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briefs

MSHA to hold mining safety seminars

The Associated Press

BECKLEY, W.Va. — A federal agency will hold safety seminars in Kentucky and West Virginia on retreat mining, the practice of mining coal pillars that support the roof of an underground mine after all coal has been taken from an area.

Two miners have been killed in accidents this year because of the practice, which allows the coal mine roof to collapse.

The free seminars offered by the Mine Safety and Health Administration will discuss mobile roof supports, geology, roof support issues and global stability.

"There are safe and efficient ways of doing retreat mining, and we want to be sure operators or underground coal mines are aware of the hazards involved and how to avoid those hazards," said Dave D. Lauriski, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health.

The four-hour seminars will be at 9 a.m. Nov. 9 at Hazard Community College in Hazard, and 8 a.m. Nov. 10 at the National Mine Health and Safety Academy near Beckley.



Members of the Prestonsburg Zoning Commission appeared skeptical as they received vague answers to their inquiries of engineers working on a consolidated elementary school project targeted at Middle Creek.

photo by Tom Doty

Zoning commission grills board about school site

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — While everyone attending last night's open meeting of the Prestonsburg Zoning Commission agreed that a consolidated elementary school for the Prestonsburg area is a great idea, there are still many questions about the proposed site at Middle Creek, where Clark Elementary now sits.

The chief concern that was raised by Middle Creek residents had everything to do with last May's

flooding and unfortunately there were few answers to be found.

Specialists from Reed Engineering were on hand to explain that the program they used was based on a 100-year flood, but their program did not anticipate seven inches of rain falling within four hours. They also could not explain adequately whether a cut in the property that will displace soil towards Middle Creek will have an effect on flooding.

Residents of the area were on hand and all shared the flood con-

cerns that they have had and also spoke of the high water that frequently builds in the area. All seemed to be content with being bought out if that was necessary, but none of the residents appeared willing to gamble on the school until the flood issue is answered.

Fire Marshall Bob Carpenter also spoke and said that the Board of Education appeared to go around the zoning commission by ordering tests and plans from government

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Judge denies mother-in-law's early release

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Cheryl Kinslow, 57, of Pulaski County, was denied her first request for "shock probation" by Circuit Court Judge John Caudill three weeks ago.

The request for early release is standard and in this case was anticipated.

Kinslow pleaded guilty to charges of trying to hire a hit man to kill her son-in-law last August and was sentenced to eight years in prison. She only has to serve five years, however, before beginning her parole.

Kinslow's motion for early probation was considered by the court even though it didn't follow established protocols. Though it is submitted in the form of a pro se motion, directly from the defendant,

it is submitted through her new representative, David Kinslow, her husband.

Kinslow's request for early release was accompanied by several arguments. She states in the motion that her poor health would constitute a burden on the Commonwealth and that she is not a menace to the community.

The motion was reviewed and denied.

"The motion of the defendant contains no new allegation or information which has not been previously reflected on by the court, and therefore the court finds that an evidentiary hearing is unnecessary," Caudill wrote in his denial.

The road to prison, for Kinslow, was a rocky one that wasn't made better by a

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11 sentenced for drug crimes

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Sentencings on drug charges took up most of the circuit court docket on Thursday with 45 years

being doled out to 11 defendants accused of various crimes involving drugs.

The defendants refused easy analysis as they were spread out all over the spec-

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Alcohol, drugs cited for jump in violence against police

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Police Department and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department had a time of it in October.

The month began with a scuffle at the Red Light Diner with Carter Castle. Castle, who was reportedly not in his right mind at the time, spooked patrons of the Red Light Diner when he approached the counter and ordered two coffees while holding a .357 Magnum pistol. Several officers were injured when they tried to bring Castle in and get the weapon from him.

At the end of the month a phone call

from Sam an' Tonio's restaurant brought two officers into another scuffle that saw minor injuries on a call that should have meant just a \$100 misdemeanor fine for Ryan Johnson, 20, of Jamestown, but escalated when Johnson resisted arrest and chose to fight with officers.

The sheriff's department had similar cases on their plate like when a shoplifting case at the Dollar General Store got ugly when the suspect chose to resist arrest and battled Sgt. Steve Little.

Drugs were a factor in that case and have combined with alcohol for becoming the leading precursors to violence that erupts during the course of a routine arrest

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photo by Tom Doty

Prestonsburg now sports an electronic billboard at the junction of Routes 321 and 119, at the site of the old tourism building.

Election wrap-up: Bush plots second term

by JENNIFER LOVEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A minority president no more, President Bush sketched a second-term agenda Thursday that includes fighting the worldwide war on terror while seeking tax and Social Security

reform. "I earned capital in the campaign — political capital — and now I intend to spend it," he said at a news conference 24 hours after securing his second term.

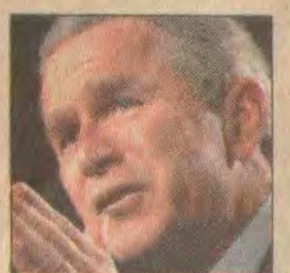
Bush also pledged to pursue the foreign policy that was a flash-point in the presidential campaign

and has sparked criticism by some American allies in Europe.

"There is a certain attitude in the world by some that says that it's a waste of time to try to promote free societies in parts of the world," he said, a reference to Iraq in particular. "I've heard that criticism."

"Remember, I went to London to talk about our vision of spreading freedom throughout the greater Middle East and I fully understand that that might rankle some and be viewed by some as folly."

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Odds & Ends

■ OSWEGO, Kan. — And you thought the hot air ended when Election Day arrived: Labette County election officials pulled out a hair dryer to solve a jam in an electronic scanner.

Problems started when the county clerk's office began counting 805 advance ballots just after 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Election officials tried to fix the machine and called a technician from the scanner's manufacturer, but a concerned citizen stepped up with her own idea.

Dee Brown, the sales manager at Flesh Co., a Parsons printer, suspected humidity may have swelled ballots sent by mail. She

suggested a hair dryer.

"I work with paper all the time, and I knew it was probably moisture," said Brown, who was observing the vote count.

After a hair dryer was located, workers tried it out. Ballots still didn't feed perfectly into the scanner, but the situation improved.

■ SPRINGDALE, Ark. — Want to get elected to the Springdale City Council? Don't spend a dime or give a speech, say you're too busy to campaign, then drop out of the race.

Hey, it worked for Mike Overton.

"I didn't have time to do any

campaigning and spent no money on campaigning," the Springdale real estate salesman said.

Overton defeated Rex Bailey for the spot with 53 percent of the vote. Bailey, who captured 47 percent, said he raised more than \$12,000.

"I ran as hard as I could," Bailey said. "He beat me. I congratulated him."

Overton withdrew from the race in October, saying he didn't have time to serve because of his business interests. But the ballots were printed before that announcement.

Overton says he'll take the job anyway.

"After what I consider to be a mandate, considering the circumstances, I think it's my obligation to serve after the confidence the average citizens have placed with me," Overton said. "I'm humbled and, at the same time, ecstatic over the outcome."

■ HARRISBURG, Pa. — Dr. Andrea Shaer, in labor with her third child, wanted to vote before she went to the delivery room.

But with more than 100 people lined up at the polling station at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Shaer changed her mind.

Shaer, a nephrologist, or kidney doctor, gave birth to a son, Jack, and returned to vote Tuesday night 30 minutes before the polls closed, intravenous drip in tow.

"Knowing how close the race is in Pennsylvania and being a mom, with all the issues there, I just had to try" to vote, Shaer said.

Shaer works at the medical center. She awoke at 5 a.m. Tuesday when her water broke.

■ CHICAGO — A groundskeeper found a rusted, hollowed-out shell of a grenade in the right-field turf of Chicago's Wrigley Field.

The dud was found Tuesday morning by a worker at the home of the Chicago Cubs. The police's Bomb and Arson investigators were called to examine the device, which they found to be empty and harmless.

"This thing was absolutely nothing more than a piece of scrap metal," police Cmdr. Irene Jones said.

Investigators said there was no way to determine how the device ended up on the field, but added that no break-ins were reported at the ballpark.

"Somebody probably had a few drinks and lobbed it over the wall," Town Hall District Capt. Bill McCorry said.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 5, the 310th day of 2004. There are 56 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 5, 1605, the "Gunpowder Plot" failed as Guy Fawkes was seized before he could blow up the English Parliament.

On this date:

■ In 1911, Calbraith P. Rodgers arrived in Pasadena, Calif., completing the first transcontinental airplane trip in 49 days.

■ In 1912, Woodrow Wilson was elected president, defeating Progressive Republican Theodore Roosevelt and incumbent Republican William Howard Taft.

■ In 1940, President Roosevelt won an unprecedented third term in office as he defeated Republican challenger Wendell L. Willkie.

■ In 1944, British official Lord Moyne was assassinated in Cairo, Egypt, by the Zionist Stern gang.

■ In 1946, Republicans captured control of both the Senate and the House in midterm elections.

■ In 1968, Richard M. Nixon won the presidency, defeating Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and third-party candidate George C. Wallace.

■ In 1974, Ella T. Grasso was elected governor of Connecticut, the first woman to win a gubernatorial office without succeeding her husband.

■ In 1989, death claimed pianist Vladimir Horowitz in New York at age 85 and singer-songwriter Barry Sadler in Murfreesboro, Tenn., at age 49.

■ In 1990, Rabbi Meir Kahane, the Brooklyn-born Israeli extremist, was shot to death at a New York hotel. (Egyptian native El Sayyed Nosair was convicted in federal court of the slaying.)

■ In 1996, voters returned President Clinton to the White House for a second term but kept Congress in Republican control.

Ten years ago: Former President Reagan disclosed he

had Alzheimer's disease. George Foreman became boxing's oldest heavyweight champion at age 45 after knocking out Michael Moorer in the 10th round of their WBA fight in Las Vegas.

Five years ago: U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson declared Microsoft Corporation a monopoly, saying the software giant's aggressive actions were "stifling innovation" and hurting consumers. Pope John Paul II began his first visit to India in 13 years.

One year ago: President Bush signed a bill outlawing the procedure known by its critics as "partial-birth abortion"; less than an hour later, a federal judge in Nebraska issued a temporary restraining order against the ban. Green River serial killer Gary Leon Ridgway confessed to strangling four dozen women over two decades, most of them near Seattle. Democratic presidential hopeful Howard Dean apologized for urging Democrats to court Southern whites who displayed Confederate flags on their pickup trucks. Bobby

Hatfield of the musical duo the Righteous Brothers died in Kalamazoo, Mich., at age 63.

Today's Birthdays: Musician Myron Floren ("The Lawrence Welk Show") is 85. Singer-songwriter Ike Turner is 73. Actor Chris Robinson is 66. Actress Elke Sommer is 64. Singer Art Garfunkel is 63. Actor-playwright Sam Shepard is 61. Singer Peter Noone is 57. Actor Robert Patrick is 46. Singer Bryan Adams is 45. Actress Tilda Swinton is 44. Actress Tatum O'Neal is 41. Actress Andrea McArdle is 41. Rock singer Angelo Moore (Fishbone) is 39. Rock musician Mark Hunter (James) is 36. Actor Sam Rockwell is 36. Country singers Heather and Jennifer Kinley (The Kinleys) are 34. Actor Corin Nemec is 33. Rock musician Jonny Greenwood (Radiohead) is 33. Country singer-musician Ryan Adams is 30. Actor Jeremy Lelliott is 22.

Thought for Today: "Examine what is said, not him who speaks." — Arab proverb.



Volunteers from Pikeville College's chapter of Sigma Zeta, the national science and mathematics honor society, along with Professors Tracy Soltesz and Harold Chittum, recently participated in a fundraising walk for cystic fibrosis research. The event was held at Bob Amos Park in Pikeville. As biology and chemistry scholars, these students have an understanding of disease and what it takes to make progress toward a cure. Motivated by their desire to give back to the community, they raised more than \$460 for cystic fibrosis research. The faculty sponsor for Sigma Zeta is Bernadine Cochran, assistant professor of mathematics/computer science. Standing, from left are walk participants Emily Ruth, Dr. Tracy Soltesz, Autumn Hensley, Amanda Howell, Tonya Milam, Charla Justice and Brian Daniels. Front row, from left: Jenny Parsons Marie Hargis and Christy Hopkins.

Bush

Told by a reporter that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had died, Bush said he intended to "continue to work for a free Palestinian state that's at peace with Israel." Later reports said that Arafat, in a coma in Paris, was still alive.

Bush sidestepped questions about changes in his Cabinet and potential vacancies in the Supreme Court, where Chief Justice William Rehnquist recently disclosed he was undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer.

"I haven't made any decisions on the Cabinet yet," Bush said. Nor about his top staff, he added. Changes are widely expected in both, and senior aides said Attorney General John Ashcroft was likely to submit his resignation before Bush's inauguration for a second term on Jan. 20.

As for the nation's highest court, Bush said, "There's no vacancy for the Supreme Court and I will deal with a vacancy when there is one."

The president seemed relaxed as he took questions, the uncertainty of a hardfought campaign behind him. He joked with reporters at several points and asked for a show of hands on how many of them

would stay in their jobs while he remained in his.

Bush fielded questions after securing re-election in a campaign framed by the war in Iraq and economic issues at home. Nearly complete returns gave him 51 percent of the popular vote.

For the second straight day, he pledged to reach out to those who opposed his re-election.

"The campaign over, Americans are expecting a bipartisan effort and results. I will reach out to every one who shares our goals," he said.

"Democrats want a free and peaceful world," he said at one point.

He opened his first postelection news conference by prodding the lame duck Congress that meets later this month to send him an overdue spending bill while keeping deficit concerns in mind. He also called for approval of legislation to overhaul the nation's intelligence apparatus to help protect against another attack.

He sidestepped a question about the cost of the war in Iraq, saying his administration would present Congress with a "realistic assessment" of the funding that is needed. Congressional aides have said the administration is likely to

ask lawmakers for an additional \$75 billion to pay for military costs in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Turning his attention to the new Congress, where Republicans gained seats in Tuesday's elections, he said he wants legislation to fundamentally reorder Social Security and the tax system.

Bush has long advocated changes in Social Security to permit workers to invest a portion of their own payroll taxes in individual retirement accounts. The proposal is opposed by many Democrats who argue it would undermine the finances of a system originally established to provide pensions to retirees.

"I earned capital in the campaign and now I intend to spend it," Bush said. "And I'm going to spend it for what I told the people I would spend it on."

His comments about earning political capital reflected the reality of an election in which he won a second term and his party gained seats in both the House and Senate.

At the same time, the Democratic minority has enough seats in the Senate to block legislation by filibuster, and it will be up to the

Democrats to decide how often to use that power.

The president began his day by meeting with his Cabinet. After the news conference, he looked ahead to a weekend trip to Camp David, where he said he would consider personnel changes for the second term.

"It's inevitable there will be changes," he said, adding that speculation about switches was a "great Washington sport."

Earlier, Bush took congratulatory calls from the presidents of Iraq, Afghanistan, Poland and Russia and the prime ministers of Israel and Italy, and he told his Cabinet, "We've still got work to do."

"We're here for a reason," the president said. "It is a privilege to sit around this table."

Bush also invited campaign workers to the White House for a thank-you celebration.

His second term secured, Bush asked the 55 million people who voted to oust him from office to get behind him.

In a victory speech late Wednesday, Bush said reaching his goals "will require the broad support of Americans." He asked Kerry's disappointed supporters to back him — even though many of his proposals are anathema to those who opposed his re-election.

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Drugs

trum in terms of age and gender. Most will see a fair share of their sentence probated, though the docket is always rife with parole revocation hearings.

One consistent demand that the bench made, in regards to sentences that were probated, was that defendants who aren't currently employed perform 20 hours of community service per week that they are not working.

There were very few hiccups in the proceedings but occasionally there were minor problems and at least one occasion Judge John Caudill enforced

ing a recommended sentence though he appeared to have doubts about it. That situation was reserved for Jerica S. Little. She was sentenced on five charges which included three possession charges, promoting contraband and one count of public intoxication. Her maximum sentence was three years on two of the charges but her plea recommendation will have her doing the three years on probation.

Caudill read the sentence recommended by the commonwealth and said he would fol-

low it, "Somewhat reluctantly." He proceeded to inform Little about community service and was somewhat surprised when she reacted by stating she had no one to watch her children. The judge seemed a little exasperated as he contemplated who watched her children while she pursued the activities that led to her arrest. Little relented that her mother could watch them on occasion.

One case did not go as expected when Judge Caudill decided not to accept a plea and set a trial date for one

defendant who admitted to using methadone. Alex Skeens, 21, said that he needed the methadone to detox from OxyContin. He further said that he was at risk for seizures if he didn't take the drug because going cold turkey could bring about seizures due to a traumatic brain injury he has suffered.

Caudill didn't accept the plea, which is supposed to be entered only when the defendant is of sound mind, and set a trial date for May 3 for Skeens.

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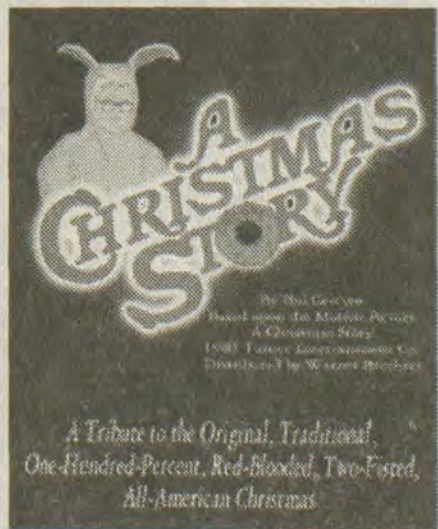
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GOP leaders urge Republicans to avoid becoming complacent

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky Republicans, gleeful over newly won gains in state and federal elections, got some sobering advice Wednesday from their top leaders — don't become smug or complacent.

The Republican ascendancy in the state continued Tuesday as GOP candidates rode the coattails of President Bush, who easily carried Kentucky in winning re-election. In Kentucky, GOP successes included winning the seat of a retiring Democratic congressman, apparently padding their state Senate majority and picking up several state House seats.

Yet Republicans had a close call in the U.S. Senate race. Incumbent Republican Jim Bunning barely beat challenger Daniel Mongiardo of Hazard.

Democrats vowed to regroup from their setbacks, and one party leader accused Republicans of resorting to attacks to achieve their gains.

"I think fear and smear has become the trademark of the Republican Party," state Democratic Party Chairman Bill Garner said. "And I find that ironic because at the same time, they contend that they're the only party of Christian leanings."

Garner said Republicans exploited a hot-button social issue by falsely claiming that some Democratic candidates condoned same-sex marriage.

Kentucky voters passed 3-to-1 a constitutional amendment prohibiting same-sex marriage and civil unions.

U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, the chief architect of the Republican rise, said the GOP performance Tuesday was gratifying but cautioned Republicans that the close U.S. Senate race showed Democrats remain competitive.

"I would counsel all of the excited Republicans in Kentucky today to not be smug and remember the McConnell maxim — you meet the same people on the way down you did on the way up," the senator said. "By that I mean we will continue to win only as long as people feel that our candidates who are elected are doing a good job."

Gov. Ernie Fletcher echoed the theme, saying Republicans should "keep a good sense of humility" while assuming an even greater role in governing the state.

McConnell conceded that Mongiardo ran a good race and that some "publicized incidents" involving Bunning helped the Democrat.

Bunning was plagued by several missteps, including comparing Mongiardo's appearance to one of Saddam Hussein's sons and admitting he was unaware a

group of Army reservists refused a convoy mission in Iraq.

The decisive factor, though, was Bunning's ability to link Mongiardo with Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, said McConnell, who appeared with Bunning repeatedly in the campaign's final days.

"In the end, I think that's what Kentuckians decided — that it didn't make sense to vote for the president and his agenda and turn around in the Senate race and vote for somebody who is not going to support any of that," McConnell said.

Mongiardo agreed that Bush cast a large shadow over the Senate race.

"When Bush won the state by 20 percent, that was just very difficult to overcome," Mongiardo said Wednesday.

In retrospect, Mongiardo said he probably should have done a better job stressing his views on social issues. Mongiardo, a state senator, opposes abortion and same-sex marriage and supports gun rights.

"I don't think we got our message out about my conservative values as well in the west as we could have," he said.

After putting 120,000 miles on his sport-utility vehicle while crisscrossing the state the past year, Mongiardo returns to his medical practice in Hazard and to his state Senate duties.

Republicans picked up one congressional seat when Geoff Davis defeated Democrat Nick Clooney in the 4th District to replace retiring Rep. Ken Lucas, a Democrat. The loss left

Democrats with just one member in Kentucky's congressional delegation — 6th District Rep. Ben Chandler.

In the 3rd District, U.S. Rep. Anne Northup's easy victory could have a "chilling effect" on Democrats pondering future runs against her, Jefferson County GOP Chairman Jack Richardson IV said.

Northup, always a target of national Democrats, won with 60 percent of the vote in defeating Democrat Tony Miller in the mostly Democratic Louisville district.

"I think she can be the congresswoman from the 3rd District for as long as she wants it," Richardson said.

Meanwhile, the Republican strategy to play up Bush's popularity even reached down the ticket to state legislative races, McConnell said.

"Basically, our Republican candidates for the state legislature didn't run on Frankfort issues, they ran on federal issues," he said.

Republicans picked up one seat in the state Senate to give them a 23-16 advantage over Democrats, pending the outcome of a legal challenge to one GOP candidate. In the House, the GOP closed its gap with majority Democrats to 57-43 after picking up seven seats.

As for the party's future, Garner said: "We just keep on going. Same-sex marriage won't be on the ballot the next time, and we'll get down to real family-value issues" — such as jobs, education and health care."

School

agencies in Frankfort, but waiting until now to begin the process with the zoning commission — which must look at the flood issue as well as how the plan for a school at the site fits into an overall economic outlook for the city and how it will affect traffic on Route 114. Any one of those concerns could torpedo the project, which has already seen an investment of funds.

"Prestonsburg has the responsibility to insure that major projects work together for the benefit of the community," Carpenter said.

His point was well illustrated in an example where he said that building a school near a hog farm would be an example of why we have a zoning commission, which could then halt such an idea before someone put the cart before the horse.

The school board was before the commission to get approval on a request to change the zoning of the site to make it legal to build a school there, but zoning officers will first want to

have a dialogue with the board on answers to the questions that were raised as well as several technical questions that the commission had developed, which representatives of Reed Engineering seemed unable to answer.

Once the commission has investigated the matter, there will be another public gathering which will be advertised in the Middle Creek area, but it was not clear if the residents of Middle Creek will get a chance to weigh in on any decisions that are made from here on out. But their concerns were raised towards the end of the meeting by

attorney John Rosenberg, who lives near the proposed site.

Rosenberg reiterated the main concerns of the people present regarding what effect the project would have on the creek, which has been very active all summer. However, several conversations broke out after he began talking, chiefly amongst the zoning commissioners, and his words were mostly heard by the audience he was representing.

Rosenberg asked if the public would be made aware of the next meeting and if they would have a voice at that time. He never got a answer.

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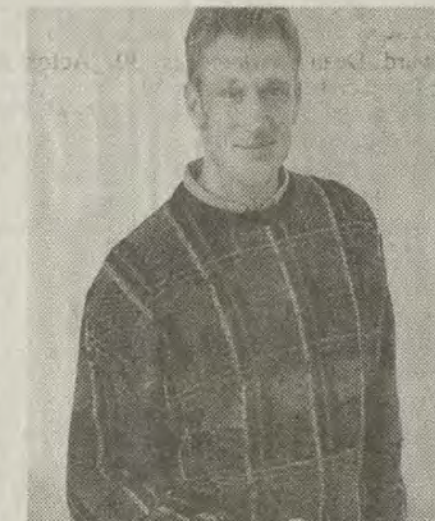
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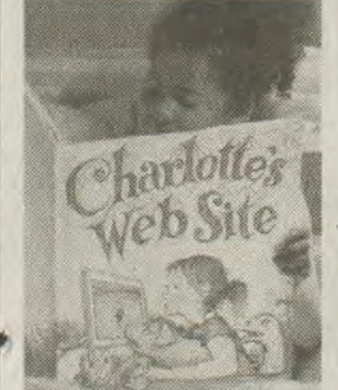
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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Patriot Ledger, Quincy, Mass., on President Bush's re-election:

... (Senator Kerry) could see that even with more than 100,000 absentee and provisional ballots to be counted in Ohio, the odds were against reversing a Bush victory. In late morning Kerry called the White House to concede the election.

... By any measure, Tuesday was a very bad day for Democrats. Along with Bush's 3 million-vote margin in the popular vote, Republicans gained seats in both houses of Congress. They had a huge psychological and strategic win in South Dakota, knocking off the Senate Democratic leader, Tom Daschle.

... Social issues were highly significant for the president's victory. ...

... Ohio was telling. In a state that lost a quarter-million jobs on Bush's watch, social issues would appear to have tipped the balance in the president's favor. Ohio was one of 11 states with a ballot question on what constitutes a marriage, a subject sure to draw social conservatives to the polls to vote for Bush.

... When the voting details are dissected state by state, it may be that the gay marriage issue was the key variable in a tight election. ...

The Walla Walla (Wash.) Union-Bulletin, on government and flu vaccine:

There isn't much money to be made ... in preventing flu.

And that's a significant reason the flu vaccine is in short supply this year. Pharmaceutical companies simply aren't interested in making the vaccine.

... Flu vaccine can't be saved from year to year because the flu virus constantly mutates. A year-old vaccine is ineffective.

... In addition, drug companies worry about the legal liability of the flu vaccine. ...

This year just two companies made flu vaccine for the U.S. market. But one of the companies, Britain's Chiron Corp., couldn't deliver 48 million doses because of a contamination problem. ...

U.S. government health officials have established guidelines so the most vulnerable to complications from the flu have access to the vaccine. ... But what about next year and the year after?

... The issues of vaccine supply and liability can and should be worked on in a bipartisan manner regardless of who controls Congress and the White House.

After all, protecting the health and safety of the people is one of the primary responsibilities of government. ...

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Guest Column

Shining the football floodlights on high school classroom champs

by RONDA HARMON

The hit movie "Friday Night Lights" may have drawn national attention to the fall phenomenon of high school football, but in Kentucky it's never taken a best-selling book or Hollywood blockbuster to arouse schools' and communities' commitment to gridiron success.

Many schools have built their reputations on athletic success, and as the playoffs roll on during these chilly November weekends, favorites will be putting their reputations on the line and facing challenges from teams serious about making their own mark. There's pride for the winners and, for the rest, the satisfaction of having worked hard.

Once the dust settles, all will turn toward the goal of improving for next season.

For the past decade, many of us working with Kentucky public schools have been watching a lower-profile but higher-stakes effort by schools and districts striving to improve their state academic ratings under the CATS program. Their scores are based on exams in reading, writing, math, science, social studies, practical living skills, and the arts; a national basic-skills exam, and statistics like dropout rates and attendance. The results are compiled for an annual school score between 0 and 140.

Public schooling culminates with high school, and while no one jams into the bleachers or holds their breath over how their students stack up against the teenagers down the road or across the state, those of us combing through the test scores released in October see champions, upsets, and up-and-comers. We wish for a bright scoreboard emphasizing academic success with the sense of accomplishment and desire for improvement that come so naturally on Friday night playing fields.

So using the football playoffs as our model, we created a tournament to show our academic champions.

We've used the same classes, divisions, and playoff brackets as the high school athletic association; private schools aren't included because they don't use the CATS system.

Here's what you see: In Class A, advancing to the final eight spots are Murray, Hancock County, Bardstown, Frankfort, Beechwood, Paris, Hazard, and Pikeville. The next round pits Murray vs. Bardstown and Beechwood vs. Pikeville. Murray would face Pikeville in the title game after a virtual overtime between Pikeville and Beechwood. The two teams tied in their overall school rating, but Pikeville narrowly wins when you look at their score on the subject area tests. For a little drama, we'll wait until the end to reveal our 2004 state champions.

Moving to Class AA, the elite eight are Heath, Glasgow, Elizabethtown, Corbin, North Oldham County, Lloyd Memorial in Erlanger, Belfry, and Pike County Central. Heath advances to face Elizabethtown and North Oldham County goes up against Pike County Central, with Elizabethtown and North Oldham advancing to the final.

In AAA, Calloway County, Bowling Green, Bullitt County East, Taylor County, Fort Thomas Highlands, Oldham County, Rockcastle County, and Mason County advance to the round of eight. The regional winners then compete with Calloway County taking on Bullitt East and Fort Thomas Highlands against Rockcastle County. Calloway County and Fort Thomas Highlands face each other for the state championship.

Finally, in the AAAA bracket, Greenwood from Warren County; Daviess County; Male, Manual, and Ballard from Louisville; Ryle from Boone County, and Dunbar and Lafayette from Lexington advance to the round of eight. Among the regional champs, Daviess County takes on Manual and Ballard goes against Dunbar, with Manual and Ballard fighting it out for the state title.

Before we announce the big winners, what lessons from the football field can we use in our schools, districts and communities? Maybe observing successful sports programs can help us build more successful academic programs.

Here are a few football strategies we can apply in the pursuit of academic championships:

■ **THINK DYNASTY.** People refer to the football elite not as teams but programs. With this outlook, many schools have built systems where the high school team's head coach regularly visits and works with the middle school coach and even works with elementary team leaders. These programs are focused and serious about coaching that leads to results. They remove any barriers to creating a winning tradition, starting as soon as kids are old enough to don a helmet and shoulder pads.

Our school districts might be wise to encourage high school principals to think this way. While we're at it, why not do the same in subject areas. The high school math chairperson, for example, could collaborate with key middle school and elementary math teachers to help create a pipeline of students ready to take the most challenging classes and be prepared to ace the state's math exam.

■ **LEARN FROM SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS.** Football teams succeed, in part, because they are always looking for ways to improve their performance - finding ways to utilize their strengths and maximize their effort. When teams are getting great results, other teams try to put those successful strategies to use. Coaches' clinics and conferences are full of sharing what works to strengthen a football program.

In the same way, schools would be wise to take a look at what top-scoring schools are doing to get impressive results. Schools can zero in on the areas where they most need

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Letters

Wheelwright needs to grow

I am a resident of Bossier City, La., and have been now for 20 years. I have watched our city grow into a thriving metropolis, now over 100,000 residents.

I grew up, however, in and around Wheelwright. Most of my family has lived there their entire lives.

In the recent elections for city council, I had an aunt, Shelvie Boyd, a longtime resident of the city, who ran for a city council seat, but sadly was defeated. In a conversation with a family member, I was told that a well-known citizen of the Wheelwright told my aunt

that she wouldn't win because only the "good" people would vote for her! What does that say about the city of Wheelwright? And where is Wheelwright headed? Does it have a future?

In our city (which maybe the council needs to come visit) we are growing, there is money coming in, and money being spent (on improvements to the city) not on corruption. The residents of the city of Wheelwright should be concerned about their community and most of all for their children. What does the city provide for its families?

I visit Wheelwright about twice a year. I love to visit, but I would never live there! To grow you must want to change and make it a desirable place to live. Visiting Wheelwright, to me, is like visiting a third world country, where there is no livability, no entertainment, no shopping, no jobs and many, many underprivileged children.

I invite the city council of Wheelwright to visit my growing city of Bossier City, La. Come see what growth and good leadership can do! Kathleen Pruitt Bossier City, La.

Hall offers thanks

I would like to thank the citizens of Allen for electing me city commissioner. I would also like to encourage the citizens to attend our meetings and voice their concerns so that we may better help each and every one of them. Again, thank you all so much.

Ernestine (Tina) Hall Allen

At the Movies: 'The Incredibles'

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP Movie Critic

Just when you thought computer-animated extravaganzas had devolved into little more than a litany of played-out pop culture references and some swaths of bright color comes "The Incredibles," a smart, sophisticated, much-needed reminder — after "Shark Tale" — of the best the genre can be.

The story of a family of superheroes trying to live a normal, suburban life undoubtedly will call to mind the "Spy Kids" trilogy, and the film's futuristic, mid-century design aesthetic is an homage to James Bond. But the latest release from Pixar Animation ("Finding Nemo," the "Toy Story" movies) has a brain, a heart, and — best of all — a strong script beneath the striking visuals.

Writer-director Brad Bird boldly follows up 1999's "The Iron Giant" with a film that's equal parts charm and innovation. And delving into a superhero's inner life is all the rage these



"The Incredibles," a Walt Disney Pictures release, is rated PG for action violence. Running time: 118 minutes.

Three and a half stars out of four.

days. (Bird also proves to be a vocal talent in a scene-stealing supporting role as superhero wardrobe designer Edna Mode, a loving takeoff on legendary costumer Edith Head.)

The crimefighter formerly known as Mr. Incredible (richly voiced by Craig T. Nelson) misses saving the day after 15 years away. He and wife Elastigirl (Holly Hunter, with a sweetness in her gravelly drawl) were placed in a relocation program after litigious citizens resented being rescued against their will.

So now they're just Bob and Helen Parr, living in a Frank Lloyd Wright-style house with

their three kids: Violet (Sarah Vowell), who can turn invisible and create force fields; Dash (Spencer Fox), whose name reflects his superhuman speed; and baby Jack-Jack. (Jack-Jack Parr — I kid you not.)

Bob spends his days cramming his giant frame into a tiny insurance office cubicle, so he's only happy to get sucked back into the life when the mysterious Mirage (Elizabeth Pena) comes to him with a top-secret assignment.

He thinks he's traveling to a remote island to take down a monstrous, multi-tentacled, metallic orb (reminiscent of Doc Ock from

"Spider-Man 2") but he's actually helping a self-styled superhero named Syndrome (voiced by Jason Lee) perfect his plot for global domination. Syndrome used to be just a kid named Buddy who looked up to Mr. Incredible; now, with wild hair and a pronounced chin that make him look like an evil version of Philip Seymour Hoffman, he's out for revenge against his former idol — and the rest of the world.

(His plan for flying an aircraft into a major metropolis, though, is a little unnerving, even three years after Sept. 11.)

Helen, Violet and Dash get dragged into the action when they try to save the family patriarch, and in the process they all learn — without the slightest bit of heavy-handedness — to have faith in their own abilities.

"You have more power than you realize," Helen tells Violet during a high-pressure moment — a fabulous message for any young person to hear, but especially when it comes from a mother to her daughter.

The film's characters are

hyper-stylized, but the backgrounds are often startlingly realistic. The subtle lighting and shadows, the tangible contours on every strand of hair and every leaf in every tree have gotten even better. And Michael Giacchino's jazzy score is a perfect fit for the film's '60s-swank visual scheme.

But at two hours, the movie could be tough for youngsters to

sit through, and there are no cute, cuddly creatures for them to glom onto. Older kids and adults, though, will be thrilled that Bird is challenging them with a film that makes them think and feel and, frequently, laugh out loud.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

November got off to good start for renters with three new releases. Two are aimed at your funnybone but the third is a morbid drama that ought to come with complimentary Kleenex.

"Shrek 2" leads the pack this week as the biggest money maker. It's a worthy followup that piles on the yuks as Shrek and Fiona take a trip to "meet the parents." John Cleese, of Monty Python fame, joins the cast as Fiona's dad and Antonio Banderas is also on board as the suave Puss-N-Boots. Lots of yuks for the whole family here.

The other comedy stars Jackie Chan and ranks as one of his better U.S. efforts. "Around the World in 80 Days" is a fun remake of the David Niven

comedy and casts Chan as an assistant to man who makes a wager to cross the globe in 80 days. Like the original film, this offers plenty of great cameos — look for strongman and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger — and adds Chan's trademark fondness for action comedy and kung fu antics.

The big downer this week is the bleak drama "A Home at the End of the World." This is the story of a young boy afflicted by tragedy. He loses his older brother (in a horrific accident) and later his parents and must come of age under the roof of neighbors. He grows up into Colin Farrell but that doesn't make his life much easier. Sissy Spacek scores here as the neighbor who raises the troubled boy.

Television series continued to flood area shelves this week

with two popular series adding new episodes to the DVD ranks. "Star Trek," the original series, is back with all of season two collected.

History buffs will enjoy 12 discs of the popular Walter Cronkite series, "You Are There." Each disc explores the events surrounding a time in history and includes two episodes that are narrated by Mr. Cronkite.

Special editions of popular films also made a splash this week. Stanley Kubrick's ultimate black comedy, "Dr. Strangelove," came out in a two-disc special edition. This one is a true classic and depicts what happens when an American bomber is falsely sent to bomb Russia. It's also got a great cast with Sterling Hayden and George C. Scott in fine form as rigid soldiers, while Peter

Sellers excels in three different roles which include a hilariously droll president of the United States.

"Fast Times at Ridgemont High" also came out in a special edition this week and is a slightly less black comedy which skewers the teen years of several California residents and introduced the world to Sean Penn, who gets high marks here as a surfing stoner. Look for several young actors making the first appearance here, Forrest Whitaker, Eric Stoltz, Anthony Edwards and Nicholas Cage all got their start in this one and only a couple of them actually have dialogue.

Next week continues the onslaught of television on DVD with the eighth season of "Friends" and the first season of Showtime's "The 'L' Word" making their DVD debuts.

In 16th season, 'The Simpsons' is a well-oiled laugh machine

by LYNN ELBER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Bart Simpson is acting like himself, which is to say naughty. And he sounds like himself, with that familiar mischievous lilt.

But Bart's voice is coming out of a petite blonde wearing a fluffy, bright-pink wrap. Dumpy Homer has morphed into a lanky fellow, and mom Marge's towering blue hair is brown and tastefully cropped.

The event was a "table read," when the cast of "The Simpsons" gathered with a roomful of writers, producers and guests, using their imaginations to conjure up the animated family with the distinctive mustard hue.

It was just one of the steps toward crafting an episode of the Fox series that begins its 16th season Sunday at 8 p.m. with its annual "Treehouse of Horror" special. The run is remarkable for any show — but especially for one like this.

Irreverent, witty and willing to take on anything from politics to religion to family values, "The Simpsons" has provided a rare bit of spice for the oatmeal-bland bowl of TV broadcasting.

The table read, held in an oversize trailer at the Twentieth Century Fox studio where the series is produced, itself is a symbol of the show's enduring popularity. A decade ago, it finished the season as the 67th most-watched show; it was No. 69 last season with 10.7 million viewers and won its time period among the coveted 18 to 49 age group.

Actors, producers and writers sit at a massive conference table littered with water bottles and

note pads. Invitation-only visitors ring the table. (Noticeably absent are the network executives who always haunt rehearsals: "The Simpsons" has a rare stipulation, won by executive producer James L. Brooks, limiting Fox meddling.)

"It's sort of the hottest ticket on the lot," said Yearley Smith, who voices young Lisa, the wise Simpson daughter.

"I'll look around and go, 'Hey, there's Elvis Costello,'" said Al Jean, an executive producer who's been with the series since it was spun off in December 1989 from Tracey Ullman's Fox series.

Singer-songwriter Costello, who provided his voice for one episode, popped up at the table read for another.

"People often come for the fun and bring their children," said Jean.

It's a treat for observers but serious work for the cast and producers. This is the first time a script has been performed after months of writing and revision.

This particular week it's also the first time the actors have seen the script. Finished at the last minute, it couldn't be provided until the cast arrived at the studio for the rehearsal last Thursday.

The assembled performers include Smith; Dan Castellaneta, who received his third Emmy this year for voicing Homer and whose other characters include Krusty the clown and Grampa Simpson; Nancy Cartwright as Bart; Julie Kavner as Marge; and Harry Shearer, who does an array of voices including Ned Flanders and Mr. Burns.

Absent is Hank Azaria, who was in New York rehearsing a

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Civil Suits Filed

Legal Recoveries Inc. vs. Lea Spradlin, for damages.

Carmel Financial Corporation vs. Stacy Wolf, balance of payments due.

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MRC Receivables Corporation vs. Charles Adkins, to collect money owed.

Tonya Johnson vs. Amy Combs, failure to comply with

terms of a contract.

Capital One Bank vs. David Hall, for damages.

Charges Filed

Kenny Stewart, age unlisted, Tram; alcohol intoxication, criminal trespassing, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance.

Bryan Manns, 25, of David; terrorist threatening.

Woodrow Crum, 49, of Banner; two counts of wanton endangerment.

Robert T. Hatton, 39, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest.

Zelda Wallen, 40, of Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking.

William C. Garten, 44, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.

Inspections

Hanshoe Grocery, Hueysville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometer not present in cooler, animal food stored on the floor, non-food contact surfaces in disrepair, retail section of store has no lighting, various amounts of debris throughout retail section. Score: 93.

Speedway, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: No thermometer in retail section freezer, food item observed stored on floor of walk-in, no hand drying towels at sink in food prep area, no light in walk-in. Score: Food 96, Retail 96.

Hitching Post Market, Hueysville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all cooler units have thermometers, gasket

missing on refrigerator, no hand wash soap in employee restroom, restroom ceiling in disrepair. Score: 95.

Rite Aid, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Restroom doors don't self-close, mops stored on floor. Score: 97.

Hometown IGA, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: No thermometer in deep fryer, food items stored on floor, ice scoop not stored properly, area around dumpster in need of heavy cleaning, nearly all lights in need of shields. Score: Food 92, Retail 87.

Dairy Queen, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometers in all units, faucet at hand wash sink leaks, floor found in some disrepair, ceiling in disrepair from water damage, mop stored on floor. Score: 85.

Pizza Hut, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food observed stored on floor of walk-in, single service items stored improperly, mop head stored on floor. Score: 96.

Long John Silver's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Butter not covered when not in use, waste container without cover, some areas of floor in disrepair. Score: 92.

Burke's Trailer Park, U.S. 23, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not numbered systematically. Score: 98.

McGuire Mobile Home Park, regular inspection. Violations

noted: Lots not numbered systematically, out structures and other buildings not meeting distance requirements.

Property Transfers

Byrd and Walta Preston to Timothy Slone, property located in Prestonsburg.

Joyce and Fred Wells to Cheryl Whitaker, property located in Auxier.

Paul and Mary Whitaker to Cheryl Whitaker, property located in Auxier.

Lloyd and Emma Lou Hamilton to Brian Morrison, property located in Levisa Fork.

Carol Jean Ousley to Bin Tang LLC, property located in Porter.

Sharon Harris to Carl Moore, property located in Burton Village Subdivision.

Debra and Glenn Leggett to Robin and Michael Carver, property located in undisclosed.

Pollyanna Wiley to Ronald David Peppi, property location undisclosed.

John Michael and Carol Hunt to John M. and Amy Hunt, property location undisclosed.

Glenda and Gerald Steinke, Elizabeth and Ronald Blevins, Ricky Layne, Elbert Layne, and Jeffrey Layne to Knott-Floyd Land Company, property located at Salt Lick.

Ronnie and Mary Stratton to Jimmy and Nancy Hamilton, property location undisclosed.

Glenn David and Allison May to Timothy Setser, property

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits

Indoor Flea Market Craft sale

Indoor Flea Market/Craft Sale at the Prestonsburg National Guard Armory on Saturday, November 13, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Anyone interested, call 886-6167. Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Concessions will be available on site. Proceeds from this will be used for Christmas for the families of the soldiers of this unit who are presently deployed to Kosovo.

D.A.V. Chap. 18

The Big Sandy Chapter 18, Disabled American Veterans, of Auxier, is looking for honorably discharged veterans to join the Chapter, which meets at the Auxier Fire Dept., on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, at 6 p.m. Those interested may bring their DD214 and join the Chapter and receive a D.A.V. ball cap.

Wal-Mart News

Nov. 5 - Military "Wall of Honor" Dedication, 1 p.m. Held in honor of all U.S. soldiers.

Nov. 6 - Jackie Branham Hall, author of "A Pictorial History - the 1958 School Bus Disaster," will hold a book signing, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Floyd County Democratic Women's Club

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Brenda's Restaurant, in McDowell. All invited to attend.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

•GED classes - Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Later times may be arranged - call office to make arrangements.

•Craft/Sewing Club - Mondays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

•Creative Sewing - Mondays, 6-8 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information about these activities and class fees, call 886-0709.

Free Body Recall classes

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

"Earn While You Learn"

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

PARENTS!

Are you in need of child care services? If so, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. The office is partnering with Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition. For more information on how we can help you, call Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or toll free at 888-872-7227.

Also, if your child is currently enrolled in a child care program, find out if your provider is a member of the STARS for KIDS NOW voluntary program for exceeding licensing standards.

And, learn about how you can stay home with your own children and still earn an income by caring for other children. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

Floyd County Extension

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nimble Thimble Quilt

Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office, Prestonsburg.

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

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of mem-

bers (call 886-2668 for info.)

"Looking For a Support Group?"

•**Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group** - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

•**Alzheimer's Association, Eastern KY Regional Office** - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

•**A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)** - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

•**East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers** - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome. November meeting to be held Friday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m., at the Paintsville Recreation Center. Bring a

brown bag lunch.

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

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ties need to do a better job of communicating to the students the reward for championship-caliber work in the classroom - scholarships, good colleges, and high-paying and fulfilling jobs. These accomplishments pay dividends for the student and the community far longer than a trophy shining in the school hallway.

Speaking of trophies, which teams win the state championships in our test-score tournament?

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Ronda Harmon is Associate Executive Director of the Kentucky Association of School Councils in Danville.

Violence

that then morphs from a misdemeanor offense to a felony. It is a trend that has been seeing misdemeanor crimes escalate when suspects choose to make matters worse by resisting arrest.

The month of October ended in a similar fashion for officer George Tussey, who once again found himself struggling with a suspect who was only facing a fine for alcohol intoxication.

On Friday, Tussey responded to a call from a Prestonsburg woman who reported that a man was drunk and outside her home making noise. Tussey arrived at

the residence and was immediately greeted with curses from the subject, who appeared agitated.

Howard Waddles, 70, of Prestonsburg, allegedly even threatened to kill the officer when he was told that he was going to be placed under arrest. Sure enough, Waddles allegedly attacked Officer Tussey and a brief struggle ensued.

Waddles, it turns out, has a history of public intoxication with 11 charges going back to 1992. He also has a history of resisting arrest.

Local court officials were

hard pressed to come up with a quick answer to the problem. Judge John Caudill boiled it down to its essence saying, "Drinking and drugs impair judgment. Things seem like a good idea when they normally wouldn't."

Commonwealth Attorney Brent Turner noted that the excuse he heard most was, "If I wasn't drunk I probably wouldn't have done it."

It was even tossed out that these behaviors peak at the holiday season and will most likely decrease in frequency after the new year begins.

Denied

campaign, led by her daughter in Tennessee, to modify her sentence before it was formally set. The campaign accused the court of setting up Kinslow and denied the accuracy of the evidence.

The day of Kinslow's sentencing saw Judge Caudill react to the effort by telling Kinslow that she shouldn't enter her plea if she believed she was framed. He offered her the opportunity to withdraw her guilty plea and go to trial.

Kinslow responded that her daughter was only trying to help and said to the court that she was pleading guilty due to her having committed the crime of conspiring to commit murder.

Obituaries



Samuel Green Keathley

Samuel Green Keathley, 60, of Prestonsburg, passed away, Tuesday, November 2, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, due to an extended illness.

Born August 12, 1944, he was the son of the late Clarence Keathley Sr., and the late Blooma Conn Damron.

Survivors include one daughter, Angela Ousley of Prestonsburg; three sons: Brian Keathley (Justina) of Richmond, Jason Keathley (Kelly) of Princeton, West Virginia, and Adam Keathley of Prestonsburg; five grandchildren: Ashleigh and Summer Ousley of Prestonsburg, Samantha Keathley of Agana, Guam, and Shayla and Tanner Keathley, of Princeton, West Virginia; two brothers: Douglas Keathley of Endicott, and Charles Keathley, of Pikeville; and a sister, Betty Kidd of Dana.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Donald Ray Keathley, and Clarence Keathley Jr.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, November 5, at 11 a.m., at the New Salem Old Regular Baptist Church, in Harold.

Burial will be in the Damron Cemetery, at Cold Water, in Harold, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation is at the New Salem Old Regular Baptist Church in Harold. (Paid obituary)

Gerla Hamilton Elliott

Gerla Hamilton Elliott, age 90, of Prestonsburg, formerly of McDowell, widow of Mines Elliott, passed away, Wednesday, November 3, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born December 19, 1913, in McDowell, the daughter of the late William Hamilton and Maudie Hall Hamilton. She was a former employee of Industrial Rayon, Painesville, Ohio.

Survivors include one stepson, Bill Elliott of Circleville, Ohio; one step-daughter: Laura Elliott of Ashtabula, Ohio; two brothers: Homer Hamilton of McDowell, and Sam Hamilton of Beech Grove, Indiana; two sisters: Anna Moore and Ocie Moore Mitchell, both of McDowell; several step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Gerla Hamilton Elliott will be conducted Friday, November 5, at 11:30 a.m., at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, at McDowell, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home, and after 10:30 a.m.,

Simpsons

mother-son bonding, breezing through Springfield on a tandem bicycle and singing "Sweet Home Alabama."

Marge: "I can't remember our last outing together."

Bart: "It was to see that court-appointed psychiatrist."

Marge: "Oh yeah. He should never have let you near that letter opener."

The actors move briskly through their lines and most of the jokes draw guffaws from the room. But one shaggy-haired figure proves a tough customer, rarely even smiling - series creator and executive producer Matt Groening.

"He's not an easy laugh, so when you get a laugh out of him you feel like, 'Yes!' It's a big deal," said Smith.

Groening follows the script carefully, jotting down notes for the writers. Among his suggestions: omit a giggle from baby Maggie Simpson in one scene, and beef up another in which Marge finds herself without a partner for her new bike built for two.

"He wanted more of a visual

with Marge being lonely, so we put in a parody of 'Midnight Cowboy' where Marge and the bicycle are walking around Springfield to that harmonica music," Jean said.

After all these years, Jean has developed his own script shorthand: a check mark for a joke that gets a laugh, an "X" for one that falls flat. "Something that's sweet but doesn't necessarily get a huge laugh will stay in," Jean said.

After all these years "it's a fairly well-oiled machine," observed Smith. Actors who are out of town, like Azaria, can record their lines at a convenient studio.

When the cast is finished the animators step in. The Los Angeles-area animation house Film Roman creates a black-and-white draft, called an animatic, which reveals what works and what doesn't, Jean said.

"Sometimes we do a considerable rewrite with the animatic. Once it's in color, the cost of changing too much is prohibitive," he said.

The revised animatic is sent

to South Korea for creation of the final version - or almost final. If a line remains troublesome, the characters' lip movements provide enough leeway for another phrase to be dubbed in.

No matter what changes, though, the characters stay the same.

"It's a bratty boy and a sensitive, intellectual girl and a dumb but well-meaning husband and a wife who's sweet and knows a little better than him," said Jean.

The show remains a success overseas, airing in Europe, Asia, Africa and elsewhere. A reinvigorated marketing push expanded

the multimillion-dollar "Simpsons" brand of products in recent years, with hundreds of companies worldwide selling figurines, board games, apparel, snacks and more.

Just how durable is "The Simpsons," which has the cast signed through season 19? There will be a 20th season at least, Jean figures, allowing it to match "Gunsmoke" as the longest-running scripted show in prime-time.

Can the comedy keep its spark? He points to the latest table read as assurance.

"I thought it still rang true and was funny," Jean said.

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Betsy Layne, Stumbo advance to A-Team Finals

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GRETHEL – Betsy Layne Elementary is looking to regain the top spot in Floyd County girls' grade school basketball. The Ladycats took a step in the right direction Wednesday night, beating South Floyd and in the process earning a spot in the tournament's championship game. Betsy Layne led South Floyd at the end of every quarter and posted a 40-33 win.

Playing in front of a large crowd that included basketball fans from throughout Floyd County,

Andie Meade tossed in a game-high 20 points and Megan Hamilton scored 11 to lead the Ladycats. Kendra Case scored five points and Margo Hunt and Sam Stewardson scored two apiece.

Betsy Layne carried a 9-4 lead out of the first quarter, led 17-14 at halftime and 25-23 at the end of the third quarter.

Meade scored nine of her game-high 20 points in the game's final period.

Betsy Layne made good on three three-pointers. The Ladycats hit seven-of-20 free-throw attempts.

(See ADVANCE, page four)



photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne's Sam Stewardson went up for a shot against the South Floyd defense.

Name new Belfry football facility after Haywood

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Last Friday, Belfry High School held the closing ceremonies for its venerable football field, playing the final regular-season game at Vipperman Stadium.

The closing of the facility makes it more than a little ironic that tonight they'll be back there playing football, and could do so each weekend in November.

All that, of course, is in jest. The truth is Friday's wasn't the last game, just the last game for sure in Death Valley, so the ceremonies were appropriate if a little early.



Rick Bentley

Now, you see, we don't know when they'll play the final game there, but were sure it'll be sometime this month. And the only way to win the

last game on the field is for the Pirates to book a return trip to Papa John's Cardinal Stadium the first Friday afternoon in December.

Soon, though, the final ball will be snapped at Vipperman, and the Pirates will move down the road to their new, modern home, where new, modern records will be set.

I have no idea what the powers that be have in mind, but I have something I'd like to offer for the new home of the Bucs: its time to name it, and for me, there's only one name that works.

Those in command on Pond Creek must name their new facility after Philip Haywood.

Think about it: This is the perfect choice. In my estimation, its the only choice.

(See BENTLEY, page four)



Haywood



Prestonsburg High School sophomore Wes Hall has battled his way back and will join his teammates in full uniform tonight when the Blackcats host Leslie County in the first round of the State Playoffs.

Hall returning from near season-ending injury

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – A week of practice during an open week after a season-opening loss suffered on the road at rival Pikeville was more costly to Prestonsburg High sopho-

more Wes Hall than any other Blackcat. When the Blackcats returned to practice during the open week, Hall suffered a broken collarbone during a practice and with that was pushed to the sidelines. As the Blackcats get set to head into their 11th game of the high school foot-

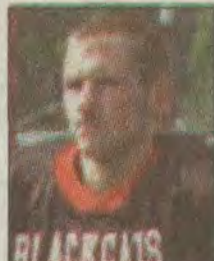
ball season, Wes Hall is ready to dress back out and again run out of the tunnel with his teammates. Yes, there'll be another Blackcat dressed out – again – this week as Prestonsburg enters the State

(See INJURY, page four)

Stephens, Compton visit Western Kentucky

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Looking to follow in the footsteps of former Prestonsburg Blackcats Nathan Leslie (Marshall) and Jeremy Caudill (Kentucky), Prestonsburg High seniors John Mark Stephens and Trevor Compton have hopes of playing football at the next level.



Compton

Quite possibly Division I – the same path both Leslie and Caudill took. Stephens and Compton both visited Western Kentucky University Saturday and took in the Hilltoppers' win over Illinois State. Mountain Football was represented well in the win.

Former Breathitt County quarterback Justin Haddix threw a pair of touchdown passes and Western Kentucky held on to defeat Illinois State 24-21.

Haddix finished 13-of-22 for 140 yards and had one pass intercepted for the Hilltoppers (6-2, 4-1 Gateway Conference), who won for the sixth time in seven games.

Western wiped away a 13-10 halftime deficit in the second half.

The Western Kentucky football program ranks as one of the top programs in the nation.

The Hilltoppers are coached by David Elson.

Stephens and Compton have both enjoyed starting roles that date back to their sophomore seasons. Both have made



Stephens

(See VISIT, page four)

ALC men run record to 3-0

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GRAYSON – The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team beat an old rival Tuesday night and in the process ran its record up to a perfect 3-0. Playing on the road Tuesday, Alice Lloyd beat host Kentucky Christian College 73-68. Alice Lloyd led 36-33 at halftime. Both teams enjoyed leads, but in the end, visiting Alice Lloyd held on for the victory. Junior forward Jeremy Daniels, a graduate of Betsy Layne High School, sank a pair of free throws with 8.7 seconds remaining to help seal the win.

Daniels finished with a game-high 24 points. Kenneth Waterman scored 12 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to register a double-double.

First-year Alice Lloyd Eagle Shawn Newsome (Allen Central) came in off the bench and scored 11 points. Shannon Akers flipped in eight points and Tim Parks (Knott County Central) added five.

(See RECORD, page four)

KCC rolls over Lady Eagles

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GRAYSON – Visiting Alice Lloyd College found a tough road Tuesday night in Carter County. Taking on host Kentucky Christian College in women's basketball, the visiting team from Knott County trailed by 15 points at halftime and never recovered. The Kentucky Christian Lady Knights led 38-23 at halftime and went on to win 84-54.

It wasn't the type of game Alice Lloyd Coach David Adams, now in his first season at the helm of the ALC women's basketball program.

Alice Lloyd hit 23-of-57 shots from the field and hit just five of 13 free throw attempts.

Four different players scored in double figures for the host Lady Knights. Kentucky Christian was led in scoring by center Hannah Herrold, who checked in with 19 points. Guard Ashley Broady scored 16 points for Kentucky Christian and Leah Campbell netted 14. Steph Hall chipped in 12.

(See ROLLS, page four)

Betsy Layne ends grid season at 4-6

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE – Betsy Layne quadrupled its total number of wins from last season, winning four games during the 2004 season. The latest season wrapped up for Betsy Layne last Friday night with a loss on the road at Pike County Central. The host Hawks prevailed, winning 39-20.

Betsy Layne – with Coach Glen Ripkoski back at the helm as head coach – scored wins over Jenkins, Magoffin County, J.J. Kelly, Va. and Letcher. The Bobcats were only shutout twice during the season. Three of Betsy Layne's four wins came at home.

Lady Bears win season-opener

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WISE, Va. — The new basketball season got off to a successful start for Pikeville College Tuesday night as the Lady Bears went out on the road and beat UVA-Wise 68-48 in a game played at Greear Gymnasium.

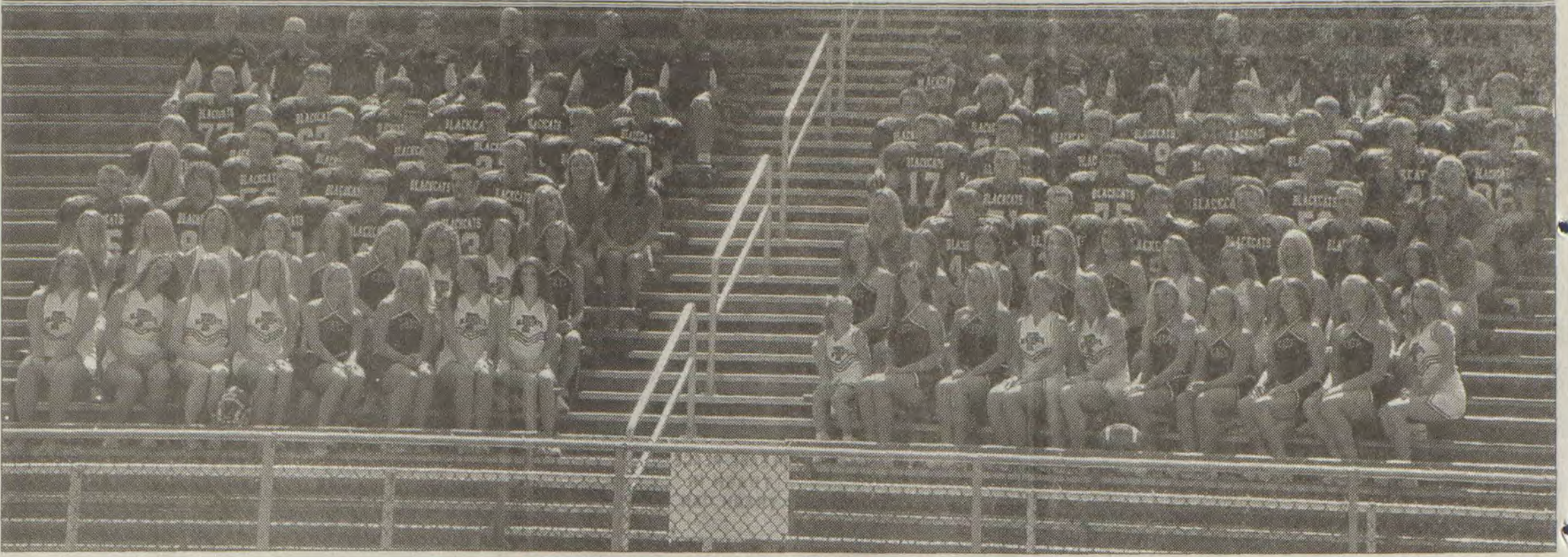
Kelli Jo Moore, a transfer from Marshall University, led Pikeville College to victory, registering a double-double of 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Heather Dillion added 14 points for

(See OPENER, page four)



SOUTH FLOYD GRAY RAIDERS, FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS: First row: Dallon Mosley, Blaine Adkins, Hannah Halbert, Jonathan (J.C.) Osborne, Lucas Frazier, Cheyann Light. Second row: Aaron Carr, Brandon Sloan, Hunter Johnson, Jacob Hall, Keiven Redford, Daniel Halbert, Austin Mitchell. Coaches: Landon Frazier, Justin Holbrook, Penny Halbert. Not pictured: Brittany Dawson, Stacy Young.



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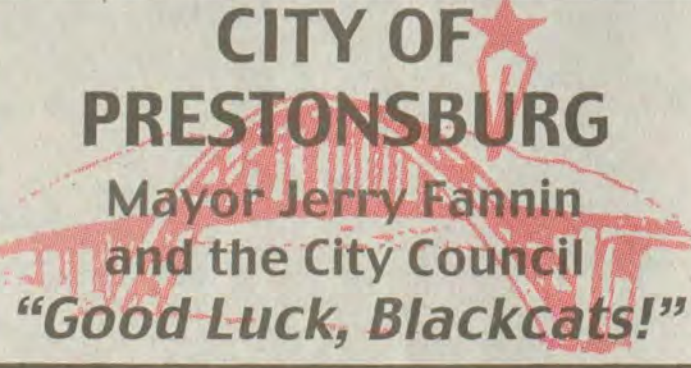
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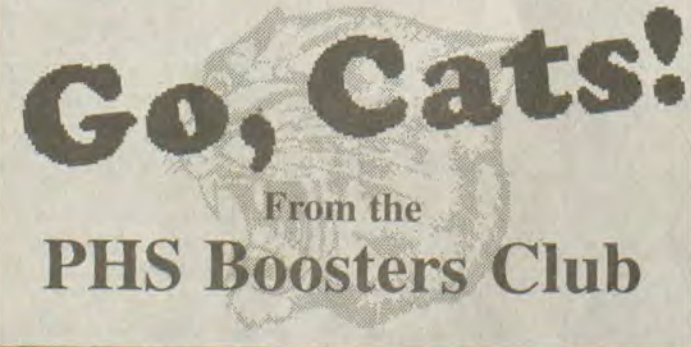
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Advance

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No player was able to break into double figures scoring for Stumbo.

The quest for a fifth straight A-team county championship ended Wednesday night for the Adams Lady Blackcats.

Stumbo held Adams scoreless through one quarter Wednesday night and led the Lady Blackcats 11-6 at halftime and 24-13 through three quarters en route to a 31-22 win.

Amby Tackett tossed in a game-high 16 points and Lindsey Martin and Keturah Tackett scored six apiece to lead Stumbo.

No Adams player could break into double figures scoring. After being held scoreless in the first quarter, Linsey Fields scored seven points. Tosha Wallen and Alexis DeRossett each scored five points. Julie Compton chipped in three points.

At press time, Betsy Layne and Stumbo were squaring off in the county tournament's championship game. Results were unavailable at press time.

BETSY LAYNE (40)
Meade 20,
Case 5,
Hunt 2,
Hamilton 11,
Stewardson 2.

SOUTH FLOYD (33)
J. Tackett 7,
S. Johnson 1,
D. Tackett 6,
Dye 2,
K. Hall 8,
A. Conn 2,
Moore 5,
Little 2.

STUMBO (31)
K. Tackett 6,
J. Hamilton 3,
A. Tackett 16,
Martin 6.

ADAMS (22)
Wallen 5,
Fields 7,
DeRossett 5,
Compton 3,
Bradley 2.



photos by Jamie Howell
Above, left: Adams eighth-grader Tosha Wallen fought through the Stumbo defense. Above, right: Betsy Layne's Kendra Case defense. Left: Julie Compton put the dribble down on a free throw attempt for the Adams Lady Blackcats.

Injury

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Playoffs and host visiting Leslie County.

"Wes isn't back at full strength and he can't go full contact by any means, but he is going to dress out this week when we host Leslie County in the first round of the playoffs," Prestonsburg High School Coach John DeRossett confirmed. "Wes has wanted to get back out there with us since he was injured. It's going to be a special time for Wes and our entire program. When he got hurt, we knew it was a serious injury and that it would take time to heal."

Before his injury, Hall was playing on the Blackcat special teams as a valuable member of the kickoff and kickoff return teams. DeRossett sees a bright future ahead for the versatile skilled player.

"Wes has had a great recovery," DeRossett added. "He means a lot to our football program and we expect a lot from him in the future years to come. When he was first injured and when he was flown out to Lexington, we thought the injury might hold him back past the football season, but it looks like he'll be able to stay active after the football season and make a full recovery."

Hall has played in several key positions for the Prestonsburg High football team. He saw action in the season-opener against Pikeville and appeared to be well on his way to having a successful second varsity season.

"Wes is a hard worker; he does everything that's asked of him and more," said DeRossett. "As a coach, he's the type of kid that you love to have in your program - whatever the sport may be."

Hall, who entered the Prestonsburg program as a quarterback, has also seen time on offense as a split end and played on defense in the secondary.

"Wes Hall is an athlete, there's no doubt about that; he picks up things fast and he's willing to play different positions. He wants to do anything to help his team and that's what makes a great football player."

Kickoff for tonight's Leslie County-Prestonsburg game - with Wes Hall back in his familiar Blackcat football uniform - is set for 7:30 p.m.

Rolls

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Kentucky Christian hit 10-of-18 three-point field goal attempts. The host team won the rebounding battle, 46-29.

Freshman Whitney Lykens (Betsy Layne) led Alice Lloyd in scoring with 13 points. Belicia Mullins scored 10 points and Jessica Justice flipped in nine.

Alice Lloyd committed 25 turnovers.

KY CHRISTIAN (84):

Wetzel 1,
Herrold 19,
Oliver 4,
Swann 4,
Roberts 2,
Bondurant 6,
Campbell 14,
Gessford 6,
Broadly 16,
Hall 12.

ALICE LLOYD (54):

Lykens 13,
Sizemore 6,
Reynolds 5,
Justice 9,
Mullins 10,
Adams 3,
Shaffer 2,
Whitaker 2,
Jackson 4.

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a name for themselves on both offense and defense.

"John Mark and Trevor are both great football players," said Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett. "Both are capable of playing at the next level. They are two of the hardest working kids we've ever had here in our football program."

Stephens has made a name for himself on the gridiron as a tight end on offense and a line-

backer on defense. Compton has played a number of offensive skill positions - quarterback, running back and wide receiver. And he's been a leader in the Prestonsburg defensive secondary for three seasons now.

The two players - playing as freshmen - were members of Prestonsburg's Class 2A state runner-up team back in 2001.

With college ahead in the future, both Stephens and

Compton are currently concentrating on the immediate future - this year's State Playoffs. Stephens, Compton and their fellow seniors have one more go-around in the high school football post-season. One last chance at a return trip to the Class 2A State Finals begins tonight with a home game against Leslie County, the number three seed out of Class 2A, District 7.

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Bentley

The credentials are clearly there:

■ Last year, Haywood brought Belfry its first state championship.

■ Next year will be his 22nd season on the Pirate bench.

■ Only seven coaches in the history of football in Kentucky have won more games, and but for a few at Prestonsburg, they've all been at Belfry.

I'm not sure if they have something in mind; for all I know, it could already be named for someone else. But realistically, who is more deserving?

You also have to remember precedent has been set the cur-

rent field was (correctly) named for longtime Belfry coach Al Bearmeat Vipperman, another of the people on a short list of absolute coaching legends in Kentucky.

In 30 seasons as a head coach, Haywood takes the field tonight with 264 victories. That's just a shade under nine wins a year, every year, for three decades.

Are you kidding me? Who has done more?

Consider this: There is no rival for Belfry. If you want to win the Double-A district, you have to go through the Pirates. There's no alternative.

Occasionally, of course, someone will do that; Prestonsburg recently did.

But the next year, it wasn't the Blackcats everyone was gunning for. It was still Belfry.

The road to the Double-A title has gone through Belfry since the Bucs dropped down from Triple-A.

And, of course, when they

were there, that title also belonged to the Pirates.

In fact, the only real rival Belfry has had recently has been with Pikeville, its Single-A neighbor. And then you check into it and find this out: In 21 meetings with the Panthers, Haywood has dominated to the tune of 14 wins and only seven losses.

There is one catch to all this, however. There's one person who cannot be asked about this, because his opposition would quite possibly bring these plans to a screeching halt. Whatever you do, don't ask Philip Haywood.

He simply wouldn't have it. Therefore, we just won't ask him.

We'll tell him.

The right thing to do is name the place, the whole place, not the field or locker room or somebody's concession stand for Coach Haywood.

Nobody deserves it more.

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Record

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Jimmy Stumbo (South Floyd), back from an injury after missing the first two games of the season, added four points for the Eagles.

Ten different players scored for Alice Lloyd.

Alice Lloyd Coach Gary Gibson was pleased with his team's effort.

"We played real well defensively," said Gibson. "Kentucky Christian is very capable of scoring a lot of points. We struggled at the free throw line hitting only 11 of 22. Daniels and Waterman continue to play well. Jimmy Stumbo played a very good game after missing the first two games with an injury. Shawn Newsome played his best game of the year."

Each team collected 44 rebounds. Kentucky Christian committed 24 turnovers. Alice

Lloyd finished with 19 turnovers.

Zeb Frazee led host Kentucky Christian with 17 points.

ALICE LLOYD (73):
Waterman 12,
Jackson 2,
Hurt 3, Vulgamore 1,
Akers 8,
Newsome 11,
Daniels 24,
Parks 5,
Prichard 3,
Stumbo 4.

KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN (68):
Wooten 7,
Johnson 3,
Hackenburg 10,
Terry 2,
Pretvet 7,
Swart 11,
Frazee 17,
Gulley 4,
McElroy 8.

Opener

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Pikeville. Selena Williams and Julie Yates scored 11 each.

Pikeville led 36-24 at halftime and came back out in the second half and picked up right where it had left off.

Sophomore Sarah Helton led host UVA-Wise with a double-double, scoring 13 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

Junior transfer Jessica Bacon hit four of eight shots from the field and scored 12 points in her first game in a UVA-Wise uniform. Terri Ann Hill also

reached double figures in scoring with 11 points.

The Lady Bears held UVA-Wise to just more than 32-percent shooting from the field. The Lady Cavaliers never led in the game and did not get their first bucket until the 14:22 mark in the first half.

Pikeville connected on six-of-14 three-point field goal attempts.

The Lady Bears are scheduled to return to action Saturday, hosting Alice Lloyd College. Tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m.

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Freshman Woodyard one of Kentucky's few bright spots

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — It would be easy to understand if Wesley Woodyard felt a little overwhelmed.

Like any other freshman, he's still making the adjustment to college life. Because of Kentucky's depth issues, Woodyard has been asked not only to contribute, but to start for a struggling football team in the rough-and-tumble Southeastern Conference.

To top it off, Woodyard has endured two position changes since his arrival at Kentucky. He's back at linebacker now as the Wildcats (1-7, 0-5 SEC) prepare to host No. 8 Georgia (7-1, 5-1) on Saturday.

"My head has stopped spin-

ning a little bit, but every week, there's something new that you have to be willing to learn," Woodyard said.

A linebacker in high school at La Grange, Ga., Kentucky coaches recruited the 6-foot-1, 200-pound Woodyard with designs of turning him into a safety. When Woodyard signed, Kentucky coach Rich Brooks said Woodyard and fellow freshman Marcus McClinton were the best safeties he'd ever signed in one class.

Woodyard quickly worked into the rotation at safety, but soon Kentucky needed a productive inside linebacker. He made the move five games into the season and broke into the starting lineup three weeks ago against South Carolina. He

enters Saturday's game with 26 tackles.

Woodyard is the type of player Kentucky needs to continue to recruit to become competitive in the SEC, Brooks said. Woodyard thinks it wouldn't hurt if two of his former La Grange teammates whom the Wildcats are recruiting — defensive end Braxton Kelley and wide receiver Demoreo Ford — join him at Kentucky.

"We want to get guys up here who want to win," Woodyard said.

While noting Woodyard has made his share of mistakes — including a late hit in a loss to Alabama that kept a Crimson Tide scoring drive alive — Brooks has praised his willingness to play linebacker despite

being somewhat undersized.

"The thing he brings to the linebacker position is he's a guy who can make a mistake and still come back the other way and make a tackle because of his speed," Brooks said. "He's inexperienced and undersized, weight-wise, but the bottom line is he brings a lot of energy to the position."

"We get him in there now where he'll learn to play linebacker, and then next year when he gets bigger and stronger, he'll be the real deal."

Junior Jon Sumrall, the other starting inside linebacker, agrees with that assessment and said he wouldn't be surprised if Woodyard someday plays in the NFL.

"I'd go into battle with Wes

any day of the week, because he'll bring it," Sumrall said. "He's a quality, quality football player. He likes to come up and hit, and he's not a small guy who's soft. He's a guy that's wired to come hit you."

Woodyard said the toughest part of changing positions is the footwork. Linebackers mostly move forward, while safeties often run backward.

"Coming into college, I was used to going forward," Woodyard said. "Then I had to get used to backpedaling, then I had to get used again to coming forward to the line. It's been sort of a crazy switch, but I love it."

Despite a successful high school career, during which La Grange won two Class AAA state titles and Woodyard

received AAA state defensive player of the year honors, neither Georgia nor Georgia Tech seriously recruited Woodyard, he said.

He hasn't forgotten, but like everything else, he talks about it with a smile on his face.

"When we play them, I'm going to make it my business to make them pay for it," he said. "I grew up a Georgia fan, but after I visited Kentucky, I wasn't focused on any other school."



Woodyard

UK sets school record for Academic All-America nominees

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky football team has a school-record nine nominees for the Academic All-America team sponsored by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

The nine nominees rank second nationally this year among Division I-A schools, following only Nebraska, which has 11.

To earn a nomination for Academic All-America, a player must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 or higher; be a sophomore or higher in academic standing and athletic eligibility; and be a starter or key reserve.

The nine players who qualified for nomination include:

■ Kicker Taylor Begley, a junior from Danville, has a 3.817 GPA with a major in Electrical Engineering. He's also having a fine season on the field. Taylor leads the team in scoring with 33 points and is among the Southeastern Conference leaders in field goals.

■ Running back Alexis Bwenge, a junior from St. Apollinaire, Quebec, has a 3.473 GPA with a major in Public Administration. He has rushed for 79 yards and three touchdowns this season. Particularly impressive about Bwenge's academic accomplishments is the fact that he came to Kentucky with English as a second language. His primary language growing up was French.

■ Tight end Jeremiah Drobney, a junior from Massillon, Ohio, has a 3.823 GPA with a major in Finance. He has caught 11 passes for 129 yards and one touchdown in 2004.

■ Linebacker Justin Haydock, a senior from Louisville, has a 3.447 GPA and a major in Marketing. He has seven tackles this year, playing mostly on special teams.

■ Offensive guard Matt Huff, a senior from Louisville, has a 3.224 GPA and a major in Foreign Language and International Economics. Huff has started every game but one at right guard.

■ Cornerback Antoine Huffman, a junior from Jonesboro,

Ga., has a 3.450 GPA with a major in Telecommunications. Huffman leads the team in pass breakups with five and also has an interception and fumble recovery this year.

■ Offensive tackle Hayden Lane, a sophomore from Lawrenceville, Ga., has a 3.958 GPA and has a double major in Anthropology and Classics. He has started every game this season at right tackle. Lane is scheduled to graduate in 2005, needing only three years to earn his diploma. He is considering applying for a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. Eventually, he would like to combine his interests in Christianity and ancient history and get into the field of Biblical archaeology.

■ Wide receiver Gerad Parker, a senior from Louisa, has a perfect 4.000 GPA in his master's program in education and had a 3.205 in his undergraduate program in secondary education. He has caught 12 passes for 126 yards this season.

■ Punter Anthony Thornton, a senior from Louisville, has a 3.513 GPA in Management. He's averaged 37 yards per punt this season.

The first round of Academic All-America voting is on the district level. The UK players will go on the CoSIDA District IV ballot, comprised of student-athletes from the states of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama. The District IV team will be announced in mid-November. The district winners go on the national ballot and the Academic All-America team will be announced in December.

■ UK inside linebackers coach Ron McBride has returned to work on a limited basis. McBride underwent surgery on Oct. 6 to relieve a blockage in an artery.

■ Honorary captains for the Georgia game are former All-America offensive tackle Warren Bryant (1973-76) and former quarterback Dusty Bonner, who led the Wildcats to the 1999 Music City Bowl.

iHigh.com State Football Polls

Class 4A

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

Class 2A

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

Class 3A

1. Hopkinsville (10-0)
2. Highlands (9-1)
3. Bowling Green (10-0)
4. Lexington Catholic (9-1)
5. Boyle County (8-2)
6. Bell County (9-1)
7. Pulaski Southwestern (8-2)
8. Central (8-2)
9. Covington Cath. (6-4)
10. Waggener (9-1)

Class 1A

1. Beechwood (9-1)
2. Newport Cent. Cath. (9-1)
3. Danville (8-2)
4. Louisville Holy Cross (9-1)
5. Hancock County (9-1)
6. Williamsburg (10-0)
7. Pikeville (8-2)
8. Fairview (8-2)
9. Frankfort (7-3)
10. Mayfield (5-5)

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CLASS 4A

North Laurel (6-4) at Scott County (8-2)
Henry Clay (5-5) at Clark County (5-5)
South Laurel (7-3) at Tates Creek (7-3)
Lafayette (6-4) at Madison Central (9-1)

CLASS 3A

Greenup County (5-5) at Bell County (9-1)
Clay County (8-2) at Boyd County (5-5)
Lawrence County (3-7) at Rockcastle County (7-3)
Perry County Central (4-6) at Ashland Blazer (7-3)

CLASS 2A

LaRue County (6-4) at Corbin (7-3)
East Carter (6-4) at Newport (8-2)
Lloyd Memorial (6-4) at Fleming County (9-1)
Morgan County (7-3) at Mercer County (6-4)
Henry County (7-3) at Russell (10-0)
Shelby Valley (5-5) at Breathitt County (10-0)
Leslie County (6-4) at Prestonsburg (8-2)
Pike County Central (5-5) at Middlesboro (6-4)
Cawood (4-6) at Belfry (9-1)

CLASS 1A

Cov. Holy Cross (3-7) at Fairview (8-2)
Hazard (4-6) at Williamsburg (10-0)
Lynn Camp (6-4) at South Floyd (8-2)
Paintsville (6-4) at Harlan (8-2)
Somerset (5-5) at Pikeville (8-2)

Kentucky 91, N. Kentucky 73

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Keleenna Azubuike scored 26 points to lead Kentucky to a 91-73 victory over Northern Kentucky on Wednesday night in an exhibition game.

Azubuike led three players in double figures and was 11-of-14 from the field. The junior forward was 3-of-4 from 3-

point range. Freshman Rajon Rondo came off the bench and scored 16 points. Chuck Hayes added 15 as 11 players scored for the Wildcats.

Rondo had a team-high five assists and was 8-of-9 from the free-throw line.



Azubuike

Kentucky shot 54 percent from the field and had 15 assists.

The Wildcats held a 41-38 halftime lead, but Hayes scored eight of Kentucky's first 10 points of the second half as the Wildcats slowly pulled away from the Norse.

Northern Kentucky narrowed the deficit to 51-49, but could get no closer as Kentucky went on a 14-2 run that pushed the lead to double digits at 65-51 with 8:50 remaining.

Then a 14-3 run gave Kentucky an 83-60 lead at the 4:44 mark of the second half.

Kentucky forced 26 turnovers, including 19 in the second half.

Northern Kentucky coach Dave Bezold said Kentucky's defense took its toll on his squad, especially in the second half.

"It's like standing in the ocean in blocks and the waves keep crashing on you and crashing on you," he said.

Azubuike scored 16 points in the first half and was 6-of-7 from the field, including 3-of-3

from 3-point range.

Northern Kentucky guard Mike Kelsey scored 18 of his game-high 27 points in the first half, an 18-10 lead with 13:35 remaining in the first half. Kelsey's 3-pointer gave the Norse an 18-10 lead with 13:35 remaining in the first half. He finished 7-of-10 from 3-point range.

"He can really shoot the ball," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "He gets it off so quick, and it looks like every one of them is going in. He made a believer out of me."

Northern Kentucky held a 20-12 advantage with 12 minutes left in the half, but the Wildcats made eight consecutive free throws, including six in a row by Rondo that tied the score at 20-20.

Kentucky then scored 15 unanswered points, capped by Azubuike's 3-pointer that gave the Wildcats a 27-20 lead with 7:20 left in the half.

The Norse made 7-of-12 shots from long range in the first half and shot 46 percent from the field.

Martin High School holds Homecoming

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN — Martin High School held its Memorial Day Homecoming as alumni had a chance to come home and visit. Over 1,100 Purple Flash registered for the event, which was held over a Friday and Saturday. The ranking of

the Top 25 Basketball Players (ranked by points scored) was the biggest highlight for the large crowd. The Class of 1959 landed three players on the Top 25, led by Bide Click, who ranked first. Frank King ranked 17th and Crush Dingus ranked 22nd — both were also members of the Class of 1959.

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TOP 25 SCORERS

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|------------------------------|-------|
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| 2. Larry Hall | 1,814 |
| 3. Pete Grigsby, Jr. | 1,766 |
| 4. Ronald Tackett | 1,464 |
| 5. Delruar "D-Bird" Thompson | 1,324 |
| 6. Larry "Super" Crum | 1,250 |
| 7. Daryl Luxmore | 1,219 |
| 8. Bob Taylor | 1,192 |
| 9. John Phillip Sammons | 1,094 |
| 10. Joe David Stumbo | 1,059 |
| 11. Jackie Day Crisp | 985 |
| 12. David "Possum" Mayo | 966 |
| 13. Alan Halbert | 925 |
| 14. Steve Halbert | 915 |
| 15. Ronnie Wright | 888 |
| 16. Ernie Duddleson, Jr. | 885 |
| 17. Frank King | 849 |
| 18. Bill Ousley | 841 |

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| 19. Doug Lafferty | 832 |
| 20. Ezra "Jug" Click | 820 |
| 21. Gordon "Squirt" McCarty | 795 |
| 22. Charles "Crush" Dingus | 771 |
| 23. Jobie Click Jr. | 745 |
| 24. David Conley | 707 |
| 25. Bill "Foot" Lambert | 705 |



The Martin High School Homecoming brought back several former basketball standouts, including Bide Click, Frank King and Crush Dingus. Over 1,100 alumni attended the Memorial Day gathering.

Reds' Ryan Freel has knee surgery

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Reds utility player Ryan Freel had arthroscopic surgery Tuesday to fix torn cartilage in his right knee. He's expected to be fully recovered by spring training.

Freel hit .277 in 143 games last season and led the Reds with 37 stolen bases. He made at least 10 starts at five positions, the first player to do so since Detroit's Tony Phillips in 1992.

In procedural moves, the Reds reinstated outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. and right-handed pitchers Josh Hall and D.J. Mattox from the 60-day disabled list. Griffey tore his hamstring in August, Hall missed the season following shoulder surgery and Mattox missed the season because of elbow surgery.

Roush looks for drivers

by KEITH PARSONS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORTH WILKESBORO, N.C. — Jack Roush looked out at North Wilkesboro Speedway and saw the ghosts of races past. He remembered the victories, the losses and the fights — even if they didn't involve him or his drivers.

So when he decided to hold an audition for some of the best short track drivers around the world, he wanted to come here.

"I can't think of any place better to identify talent," the NASCAR team owner said.

About 25 drivers came for two days of testing last week — a third day was rained out — and Roush and his advisers trimmed the list to 10 for another test at Darlington on Nov. 15. If all goes well, at least one will get a chance for a full-time ride with one of Roush's teams in the truck series next season.

Current driver Carl Edwards already has moved up to the Nextel Cup series, and teammate Jon Wood plans to go to the Busch series.

"There is an opportunity here for somebody," Roush said.

The team didn't release the

names of the final 10, but they might include Mike Pickens, a 21-year-old New Zealander who competed in sprint cars this season. He had never been on a paved track until his practice laps in one of the Roush trucks, and he quickly overcame that lack of experience.

He was discovered by a pair of team employees through a racing trade paper that printed stories and the results from his races Down Under. One of the people who kept noticing Pickens' name was Robbie Reiser, the crew chief for defending Cup champ Matt Kenseth.

The other was Wood's crew chief, Tony Price, who helped run the tests for Roush.

"I think we've all been very, very surprised at the level of talent," Price said. "The learning curve has been so steep. I don't think anyone seemed out of place here or seemed like he didn't belong."

Getting all the drivers together was a challenge, as was simply getting the track ready. NASCAR last ran at North Wilkesboro in 1996, and it has sat decaying over the past eight years. Grass and weeds grew

up through portions of the pavement, and the concrete walls lost a good portion of their paint.

A few weeks of work by some members of Roush's team got it ready, although nothing could be done for the worn-out track surface. Even when races were held there regularly, tire wear was a problem, and it's only gotten worse.

Edwards' crew chief, Kevin Starland, made that clear when he talked to a group of the drivers before their laps.

"It has no grip, so throttle control is everything," Starland said. "You've got to remember, guys, it's going to be rough out there. You've just got to go out there and work on your line."

The drivers were given two sets of new tires, and after an initial run of about 15-20 laps to get comfortable, they had the option to make small adjustments to their trucks. A final run of 25 laps finished off their opportunities.

Each session featured only one driver at a time.

"It's not only about who runs the fastest times," Roush said. "We're watching how each of the

drivers handles himself with the crew chiefs, handles themselves with the other team members, the media, if needed."

Roush has been one of the top developers of talent in NASCAR over the years, with drivers such as Kurt and Kyle Busch, Greg Biffle and Edwards getting their big breaks in one of his Fords.

All have won races, some have won championships, and finding another winner is what drives him.

"You guys are part of something special," Roush told the drivers. "At the end of the day, you will be part of history here at Roush Racing. That's something you can be proud of."

Pickens is more than ready to make the move halfway around the world to get his shot. An electrician back home, he stayed in the United States for about a week during his test, and he enjoyed driving the truck, which weighs about twice as much as the cars he's used to.

"You still drive by the seat of your pants," Pickens said. "The only difference, really, is your butt is a lot closer to the engine in the midgets and sprints I normally drive."

Eury has been with Earnhardt Jr. every step of the way

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s career was just taking off when his



Earnhardt Jr.

father was just taking off when his father was killed in 2001, leaving a big void in the youngster's life.

Into that breach stepped his uncle, Tony Eury, who also happens to be his crew chief.

"There's a kinship," Earnhardt said. "We don't always see eye to eye on everything, but I know he cares about me as a person and I know he isn't going to send me out there in something that isn't safe or isn't right."

"We have a connection that not every driver has with his crew chief, because he's family."

Eury, whose own son, Tony Jr., is Dale Jr.'s car chief and one of his best friends, has been a fixture in Earnhardt's life.

Eury was also crew chief for the elder Earnhardt's Busch teams, then took over as crew chief for Little E when he arrived in the Busch Series, helping him win championships in 1998 and 1999. When Junior moved up to Cup in 2000, Eury came with him.

Dale Sr. was not a warm, cuddly guy. He had not always been close to his children, but Earnhardt left no doubt he was proud of his youngest son and was trying to help him in his career.

Eury did everything he could to fill the void left by the death of the driver known as The Intimidator.

"It wasn't always easy," said Eury, known as Tony Sr. "Sometimes, he didn't want to hear what I had to say and sometimes he just had to do something to see if he could do it. There was times we didn't like each other very much, but that's the way families are sometimes. You get through it."

As Earnhardt has turned into a legitimate championship contender, Eury has gained respect in the Nextel Cup garage, as well as earning considerable credibility with the fans. They recently voted the quiet stocky man with the snow white beard the 2004 crew chief of the year.

Junior said it's about time

everybody else figured out what he already knew.

"Tony Sr. is one heck of a crew chief," he said. "He's been around this sport for a long time. He's kind of old timey, but he understands how things work and how to get the job done."

"He paid his dues like everybody else without getting a lot of credit. He's worked hard to get his credibility and talent to a higher level and I'm proud of him."

Heading into Sunday's Checker Auto Parts 500 at Phoenix International Raceway, Earnhardt is fifth, trailing leader Kurt Busch by 98 points with three races remaining in the championship Chase.

Two weeks ago in Martinsville, Earnhardt had severe handling problems and wound up finishing 33rd when the rear end broke in his No. 8 Chevrolet.

Last Sunday at Atlanta, Earnhardt appeared headed for at least a top-five finish when he collided late in the race with rookie Carl Edwards. He wound up 33rd again, but still gained ground on Busch, whose blown engine relegated him to a 42nd-place finish.

"My job at the shop is to keep the people we have happy and pumped up," Eury said. "The hardest part of the job is the people. Right now we've got a good group of people and, hopefully, we can keep them all together."

"We had a blow last week, but we've been pumping them all week (and telling them) that we can still do this and that nobody should get down. Hopefully we can pull it off."

Eury expects Junior and the whole Dale Earnhardt Inc. team to bounce back in Phoenix, where Earnhardt won last fall.

"We thought last year would be our year and we kind of got disappointed," he said. "This year, we kind of slumped in the center and then we kind of got back going again. So when we got back into these last 10, we started performing good every week and got on racetracks that Dale Jr. liked and had a lot of hopes of us pulling it off."

"These last couple of races put us under a lot of heat, but we're determined to win a Nextel Cup. We've got our work cut out for us because our goal now is to lead as many laps as we can and win every race we can, because that's the only way we've got a chance."

Former Cincinnati executive joins Expos as general manager

by JOSEPH WHITE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Former Cincinnati Reds general manager Jim Bowden was hired Tuesday as general manager of the Washington-bound Montreal Expos, taking a job that might last only a few months while the team is being sold.

"One of the things that was intriguing to me is that it was a short-term commitment," said Bowden, who is taking a leave of absence from his job as an ESPN commentator.

Bowden will oversee off-season trades and signings for a franchise that will move to the nation's capital next season if the local government approves funding for a new ballpark. He replaces Omar Minaya, who resigned during the final week of the regular season to become general manager of the New York Mets.

The length of Bowden's stay depends on how long it takes to sell the team, which is owned by the 29 other major league clubs. At least two dozen potential buyers have shown interest, and the sale might not be completed until late in the offseason or early in the next regular season.

Bowden expressed no interest in remaining with the team once an owner is chosen.

"I really enjoy television," Bowden said. "I'm taking this position as an interim position. That's what I agreed to, and that's

what I feel I'm going to carry out."

Bowden said Frank Robinson will remain the team's manager during the transition period.

"I don't think it's fair to make any drastic changes in personnel when you'd be bringing someone in that may be re-evaluated in three months or four months or whenever the new ownership people are in place," Bowden said. "Frank's done a decent job with this club."

Bowden said he and Robinson discussed every player on the roster Tuesday and he already has talked with other general managers about possible trades. Bowden also must decide whether to retain the Expos' top player eligible for free agency, third baseman Tony Batista. Team president Tony Tavares began talks with Batista's representatives in recent days during the search for a general manager.

Bowden said he expects baseball to give him a bigger player budget than the Expos had in Montreal, where low local revenues kept the team from paying top-dollar salaries.

"It's not going to be at the low end like Tampa Bay, and it's not going to be at the high end like the Yankees," Bowden said. "But it'll be somewhere in the middle. And whatever the final number is, it'll be a number we can compete with."

Bowden was the youngest general manager in major

league history when he took the position with the Reds in 1992 at age 31. He made more than 100 trades during 10 1/2 seasons with the club, acquiring players such as Ken Griffey Jr., Sean Casey, David Wells, Denny Neagle, Danny Graves and rising star Wily Mo Pena.

Because the Washington team still is erecting trailers to serve as offices in the parking lot of RFK Stadium, Bowden will work out of the Expos' spring training headquarters in Melbourne, Fla.

Tavares said it wasn't easy to find someone willing to take such a job on an interim basis.

"You'd have a different set of applicants if somebody thought they were going to be the GM here for the long haul," said Tavares, who collaborated with the commissioner's office on the decision. "Having said that, you could do a lot, lot worse than Jim Bowden as your GM. I am very pleasantly surprised that he's willing to do this."

Baseball originally targeted Bob Watson, baseball's vice president of on-field operations. Watson turned down the offer because he would have been paid the same salary he's currently making, according to a major league team official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity.

AP Sports Writer Ronald Blum in New York contributed to this report.

Wallace fined for bump

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR fined Nextel Cup driver Rusty Wallace \$10,000 for intentionally hitting Ryan Newman's car as the field returned to pit lane after the Oct. 24 race at Martinsville Speedway.

Wallace was angry with

his Penske Racing South teammate after a run-in late in the race and bumped



Wallace

Newman's Dodge to show his disapproval.

Three others were also issued penalties for equipment infractions at Martinsville by NASCAR.

Gil Martin, crew chief for Robby Gordon's No. 31 Chevrolet, and co-crew chief Chris Andrews will share in a \$10,000 fine for using improperly attached weights.

Mario Gosselin, driver of the No. 80 Ford, was fined \$500 for having an expired manufacturer's date on his driver's head-and-neck restraint device.

Cowher guarantees no post-Patriots letdown against Eagles

by ALAN ROBINSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Coach Bill Cowher pumped his fist once, twice, three times, yelling, "Yeah! Yeah!" before slapping hands with fans following the Steelers' 34-20 victory over previously unbeaten New England on Sunday.

Clearly, Cowher liked what he just saw. Maybe that's why he will be surprised and disappointed if he doesn't see much the same thing Sunday.

Cowher knows it's premature to think about possible playoff previews with the season less than half over, but Sunday's game against the Philadelphia Eagles (7-0) has the potential to be the Steelers' biggest since — well, last week.

To Cowher, that makes it plenty big enough.

"We are not going to have a letdown," Cowher said Tuesday. "The biggest thing is when you are playing a football team like this there is no margin for error. We can't back up what was a very good performance from our football team with anything less."

The Steelers (6-1) have played well in two of their last

three games — they cruised by Cleveland 34-23 on Oct. 10 — but were forced to rally in the fourth quarter to beat Cincinnati 28-17 on Oct. 3 and Dallas 24-20 on Oct. 17.

Performances like those two won't be good enough against the Eagles — a challenge Cowher said might be even greater than taking on the defending Super Bowl champion Patriots (6-1).

"If we try to play like we did against Dallas, we won't win this football game," Cowher said. "We have to be able to back it up and show up every week. It is a challenge. If you don't, then you become that up-and-down football team. ... When you watch us play the way we did last week, there is no reason to think we should not do that every week."

That's why Cowher reminded his players that, while they are off to the franchise's best start since the 1978 Steelers were 7-0, they are the same team many predicted wouldn't make the playoffs.

"We have to be able to play at a high level for us to be efficient," he said. "Anything less and we will find ourselves back in the same mode as we have been before, with a lot of ques-

tion marks about us, maybe losing the opportunity we created for ourselves."

There's no question who the Steelers' quarterback will be: Ben Roethlisberger. Former starter Tommy Maddox could be ready Sunday after being out six weeks with an injured right elbow, but will be the backup when he is healthy.

No surprise there, even if Cowher once had a policy that starters couldn't lose their jobs to injury. Roethlisberger has so energized a team that was only 6-10 last season with his throwing, decision-making and leadership skills that it was a given he would remain the starter.

Maddox hasn't spoken to reporters about the anticipated demotion, but said at a charity function last week that it's understandable, given how well the Steelers and Roethlisberger are playing.

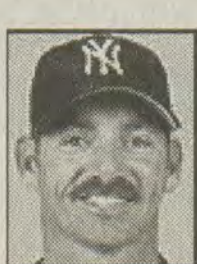
"Tommy is another guy that has put the team before him," Cowher said.

Inside linebacker Kendall Bell could play Sunday after being out since the first exhibition game with groin and shoulder injuries. Bell is listed as probable, but Larry Foote remains the starter for now.

Reds decline to pick up Gabe White's option

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Left-hander Gabe White became a free agent Wednesday when the Cincinnati Reds decided



White

not to pick up his contract option for 2005. The Reds also

released right-hander Josh Hall, 23, who missed all of last season while recovering from two operations on his shoulder.

White, 32, went 1-3 with 1 save and a 6.94 ERA in 64 appearances last season for the Yankees and the Reds. The Reds got him from New York on June 18 along with money for left-hander Charlie Manning.

White made \$1.9 million last season. The Reds had an option to keep him for the same amount next year but chose a \$200,000 buyout instead.

P'burg Junior Basketball to hold signups

PRESTONSBURG — The 2004 Prestonsburg Junior Basketball Season is just around the corner and with the start of a new season, comes registration for any child interested in playing. Signups for the upcoming season will take place on Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and again on Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

Registration will be held at the Adams Middle School on both days. Age groups will consist of 5-6 year-olds for the Pee Wee League; 7, 8 and 9 year-olds for Training League, 10-11 year-olds for Junior Varsity League and 12, 13 and 14 year-olds for the Varsity division.

All games will be held on Saturdays at Adams Middle School.

Anyone in need of further information may contact Jamie Howell at 886-9797 or 422-7966. Saturday and Sunday will

be the only two days of signups for the league.

A coaches meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13 in order to hold a league draft with practice scheduled to get underway the following week.

Any child that has turned age five by Nov. 1 of this year is eligible to play.

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THROUGH MY EYES

What a week

Election results now in - Kerry conceded less than an hour ago. A successful campaign based, in my opinion, primarily on the "fear factor." Personally, I'm more fearful now than I was before...

"Ewe's not fat, Mommy, ewe's just fluffy" - my daughters like to tease me with this line that they stole from a t-shirt adorned with little cloud-like sheep. Not so for my doctor who just gave it to me straight this week - "lose weight." To this he added a list of "Don'ts" that includes nearly everything I love to eat. Guess that's exactly why I'm "fluffy," huh?

"I am resolved to grow fat, and look young till forty" - that's a quote from John Dryden's "The Maiden Queen" that I ran across some years back. As I look at

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POSTSCRIPT

'Tis the season

This is the season for which two of my magnificent beasts were designed.

When Sunny the Cat ventures outside these days, it takes a truly alert eye - more alert certainly than mine - to keep track of her. She is mostly gray with highlights of yellow and beige. So are the leaves that sought to escape the trees only to find themselves fading and oozing moisture on the ground.

Sometimes I look for her for long periods of time without success. She can hide in plain view - if that makes sense - in a field of decaying leaves. All she has to do is stay perfectly still, which she can easily do if she focuses on an oblivious jar fly or moth. She dreams, I'm sure, of assaulting mice and birds, but the lack of front claws makes the chase almost pointless.

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Gifted child relationships

After the first report cards appeared this fall, various concerns came about for children and their parents. As expected, most often children with the low grades and high acting out behaviors are at the top of the list. However, the gifted children and their families have their own set of difficulties that can add to their emotional issues at times. Recently, I found a survey report of literature, about family relationships and the gift-

ed, that had been done by the National Association for Gifted Children. Several conclusions about gifted children and their families were presented.

Needless to say, parents and children influence each other. The children definitely have an active part in what happens in their environment, shaping and reshaping, according to their intensity and sensitivity. Gifted children are likely to be as emotionally stable as any other children, if there is peace and security within their home and the children are accepted for themselves and not just for their abilities. There is also the probability that they might need to adjust more than other children in order to fit in, due to being different and the likelihood of emotional problems from various disturbing matters and not their giftedness in particular.

These might be the skipping of grades and going away to advanced summer camps. It is not unusual for gifted kids to need additional emotional support to fulfill their potential, such as parents that help to keep them balanced with society.

As for all children, the parents' characteristics play a major role in gifted children being successful. Parents of gifted children, that were white, middle-class families and had a stable marriage, were found to differ from parents with a low-income and had achieving children, parents with creative children, parents with underachieving children, and parents of children with mental health problems. The parents of well functioning families of gifted children become informed consumers of educational services so that they harmonize with the school pro-

gram rather than clashing with it. In contrast, another discovery in the research was that some parents feel they are excluded from the educational decision-processes about their children, are apt to feel defensive about their parenting, and feel distanced from the school program. In a sense, it is as though they are not allowed to be the active leader of their children's education.

Gifted children also tend to come from families with other positive characteristics. The adults of the family have high expectations of the children and their relationships are warm, supportive, and connected. While the parents provide encouragement for the children to seek what they want, there is support for finding and investigating other areas

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Barbara Mandrell special guest speaker at CKBC event



Barbara Mandrell

Floyd and Pike County area residents are invited to "Celebrate Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" at a dinner sponsored by the Central Kentucky Blood Center featuring special guest speaker Barbara Mandrell. This night of celebration will be held on Friday, Nov. 12, at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, at Jenny Wiley State Park and will

focus on the many positives our communities have to offer—particularly the uniquely American emphasis on the importance of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

As part of the celebration, a "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness Award" will be presented to Walter May, a Pikeville businessman, and president of

Pikeville Medical Center's board of directors. May has been influential in government, education and health care. May's philosophy is "when you dream big, big things happen." This is evidenced by his contributions to improved access to hospital services, such as heart surgery and cancer treatment, and by his public service to the community as mayor of

Pikeville. During his term, Pikeville was named one of the top 100 cities in the nation.

Following the award presentation, Mandrell will speak about the chilling 1984 car accident in which she and her children were seriously injured and how she stayed motivated through her recovery so she could

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Shawna Holbrook was all smiles and pleased as punch with the balloon that she received at the Open House.



Anitra Stumbo and Michelle Smith, Physicians for Children and Teens staff members, enjoy the treats from the festive pinata with the children.

OLWH celebrates with Open House Submitted feature

Martin - A huge crowd visited the Physicians for Children and Teens Clinic located at Our Lady of the Way Hospital's Seton Complex on Tuesday, October 12 to participate in the Open House.

A friendly clown with balloons was outside to welcome everyone to the clinic that is bright, warm and inviting. Inside, the guests were entertained by Our Lady of the Way Hospital employees dressed for the occasion and representing some of the children's favorite characters such as Cat in the Hat and Raggedy Ann.

Also, the Pike County Health Department and the Mountain Regional Prevention Center treated the children to a puppet show, Adventures in Nicotine Land. Our Lady of the Way Hospital staff completed free scoliosis screenings and BMIs.

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Meri Wallace, a.k.a. Little Bo Peep, measures Kaytlyn Hicks to see how much she's grown.



OLWH employees posed with Dr. Seema Sachdeva following the wind-up of the successful Open House event.

THINGS TO PONDER



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of interest. There are chances to develop their intellect and individuality through challenge. The parents of gifted children are active, expect that their parental values be followed, perceive themselves as successful parents, and are seen positively by their children.

On the more negative side, the research survey noted that families of low-achieving gifted children appeared to be less able to adapt and more stressed than families of high-achievers. It was interesting that creative children, in comparison to gifted children, appear to come from parents that value independence, pursue their own interests, accept nonconventional behavior, are open to varied experiences, are less child-centered, and are tense, less harmonious, and distant.

It was not surprising that having a gifted child in the family can contribute to strain on a marriage, especially if the adults do not agree in their view of the child. In addition, the parents' perception of themselves might be affected, positively or negatively, plus having a gifted child seems to force the parents into looking at their own abilities. Another way that a gifted child might have a negative impact on the family is how much difference is perceived between the child's intellectual capacity and that of other family members. It was not unusual for first-born children to be in gifted programs, which was apt to be influenced by family size.

Researchers have suggested that parents of gifted children would benefit from counseling. The possible contributing factors might be their need to deal with unsympathetic responses from school, their feelings of insecurity or inadequacy as parents, the likelihood of an early "empty nest," perhaps financial depen-

dency being extended, and sometimes the postponement or denial of grandparenting.

Various recommendations were given for the individuals involved in the gifted child's life. Ones for school counselors and mental health professionals included: encourage parents to involve their children in chores, for mutual benefit; and consider the family's cultural views of "giftedness" before making generalized assumptions about the gifted children and their parents. Suggestions for teachers included: form a partnership with the gifted children's parents and recognize their knowledge, expertise, and contribution to their children's growth; keep parents informed about the purpose and anticipated duration of homework assignments and be aware that parents expect homework; be aware that parents and teachers might view a child differently, since the child is not likely to have the same exact behaviors in both settings; and encourage fathers to observe/participate in the classroom and to advocate for their children.

In regards to the gifted children's parents, some of the recommendations were: don't expect schools to provide all education for gifted kids; be aware of being preoccupied with a child's potential; touch the child and express nonverbal caring and love; focus on the child being "different, not better." Some other suggestions for the parents of gifted children were: be aware that parents are more likely than the child to claim that the child is "bored;" encourage the gifted child to take responsibility for his/her own learning; and be aware that a secure family structure is important for the developing child.

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"This is a great day for Our Lady of the Way Hospital and our community," stated Kathy Stumbo, Our Lady of the Way Hospital's president and CEO. "We are very pleased to have Drs. Rakesh and Seema Sachdeva in Martin."

"We are very excited to have a satellite clinic in Martin," stated Dr. Seema Sachdeva. Our Lady of the Way Hospital is a wonderful hospital and we look forward to working with the community."

Drs. Rakesh and Seema Sachdeva may be reached at 285-1442.

Our Lady of the Way Hospital operates six rural health clinics and is a member

of Catholic Health Initiatives. Catholic Health Initiatives is a national non-profit corporation based in Denver, Colorado. The Catholic Health Initiatives health system, which is comprised of affiliated non-profit corporations located in 19 states, includes 68 hospitals; 44 long-term care, assisted and independent living and residential facilities; and five community-based health organizations. Catholic Health Initiatives represents more than 67,000 employees and consolidated annual operating revenues of \$6.1 billion. It is the second largest Catholic health system in the United States.

Eyes

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photos of my college-age young self, slim and fit and loving life, I think I must have, subconsciously, taken this quote a little too seriously.

Now, however, it's time to take Dr. Charlie seriously. I have to go back to see him right after the Thanksgiving holiday, too.

To derive yet another quote from one of my very favorite, and very fluffy, characters, Winnie the Pooh, all I have to offer to say is this: "Oh, bother."

For someone who comes from a long line of not just good, but great, country cooks, I learned to cook early on in life. And I took to it like a duck to water. I have always loved to cook and feed people - just like my grandmas and my aunts.

A few years back, I had the

opportunity to attend culinary school in Tallahassee, Florida. It was a great experience, spending time each day with others who also loved to cook and learning from some of the best chefs in the country.

Although there were plenty of slender people in the building, including Chef Keating, the head of the program, who was about as tall and lanky as they come, there was a favorite saying that some of the more round folks in the program liked to pull out now and then, "Never trust a skinny chef."

Keating, who had worked for more than 20 years "cheffing" for Disney World, didn't like that quote too much and usually had a pretty good comeback or two. However, none of them seem to come to mind right now.

Selective memory, I suppose.

Floyd County soldier set to arrive home today



Sgt. Burchell H. Stephens will arrive home to Floyd County this Friday, November 5, to enjoy a leave from duties with his parents, family and friends. He was deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq in 2002 and 2003 and has

recently been stationed in South Korea. His wife, Sabrina, and daughter, Allison, will accompany him on his trip home. His proud parents and loving family look forward to embracing him once again.

Anniversaries

Open Invitation

An anniversary celebration held in honor of the 48th wedding anniversary of Joyce and Sweet Childers, formerly of Floyd County, will be hosted by family and friends on Saturday, November 13, 2004, from 3-5 p.m., at the Hindman Methodist Church, in Hindman. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Tammy Childers at 606-785-5765. Please, no gifts, only your presence is requested.

Birthdays



71st birthday!

Thurston Endicott celebrated his 71st birthday on October 21, at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville, where he and his family enjoyed a buffet luncheon. Mr. Endicott, seated first on the left, was joined by his wife, Delcie, son, John, and daughter-in-law Darlene.

Pageants



OctoberFest Pageant Winner

Dezirae Caudill, the two-year old daughter of Darrin Caudill, of Melvin, won seven trophies, two tiaras, and a medallion necklace when she participated in her first beauty pageant on October 16. Dezirae won in seven categories: Most Beautiful, Sparkling Eyes, Dazzling Smile, Most Photogenic, OctoberFest Formal Wear, OctoberFest Costume Wear and Cutest Costume. Her costume was a blue Care Bear outfit. Dezirae's family is very proud of her achievement.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Nov. 5 - Deadline to donate canned food to the Food Drive.

Nov. 11 - "Parent University," to be held at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Speaker: Trooper Scott Hopkins. Lunch will be provided and door prizes will be awarded. Sponsored by the Floyd County Family Resource and Youth Service Centers in collaboration with the Title I program.

Nov. 15 - PTO meeting, 6 p.m., at the school.

Nov. 17 - Advisory Council meeting for the AMS Youth Services Center, 4 p.m., at the school. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Anyone interested in helping with the school's annual "Adopt-A-Child" Christmas program, please contact the school at 886-1297.

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

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School

Turn in Food City receipts to home room teachers!

Nov. 8 - Respect class, 7th grade.

Nov. 9 - Parent meeting, 11 a.m. Topic: "Behind the Wheel."

Nov. 10 - Parent University, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Prestonsburg Holiday Inn.

Nov. 15 - Respect class, 7th

Betsy Layne Elementary

Nov. 15 - SBDM meeting, 5 p.m.

Nov. 15 - PTO meeting, 6 p.m.

Nov. 16 - Picture retakes and Sports pictures.

Nov. 17 - Story Ed, 7th and 8th.

Nov. 18 - Story Ed, 7th and 8th.

Nov. 19 - Story Ed, 7th and 8th.

Nov. 29 - Respect class, 7th grade.

The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

Allen Central High School

School will host its third annual "Holiday Craft Fair," on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the school's front foyer. On site craft vendors will feature quilts, embroidery, candles, baskets, Mary Kay, Home Interiors, furniture made from old barn wood, and more! Also, the Holiday Bake Shoppe will feature fried apple pies, pumpkin rolls, homemade fudge, funnel cakes, and more! Have your picture made with Santa, see dance teams perform and eat a country breakfast, from 6-11 a.m. (\$4/plate), or enjoy a soup bean & kraut & wiener lunch at 11 a.m. Call the school at 358-9543 to inquire about having your meal delivered. Free coffee served all day long, so come out and enjoy the day and purchase your holiday gift items from ACHS!

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.

Clark Elementary

Nov. 8 - Advisory Council meeting, 5 p.m., in school library.

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

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

Duff Elementary

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

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.

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

Nov. 9 - "Heart Health" presentation for 5th grade students. Carole Jo May, Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Nov. 11 - "Parent University," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Prestonsburg Holiday Inn. Trooper Scott Hopkins will speak. All parents urged to attend. Lunch will be provided.

Nov. 16 - "Heart Health" presentation for 6th grade students. Carole Jo May, Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Nov. 16 - Parent Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., in FRC library. Topic:

"Behind the Wheel." Look inside the minds and cars of teenage drivers; help your child stay safe on the road.

Nov. 30 - "Tobacco Prevention" program presented by Carole Jo May, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, for 5th grade.

Dec. 7 - "Tobacco Prevention" program presented by Carole Jo May, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, for 6th grade.

Dec. 13 - Parent Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., in FRC library. Topic: "Cultural Divide." Examine some of the issues that kids, and their parents, grapple with as they move beyond their "comfort zones" to embrace those who are different.

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

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

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

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



Family Medicine

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



Even without vaccine, you can take steps to prevent flu

Question: Because of the vaccine shortage, I will not be getting a flu shot this year. How can I tell the difference between a simple cold and the flu? Is there anything the doctor can do for me if I get the flu? Can I really do anything to prevent it?

Answer: The primary reason that flu vaccine is given is to prevent the serious complications that a high-risk person might encounter if he or she came down with the flu. For many years we've been fortunate enough to be able to give flu vaccine not only to high-risk people but to almost everyone who wanted it. This widespread inoculation has been a good thing and has greatly reduced the

number of cases of influenza.

This year, unfortunately, is an exception. With a shortage of vaccine, public health officials are asking that only those in high risk groups be given flu shots. While this might result in higher numbers of cases of flu in the general population, it will help control the spread to those to whom it could be lethal — the elderly, the frail and the very young.

Influenza and the common cold are both viral respiratory illnesses, which can make them difficult to distinguish from each other. The symptoms of influenza are generally worse than those associated with a cold. Influenza symptoms include fever, body aches,

fatigue and a dry cough. A cold tends to be a milder infection that is characterized by a runny or stuffy nose and a mild cough. Another difference is that a cold often comes on gradually over a period of a day or two, while influenza starts rather abruptly in many cases.

That said, based on clinical symptoms alone, it can still sometimes be difficult to tell a cold from the flu. That's why in some situations your doctor may ask for special blood tests to confirm his or her suspicions that you have the flu. If the diagnosis is influenza, you may be given an antiviral medication. To be effective, though, it needs to be started within two days of the onset of your symptoms. If it is, the medication can often shorten the course of your illness and make you less contagious to others.

The steps needed to prevent all viral respiratory illnesses are basically the

same. Here are two important tips to help you get through the upcoming cold and flu season.

First, stay away from people who are ill. This is not always possible, depending on your line of work. Sales people, health-care workers and others in direct contact with the public cannot do this and still do their jobs. But cutting down on visiting people who are ill and limiting

out-of-the-home activities to only those which are necessary can help keep you well.

Second, practice good personal hygiene. Wash your hands frequently and carry alcohol-based hand sanitizer gel in your pocket or purse to use when soap and water aren't available. Keep your hands away from your nose, mouth and eyes. If you have virus on your hands, biting your fingernails, picking your nose or rubbing your eyes can let the virus into your system.

And if you do become ill in spite of

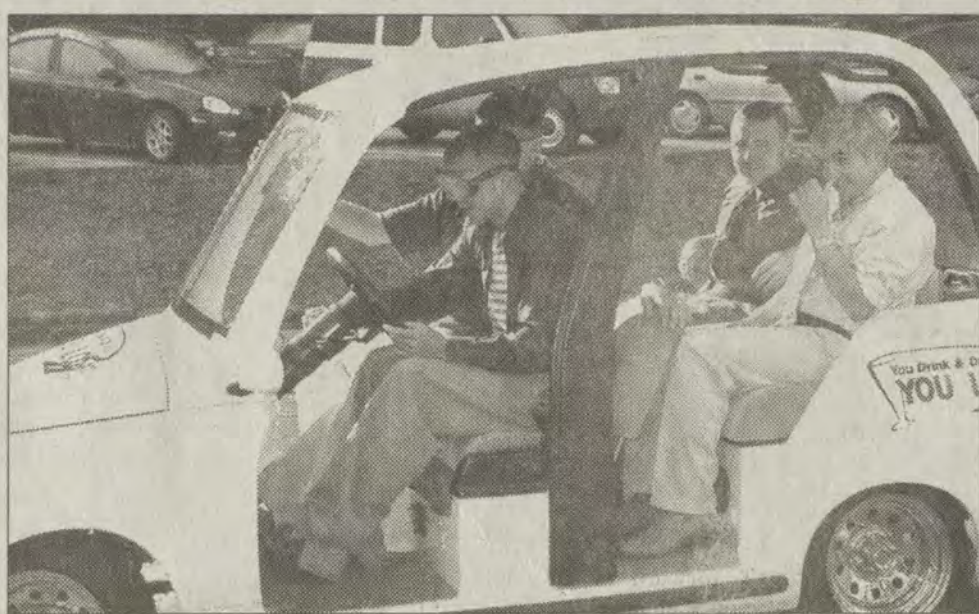
these precautions, please cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze. Also, stay home from work and don't venture out until you're fully recovered. Remember — the influenza virus can still be shed from your respiratory tract for several days after you feel well.

Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicine-news.org. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnose and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at www.familymedicine-news.org.

ALC students get educated on drinking and driving

Thanks to the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition, Alice Lloyd College students were given the opportunity to experience what it would be like to drink and drive. Randy Yeley, of the Coalition, brought his simulation automobile and eye-gear to campus. Participating students, faculty, and staff were given the opportunity to wear the goggles and see what it felt like to get behind the wheel as a person who has had too much to drink.

The experience was an educational and enjoyable simulation for those on the campus.



Alice Lloyd College students find out how it feels to drive drunk and learn about the possible consequences of doing so.

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At dusk, which comes earlier these days, I am hesitant to let her out, for fear she will lose herself in the piling leaves. Like most of her species, she ignores all pleas of "Here, Kitty," no matter how loud or how plaintive. When she's good and ready, she comes to the door with a hearty wail of "MEOW" in capital letters, which translated means, "Get here, this instant!"

Big dog Ben, who is always beautiful unless he decides to cool off in the straight pipe-watered stream, is most handsome this time of year, and also somewhat elusive. His winter coat is growing itself. The dermal oils are stirring and adding a sheen that literally glistens when he lies in the sun, one of his favorite activities.

This time of year, his fur is at its reddest. I'm tempted to change his name to Big Red.

He, too, is hard to spot in late evening with a bank of golden leaves in the background.

Daisy's season is yet to come. Even when she's dirty, she's undeniably white. The snows of winter hide her quite successfully. I have pictures taken during a deep snow with her a ghost among the other animals. She loves to run and jump and twirl unseen in a flurry of snowflakes.

As colorful as we humans aspire to be, we never quite get the colors of nature right. We go too far or not far enough. Our fate is to overdo or to be underdone.

I watch my animal friends and hope I can learn.

School

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

Walking track open to public.

The center has a one-top 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

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

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

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Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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

"Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If items not picked up within 2 weeks, they become the property of the resource center.

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

Wesley Christian School

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

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

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

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

MAC hosts two sold-out shows, Thursday, Oct. 21

"Boston Tea Party," presented by Mainstage, played to two full theaters of students from Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin, Perry, Magoffin, Wolfe and Knott County schools. The groups were predominately composed of fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. KERA core content is always given special emphasis when school matinees are planned by the center for the region's schools. On November 1, "Lewis & Clark" will be presented in celebration of the 200th year

anniversary of the Lewis & Clark expedition. The Mountain Arts Center's School matinee programming is partially funded by Dr. Lee Boyd, Pediatric Dentistry, and Highlands Regional Medical Center of Prestonsburg.



CKBC

return to the entertainment business she loves.

The Celebrate Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness evening begins with a reception and silent auction at 6:30 p.m. A live auction, featuring items such as UK basketball ticket packages including one night's stay in Lexington, follows dinner.

Susan Berry-Buckley, CEO of Central Kentucky Blood Center, said the fund-raising event is a way for communities served by the center to get involved in a different way.

"People who cannot give blood tell us frequently they want to help because they know the importance of what we do," she said. "So, this is a fun way anyone can get involved and support our efforts to provide a safe, ample blood supply."

Cost for the event is \$35 per person or \$300 per table of eight. All proceeds benefit

Central Kentucky Blood Center. For ticket information, call Denise Fields at 1-888-775-2522.

Central Kentucky Blood Center, with donor centers in Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Somerset and Lexington supplies blood to patients at 67 hospitals and clinics in 59 counties in central and eastern Kentucky.

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Walter E. May

Seniors: Don't overlook changing sleep needs

Many seniors are becoming all too familiar with the "tired" part of "retired." While many anticipated a new and more relaxing chapter in their lives in retirement, some are finding that a good night's rest is more and more difficult to obtain.

The culprit might be more than noisy grandkids. Experts say it might be the quality of their mattresses.

"Retirees are usually very cost-conscious," said Arthur Grehan, executive director of the American Innerspring Manufacturers, a nonprofit trade group that provides free information on restful sleep and sleep surfaces. "That leads many of them to try and squeeze a few more years out of a 10-, 15-, or even 20-year-old mattress. It's a recipe for sleepless nights ... and a not-so-restful retirement."

Grehan is not alone in his concern about the sleep patterns of retirees. Dr. Neal Aguiard, director of the Methodist University Hospital Sleep Disorder Center in Memphis, Tenn., says that a good night's sleep is vitally important to seniors.

"They need more time in bed, and they need more sleep overall than younger people," he said.

A lack of adequate sleep, Aguiard said, can trigger a downward spiral in activity levels.

"An older person who is not

getting enough sleep, they're going to have less stamina, they're going to have less energy, they're going to do less," he said.

In an effort to turn the tide, AIM offers a number of tips for seniors, including the following:

Out with the old. There's nothing nostalgic about an old mattress. A new mattress should be purchased every 8 to 10 years.

Don't break up a good pair. When it's time to get rid of an old mattress, the same is true for the boxspring. Always replace them both.

Avoid the fads. Besides healthy firmness, innerspring mattresses have something trendy new sleep surfaces don't: the benefit of years of research and testing. Sturdy, well-made mattresses have been through years more rigorous testing than novelty sleep surfaces like waterbeds, foam mattresses, and airbeds.

Buy size. You'll be shocked at the difference a little room can make. The industry typically recommends a double bed for one person and a queen or larger for two.

To learn more, or to request a free copy of "Rate Your Home for Retirement," a quiz that walks seniors through each room of their home and allows them to score it on ease-of-use and restfulness, call AIM at 1-800-TUCK-ME-IN or log on to www.aiminfo.org.

My Friend

By Jackie Branham Hall

When trouble overwhelms you, and tears roll like falling rain, here is someone you can count on, you will only call his name.

When fear overtakes you, when doubts come creeping in, as you grow old and weary, let me tell you about my friend.

Courage is his partner, patience is his friend, fairness is his motive, he'll be faithful to the end, Jesus is His name.

God's only Son, He sacrificed His life, So that Heaven could be won.

Editor's Note: Ms. Hall, the author of "Portrait of a Disaster - A Pictorial History of the 1958 School Bus Disaster," will be on hand this Saturday, November 6, for a book signing event that will be held at the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. She invites everyone to visit and share memories during this time.

Raffle for \$1,000 Christmas Cash

Don't miss the chance to win \$1,000 and help the Theatre. Jenny Wiley Theatre will be raffling \$1,000 cash, just in time for Christmas shopping. There will only be 200 tickets available and 45 have already been sold. Tickets are \$50 a piece. Contact the Theatre at 1-

877-CALL-JWT or a JWT Board Member for a ticket. The drawing will be held at intermission during the final performance of A Christmas Story on November 20, 2004.

All proceeds benefit the Jenny Wiley Theatre Operational Budget.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0307

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.6 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 113.16 surface acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.70 miles northeast from Sugarloaf Branch Road's junction with KY 1428 and is located on Dials Branch of Sugarloaf Branch of the Levisa Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Lancer USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe A. and Barbara Burchett, Clark Pergem and Jesse Rudd, Jimmy and Ramona Burchett, Floyd Harris Heirs, Tri-Star Development, Inc., and E. L. and Bertha Cline. The operation will use the area method of surface mining. The applica-

tion has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5307, RENEWAL #2

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.5 mile northeast of Emma, in Floyd County. The proposed operation, will disturb 21.00 surface acres and will underlie 842.70 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 863.70 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.24 mile north from KY Route 1428's junction with KY Route 194, and located 0.08 mile east of the Levisa Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Eddie B. Merritt. The operation will underlie land owned by Eddie B. Merritt, Sandra Barkan, Ed Leslie Estate, Forrest Burchett, Gale Burchett, Troy Whitt, Clyde Burchett, William Jarrell, Irvin Harris, Roland Blackburn, Leonard Goble, Rosie Woods Estate, Columbus Jervis, William H. Amburgey and Brodis Goble. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, or objections, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

REPORT OF UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL TICKETS

(To be Submitted in

such person as of July 1, and other information as the authority may require for the administration of KRS 230.361 to 230.373. The report shall be made in duplicate; the original shall be retained by the authority and the copy shall be mailed to the sheriff of the county where the unclaimed pari-mutuel tickets are held. It shall be the duty of the sheriff to post for not less than twenty (20) consecutive days a copy of the report on the courthouse door or the courthouse bulletin board, and to publish the copy in the manner set forth by KRS Chapter 424. The cost of the publication shall be paid by the authority. The sheriff shall immediately certify in writing to the authority the dates when the list was posted and published. The list shall be posted and published as required on or before October 1, of the year when it is made, and such posting and publishing shall be constructive notice to all holders of pari-mutuel tickets which have remained unclaimed for a period of one (1) year from the time the ticket became payable. Effective: July 13, 2004 History: Amended 2004 Ky. Acts ch. 191, sec. 18, effective July 13, 2004. — Amended 1998 Ky. Acts ch. 237, sec. 7, effective July 15, 1998. — Amended 1980 Ky. Acts ch. 188, sec. 223, effective July 15, 1980. — Created 1978 Ky. Acts ch. 307, sec. 2, effective June 17, 1978.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO

Duplicate prior to September 1, 2004) Report of Unclaimed Pari-Mutuel Tickets, in compliance with KRS 230.361, Section 3. I, Wilma Foley of Thunder Ridge, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, do report as of July 1, 2004, that we are holding \$38,892.20 in unclaimed winning pari-mutuel tickets one (1) year old or older. COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, County of Floyd. The affiant being duly sworn or affirmed according to law, deposes and says that the foregoing report is correct and true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn or affirmed to and subscribed before me this 30th day of August, 2004. Anita S. Ratliff, Notary My commission expires 07-11-06. Anyone holding such unclaimed winning tickets may redeem same prior to December 1, 2004, at the office of Thunder Ridge, Prestonsburg, Ky., at which time, the remaining balance will be forwarded to the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority, 4063 Iron Works Pkwy., Lexington, Kentucky 40511. I, John K. Blackburn, Sheriff of Floyd County, Kentucky, do hereby certify that the above notice has been posted at the county courthouse for twenty (20) consecutive days from 9-9, 2004 to 9-29, 2004, and a notice published in the Floyd County Times on in accordance with KRS 230.362.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO

APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5461, AMENDMENT NO. 2

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky, 41839, has applied for an amendment for an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.5 mile northeast of Hippo, in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 0.0 acres of surface disturbance and an additional 1,609.3 acres of underground acres, making the total area within the permit boundary, 2178.7 acres. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.5 mile northwest from State Route 850's junction with Brush Creek County Road, and located north of Hicks Fork of Brush Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the underground method of mining. The amendment area will underlie lands owned by William E. & Peggy Stephens, Harvey Watson, John Paul & Lou Ellen Pitts, Eva & George Thornsburg, John Paul Pitts, Shade Pitts, Floyd & Edna Davis, Jeffrey & Zelma M. Watson, John T. & Anna Lea Thornsburg, Kenneth & Phyllis Reffitt, Betty Conn, Dolores Smith, Billy E. & Susan Reffitt, Ina Thornsburg, Polly Elizabeth Pitts, Sandra Sue Thacker, Floyd Allen, William

P. Runnels, et al., Madge Allen Casey, Effie Lois Bond, Pamela Frasure, Phil Ray Frasure, Effie Lois Bond, Thomas Sherman Ratliff, Mary Margaret Baldridge, Rondel R. & Priscilla Prater, Danny Ousley, Josephine Ousley, Effie Hughes, Mont Ousley Heirs, Danny Lee Ousley, Virginia Hicks & David Reffitt, AEP Kentucky Coal, LLC, Roby Matthew & Berta Akers, Alice D. Isaac, Roger & Joyce Slone, Steven Reed, David & Billy Marie Smith, Allen Ratliff Estate, Myrtle, Bertha & Sydney Ratliff, Jack & Mary Ratliff Estate, Henry & Ellen Ratliff, Billy M. & Dora Allen, and Tamara K. & Mary Christina Hicks. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 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, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5383

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Sly Branch Energy, Inc., 6166 KY Rt. 114, Prestonsburg, KY

41653, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1.0 mile east of Emma, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 9.24 surface acres, and will underlie 246.14 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 246.14 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.0 mile east of KY 194's junction with the KY 1428, and is located 0.02 mile south of Cow Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Lancer, and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Stanford Burchett. The mineral is owned by Stanford Burchett and The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation will underlie property owned by Wm. & Pauline Foley, Paul Foley, Floyd & Pam Collins, Charles Wright, Heirs, Larry & Gail Blackburn, James Burchett, Dale & Tyline Mullins, Ed Burchett, Stanford Burchett, Paul Aken, James Hunter, Henry Moore, Jr., and Wayne Crider. The surface mining application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY, 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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ZONE CHANGE HEARING

The Floyd County Board of Education has requested a Zone change for the proposed new Prestonsburg Consolidated Elementary School. The property is located at 140 South Clark Road, (The site of the Present Clark Elementary School) in Prestonsburg, KY 41653, and consists of 19.5+/- acres. The requested change is from P-1 Parks without Facilities to a Zone C-4 Highway Business District. A hearing is scheduled before the Prestonsburg Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, November 4, 2004, at The Prestonsburg City Hall, 200 N. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, at 6:30 p.m. The Public is invited and public comment will be heard. Written comments may be sent to: Zoning Commission, 200 N. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Plot Maps are available for public review at the office of Planning, Prevention, and Enforcement, 200 N. Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 350.093, notice is hereby given that AEP Kentucky Coal, L.L.C., P.O. Box 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for Phase II release on Permit Number 836-5432, Increment 1, Increment 2 and Increment 3, which was last issued on 2/18/02. The approximate acres for Increment 1 is 17.00, Increment 2, is 16.00 and Increment 3 is 44.4. The operation is located 2.0 miles northeast of Hippo in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.0 miles northeast from Prater Fork Road and KY 850 and located 0.25 miles south of Turner Branch. The operation is located on the Martin

U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The bond now in effect for 836-0296, Increments 4 is \$75,000, Increment 5 is \$67,600, Increment 6 is \$25,500, Increment 9 is \$60,800, Increment 11 is \$240,100, Increment 12 is \$194,300, Increment 16 is \$25,100, Increment 17 is \$85,200, Increment 18 is \$96,000, Increment 23 is \$48,600, and Increment 25 is \$80,500. Remainder of these bonds is being requested. Reclamation work performed includes, grading and seeding completed on Increment 4 is 12/1/96, Increment 5 is 12/1/96, Increment 6 is 11/15/94, Increment 9 is 12/10/99, Increment 11 is 12/10/00, Increment 12, is 10/25/95, Increment 16 is 11/15/94, Increment 17 is 12/10/00, Increment 18 is 12/12/00 and 12/20/00, Increment 23 is 12/12/00, Increment 25 is 12/9/99. Written comments, objections, and requests for public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by December 20, 2004. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on December 21, 2004. The Department for Natural Resources, Floyd County Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by December 20, 2004.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 350.093, notice is hereby given that AEP KENTUCKY COAL, L.L.C., P.O. Box 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for Phase III release on Permit Number 836-0296, Increments 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 23, 25 which was last issued on 5/13/02. The approximate acres for Increment 4 is 62.20, Increment 5 is 50.70, Increment 6 is 22.40, Increment 9 is 50.11, Increment 11 is 196.35, Increment 12 is 154.78, Increment 16 is 18.15, Increment 17 is 96.75, Increment 18 is 81.37, Increment 23 is 35.23, Increment 25 is 67.4 acres. The operation is located 2.0 miles northeast of Hippo, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.0 mile northeast from Prater Fork Road and KY 850, and located 0.25 mile south of Turner Branch. The operation is located on the Martin

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Oakie Shepherd of 409 Turkey Creek Road has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to placement of fill 1/4

mile on Turkey Creek at Langley, Kentucky 41645. The property is located 1/4 mile from Rt. 80, on Turkey Creek Road at bridge on left. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (606) 502-564-3410.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

As part of Floyd County, Kentucky's observance of Veteran's Day 2004, and in honor of our older veterans in this county, Floyd County Judge/Executive Paul H. Thompson and the Floyd County Fiscal Court are searching for Floyd County's oldest veteran. Judge Thompson requests that all honorably-discharged veterans, 90 years of age or older, or someone on their behalf, contact the Office of the Floyd County Judge /Executive at 886-9193, by 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, November 9, 2004. Floyd County's oldest veteran and all other veterans, 90 years of age or older, will be honored by proclamations issued by Judge Thompson, commencing on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2004.

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Friday, November

5, 2004 Eddie Patton, Executive Director Low-Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky, Inc. (LINKS) 116 N. Front St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653, (606) 886-0152 TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS: On or about, November 22, 2004, the Low-Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky will authorize LINKS to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (authorized by Section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-120)) for the following project: LINKS - North - Wayland Project for \$120,000 in Self-Help Homeownership Program Grant Funds (Housing), to be provided to the Low Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky for acquisition and site development of five (5) properties in Floyd County located at Bonanza and Wayland, at the following addresses: 285 KY Rt. 1750, Bonanza 472 Clearwater Road, (Mill Creek Rd.), Wayland 265 KY Rt. 1086, *Front Street, Wayland 203 KY Rt. 1086, Front Street, Wayland 145 Back Street, Wayland. Other components of the project include home construction and soft costs associated with eight (8) low-income, single-family housing units. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT An environmental review for this project has been

made by LINKS and is available for public examination and copying at the offices of Big Sandy Area Development District, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY. Based on this review, LINKS has determined that a request for release of funds will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and, hence, an environmental impact statement will not be undertaken under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reasons for the decision not to prepare an environmental impact statement are as follows: 1) Development of new lots will benefit the low income residents of Floyd County; 2) By providing infrastructure support, housing costs will remain affordable to low income residents. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING All interested agencies, groups, or persons disagreeing with these decisions are invited to submit written comments for consideration by November 22, 2004. All comments must clearly specify to which decision they object: the Finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for Release of Funds. All comments so received will be considered by LINKS prior to its taking any administrative action or LINKS requesting release of funds on the date listed immediately above. RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS LINKS will undertake the project described above with funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD), under the Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP). LINKS consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action: and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, LINKS may use SHOP funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and other environmental responsibilities listed in 24 CFR Part 58. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: a. That the certification was not in fact executed by the chief execution officer or other

officer of LINKS. The applicant has filed to make one of the two findings pursuant to S58.41 or to make the written determination decision by required by S578.57, 58.53 or 58.64 for the project, as applicable. b. That LINKS's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the environmental review process, or c. Another Federal Agency has submitted written comments pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Air Act or Section 201(c)

of NEPA. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Gene Snyder Courthouse, 601 West Broadway, Room 110, Louisville, Kentucky 40202. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than these stated above will not be considered and objections received after 15 days from the date of request for funds listed above will not be considered by HUD.

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