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

First came "Phone Booth," in which Colin Farrell was trapped under a sniper's predatory gaze while making a call in Times Square.

Now we have "Cellular," with a kidnapped Kim Basinger randomly calling a surfer dude's mobile phone for help.

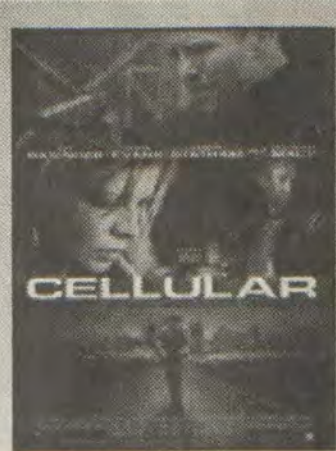
One can only imagine what's next — "BlackBerry," perhaps, about threatening text messages, or "iPod: The Musical."

While these all sound like totally ludicrous premises, the makers of "Cellular" insist that their film is rooted in reality — that it's "a movie about social and moral responsibility," as producer Dean Devlin says.

They've got the wrong number there. "Cellular" functions best when it has a little fun with itself and embraces its innate B-movie tendencies.

Basinger, for example, plays Jessica Martin, arguably the hottest high-school science teacher ever.

Even after she's abducted from her home in posh Brentwood, Calif., by a motley, multicultural assortment of bad-dies, and even after their leader (Jason Statham) hauls her into a musty attic and smashes a phone on the wall with a sledgehammer, Jessica still manages to reconstruct the contraption by



"Cellular," a New Line Cinema release, is rated PG-13 for violence, terror situations, language and sexual references.

Running time: 89 minutes.
Two stars out of four.

simply clicking a couple of wires together. She's like MacGyver in fishnet stockings.

Faster than you can say "Can you hear me now?" she's on the line with shirtless slacker Ryan (Chris Evans from "The Perfect Score" and "Not Another Teen Movie"). He's at the beach and is naturally skeptical when he hears Jessica's breathless voice gasping, "They're going to kill me — you're my only hope."

Ryan correctly wonders why she didn't just call the cops if she were truly in trouble, but eventually agrees to take his cell phone, with her still on it, to the police department himself. There he runs into Sgt. Mooney (William H. Macy, and what is he doing here?).

Mooney's on the verge of retiring after 27 years and plans to open a day spa with his wife,

which inspires an amusing sight gag involving an algae facial mask.

And there are some other surprisingly funny little detours and supporting characters as Ryan runs around Los Angeles trying to save Jessica. He finds a handgun and whips it out in a busy mobile phone store when his battery is running low and he needs a charger. He also car-jacks a convertible, ice-blue Porsche from a guy who has got to be the world's most obnoxious movie lawyer.

But then the movie dissolves into your usual action-flick fist-fights and shootouts, despite the presence of Macy, the bungling " Fargo " villain here serving in the heroic Marge Gunderson role.

Among the nagging plot holes: Why does Ryan have a

cell phone signal in one stairway and not another? And why do Jessica's husband and 11-year-old son (named Ricky Martin, which is pretty funny) trust him, a complete stranger, when he tries to help them, too?

Larry Cohen, who wrote "Phone Booth," also conceived "Cellular" and maintains a "story by" credit, though first-timer Chris Morgan is credited with having written the screenplay. That sort of makes it a sequel, which would be fitting in the filmography of director David R. Ellis ("Final Destination 2," "Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco").

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

The big studio releases of the week were a mixed bag, with none of the films connecting with movie fans during their theatrical outings.

"The Punisher" leads the pack and is actually a remake. Cannon Films did a version in 1990 with Dolph Lundgren that also failed to connect with audiences. The story remains the same and focuses on one man's war against the mafia after his family is killed by a hit squad.

Here, Thomas Jane essays the role with over-the-top support from John Travolta as a mob kingpin. Watchable but nowhere near as good as the Marvel comic which inspired it.

"Jersey Girl" is a change of pace film from Kevin Smith ("Clerks," "Chasing Amy") and features Ben Affleck as a single father who has sworn off relationships until sparks fly with Liv Tyler. Light romantic comedy ensues. George Carlin has a great time as Affleck's dad here and critics liked this film, while audiences stayed away.

The other big release this week was also a remake. Here you get the Cohen Brothers ("O Brother Where Art Thou") retooling a classic Alec Guinness comedy from 1958. "The Ladykillers" stars Tom Hanks as a criminal mastermind who is planning a heist of a Gambling Riverboat with assistance from a misfit band of clueless criminals. Irma P. Hall

steals the show as an eccentric woman who rents a room to Hanks, but the film never delivers on the promise of all of the talent involved.

Halloween came early this week with the DVD debut of several hard-to-find, but worthy, titles. First up is "Terror Train." This one is a variation on your classic people-trapped-on-a-train-with-a-killer movie, though it does add on some 1980s style slasher trappings to keep things moving along. There are plenty of suspects and one whopper of an ending when the killer is finally revealed.

From 1973 comes "Ssssss." This one's a keeper and stars veteran character actor Strother Martin ("The Wild Bunch" and "Cool Hand Luke") as a mad scientist who turns a young man (played by Dirk Benedict of "The A-Team") into a cobra.

The third Halloween release of the week is the ultimate DVD edition of George Romero's zombie classic "Dawn of the Dead." This edition needs four discs to contain all of the bonus materials, which include documentaries and commentaries, but the main point here is that it collects several versions of the film. You get the European cut (called "Zombie"), the American cut and the uncut director's version. There is also a supplement on the intense make-up effects of Tom Savini which revolutionized gore movies.

"Ginger Snaps Back: The Beginning" is a prequel to the

successful Canadian lensed horror series that combines the trauma of adolescence with werewolf movies. This one recasts the leads from the first film and deposits them in a nineteenth century setting that sees a werewolf feasting on the denizens of a remote outpost.

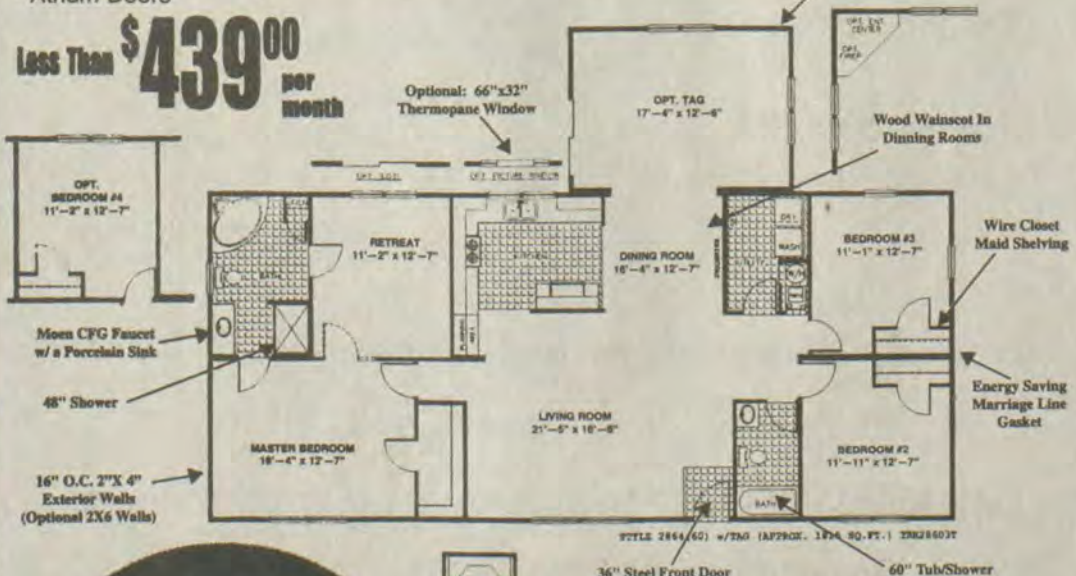
Two comedies round out the week with the 10th Anniversary Edition of "Clerks" leading the pack. This edition adds an uncut version as well as several segments featuring Jay and Silent Bob, as well as the pilot for the animated television series that ABC canceled after only six episodes.

"The Best of Saturday Night Live" hit DVD this week with an edition devoted to actor Christopher Walken. His appearances on the show were always good, sometimes despite the particular cast he was working with, and he created one of the series' funniest characters with his impression of The Continental.

Next week sees the DVD debut of George Lucas' pre-Star Wars science fiction classic "THX 1138." Robert Duvall stars in this two-disc special edition. Next week also sees HBO's award winning miniseries "Angels in America" landing on DVD. Al Pacino, Meryl Streep and Emma Thompson star in this six-hour adaptation of Tony Kushner's award winning Broadway plays that detail the plight of several diverse characters affected by the AIDS crisis.

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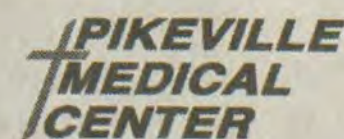
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 Nancy Ann Patton Springer, 30, of McDowell, to Larry Wayne Barger, 27, of Leslie County.
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 Tamara Rene Vaughan, 33, of Pikeville, to Barry James Slone, 38, of Huntington, W.Va.
 Tammy Lynn Van Hoose, 27, of Floyd County, to James Lewis Griffith Jr., 39, of McDowell.
 Rhonda Lee Page, 39, of Indianapolis, Ind., to Timothy Harvey, 44, of Dema.
 Kathleen Adreanna Owen, 28, of Gainesville, Fla., to Matthew Ryan Richardson, 30, of Toledo, Ohio.

Civil Suits Filed

Central Baptist Hospital vs. Gladys Lafferty; complaint.
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vs. Carl Smith and Tonya Smith; complaint.
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 Great Seneca Financial Corporation vs. James Yates; complaint.
 Great Seneca Financial Services vs. Jimmy J. Rose; complaint.
 Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Crystal D. Powers; complaint.
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Charges Filed

Terry W. Burchett, 42, of Weeksbury; theft by failure to

make required disposition.
 Billy Joe Howard, age unlisted, of Eastern Kentucky, no further address information available; burglary, possession of a controlled substance, controlled prescription drug not in original container.
 David Eugene Ferrell, 38, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, disorderly conduct, terroristic threatening, alcohol intoxication.
 Jeffrey Turner, 42, of Martin; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Hank Preston Boyd, 46, of Banner; alcohol intoxication.
 Jack W. Music Jr., 27, of Boonscamp; alcohol intoxication, carrying a concealed deadly weapon.
 Verlin R. Smith, 53, Tram; disorderly conduct; alcohol intoxication, criminal trespass.
 Amy Crum, 28, Martin; possession of marijuana, use of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, public intoxication.
 Robert Grigsby, 41, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.
 Bradley Williams, 19, Grethel; alcohol intoxication.
 Ronald E. Samons, 38, Martin; disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, harassment.
 Donald G. Gross, 30, Martin; alcohol intoxication, criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief.
 Angela L. Yates, 36, Allen; public intoxication.

Layne, follow up inspection. All violations corrected.
 Wayland Kwik Mart, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigeration units, eggs stored on floor of walk-in cooler, faucet on food prep sink doesn't shut off properly, floors in food prep area in disrepair, proper hair restraints not in use. Score:

Food service 96, retail 97.
 Adkins Qwik Stop, Honaker, follow up inspection. Noncritical items have yet to be corrected. Score: Food service 98, retail 98.
 Newman Country Store, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Conspicuous

(See RECORD, page eight)

Obituaries

Vera Helen Jasper Nelson

Vera Helen Jasper Nelson, age 83, of Lexington, died Saturday, September 4, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital.
 Born September 21, 1920, in Van Lear, Johnson County, she was the daughter of the late Robert Parks Jasper, formerly of Coalport, Pennsylvania, and Mary Ann Carr Corbin Jasper, formerly of Altoona, Pennsylvania. A true "Coal Miner's Daughter," her father was a machinist and a star pitcher for the Consolidation Coal Company baseball team, of Van Lear.

She was educated in a one-room school, in Van Lear.
 She was a devoted wife to the late Okie Earl Nelson Sr., and a homemaker. She was an employee of Irving Air Chute and the Wolf Wile Department Store, both of Lexington.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, of Lexington.

She was a pianist, an avid reader, and avid follower of the Van Lear Bank Mule publication of the Van Lear Historical Society. She was a Kentucky Colonel, and a holder of a Key to the City of Lexington, presented to her by the Hon. Richard Colbert during his term as mayor of the City of Lexington during the early 1960s. She was a staunch Democrat.

She is survived by three sons, Okie Earl Nelson Jr., James Samuel "Sam" (Cristita) Nelson, and Steven Eugene "Steve" Nelson; one daughter, Linda Kay Nelson; nine grandchildren, Victoria Ann Nelson, Okie Earl Nelson III, John Steven Nelson Esquire, Dr. Mark Edward Nelson, James Bradley Nelson, Christian James S. Nelson, Sean Aaron Nelson, Charlotte Gale Rose, Daniel Wayne (Sherri) Rose; three great-grandchildren, Jesse Tyler Lee Edelen, Kara Nelson, and Kelsey Nelson; several nieces and nephews; a long-time friend, Wenda Owen, of Lexington; and loving pets, Binki, Lost John, Andy, Bob Barker, Spudder, and Chester.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Agnes Muir Jasper Rucker, and Alta Mae Jasper Smith; and five brothers, Sylvester Jasper, Jimmy Jasper, Ladd Jasper, Robert P. Jasper Jr. and Charles M. Jasper.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, September 11, at 10 a.m., at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Main Street, in Lexington.

Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park.
 Visitation is at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 1900 Richmond Road, Lexington, KY 40502, or to organizations that benefit children with developmental disabilities in need of clothing, such as Cedar Lake, 7984 New LaGrange Road, Louisville, KY 40222.

Her grandchildren will serve as pallbearers.

(Paid obituary)

Patty Lynn Combs Curry

Patty Lynn Combs Curry, age 39, of Martin, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, September 7, 2004, at Pikeville Medical Center.

Born September 5, 1965, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Okie and Judy Patton Combs, of Martin. She was a homemaker and a member of the Sandy Valley Independent Baptist Church, at Pippa Passes.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Curry.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is survived by four daughters, Tiffany Mills and Kristy Fugate, both of Martin, and Kara Curry and Courtney

Curry, both of Harold; two grandchildren, Joshua Akers and Jonathan Akers; her maternal grandmother, Tressie Patton, of Salyersville; and a best friend, Tonya Ratliff, of Isom.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, September 11, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. Orbin Slone and Willie Vernon Slone will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Gibson Cemetery, at Raven, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.
 (Paid obituary)

Juanita Hall

Juanita Hall, age 58, of Galveston, passed away on Wednesday, September 8, 2004, at her residence.

Born September 22, 1946, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of Ethel Hamilton, of Teaberry, and the late Carlos Hamilton. She was a homemaker and a member of the Little Rachel Regular Baptist Church.

She was the wife of the late Noah Hall Jr.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by three sons: Noah Mitchell Hall, and Larry Dean (Tina) Hall, both of Galveston, and Phillip Gene (Sue) Hall, of Beaver; one daughter, Donna Sue (Randy) Keathley, of Betsy Layne; six brothers, Carl Dean Hamilton, Ronald Hamilton, Randy Hamilton, Ricky Hamilton, and Greg Hamilton, all of Teaberry, and Jeff Hamilton, of Beaver; four sis-

ters, Joan Tackett, of Galveston, Jeanette Tackett, of Allen, and Sandra Hamilton and Gayla Hamilton, both of Teaberry; four grandchildren, Shenna Lynn Keathley, Brian Allen Hall, Brianna Page Hall, and Matthew Ray Hall; and a special friend, Robbie Johnson.

In addition to her father and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Travis Hamilton.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, September 11, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rachel Regular Baptist Church, in Galveston. Regular Baptist ministers will officiate.

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

Visitation is at the church.
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Teachers call for strike over health insurance

by BRETT BARROUQUERE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Angered by Gov. Ernie Fletcher's new state health insurance plan, the Jefferson County Teachers Association called for a statewide strike at the end of September.

The decision about a one-day strike on Sept. 30 falls to the Kentucky Education Association, which will consider the issue on Sept. 17 at a meeting in Frankfort.

The unanimous voice vote Wednesday night of more than 200 teachers came after nearly 90 minutes of presentations about

the health plan and a proposed reaction to it at the JCTA meeting at Gheens Academy in Louisville.

"The governor has given us no other choice. We have to do whatever it takes," JCTA President Brent McKim said.

Fletcher announced new premiums and deductible limits Tuesday, saying \$29 million in unanticipated state revenues would be applied to the cost. The bulk of that was an added 1 percent pay raise for teachers and state employees, beginning Jan. 1.

McKim said even with the extra money, Fletcher had shifted \$150 million more in insurance costs to employees and the

pay raise is not enough to make up for the cost increase.

The KEA last staged a statewide teacher strike in February 1970, when the issue was education funding. The strike was ended by court orders, which still bar the association from striking.

"It was illegal then and it is illegal now," McKim said.

KEA President Frances Steenbergen told the teachers she would not recommend a strike before the November elections. Steenbergen asked teachers to poll their schools about support for a strike.

In Frankfort on Thursday, a host of Democratic legislators

and candidates massed in the House of Representatives chamber to keep up a drumbeat of criticism of the administration.

One Democrat with a hard fight for re-election, Rep. Fred Nesler of Mayfield, said the new insurance plan was "a slap in the faces of our teachers and state employees and retirees."

As for a strike, Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark, though a staunch supporter of labor, said House Democrats as a group "cannot support a strike by any public employee. It's against the law."

At the meeting Wednesday in Louisville, Kentucky Personnel Cabinet Secretary Bob Ramsey

met with the Jefferson County teachers, calling Fletcher's plan the best option to deal with rising health care costs.

"You would expect the government to be protective of your tax dollars," Ramsey said.

Ramsey's presentation was greeted with a hostile reception, as teachers jeered, interrupted his speech and shouted questions at him.

Ramsey said there is no "magic pill" to fix the state's rising health care costs.

JCTA Executive Director Steve Neal said that is a problem for teachers.

"Even if there were a magic pill, we wouldn't be able to

afford it," Neal said.

Also Wednesday, about 70 state employees marched in rain at the Capitol, many carrying hand lettered posters that became illegibly streaked in a persistent drizzle.

Jim Satterwhite, a Cabinet for Health and Family Services employee, said he took time out of his work day because he felt the changes were unjust.

"Not only is it a greater cost than most state employees can bear, there's some inherent inequities in the system as it stands right now," Satterwhite said. "I think it needs to go back to the drawing board and make it more equal."

Appeals court urged to 'pressure' legislators into passing budget

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The state chairman of the advocacy group Common Cause asked the state Court of Appeals to apply "judicial pressure" to Gov. Ernie Fletcher and the General Assembly to pass a budget.

Richard Beliles said Wednesday a "constitutional crisis" existed as long as Fletcher was allowed to run state government under a one-man spending plan, using state money without a legislative appropriation.

The General Assembly — House and Senate split over taxes — failed to pass a budget before adjourning April 13. Fletcher employed his "public services continuation plan" July 1, when the fiscal year began.

"The governor says it's a state of emergency. I sort of feel like it's a state of stubbornness," Beliles told a three-judge appellate panel.

Common Cause wants the court to prohibit Kentucky Treasurer Jonathan Miller from releasing any unappropriated state funds after Sept. 30.

"With no judicial pressure, there's no incentive to compromise," he said.

Fletcher's attorney, Sheryl Snyder, said that was not the court's role. "What we have here is a political crisis, not a constitutional crisis," Snyder said.

Beliles' action is "an invitation for you to enter a political thicket from which there is no exit," Snyder told the judges.

The court did not immediately rule on Beliles' case. Judge

William L. Knopf, who presided, said a ruling would be issued as soon as possible but gave no date. He did, however, question Beliles' premise.

"Our job is to uphold the Constitution. That's what I took an oath to do. Not to apply pressure to anyone," Knopf said during the hearing.

Beliles first sought an order in Franklin County Circuit Court, where Attorney General Greg Stumbo sued to challenge Fletcher's use of a spending plan. Common Cause was among several interveners in the case.

The issue Wednesday was complicated because Beliles said he wanted an injunction from the lower court. However, Judge Roger Crittenden's order referred to a "restraining order, which is not a "final and appealable" action.

And as is typical with restraining-order cases, Crittenden's order merely recorded the denial of a motion and did not spell out his reasoning. That left Knopf and other members of his panel — Judges R.W. Dyche III of London and Rick A. Johnson of Mayfield — with little to go on.

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High insurance gives Democrats an issue for House races

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Sticker shock from new premiums and other costs associated with the state's health insurance plan gives Democrats a sudden and dramatic issue for crucial legislative elections in November. "It will play out differently in individual races," House Speaker Jody Richards said in an interview Thursday. "Although I will say that I think the Democratic House members

are very well positioned." Democrats claim to have proposed more money for health insurance and salaries for school and state government employees in their ill-fated budget than Gov. Ernie Fletcher ultimately put forth. That was the theme of a news conference in the House chamber of the Capitol in which Richards and other leaders were backed by about 30 Democratic incumbents and candidates. Republicans recognized the potency of the issue and went

into rapid response. First, state Budget Director Brad Cowgill disputed the accounting. He said the Democrats' budget "would not have offered a single dollar more than the governor has made available" for health insurance. State Republican Chairman

John McCarthy weighed in with a news conference of his own, accusing Richards and the Democrats of "playing games with serious problems." "With 54 days until the general election, the Democrats ... have sunk to an all-new low," McCarthy said. Fletcher's chief of staff,

Daniel Groves, protested that the state health insurance plan, widely acknowledged as one of the costliest in the nation for employees, "is a mess we have inherited." He said Democrats were "scheming for political gain." Richards insisted the Democratic news conference

was not about the campaign. But two House incumbents with tough re-election fights — Buddy Buckingham of Murray and Fred Nesler of Mayfield — got prominent turns at the microphone, as did the only state senator present — Daniel Mongiardo, who is running against U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning.

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thermometers not present in all freezer and refrigerator units, pet food stored on the floor, restroom door not self-closing. Score: 95.

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Company to Perlene Cook, property located at Jack's Creek. Christine Robinson to Christine Robinson, property located at Middle Creek. Marie C. Long to Tita Harmon, property located at Mare Creek Road.

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million workers worldwide in 2002. Of those, 22.4 million were employed in the United States and 8.2 million were employed abroad. The employment of U.S. multinational parent companies accounted for about one-fifth of total U.S. employment in private industries. Capital expenditures by U.S. multinationals totaled \$467.3 billion in 2002. U.S. parents accounted for \$350.6 billion; majority-owned foreign affiliates accounted for \$116.7 billion. Sales by U.S. parent companies totaled \$6,483.2 billion; foreign affiliates, \$2,656.8 billion. U.S. affiliates of foreign multinationals employed 5.4 million U.S. workers in 2002, accounting for 5 percent of total U.S. employment in private industries. For both U.S. and foreign multinationals, employment

decreased for the second consecutive year in 2002. Employment by U.S. multinationals decreased 1.5 percent, following a 3.0 percent decline in 2001. After years of little change in the share of employment and investment concentrated within the United States, U.S. multinationals are now gradually decreasing that share and shifting more employment and investment abroad. This shift will accelerate as U.S. and European markets continue to slow and become more saturated while Asian markets rapidly expand. Greg Tarpinian is the president and executive director of the Labor Research Association, a New York City-based non-profit research and advocacy organization that provides research and educational services for trade unions.

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LPR to host Dodge Dealer's Night 200

Lonesome Pine Raceway will host the Dodge Dealer's Night 200 Saturday. The event will include the Honda of Prestonsburg Limited Sportsman in two action-packed 25-lap races; Miner's Exchange Bank Grand Stocks; Freedom Ford Modified Fours; Community Trust Bank Pure Fours; McDowell Professional Pharmacy Legends a Ladies Powder Puff Race and Non-Winners race for Grand Stocks

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Playoff systems, good and bad

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Here's the problem with playoff systems.

In case you hadn't noticed, baseball's marathon of a season has reached its sprint to the finish. Some teams, they've been done since the all-star break (Arizona, how you doin?). Others were given up for dead only to return (Houston, hello).

Some are finally ready for the only part of their season that matters to commence (Mr. Torre, how are we today).

And some are just mediocre enough to keep their name on the wild card standings page even though everybody around knows they're not really a factor (San Diego comes to mind).

NASCAR is faced with the same dilemma. Some guys have been qualified for this new playoff system since they rolled out of Daytona in February (they go by Earnhardt, Gordon and Johnson).

Others seem to have won the battle, although it was considerably tougher

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Fall soccer season set to kickoff

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Eastern Kentucky Youth Soccer Association will kickoff its Fall 2004 season on Saturday with games scheduled in Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Letcher and Pike counties.

Floyd County will field two teams in both the U10 and U12 age groups, one team in the U14 age group, and one team in the U19 group. This year, U8 teams will not be traveling to other counties to play as each county has enough teams to complete a season at home without traveling.

Floyd County will have six U8 teams. The U8 division is typically one of the bigger divisions.

The U6 and U8 teams now have fields at Archer Park. The U10-U19 teams will return to Allen to play on the fields at Christ United Methodist Church. The Fall 2004 season will run through Nov. 6.

Paintsville Fall Ball gets underway

Paintsville Little League held the first games of the inaugural Fall Ball season this past Saturday. More games are scheduled for this Saturday. The Fall Ball season will run through October.

Raiders taking potent offense to Phelps

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Tonight, South Floyd head coach Donny Daniels and his assistant coaches will lead a Raider football team into battle against Class A, District 8 rival Phelps. South Floyd is a squad that is full of offensive weapons. In three games, South Floyd has over 1,300 yards of offense. South Floyd running backs, collectively, has gained 1,020 yards. Senior Joe Osborne leads the South Floyd running attack with 534 yards on 66 carries. Osborne has reached touchdown paydirt twice so far on rushing touchdowns. Wes Hall, another

South Floyd senior, has 353 yards rushing on 48 carries. Hall leads South Floyd in scoring with 34 points. He has scored five touchdowns and two two-point conversions.

The Raider offense, not to be one-dimensional with only a running game, also taken to the air and been quite successful. Justin Slone leads South Floyd in receiving with 12 receptions for 216 yards and three touchdowns.

Junior Ryan Johnson stepped in under center for the Raiders last week and didn't miss a beat, quarterbacking South Floyd to a win over visiting East

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South Floyd Coach Donny Daniels will guide his team into district play tonight, playing on the road at Phelps.



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg senior running back Joe Blackburn worked for yards last Friday night against Bell County. After being hindered with an ailing ankle in the first game of the season against Pikeville, Blackburn returned to much his same form against Bell County, a 27-24 win for the host Blackcats.

Healthy Blackcats set to host Lawrence County

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Coming off its first win of the 2004 season, a 27-24 triumph over Class 3A contender Bell County, Prestonsburg isn't going anywhere this week as it prepares to host Lawrence County, an old familiar rival. Lawrence County, which fell to Belfry last week in a game that saw the Pirates prevail 20-18, has an old familiar coach back at the helm as Coach Billy Goldsmith is back calling the shots in the Bulldog football program.

Lawrence County (0-3) is still winless on the season. The Bulldogs began the season, prior to last week's game against Belfry, dropping contests versus Pleasure Ridge Park and Wayne, W.Va.

Prestonsburg High head coach John DeRossett is one who isn't buying in much to the Bulldogs' winless record. Instead, DeRossett says Lawrence County could just be turning the corner.

"Lawrence County is a very good football team," said DeRossett. "They are probably the best 0-3 team in the nation. Coach Goldsmith is back and he has the Bulldogs working hard. We expect to encounter a tough football team when we take the

field against Lawrence County."

Last season's Prestonsburg-Lawrence County game saw the Blackcats invade the Bulldogs' home turf and leave town with a convincing 52-34 win.

After a slow start last week, the Prestonsburg offense quickly got going, scoring its first points of the new season. The Blackcats were shutout in a 14-0 season-opening loss to rival Pikeville.

On offense, the Goldsmith-coached team is again relying on a diverse running attack, an offense which features the belly, Wing-T and option.

"We've had the opportunity to watch film on Lawrence County's games this season and they are not a bad football team," DeRossett added. "The scores from their first two games can be very deceiving."

It hasn't been a typical week of practice for the Prestonsburg High football team. Heavy rain changed the usual week of practice.

"We practiced in the gym Wednesday; we had to, after the rain, the water was ankle deep," said DeRossett. "Tuesday was a real good practice day for us, we were able to get quite a bit done. Once

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South Floyd sweeps Paintsville (again)

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Host Paintsville didn't have much of a homecourt advantage on its side Tuesday night against South Floyd. The Raiders beat Paintsville in a high school volleyball match for the second time in less than a week. And South Floyd won in dominating fashion, winning 2-0 (25-10, 25-10). The host Tigers had very little in the way of an answer for South Floyd's talented attack. The Raiders had dominating runs in the 2-0 win.

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ACHS digs out win over Pike Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - The Allen Central High volleyball team earned its seventh win of the season Tuesday with a 2-1 win over Pike County Central in a game played at the Hawks' Nest.

The visiting Rebels took the first game 25-10, dropped the second contest 20-25 and rallied to win the third game 25-11.

Junior Yumekia Hunter led the Rebels with an errorless night with six kills on .316 hitting as the Rebels hit .200 for the outing. Hunter also landed two aces in seven errorless serving attempts and set three hits without an error. Her defense was also above par as she dug up 28-point attempts in 29 tries and blocked two attack attempts and deflected one.

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Martin voices opposition to KHSAA realignment proposal

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - The high school basketball landscape in Floyd County could change forever as early as the 2005-06 season. No, Floyd County Central High School, a new school that has been the subject of talk for quite some time now hasn't been built. The Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control has decided that it may be best to split a county tradition-rich in athletics and put teams in separate districts, in the process splitting up the Floyd County

Conference. Floyd County high school basketball teams have played one another since the early-1930s. Current Allen Central High School basketball coach Johnny Martin, who played in Floyd County and now has coached in Floyd County for 20-plus seasons, is one who vehemently opposes the proposed realignment.

"Floyd County high school basketball teams have played one another since 1932," Martin noted. "That's tradition. I just don't see a reason for the wholesale

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John Martin

15th Region trio to play in Greenup County Shootout

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GREENUP - Three teams from the 15th Region are scheduled to play in the Greenup County Shootout, a boys' high school basketball event scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 18, exactly one week before Christmas. The 15th Region teams in the Greenup County basketball event are Johnson Central, Shelby Valley and Prestonsburg - three teams that

should all push for the top spot in the 15th Region when the season tips off later this year.

Johnson Central, coached by Les Trimble, returns a talented cast of players, led by seniors Nick Music and Josh Stapleton. Shelby Valley has three of the top players in the 15th Region in seniors Seth Kiser, Kelsey Friend and Patrick. Prestonsburg also returns a talented senior-laden club. Every Blackcat

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Shades of 2000, but not from Woods

by DOUG FERGUSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAKVILLE, Ontario — Tiger Woods has put himself in some peculiar positions this year.

He has struggled just to make the cut. Tee shots have ricocheted off corporate tents and small children. He has spent Sunday afternoons cleaning out his locker, not standing on the 18th green posing with the trophy.

The strangest sight of all is "No. 2" next to his name in the world ranking.

Woods' record streak as the best player in golf — 264 consecutive weeks at No. 1 — came to an end at the Deutsche Bank Championship when Vijay Singh turned in a performance that even a computer couldn't dispute.

It was just a matter of time before the 41-year-old Fijian got his due.

It was the manner in which Singh reached the pinnacle of his amazing career that made it even sweeter.

Tied with Woods down the stretch on the TPC at Boston, with the gallery expecting Woods to respond to the most

imminent threat to his throne, Singh pulled away with three birdies on the final five holes to win by three shots and become only the 12th player to be No. 1 in the 18-year history of the world ranking.

"I've achieved what I wanted to do," Singh said. "I won a major. I won quite a lot of tournaments, and at the same time became No. 1 in the world. The whole season has been a great one."

His season looks like the kind that once only belonged to Woods.

Singh's six PGA Tour victories are three times as many as anyone else. With two months left in the season, he already is a lock to win player of the year. He has a \$2.2 million lead on the money list, and with at least five more tournaments to play, is a cinch to win his second straight money title.

What next?

If Singh were to follow the script, he would hit a 6-iron from 218 yards out of a fairway bunker and over the water to reach the final hole at Glen Abbey this week and win the Canadian Open.

That was the signature shot of Woods' record-breaking season

in 2000. He won nine times, earned more than \$9 million and set himself so far apart from everyone else that it seemed his next challenge would come from someone who had not even been born.

It seems only fitting that the Canadian Open celebrates its 100th anniversary by returning to the Abbey with the No. 1 player in the world as the star attraction.

And there are shades of 2000.

Singh has won nearly \$7.9 million, already the second-highest total in PGA Tour history. He still has the American Express Championship (\$7 million) and the Tour Championship (\$6 million) on his schedule, which leaves him in excellent position to break Woods' single-season earnings record of \$9,188,321.

He needs three more victories to match Woods' nine PGA Tour titles in 2000, which is not out of

reach considering Singh has won three of his last four starts and is rarely far from the top of the leaderboard.

His confidence has never been lacking, especially now.

"It doesn't matter who it is," Singh said. "If I'm playing my best, I can beat anybody. I have never been one who is intimidated by Tiger. Then again, if you are playing poorly, it is intimidating to play against him when he is playing well."

Woods hasn't played his best this year.

Four times he has gone into the second round with everyone wondering if he would make the cut. His drought in the majors is up to 10, but more troubling is that he has only given himself two good chances to win during that stretch.

But the change at the top of the ranking has more to do with

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Martin

changes that they've made in this proposal. They could always talk to these schools. I'm sure there's even some schools who weren't even affected by the proposed realignment that would even like to move."

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control, after a two year study, has approved a draft alignment to be sent out to member schools. The proposed alignment would be adopted beginning with the 2005-06 season. The draft alignment was sent to member schools and was released by the KHSAA last week. Schools will be invited to provide input as directed with input received to be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

During the process, the Board has sought to deal with issues such as eliminating three-team districts, consolidating six team districts, consolidation and future consolidation, the number of schools in the ninth region as well as the number of schools in the sixth and seventh regions.

Floyd County and the 58th District was affected maybe more so than any county and district in the state.

Under the proposed realignment, Floyd County teams Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne would each move out of the 58th District and into the 59th District. The 58th District would consist of Allen Central, South Floyd, Piarist, Cordia and Knott County Central. Cordia and Knott County Central would each move from the 14th Region into the 15th Region.

Martin went on to say that moving Jenkins or even moving private schools like Piarist and June Buchanan would be much more logical than splitting up a county/conference.

In the 14th Region, the proposed realignment also calls for rivals Hazard and Perry Central to split and go into separate districts.

The proposed basketball realignment follows.

Region, District (2B, 2G) — Region 1, District 1 (4B, 4G) — Carlisle County, Fulton City, Fulton County, Hickman County, Region 1, District 2 (5B, 5G) — Community Christian (Paducah), Heath, Lone Oak, Paducah Tilghman, Reidland, Region 1, District 3 (4B, 4G) — Ballard Memorial, Graves County, Mayfield, St. Mary, Region 1, District 4 (4B, 4G) — Calloway County, Christian Fellowship, Marshall County, Murray, Region 2, District 5 (4B, 4G) — Crittenden County, Livingston Central, Lyon County, Trigg County, Region 2, District 6 (4B, 4G) — Henderson County, Providence, Union County, Webster County, Region 2, District 7 (4B, 4G) — Caldwell County, Dawson Springs, Hopkins County Central, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Region 2, District 8 (4B, 4G) — Christian County, Fort Campbell, Hopkinsville, University Heights, Region 3, District 9 (4B, 4G) — Apollo, Daviess County, Owensboro, Owensboro Catholic, Region 3, District 10 (4B, 4G) — McLean County, Muhlenberg North, Muhlenberg South, Ohio County, Region 3, District 11 (4B, 4G) — Breckinridge County, Frederick Fraize, Hancock County, Meade County, Region 3, District 12 (4B, 4G) — Butler County, Edmonson County, Grayson County, Trinity (Whitesville), Region 4, District 13 (4B, 4G) — Franklin-Simpson, Logan County, Russellville, Todd County Central, Region 4, District 14 (4B, 4G) — Bowling Green, Greenwood, Warren Central, Warren East, Region 4, District 15 (4B, 4G) — Allen County-Scottsville, Barren County, Glasgow, Metcalfe County, Region 4, District 16 (4B, 4G) — Clinton County, Cumberland County, Monroe County, Russell County, Region 5, District 17 (5B, 5G) — Central Hardin, Elizabethton, Fort Knox, John Hardin, North Hardin, Region 5, District 18 (4B, 4G) — Caverna, Green County, Hart County, Larue County, Region 5, District 19 (4B, 4G) — Bardstown, Bethlehem, Nelson County, Washington County, Region 5, District 20 (4B, 4G) — Adair County, Campbellsville, Marion County, Taylor County, Region 6, District 21 (5B, 5G) — Beth Haven, Holy Cross (Louisville), Pleasure Ridge Park, Valley, Western, Region 6, District 22

(5B, 4G) — Butler, DeSales (B), Doss, Evangel Christian, Iroquois, Region 6, District 23 (5B, 5G) — Brown (B), Central, Portland Christian, Presentation (G), Shawnee, St. Francis, Region 6, District 24 (4B, 4G) — Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Fairdale, North Bullitt, Southern, Region 7, District 25 (5B, 5G) — DuPont Manual, Louisville Collegiate, Male, Mercy (G), St. Xavier (B), Region 7, District 26 (4B, 5G) — Assumption (G), Atherton, Fern Creek, Moore, Whitefield Academy, Region 7, District 27 (4B, 4G) — Sacred Heart (G), Seneca, Trinity (Louisville) (B), Waggener, Walden, Region 7, District 28 (5B, 5G) — Ballard, Christian Academy-Louisville, Eastern, Jeffersonton, Kentucky Country Day, Region 8, District 29 (4B, 4G) — North Oldham, Oldham County, South Oldham, Trimble County, Region 8, District 30 (4B, 4G) — Anderson County, Eminence, Shelby County, Spencer County, Region 8, District 31 (4B, 4G) — Carroll County, Gallatin County, Henry County, Owen County, Region 8, District 32 (4B, 4G) — Grant County, Simon Kenton, Walton-Verona, Williamstown, Region 9, District 33 (5B, 5G) — Boone County, Conner, Heritage, Ryle, St. Henry, Region 9, District 34 (5B, 5G) — Beechwood, Dixie Heights, Lloyd Memorial, Ludlow, Villa Madonna, Region 9, District 35 (5B, 5G) — Covington Catholic (B), Covington Latin, Holmes, Holy Cross (Covington), Notre Dame (G), Scott, Region 9, District 36 — (5B, 5G) — Bellevue, Dayton, Highlands, Newport, Newport Central Catholic, Region 10, District 37 (5B, 5G) — Bishop Brossart, Bracken County, Calvary Christian, Campbell County, Silver Grove, Region 10, District 38 (5B, 4G) — Deming, Harrison County, Millersburg Military (B), Nicholas County, Pendleton County, Region 10, District 39 (4B, 4G) — Augusta, Fleming County, Mason County, St. Patrick, Region 10, District 40 (5B, 5G) — Bourbon County, Estill County, George Rogers Clark, Montgomery County, Paris, Region 11, District 41 (4B, 4G) — Frankfort, Franklin County, Western Hills, Woodford County, Region 11, District 42 (4B, 4G) — Bryan Station, Henry Clay, Sayre, Scott County, Region 11, District 43 (5B, 5G) — Lafayette,

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Lee County, Owsley County, Powell County, Wolfe County, Region 14, District 55 (4B, 4G) — Breathitt County, Jackson City, Perry County Central, Riverside Christian, Region 14, District 56 (4B, 4G) — Hazard, Jenkins, June Buchanan, Letcher County Central,

Region 15, District 57 (4B, 4G) — Johnson Central, Magoffin County, Paintsville, Sheldon Clark, Region 15, District 58 (5B, 5G) — Allen Central, Cordia, Knott County Central, Piarist, South Floyd, Region 15, District 59 (4B, 4G) — Betsy Layne, East Ridge, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley, Region 15, District 60 (4B, 4G) — Belfry, Phelps, Pike County Central, Pikeville, Region 16, District 61 (4B, 4G) — Bath County, Menifee County, Morgan County, Rowan County, Region 16, District 62 (4B, 4G) — East Carter, Elliott County, Lewis County, West Carter, Region 16, District 63 (4B, 4G) — Fairview, Greenup County, Raceland, Russell, Region 16, District 64 (4B, 4G) — Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, Lawrence County, Rose Hill Christian.

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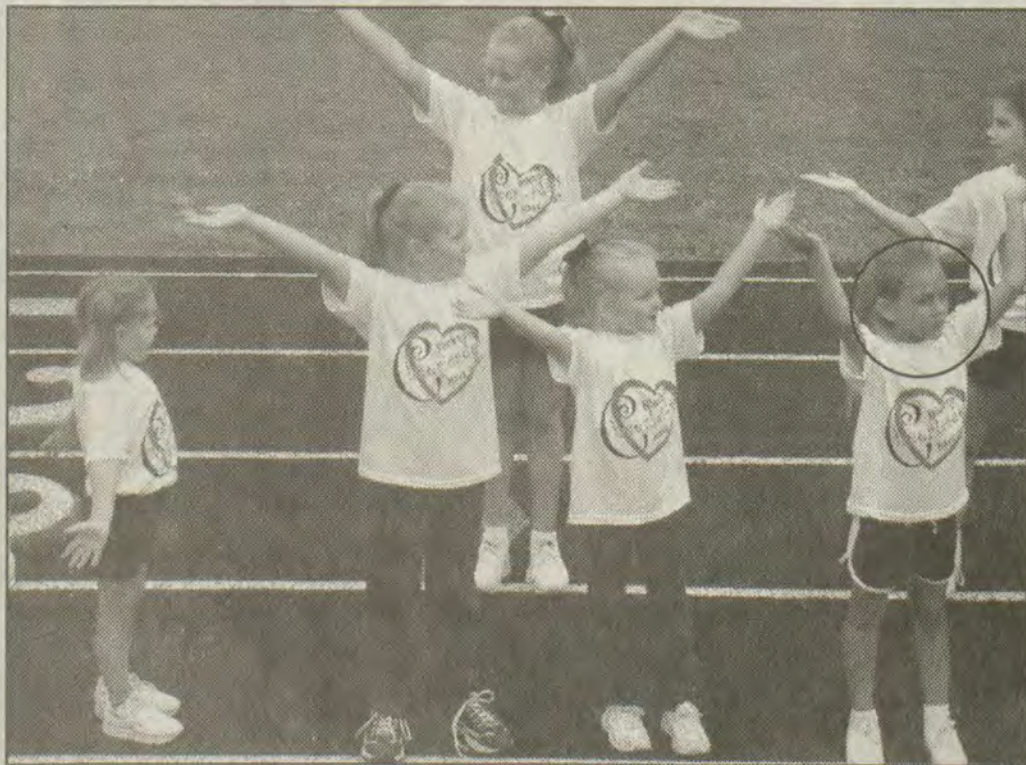
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(Kenseth and Saddler qualify here).

Some never had a chance at being a factor in this chase (good day, Mr. Petty). Others were given up for dead only to return (welcome home, Mr. Jarrett).

This week, however, when they roll into Richmond for the final race before the chase begins, nobody will care about those on top, instead focusing on who will win the battle for positions eight, nine and 10 (Kahne, Martin, McMurray, et al).

See, the problem with the baseball playoff chase is the same one that's wrong with NASCAR, and the same issue will rear its ugly head in high school football in the coming weeks.

These systems and others like them take the focus off the best teams and put it on the average.

I became sports editor in 1989, and for the first few seasons I saw some of the lesser teams in our coverage area as often as possible early.

Back then, only the top two teams in each district qualified

for the postseason, so the focus was on them early until they lost a couple of league games. Then, when they'd been eliminated, the focus turned to the Pikevilles and Belfrys of the world.

That all changed in the middle of my tenure, however, when the high school athletics association decided to double the teams in the playoffs to four from each district. When that happened, sportswriters across the state changed their way of thinking.

From that point, high-profile teams got a lot of attention early, because by midseason, the focus needed to be on who would reach the playoffs at the three and four spots and begin post-season play on the road.

See, that's fine for those teams, just as it is now for the Cubs and Astros and Jarretts and Mayfields. They're battling for their playoff lives right now.

But what about Atlanta, St. Louis, Dale Jr. and Tony Stewart? These are the folks who have blistered the competition and are at the top of the standings. But there's no love for them

All because of the playoff system their sport employs.

There is one flaw in my logic here. It is with America's Pastime. See, since it began the wild card era, those teams who qualify late have made noise in the playoffs. They've even won the last two World Series.

They come into the post-season hot, having essentially been playing do or die ball for a month.

Unlike the four seeds in high school football or those vying for NASCAR's so-called post-season, they can still win something.

Still, there's a flaw in this thinking somewhere. Something needs to be done here, because teams like the Yankees and Jeff Gordon's rainbow warriors are hated to be sure, but for a reason — they're good. They're the cream of the crop.

Yet for now, nobody cares.

The only way they get attention is doing something stupid like asking for forfeits or whining about officials.

The Yanks and No. 24 would never do that.

Would they?

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South Floyd

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Leslie Holbrook led the Raiders with one kill, three aces, three assists, two digs and two saves. Holbrook was 14-of-15 on serves. Kaite Cook had one kill, went 13-of-15 on serves, and chipped in four aces and four digs. Megan Castle was two-of-three on serves with six digs.

Kayla Hall was successful on two-of-three serves with six digs and one save. Tab Tackett added three kills, three digs, one save and one block. Candice Hall was three-of-five on serves with three aces and one assists. Courtney Blocker came through with three digs while Pam Walker was six-of-six on serves with a pair of aces. Kasie Elkins finished with two digs and a save.

South Floyd took a 6-1 record into a home match last night against Prestonsburg. Results were unavailable at press time.

South Floyd, coached by Keith Smallwood, is scheduled to return to action at home Saturday at Raider Arena, hosting Buckhorn.

Blackcats

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you start playing during the season, the Friday night's sneak up on you before you know it."

After seeing his team plagued at various times by injuries during the first three weeks of the season, DeRossett, as of Thursday afternoon, had no new injuries to report.

Kickoff for tonight's Lawrence County-Prestonsburg game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Allen Central

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Junior Brandi Meade continued to play well for Allen Central, putting down four kills, aces the Hawks with a team-leading seven, and recording 19 digs. Tiffany Owens added four kills and four digs while Courtney Martin and Alesia Hall each added a kill.

Junior Amanda Mills made herself known as she earned seven assists in 16 attempts and aces the Hawk receivers five times. Eighth-grader Brittany Hodge set up Meade and Hunter for three assists and dropped in three nonreturnable serves. Hall assisted Hunter with two kills and Tiffany Owens with one. Christina Blevins earned an assist with the Courtney Martin kill.

The Rebel junior varsity team improved its record to 5-2 on the season with a 2-0 win - 21-7, 21-8. The freshmen match saw Allen Central improve to two wins in as many matches with a 2-0 (15-5, 15-4) win over the host Pike Central freshman squad. The victory earned Allen Central a sweep of Pike County Central's Volleyball teams.

Shootout

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returns from last season's squad except Class of 2004 graduate Nicholas Jamerson.

Other teams in the shootout include host Greenup County, Green, Ohio, Portsmouth, Ohio and Perry County Central. A frontrunner in the 14th Region, Perry Central returns one of the state's top guards in senior Daniels Combs. Over the summer, Combs spent his time playing with a traveling team that spent a great deal of time playing in Los Angeles.

One of the most intriguing matchups of the shootout will pit Perry Central against Shelby Valley. Last season, the two area high school basketball powers met in the WYMT Mountain Classic with Perry Central coming away with a blowout win, winning in rather easy fashion.

GREENUP COUNTY SHOOTOUT

Saturday, Dec. 18
Johnson Central-Portsmouth (Ohio), 2 p.m.
Green (Ohio)-Elliott County, 4 p.m.
Perry County Central-Shelby Valley, 6 p.m.
Greenup County-Prestonsburg, 8 p.m.

Football Eagles regroup for trip to Dayton

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State University football team, coming off a season-opening 28-7 loss to Coastal Carolina, travel to second-ranked Dayton on Saturday. Kickoff at Welcome Stadium is scheduled for 7 p.m.

The Eagles will be short-handed to say the least on Saturday evening. Last weekend's starting quarterback, Marty Dorcich, is out for several weeks with a broken bone in his hand. Derek Bailey, a candidate for the starting quarterback

job when fall practice began, has likely seen his college football career come to an end due to chronic back problems. Wide receiver Chris Ginter will miss the game due to a strained leg muscle. Fullback Jabari McGee and offensive tackle Justin Farrar were both injured in the Coastal Carolina game but are expected to play against the Flyers. Defensively, the Eagles will be without end Kevin Cristello. He is out indefinitely with a knee injury.

Red-shirt freshman Brian Yost, who played in relief of Dorcich last Saturday,

will get the start at quarterback at Dayton. He will be backed up by junior Tyler Cvitkovic, a Powell County High School graduate who once played at Paintsville High School.

Dayton opened its season on Thursday, Sept. 2, with a 38-9 home field win over Tiffin. The Flyers lead the series with MSU 7-2 and have won the last five meetings. The last two Dayton wins have been shutouts, and the Eagles have not scored against the Flyers in the last 10 quarters.

The Flyers are ranked second in

NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major Polls compiled by both The Football Gazette and The Sports Network. Morehead State ranks seventh in both polls.

Saturday's game can be heard in Central and Northeast Kentucky on the Eagle Sports Network, including flagship station WIVY-FM (96.3). The game can also be heard on the World Wide Web through www.msueagles.com.

The Eagles will return home on Sept. 18 to take on Butler at 7 p.m. EDT. That game is a part of MSU's Family Weekend Activities.

Palmer laid-back before big moment

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Carson Palmer's first NFL moments came in New York, where he stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the commissioner and held up a Cincinnati Bengals jersey on draft day.

Seventeen months later, he's headed back to the big city for his first moments as an NFL quarterback.

Yes, it's been that long.

The Heisman Trophy winner and No. 1 overall pick hasn't done much more than stand around and wear a Cincinnati Bengals baseball cap — much like the one he donned on draft day 2003 — during his career.

He finally gets to be a quarterback Sunday against the Jets, facing off against another young quarterback playing an NFL opener for the first time as well.

How's Palmer handling it? With California cool.

"Right now, I'm just working on the game plan," the former Southern Cal star said Wednesday, in a laid-back tone that made it sound like just another day. "I'll wait for those feelings to catch up to me once I get to New York."

"We're so far out, it seems, and have so much to do before we get to that point. Those emotions and feelings can wait."

No surprise. Palmer's teammates have become accustomed to his easygoing personality, which isn't necessarily a bad thing for a quarterback.

"Carson is always Carson," receiver Chad Johnson said Wednesday. "He doesn't change much. But he has to stay the same, no matter what. If he gets rattled, everyone else around him will get rattled. He's cool."

He's been that way since the day he arrived and slipped unceremoniously into the yearlong backup role. The challenge

is to stay that way Sunday in New York, where everyone will be watching closely to see how the kid handles pro pressure for the first time.

Pressure?

"I'll be fine," Palmer said assuredly. "I'm used to pressure. I'm expecting it. I'm feeling it already. I've been feeling it all year long. I'll be fine."

That's easy to say, harder to do. Chad Pennington knows all about it.

The Jets quarterback was relegated to a backup role his first two seasons, finally starting in the fifth game of his third season. It was difficult to keep calm that day against Kansas City.

"There are a lot of emotions going through you," Pennington said Wednesday during a conference call. "I was so excited that I wanted to play line-backer; I didn't really want to play quarterback. You get so excited, having the chance to play."

"But as a quarterback, you also have to understand that you have to harbor some of those emotions. You have to remain calm and make sure that you channel some of that emotion in the right direction."

Pennington has some extra feelings this week as well. It's the first time he's started a season opener, and his coach expects him to be feeling the moment.

"I'm just hoping he doesn't have the same helium in him as those balloons that they let off on opening day," coach Herman Edwards said. "I hope he's calm, and we've got to try to keep him calm. But that's opening day. They're all going to have butterflies."

Palmer will have one thing going for him. Center Rich Braham, who had arthroscopic knee surgery last week, is expected to start. Braham helps adjust the blocking schemes at the line, giving Palmer a better chance to avoid getting blind-sided.

"He points things out and I point things out," said Braham, an 11th-year veteran. "A lot of times we come up to the ball and they're in one look (on the defense). Then I get down and they're in a different look. So you make one call and a second later, it's something else."

Palmer did a smooth job running the offense in the preseason against simple defensive schemes. He even predicted a touchdown pass on one play, and delivered. That's about as wild as he gets in the huddle.

Whatever he feels on the field Sunday, he'll keep to himself.

"His play is going to do his talking for him, because he's not that verbal," Johnson said.

Bengals release Leyva

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals released offensive lineman Victor Leyva on Thursday and replaced him on the roster with offensive lineman Alex Sulfsted.

Sulfsted agreed to a two-year deal to rejoin the Bengals, who waived him on Sept. 5. Sulfsted, from Miami of Ohio, played in 14 games and started three for Washington in 2002.

Leyva played in 10 games for the Bengals from 2001-03 and all four pre-season games this year.

Bengals sign WR Mann to practice squad

CINCINNATI — Rookie receiver Maurice Mann was signed to the Cincinnati Bengals' practice squad on Tuesday, a day after he was waived.

Mann, from Nevada, was the Bengals' fifth-round draft pick last April. He caught one pass in the preseason. — The Associated Press

P'burg to host Special Olympics bowling

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — An announcement that Floyd County Special Olympics, Prestonsburg and Pin-Zone Bowling Center would host the Area 3 and Area 9 bowling in the fall came last week. Both Area bowling events will be held on Oct. 30. Kentucky Special Olympics Area 3 includes Floyd County. Area 9 includes the Ashland area. Ed Senig of Floyd County Special Olympics is particularly excited to be hosting the Area bowling events.

"We're real excited to have not one, but two Area bowling competitions coming to Floyd County," said Senig. "Hosting the Area bowling is something that we're looking very forward to doing."

In all other sports, sanctioned Regional events are offered. By participation in one of these Regional events, athletes will qualify for the respective State event.

The sport of basketball serves as the exception to "participation" rule of qualifying for State level events. In Basketball, teams must place first or second in their division at their assigned Regional Tournament in order to advance to the State Tournament.

This past summer, Floyd County Special Olympics hosted the Area 3 Summer Games. Prestonsburg High School, Blackcat Stadium and Josh Francis Field served as the host site.

Both Area and Regional level competitions serve as qualifying events for athletes who wish to advance to state competition.

In the sports of bowling and track & field, athletes must qualify for State events by participating in their respective Area tournament or competition.

Clemens moves to 11 with win against Reds

by JOEL ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Roger Clemens got his 326th win to tie Eddie Plank for 11th on the career list, and the Houston Astros hit four first-inning home runs to beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-2 Wednesday and tie a team record with their 12th straight win.

Jeff Bagwell, Lance Berkman, Craig Biggio and Mike Lamb homered in the first off Jose Acevedo (5-11). Houston is on its longest winning streak since taking 12 in a row from Sept. 3-14, 1999 and has won 20 of 23 since Aug. 15, the best record in the major leagues over that stretch.

The Astros, who began the day a half-game behind the Chicago Cubs in the NL

wild-card race, tied Tampa Bay (June 9-22) for the longest win streak in the major leagues this season. Cincinnati has lost 10 of 12.

Clemens (16-4) won his fourth straight start, allowing four hits in seven innings. He gave up his only run in the first on Sean Casey's RBI sacrifice fly, and Cincinnati managed only three singles over Clemens' next six innings. The Rocket finished with six strikeouts and two walks.

Chad Qualls, Mike Gallo and Russ Springer pitched in the eighth, with D'Angelo Jimenez hitting an RBI single off Springer, and Brad Lidge got three outs for his 21st save in 24 chances. With runners at the corners and two outs, Lidge struck out Juan Castro to end the game.

Biggio hit a leadoff homer, and Bagwell and Berkman hit consecutive drives with one out in the first. Jeff Kent walked, and Lamb connected for a 5-1 lead.

Acevedo lasted just one inning, and six relievers combined to keep Houston scoreless the rest of the way: John Riedling, Phil Norton, Ryan Wagner, Mike Matthews, Todd Van Poppel and Danny Graves.

Houston has beaten Cincinnati in eight straight games, outscoring the Reds 63-20 during that stretch.

Notes: Biggio extended his NL record of leadoff homers to 39. ... Bagwell, who went 3-for-3, hit his 443rd career homer, moving into sole possession of 28th place.

Raiders

Ridge. In his debut, Johnson was seven-of-11 passing for 145 yards and one touchdown.

On defense, Osborne leads in two categories — interceptions and fumble recoveries. He has two in both.

The Phelps team awaiting South Floyd tonight is fresh off a 22-0 win over Betsy Layne. In previous seasons, the South Floyd-Phelps game has went a

long way in determining who made the State Playoffs and who didn't.

"We don't want to place too big of an emphasis on the Phelps game, but it is a big game," said Daniels. "This will most likely be one of our biggest games of the season. It's always a tough game against Phelps, especially when you have to get on a bus and travel over there to play."

Last season, playing at home, South

Floyd handled Phelps, beating the Hornets 32-14.

Bill McKinney is back as head coach of Phelps, a team that features Chris Robinette, one of the most talented backs in Class A, District 8.

"Robinette does a lot of things for Phelps," said Daniels. "We had the chance to watch some film and he is a big part of their offense."

H.S. FOOTBALL GAMES ON TAP

Tonight's games

Ashland Blazer-George Rogers Clark, 7:30 p.m.
Belfry-East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Bell County-Pulaski Southwestern, 7:30 p.m.
Berea-McCreary Central, 7:30 p.m.
Bracken County-Bath County, 7:30 p.m.
Cumberland-Letcher, 7:30 p.m.
Danville-Somerset, 7:30 p.m.
Evarts-Cawood, 7:30 p.m.
Fairland, Ohio-Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.
Fleming County-Nicholas County, 7:30 p.m.
Fleming-Neon-Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
Greenup County-Raceland, 7:30 p.m.
Jenkins-Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
Knott County Central-Clay County, 7:30 p.m.
Knox Central-Harlan, 7:30 p.m.
Leslie County-Perry County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Lewis County-Fairview, 7:30 p.m.
Lincoln County-Rockcastle County, 7:30 p.m.
Magoffin County-Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
Middleboro-Lee County, Va., 7:30 p.m.
North Laurel-Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Paul Dunbar-Mason County, 7:30 p.m. (Passmore Classic)
Phelps-South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
Pikeville-Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
Powell County-Pendleton County, 7:30 p.m.
Powell Valley, Va.-Breathitt County, 7:30 p.m.
Prestonsburg -Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.
Rowan County-East Carter, 7:30 p.m.
Russell-Boyd County, 7:30 p.m.
South Laurel-Wayne County, 7:30 p.m.
Whitesburg-Madison Southern, 7:30 p.m.
Whitley County-Lynn Camp, 7:30 p.m.
Williamsburg -Corbin, 7:30 p.m. (Alumni Bowl)

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Class 4A

1. Trinity (2-0)
2. Pleasure Ridge Park (3-0)
3. St. Xavier (2-1)
4. Dunbar (1-1)
5. Manual (2-1)
6. Male (2-1)
7. Ballard (2-1)
8. Conner (2-0)
9. Butler (2-1)
10. Dixie Heights (1-1)

Class 3A

1. Hopkinsville (3-0)
2. Boyle County (2-1)
3. Lexington Catholic (1-1)
4. Bowling Green (3-0)
5. Highlands (2-1)
6. Pulaski Southwestern (3-0)
7. Paducah Tilghman (2-1)
8. Waggener (3-0)
9. Rockcastle County (2-1)
10. Harrison County (3-0)

Class 2A

1. Belfry (2-0)
2. Elizabethtown (3-0)
3. Breathitt County (3-0)
4. Trigg County (2-0)
5. Russell (2-0)
6. Prestonsburg (1-1)
7. Corbin (2-1)
8. Lloyd Memorial (2-1)
9. Butler County (3-0)
10. Owensboro Catholic (1-1)

Class 1A

1. Beechwood (3-0)
 2. Newport Central Catholic (3-0)
 3. Danville (0-3)*
 4. Campbellsville (3-0)
 5. Louisville Holy Cross (2-1)
 6. Murray (3-0)
 7. Pikeville (1-1)
 8. Harrodsburg (3-0)
 9. Paintsville (2-1)
 10. Hancock County (2-1)
- Danville forfeited its first two wins of the season after using an ineligible player in those games.

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Make or break time for title chase

by HANK KURZ Jr.
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Va. — And so, after 25 races, it comes down to this: Four spots up for grabs in NASCAR's 10-race championship shootout, nine drivers with a shot and one of the raciest tracks.

"This is the make or break race of the year for us, so we're going to have to pull out all the stops in order to put ourselves in contention to win," Kevin Harvick said of Saturday night's Chevy Rock & Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway.

The race marks the end of the 26-race championship qualifying series, and will be followed by an all-new 10-race shootout among the top 10 drivers in season points.

A week ago, Harvick was in eighth place going into the race

at Fontana, Calif., but a 28th-place finish sent him tumbling to the end of the line of contenders, 56 points behind No. 10 Mark Martin, and forcing him into a decided change in strategy.

Harvick is now 15th in points and will have to beat Jamie McMurray, Bobby Labonte, Dale Jarrett and Jeremy Mayfield — along with at least one driver who will start Saturday night's race in the top 10 — to gain a spot in the championship chase.

"We're on the aggressive now and they're the ones who need to be looking over their shoulders, not me anymore," Harvick said. "... The time is now to go for it all."

Like Harvick, other drivers needing to make up ground at Richmond view the racy three-quarter-mile oval as an interesting place to wrap up the qualify-

ing series. McMurray, 11th in points and only 25 out of the top 10, was running well here in the spring before tangling with Joe Nemechek and being relegated to 38th place.

"That's the thing about Richmond," McMurray said. "It's a short track and you can be caught up in someone else's mess and have your night end early."

For Mayfield, this race is a chance to undo a number of mistakes earlier in the season that combined to put him 55 points out of 10th going into the finale.

"We've just got to go in there and race and do whatever it takes to win the race and get all the points we can get," Mayfield, who is 14th, said. "Whatever the consequences are, we'll have to deal with them later and race aggressively and do whatever you've got to do to

win. ... I don't care about anybody around me."

Jarrett, who is 43 points behind Martin, thinks expectations that driver etiquette will be forgotten are misguided, at least until the last few laps, because aggressive driving can hurt the aggressor's chances as much as his victim's.

"People want to talk about taking chances and doing this and that on the race track," he said. "You can't put yourself in that position. One spot might make a difference here in the last five laps of this race and you might have to do something at that point if it might be the difference between getting in or not."

Still, he said, the same unwritten rules of decency will apply. That means a nudge aside from a faster car is acceptable and expected, but causing a crash is not.

"As far as literally taking somebody out, no, that's not the way to do it," he said. "That's not the way I've ever done it and I won't start now because of this."

Once the race begins, six drivers will have clinched spots, No. 7 Kurt Busch will have all but clinched one and the remaining contenders will be just 76 points apart, all hoping for a massive reshuffling like the one that took place at Fontana.

After that race, Harvick and Labonte fell out of the top 10, Kasey Kahne and Martin moved precariously in and Ryan Newman climbed from 10th to eighth.

After McMurray, Labonte is 36 points behind Martin.

Of course, the 10 who make it will be the focus for the rest of the season as they battle anew for the championship, but there will still be 33 other cars in each

race. Among them, Rusty Wallace is hoping to steal as much thunder as he can.

"It'd be great to be able to crash that points hoopla party that everyone knows the race will be," said Wallace, who recently announced he's retiring after next season. "For a job like this, we know that we need to bring out the heavy artillery."

Fittingly, Wallace is bringing a car he's dubbed "The Predator" this week, along with a series-high six career victories since the speedway was reconfigured in 1988.

Mayfield, for one, expects an exciting prelude to the championship chase.

"I think it's going to be a great track for it," he said. "A short track, Saturday night. I'm sure there will be a full moon out and tempers flaring at the end of it."

Late flat tire slows Kinzer; Allen race team finishes ninth

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GAFFNEY, S.C. — Ricky Weeks led every lap of Sunday night's 4th Annual Skyler Trull Memorial at Cherokee Super Speedway to take home \$13,992, including lap leader bonus money.

It was the fourth win of the season at Cherokee Speedway for Weeks, who has far more wins at the track than any other driver in the past decade.

Running in second for a great deal of the night was the No. 18 Dodge Intrepid Late Model of driver Brandon Kinzer.

Earlier in the race season, back in early-July, the Kinzer race team claimed a feature win on the South Carolina track.

Weeks pulled away to a comfortable lead Sunday on restarts. Steve Lucas challenged Brandon Kinzer for second for most of the first 40 laps. Both eventually had to pit. Kinzer held second until a flat tire sent him to the pits on lap 63. Chris Madden moved up to second but had to hold off a challenge from David Smith for the last five laps. Kinzer went on to finish ninth, making up ground near the end of the feature race.

Earlier in the night, before the feature event, Kinzer was a winner in the Dash, finishing first ahead of Weeks. He started the Dash race second.

Brandon Kinzer Motorsports, prior to racing in South Carolina Sunday night, finished third Saturday night at Half Mountain Speedway in Royalton.

Way past the halfway point of Sunday's race, the flat tire caught the Kinzer race team at a crucial time.

"We were running a real strong second," said Brandon Kinzer, pilot of the No. 18 Kinzer Drilling, Barry Wright Racecars, Ranger Contracting, Eastco Supply Dodge Intrepid. "(Ricky) Weeks had a very fast race car ahead of us. The flat tire was just a real tough break for us."

Returning back to its home base of Allen, Ky. earlier in the week, Brandon Kinzer Motorsports is now concentrated on the 34th Annual World 100. The World 100, scheduled for today and tomorrow, will feature the nation's top Dirt Late Model drivers.

NASCAR Top 10: Richmond

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The following is a glance at the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Top 10 in the championship entering Saturday night's Chevy Rock & Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway (7 p.m. ET, TNT), Race 26 of 36 on the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series schedule.

This is the final race that will determine which drivers will be part of the Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup over the course of the final 10 races. The drivers who are in the Top 10 in addition to any within 400 points of the leader at the conclusion of the Chevy Rock & Roll 400 will vie for the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series crown.

In addition to the series championship, there also will be competition for an enhanced 11th-place points finish over the final 10 races. This year 11th place will pay nearly \$1 million; the 11th-place finisher will join the Top 10 at the NASCAR Nextel Cup Awards Ceremony in New York City.

No. 1 — Jimmie Johnson (No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet). Team: Hendrick Motorsports. Points: 3482. Previous ranking: 2. Johnson finished 14th in Sunday's Pop Secret 500 at California Speedway, but the performance was enough to allow him to regain the No. 1 ranking from Hendrick teammate Jeff Gordon. Johnson, who spent the previous two weeks at No. 2, moved from 24 points down to 50 ahead of Gordon, who finished 37th, and was the only driver among the top five in the points to finish among the top 15 in Sunday's race. It marks his ninth week overall at No. 1, tying Dale Earnhardt Jr. for the most weeks at the top position. Johnson, who already has clinched a berth in the Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup, has just one top-10 finish in five career starts at Richmond, but it did come in his most recent appearance earlier this season. It was a strong effort overall as he qualified fifth and led 91 laps en route to a runner-up finish to Earnhardt Jr. Also, he has finished inside the top 20 in his last four visits. He has been solid on the qualifying side with top-10 starts in three of his last four appearances, including a Bud Pole in September of 2002.

No. 2 — Jeff Gordon (No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet). Team: Hendrick Motorsports. Points: 3432 (-50). Previous ranking: 1. Gordon finished 37th at California due to an engine problem and the performance cost him the No. 1 ranking he had held for the past two weeks. He fell to No. 2, 50 points behind Hendrick teammate Jimmie Johnson, as a result of his worst finish in the last 10 races, but already has clinched a berth for the Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup. Gordon will look to regain the No. 1 ranking at Richmond, where he owns an outstanding record that is buoyed by a pair of wins and 15 top-10 finishes in 23 career starts. His victories came in March of 1996 and again in September of 2000. The last win kicked off a current run in which he has posted top-10 finishes in five of his last eight appearances, including the last two. He led 126 laps and finished 10th in this race last season and followed with a sixth earlier this year. He has led laps in 16 of his 23 starts, including his last three. Gordon has been an exceptional qualifier at

Richmond with four Bud Poles and 18 top-10 starts, including six of his last seven.

No. 3 — Dale Earnhardt Jr. (No. 8 Budweiser Chevrolet). Team: Dale Earnhardt, Inc. Points: 3366 (-116). Previous ranking: 3. Earnhardt Jr. finished 34th due to an accident, but was able to maintain the No. 3 ranking for the sixth consecutive week and already has clinched a berth in the Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup. He is one of four drivers to be ranked among the NASCAR Nextel Cup Top 10 all season and currently trails No. 2 Jeff Gordon by 66 points and No. 1 Jimmie Johnson by 116. Earnhardt Jr. is a two-time winner at Richmond and has registered seven top-10 finishes in 10 career starts. His victories came in May of 2000 and earlier this season in the May race. He has been strong of late with top-five finishes in three of his last four visits and four of his last six, although one of the misses was a 17th in this event last season. He has led laps in his last three appearances, including a personal-best 115 en route to his win earlier this season.

No. 4 — Tony Stewart (No. 20 Home Depot Chevrolet). Team: Joe Gibbs Racing. Points: 3304 (-178). Previous ranking: 4. Stewart finished 18th at California, but remains at No. 4 for the fifth consecutive week and has clinched a berth in the Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup. He has closed to 62 points of No. 3 Dale Earnhardt Jr. and has been ranked among the top five for the last nine weeks in a row. Stewart is a three-time winner at Richmond and has posted seven top-10 finishes in 11 career starts overall. However, he has struggled of late as he has finished 27th or worse in three of his last four visits. He bounced back in his most recent appearance, finishing fourth in May. He has led laps in seven of his starts, including three of the last five.

No. 5 — Matt Kenseth (No. 17 DEWALT Power Tools Ford). Team: Roush Racing. Points: 3253 (-229). Previous ranking: 5. Kenseth finished 22nd at California, but remains at No. 5 for the fifth consecutive week and has clinched a berth in the Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup. The performance ended his streak of top-10 finishes at three and marked just the second time in the last eight races he has finished outside the top 15. He trails No. 4 Tony Stewart by 51 points while No. 6 Elliott Sadler, Sunday's race winner, has closed to 49 points of his position. Kenseth has been on a roll at Richmond as he heads into this weekend carrying a streak of five consecutive top-10 finishes at the .75-mile oval. The tear is highlighted by a victory in September of 2002 when he started 25th and led 134 laps en route to the win. Overall, he has six top-10 efforts in nine career starts, including fifth in his most recent appearance in May. Interestingly, he has not benefited from strong qualifying at Richmond as he has started among the top 15 just once (7th, May 2002).

No. 6 — Elliott Sadler (No. 38 M&M's Ford). Team: Robert Yates Racing. Points: 3204 (-278). Previous ranking: 7. Sadler won Sunday's Pop Secret 500 at California Speedway for his second victory of the season and third of his career. Sadler, whose other win this season came at Texas, needs only to start Saturday night's race at Richmond to lock in a berth

in the Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup. The win was his career-best seventh top-five effort of the season and allowed him to improve one position to No. 6 as well as close to 49 points of No. 5 Matt Kenseth. Sadler will look to build off his 12th-place finish at Richmond earlier this season. It was a personal-best effort at the .75-mile oval and ended a three-race skid there where he finished 34th or worse. Overall, he has finished just twice among the top 20 in 11 career starts.

No. 7 — Kurt Busch (No. 97 IRWIN Ford). Team: Roush Racing. Points: 3186 (-296). Previous ranking: 6. Busch finished 11th at California to narrowly end his streak of consecutive top-10 finishes at four and drop him a position to No. 7. Busch, who spent the last two weeks at No. 6, fell 18 points behind No. 6 Elliott Sadler. He only needs to start Saturday's race at Richmond and finish 42nd or better to clinch a berth in the Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup. Busch, however, has struggled at Richmond, with just one top-10 finish in seven career starts. That effort came in the May event of last season when he started seventh and finished eighth, both personal bests. Busch has started outside the top 20 in six of his seven appearances at Richmond and has finished 24th or worse in four of his last six starts. He started 23rd and finished 31st in his most recent appearance in May.

No. 8 — Ryan Newman (No. 12 ALLTEL Dodge). Team: Penske Racing South. Points: 3078 (-404). Previous ranking: 10. Newman finished fifth at California to jump from No. 10 to No. 8 in the rankings. The effort was his second consecutive top-five finish and it allowed him to move 11 points ahead of No. 9 Kasey Kahne and 20 ahead of No. 10 Mark Martin. Although he is at No. 8, he will have to fend off several drivers at Richmond, including as deep as 15th-ranked Kevin Harvick who is just 76 back. The good news for Newman is that he has been outstanding at Richmond. He has three top-two finishes, including a victory in this event last season, and has finished outside the top 10 just once in five career starts. He has led laps in all five starts and has started among the top five on four occasions. In his most recent appearance in May, he qualified second, led nine laps and finished ninth.

No. 9 — Kasey Kahne (No. 9 UAW/Dodge Dealers Dodge). Team: Evernham Motorsports. Points: 3067 (-415). Previous ranking: 11. Kahne, the Raybestos Rookie of the Year leader, finished runner-up at California to slide back into the NASCAR Nextel Cup Top 10 following a one-week absence. He improved from No. 11 to No. 9 with his fifth runner-up performance of the season. It also was his fourth top-five finish in the last six races as he charges for a berth in the Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup. He trails No. 8 Ryan Newman by just 11 points, but has No. 10 Mark Martin only nine behind him, No. 11 Jamie McMurray 34 back, and No. 12 Bobby Labonte at 45 back. He struggled in his NASCAR Nextel Cup debut at Richmond in May, starting 39th and finishing 28th, and will need to rebound to secure a berth in the Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup.

No. 10 — Mark Martin (No. 6

Viagra Ford). Team: Roush Racing. Points: 3058 (-424). Previous ranking: 12. Martin finished third at California to move into the NASCAR Nextel Cup Top 10 for the first time this season. He improved to No. 10 following two weeks at No. 12 and makes his first appearance in the Top 10 since being ranked No. 4 following Rockingham in February of 2003. The recent run continues his dramatic bid in the final weeks where he has posted four top-three finishes in his last six races to move from No. 15 to his current standing. He finds himself right in the middle of the showdown at Richmond, having the ability to improve his standing with a strong effort or fall quickly out of the Top 10 with a mediocre one. Martin is just 20 points behind No. 8 Ryan Newman and nine in back of No. 9 Kasey Kahne, but has five drivers within 56 points of his position. No. 11 Jamie McMurray is 25 back, No. 12 Bobby Labonte is 36 back, No. 13 Dale Jarrett is 43 behind, No. 14 Jeremy Mayfield is 55 back and No. 15 Kevin Harvick 56 behind with one race left to determine the Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup participants. Martin will have experience and history on his side as he has recorded 20 top-10 finishes in 37 career starts at the .75-mile oval. Among those 20 top-10s are 11 top-five performances, including a victory in February in 1990. He has four top-10 finishes in his last five visits, including a seventh in his most recent appearance in May. He also has finished inside the top 20 in his last eight starts at Richmond.

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP Driver Standings

1. Jimmie Johnson, 3,482
2. Jeff Gordon, 3,432
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 3,366
4. Tony Stewart, 3,304
5. Matt Kenseth, 3,253
6. Elliott Sadler, 3,204
7. Kurt Busch, 3,186
8. Ryan Newman, 3,078
9. Kasey Kahne, 3,067
10. Mark Martin, 3,058
11. Jamie McMurray, 3,033
12. Bobby Labonte, 3,022
13. Dale Jarrett, 3,015
14. Jeremy Mayfield, 3,003
15. Kevin Harvick, 3,002
16. Casey Mears, 2,704
17. Michael Waltrip, 2,674
18. Jeff Burton, 2,647
19. Robby Gordon, 2,647
20. Rusty Wallace, 2,641

Golf

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Singh.

Woods was at his best in Boston — "The best ball-striking week of the year," Woods said.

Singh was simply better.

That makes Singh's accomplishment even more rewarding. With another chance to become No. 1 in the world, Singh went head-to-head with the best player in command of his shots.

Earlier in the year, that wasn't the case.

Singh first closed in on Woods by winning Pebble Beach in February. Woods returned from a four-month break and outplayed him in the next three tournaments, including a victory at the Match Play Championship.

Singh won back-to-back weeks in New Orleans and Houston while Woods was away, again getting closer than ever to No. 1 in the world. Again, Woods answered the challenge by finishing no worse than third in his next three tournaments, each time leaving Singh behind.

But right when it looked like Ernie Els had emerged as the chief threat to No. 1, Singh beat Woods at the Buick Open, beat everyone in a playoff at the PGA Championship and then left no doubt by taking on Woods in the final group of the final round at the Deutsche Bank.

Singh will stay No. 1 for the rest of the month, maybe the rest of the year. And now he faces the burden that Woods knows all too well.

What does he do for an encore?

As for Woods, at least now everyone can believe him when he says he's close.

He is only .45 points behind Singh in the world ranking.

Wildfire

Prepare your home, family & community for survival.

- Keep flammable vegetation and leaves at least 30 feet away from your house.
- Keep dry grass and brush cut short.
- Clean roof and gutters of flammable materials and leaves.
- Have an evacuation plan ready.
- Remember backflaring is illegal.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Animal justice

So who says there's no justice in the world? According to an AP story released yesterday, a Pensacola, Fla., man out to kill a few puppies, ended up getting shot himself.



Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

According to the report, Jerry Allen Bradford, age 37, was preparing to rid himself of a few "problems." Those "problems" being seven

3-month-old shepherd-mix pups. Bradford was planning to shoot the puppies in the head because he had been unable to find homes for them.

As he was holding two of the pups - one in his arms and the other in his left hand - the pup in his hand wiggled, put its paw on the trigger of the .38-caliber revolver Bradford was holding, and caused the gun to discharge, shooting Bradford in the wrist.

Bradford was treated for his injury at a local hospital and charged with felony animal cruel-

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POSTSCRIPT

Old movies

The recent death of Tommy McFaddin has provoked a spate of memories for thousands of people who grew up in Johnson County over the last half century or more.



Pam Shingler
 contributing writer

My earliest memories are of Tommy in a uniform, but I'm not entirely sure my brain can be trust-

ed. Did I see so many movies with ushers in uniforms that my fragile mind put Tommy in one?

I do know for sure that Tommy carried a flashlight to help late-comers find a seat, to spotlight sneaky smokers, or to lead unruly audience members out of the theater.

I was one of hundreds of people who filled the Sipp Theater every Saturday and Sunday. I suppose the theater was open during the week, but I have no proof, since the only reason I would be allowed out then was for a ball game.

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Kentucky Highland Folk Festival to be held at MAC

This year marks the 41st anniversary of the Kentucky Highland Folk Festival to be presented in the Mountain Arts Center, on Saturday Sept. 11.

A matinee show will be held at 2:30 p.m. at a cost of \$5. Admission to the 7:30 p.m. evening show is \$10. Admission to both shows is \$12.

Arts, crafts and authors will be featured in the lobby from noon to

7:30 p.m.

Past performers will present an 2:30 p.m. matinee consisting of the traditional mountain style music handed down through the generations. Again this year we welcome; Jamie and Jesse Wells, Marie Bailey, Curtis Vickers, Dianna Donahoe, Rob McNurlin, Jennifer Rose, and Phil & Ann Case.

The 7:30 p.m. evening schedule

will be presented by the Birthplace of Country Music Alliance from Bristol, Va. Noted folk singers will highlight the living traditions of Appalachian music, by recognizing the diversity of musical contributions, influences, and performers. This acclaimed assembly of musical artists are completing a four state tour telling the remarkable story of the 2003 Smithsonian Institution's Folklife

Festival, entitled the "Smithsonian to the Mountains." The series has featured a range of musical styles and performances which were part of the "Appalachia: Heritage and Harmony" production held on the national mall in Washington DC.

Artists and craftsmen will have

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Maxine, behind the lunch counter at Rose's Drug Store.

A life richly lived

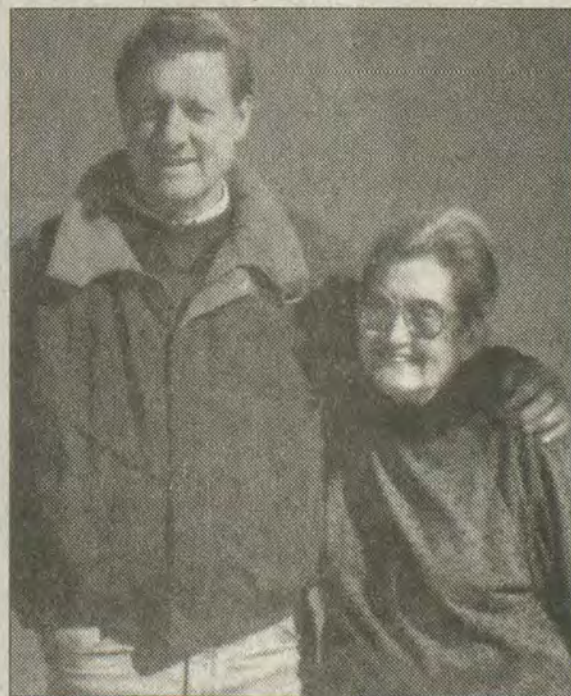
by **KATHY J. PRATER**
 FEATURES EDITOR

If you ever lived, or even regularly visited, in Prestonsburg anytime from the mid-1950s to around 1990, and, if you even remotely like the taste of homemade hot dog sauce, pimiento cheese or fresh homestyle potato salad, then you invariably know of the Rose's Drug Store fountain and grill. Even moreso, you invariably have had the opportunity to get to know Maxine Stevens Rose, the genius behind the delectable culinary fare.

Most folks in these parts know first hand that Maxine could whip up the best grilled homemade pimiento cheese sandwich, hot dog sauce, potato salad and more for miles around. But not everyone knows that in addition to being a hard-working cook at Rose's Drug Store, Maxine was also quite an adventurer, having traveled, with her daughters, to the North Carolina coast, where she first saw the ocean, walking for miles in its surf; visiting the Garden of the Gods in

Colorado; river rafting in Montana; watching Old Faithful blow in Yellowstone Park; and pausing for a drink at the Weeping Wall in Glacier Park. Maxine has slept in tents near the Canadian border and under the fall foliage in the Smoky Mountains. But probably her most memorable trek was the one she took each morning as she hitchhiked out of Middle Creek to work in Prestonsburg, after waking her sleeping children, preparing them a hearty breakfast - one generally comprised of hot, buttered biscuits (36!), oatmeal, and fried bologna - and loading them on the bus to school.

Once the children were off for the day, Maxine hitchhiked to town, arriving at Rose's Drug Store by 7:30 a.m., where she immediately got to work cooking yet more breakfasts and preparing lunches for downtown's business folks and visiting shoppers. Maxine became widely known for her tasty homemade pimento



Maxine and son, Tom, on the front porch of Maxine's home on North Arnold Avenue.

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THINGS TO PONDER

Too focused on 'the kids'

As with other reasons for psychological distress, the typical couple coming for marital therapy is usually experiencing a high level of emotional turmoil. The sources of their difficulties often include such things as a lack of communication skills, problems working as a team in meeting family needs, and not taking time for themselves as a couple. Often they have not had a "date" since the first child was born, and thus they have tended to gradually create an emotional void between themselves. It is also not unusual

that the couple have not realized how one or both are more focused and interested in their children than they are in maintaining an adequate relationship for themselves.

Do you feel that you have a "balanced" relationship between you and your child and between you and your spouse? Are you "overdoing it" with regards to how you view your child and perhaps "use" your child to meet your emotional needs in an inappropriate fashion?

It is well known that individuals use and abuse various substances, such as drugs,

alcohol, food and gambling, in an effort to fill their spiritual or emotional emptiness. The tendency to have addictive behaviors/attitudes often comes about when we do not have a strong spiritual connection with a personal source of love and guidance, plus other relationships and interests that we are passionate about and with which we are deeply involved.

One writer (Margaret Paul, Ph.D.) asked the question, "Is it possible that we are using our children addictively?" Her opinion was that anything or anyone that is

used to get love, avoid pain and fill up inner emptiness can become an addiction - even our children! This possible situation arises when your children are your whole life, while you are apt to use your kids to take up the empty void inside of you.

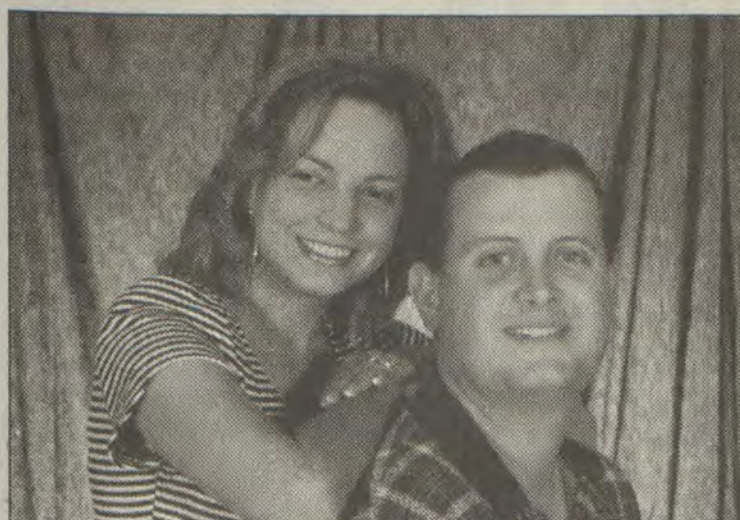
Dr. Paul described several possible reasons for adults to develop this kind of dependent relationship with their children. A major one has to do with the parent's

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Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

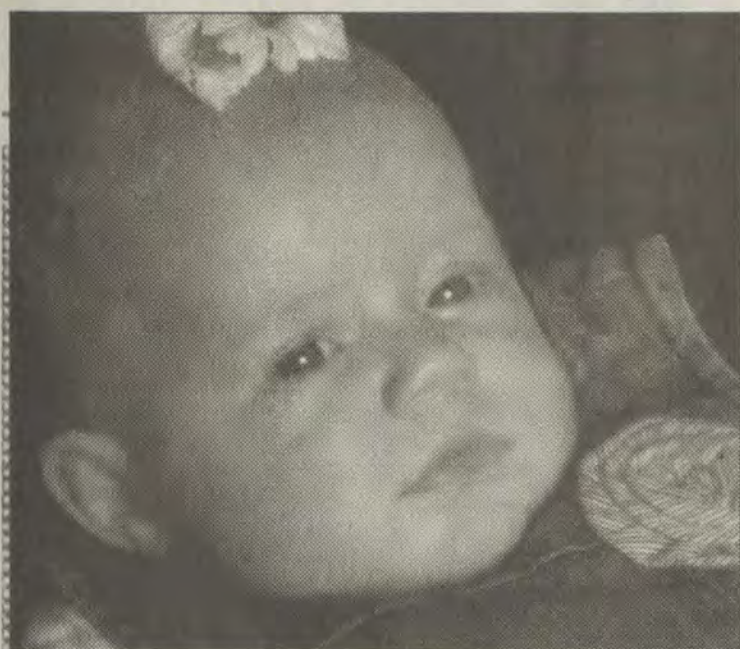
Wedding



Tackett-Osborne

Alma Tackett and Kevin Osborne are pleased to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Alma is a daughter of Kenneth Lee Wyatt of Winchester and Lenora Johnson of Paintsville. Kevin is a son of Jo Nette Halbert of Prestonsburg and Freddie Osborne of Printer. The wedding will take place Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Martin.

New Arrival



Kayli Renea Caudill was born June 11, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center to proud parents Chris and Tammy Caudill, of Salyersville. Kayli Renea is the couple's first child. At birth, Kayli weighed 5 lbs., 13 oz., and was 19 inches long. She is the maternal granddaughter of Doug and Sharon Jones, of Martin. Her paternal grandparents are Phillip and Kashetta Caudill, of Salyersville. She is the great-granddaughter of Carlos and Virginia Artrip, of Martin, and Paul and Margaret Bentley, of Hippo, and the late Silver "Buster" Jones, of McDowell.

OLM ranks first in test results

Private Catholic schools have a reputation for achieving academic excellence with their students. The schools of the Lexington Diocese are no exception. Each year, the schools of the Lexington Diocese, along with other Catholic schools across the country, use standardized tests to measure their achievement against the national standard. During the 2003-2004 school year, students at Our Lady of the Mountains School (OLM) in Paintsville, received the highest test score average in the Lexington Diocese.

The test, the Terra Nova, was administered in March and examined students in reading, math, science, social studies, and writing. Students at OLM averaged over 80 percent on the standardized test.

Our Lady of the Mountains serves students from pre-school

through seventh grade and from 5 different school districts. The student body is diverse, both socially and economically. Last year, the school's rate for free and reduced meals was at 40 percent.

"Many people have the idea that a private school is a place for only wealthy families or only the brightest kids," said OLM principal, Kim Nettleton. "We have families from all backgrounds and children who struggle with multiplication facts, just like any other school. The most important part of our school is our students. Everything we do is designed with their best interest at heart. It is terrific for Our Lady of the Mountains to be recognized this year. We feel the success is due to the commitment of the faculty, parents and students who make up the OLM family."



Caitlin Matijasac, left, and Rachel Sanders, right, work together during one of OLM's science field days. OLM stresses academics and a strong science program.

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cheese, ham salad, potato salad, grilled sandwiches and hot dogs with special sauce and homemade cole slaw.

I myself, have memories of sharing such fare with classmates after school and friends on weekends, along with spending many a lunch hour with co-workers during the days I spent as a teller at the old Bank Josephine. Kim Frasure, a long-time Times employee and current advertising manager, recalls that she loved Maxine's potato salad so much that, following the birth of her daughter, Ashleigh, her husband asked her if she would like something to eat, to which she replied, "Yep! A Dr. Pepper and a big helping of Maxine's potato salad!"

At the end of a full day's work behind the lunch counter, Maxine would hitchhike back home to cook supper for herself and her five children, Nancy, Bucky, John, Tom, and Elizabeth, along with putting out a large washing on a wringer machine - sometimes working so late that she would hang clothes out after dark, where they would wait for the first rays of the next morning's sun.

Maxine worked at the drug store from 1957 until 1990, nine hours a day, six days a week. Her starting salary was \$19.25 a week. Maxine, according to son, Tom,

knew where every quarter was going. "Once, my sister, Elizabeth, broke her arm. Dr. George (Archer) fixed her cast. Mom told him, 'I'll pay you a few dollars a month until it's paid.' And, she did," Tom said.

Tom also tells the story of how Maxine purchased her first automatic washer, in the mid-1960s, from the old York Furniture Store, once housed in the building that is now home to the Q-95 Radio Station. Once a month, according to Tom, on her lunch hour, Maxine would walk from the drug store to the furniture store to pay \$5 on her purchase until the washer was paid for in full.

Maxine retired from the drug store in 1990, after 33 years of hard work.

Maxine, according to her children, raised gardens, taught her children to be honest and made sure that they went to school each day and to Sunday School and church each weekend. Along the way, she cultivated many friendships and earned the respect and admiration of all who came to know her. "Alka and Henry Holbrook, who Mom called 'Aunt Alkie' and 'Uncle Henry,' were neighbors of ours when we lived on Middle Creek," Tom said. "We

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Festival

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exhibits on display in the Mountain Arts Center Lobby beginning around noon and lasting until 7:30 p.m.

The entire afternoon and evening should mark a classic presentation by the Folk Festival and the Mountain Arts Center.

For more information, call the MAC at 886-2623, or toll-free at (888) 622-2787.

ALC readies for Appalachia Day Homecoming event

On October 9, Alice Lloyd College will host their annual Appalachia Day Homecoming event on their campus, in Pippa Passes. It's a day filled with Appalachian arts and crafts, mountain music, special alumni activities, children's games and crafts, drama and storytelling, an Appalachian Authors book signing, and a traditional soup bean supper.

For more information on how you can display your craft or handmade items, call 606-368-6055.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Sept. 15 - AMS Youth Services Center Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m. Everyone invited.

Sept. 16 - Parent Support Group meeting, 11 a.m. This will be an organizational meeting for "Connecting With Parents." Facilitator Lola Ratliff. Refreshments will be provided.

Youth Services Center is currently accepting donations of equipment that could be used in our Recreation Room. If you have something you would like to donate, contact the center.

The AMS Youth Services Center is currently working with the Floyd County Extension Office on a special reading program to be offered to students and their parents. Survey and registration forms will be sent home soon. For more information, contact the center.

If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation.

The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-1297 for more information or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

Allen Central Middle School

Sept. 12 - Start collecting Food City receipts! Turn receipts in to homeroom teachers.

Sept. 13 - Parent meeting, 11 a.m.

Sept. 14 - Bridges parent meeting, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Sept. 20 - Site Base meeting, 5 p.m.

Sept. 20 - PTO, 6 p.m.

Sept. 22 - Picture Day.

Sept. 22 - Red, White & Blue school election.

The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assis-

tant, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The goal of the center is to meet the needs of all children and families who reside in the community or neighborhood being served by our school. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian H. Akers, Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant; and Debra Hayes, Center Nurse.

Clark Elementary

September - The "FIT" (Fitness is Terrific) Club will begin holding meetings in the month of September. Club is for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays immediately after school.

We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

The FCHD nurse is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment.

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

Duff Elementary

Sept. 10 - Grandparents Day, 1 p.m.

Sept. 13 - Parent meeting, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Topic: "Connecting with Kids." Refreshments and goody

bags for all that attend.

Sept. 16 - SBDM meeting, 5 p.m.

Sept. 21 - PTO organizational meeting, 6 p.m.

Sept. 22 - School pictures.

Sept. 27 - Open House, 5 p.m.

Sept. 27 - Floyd County Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

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

May Valley Elementary

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

Sept. 10 - PTA school fund-raiser deadline will end at noon. All forms and money must be turned in at this time.

Sept. 13 - SBDM meeting, 5 p.m., in school auditorium.

Sept. 16 - Parent Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., in the FRC office.

Topic: "Connect! with Parents" video series.

Sept. 21 - Open House! 5:30-7:30 p.m. Meet your child's teacher, then enjoy your favorite ice cream sundae. Sponsored by Prestonsburg Elementary and the Family Resource Center.

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

The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

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

Prestonsburg High School

Sept. 15 - Open House, 5-7 p.m. Refreshments served, everyone welcome.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

Sept. 21 - Open House for South Floyd High School and South Floyd Middle School, 6-8 p.m. FREE dinner at 5 p.m. Presentations to follow.

Walking track open to public. The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

Sept. 15 - "Connecting with Parents" meeting, 11 a.m. All parents/guardians welcome to attend.

Monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first

Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

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

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

Wesley Christian School

Christ United Methodist Church 12th Annual Golf Scramble - Sept. 11, Stumbo Park Beaver Valley Golf Course. Proceeds from event to go to Wesley Christian School. First 80 players blind draw, ABCD players shotgun. Event to begin at 9 a.m. First place prize - \$1,000; Second place - \$500; Third place - \$200 (determined by number of players). Many other prizes, as well. For more information, call Frankie Francis, 358-9417; Lowell Marcum, 874-2917; Ricie Derossett, 874-9514; Dr. Ken Lemaster, 874-2344, or 874-2624; or, Allen Park Clubhouse, 874-2837. Free food and soft drinks.

Currently accepting enrollment for 2004/2005 Kindergarten, and grades 4-8 (some classes already filled).

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

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

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

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



Family Medicine

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



Enormous itching of scabies caused by tiny mite

Q I read your column on chiggers, but it sounded to me as though the person had "The Itch" and not chiggers. My mother went from her home in Kentucky to Ohio once and got "The Itch" and came back and we all got it from her. It produces a little rash and the worst itch you've ever had. It's highly contagious. I think it's caused by a little insect. Could you do a column on "The Itch"?

A You must be talking about scabies. This disorder is caused by a tiny, insect-like creature called a mite. It is so small that under

good light it is just barely visible to the human eye. The female mite burrows under the skin, lays eggs and dies. The eggs hatch, and in about a month they mature into adults. Then this new generation of mites can continue the infestation cycle as the females burrow into the skin and lay more eggs. You are correct; a scabies infestation is highly contagious.

This disorder has several names besides scabies and "The Itch." It is also — with some considerable exaggeration — often called the "7-year-itch." Itching, the primary symptom of this problem, is caused by an "allergic" reaction to the mites, eggs or the feces of the mites. The

itching is extremely intense and seems to be worse at night, but usually spares the head and face, except in young children and infants. The relentless itching — rather than concern for the accompanying rash — is usually what causes the sufferer to seek medical attention.

Scabies is sometimes called the great imitator because the rash has no "classic" presentation and can mimic other skin disorders. It is most common in children and young adults, but an infestation can happen at any age. It occurs in all races and both genders with equal frequency and intensity.

The good news is, once the diagnosis is made, scabies are usually responsive to treatment. The diagnosis can be made by looking at a skin scraping under a microscope and seeing a mite, egg or feces. Treatment with a scabicide lotion that kills the mites will usually do the job. Use of an

antihistamine to help with the itching is also in order. Some patients have crusted lesions from their scabies, a condition called Norwegian scabies. The crusts need to be removed before the scabicide can work.

All family members should be treated at the same time, even if they have no symptoms. Since these little critters can live for up to a week without a meal, it's important to kill them not only on the body, but elsewhere. For instance, bed linens, clothing and towels should be washed in hot water and then placed in a drier using the hot cycle. Overstuffed furniture and carpeting can be sprayed with commercial sprays to kill any mites that might be hiding there. Both the house and the people should be treated again one week after the first treatment.

The itching may persist for a couple of weeks after the rash is gone. If it lasts much longer than that, you need

to have a follow-up visit with your physician. Infants, pregnant women, and those with compromised immune systems need to have special attention, because the treatment guidelines for this fairly common, very itchy rash are different from them.

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Postscript

Tommy took up tickets, lit the path to darkened seats, ousted miscreants, and dished out popcorn and Sugar Babies.

I'm of the generation that remembers movie serials — Roy Rogers facing certain death at the edge of a canyon when the credits rolled. You just had to go back next week to see what happened.

I remember cartoons — Foghorn Leghorn or Tom 'n Jerry — before the feature started.

I remember seeing the news on the big screen, along with previews of coming attractions and commercials for the Cain Drive-In.

I remember Saturday double features after tours of G.C. Murphy's, Hobbs' and Hager Drug Store. And I remember big budget musicals on Sundays after church — South Pacific, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, The Music Man, The Sound of Music, etc.

The Sipp Theater was our

second home and Tommy McFaddin saw more of us on weekends than our parents.

Thinking about it now, I suppose he must have been a very young man when I first encountered him, in his 20s perhaps. But when you're a child, everyone big seems ancient.

I didn't know much then about judging age, but I keenly remember Tommy's round face and cherubic smile. He had soft eyes and an easy smile. He cared about us; of that there was

no doubt.

I grew up and went away. Tommy stayed to usher other generations into the world of movies.

A few years ago, I saw him in town. He had the same clear skin and easy grin, but his back had begun to bow. I spoke to him and he looked me in the eye. The bright smile widened. He nodded and said, Hello.

He couldn't have known who I was, but he knew I was one of his kids.

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Eyes

ty by the Escambia County Sheriff's Office. Three of the litter mates were found dead in a shallow grave near Bradford's home. The remaining four, all appearing healthy, were taken in by the Escambia County Animal Control Shelter, where they will be made available for adoption.

So, justice — at least to a degree.

Once again, a situation that could have been avoided by spay-neuter surgery. I can't, for the life of me, understand why people can't see that shucking out a few dollars to have their

animal "fixed," and to avoid the complications of unwanted animal pregnancies, is a good idea. Not only is it a good idea, it's a great one — especially for the animal concerned.

God was good enough to create animal companions for us to enrich our lives, ease our loneliness, and to offer us unconditional love. Is it really so hard to appreciate such a gift? We can, truly, be so unworthy at times.



Worry is my middle name, as

they say. Not a good thing. Worry can raise your blood pressure, aggravate your asthma, prompt your liver to produce more cholesterol, increase your risk of heart attack and stroke, cause your body to produce an increased amount of stomach acids which can lead to a myriad of digestive complications, cause skin rashes and itching, and even leave you with a weakened immune system.

Like I said, not a good thing. I come from a long line of worriers, but I'm doing my best to get a grip and learn how to

lead, if not a worry-free, then at least a "worry-less" life.

Talking, exercise, and learning to re-direct your thoughts are all keys to reducing the worry factor. Now that we're armed, let's get on with the battle. Life is much too short to spend it worrying your days away. And, let's not forget — experts say that having a pet can help us to reduce the stress of our busy lives. So once again, a very good reason to appreciate, rather than abuse, the furry little creatures with which we live.

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Ponder

lack of an acceptable relationship with a partner, such as a single parent or someone that has a difficult, troubled or unfulfilling relationship. As a result, a primary emotional connection is frequently made between the parent and children.

This reminds me of the separated-to-divorce parents that brought their 8-year-old son, because he was having such a hard time. He had always slept in the bed with at least one parent. For years he was with both parents and with his mother for the last year prior to the separation.

This same type of dependent emotional connection is prone to occur when a parent does not have other activities, such as work or hobbies, that are compelling and fulfilling to them and that are likely to give meaning to their life. Thus they become extensively emotionally involved with the children.

An example comes to mind of the mother that really wanted to continue to take college class-

es, but backed off with the excuse, "I can't now. My 6-year-old son has started playing sports every day after school and I have to do the pickups."

Dr. Paul also thought that the lack of a daily spiritual practice that brought "love and comfort to your soul" was likely to set up a situation for a parent using children to fill this need.

It is not a great surprise that this form of parent-child relationship is not good for your children. Just think of the super burden on them to feel responsible for their parents' happiness and sense of purpose. It is not uncommon for children in these circumstances to take on a role of being "miniature caretakers" and thus being deprived of their opportunity for healthy emotional development in childhood. There is the possibility that the children might rebel and grow distant from the parent that gives out this responsibility. In addition, these children might choose to spend less and less time with the parent at home as

a means for avoiding the sense of having the burden of the parent's emotional emptiness.

By all means, your children need to be a valuable part of your lives, but not your whole life. You need to show them what it looks like for each person to take responsibility for his own happiness and not to depend on another person to do so. It is important for your children to know they are important to you, without your well-being being dependent upon them.

Dr. Paul suggested that the following questions be explored to see if you might be using your children addictively:

- Do you feel bored, useless, or lonely when your children are not around?
- Do they alone give your life meaning?
- Is your sense of worth attached to your children's achievements?
- Do you tend to take it personally if one of your children has a problem?
- Are you over-involved in

your children's lives?

■ Are you overly sensitive if one of your children is angry or distant?

■ Do you find yourself trying to pacify your children rather than set appropriate limits in order to avoid their rejection?

■ Did you have children in hopes of getting love from them, rather than to share the fullness of your love?

If you answered "yes" to one or more of these questions, then there is a good possibility that you are using your children addictively. If so, the best choices you can have for yourself and your kids are: (1) develop supportive emotional connections with other adults — a partner, other family members and friends. In the meanwhile, keep remembering that there is going to be life after the children; (2) look for meaningful and productive ways to express your particular talents; and (3) move toward finding a solid spiritual practice that fills you with a sense of peace and meaning.

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Anniversaries



Thomas and Emily "Frances" Vondenhuevel

Vondenhuevels 50th wedding anniversary

Thomas and Emily "Frances" Vondenhuevel, 1536 Miami-Conservancy Road, Sidney, Ohio, will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on September 10, 2004. An open house celebration will be held in their honor on Saturday, September 11, from 6-9 p.m., at the Community Center, in Houston, Ohio.

Thomas and the former Emily Adkins were married on September 10, 1954, in a private ceremony, in Lockington, Ohio. Witnesses for the ceremony were Richard Evans and Erna Frasure Evans.

Emily was born and reared on Wilson's Creek. She is a 1952 graduate of Maytown High School. Thomas is from the Sidney, Ohio area.

The Vondenhuevels are parents of five children, Thomas Jr. and Gregg, both of Sidney, Ohio, Teresa Bailey, of Piqua, Ohio, Becky

Schmiesing, of Minster, Ohio, and John, of Titusville, Florida. They have 12 grandchildren.

Mrs. Vondenhuevel has three sisters, Elsa Compton, of Tomball, Texas, Willa Vaness, of Logan, West Virginia, and Alice Isaac, of Hebron, Kentucky, and two brothers, Wayne Adkins and John Adkins, both of Sidney, Ohio. One sister is deceased.

Her husband has two sisters, Loretta Counts and Patricia Petersimes, both of Sidney, Ohio, three brothers, Donald, of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Richard and Chester, both Sidney, Ohio. One brother and one sister are deceased.

Thomas is a retired truck driver and part-time farmer and carpenter. Emily is a homemaker. The couple share interests in gardening, camping, travel, and spending time with their grandchildren.



50th Wedding Anniversary

Samuel Sword and Betty Lee Little were joined in marriage on September 11, 1954, at Price. Fifty happy years later, on September 11, 2004, Mr. and Mrs. Sword plan to celebrate their many blessings with their children, Jeffrey and Pamela Sue, their grandsons, Jeffrey Brian, Buck and Nick, and two great-grandchildren. Their loved ones wish them many more happy years together.

Rose

adopted them and they treated us like their own." Maxine and her neighbors helped one another garden, can vegetables for the winter months and pick blackberries along the high meadows of Uncle Henry's property. Maxine would dress in a pair of men's pants, a long-sleeve shirt and a headscarf as she worked around the farm. Something women did not do in those days.

Maxine reared her family in a small, four-room rent home, located along Route 144, seven miles west of Prestonsburg. The small house was heated with a free standing coal stove. Maxine cooked her family's meals on a wood stove in the kitchen.

In the mid-1970s, Maxine purchased her

very own home. This home is located at 322 North Arnold Avenue, in Prestonsburg. Maxine paid off the home in full, never once being late or missing a payment. It was in this home that Maxine resided at her death. A great-grandchild, Kendra Rose, visited Maxine daily during her illness, for several weeks, patiently caring for her until the day she passed, this past August.

Even beyond retirement, at the age of 78, Maxine remained active and independent, living in her own home, taking long walks each morning, reading and working crossword puzzles, meeting old friends and making new ones at the local senior citizen's center, crocheting afghans for her children,

grandchildren and dear friends, working in her flower garden, traveling, and even logging enough miles on her indoor bike to get her to California and back.

Maxine loved life, music, the outdoors, dancing, her family, and...making her famous potato salad for all who visited to eat a bite at Rose's Drug Store. The recipe, along with the memories, remains in the family today, though Maxine and her boundless energy have moved on.

If you would like to honor Maxine's memory, her family suggests making a donation to the Floyd County Animal Shelter, Hospice of Big Sandy, or the American Cancer Society in her name.

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.
New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
Prize 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.
Auxiliary Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Com Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.;
Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.
Endicot Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.
Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eqpt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.
First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.
First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.
First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.
Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1083 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.
Rise United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Githel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

HER NAME APPEARS ONLY ONCE IN THE BIBLE—BUT...

DORCAS (OR TABITHA)—THE ARAMAIC FORM OF THE NAME) A FEMALE DISCIPLE OF JESUS, LIVING IN JOPPA, SHE WAS KNOWN FOR HER GOOD WORKS SUCH AS MAKING COATS AND GARMENTS FOR THE POOR. WHEN SHE DIED, HER FRIENDS PREPARED HER FOR BURIAL AND SENT FOR PETER, WHO HAPPENED TO BE IN NEARBY LYDDA AT THE TIME.

...WHEN PETER ARRIVED HE SENT THE MOURNERS OUT OF THE ROOM AND PRAYED EARNESTLY, THEN HE MADE THE YOUNG WOMAN TO ARISE—AND SHE OPENED HER EYES AND DID NEWS OF THIS ACT SPREAD ABOUT JOPPA AND INSPIRED MANY CONVERSIONS TO THE NEW CHRISTIAN FAITH. (ACTS 9:36-42)

SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAP-BOOK

This devotional and directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to attend worship services.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.
Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barrett, Minister.
Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.
Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.
Lancor Baptist Church; 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter
Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Marie Little, Minister.
Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.
Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Epili; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.
Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.
Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.
McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.
Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.
Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-3385
Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancor; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.
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.
Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, President; 874-9488/478-2978.
Rock Fork Freewill Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Cramer, Minister.
Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.
Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.
Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.
Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.
Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist, Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.
Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist, Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.
United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.
Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

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

CHRISTIAN
First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.
Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Haskeworth, Minister.
Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.
Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.
Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.
Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.
Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.
Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

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

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

METHODIST
Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Doug Lawson, Minister.
Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.
Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.
Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolido, Minister.
Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 978, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.
Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Jack Howard, Minister.
First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Youth Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Waltz, Pastor.
Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.
Martin Methodist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
Maytown United Methodist, Langley; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
Salisbury United Methodist, Printer, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.
Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.
Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.
Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.
Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Santan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.
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 Saturday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN
Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.

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

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

OTHER
Pastor Atha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY. Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m.
Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
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Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Heintzelman, Minister.
Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month.; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.
The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.
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International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.
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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PERMIT NO. 836-0289

Increment Nos. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, & 18 in accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for Phase 1 bond release on permit number 836-0289, Increment Nos. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, which was last issued on 1/09/2001. The application covers an area of approximately 620.31 acres, located 1.38 miles southwest of Hueysville, in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 0.60 mile southwest from State Route 7's junction with Salyer Branch Road on Saltlick Creek, and 0.13 mile southeast of Coolwater Creek's confluence with Saltlick Creek. The latitude is 37°29'16". The longitude is 82°51'46". The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 is a certificate of deposit and bond pool type bond in the amount of \$31,500, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$51,500 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 is a certificate of deposit and bond pool type bond in the amount of \$45,300, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$75,500 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, and seeding to achieve the approved post mining land use, which was completed for Increment No. 2 in April 2002; Increment No. 7 in July 2002; Increment No. 8 in June 2003; Increment No. 9 and 10 in October 2002; Increment Nos. 11, 12, and 16 in March 2004; Increment Nos. 14, 15, & 17 in February 2004; and Increment No. 18 in March 2003. Results thus far achieved are: area is stable and vegetation has been established. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by October 8, 2004. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for October 11, 2004, at 1:00 p.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation's

\$46,100 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 10 is a certificate of deposit and bond pool type bond in the amount of \$ 7 7 , 0 0 0 . Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$87,000 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 11 is a certificate of deposit and bond pool type bond in the amount of \$ 1 1 0 , 8 0 0 . Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$110,800 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 12 is a certificate of deposit and bond pool type bond in the amount of \$ 1 0 4 , 9 0 0 . Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$104,900 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 14 is a certificate of deposit and bond pool type bond in the amount of \$ 1 1 7 , 2 0 0 . Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$117,200 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 15 is a certificate of deposit and bond pool type bond in the amount of \$ 1 0 2 , 2 0 0 . Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$102,200 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 16 is a certificate of deposit and bond pool type bond in the amount of \$ 1 4 6 , 6 0 0 . Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$146,600 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 17 is a certificate of deposit and bond pool type bond in the amount of \$ 8 2 , 5 0 0 . Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$82,500 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 18 is a certificate of deposit and bond pool type bond in the amount of \$ 7 9 , 5 0 0 . Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$79,500 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, and seeding to achieve the approved post mining land use, which was completed for Increment No. 2 in April 2002; Increment No. 7 in July 2002; Increment No. 8 in June 2003; Increment No. 9 and 10 in October 2002; Increment Nos. 11, 12, and 16 in March 2004; Increment Nos. 14, 15, & 17 in February 2004; and Increment No. 18 in March 2003. Results thus far achieved are: area is stable and vegetation has been established. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by October 8, 2004. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for October 11, 2004, at 1:00 p.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation's

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In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, 1876 Yellow Creek Road, Sassafras, KY 41759, has applied for a permit for a surface/underground/preparation plant coal mining operation, located 0.15 mile south of Price, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 149.76 surface acres, and will underlie 125.56, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 275.32 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.10 mile northwest from KY 122's junction with KY 979, and located 0.05 mile east of Left Beaver Creek. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will include a washer and refuse disposal coal processing facility. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Progress Land Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by Progress Land Corporation. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Highways, in the Division of Contract Procurement, on the 3rd floor, and/or the Auditorium, located on the 1st floor of the Transportation Cabinet Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky, until 10:00 a.m., DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME, on the 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004. At which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of: FLOYD COUNTY: FD05 036 0979 000-008: Hi Hat-Harold (KY 979) from KY 122 at Hi Hat (MP 0.000), extending north to KY 3380 at Tinker Fork (MP 7.208), a distance of 7.21 miles. Asphalt resurfacing. Bid proposals for all projects will be available at the Division of Contract Procurement, until 3:00 p.m., Daylight Saving Time, preceding the day of the letting of Friday, September 17th, 2004. Bid proposals for all projects will be available at a cost of \$10 each, and remittance, payable to the State Treasurer of Kentucky, must accompany request for proposals (NON-REFUNDABLE). BID PROPOSALS ARE ISSUED TO QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS. Specimen proposals for all projects will be available to all interested parties at a cost of \$10, each (NON REFUNDABLE)

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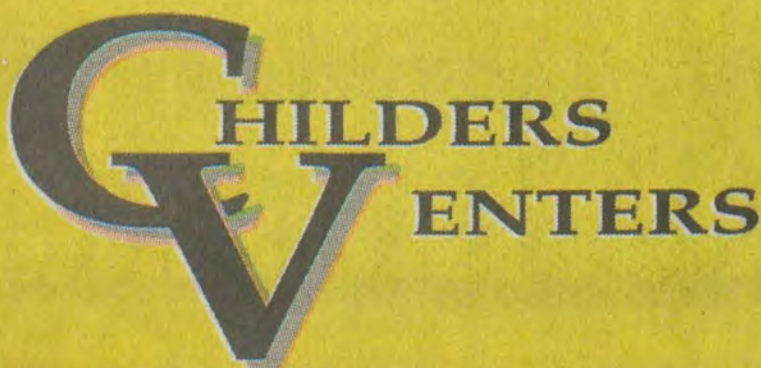
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