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briefs

Burglary, sex abuse charges filed

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

MINNIE — A Minnie resident was arrested Thursday for allegedly breaking into a woman's home Sunday and trying to take her clothes off and touch her in a sexual manner.

Maverick "Chillis" Meade, 44, was arraigned on burglary and sexual abuse charges Thursday and placed under a \$20,000 cash bond for the charges. The charges constitute felonies, so a preliminary hearing for the case has been set for June 15.

Meade has been ordered to avoid any contact with the victim or her family should he raise the funds necessary to post a bond.

The criminal complaint, filed on June 9, alleges that Meade committed the offense of burglary by breaking into the victim's apartment and that he incurred the sexual abuse charge by trying to tear off the victim's shirt as he attempted to touch her breast and kiss her on the back of the neck.

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Today



High: 89 • Low: 66

Tomorrow



High: 85 • Low: 63

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Corps won't route trucks out of town

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Residents and business owners in Martin joined U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives Thursday for a project update and a one-on-one question-and-answer session.

The meeting was arranged last month by representatives of U.S. Rep. Hal Roger's office as an attempt to address

concerns from business owners.

Business owners for 4 Seasons Detail, Methodist Mountain Mission, Country Village, Case's Furniture, Sassy Jo's Salon and the E.P. Grisby Store and Properties, say they have lost anywhere from 40 to 60 percent of their revenues this year because of the construction. They blame the loss on the closure of parking on Main Street, dust and speeding trucks.

The Corps declined their proposal of an alternate dirt hauling route during Thursday's meeting. Engineer Max Stull outlined four alternative routes that were studied and eliminated during the project development process. Those routes, which included a conveyor belt system to haul the dirt and the construction of a new road, were not economically feasible, he said.

As promised, the Corps investigated

the alternate detour route proposed by business owners last month. They outlined the advantages, including elimination of trucks on Main Street, open parking and reduction of dust and noise, and the disadvantages, a long list that includes "unsafe conditions" for the school and senior citizens center, the need for trucks to drive over two lanes of traffic and two

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Drug suspect reportedly shoots self

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The daughter-in-law of an 87-year-old drug trafficking suspect Dottie Neeley was rushed to the hospital Wednesday evening after she was shot in the stomach.

Kentucky State Police is treating the wound as self-inflicted at this time and has given no indication of foul play.

Verna Elliot was airlifted to an undisclosed hospital after initial treatment for a gunshot wound to the abdomen that was allegedly inflicted by a shotgun.

Elliot was indicted along with Dottie Neeley and her son, Russell

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Judge grants motions from Hunt's defense

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Defense motions in the case of accused murderer James Hunt were ruled on by Judge John D. Caudill with all but one motion approved.

Last week, Hunt's defense team, composed of public advocate Harolyn Howard and Jason Gilbert out of the public advocate office's Cynthiana branch, filed several motions in anticipation of the commonwealth seeking the death penalty against Hunt, who is accused of breaking into his wife's home and fatally shooting her in November.

Judge Caudill has granted the defense its first motion, which sought to have a defense expert on hand to monitor the processing of DNA evidence collected for the case. Caudill granted the defense 30 days to find an expert to do the job and the designated person will be notified when the Kentucky State Police labs, or an independent contractor, is ready to proceed with testing.

Caudill also granted the defense's motion to have all evidence in the matter preserved with nothing tested in such a fashion that would consume the evidence unless it is approved after an official hearing. The order also makes mention of preserving audiotaped evidence which will no doubt include the 911 recording of the call Hunt's wife, Bettina, made to emergency services while the incident occurred.

The defense's motion for a pretri-

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Local artist Randy Lawson was caught early Wednesday morning working on his latest mural project, commissioned by the city of Prestonsburg. The mural, located on North Arnold Avenue, near Dr. Lee Majakey's office, will highlight several area attractions when completed. Along with the city's well recognized symbol, the old West Prestonsburg bridge, the mural will also spotlight the Mountain Arts Center, Jenny Wiley Theatre, Stonecrest Golf Course, the Samuel May House, the Middle Creek Battlefield, the East Kentucky Science Center and Dewey Lake. Lawson said that he is excited to be working on the project and that he greatly appreciates all the community support he receives for his work, though he did also share that, "it's been awful hot out here."

Meeting offers tips to fight meth

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — The Martin Community Center turned into a methamphetamine training center Wednesday, a move to increase awareness about the clandestine lab production of the drug.

Martin Housing Authority's Resident Initiative Coordinator, Rita Whicker, organized the training session, with assistance from the city, in order to teach area residents how to spot meth production.

Housing Authority representatives from Floyd, Johnson, Pike and Cumberland counties accompanied area residents, city workers, and police officers for the session, which lasted all day Wednesday.

"Everybody thinks it's the police department's problem. It's not," Mayor Thomasine Robinson said. "It's everybody's problem. The police departments can't fight it by themselves. The city, community, everybody will have to



photo by Mary Music

Davie County Sheriff Keith Cain used graphic videos to talk about the methamphetamine problem.

work together to fight it."

Davie County Sheriff Keith Cain, the guest speaker, said community involvement is a key factor in stopping meth lab production.

Cain, who has held similar training sessions all over the country, painted a bleak picture of the typical meth user.

"This is the future of the commonwealth," he said, prior to showing a video of children

who were abused and neglected by their addicted parents.

"Meth was more important than humanity" to one family, Cain said, telling the group about a toddler named Jenny, who died while in custody of meth abusers running a clandestine lab.

The child was tortured for days, Cain said. She was burnt

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Grand jury hands down murder charges

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Delmar Kendrick Jr., 27, of Minnie, was indicted by a Floyd County grand jury Thursday on two charges of first-degree sexual abuse involving a child under 12 years old.

The grand jury issued the indictment after hearing testimony from Kentucky State Police Det. Mickey Watson.

The abuse is alleged to have occurred during the month of March, when Kendrick allegedly initiated the sexual contact. The victim in the case, being under 12 years of age, cannot legally offer consent.

The grand jury also issued superceding indictments against two people already charged with kidnapping and assaulting a Bypro man two years ago.

Billy Joe Johnson, currently being held at the perry County Jail, was already indicted for kidnapping, assault, unlawful imprisonment and tampering with physical evidence involving the death of Michael Stone, 27, whose body was discovered at a strip mine at Topmost. The commonwealth has added one charge of murder to

(See MURDER, page three)

FYI

Some indicators of clandestine methamphetamine production:

- Strong chemical odors that resemble ammonia or a cat urine smell, sulfur or a rotten egg smell or ether.
- Neighbors complaining of chemical smells.
- Heavy fortification on residences. (Example: Bars on windows to "protect the drugs.")
- Suspicious and unusual hours of traffic or visitors.
- People walking outside of their residence to smoke.

What to do:

- If you smell chemicals, leave IMMEDIATELY.
- Call 911.

For more information about meth, visit the online fact sheet at www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/factsheet/methamph/.

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Odds & Ends

■ **LAPORTE, Ind.** — A huge Harry Potter fan is about to embark on a magical mission of sorts.

Emerson Spartz, 18, who created a Web site devoted to all things Hogwarts, will travel to Scotland next month to meet Potter author J.K. Rowling.

Spartz was sound asleep when Rowling called him at home. She invited the home-school student to come see her — at her expense.

Rowling, known for cherishing her privacy, promised Spartz an hour-long interview at her home July 16, the release date for "Harry Potter

and the Half-Blood Prince," the sixth book in her series.

"At first, I thought it was extremely odd," Emerson told The News-Dispatch of Michigan City for its Thursday editions. "I thought, 'Why would she want to talk to me?'"

But Rowling was familiar

with Spartz's site, which she called one of her favorites.

Spartz, who's set to attend the University of Notre Dame this fall, created the site in 1999.

More than 40 volunteers help Spartz maintain the site, which in November 2002 had about 70,000 to 80,000 hits a day when the film version of "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" arrived in theaters.

Now, the site gets about a million hits per day, Spartz said. It features, among other things, downloads, trivia, pictures and links to other Harry Potter sites.

It even has a clock that counts down the days, hours, minutes and seconds until the midnight release date of Rowling's latest book.

"It has everything the ultimate Harry Potter fan would want," Spartz said.

■ **HENDERSON, Nev.** — Ex-stripper Diana Hampton will soon have something new to wear — judicial robes.

Hampton was elected to the Municipal Court in Henderson on Tuesday, defeating Michael Miller in a run-off by 176 votes.

Hampton, 39, had acknowledged during the campaign that she worked at a Las Vegas striptease club to help pay her way through college 14 years ago.

She called it "a fact of life" and said she hoped the interest it drew to her candidacy would eventually die down.

She was elected to a six-year term.

■ **SAN FRANCISCO** — A crook in San Francisco isn't just stealing from cabbies — he's stealing the cabs.

Six Yellow Cabs have been stolen in the last two weeks by someone who may have a master key, police say. The

thief has been covering the in-car video system and then picking up passengers, making money without paying the \$95 daily gate fee to the company.

"He knows what he is doing," said Inspector Dean Marcic of the auto theft unit.

One recent theft took place near police headquarters. The cab was later abandoned and showed \$80 worth of fares on the meter, Marcic said.

The thief drove off in another Yellow Cab.

"This guy here, maybe he can't get a license, maybe he lost it or can't afford it — this is how he's making his money," Marcic said.

■ **HONG KONG** — Talk about being caught red-handed.

A man was discovered plucking two live lobsters and

a grouper fish from a tank at a seafood restaurant.

Police suspect the man pretended to be with a group of mahjong-playing customers who were allowed to stay and finish their game after the restaurant closed, according to the Sing Pao Daily News.

The newspaper quoted a security guard as saying he found the man, in his mid-30s, placing the seafood into a plastic bag at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday. When the guard asked the man what he was doing, the suspect said he was retrieving the seafood for kitchen staff, the newspaper said.

After he failed to convince the guard, the man fled and was found hiding in the kitchen, it said. The recovered lobsters and grouper fish had a combined value of about \$154.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 10, the 161st day of 2005. There are 204 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 10, 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron, Ohio.

On this date:

■ In 1801, the north African state of Tripoli declared war on the United States in a dispute over safe passage of merchant vessels through the Mediterranean.

■ In 1865, the Richard Wagner opera "Tristan und Isolde" premiered in Munich, Germany.

■ In 1940, Italy declared war on France and Britain; Canada declared war on Italy.

■ In 1942, the Gestapo massacred 173 male residents of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of a Nazi official.

■ In 1946, Italy replaced its abolished monarchy with a republic.

■ In 1964, the Senate voted to limit further debate on a proposed civil rights bill, shutting off a filibuster by Southern states.

■ In 1967, the Middle East War ended as Israel and Syria agreed to observe a United Nations-mediated cease-fire.

■ In 1978, Affirmed won the Belmont Stakes and with it, horse racing's Triple Crown.

■ In 1985, socialite Claus von Bulow was acquitted by a jury in Providence, R.I., at his retrial on charges he'd tried to murder his heiress wife, Martha "Sunny" von Bulow.

■ In 2002, organized crime figure John Gotti died at a prison hospital in Missouri at age 61.

Ten years ago: U.S. Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady, rescued after being shot down over Bosnia, described his six-day ordeal at a news conference at Aviano Air Base in Italy, saying he was no "Rambo" and no hero. A bomb blamed on drug traffickers exploded in Medellin, Colombia, killing 26 people. Thunder Gulch won the Belmont Stakes.

Five years ago: Syrian President Hafez Assad died at age 69; he was succeeded by his son, Bashar. The New Jersey Devils won their second Stanley Cup in six seasons with a 2-to-1 victory in double overtime over the Dallas Stars in Game Six of the finals. Commendable won the Belmont Stakes. Frenchwoman Mary Pierce beat Conchita Martinez 6-2, 7-5 to win the French Open women's singles title.

One year ago: Singer-musician Ray Charles, known for such hits as "What'd I Say," "Georgia on My Mind" and "I Can't Stop Loving You," died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 73.

Today's Birthdays: Actor

Barry Morse is 87. Britain's Prince Philip is 84. Columnist Nat Hentoff is 80. Actress June Haver is 79. Actor-director Lionel Jeffries is 79. Author Maurice Sendak is 77. Attorney F. Lee Bailey is 72. Actress Alexandra Stewart is 66. Singer Shirley Alston Reeves (The Shirelles) is 64. Actor Jurgen Prochnow is 64. Media commentator Jeff Greenfield is 62. Country singer-songwriter Thom Schuyler is 53. Actor Andrew Stevens is 50. Singer Barrington Henderson is 49. Singer Maxi Priest is 44. Actress Gina Gershon is 43. Actress Jeanne Tripplehorn is 42. Rock musician Jimmy Chamberlin is 41. Model-actress Elizabeth Hurley is 40. Actor Doug McKeon is 39. Rock musician Emma Anderson is 38. Country musician Brian Hofeldt (The Derailers) is 38. Rapper The D.O.C. is 37. Rock singer Mike Doughty is 35. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jo-Jo is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Faith Evans is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lemisha Grinstead (702) is 27. Actor Shane West is 27. Singer Hoku is 24. Actress Leelee Sobieski is 23. Olympic gold medal figure skater Tara Lipinski is 23.

Thought for Today: "I am firm. You are obstinate. He is a pig-headed fool." — Katharine Whitehorn, British newspaper columnist.

In Memory



Our lost but gone father

Malcom Wallen Sr.

Our father has 17 grandchildren and one wife, Barbara Jean Duncan Wallen and four children. Their names are:

Betty Lou Thornsby
Tonya Renee Slone
Earl Lee Wallen
Malcom Junior Wallen

Malcom Wallen Sr. has also three brothers living. Our father is in Heaven but not forgotten.

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Malcom Wallen Sr.

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intersections on Route 1428, the need to widen the detour road and acquire more property, the need to provide more flag men, and the increase of dust and noise for residents living along the proposed detour route.

Stull said that haul time would be increased with the proposed detour and that there would be times when traffic would completely be halted on Main Street.

After the meeting, he also said that the process to construct the alternate route, both physically and through required legal documentation or contract changes, would take longer than it would to continue hauling as it is being done now via Main Street.

"They're 50 percent done with the hauling now," Stull said, "By the time we get all that [legal documentation, construction to widen the road and contract changes] done, they'd be pretty close to being finished hauling the dirt."

Engineer Richard Thomas addressed concerns about dust and alleged speeding on Main Street.

To combat the dust, Thomas said that water trucks are now running continuously. Construction crews are also using a sweeper truck during the day and a vacuum truck every other night (weather permitting). Laborers, Thomas said, are using shovels and wheelbarrows to clean excess dirt on Main Street.

Trucks hauling dirt through the city do not have to be tarped, Thomas said, in response to a question last month about state requirements on tarping. Thomas said construction crews are now putting less dirt into the trucks in order to stop rocks from falling onto downtown streets.

"Of course, we can't catch everything," he said, "but with the amount of material we're moving, I think we're doing a good job."

To address issues about speeding, Thomas relied on the fact that no speeding tickets have been issued against any of the truck drivers, who face immediate dismissal if they go above the 25 mile per hour speed limit.

Police Chief James Slone said he monitors Main Street with radar nearly every day and that he has seen no violations.

Community Planner Gus Drum gave a history of the project, outlining the Corps' flood prevention plan as regulated through the Section 202 act, legislation that passed as a result of the 1977 flood.

The Corps must accept the "least costly option" in flood projects that fall under Section

PROJECT OUTLINE

Phase 1: Removal of 812,000 cubic feet of dirt from Fire Station Hill, construction of two access roads, construction of the alternative school, city hall and police station at the new site. Expected completion date: Redevelopment site preparation: April, 2007. Construction of fire station: March-September 2007. Construction of the school and town hall: April 2007-August 2008.

Phase 2: Downtown Martin will be filled, raised 16 feet with dirt from Fire Station Hill, relocation of Route 1428 and city streets, relocation of Jenny's Street and Short Street to the new fill area. Expected completion date: Acquisitions (includes most businesses) October 2008. Construction: 2009-2011.

Phase 3: Southern section of the town (city hall building, etc.) will be filled. Relocation of homes to the new fill site. Expected completion date: Acquisitions, December 2012. Construction, March 2013-July 2015. Development phase: July 2015 to October 2016.

Phase 4: Volunteer flood proofing or acquisition for outlying residential areas or businesses (within the city limits) that lie in the floodplain evacuation area. Expected completion date: November 2016.

202, Drum said, and mandatory acquisitions must be held to the "absolute minimum."

Drum said a 15-member panel — nine members from the city of Martin — sat down with the Corps before the redevelopment began to develop the project.

The Corps is currently in its first phase of the redevelopment plan, the removal of 812,000 cubic yards of dirt from Fire Station Hill to Mayo Hollow, where it will be stored until phase 2 gets underway. During phase two, the town will be raised 16 feet.

One resident at the meeting asked if raising the town would cause flooding on the western end. Drum said the project would not impact the amount of flooding to other city areas.

Normally, the Corps purchases all properties to be acquired before construction begins, Drum said. They changed their pace for the Martin redevelopment project in order to reduce

costs and get the project going faster.

Project manager Demi Mack gave an scheduling overview of the project, which is expected to be completed by 2016.

"Funding for the next couple of years doesn't look that optimistic," he said, pointing out that funding for the project comes from congressional funds that are added to the annual budget by congressmen.

Stull later said that the Corps only has enough money to pay the current contractors through September, the end of the Corps' fiscal year.

Corps Real Estate agent Kenny Bumgardner gave an overview of the acquisition process. The Corps would, after inspection of the property, offer residents and business owners the "fair market value," which does not include the loss of good will or any type of sentimental attachment, Bumgardner said.

Those in the mandatory acquisition lines who refuse to negotiate with the Corps will face condemnation.

Bumgardner also outlined relocation benefits, such as extra money for moving and relocation, that is available to residents and business owners in addition to the fair market value price.

After the presentation, Corps representatives made themselves available for one-on-one discussions with residents and business owners about their properties.

Business owners questioned by The Times refused official comment, but showed disapproval toward how the Corps addressed the concerns they discussed last month.

Others attending the meeting, mostly residential owners, were favorable of the project development thus far.

Murder

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Johnson's alleged offenses, which would combine with the kidnapping charge to make it possible for the commonwealth to seek the death penalty in the case should it come to trial.

The indictment now reads that Johnson committed the offense of murder by "intentionally killing Michael Slone."

A charge of complicity to commit murder was added to charges levied against Susan Moore, 33, of Langley. The commonwealth had already indicted Moore for complicity in kidnapping, assault, unlawful imprisonment and tampering with evidence in the death of Slone in April.

Park employee arrested for allegedly giving girl drugs

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Jenny Wiley State Resort Park employee who allegedly gave drugs to a minor female last year was arrested at the park's boat dock on Friday, June 3.

Floyd County Sheriff Sgt. Terry Chaffins arrested John David Bailey, 20, of Wayland, and charged him with first-degree unlawful transaction with a minor.

The 14-year-old's father, a Martin resident, filed a complaint against Bailey on June 10, 2004. That complaint alleges that Bailey gave the girl "cocaine and other drugs," but the minor's father said Tuesday that Xanax was the only drug found in her system.

Assistant County Attorney Jimmy "Blue" Marcum said that Bailey was charged in the incident last year along with another man, Cameron Rowe, 20, of Wayland. Rowe was arrested by Chaffins on June 6, 2004, the day of the alleged incident, after Garrett resident Burneda Howard alleged that he'd given her 15-year-old daughter Xanax and marijuana. Howard later dropped the charges against Rowe. The case was referred to a grand jury, which did not return an indictment.

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn said that Bailey was not arrested before now

because the warrant had been faxed to Johnson County. The original warrant accused the wrong individual, Chaffins said.

"It was for Shawn Bailey, then it became John Bailey, then John got tracked down as becoming a resident of Johnson County, where he was over there staying with his mother," Chaffins said. "Floyd County has no jurisdiction in Johnson County. And these things take time, especially if people keep dodging from county to county or, sometimes, from state to state. If we had the right name off the bat it may have been a little different."

The complaining witness, who requested anonymity, says the delay in service is unjust.

"I couldn't get nobody to serve it," he said. "I was going to serve it myself. This ain't the only time this boy's been in trouble. He's got some kind of pull down there. It's a shame it took them that long to get him."

The father said that the delay in arresting Bailey would have continued, had he not visited the boat dock to purchase some fishing supplies.

"I went to the boat dock to get some fishing stuff and I asked the guy behind the counter who that boy was. I seen him there and I didn't even know who he was. I talked to him a couple of times. The guy told me his name and I said, 'I've been looking for [him].'"

He said he went to sheriff's

department to get the arrest warrant served and that Chaffins asked him to accompany him for the arrest. Chaffins said that the father asked to ride along and that he refused to let him, but told him he could see the arrest if he drove by.

The incident happened, the father said, when his daughter spent the night with the 15-year-old friend. Bailey, accompanied by another man, allegedly came and picked the girls up. He said he got a call from the girl's mother early that morning.

"She was wild," he said. The girl was tested at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, where it was discovered that she had Xanax in her system.

The father believes Bailey will not be prosecuted for the alleged crime and said that he is willing to handle the problem himself.

"Give me 10 minutes behind the building with that boy," he said.

Chaffins said he understood why the man is "hot" about the delay in service of the warrant and referred to the difficulty of serving arrest warrants for people in other counties. Chaffins left to make the arrest immediately after he was informed about Bailey's location.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Manager Scott Ringum did not return inquiry calls.

Shooting

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Neeley, on charges of drug trafficking. The charges stemmed from drug sales made in October that were taped by a confidential informant for KSP.

Elliot was back in the news two weeks ago when Dottie Neeley was recorded by an informant and allegedly expressed that she wanted her daughter-in-law killed but couldn't afford a hit man. She allegedly also noted that she would

like to see Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner killed.

The tape recording was presented to Judge John Caudill, who had to rule on whether or not to lower Neeley's \$55,000 cash bond. The judge ruled last week that Neeley's bond must stand, which was apparently a moot point as Neeley was able to pay the bond the night before Caudill made his ruling.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"All animals except man know that the ultimate in life is to enjoy it."

— Samuel Butler

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Chicago Tribune, on Deep Throat:

... High drama and high mystery. The revelation of W. Mark Felt as Deep Throat tantalizes because it creates so many new mysteries.

Why did Felt, the No. 2 man at the FBI at the time, become a prime source for Washington Post reporters? The Vanity Fair article in which Felt breaks his cover to author John D. O'Connor reveals that Felt harbored "increasing contempt for this curious crew at the White House, whom he saw as intent on utilizing the Justice Department for their political ends."

It may have been personal, too. After Hoover died, Felt was passed over for the top job when L. Patrick Gray became the bureau's interim successor. A patriot out to save the country? A guy with a grudge? That's another mystery, the motivation of the leaker.

... Watergate wasn't just about a mishandled break-in of Democratic Party headquarters. It was what followed the break-in that caused Nixon's fall, the coverup, the abuse of power, the White House's attempted misuse of government agencies, including the FBI. ...

Watergate was a scandal unlike any other in American history, leading to the only resignation by an American president. ... Yet Watergate can still surprise, can still turn up an old FBI man who fought encroachments, protected his turf and helped save the country from further grief.

Daily Camera, Boulder, Colo., on Deep Throat:

More than three decades after Watergate, some of the president's men still show an extravagant and illogical loyalty to their former boss.

Vanity Fair magazine reported that W. Mark Felt, who in the '70s was the No. 2 man at the FBI, was also the Washington Post's anonymous source known as Deep Throat. Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the Post reporters whom he assisted, confirmed it.

Felt is 91 and fading. Nixon is gone. Watergate is a fading memory. Felt's family persuaded him to step into public view and finally accept the accolades he is due. For the most part, that's what he has received. There are notable exceptions. ...

Felt, Woodward, Bernstein and many more ranging from other secret sources to the U.S. Supreme Court helped resolve the disgrace emanating from the Oval Office. Partisans of Nixon's day may always deny that any good came of the Watergate story. Most of us know better.



Guest Column

Park turning its back on Kentucky

by STEVE RUTH

It was another beautiful Memorial Day weekend here in Elkhorn City. The town buzzed with folk from distant states, visiting family or coming to enjoy our natural blessings. We had a nice little festival at the railroad museum with great music and Civil War re-enactors. And the Russell Fork was running a very friendly level for whitewater enthusiasts.

Unfortunately, there's a problem with whitewater, or any other river-related activities, up our way. It's called the Breaks Interstate Park.

The park, under the guise of improving river access, purchased the world renowned Ratliff Hole early last fall. Since December, the property has been gated. They've built a couple of nice looking structures and started on some nice landscaping down there, but apparently, the property is now off-limits.

At least that's what we should presume when it's completely locked up through Memorial Day weekend.

What is the management of this "public park" thinking? This area has been used for fishing, camping and whitewater access for

over 20 years. Pike county, under the leadership of Paul Patton, improved the property specifically for whitewater access.

But today the management of the park has no use for whitewater enthusiasts, at least not on the Kentucky side of the line. The superintendent has specifically targeted boaters in banning camping from the area. Not coincidentally, the number of boaters visiting Elkhorn City since last October has dropped well below 25 percent of average since December. When once there were at least 10-20 out-of-town boaters per weekend, we're lucky to see five. Most weekends there are none.

I've experienced the growth of whitewater traffic here since 1994. Then it was truly a one-month-a-year season. But by 2003, there were boaters in Elkhorn City from neighboring states every weekend, 10 months of the year. We've approached park officials three times to resolve the situation, but we pretty much see they don't want to talk.

Boaters aren't the only ones suffering. The property has long been a favorite fishing and swimming hole for EC residents. The arrogance of the park to purchase the property under threat of eminent domain, then close it down without any public discourse has soured what little positive will remained within the town for the park. The general sentiment is the Breaks Park, whose purpose was preservation and access, is now about acquisition and control. And ensuring what little economic impact there is stays in Virginia.

With river access in Kentucky limited by the park, restaurants and gas stations in Elkhorn City suffer. Ask the folks at the Rusty Fork. But, once again, that clearly doesn't matter to the management of the Breaks Interstate Park.

We have talked a lot about tourism here. Pike County has been very enlightened about the potentials of natural tourism. Whitewater has brought dollars into the county. We've seen it in Elkhorn City, not in a large way yet, but you can smell it. So where are our voices at the Breaks Interstate Park? Why do our dollars, over \$1 million in coal severance money just last year, continue to go to the Breaks? Please, at this point, I really want to know.

This is a real tough one to swallow for me. I grew up in the Breaks park. Through college, I brought kids home to see it as often as I could. And they'd beg to come back. I've pitched the wonders of that gorge to people I didn't know all over this country. I've praised the facilities and posted the phone numbers and addresses online so people can reserve rooms or campsites there. I've stood up to preserve the park when it was threatened. And a lot of other people from Elkhorn City and Pike County have done the same.

I won't anymore.

I'll still talk about the natural wonders of our area. I'll certainly keep promoting Elkhorn City and the Russell Fork River. And I'll always encourage visitors to keep their cash out of the Breaks Interstate Park. At least until the park comes around.

Letters

Offices should not be closed

All through the year, not just during tax-filing season, there is a steady stream of taxpayers into the local IRS Taxpayer Assistance Office, specifically in Prestonsburg, also known as a Taxpayer Assistance Center of the Internal Revenue Service. There, they have the opportunity to meet in person with a professional IRS employee who can assist taxpayers with tax law, tax return preparation and account inquiry resolution.

People in our area always have liked this opportunity face-to-face contact. But now, if the IRS goes through with its plans, that will come to an end.

The IRS is proposing to close, across the country, many of its TACs. Rather than continue this effective and familiar

customer service activity, the IRS's idea appears to be to force taxpayers in many areas to use the internet to secure necessary forms and, in the event a taxpayer wants and needs to speak with an agency employee, to do so only over the phone.

Someone needs to remind the IRS that large segments of the population, particularly lower income and older Americans, may not have a personal computer or want to use it to conduct the personal and sensitive business of dealing with their tax questions. Many people prefer to talk directly to a knowledgeable IRS employee.

Tammara Garvey
President, Chapter 25
National Treasury Employees Union

Fine educators

It was a great loss for Floyd County when the Auxier school closed.

I moved back to Kentucky for the excellent education provided. Pete Grigsby and James D. Adams were willing to listen, and while I served as president of the Auxier PTA, Dr. Adams probably spent more than he made in salary to help me with my pet projects.

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We had two teachers at Auxier that made their students ready for college. These two educators were Jack Music and Carl T. Horn. All I can do is say thank you. They are responsible for the success of my children.

Gary Lilly
Baldwin, Ga.

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At the Movies: 'High Tension'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Fright fans are in for a treat this weekend when Lion's Gate Films finally releases this horror effort from French director Alexandre Aja.

Like the best horror films, this one keeps it simple as it follows two coeds, Marie and Alex, who head out on a trip to the country to study for their final exams in peace and quiet. Big mistake.

The girls settle in for their first night in the country as a dilapidated van ominously closes in on the home and kills its lights. Soon a hulking figure emerges from the vehicle and promptly breaks into the home. Marie is oblivious to the ensuing carnage as she listens to what has to be the world's loudest Walkman. By the time she comes around, she can only follow the killer, who has abducted



"High Tension" opens today at the Riverfill Cinemas in Pikeville, rated R.

Alex, and hopefully come up with a plan to save her.

The film takes place over the course of one evening as Marie desperately attempts to mount a daring rescue and take down the silent killer, who goes about his business with the quiet dedication of a blue-collar worker. The final confrontation between Marie and the unnamed killer is a show-stopper, but the movie is far from over after the battle's conclusion. This film saves one more trick for its finale and it's a whopper that will either leave

you scratching your head or applauding Aja for getting one over on the audience.

The film comes off as a blend of Hitchcockian suspense liberally drenched with "Friday the 13th"-style gore.

The acting is just fine with Ceceile De France, who costarred in last summer's remake of "Around the World in 80 Days" with Jackie Chan, perfectly cast as the resourceful Marie. Don't expect a whole lot of story here and you will enjoy the ride.

Lion's Gate sat on this film for two years but finally decided to release it this summer after bootleg DVDs of the film flooded the market. The long wait was no doubt due to the diminished profit potential for an R-rated film in a market saturated with PG-13 scare flicks like "The Grudge" and "Boogeyman." Scenes of intense violence were also a factor, as the original version of the film ran eight minutes longer, but some of that material would have netted the film an NC-17 rating which would have prohibited advertising it, so several cuts were made to qualify for an R rating. Look for several gory moments to be restored when this hits DVD in the fall, but in the meantime grab someone you want to hold close and take them to this movie.

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At the Movies: 'Mr. and Mrs. Smith'

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP MOVIE CRITIC

If Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have indeed transferred their on-screen romance off-screen and transformed into a singular entity known (at least on "Jimmy Kimmel Live") as Brangelina, who could blame them?

After watching "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," it would seem physically impossible for any human being with eyes and a pulse to resist falling in love with either of them — or both of them at the same time.

These people are frighteningly beautiful individually and have insane amounts of combustible chemistry together. They could have sat there and read the phone book for an hour and 50 minutes and it would have looked hot — especially in the warm, sensuous tones that envelop them in director Doug Liman's film.

But they don't just sit there. Far from it. They fire an arsenal of high-powered weapons (often at each other), fling a variety of knives and other sharp objects (a favorite activity of Jolie's in real-life, too) and blow stuff up real good.

Because "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" isn't just a romance, and it isn't just a comedy, though the banter in Simon Kinberg's script is sufficiently snappy. It is, at its core, a big, mindless action movie — a high-tech "The War of the Roses." So checking your brain at the multiplex door is a good idea, because it will prevent you from being distracted by just how flawed the film's premise is.

It will keep you from thinking thoughts like, if John and Jane Smith are truly super-duper secret assassins who are



Bourne Identity," his first foray into action flicks three years ago.

Here, John and Jane live an

"Mr. and Mrs. Smith," a Twentieth Century Fox release, is rated PG-13 for sequences of violence, intense action, sexual content and brief strong language. Running time: 110 minutes.

Two and a half stars out of four.

using each other as a cover to protect their identities, wouldn't each of them have thoroughly investigated the other before they got married and realized who their intended was? Or have they been blinded by the tequila, moonlight and explosions that overwhelmed them on the night they first hooked up in Bogota?

See, you can't let these thoughts creep into your head. You just gotta go with it, and everyone involved makes that easy to do — at least until the very end, when the movie culminates in a deafening, over-long (though elaborately choreographed) shoot-out inside an IKEA-type home decorating store. By then, the movie has worn out its welcome mat.

But Liman continues to show a knack for crisp pacing, even as his movies have gotten larger. "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" combines the infectious energy of his smaller, earlier films ("Swingers," "Go") with the complexity and scope of "The

antiseptic life with a beautiful home, two cars and no sex. (The film begins and ends with the couple sitting side-by-side in cushy chairs, looking straight into the camera and answering questions during a therapy session. It's an amusing framing device but one that begs its own question: Since both husband and wife are spies and the marriage is a sham, which of them would have bothered suggesting counseling?)

Anyway, their relationship provides a clever twist on the conventions of sedate suburbia. She wears a frumpy apron to cook dinner, which is ready every night at 7; he comes home, pulls on a cardigan sweater and fixes himself a drink. They engage in distracted discourse over the new curtains she bought.

Sometimes, though, they sneak out at night under the guise of "work." Jane puts on a dominatrix get-up and heads into Manhattan to snap her latest victim's neck. John weasels his way into a back-room

poker game and fires off a few effortless rounds to fulfill his mission.

It's only when both are assigned the same target (Adam Brody from "The O.C.," typically smart-mouthed as an up-and-coming spy himself) do they each realize whom they've been lying next to in bed every night. That epiphany sets up the film's subtlest, most suspenseful scene — a dinner that's more verbal ballet than quiet meal at home — and forces each Smith to try and bump off the other.

John gets moral support from his co-worker and only real friend, played by Vince Vaughn, who's essentially doing the same high-strung, fast-talking thing he's done in nearly every film he's made since Liman's "Swingers" 10 years ago. It's familiar but effective. Jane's only friend (Kerry Washington) is a member of her all-female posse of amazonian secret agents — a nice touch, and one that's apropos for such a strong woman herself.

But to address the question, "Can you actually see Brad and Angelina falling in love on screen?" — the answer is: It's hard to tell amid all the noise and destruction. It's indisputable fun trying, though.

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Prestonsburg High School School Based Decision Making Council Parent Representative Elections will be held Tuesday June 21, 2005, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 p.m., in the school's cafeteria.

Diane Fish, PTO President

According to Statute, a parent is defined as parent, stepparent, or foster parent of a student, or person who has legal custody of a student pursuant to a court order, and with whom the student resides. The term "parent" as used, includes parents of students currently enrolled or preregistered to attend a school, and who meet the requirements in this definition.

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

June got off to a respectable start for renters with a few direct to video sequels and under appreciated theatrical fare leading the way.

"Beyond the Sea" — Kevin Spacey directed and starred in this bio-flick which failed to do any box office but should be appreciated on home video. Spacey does his own crooning here as pop idol Bobby Darin in a film that charts Darin's rise to fame and his troubled relationship with teen idol Sandra Dee. Kind of slow in spots but Spacey's impression of Darin is dead on.

"The Machinist" — Christian Bale (soon to be seen on screen as "Batman") lost 63 pounds to play this role, which casts him as an embittered factory worker who can't find solace or sleep one year after a tragedy. As events in his life spiral out of control his traumatic past is eventually revealed. This is not a popcorn flick but it will engross viewers who are interested in something different and more than a little dark.

"Be Cool" — Viewers in

search of light entertainment will find this sequel to "Get Shorty" to be just what the doctor ordered. John Travolta returns as Chili Palmer, who decides to conquer the music business after his flirtation with Hollywood. This was based on Elmore Leonard's novel and features a strong supporting cast which includes Uma Thurman, Harvey Keitel, Danny DeVito and The Rock.

"Seed of Chucky" — The horror franchise "Child's Play" is back with this entry which picks up after Chucky, the demonic doll, met his match in "Bride of Chucky." The puppets try to conceive here and find out they need starlet Jennifer Tilly (cast as herself) to act as a surrogate mother. Lots of Hollywood jokes and plenty of gore ensue. Brad Dourif (Doc on "Deadwood") returns to voice Chucky.

"Hellraiser: Deader" — Doug Bradley returns as Pinhead in this direct-to-video entry in the "Hellraiser" series. No advance word on how this one came out, but at least they got Bradley back. The same can not be said for the second direct-to-video

sequel out this week.

"The Prophecy: Uprising" — This one continues the story about angels, good and bad, and demons fighting for an end to mankind's reign on earth. Unfortunately this is the first sequel in the series that will not feature Christopher Walken who, as Gabriel, made these films fun to watch.

"The Sopranos: Season 5" — The mobbed-up New Jersey family is back in this penultimate season that saw the series finally net Emmy Awards for best series, as well as acting honors for Michael Imperioli and Drea de Matteo. The season gets off to a great start with veteran actors Steve Buscemi and Robert Loggia joining the cast as mobsters who were just released from prison and anxious to get back to work. Relations sour with the New York mob in this cycle of episodes, which culminate with an FBI raid and the death of a major character. If you haven't gotten hooked on this series yet, then you have plenty of time before HBO airs what is supposed to be the last season of the show in January.

Next week look for things to lighten up with the release

of the romantic comedy "Hitch," starring Will Smith.

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Government, industry ask: Can we ship enough coal to meet demand?

by MIKE CRISSEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — The average American is expected to use as much as 3 percent more electricity each year over the next two decades; coal could help fill the gap. But it may not be a matter of mining more coal — both production and consumption rose last year — but moving more coal.

At the National Coal Show, which opened Tuesday, industry executives and a government geologist discussed whether the U.S. has the necessary railcars, locomotives,

trucks and barges to transport the coal that's needed to supply a growing American appetite for electricity.

Executives from coal, barge, railroad and power companies said the nation's transportation infrastructure can handle the increased demand — if they don't lose too many employees or equipment from wear and tear.

According to government estimates, the nation's electrical consumption is expected to nearly double in the next two decades, from about 3,480 billion kilowatt-hours in 2003 to 5,220 billion kilowatt-hours in

2025.

Coal-fired power plants provide almost half of the electricity produced in the U.S., and that share is expected to hold steady over the next 20 years, according to the Energy Information Administration, a part of the Energy Department.

About 1.1 billion tons of coal was mined last year, slightly below the 2001 record of about 1.3 billion tons; about 1 billion tons were used.

Meeting the growing demand for coal would likely require a multi-million dollar investment in employees and equipment, executives said.

"This thing needs to come quickly. When I say quickly, you've got to plan at least five years out there. ... This is not equipment that you go down to Wal-Mart and buy, this is something that is obviously heavy equipment," said Danny Smith, senior vice president of energy & properties for Norfolk Southern Corp.

Virginia-based Norfolk Southern, which also owns mines, and the nation's other railroads are the workhorses for the coal industry, carrying about 60 percent of the coal shipped in the U.S.

About 15 percent of Norfolk

Southern's fleet is used to ship coal. Last year, the railroad bought about 200 locomotives. They plan to buy about 230 more in the next two years. The railroad also faces replacing more than 30,000 aging coal cars in the next 15 years.

Meanwhile, the industry may need to repair or build new rail lines.

"The railroads are not like highways, you don't have lanes going both ways," Smith said.

Meanwhile, the nation's barge companies are dealing with a glut of aging barges from a building boom about 20 years ago, and few new barges

are being built, said Tom Vorholt, vice president for utility sales for Ingram Barge Company, one of the nation's largest.

The industry, which ships about 20 percent of the country's coal, faces spending as much as \$400 million to replace the roughly 1,000 barges that were scrapped or sold overseas in the past two years, he said.

Demand to ship coal has already outpaced the Nashville, Tenn.-based company's fleet. "We are quite regularly turning people away and I'm sure others have too," Vorholt said.

Knott board's changes may hurt Cordia school

CORDIA — The Knott County school board will consider a redistricting plan this month that many fear will leave a nearly new \$4.2 million schoolhouse empty and unused.

The Lotts Creek Community School has relied on the board since 1933, when founder Alice Slone agreed to raise \$500 for a science lab, collect 500 library books and find appropriate teachers, if the board would provide the teachers' salaries.

But as roads improved and public schools expanded, most of the settlement schools closed or morphed into other entities.

Cordia, which had 400 students in 1998, has 216 pupils this year because of the region's declining population. The Knott district supports a staff of 27, including 12 teachers. It also provides bus transportation to the school.

The Knott board has voted recently to close two small county elementary schools, but superintendent Harold Combs said there has been no discussion of closing Cordia. Still, the changes could end bus service to the school, which would drive students to other district

schools.

"The kids can still go over there (Cordia), if their parents provide the transportation," Combs said.

To keep receiving bus service, many county students would be required to transfer to nearby elementary schools or Knott County Central High School in Hindman, which is 20 to 30 miles away, depending on what route is followed.

Cordia would be left with about 43 students from nearby Perry County who attend under an agreement, said Alice Whitaker, the school's program director. That's too few to justify sending more than three teachers to a kindergarten-through-12th grade school, she said.

Both Whitaker and Combs agree the arrangement would not be economically feasible, but agreement appears to stop there.

Enrollment in Knott schools has been steadily dropping for years, Combs said, from 3,087 in 1997 to 2,664 this year. Knott County Central High School, the county's only other high school, was built to accommodate 1,325 students,

he said, but the enrollment was down to 640 this year.

The board also has been forced to end 25 bus routes in the county, Combs said.

"We're trying to run so many schools," he said. "We just can't afford it anymore."

The board's stance opposes

the community's investment in Cordia and its students.

The \$4.2 million school building was constructed with private money in 1998. Lotts Creek Community School Inc.'s endowment, which Whitaker said shrunk to about

\$1 million after the new building was finished, still offers financial aid to all of its graduates who want to go to college. Some have gone on to law and medical schools, she said.

Whitaker hopes Cordia can survive one more struggle. At 65, she concedes she's getting tired.

"But I've still got a little fight left," Whitaker said. "I'm thinking about buying our own bus. There's nothing that says we can't do it."

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Obituaries

Larry Isaac

Larry Isaac, 47, of Wheelwright, died Monday, June 6, 2005, in Lincolnton, North Carolina.

Born July 2, 1957, in Paintsville, he was the son of Lee Isaac Jr. and Carrie Johnson Isaac of Wheelwright. He was a disabled factory worker for a textile company, and a member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, at Bypro.

In addition to his parents, survivors include four daughters: Ashley Lynn Isaac, Amanda Gwynn Isaac, Kayla Alexandria Isaac, and Sarah Rose Isaac, all of North Carolina; a twin brother, Gary Isaac (wife, Pat) of Wheelwright; two sisters: Linda Sue King (husband, John) of Camron, and Wanda Lou Isaac of Ann Arbor, Michigan; two grandchildren: Joseph Channing Friday and Keir Laquane Isaac; and nephews and nieces: Tim, Chris, Kim, and Becky.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, June 11, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, in Bypro, with Louis Ferrari, John Allen, Jake Tackett, and Bobby Isaac officiating.

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

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Prentiss D. Crum

Prentiss D. Crum, 57, of Martin, died Friday, June 3, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born March 11, 1948, in Martin, he was the son of Polly Samons Crum of Martin, and the late Daniel Crum. He was a disabled janitor for Jenny Wiley State Park, and a member of the Church of Christ on Arkansas Creek, in Martin.

He is survived by his wife, Freda Patton Crum.

Other survivors include one son, Prentiss Daniel Crum of Martin; two daughters: Teresa Crum Prater and Janet Crum, both of Martin; one brother, Rufus Crum of Martin; one sister, Francis Crum Castle of San Antonio, Texas; and one grandson, Josh Crum.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 6, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ronnie Samons and Roy Robinson officiating.

Burial was in the Crum Cemetery, on Arkansas Creek, in Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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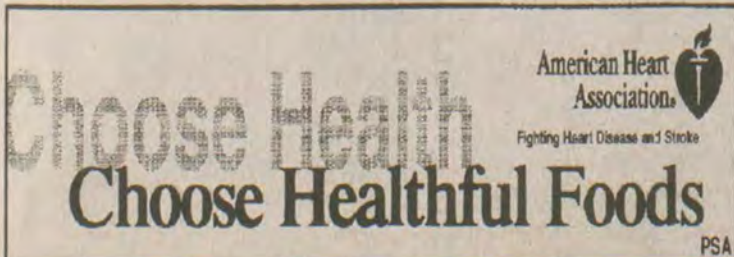
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Community Calendar

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@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

J.W. Hall Lodge, 950, F&AM

Plans Master Mason degree
J.W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, Martin, will be raising John Allen to the degree of Master Mason on Saturday, June 11, at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served, and all Master Masons are urged to attend. Our regular meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

Roosevelt-Stanley Reunion

The 15th Annual Roosevelt-Stanley Reunion will be held on June 12, at Shelter #2, Jenny Wiley Spillway (Dewey Dam), from 12 to 4 p.m. If you wish, bring a covered dish for the potluck meal.

Flanery-Ousley Reunion

For the descendants of the Parley and Grace Ousley Flanery family. To be held Saturday, June 18, at the Martin Community Center, from 12-3 p.m. All family members and friends cordially invited to attend and to join this "celebration of family."

Jarrell Family Reunion

Will be held Sunday, July 3, at the Mountain Christian Academy School gym, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend. Please bring own drinks.

MCA 10th Annual Horse Show

Mountain Christian Academy's 10th annual Horse Show will be held on Saturday, June 11, at 5 p.m., at Archer Park.

Support 'Alex's Lemonade Stand'

Patronize the booth at the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart, on Sunday, June 12, from 1-6 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to "Alex's Lemonade Stand Fund," in support of pediatric cancer research. Kelsi Tackett, a 3rd grade student at Betsy Layne Elementary and the daughter of David Tackett, Community Trust Bank, and Rhonda Tackett, a teacher at Betsy Layne Elementary School, is organizing the event.

Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club's next meeting, to be held June 13, at 6 p.m., meeting location has been moved to the old Floyd County Annex building (behind the old court house). The Club meets the 2nd Monday of every month. More information: call Charlotte George, 874-4455.

(KODA) to host meeting at Mountain Arts Center

The Kentucky Donor Affiliates (KODA) will host a meeting on June 16, at the Mountain Arts Center for organ donor recipients and all individuals who are currently on an organ transplant list. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Don Willis at (606) 886-2552.

Floyd County Coalition of UNITE to meet

The Floyd County Coalition

of UNITE will meet Monday, June 13, at the Allen First Baptist Church at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Extension Council meeting

The next meeting of the Floyd County Extension Council will be held at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 13, at the Extension Office located at 921 South Lake Drive.

The Extension Council meeting will be immediately followed by the Extension District Board meeting at same location.

Lindsey Wilson College to hold open registration

Lindsey Wilson College Extended Programs, located on the BSCTC campus, will be holding open registration for new students from now through August. Earn a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services or a Masters with a specialization in Mental Health Counseling. Contact Shelia Wallen at 606-454-8834 or wallens@lindsey.edu for further details.

Floyd County area Veteran's History Book to be published

All Floyd County families are invited to submit information and biographies of their veteran family members. Deadline for submitting information is July 15. For more info., write to: Kentucky Veteran's Book Committee, c/o NavaJo Austin, 7914 KY 114, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Free Children's Drama Workshop

A free children's music and drama workshop will be conducted on the BSCTC-Prestonsburg campus, for children age 8-12, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3-5 p.m., beginning June 28. The workshop will be conducted by Laura Ford Hall and will culminate in a public performance on August 2.

Family reunion

The Shelton-McSurley reunion will be held Saturday, June 11, beginning at 9 a.m. The reunion will be held at the Minnie Ballpark. For more information, concerning the reunion, contact Pat Shelton at 1-859-873-7682.

Pratt Family Reunion

To be held June 11, at Old Maytown School Lunchroom. Room reserved for all day - come early, stay late. Potluck dinner to be served at 1 p.m. Bring musical instruments, photos, etc. Access to playground, horseshoes, and volleyball. Also, attendees may use the center's gym from 2-4 p.m. For more info., call Loretta P. Hackworth at 886-3928; Julia P. Jones at 285-3179; Jimmy Pratt at 358-4083 or Elbert Pratt at 358-2315.

Donations needed

For upkeep of Newman Cemetery, located near United Baptist Church. Donations may be mailed to: Jeffrey Lynn Hall Curry, P.O. Box 232, Hi Hat, 41636. Make checks payable to Newman Cemetery.

HRMC Community Calendar

June 11 - Child Birth classes, Meeting Place A & B, Medical Office Bldg., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 14 - Sr. Advantage, Meeting Place A & B, Medical Office Bldg., 9:30-11:30 a.m.

June 30 - Living Well with Diabetes Support Group, Meeting Place A & B, Medical Office Bldg., 5-6 p.m.

For more info., contact the Highlands Educational Services Dept. at 886-7424.

Joy Service -Christ United Methodist, Allen

June 13-17 - Vacation Bible School, 6-8 p.m. "Circle G Ranch" with "Kick-Off Cow-Poke Cook-Out" on June 12, at 6 p.m.

June 19 - Special singing by the Christ United Methodist Chancel Choir, 6 p.m.

June 26 - Special singing by Morgan Chapman, 6 p.m.

PHS class of '95

It's been 10 years! The PHS class of 1995 is planning a reunion. If you are a classmate, or know a classmate's whereabouts, email to: angelapoter1995@yahoo.com

PHS Class of '84

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1984 is seeking members of the class for a 20/21st year reunion, scheduled to be held this coming July. If you are, or if you know of, a former classmate, please email to: phs_class_of_1984@yahoo.com, or call 606-638-3941.

Neighborhood Watch

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

BLHS High School Reunion

Classes of the 1930's, 1940's, 1950's and 1960's. To be held Saturday, June 25. For info., call Joe Hinchman at 874-2821 or Marvin Williamson at 478-3310.

BLHS Class of 1955

Reunion to be held on Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25. For information, call Marvin Williamson at 478-3310 or Gene Davis at 874-2873.

JCHS Class of '75

The Johnson Central High School Class of 1975 will hold a 30-year class reunion on June 11. For more information, contact Marsha Cantrell at 789-2080 or Kathy Trimble at 297-3202.

Attention: BLHS Class of '85

It's been 20 years! Reunion is being planned. If you are a classmate, or if you know of a classmate's whereabouts, please email addresses to Debbie Hall Parsons or Gwen Cecil at: dochallparsons@charter.net.

Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Interested in new job training?

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

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your commu-

nity at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929.

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

members (call 886-2668 for info.)

"Looking For a Support Group?"

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

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

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

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

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

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, confiden-

tial assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

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

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

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

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

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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Marriage Licenses

Celina Michele Hager, 33, of Port Huron, Mich., to Nathan Michael Thomas, 30, of Bowling Green.

Sabrina Leslie, 24, to Matthew B. Blair, 25, both of Prestonsburg. Lisa Ann Huffman-Scaif, 33, of Pikeville, to Scott Alan King, 27, of Trenton, N.J.

Tiffany Lynn Ousley, 24, of Martin, to Jackie Dean Cox, 26, of Lexington.

Robin Lynn Boyd, 19, of Prestonsburg, to Matthew Damron, 26, of Pikeville.

Angeline Louise Adams, 33, of Pikeville, to Tony Wayne Harris, 29, of Cagoe, Ill.

Cynthia Renee Days, 20, of Kendallville, Ind., to Shane Howard, 29, of Prestonsburg.

Tetyana Vakolyuk, 22, of Vinnytsa, Ukraine, to Benjamin Ferguson, 26, of Hazard.

Ladonna Ann Hall, 18, to Kenneth Joe Gayheart, both of Prestonsburg.

Sonya Ann Jervis, 17, of Prestonsburg, to Craig Reed Prince, 22, of Martin.

Valerie Gail Pinson, 33, of Prestonsburg, to Ellis Michael Newsome, 44, of Pikeville.

Michelle Lee Akers, 36, to Jerry Brian White, 31, both of Pikeville.

Civil Suits Filed

Olivia Hamilton vs. Conesco Financial Servicing Corporation; complaint.

Frankie and Teresa Webb vs. Fidelity National Finance Inc., LSI Flood Service, Geotrac Inc., First Commonwealth Bank; complaint.

Terry D. Hamilton vs. James M. Flannery Jr.; complaint.

Terry Ramey vs. Tina Ramey; divorce.

Joyce Meade vs. Michael Harris; petition for health care insurance.

Citibank vs. Kathy Tackett; complaint.

Carnel Financial Corporation

vs. Billy J. Johnson; complaint.

Grantees of Malcolm Brown and heirs of Emma Webb Brown, Clifford Brown, heirs of Heather Hershbaerger, Shone Brown, Stanley Scott Brown, Columbus Brown and Opal Brown, heirs of Josephine Brown, Bill J. Blackburn, Kim Blackburn, Melinda Byers, James Byers, Sharon Boyd, Ross Boyd, Lona Hyden, Billy R. Hyden, Ellen Thornsberry, Gary Thornsberry, Birdie Mae Ousley, Edna Baril, Darlene Goble, Lou Jean Flannery, Lawrence Flannery, heirs of Abe Slone, Virginia Ford, Diana Slone Ragan, and Dewey Slone vs. Edie Faye Brown and David Slone; complaint.

Leslie Short vs. Carter Short; divorce.

Jessica S. Jervis vs. T.Y. Jervis; divorce.

Green Tree Servicing, LLC vs. Eddie and Mary Webb; complaint to foreclose security interest.

Countrywide Home Loan, Inc. vs. John Harris, unknown spouse, and Melissa Harris, unknown spouse; complaint with notice under the fair debt collections practices act.

Center Home Equity vs. James Butler, unknown spouse, Norma Butler, unknown spouse, Helgi Meyers Master Trust, and the spouse of Annie B. Scott on Oct. 4, 1998; complaint.

Toni Meade vs. Carl Meade; divorce.

Rebecca Tackett vs. Douglas Tackett; petition for health care insurance.

Misti Ousley vs. Jeffrey Ousley; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Alva Gail Harvey vs. Della Tackett; petition for health care insurance.

Clark Thornsberry vs. Wheelwright; verified complaint.

Clark Thornsberry vs. Bridget Stumbo; complaint.

Ginger Ann Reed vs. Roy Rogers and Nationwide Mutual Insurance; complaint.

Glenda Slone vs. Kendra Little; complaint.

Cindy A. Hall vs. Robert S. Hall; divorce.

Cadle Rock Joint Venture, LP vs. Dorothy Underwood, also known as Dorothy Stallard; complaint.

Keith Risner vs. Ada Risner;

divorce.

Green Tree Servicing, LLC vs. Reva, Donald, and Jennifer Salisbury; complaint to enforce security interest.

Anita Hayden vs. Larry Hayden; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Stanley Jervis vs. Mitzi Jervis; divorce.

Charges Filed

Hershell Edward Yates Jr., 36, Harold; driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, no operators/moped license, no/expired registration plates, failure to wear seat belt, no insurance.

Evelyn D. Hall, 28, Teaberry; felony theft by deception.

Jennifer Lynn Hale, 26, Hueysville; first-degree criminal abuse.

Rhoda J. McGuire, 21, Salyersville; shoplifting.

Thomas M. Johnson, 25, Pikeville; flagrant nonsupport.

Kevin Hall, 21, Prestonsburg; two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment (police officers), driving under the influence, first-degree fleeing or evading, driving on a suspended/revoked license, six counts of failure to wear seat belts, failure to register transfer of a vehicle, four counts of second-degree wanton endangerment, possession of marijuana, no insurance, carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

John David Bailey, 20, Wayland; unlawful transaction with a minor.

Delano Hagans, 44, Langley; receiving stolen property over \$300.

Roy Shannon Barnett, 32, Hazard; shoplifting.

Victoria Hughes, 39, Prestonsburg; two counts of controlled substance not in original container.

Keith Miller, no age listed, Elkhorn City; harassing communications.

Roy Turner Jr., 57, Ivel; first-degree criminal trespass.

Sharon Kilburn, 37, Ivel; first-degree criminal trespass.

Charles Hutton, 30,

Wheelwright; third-degree terroristic threatening.

Ronnie Kidd, 25, Honaker; fourth-degree assault.

Virginia Neff, 17, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Debra Mustard Gibson, 50, Pikeville; hunting/fishing/trapping without a license.

Kevin R. Powers, 21, Prestonsburg; insufficient/no personal floatation device.

Amanda L. May, 27, Allen; insufficient/no personal floatation device.

Orville Tackett, 36, Printer; hunting/fishing/trapping without a license.

Sheila A. Patton, 36, Garrett; hunting/fishing/trapping without a license.

Horace C. Robertson, III, 29, Paintsville; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, fourth-degree assault.

Bill D. Barnett, 26, Eastern; second-degree criminal trespass, felony theft by unlawful taking.

Deborah A. Barnett, 41, Martin; second-degree criminal trespass, felony theft by unlawful taking.

Steven L. Green, 46, Flat Gap; public intoxication, carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

Eddie W. Mullins, 43, Webbville; public intoxication.

Danny Combs, 44, Dwarf; second-degree possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance not in original container.

Danny L. McKinzie, 53, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Jodi Stapleton, 20, Banner; fourth-degree assault.

Dawnette M. McKenzie, 31, Prestonsburg; disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, fourth-degree assault.

George Banks Jr., 23, Eastern; public intoxication.

Jessica Lafferty, 20, Ivel; public intoxication.

James T. Moore, 34, Southgate, Mich.; public intoxication.

Crystal Gayle Vanover, 27, Auxier; first-degree criminal trespass, fourth-degree assault.

Evelyn Delynn Hall, 28, Teaberry; two counts of misdemeanor theft by deception.

Justin M. Endicott, 24, Allen; violation of an emergency protection order/domestic violence

order.

Curtis Parks, Jr., 31, Salyersville; shoplifting.

James A. Gilliam, 21, Blue River; public intoxication.

Roger Blanton, 23, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Lila Vanhoose, 49, Auxier; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, drinking alcoholic beverage in a public place.

Sally A. Goble, 41, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

George Morgan, 21, Pikeville; public intoxication.

Steven B. Justice, 20, Pikeville; public intoxication.

Brad H. Miller, 20, Printer; public intoxication, possession of marijuana.

Larry P. Collins, 38, Columbus, Ohio; public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Billy Bob Nelson, 22, Salyersville; public intoxication.

Travis Case, 21, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Ray Lafferty, 60, Dwale, public intoxication.

John P. Tackett, 22, Printer; public intoxication.

Steve E. Crum, 23, Harold; public intoxication.

Bonita J. Dove, 34, Prestonsburg; shoplifting.

Martha Hall, 40, Auxier; terroristic threatening.

Rita Thornsberry, 42, Allen; harassing communications.

Charles W. Allen, 21, Harold; receiving stolen property under \$300.

John Chaney, no age listed, Shelbyana; first-degree criminal trespass, fourth-degree assault.

William P. Terry, 41, Dwale; third-degree criminal abuse.

Lucas A. Clark, 22, Banner; first-degree criminal trespass.

Don M. Holt, 41, Virgie; public intoxication.

Stephanie Bertram, 31, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Inspections

Double Kwik, Route 979, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometer in reach-in unit, ice scoop improperly stored in machine, proper hair restraints not in use, freezer unit with damaged seals around door, outside dumpster over filled. Score: Food 93, Retail 91.

Family Treasures, Prestonsburg, regular inspection.

Violations noted: Refrigeration ad freezer units lack conspicuous thermometers, floor tile in slight disrepair. Score: 98.

Ye Olde Grille, Archer Park, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided for all refrigeration units, food items stored in refrigerator not properly covered, floors in food prep area in disrepair. Score: 96.

Wheelwright Community Pool, regular inspection. Violations noted: Equipment room has build up of water on floor, one shower head in disrepair. Score: 96.

Wheelwright Concession Stand, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometer not calibrated in freezer, light in food prep area improperly shielded. Score: 98.

Pappy's Mart, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometers in some units used to maintain product temp, countertop in prep area in some disrepair, canned goods stored at floor level, area of ceiling and back wall under construction, area of sales floor lacks required lighting. Score: 92.

Jenny Wiley Wading Pool, regular inspection. Violations noted: Shower in men's room will not shut off, pH reading was 8.2 but should not exceed 7.8. Score: 92.

Jenny Wiley Community Pool, regular inspection. Violations noted: pH reading was 8.2 but should be between 7.2 and 7.8, shower in men's room will not turn off. Score: 95.

Motions

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al release for Hunt was overruled by Caudill after he listened to the grand jury tape of evidence presented in the case at a preliminary hearing that was held in District court in December.

The prosecution officially filed its notice to seek the death penalty Friday and declared that its office further intends to prove the defendant's entire record of criminal history, which will include convictions for alcohol intoxication in a public place which was entered on August 11.

County facing higher insurance rates

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court met for a work session Thursday to hash out the same problem facing most Americans — the steady rise of insurance rates.

The county was hardest hit by increasing rates at area hospitals. A hospital stay last year cost the county \$100,000 on two occasions.

Overall a rate increase of \$200,000 will have to be absorbed by the county for the next year. Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson stated that the court will have to work hard to find the money because, Thompson said, "I refuse to raise taxes." He also

noted that the county is still waiting on funds from FEMA for damages repaired after last year's flood, that would reimburse the county for expenditures it made.

The court atmosphere was lightened when one member opined that higher rates would probably lead to extra benefits, which prompted Thompson to retort, "Like what? An ink pen?"

The court may be able to curb the increased costs by at least 5 percent by meeting with insurance monitors from the state who will go over procedures with the various county departments which will lead to a decrease in cost if their recommendations are followed.

Some of the guidelines that

are recommended would, however, place a burden on the sheriff's department. Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn was on hand and said that his department couldn't afford to buy some of the equipment that has been recommended by the state's advisors.

One source of disappointment for Thompson was that the insurance costs are based on the last five years of claims by the county. Thompson had hoped that the good record achieved in the last three years would help bring rates down but will have to wait two more years, and hope that there are no disasters in the meantime, for the benefits of less claims to reduce rates for the county.

Meth

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with a hair dryer and a curling iron and hung in a closet. She died after her caretakers immersed her into a bathtub full of scalding hot water. Her skin burned off.

Her caretakers are now on death row.

"Many of these kids were born addicted to meth, ladies and gentlemen," Cain said, referring to his presentation of video recorded meth lab busts where children were found. Images of abuse and neglect — dirty hands and feet, tears, scars, bruises, toddlers wrapped in hazardous material suits being carried off the premises and into ambulances — were all over the screen.

Cain also told the story about one woman in Daviess County who gave up her 6-year-old daughter because Judge Joe Castle gave her an ultimatum to enter a long-term treatment facility or turn the child over to social services.

"That is the power of meth," Cain said.

Cain says there isn't a single day that goes by that he doesn't deal with some type of meth issue in his Daviess County office.

He discussed legislation that brought stiffer penalties for meth producers who raise children near the clandestine lab, the upcoming release of Sudafed PE, which does not contain pseudoephedrine used in meth manufacturing, and law enforcement's current "partnership" with retailers who sell materials used in the drug's production.

Cain said law enforcement in Daviess County took its anti-meth message to the pulpit. The program, "Meth Sunday," began when churches and faith-based organizations agreed to host similar training discussions with their congregations.

"Meth is a sin and it's a sin that's wreaking havoc and destruction in our communities like no other," he said.

That "sin" has plagued

Western Kentucky since 1997, said Jim Acquisto, director of enforcement for Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control. Acquisto, who has 21 years of law enforcement experience, took his state employee hat off Wednesday to assist Cain with the presentation. The two teamed up in Daviess County several years ago to battle drug abuse problems.

Acquisto, who is DEA lab certified, investigated several meth labs in Daviess County. He said law enforcement officials "made a lot of mistakes" during the onset of the clandestine lab problem because officers were not initially trained to handle meth labs. His presentation focused on the ingredients and dangers associated with the drug. Meth producers routinely use "booby traps," Acquisto said, to protect their stash from fellow drug abusers or police officers. He showed pictures of a hand grenade tied to a door knob, dynamite wired to cabinet doors and a bottle of ether rigged as an explosive with an electrical wire.

Acquisto said farmers in Western Kentucky have been discovering meth labs in their corn fields. Meth manufacturers, he said, often "cook" their product outdoors because of the available lighting and ventilation.

"I'm waiting to see a flock of cattle on a hillside all speedy and nervous because they've become addicted to meth," he said.

According to an online DEA fact sheet on methamphetamine, the release of poison gas from the production of only one pound of the drug can produce 5 to 7 pounds of toxic waste. Meth manufacturers often pour their waste down the drain, in fields, yards or on rural roads.

Acquisto showed the group a picture of a dead man, who was found, with two other men and a female in a hotel room in 1995. One of the three men tended to the red phosphorus meth lab — like those routinely found in this

area — in the bathroom, while the other two entertained the female, a local prostitute, Acquisto said. The "cook" came outside of the bathroom, he said, and returned later to realize that the phosphorus gas had overheated.

All four individuals passed out from breathing the escaping gas. The hotel maid found them dead the next morning.

With all the dangers associated with meth abuse and manufacturing, one wonders why abusers continue to abuse the drug.

The online DEA fact sheet says that methamphetamine causes an "intense rush and high" that releases high levels of dopamine into the section of the brain that controls feelings and pleasure.

Acquisto said meth abusers often see themselves as superhuman. Their cars become "car rockets," he said, and their attempt to elude authorities is usually comparable to a scene from *The Matrix*.

The side effects of the drug are varied and intensive — convulsions, dangerously high body temperatures, stroke, cardiac arrhythmia, stomach cramps, shaking.

Abusers on a binge, or "run on methamphetamine," refrain from eating and sleeping and can inject as much as 1 gram every 2 or 3 hours into their system. The binge lasts several days — until the drugs are gone or the person is "too dazed to continue use."

Chronic use can cause psychotic behavior that can persist for months or years after the person stops taking the drug, the fact sheet says. Chronic users have "intense paranoia," visual and auditory hallucinations, out of control rages, and, often, sores from scratching imaginary "crank bugs" crawling on their bodies.

Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson told attendees Wednesday that 16 people have died of drug abuse this year in Floyd County.

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Reds pitching needs shot in the arm

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Let's make something perfectly clear here: There's nothing, no one single thing, that will fix the Cincinnati Reds.

It's going to take more than the help they got in this week's amateur draft, but as long as it was going on, their first-round pick begs a couple of questions: Why pick an outfielder? And, why pick a high school player?

I realize it's not like the first-rounder is going to be pitching in Great American by August or anything, but this team needs help sooner than later, which screams for a college player to be taken. They're three or four years older and more mature — both physically and mentally — and should be ready faster than high school players.

And for the love of Pete, why an outfielder? The Reds are secure nowhere like they are in the outer pasture, where they have four quality Major Leaguers, and that isn't even counting the multi-talented Ryan Freel. The Reds have more quality outfielders than pitchers, and can play only three at a time.

I don't know who was in charge this week, but they should be fired. Flat out let go and be done with.

Now, I've heard a lot of people making a lot of suggestions about a lot of things that could fix what ails the Reds. People talk about trading Griffey, trading Wily Mo, even trading Sean Casey. I've heard them say the answer is firing Dave Miley, firing the GM, firing the owner (hey, it's happened — remember Marge?).

But there's one person who's been around Cincinnati forever, has survived coaching changes, management changes, even ownership changes. He's been there through the thin and thinner (face it, there's been no thick recently), yet to my knowledge has never been held accountable for the performance of the players under his wing.

This person is the popular Don Gullett.

Gullett has been pitching coach for the Reds since 1993 and is in his 24th year with the organization. During that time he's built a lot of good will and is very popular amongst the fans, the players and management.

But let's face it, one of the weak links in this organization has long been pitching. Now, it could be that they've spent their money elsewhere, like the outfield, at shortstop and places such as that. Just as often the Reds have had a lot of money tied up in the disabled list, which is the last place you want it.

This off-season, we were told, all that has changed. This off-season, the money was spent on the mound. The

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Giacomo arrives for rubber match against Afleet Alex

by LARRY McSHANE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The good news started for Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo even before the 3-year-old finished his cross-country flight to New York.

While Giacomo was somewhere above America, trainer John Shirreffs was pumping his fist and thanking his lucky baseball cap as his horse claimed the No. 5 post position for this Saturday's 137th running of the Belmont Stakes.

It was the spot the trainer and co-owner Ann Moss wanted for their horse, named after one of rock star Sting's

children. Their hopes were based as much on numerology as horse sense.

"We won the 131st Kentucky Derby," Shirreffs explained after Tuesday's draw at sweltering Belmont Park. "One-three-one equals five. It seems like five is a really good number."

Hours later, Giacomo arrived at Belmont — three days before his bid to become the 12th horse to pull off a Derby-Belmont double. Thunder Gulch did it last in 1995.

Giacomo's main competition, Preakness winner Afleet Alex, was installed as the 6-5 favorite and wound up in the ninth position. Gia-

como, who was working at Hollywood Park before his trip east, was second at 4-1.

The Triple Crown rubber match between the pair adds a bit of luster to the race, although nothing like the last two years when crowd favorites Funny Cide and Smarty Jones had their hopes for racing immortality dashed.

This will be just the third Belmont in the past nine years without a Triple Crown on the line. The feat was last achieved in 1978 by Affirmed.

Afleet Alex and Giacomo are the class of the 11-horse field, which could be the weakest since Commend-

able won in 2000 without the Derby or Preakness winner in the race.

The rest of the field has captured a single graded stakes win — Southern Africa won the Grade 3 Lone Star Derby — and boasts a combined record of 16 wins from 54 starts.

Shirreffs attended the post draw wearing his ubiquitous Mill Ridge baseball cap, which he kept on at his wife's request when they were married. The farm is where Giacomo was foaled; Shirreffs stuck with his vintage hat even as three other trainers donned

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Rick Bentley

CAMP TIME



photo by Jamie Howell

Both boys and girls turned out earlier this week and participated in the Prestonsburg Blackcat basketball camp. The camp, under the direction of Prestonsburg High boys' basketball coach Jackie Day Crisp and his staff, concluded on Wednesday afternoon.

Local teams headed to MSU team camp

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MOREHEAD — The time for area high school boys' basketball teams to prepare for the 2005-06 season is now. Beginning today, the Morehead State University men's basketball program will host its annual High School Team Camp. MSU head men's basketball coach Kyle Macy will welcome in teams from throughout Eastern Kentucky. Locally, both Prestonsburg and South Floyd are scheduled to take part in the camp.

Next week, South Floyd will head to Lexington to play in the AAU State Tournament at the Kentucky Basketball Academy (KBA). In previous seasons, South Floyd has fared well in the state event, while enjoying a substantial amount of success against some of the state's top teams.

Defending State Champion South Laurel

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Blackcats headed to UK passing tournament

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

LEXINGTON — After returning from Louisville with a good showing in the U of L passing tournament, Prestonsburg will hit the road Saturday with a trip to Lexington and the University of Kentucky's seven-on-seven tournament.

Prestonsburg finished the Louisville trip with a 3-1 record after notching wins over Holy Cross, Grant County and Owensboro Catholic. Prestonsburg and Leslie County will represent far Eastern Kentucky in the tournament with the Blackcats fielding three teams for this year's event.

David Shaffer and Bobby Hughes will quarterback the varsity and junior varsity squads with Michael Burchett calling the signals for the freshman squad.

A full day of football will conclude with the Blackcat team taking in the Lexington Horsemen football game on Saturday evening at Rupp Arena. Former Prestonsburg High gridiron standouts Jeremy Caudill and Nathan Leslie have

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Morris leaning toward NBA

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Randolph Morris, Kentucky's starting center as a freshman, said Wednesday that he'll probably give up his final three seasons of college basketball eligibility and turn pro.

Morris, speaking after a private workout for NBA teams in Chicago, spoke of Kentucky in the past tense. He has not hired an agent, though, and thus could return to the Wildcats if he removes his name from the draft by June 21.

The NBA draft will be June 28.

"The pros have been my dream for a long, long time," said Morris, who notified Kentucky coach Tubby Smith by fax of his intention

to enter the NBA draft. "The sooner I can get there, the better.

"I think Kentucky was a positive thing for me. I learned a lot. I had a good time with the guys and the whole Kentucky atmosphere. If anything, it helped me make this decision."

The 6-foot-10, 266-pound Morris chose Kentucky over Georgia Tech after considering a jump straight from high school to the NBA. Morris started 33 of Kentucky's 34 games this past season, averaging 8.8 points and 4.2 rebounds in 19.8 minutes per game as the Wildcats finished 28-6.

Morris struggled much of the season with foul trouble — he led the team with 102 fouls — but played his best basketball in the NCAA tournament.

He had his first career double double against Cincinnati, finishing with 11 points and 12 rebounds in a 69-60 second-round win. In a 94-88 double-overtime loss to Michigan State in a regional final, he scored 20 points.

Morris said he has been told that he would be a mid-to-late first-round pick. He said he'll decide about staying in the draft after completing his private workouts for NBA teams.

Morris said he has had no contact with his Kentucky teammates or coaches since entering the draft.

"They obviously know the NBA was in my dreams in the first place," Morris said. "We've been on the road and they've been recruiting, so we really haven't had time to sit down and converse at all."

P'burg Little League: Hall pitches no-hitter, Mets clinch share of pennant

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Tyler Hall pitched a five-inning no-hitter, striking out 12 batters as the Prestonsburg Mets beat the Prestonsburg Reds 10-0 Tuesday evening. In a winning effort that for the Mets clinched at least a share of the Prestonsburg Little League Championship, Hall dominated the Reds with what many consider to be the best pitched game in Archer Park history.

Offensively, Jaden Spurlock led the Mets with three hits. Ryan Troxell contributed a clutch line drive single to centerfield to help lead the Met attack.

Kevin Roman pitched well for the Reds and held the Mets to six runs during his time

on the mound. Hall not only pitched a no-hitter, but also went over the 100 strikeout mark for the season. Hall, one of the area's most dominant Little League pitchers, has pitched in eight games, giving up a total of just five runs. His ERA is a baffling 0.55.

Ned Pillersdorf, Prestonsburg Mets Manager, has said Hall is the best pitcher he has ever seen in his 20 plus years of Little League coaching. Pillersdorf, who once endured a 27-game losing streak as Mets manager, reflected on the fact that during that losing skid he would have "been pleased if he had a pitcher who only gave up five runs in one game, unlike Hall who has given up a total of five earned runs the

(See HALL, page two)



file photo
Prestonsburg freshman Josh Rodebaugh, pictured during a game played earlier this spring, took home the winningest pitcher award last week when the Blackcat baseball team held its awards banquet.

Home run derby competitions on deck

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Paintsville Little League is set to host its third annual Junior Home Run Derby competition for Little Leaguers ages 9-14. This year's competition will take place on Saturday at the Paul B. Hall Little League Field on Euclid Avenue in Paintsville. The Paintsville competition is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

The public is invited to attend and there is no charge.

"We are proud to sponsor the third annual Junior Home Run Derby and give the children and their families a fun day at the Little League park," said Jim Gambill of Century 21 American Way Realty

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Bentley

starters were improved by the signing of ace lefty Eric Milton and Ramon Ortiz, and the pen was dramatically made better when David Weathers and Kent Merker were brought back into the fold.

So, a third of the way through the 2005 campaign, let's look at the payoff. Remember, by the way, there are 16 teams in the National League:

(Bold) ERA: (Bold) 15th in the league, 5.49 (16th - Colorado)

Shutouts: Tied for 13th with one Save: 14th, 12
Save Opportunities: Tied for 14th, 18
Hits allowed: 16th, 616
Runs allowed: 15th, 328 (16th - Colorado)
Earned Runs: 15th, 306 (16th - Colorado)
Home Runs: 16th, 83
Hit Batters: 15th, 30 (16th - How glad are we the Rockies exist?)
Walks: 11th, 180 (this is actually good; it means 10 teams

have walked more batters)
Strikeouts: 11th, 337
 All this leads to one other stat, of course:
Wins: 14th with 22.
 Let's face it, friends: The Reds are lacking on the hill. You know it. I know it. God knows Marty knows it, and tells it at every opportunity.
 It all begs the question, how long can Gullett get by when his pitchers are so lacking?
 Something to ponder as summer heats up.

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Hall

entire season."
 The game was memorable in that a commotion occurred in the Mets dugout when Rhodie the St. Bernard Mascot was complaining that the thwack of Hall's pitches hitting catcher Alex Griffith's glove created a seismic event, in which the vibration disturbed her water bowl. Michael

Burchett, Mets assistant coach, insisted that Hall not be taken out of the game and allowed to compete for the no-hitter.
 The Mets will resume play in action tonight at Archer Park in a contest against the Prestonsburg Reds. The first pitch is scheduled for 7:30.
 On Sunday, the Prestonsburg

Little League 11-12-year-olds will be caravanning to Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati to watch Sammy Sosa and the Baltimore Orioles take on the host Reds. The players will leave from the Prestonsburg McDonalds at 7:30 a.m. The group hopes to arrive in time to watch batting practice.

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ATHLETES

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Blackcats

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enjoyed successful stints with the Horsemen over the past two seasons. Caudill was an anchor on the defensive line that claimed the league championship last season and is now a member of the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe.

Prestonsburg is planning to host a passing tournament June 23-24 at Blackcat Stadium with teams already confirmed for the tournament being South Oldham, Sheldon Clark and Paintsville.



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is also the defending AAU State Tournament champ.
 South Floyd and Prestonsburg finished one-two in the 58th District last season with the Raiders reclaiming the top spot in Floyd County high school boys' basketball. Prestonsburg, after finishing runner-up one year after winning

the district title, played its way back into the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals for a third consecutive season.
26th Annual
Kyle Macy Basketball Camps
2005 Remaining Camp Sessions
 June 10 - 12: High School Team Camp Morehead State University

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 June 13 - 16: Morehead Day Camp Morehead State University Boys & Girls 6-15
 June 16 - 18: High School Team Camp Morehead State University
 June 20 - June 23: Russell Day Camp Russell High & Primary Schools Boys & Girls 6-15
 July 5 - July 8: Lexington Day Camp Lexington Christian Academy Boys & Girls 6-15

Derby

and Auction Service."
 The home run derby events are popular with area Little Leaguers.
 "With the success our winners had last year in the state contest, we wanted to continue this tradition, as well as capitalize on the Century 21 sponsorship of the Major League Home Run Derby, being held in Detroit on July 11," Gambill added.
 Winners will be chosen in three divisions with distances for a home run varied by age group.
 The 9- and 10-year-old competitors will hit for 150 feet; the 11- and 12-year-olds, 175 feet

and the 13- and 14-year-olds, 225 feet.
 The top hitter in each division will receive a trophy. Each of the top three finishers will receive a Major League Home Run Derby T-shirt. The winner of each division will also receive four tickets to a Louisville Bats game Aug. 6 as well as a chance to compete in the state Junior Home Run Derby Championship.
 To register for the Paintsville event, contact any Paintsville Little League coach, Paintsville Little League President Bob Lyons, or stop by the Century 21 office at 2929


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 Broadway in Paintsville.
Century 21 American Way Realty of Prestonsburg schedules home run derby for July
 PRESTONSBURG - Century 21 American Way Realty of Prestonsburg will hold its third annual Junior Home Run Derby on Saturday, July 16 at Stumbo Park in Allen. The competition is for boys and girls ages 9-14. Divisions are 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.
 Free registration is available. Players may register by stopping by the Century 21 American Way Realty office at 412 North Arnold Avenue in Prestonsburg.

Giacomo

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 hat even as three other trainers donned fresh Belmont headgear.
 "It's sort of like everything's falling into place at the right time," Shirreff said. "It's all worked out."
 Shirreff's only grimace came at a question about the pace of the 1 1/2-mile race, the longest of the three Triple Crown races. "Now you're really depressing me," he said.
 The race's length and pace could work in favor of Afleet Alex - or at least his jockey and trainer think so.
 "Anybody who wants to dispute Alex's ability now, I don't want to talk to them," rider Jeremy Rose said. "I want to race right now."
 Trainer Tim Ritchev believes his horse has some-

thing every bit as important as speed or luck: inner peace.
 "I think 1 1/2 miles will not be a problem," Ritchev predicted. "This horse is easy, mentally relaxed. I think this race fits him."
 That was not the case in the last two years, when the trainer felt Triple Crown hopefuls Smarty Jones and Funny Cide were overanxious early.
 "I don't think either one of those horses got to relax," Ritchev said. Afleet Alex showed his cool at the Preakness, where he charged to victory after nearly falling to his knees when Scrapy T veered into his path at the top of the stretch.
 Afleet Alex brings along the best career credentials. The colt has won seven of 11 races and earned \$2,165,800 for owners


Cash Is King, a group of five Philadelphia-area partners who bought Alex for \$75,000.
 If he can win, Afleet Alex would become the 18th horse to pull off a Preakness-Belmont double. Point Given did it more recently four years ago.
 Hall of Fame trainer Nick Zito entered three horses: 15-1 Andromeda's Hero (eighth in the Derby), and 20-1 shots Pinpoint and Indy Storm. He's hoping for a rerun of last year's race; when Smarty Jones faltered, Zito's Birdstone swept to the title.
 Birdstone, coincidentally, finished eighth in the Derby.
 "Afleet Alex and Giacomo have the credentials," said Zito, who won his first Belmont last year after five second-place finishes. "But in a mile and a half



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Above: Boys who participated in the Prestonsburg Blackcat Basketball Camp are pictured following the awards ceremony.



Below: Girls who participated in the camp are also pictured.

ESPN pulls out of coaches' poll

by NANCY ARMOUR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ESPN withdrew from the college football coaches' poll Tuesday, the second major news organization to say it didn't want to be a part of the Bowl Championship Series' weekly rankings.

The cable sports network said it no longer wanted its name attached to the rankings unless all ballots were made public, not just the final ones. USA Today will continue running the poll, which helps determine who plays for the national championship.

In December, The Associated Press told the BCS to stop using its media poll in its weekly formula.

"Coaches have the perfect right to conduct their voting the way they see fit," said Vince Doria, ESPN's vice president and director of news. "We just feel, in our best interests here, we couldn't reconcile having our name on the poll and being able to cover any controversy that might arise."

Unlike the AP voters, the coaches' ballots have always been secret. ESPN asked this year that they be public, but the coaches agreed only for the final regular-season poll. Doria said ESPN wanted it for the entire year.

"We just felt that to be as ethical as we possibly could in this situation, that's what we

needed to do," Doria said. "This wasn't a case of us questioning the ethics of the coaches or the validity of the voting. These things tend to create controversy. When there is some vetting to be done, it needs to be done thoroughly and we didn't feel it could be done."

Doria said ESPN notified USA Today and the coaches' association of its decision, but not the BCS.

"There will still be a coaches' poll, and it will be used by the BCS, but we don't have a comment on ESPN's decision," said Bob Burda, spokesman for BCS coordinator Kevin Weiberg.

The AP poll and the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll had been the major components of the BCS rankings.

However, the AP said such use was never sanctioned and had reached the point where it threatened to undermine the independence and integrity of its poll.

ESPN had sponsored the coaches' poll with USA Today since 1997.

Doria said the network became uncomfortable last season, when California lost a shot at a major bowl after dropping in the final coaches' poll, causing a public outcry and debate among fans.

The Golden Bears finished fourth in the coaches' poll, but six coaches dropped them below No. 6 on the final ballots — four at No. 7 and two in the

eight slot. In the previous week's poll, nobody picked Cal lower than sixth.

The final vote came after Cal's 26-16 win at Southern Mississippi — a close game, but a tough road contest that wasn't in doubt in the final minutes.

The drop cost Cal its first Rose Bowl bid in 45 years. The Golden Bears instead went to the less glamorous Holiday Bowl while Texas got into the Rose Bowl.

"In essence, that was really the determining factor," Doria said. "The poll was more than something that is there primarily for fans to discuss and debate. It was a determinant element in the BCS poll."

Monte Lorell, managing editor for sports at USA Today, said he was surprised at ESPN's decision.

"As recently as a week or so ago, my understanding was that if the coaches were to move to the level of transparency that ultimately they did, that that would satisfy ESPN," Lorell said.

In November, the BCS signed a four-year deal with Fox to televise the Sugar, Fiesta and Orange bowls from 2007-10 and the national title game from 2007-09. The Rose Bowl has its own television deal with ABC.

"Our BCS interest is focused only on our TV coverage, which begins in January of 2007," Fox spokesman Dan Bell said.

U of L places 164 Student-Athletes on C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

IRVING, Texas — The University of Louisville had 164 student-athletes named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll for the 2004-05 academic year placing the Cardinal athletic program third

overall in the league according to the list released by the conference office on Wednesday.

Prestonsburg School graduate Jeremy Clark, a member of the U of L men's tennis team, was one of the student-athletes on the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

A total of 1,821 student-athletes from 15 schools earned recognition to the Commissioner's Honor Roll for 2004-05. Student-athletes named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and participate in a conference-sponsored sport.

Limited openings available for ECU Men's Basketball Camps

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND — A limited number of openings remain for the Eastern Kentucky University Jeff Neubauer Basketball Camps this summer. Both the Guard/Post Overnight Camp (June 26-30) and the Day Camp (Aug. 1-4) will be held on ECU's campus, with registration open until the first day of each camp.

The Guard/Post Overnight Camp, which emphasizes the development of fundamental skills, is available to boys ages 8-17 and will take place June 26-30. The cost is \$290 per person and includes all meals and housing. Players will be grouped according to age and skill level

and will compete on teams in order to apply their individual skills to team concepts. Daily instruction and station work are designed to encourage the mastery of basic skills.

The Day Camp, which emphasizes all aspects of basketball, is available to boys ages 6-17 and will be held Aug. 1-4. The ECU basketball coaching staff will administer the camp, which costs \$150 per person. Current and former ECU players, along with college and high school coaches from across the nation, will also help instruct campers.

For more information on either camp, contact Mark Byington in the basketball office at 859/622-2124.

2005 Boys Basketball Camps

Guard/Post Overnight

(Age 8-17)

June 26-30, 2005
\$290 per person

Day Camp (Age 6-17)

August 1-4, 2005
\$150 per person

Offensive lineman Miller leaves Kentucky; Sumrall hired

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Starting offensive tackle Aaron Miller has left the Kentucky football team for personal reasons, coach Rich Brooks said Wednesday.

Kentucky coaches named the 6-foot-6, 285-pound Miller as the Wildcats' top first-year player last year after the Grayson product started 10 games.

"We certainly will miss Aaron as a football player, but our first concern is for him and we wish him well," Brooks said. "He will not be with us in

the fall but we are hopeful he will rejoin us at a later date."

Brooks said that junior-college transfer Fatu Turituri will move to left tackle from left guard. Turituri played tackle during both of his seasons in junior college. Junior Michael Aitcheson will move into Turituri's left guard spot, Brooks said, although right guards Trai Williams and Micah Jones might also get a chance to compete for that job.

Brooks also said that Jon Sumrall, who had to quit playing football during spring practice because of a medical con-

dition that makes him more susceptible to neck injuries, has been hired as a graduate assistant coach and will work primarily with linebackers and safeties.

Sumrall, the team's leading tackler last season, started at linebacker last season for the Wildcats. Sumrall already has graduated from Kentucky, making him eligible to be a graduate assistant, Brooks said.

"The same qualities that made him a good Southeastern Conference football player will make him a good coach," Brooks said.

MU Women's Basketball Camp begins on Monday

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Registration is still ongoing for the 2005 Marshall University Women's Basketball Camp, which begins on Monday, June 13, at the Cam Henderson Center.

Thundering Herd head coach Royce Chadwick and other members of his coaching staff and team plan to get the instruc-

tional sessions started with the Little Dribblers Camp, June 13-17, followed by the one-day High School and Junior High Skill Camp on June 18.

"We're very excited about this year's camp," Chadwick said. "It's shaping up to be one of the largest we've had and I can't wait to see the improvements and enhancements in our camper's games."

Girls age 5-12 are eligible for the fundamentals-based Little Dribblers Camp (cost \$85), while players in grades 7-12 can receive intensive instruction at the H.S./Jr. High Camp (cost \$55).

For more information, contact the women's basketball office at 304/696-5445. A camp brochure can be found on HerdZone.com under the 'Summer Camps' heading.

Lowie Ball Pitcher Pikeville signs Whitesburg ace

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College Coach Robert Staggs continued his feeding frenzy on talent from the mountain region today when he signed Whitesburg's standout pitcher.

Natasha Lowe, a two-year starter on the mound for the Yellowjackets, signed a scholarship agreement to play softball for the Lady Bears.

Lowe has four no-hitters to her credit and has chalked up 18 wins in each of the last two seasons. She has pitched her club to an All "A" Regional title, a runner-up finish in the All "A"

state sectional and pitched in two regional semifinals.

Lowe has also played on a 14th Region championship team and an All "A" semi-state runner up squad. Whitesburg completed the 2005 season 18-7 and played in the 14th Region semifinals.

"We're pleased that Natasha has chosen Pikeville College to continue her education," said Staggs, who recently completed his third season as head softball coach. "She will have the opportunity to get a quality education at Pikeville as well as to play softball at the next level. We think we have things pointed in the right direction and she will be

a fine addition to our program."

Lowe is the fifth mountain product to sign with Pikeville to this point. She joins two 15th Region standouts — Kim Clark of Betsy Layne and East Ridge's Heather Mitchell — as well as a pair from the 16th Region in Casey Walker of Russell and Krista Kouns of East Carter.

In addition, Staggs has landed Kadi Schultz, a senior at Pickerington High School North in Columbus, Ohio.

The Lady Bears were 23-20 this season under Staggs' guidance, marking their first winning season in six years.

Louisville men's tennis ranked third in Midwest Region

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville men's tennis team is ranked third in the final Midwest Regional rankings. Three Cardinals: Damar Johnson, Slavko Radman and Jakob Gustafsson, appeared in the top 30 singles regional rankings while the doubles team of Gustafsson and Jeremy Clark was No. 5 in the Midwest region.

"I consider it a great compliment to the rise of our program to be selected among the top teams in the Midwest Region," said U of L head coach Rex Ecarma. "We had to achieve some big results to be ranked highly in a region with so many quality Big Ten programs. This is definitely our highest regional ranking and we hope to improve upon that in the future."

Johnson, a sophomore from Steer Town, Jamaica, was ranked as high as No. 54 in singles. The Cards' top-seeded player compiled a 19-13 overall record and went 17-11 in dual

matches. The All-Conference USA first team selection finished the season at No. 76 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association single rankings.

Radman, a sophomore from Split, Croatia, posted a team-best 20-5 overall record and was 15-4 in dual matches, playing mostly in the No. 2 slot. He went undefeated in the C-USA tournament and clinched both of the Cardinals' wins to reach the finals en route to being named Singles Player of the Tournament. The second-team All-league selection was named C-USA Player of the Month in October after winning the Louisville Fall Invitational.

Gustafsson, a junior from Hollviken, Sweden, posted a 20-6 overall singles record playing mostly at No. 3 after sitting out the fall season due to injury. He went on to earn third team All-C-USA honors.

Gustafsson teamed with Clark, a junior from Stanville, for an 18-9 doubles record. The combination of Gustafsson and

Clark was ranked as high as No. 29 in ITA doubles rankings and finished the season at No. 52. "I am pleased to see that Damar Johnson, Jakob Gustafsson and Slavko Radman's efforts were rewarded," said Ecarma. "These three guys were also honored as all Conference USA players. Jeremy Clark has also proven himself to be one of the elite doubles players in the region, having been ranked with three different partners in the past two years."

The Cardinals finished the season with a 22-10 overall record, finished runner-up in the Conference USA Championship. U of L received its second consecutive at-large bid to the NCAA tournament and defeated Notre Dame in the first round before losing to fifth-ranked Illinois in the second.

The Cardinals reached the program's highest team ranking at No. 24 and finished the season at No. 33 in the final Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings.

Horsemen return to action Saturday versus Sioux Falls

LEXINGTON — After a much-needed week off, the South-Division leading Lexington Horsemen return to action Saturday when they host Sioux Falls at 7:30 p.m. in Rupp Arena to wrap up a two-game homestand. The game will be carried live on Supertalk 96.1 FM with Gary Ball and Bill Ransdell.

The game is being billed as "Ladies Night" and fans are encouraged to come out and celebrate the event with an opportunity to win a number of exciting prizes. Tickets will be buy one get one free.

The Horsemen (6-4) and Storm (7-3) are meeting for the second time this season as Lexington dropped a 52-24 decision to Sioux Falls in Sioux Falls, S.D., on April 9. The all-time series between the two squads is tied at one game apiece. The Horsemen defeated the Storm on Aug. 7, 2004 to capture last season's national championship. This will mark the first time the two teams will face one another in Rupp Arena in the history of the franchise.

Lexington is currently lead-

ing the United Indoor Football league in pass offense with 1602 passing yards (160.2 avg.) and 40 receiving touchdowns. Third-year quarterback Dusty Bonner is leading the UIF in passing yards with an average of 163.9 yards per game. Bonner's 1657 total offensive yards per game also is a league best.

Running back Derek Homer is leading the team on the ground this season with 391 rushing yards (39.1 avg.) on 108 rushing attempts. Homer has rushed for 11 touchdowns this season. First-year running back Randy Bell is tops on the squad with 12 rushing scores.

Wide receiver Harry Lewis is the squad's top receiver, averaging 44.4 yards per game with a team-high 11 receiving scores this year.

Single-game tickets for the remaining four home games of the 2005 season, including the Sioux Falls contest, are still available for purchase. Please contact the Horsemen at 859-422-PASS or the Lexington Center Ticket Office at 859/233-3535. — Special to the Times

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South Floyd to host basketball camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT — South Floyd High School is set to host the seventh annual South Floyd Basketball Character Development Camp. This year's camp is scheduled for June 13-15. The camp, to be held each morning, 8-11 a.m., will take place inside Raider Arena. The camp is for students in grades 4-8.

OLW announces date physicals

Athletic physicals for South Floyd High School and its feeder schools will be conducted at Our Lady of the Way Hospital's Wheelwright Clinic Wednesday, July 13 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. During the physicals, a parent must accompany each child. Parents, for more information, contact the Family Resource/Youth Service Center at your child's school.

Michigan wins NCAA softball title

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY — Freshman Samantha Findlay hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning to lead Michigan to a 4-1 win over UCLA for its first NCAA softball title.

Michigan became the first team from east of the Mississippi River to win the national championship.

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Preakness winner Afleet Alex tabbed as favorite for Belmont

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Preakness winner Afleet Alex was made the 6-5 favorite Wednesday for the Belmont Stakes, while Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo was the second choice at 4-1.

A field of 11 3-year-olds was entered for Saturday's final leg of the Triple Crown, with Afleet Alex attempting to become the 18th horse to complete the Preakness-Belmont double.

The 1 1/2-mile Belmont will be run without a Triple Crown on the line for the first time in four years and for just the third time in nine.

Afleet Alex, who won the Preakness by 4 3/4 lengths despite nearly falling after clipping heels with Scrapy T at the top of the stretch, drew the No. 9 post. Only three horses have won the Belmont from the No. 9 gate since 1905, the most recent being Point Given in 2001.

Giacomo, expected to arrive at Belmont Park from Califor-

nia on Wednesday, drew the No. 5 post, a spot trainer John Shirreffs had hoped for because his gray colt will start in the "middle of the track."

Giacomo, with Mike Smith aboard, will try to become the 12th horse to win the Derby and Belmont.

The only other horse in the field who ran in either the Derby or Preakness is Andromeda's Hero. One of three colts entered by trainer Nick Zito, Andromeda's Hero was eighth in the Derby and was 15-1 on the morning line.

Afleet Alex trainer Tim Ritchey said his colt is coming into the race in top form, and expects another strong ride from jockey Jeremy Rose.

"I have complete confidence in Jeremy and he has complete confidence in Alex," Ritchey said. "I don't see any problems at all."

Reverberate, who finished second in the Peter Pan Stakes on May 28, was the third

choice at 6-1, followed by Chekhov and Southern Africa, both at 12-1.

Three horses were at 20-1 — A.P. Arrow, trained by D. Wayne Lukas, and Indy Storm and Pinpoint, Zito's other two entries.

Watchmon and Nolan's Cat were 50-1. Nolan's Cat is winless in five starts.

The field, from the rail out, with jockey and odds is: Nolan's Cat (Norberto Arroyo, Jr., 50-1); Pinpoint (John Velazquez, 20-1); A.P. Arrow (Jerry Bailey, 20-1); Southern Africa (Jon Court, 12-1); Giacomo (Mike Smith, 4-1); Watchmon (Javier Castellano, 50-1); Andromeda's Hero (Rafael Bejarano, 15-1); Reverberate (Jose Santos, 6-1); Afleet Alex (Jeremy Rose, 6-5); Indy Storm (Edgar Prado, 20-1); and Chekhov (Gary Stevens, 12-1).

Post time Saturday is 6:38 p.m. EDT.

The winner's share of the \$1 million purse is \$650,000.

Whirlwind of celebrity won't slow Danica down

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Danica Patrick has enjoyed the past few weeks of celebrity.

"Sure, it's been pretty crazy, but I'm glad I've had the opportunity to do things that most people never get to do and to get some good publicity for the Indy Racing League and my sponsors," Patrick said.

But enough is enough.

"Now, it's time to go do some racing," Patrick said earlier this week as she began to prepare herself mentally to race Saturday night at Texas Motor Speedway, her first event since capturing the imagination of millions of race fans with a stirring fourth-place finish in the Indianapolis 500.

The 5-foot-2, 100-pound IRL rookie began to make her presence felt on April 30 when she led 32 laps of the Indy Japan 300 and finished fourth in by far her best showing since moving up to the IndyCar Series with Rahal Letterman Racing.

That was just for starters, though.

Last month at Indy, she was among the fastest drivers from the first day of practice, qualified fourth despite a scary bobble on her first lap that cost her the pole and almost put Patrick in the wall, then ran the race of her life in the 500, leading eventual winner Dan Wheldon with eight laps remaining before a nearly empty fuel tank slowed her down.

Still, Patrick, only the fourth woman to race in the Indy 500 in its 89 years, became the highest starting female, the first woman to lead the event and the highest finisher.

Since then, it's been a mad

whirl of TV appearances, interviews and even a cover story in Sports Illustrated.

It's the first time the weekly sports magazine has devoted a cover to the Indy 500 since 1985, the week after Danny Sullivan spun and still went on to win. Patrick is the first Indy driver to be SI's cover photo subject since four-time winner A.J. Foyt in the pre-race story in 1981.

It hasn't left Patrick a lot of time for her daily workouts or to spend time recuperating from the three weeks of intense scrutiny at Indy. But she views her crazy schedule as a way to help the IRL gain some momentum in its uphill battle for new fans, TV ratings and sponsors with other forms of racing, particularly NASCAR.

"Yeah," she said, "at times, you just want to say, 'No, I don't feel like doing that.' But I feel like it's my job as a driver in the series to promote it, to make sure that we all have sponsors for a long time, that we all have jobs for a long time and the series keeps getting bigger because everybody wins when that happens."

"The series hopefully will make more money, and the drivers do, (and) the sponsorships get bigger. It's not just for me. I feel like if I can help, I will, and I think everybody should do that."

That's a lot of weight for the tiny 23-year-old driver to bear on her shoulders, but team co-owner Bobby Rahal continuously has reminded her that the No. 1 job is driving her 1,550-pound, Honda-powered Panoz.

"Danica has done an amazing job at this point, more than we could have expected or hoped for," Rahal said. "But we don't want her losing sight of

the main goal, which is to keep improving and continuing to learn and grow as a driver.

"Thankfully, she has amazing focus, which is exactly why she is such a good race car driver. She has the ability to shut everything else out when she is getting ready to race or sitting in the race car."

Patrick also is pleased with the progress she has made in the first five of the 17 races on the 2005 IRL schedule. But she also understands that her very publicized improvement in the past two races has raised expectations.

"To this point, as a driver and what we've done as a team, it's been earned," Patrick said. "It's been earned in the hard work that we've done. I feel grateful to be in a position where people talk about us winning, because that's what we're trying for."

"Now, there's going to be good and bad races for the rest of the season. We weren't the hottest cars on the track (in March) at St. Petersburg (Fla.), so who knows if we'll be fast at all the rest of the road courses. We're definitely good on the big ovals, but we struggled at Phoenix as a team. It must be kept in perspective how everything's going within the team and how everything's going for rookies."

Her first visit to the fast 1 1/2-mile oval at Texas is next, and Patrick wants only to concentrate on that.

"I'll talk to my teammates, Buddy (Rice) and Vitor (Meira) about what to expect and what I need to know for Texas," she said. "Both of them know that track very well."

"Then I'll just try to go out there and do the best I can and, hopefully, it will be good enough."

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Miami 116, New Jersey 98
Miami 104, New Jersey 87
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Miami 110, New Jersey 97
Detroit 4, Philadelphia 1
Detroit 106, Philadelphia 85
Detroit 99, Philadelphia 84
Philadelphia 115, Detroit 104
Detroit 97, Philadelphia 92, OT
Detroit 88, Philadelphia 78
Indiana 4, Boston 3
Boston 102, Indiana 82
Indiana 82, Boston 79
Indiana 99, Boston 76
Boston 110, Indiana 79
Indiana 90, Boston 85
Boston 92, Indiana 89, OT
Indiana 97, Boston 70
Washington 4, Chicago 2
Chicago 103, Washington 94
Chicago 113, Washington 103
Washington 117, Chicago 99
Washington 106, Chicago 99
Washington 112, Chicago 110
Washington 94, Chicago 91

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Phoenix 4, Memphis 0
Phoenix 114, Memphis 103
Phoenix 108, Memphis 103
Phoenix 110, Memphis 90
Phoenix 123, Memphis 115
San Antonio 4, Denver 1
Denver 93, San Antonio 87
San Antonio 104, Denver 76
San Antonio 86, Denver 78
San Antonio 126, Denver 115, OT
San Antonio 99, Denver 89
Seattle 4, Sacramento 1
Seattle 87, Sacramento 82
Seattle 105, Sacramento 93
Sacramento 116, Seattle 104
Seattle 115, Sacramento 102

Seattle 122, Sacramento 118

Dallas 4, Houston 3
Houston 98, Dallas 86
Houston 113, Dallas 111
Dallas 106, Houston 102
Dallas 97, Houston 93
Dallas 103, Houston 100
Houston 101, Dallas 83
Dallas 116, Houston 76

QUARTERFINALS (Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Miami 4, Washington 0
Miami 105, Washington 86
Miami 108, Washington 102
Miami 102, Washington 95
Miami 99, Washington 95
Detroit 4, Indiana 2
Detroit 96, Indiana 81
Indiana 92, Detroit 83
Indiana 79, Detroit 74
Detroit 89, Indiana 76
Detroit 86, Indiana 67
Detroit 88, Indiana 79

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio 4, Seattle 2
San Antonio 103, Seattle 81
San Antonio 108, Seattle 91
Seattle 92, San Antonio 91
Seattle 101, San Antonio 89
San Antonio 103, Seattle 90
San Antonio 98, Seattle 96
Phoenix 4, Dallas 2
Phoenix 127, Dallas 102
Dallas 108, Phoenix 106
Phoenix 119, Dallas 102
Dallas 119, Phoenix 109
Phoenix 114, Dallas 108
Phoenix 130, Dallas 126, OT

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Miami vs. Detroit
Monday, May 23

Detroit 90, Miami 81

Wednesday, May 25
Miami 92, Detroit 86
Sunday, May 29
Miami 113, Detroit 104
Tuesday, May 31
Detroit 106, Miami 96
Thursday, June 2
Miami 88, Detroit 76
Saturday, June 4
Detroit 91, Miami 66
Monday, June 6
Detroit 88, Miami 82, Detroit wins series 4-3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Phoenix vs. San Antonio
Sunday, May 22
San Antonio 121, Phoenix 114
Tuesday, May 24
San Antonio 111, Phoenix 108
Saturday, May 28
San Antonio 102, Phoenix 92
Monday, May 30
Phoenix 111, San Antonio 106
Wednesday, June 1
San Antonio 101, Phoenix 95, San Antonio wins series 4-1

NBA FINALS (Best-of-7)

San Antonio vs. Detroit
Thursday, June 9
Detroit at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
Sunday, June 12
Detroit at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
Tuesday, June 14
San Antonio at Detroit, 9 p.m.
Thursday, June 16
San Antonio at Detroit, 9 p.m.
Sunday, June 19
San Antonio at Detroit, 9 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, June 21
Detroit at San Antonio, 9 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, June 23
Detroit at San Antonio, 9 p.m., if necessary

Action sports tour kicks off in Kentucky

by MALCOLM C. KNOX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Once dismissed as nuisances far removed from mainstream sports, skateboarders, off-road bikers and motocross riders have hit the big time.

And now they have their own league to prove it.

A new series of events kicks off this week, featuring athletes in the three sports in six competitions. The Panasonic Open is the first of five events in the Dew Action Sports Tour. There will be competitions monthly, ending with the Playstation Pro in Orlando, Fla., in October.

But to the athletes, it's just another few days of skating or riding.

"It's just what I normally do," 15-year-old skateboarder Ryan Sheckler said. "I don't think about it. I didn't even know where it was, I just came."

The tour will have a cumulative point system, building up to a prize of \$3.5 million, not including a custom Toyota truck, and personal deals with sponsors, including Panasonic, Vans shoes, and Mountain Dew. NBC and the USA Network will broadcast more than 32 hours of the competition, beginning Saturday.

Just don't call the sports "extreme."

"Everyone in America is

using that word," freestyle motocross rider Beau Bamburg said. "Everything's extreme. You've got extreme toothpaste."

The athletes prefer to call the events action sports.

For the first stop on the tour, the University of Louisville basketball court in Freedom Hall has been transformed into a skate and bike park. An aging football stadium at the state fairgrounds has been covered with 10,000 tons of dirt, organizers said, and converted to a BMX and FMX track. Athletes rode and skated for a few available spots on the tour in an open qualifier event Wednesday.

The parking lot at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center is now a festival village, with a music stage and sponsors' attractions, including a Mountain Dew-themed house, a trailer full of Playstation products, and a station where fans can custom design their own Vans shoes. Tour officials say they expect up to 100,000 fans over the four-day event that started Thursday.

BMX rider Allan Cooke said he's happy to get as much exposure to the sport as possible. He said critics who think the street sports have gone too corporate should give it a try.

"Not everybody's going to agree with the way we feel," he said. "But I think you'll find that people who don't agree

with it, don't know about it. There's no legitimate reason not to like it. ... It's ignorance. They haven't been here."

Only the exposure has changed, tour general manager Wade Martin said.

"The key to that issue is that everything inside the ropes, on the courses, doesn't change," he said. "As long as we continue to represent the sports properly, in the competition arena, I'm not sure it matters how big it gets outside, and how many banners and how many hours of TV. It's important that we keep the integrity of the competitions in tact and that's something we're striving to do all the time."

Only a few years ago, an organized tour was a lot harder sell to action athletes. In 1999 a top BMX rider walked out of a meeting with Martin and NBC executive Kevin Monaghan, after Monaghan suggested, among other things, that the athletes wear uniforms, Monaghan said.

More input from the athletes was one of the keys to success, Monaghan said. Former and current action athletes and judges helped design the courses that will be used on the tour.

"In the subsequent years, I think we've done a really good job of listening," Monaghan said. "You really have to give something back to the sport, show the athletes you're willing to listen."

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Reds 11, Devil Rays 9

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Wily Mo Pena's first bobblehead night was so spectacular that he'd like another.

How could the Cincinnati Reds say no?

Pena homered in his first and last at-bats Wednesday night, hitting a two-run shot in the bottom of the ninth for an 11-9 victory over Tampa Bay that fans celebrated by chanting his name and waving his doll.

"I hope tomorrow is another one so I can have a game like tonight," Pena said.

Sorry, Wily Mo. Any future drama will have to come without benefit of the bigheaded dolls — not that the muscular outfielder needs much help when he's on such a roll.

"I hung a curve on Pena and he's hot right now," said Danys

Baez (4-2), who gave up the last of the Reds' six homers. "He's a strong guy and he hits the ball pretty good."

Against Tampa Bay's staff, a lot of hitters find their mark.

Eduardo Perez hit his second career grand slam to give the Devil Rays another big lead on Wednesday, but the AL's worst pitching staff blew a five-run cushion for the second straight game.

"It's absolutely frustrating," Perez said. "You're professionals. You want to win games. It's to the point where we're just playing. We have to concentrate for nine innings and play as a team for nine innings."

Consecutive homers by Adam Dunn and Jacob Cruz cut it to 9-8 in the eighth inning. Then, Baez let another one get away.

Baez, who leads the majors with six blown saves in 13 chances, gave up an infield sin-

gle to Ryan Freel and walked Joe Randa on four pitches to open the ninth. After Sean Casey hit into a double play, Baez hit the option of pitching to Ken Griffey Jr. or walking him and facing Pena.

He chose Griffey, who singled to right to tie it.

"Pena's very hot," Baez said. "At that time, I'd rather face Griffey than Wily Mo. I was right."

The crowd of 32,019 chanted "Wily Mo! Wily Mo!" as Pena hit the sixth pitch into the upper deck in left field. Teammates mobbed him at home plate, and bobblehead-waving fans made him take a curtain call.

"You can't pick a better night for him," manager Dave Miley said. "It was scripted very well for Wily Mo."

The Devil Rays have lost nine of 10, and have the majors' worst road record at 4-25. Much of it is due to their inability to hold a

late lead. Four times in the last nine games, the Devil Rays have blown a lead of two or more runs after the seventh inning.

"There's nothing else you can say," Perez said.

The Pena-driven comeback overshadowed another poor start by the Reds.

Left-hander Eric Milton, the key component in the Reds' off-season overhaul of their rotation, was booed off the field after another subpar performance. He gave up eight hits and seven runs in only five innings, including Perez's grand slam.

Milton, who got a three-year, \$25.5 million deal, has been one of the NL's most disappointing pitchers. He leads the league in homers (22) and earned runs (58) allowed, skyrocketing his ERA to 7.46.

Pena got the Reds off to a rousing start on his big night. The

outfielder led off the second inning with a homer to center, and fans jiggled his dolls in appreciation as he rounded the bases.

Another hometown favorite then turned the game.

Playing in the city where he grew up watching his Hall of Fame father, Tony, play for the Big Red Machine, Perez rallied the Devil Rays with one of his most memorable games. He doubled off the wall in center in the first inning, and came to bat with the bases loaded and the Devil Rays trailing 3-1 in the fifth. He hit Milton's 2-0 pitch into the lower deck in left field for his fourth homer of the season.

Tony and Eduardo have 442 homers, fourth on the father-son career list behind the Bonds (Bobby and Barry), the Griffeyes (Ken and Ken Jr.) and the Alous (Felipe and Moises).

Griffey singled in the sixth, extending his hitting streak to 11

games, but was picked off second by catcher Toby Hall, ending a threat. He was delighted to get a chance to tie it in the ninth, aided by the Devil Rays' meltdown.

"We messed up a few things," Griffey said. "Fortunately I was able to redeem myself and tie the game up so Wily could win it."

Notes: LHP Casey Fossum, forced from his start last Friday, was to take his normal turn in the final game of the series on Thursday. ... The Reds activated RHP Luke Hudson off the 15-day DL to start Thursday's game. Hudson has been sidelined all season by a sore shoulder. ... Perez's other grand slam was for St. Louis on July 14, 2000, off Chicago's Bobby Howry. ... The Reds last hit six homers on April 20, 2003, against Montreal. ... David Weathers (3-0) pitched the ninth to get the win.

Keisler always loved hitting best

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Randy Keisler always loved hitting best. He honed his left-handed swing in a makeshift batting cage built by his father in Texas. He never minded batting practice — that was the fun part.

"It was my favorite thing growing up," Keisler said Wednesday. "I always hit, from Little League all the way up to college. Pitching was just something else I did. Then I grew stronger and bigger and being left-handed, my pitching pretty much took over."

His ability to throw the ball hard — with the more coveted arm — got him to the majors. His overlooked ability to hit got him his best moments in the majors on Tuesday night.

Keisler relieved Ramon Ortiz in the second inning, led off the third with his first major league homer, led off the fourth with a double, and pitched 6 1-3 innings to get the victory, 9-7 over Tampa Bay.

He still got a thrill from talking about the moment on Wednesday after he took another round of batting practice, of course.

"Unbelievable," said Keisler, who got about 50 phone calls after the game. "I felt like I went around the bases in half of a second. It happened so quick. It was something I always wanted to experience."

Keisler grew up in Texas and played third base and pitched at Navarro Junior College in Corsicana, Texas. He then went to Louisiana State, where his hitting days ended.

Keisler, 29, was chosen by the Yankees in the second round of the 1998 draft. He had shoulder surgery in 2002 that cost him an entire year. In two years with New York, he made 11 starts and three relief appearances, going 2-2 with a 7.19 ERA.

He also pitched for San Diego in 2003, going 0-1 in two starts. The Padres released him, and Keisler wound up signing minor league deals with Texas, Houston, the Mets and, finally,

the Reds last November.

He has been quite a story in his short time with Cincinnati. He singled home the winning run in the 14th inning of a 4-3 victory over Washington on May 24, a day after he replaced closer Danny Graves on the roster. It was his first major league hit — he had been 0-for-2 career.

The homer and double on Tuesday night impressed Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella.

"We'd better go over his reports to see how to pitch to him," Piniella joked.

Keisler doesn't make any pretense about being a dangerous hitter. His homer came off a flat fastball — the type of thing a pitcher usually gets. His double came off another mistake. By his third at-bat on Tuesday, he was seeing sinkers and struck out.

"I'm not going to act like I can hit," Keisler said. "I'm sitting there getting fastballs. These guys see off-speed stuff all the time. It's completely different when you have that."

HUDSON ON BOARD: The Reds have decided to reinstate right-hander Luke Hudson from the 15-day disabled list and let him start the final game of the series on Thursday.

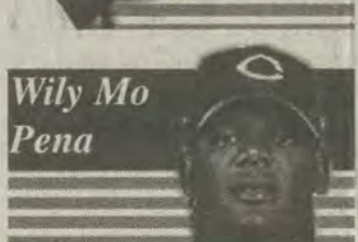
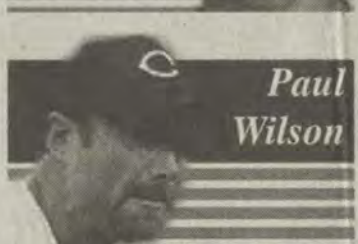
Hudson has been on the disabled list since spring training with inflammation in his right shoulder. Hudson was contending for a spot in the rotation before the shoulder problems set in. He went 4-2 with a 2.42 ERA in nine starts last season.

The Reds have not announced who will be sent down to open a roster spot.

Aaron Harang was originally scheduled to pitch on Thursday, but the Reds have decided to push him back a day to give him a little extra rest. Harang has been the Reds' best starter this season, the only one consistently pitching deep into games.

WILSON STILL AILING: Right-hander Paul Wilson, who hasn't pitched since May 16 because of a sore shoulder, was examined by Dr. Timothy Kremchek, who advised him not to resume throwing yet.

Wilson is limited to working



out with weights to keep up his strength and flexibility, but isn't allow to throw a ball.

Trainer Mark Mann said Wednesday that Wilson will be examined again over the weekend.

WILY MO BOBBLEHEAD: The Reds gave away Wily Mo Pena bobblehead dolls on Wednesday, honoring a player who started the season as their fourth outfielder.

They originally considered a Lou Piniella base-throwing bobblehead, honoring the former Reds manager still remembered for hurling a base into the outfield during a tirade over an umpire's call. Piniella, who is in town managing Tampa Bay, rejected the idea.

Pena plans to ship about 200 of the dolls to his family in the Dominican Republic.

"They're going to give them out to people," Pena said. "They're really happy. This is a big thing for them."

Reds activate Wily Mo Pena

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Reds activated outfielder Wily Mo Pena off the 15-day disabled list Tuesday and put him back in the lineup.

Pena has been sidelined by a strained left thigh since May 9. He was one of the Reds' top hit-

ters when he pulled the muscle on April 23. He was on the bench for 12 of the next 13 games, then went on the disabled list. He's hitting .313 with six homers.

Pena was in the lineup in right field, batting fifth, against Tampa Bay on Tuesday.

To open a roster spot, the

Reds designated outfielder Jason Romano for assignment to the minors. Romano hit .308 in eight games for the Reds.

Right-hander Josh Hancock also was sent to Triple-A Louisville on a rehabilitation assignment. Hancock opened the season on the disabled list with a strained groin.

Mets work out ex-Reds closer Danny Graves

by HAL BOCK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Released Cincinnati closer Danny Graves worked out for the New York Mets on Tuesday and could be close to signing with the team.

"We don't have him yet," manager Willie Randolph said.

Graves has 10 saves this season and 182 in 10 major league seasons but was designated for assignment by the Reds on May 23, a day after making an obscene gesture to fans. He then was released

when Cincinnati was unable to arrange a trade for him. Graves is in the final year of a three-year, \$17.25 million deal that pays him \$6.25 million this season. The Mets would be responsible for only a portion of that amount.

"We are in negotiations with the agent," general manager Omar Minaya said. "We're talking and we're hopeful of getting something done."

"Here's a guy who saved 41 last year and saved 10 this year. Sometimes, you have to have a gut feeling. With a minimal invest-

ment, there's a potential upside." If he does sign with New York, Randolph said he would not work in his traditional role of closer.

"Braden Looper's my closer," the manager said. "If we sign Graves, he would be a setup man like everybody else. He'd be a complement to our bullpen."

Looper, who has converted 11 straight save opportunities, was pleased with that news.

"It's a situation where he would bolster the bullpen," he said. "The way I look at it, it's a matter of making the bullpen stronger."

Louisville 6, Charlotte 1

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LOUISVILLE — Chris Denorfia drove in a career-high five runs as the Louisville Bats beat the Charlotte Knights 6-1 in an International League game Wednesday night.

Denorfia was 3-for-4 for the game with a three-run home run in the first inning.

Starting pitcher Steve Kelly (5-2) pitched eight complete innings, giving up six hits and one run while striking out four for the win.

Charlotte scored in the second when Jamie Burke's ground out scored Brian Anderson, who had singled and advanced to third on Jorge Toca's double.

Denorfia drove in two more in the fifth when he singled to score Aaron Holbert and Edwin

Encarnacion, who both singled. A.J. Zapp, who went 3-for-4, then drove in Pedro Swann for the final margin.

Charlotte starter Brandon McCarthy (3-6) pitched four innings, giving up all six runs, and was tagged with the loss.

Legends rally for 9-7 win

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Legends coughed up a ninth inning last night in a loss to West Virginia. Well, turn about is fair play. The Legends scored three ninth innings runs to erase a one run advantage for the Power.

Ole Sheldon's infield single scored Hunter Pence with the go ahead run. Sheldon broke up a potential inning ending double play to allow Ben Zobrist score an insurance run.

Jeff Wigdahl came on in the ninth to secure the 9-7 win. The save was Wigdahl's eleventh of the season. Paul Estrada earned the win after getting Raymar Diaz out of an eighth inning jam.

Ryan McKeller started the game after missing a turn in the rotation. The right-hander pitched four innings allowing six hits and no earned runs.

Sheldon recorded three hits in four plate appearances to bump average to .455. Hunter Pence had two more hits to extend his hit streak nine straight games. Jonny Ash and Ben Zobrist had two hits apiece.

A-Rod becomes youngest to 400 homers in Yankees' 12-3 rout of Brewersby

by ARNIE STAPLETON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — Alex Rodriguez snapped out of his prolonged funk — and so did the New York Yankees.

A-Rod became the youngest player to reach 400 homers with a pair of shots in New York's 12-3 rout of the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday night, just the team's second win in 11 games.

"It was a very special day for me, especially if you do it in a win that we needed most desperately," Rodriguez said after homering twice and going 4-for-4 with four RBIs.

"Just to do it with this uniform, the New York Yankees uniform on, to me is something I'll never forget."

Manager Joe Torre went to drastic measures to snap his

slumping team out of its latest nose-dive, canceling batting practice, juggling his lineup — sitting Hideki Matsui for the first eight innings — and even getting ejected for arguing.

It all worked. A team that had hit .195 overall and .140 with runners in scoring position while losing seven of their first eight games on a season-long 12-game road trip, collected 16 hits and scored its most runs in two weeks.

"Tonight we had some guys swinging the bat, and that has been the missing ingredient," Torre said.

And A-Rod had been AWOL, failing to drive in a single run in 11 games. He ended the second-longest RBI drought of his career with a two-run shot to left field off left-hander Chris Capuano in the first inning.

"In order for us to do what we need to do, the middle of the line-

up has to step up, myself included, with Gary (Sheffield) and Matsui," Rodriguez said. "We know that. We just got to get going."

A-Rod's solo shot to right off left-hander Jorge De La Rosa in the eighth made him just the 40th player in major league history to hit 400 homers, but the first to do it before his 30th birthday.

"That's pretty incredible," Torre said. "The shape he's in, the way he works, who knows where he's going."

The crowd of 37,586 gave A-Rod a polite standing ovation as he circled the bases. New York batting practice pitcher Roman Rodriguez caught the historic homer in the Yankees' bullpen and acted as though he was going to flip it into the stands before holding onto it with a sly smile.

A-Rod posed for pictures with

his bat and ball after the game.

The Yankees scored in every inning except the second and third. The beneficiary of all this offense was Mike Mussina (6-4), who gave up three runs and six hits in six innings, including Carlos Lee's 15th homer. He walked one and struck out eight.

"We just kept at it tonight and it was good to see us break out," Mussina said.

Derek Jeter and rookie Robinson Cano also homered for the Yankees, who tagged Capuano (5-5) for seven runs, five earned, eight hits and three walks in four-plus innings, denying the Brewers a three-game sweep.

"You just know it's just a matter of time," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said. "You're hard-fetched to find a better lineup than that in all of baseball."

Among the backups inserted into the Yankees' lineup was Ruben Sierra, who collected a season-high three hits in his first start in left field this season.

"Any GM or manager would love to have that lineup," Brewers infielder Bill Hall said. "Those guys can hit. It's still early in the season. They're not that far out yet. So, they've got nothing to worry about if they keep swinging the bats like that."

The only negative for Torre was he wasn't around to relish it in its entirety because he was ejected along with first baseman Tino Martinez for arguing with first-base umpire Larry Vanover in the fifth.

"I just don't like umpires throwing guys out," Torre said. "I know he didn't curse him. You don't have to do that. They don't come to watch me manage and I don't come to watch the

umpires umpire. They come to watch the players play.

"So, I got a little out of sorts, I guess. They said I got too hot."

Like his lineup, for a change.

Notes: Matsui, who had a pinch-hit single in the ninth, hadn't missed a start since Sept. 26, 2003, when he wasn't in the starting lineup for either game of a doubleheader against Baltimore. He appeared in both of those games and has played in all 384 games since joining the Yankees in 2003. Including his career in Japan, he has played in 1,634 consecutive games. That would be third on the all-time list behind Cal Ripken Jr. and Lou Gehrig. ... Torre said RHP Kevin Brown (sore left shoulder) would miss his turn Friday and RHP Chien-Ming Wang would take his spot in the rotation for one game.

Rockingham tries to adjust to life without NASCAR

by KEITH PARSONS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. — The billboards still stand around the countryside as they have for the better part of 40 years, promoting the NASCAR race at North Carolina Speedway.

But a closer look reveals a date more than a year old — Feb. 22, 2004. For the first time since it opened, the track known as "The Rock" isn't on the schedule, one of the losers as NASCAR has grown into a national phenomenon.

"NASCAR has made a decision to move beyond its roots," said Rockingham Mayor Gene McLaurin. "Maybe neglect is too strong a word, but I don't think so."

The track hosted two races a year from 1966-2003, then dropped to only one last season when California Speedway near Los Angeles got a second date. Even then, when the Nextel Cup Series came for what most people knew was the last chance for Rockingham, the crowd fell well short of a sellout, with about 10,000 empty seats at a track that holds 60,000.

This year, Texas Motor Speedway got Rockingham's

remaining spot on the schedule, part of a lawsuit settlement last year between NASCAR and Speedway Motorsports Inc. shareholder Francis Ferko.

Another part of the settlement awarded North Carolina Speedway to SMI founder Bruton Smith for \$100.4 million. The track had been owned by International Speedway Corp., which is run by the France family that controls NASCAR.

"There are no plans to take a race back to Rockingham," NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said. "And that's all I can say about that."

The change was particularly disappointing to Kyle Petty, a native of Randleman, N.C., who watched as NASCAR dropped two of his home tracks in the past decade. North Wilkesboro Speedway was cut from the circuit in 1997, and, like Rockingham, it sits within 100 miles of Petty's hometown.

North Carolina Speedway provided some of the best side-by-side action on the circuit, thanks mostly to an abrasive surface that chewed up tires and made aerodynamics virtually useless. Matt Kenseth nipped Kasey Kahne by .010 seconds in the finale, the fourth-closest finish in series history.

"It just so happens Rockingham ain't L.A., and it ain't Chicago, and it ain't Kansas, and it ain't Dallas," Petty said. "They just market races now, and that's the only way you can look at it. It doesn't make a difference what the race track is like or how good the racing is, they're going to go to major markets."

At least Petty has gotten a chance to visit the track. He took his team there a few months ago for a test session, running all day to check gear and suspension pieces.

"It's kind of a sad place to go, because they don't race there anymore," he said. "And it is such a good race, and they haven't had a lot of good races this year. You wish it was still on the schedule, but things change."

Through a spokesman, Smith said he is willing to listen to offers for the track, and he has tried to push events that way. The Sports Car Club of America rented the track earlier this year for a weekend of racing, and there's a chance similar festivities will keep people coming to Rockingham.

So far, other than the loss of

a little pride, the town and surrounding area haven't felt any dramatic difference.

"We were expecting to see a tremendous drop, but we've had a fair amount of construction going on around here, and our hotel numbers were up in February '05 from February '04," said Bennett Deane, president of the Richmond County Chamber of Commerce. "We only had 550 rooms here, so once they were booked, the other impact was — I don't want to say insignificant — but it was simply pass through."

The state's General Assembly made a futile attempt to help the track keep its spot on the schedule, and saw firsthand how little history and longtime support seem to mean these days in NASCAR.

Charlotte is among the cities bidding for the sport's hall of fame, and state legislators have approved an increase in the Charlotte-area hotel room tax.

The change would increase the local occupancy tax from 6 percent to 8 percent, making it the highest in the state. The estimated \$65 million in revenue would help finance the museum and a new ballroom for the Charlotte convention center, next to the proposed site.

The state has put together a total package worth \$137.5 million. Atlanta, Kansas City, Kan., Richmond, Va., and Daytona Beach, Fla., also submitted proposals.

"I think if it doesn't come to Charlotte or somewhere in that area, it's going to the wrong place," said Junior Johnson, one of the sport's greatest drivers and car owners. "They can talk about all these other places all they want, but the people who started this sport are from here,

and it should stay here. The hall of fame wouldn't be attractive somewhere else."

Unfortunately, a similar argument couldn't stop Rockingham from losing out.

"I don't want to get despondent about it, I don't want to get discouraged about it," McLaurin said. "I think NASCAR made a mistake, but mistakes are made. Maybe there's a chance in the future for Rockingham and the track to be a part of it again."

NASCAR BUSCH SERIES

DRIVER STANDINGS

Rank	Driver
1.	Carl Edwards
2.	Reed Sorenson
3.	Martin Truex Jr.
4.	Clint Bowyer
5.	Kenny Wallace
6.	Ashton Lewis
7.	Greg Biffle
8.	Denny Hamilton
9.	David Stremme
10.	Jason Keller

Martin easing along in final season



by DICK BRINSTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mark Martin is sixth in Nextel Cup points, but that's not something that interests him much at this point in his final season.

Sure, a third-place finish last Sunday at Dover International Speedway helped him immensely in his bid to make the 26-race cut and be part of the 10-man field that will decide the championship in the last 10 races. But if Martin has learned anything in nearly two decades on NASCAR's elite circuit, it's patience.

Never was that attribute more evident in the 46-year-old driver than a year ago, when he ended a 72-race losing streak before rallying to join the Chase for the Championship.

Martin could be tempted to say he deserved a slightly better career fate, one that would have made him a champion. He finished second in the points four times — losing by 26 points one year and 38 another — third on four other occasions and was in

the top 10 for 12 straight seasons.

But regrets are not part of his makeup. He simply straps himself into his Ford each week and does his best.

"It's been a great ride," he said.

Martin probably is the most respected driver on the circuit, a man who always has wanted to win through sheer determination. His 34 career victories are not tainted by wrongdoing, a rarity among NASCAR drivers.

Eight years ago at Dover, he stalked eventual winner Ricky Rudd, riding inches behind him over the closing laps. Just a seemingly innocent touch of Rudd's bumper exiting any of the high-banked turns would have spun him out and given Martin the victory.

But Martin wouldn't do it. "That would be cheating," he said at the time. "I wasn't raised that way."

Car owner Jack Roush saw potential greatness when he chose Martin in 1988 to launch an operation that grew into NASCAR's largest and now includes Nextel Cup cars for series champion Kurt Busch, past champion Matt Kenseth, Greg Biffle and Carl Edwards.

"Mark Martin is the man," Roush said after the driver won the recent NASCAR All-Star race. "He's the cornerstone of Roush Racing. I love Mark

Martin. He's been the center of my racing life."

In fact, as Roush sees his younger drivers winning titles, he blames himself for Martin going all the way to his final season without one.

"If I had done a better job, he'd have had two or three championships right now," Roush said.

He's grateful Martin hung with him in the years before the team was solidly established.

"The commitment that Mark made to me and to Roush Racing was huge," he said. "I owe Mark more than he owes me."

An association as lengthy as theirs is a rarity in NASCAR, but it's still working well and Martin hasn't abandoned the quest for that elusive title in his final season on the Nextel Cup circuit.

"I still feel that we can win," he said. "If I didn't, we wouldn't still be racing."

Martin doesn't plan to leave NASCAR after this year. Sponsorship is being sought that would put him in the less time-consuming Craftsman Truck series.

Starting with this Sunday's Pocono 500, he's got another 23 Nextel Cup races to look forward to, approaching each race with the intensity of a rookie. Still, Martin is a realist.

"I know each time that I win a race, that could be the last one," he said.

NASCAR Diversity Internships roll on

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"This program is an excellent opportunity for diverse college students to learn about the career opportunities available in NASCAR," said Earvin "Magic" Johnson, the co-chairman of NASCAR's Executive Steering Committee for Diversity. "This program will help students get real-life experience within the industry and encourage more students to pursue careers in NASCAR."

The NASCAR Diversity Internship Program features internships offered by NASCAR offices, sponsors, licensees, teams, tracks and broadcast partners. In addition to NASCAR corporate offices, the following companies are participating in 2005: Daytona International Speedway, Dover Motorsports, Hendrick Motorsports, Homestead-Miami Speedway, International Speedway Corporation, Kansas Speedway, Motor Racing Network (MRN), Michigan International Speedway, NASCAR SpeedParks (in Concord Mills, N.C., Myrtle Beach, S.C., St. Louis and Sevierville, Tenn.), Octagon, Penske Racing South, Phoenix International Raceway, Pocono Raceway, Richard Childress Racing, Robert Yates Racing, Roush Racing, Sears, Roebuck and Co., SPEED Channel (FOX Entertainment

Group), Talladega Superspeedway and XM Satellite Radio.

NASCAR Director of Diversity Tish Sheets said, "The NASCAR Diversity Internship Program is one of many initiatives NASCAR has to help increase diversity throughout the industry. This program has had great success in its first five years that could not be possible without the support of sponsors and partners from throughout the industry. We look forward to another exciting summer with these new interns."

Over 100 students have participated in the NASCAR Diversity Internship Program since its inception in 2000. These interns have gained experience working in marketing, engineering, public relations, licensing and various other areas. Through their intern experiences, several of these students have earned full-time positions.

Each year, the internships are available to college juniors, seniors and graduate students across the country. To be eligible, students must be in good standing with their school and community, must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and provide an official copy of their school transcript. More information on the program is available at www.diversityinternships.com.

2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup schedule and standings

- Feb. 20 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Jeff Gordon)
- Feb. 27 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Greg Biffle)
- March 13 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas (Jimmie Johnson)
- March 20 — Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga. (Carl Edwards)
- April 3 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kevin Harvick)
- April 10 — Advance Auto Parts 500, Martinsville, Va. (Jeff Gordon)
- April 17 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Greg Biffle)
- April 23 — Subway Fresh 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Kurt Busch)
- May 1 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Jeff Gordon)
- May 7 — Dodge Charger 500, Darlington, S.C. (Greg Biffle)
- May 14 — Chevy American Revolution 400, Richmond, Va. (Kasey Kahne)
- May 29 — Coca-Cola 600 (Jimmie Johnson)
- June 5 — MBNA RacePoints 400, Dover, Del. (Greg Biffle)
- June 12 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
- June 19 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
- June 26 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
- July 2 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- July 10 — Chicagoland 400, Joliet, Ill.
- July 17 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
- July 24 — Pennsylvania 500, Talladega, Ala.
- Aug. 7 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis
- Aug. 14 — Sirius at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
- Aug. 21 — GFS Marketplace 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
- Aug. 27 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
- Sept. 4 — California 500, Fontana, Calif.
- Sept. 10 — Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
- Sept. 18 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
- Sept. 25 — MBNA 400, Dover, Del.
- Oct. 2 — UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala.
- Oct. 9 — Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
- Oct. 15 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
- Oct. 23 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
- Oct. 30 — Bass Pro Shops MBNA 400, Hampton, Ga.
- Nov. 6 — Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Nov. 13 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
- Nov. 20 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Driver Standings

- 1. Jimmie Johnson, 1,912
- 2. Greg Biffle, 1,866
- 3. Elliott Sadler, 1,681
- 4. Ryan Newman, 1,672
- 5. Tony Stewart, 1,606
- 6. Mark Martin, 1,588
- 7. Rusty Wallace, 1,584
- 8. Kurt Busch, 1,579
- 9. Carl Edwards, 1,574
- 10. Kevin Harvick, 1,573
- 11. Jeff Gordon, 1,562
- 12. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,538
- 13. Jamie McMurray, 1,536
- 14. Dale Jarrett, 1,500
- 15. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 1,494
- 16. Jeff Burton, 1,452
- 17. Michael Waltrip, 1,419
- 18. Kasey Kahne, 1,409
- 19. Kyle Busch, 1,354
- 20. Scott Riggs, 1,310

Edwards gears up for split duty stretch with Kentucky Speedway test



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — NASCAR Busch Series leader and ninth-place NEXTEL Cup Series driver Carl Edwards drove test laps at Kentucky Speedway today to gear up for a three-week stretch during which he will split time between six racetracks.

The Roush Racing driver from Columbia, Mo., is ready to face the logistical challenges planned for his tour of split duty.

"What's going to happen in the next three weeks is that the Busch Series will be somewhere on Saturday and the Cup Series will be somewhere else on Sunday. The races aren't the tough part, it's getting all the practice and qualifying in. If there's any inclement weather, it's going to make it tough. I get to ride in some neat helicopters

and jets, so it'll be a fun thing, it just takes a lot of logistical planning."

One stop on Edwards' tour is Kentucky Speedway's NASCAR Busch Series "Meijer 300 Presented by Oreo" event where he will battle NEXTEL Cup regulars Rusty Wallace, Greg Biffle and Michael Waltrip on June 18.

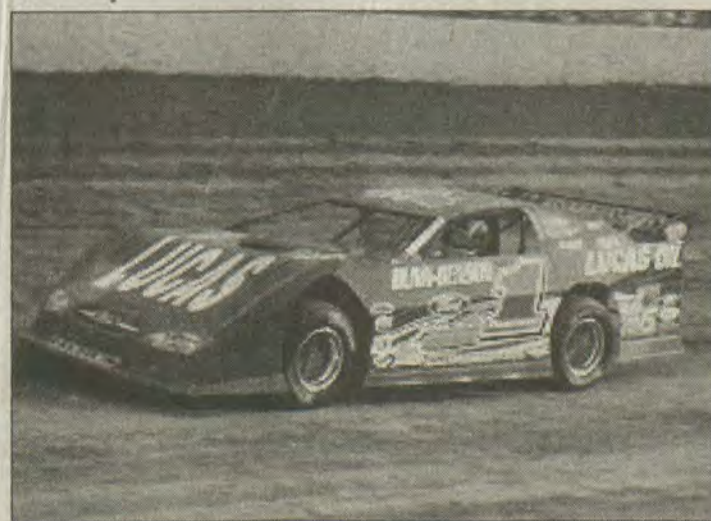
Edwards said he relishes the chance to return to the track where he won his first NASCAR-sanctioned race in 2003.

"Coming here to Kentucky is always awesome," he said. "We roll in the gate and I think about how the first win I got in my NASCAR career was right here in the Craftsman Truck Series. It was such a special night for me. It validated all the work and effort that everyone put in over many years."

The 25-year-old begins the week with a 74-point Busch Series lead over fellow rookie Reed Sorenson and plans to take the first steps in overcoming his recent 35th- and 31st-place series performances with a strong run at Nashville Superspeedway on June 11.

"Brad Parrott and this whole Charter team are awesome," Edwards said. "We're leading the points, but man, they're catching us right now. Two weeks in a row we've lost about 80 points or 100 points due to misfortune. That makes me nervous and it's hard to sleep at night, but we're here to win this thing, we're going to go to the end and give it all we've got."

Tickets for "The Meijer 300 Presented by Oreo" and all Kentucky Speedway events including the one-night-only "Jammin' in the Bluegrass Presented by Meijer" concert with Tim McGraw, Trick Pony and Billy Dean are on sale now. Fans can reserve tickets by phone at 888-652-RACE (7223), online at <http://www.kentuckyspeedway.com> and <http://www.tickets.com>, through Tickets.com outlets including Meijer stores and at Kentucky Speedway ticket offices at 2216 Dixie Hwy., Ste. 200, in Ft. Mitchell, Ky., and the speedway Fan Center outside the track in Sparta, Ky. Visit the track Web site for the complete schedule.



Kenny Wallace brought home the victory Wednesday evening in the Nextel Prelude to the Dream. The complete rundown follows. A Main — 1. Kenny Wallace; 2. Tony Stewart; 3. Danny Lasoski; 4. Ken Schrader; 5. Bill Elliott; 6. Dave Blaney; 7. Bobby Labonte; 8. Red Farmer; 9. Ron Capps; 10. Matt Kenseth; 11. Jeff Green; 12. Kevin Harvick; 13. Kyle Petty; 14. Mike Wallace. Stewart (below) and Labonte (above) are both pictured.



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THROUGH MY EYES

'Caution' - it pays

Had a real scare earlier in the week when my daughter and I encountered what, at first glance, looked like a pretty bad traffic accident on our way into town. Approaching the scene of the accident, we took note of the two ambulances and one fire truck taking up the roadway space in front of the local Pizza Hut.

"Not good," the "human" side of me thought. "Ah, a picture," said the reporter who occupies the same space inside.

"Mom! That's Chris!" my daughter next excitedly exclaimed.

As Elizabeth jumped out of the car and I searched for the nearest safe parking space, my eyes rested upon a person strapped to an emergency stretcher. "Oh, no," the worried voice inside my head began. "This just can't be."

Not yet a year since losing Ryan, our "adopted" family member, I wanted to cry to think that we were yet again to suffer the agony

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POSTSCRIPT

Qualifiers

Kudos to Attorney General Greg Stumbo for his probe into state hiring practices.

I don't think it comes as a surprise to anyone that who(m) you know is often the primary qualifier for well-paying, secure jobs.

The adage "To the victor go the spoils" is not limited to the Romans, Greeks and Third World countries; it is a part of the very fiber of life in these United States, and certainly in this particular commonwealth.

I daresay there are several people reading this who have been passed over for a job, or a promotion, not because of their qualifications, but because they weren't in the right political party, or the right branch of the party, or because they didn't realize they had to curry the favor of a local go-to honcho.

And, you know what? It does-

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Pam Shingler contributing writer

Kentucky Mountain Bride joins Floyd Chamber

Kentucky Mountain Bride recently became a member of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. Two best friends, Susie Osborne and Connie Prater, established this business that opened its doors in January of 2001. Both ladies were interested in opening a store of this nature and tossed the idea around before deciding to make it a reality in September of 2000 when they bought their first merchandise in Chicago. "The girls opened the doors for us when we opened. They were

here and wanted to help hang up our dresses so that we would be open for business," states Osborne. Kentucky Mountain Bride is a full service bridal store. They also offer wedding coordination and direction as well as tuxedo rental. Prom gowns and semi-formal wear is also available at Kentucky Mountain Bride. They carry an extensive line of children's wear as well as shoes, jewelry, and accessories. They also have a seamstress in their store, Kay Preece which allows them to

offer alterations in the store for the little additional nip and tuck that is sometimes required to get that perfect fit. Kentucky Mountain Bride relocated in to their new Prestonsburg location to accommodate their customers and expand their store to incorporate Kentucky Woman Ladies Wear. Kentucky Mountain Bride's vision is to provide personalized service for girls in Eastern Kentucky so that their busi-

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Connie Prater and Susie Osborne, owners of Kentucky Mountain Bride, happily accept their certificate of Chamber membership from Mary Begley, past chair, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce.



Floyd County Girl Scouts host the Tenth Annual Girl Scout Olympics

Article & Photos submitted by Phyllis Allison

On Saturday, May 20, 2005, the Floyd County Girl Scouts hosted the tenth annual Girl Scout Olympics. The first area Girl Scout Olympics was held in May, 1996 when four high school senior Girl Scouts conducted a Girl Scout Olympics for troops in the five-county region of Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, and Pike. The girls Stacy Hurt, Michelle Clark, Julie Stone, and Jeanette Allison organized and conducted a three-day competition to earn their highest scouting honor, the Gold Scout Award. These girls began what has continued to be a tradition carried on by the Floyd County Girl Scout Service Unit. The Troop leaders of Floyd County have used many of the ideas that were used in the origi-

nal Olympics held in 1996 to successfully carry out a yearly event.

This year's event was held at the walking track area of The Big Sandy Community & Technical College, as it has been in past years, also. Approximately 112 girls from Martin, Johnson, Lawrence, and Floyd County participated. The girls ranged in age from five to thirteen years old. The girls competed for gold, silver and bronze medals in ten separate events.

Volunteer adult leaders and community helpers worked hard as judges, timekeepers and food preparers, as well as directing events and activities. Several area businesses helped make the event a success. The Prestonsburg Dairy Queen, Martin Dairy Queen, Long John Silvers of Martin, McDonalds of Martin,

Wildstar Trucking, Snyders of Prestonsburg, Prestonsburg Dairy Cheer, Big Sandy Wholesale, East Kentucky Beverage of Paintsville, Heiners Bread Company, and Lay's Potato Chip Company, all donated food, ice, and drinks for the participants and their families. In addition, Transtar Ambulance was on hand to offer assistance in case of accidents.

The girls participated in age-appropriate events. Participating were Daisy and young Brownie Scouts (age 5-7), older Brownies (age 8-10) and Junior Scouts (age 10-13). Events included: bean bag race, sack race, three-legged race, 50yard dash, jump rope event, frisbee throw, crabwalk, broad jump, hula hoop, a 220-

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THINGS TO PONDER

Understanding guilt: The good and the bad

So many times, usually at least once a day, the painful explanation is heard: "But I feel so guilty! If only I had not said the truth that upset her." An impression is that so many negative feelings are labeled as "guilt," when the correct label might actually be "disappointed, hurt." Sometimes, it seems, Miss Guilty One continues to accept responsibility for the emotional distress of others with the blink of an eye. But where does this guilt come from,

why, and what is its purpose? It is crucial that we understand how guilt works; plus, if it is justified.

Guilt is one of the most common - yet most powerful - emotions that rule our lives. So much suffering, and even tragedy, has been the outcome of needless feelings of guilt. Unjustified, excessive guilt often interferes with our employment of living, cripples our social and business lives, increases worry, is disheartening, and humiliates us.

As we have all experienced, guilt creates fears and anxieties that are the foundation of multiple emotional ills - chronic fatigue to self-punishing conditions such as drug addiction.

In some instances, bitter self-loathing derived from full-blown, needless guilt can torment a person until suicide seems to be

the only way to get relief.

One expert perceived guilt as central to human existence. Yet, he pointed out that uncontrolled, inner guilt could paralyze us so that we are totally unable to function as human beings. In contrast, other writers also described the "good" face of guilt and how it is a desirable human emotion.

For example, in its simplest form, guilt is the realization of and sorrow over having done something morally, socially, or ethically wrong. Guilt helps us to recognize what we have done wrong, when we have violated our own consciences and the mores of our society.

Not all guilt is harmful, unnecessary, and should be destroyed. In this way, guilt is our society's regulator. Without it, we would possibly not learn in school, do our jobs properly, follow traffic rules, perform

exercise, and feed and care for our children.

Then, the impact of guilt often helps us balance life more effectively so there are good relationships with loved ones or living in harmony within our communities or with one another. One psychologist's opinion was that "Guilt feelings are an inevitable accompaniment of the development of our consciences."

The conscience's signaling when there is a difference between right and wrong is the major component of the entire guilt feelings mankind has experienced in the past, and will in the future.

Although we are born with basic drives, such as to survive and the sex drive, a conscience is not an innate drive. All of us begin without morals and have no inhibi-

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Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Postscript

n't really matter what group is in power. The same guidelines apply. You come from a family that gives to politicians and or that knows how to get out the vote, then give yourself an extra 10 points or more on the state test, or maybe get out of taking it altogether.

Sadly, the system of spoils gives the lie to the slogan we see on countless bumpers. Education Pays, we read, as we sit in traffic. But the action of those in power says the contrary.

Say Education Pays to a parks employee who has a college degree or two in recreation management and who has been working for years in successively more responsible jobs, with the goal of being a park superintendent, only to find out that a

politically connected person with no background in parks management is now your boss.

Explain to him how education pays.

Or tell it to the road worker who has taken advantage of every applicable training course, expecting to be promoted when the next foreman's job opens up, only to be passed over by a friend of an elected official.

Although the focus now is on state government, that is by no means the only place the who-you-know syndrome is found.

It's in city and county government. It's in quasi-government helping agencies. It's in colleges and public school districts, and even in business.

Sad to say, these employers often cheat themselves out of

the best qualified candidate, the one with the education, experience and intelligence.

In these parts, it's just one more example of how we shoot ourselves in the foot.

So now the plan is to put an archery range at the golf course at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park?

Let me see.... We've lost the sky lift. We've lost the golf course. The road around the park has been interrupted by the one from Stonecrest, letting us know which is more important.

Archery, yeah, that'll make up for the losses.

Yeah, that'll draw the crowds.

Eyes

of yet another of my children's friends to a traffic accident.

After parking, I set about hurriedly walking toward the mangled automobiles and busy EMT's. Among the crowd, I saw my son, Elliott, waving to me. Of all the things I suppose I could have thought upon seeing Elliott, the only thing I did think at the time was, "Okay, there's my son. He's up, he's walking, he's waving to me. This is good." But in the back of my mind, I was still thinking, "So, where is Chris?"

As it turned out, Chris was okay, Elliott had been eating

lunch with friends at Pizza Hut when they saw the whole thing happen, no one, reportedly, was seriously injured, and well, to heck with the cars.

Though Chris spent the rest of the day getting checked out in the ER, no real damage was done and for that, I am very thankful. A few cuts and bruises, I can handle (though I'd really rather not), anything more and I don't want to even think about it.

I feel as though I preach and preach and preach to the teenagers I know about driving safety - "Don't speed," "Watch

the other guy," "If you get tired or sleepy, get off the road." There have been times when I've even felt a little guilty about nagging them all so much, but as I was leaving the scene of this accident I couldn't help but think to myself, "Girl, you ain't naggin' near enough."

So, to all the PHS teens know and love, and even to those I don't - BE CAREFUL, DON'T SPEED and CALL YOUR MOMS OFTEN! (But, pull off the road to use those cell phones!)

Love you all - see ya next week.

Dr. Joanna L. Santiesteban joins staff of Physicians for Women

Dr. Santiesteban was born in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and attended Naperville North High School, in Naperville, Illinois. She studied medicine at the Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, completed her residency at the Indiana University Obstetrics and Gynecology program and is board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Santiesteban maintained a private practice of obstetrical and gynecological medicine in Lexington and Fishersville, Virginia since 2001.

Dr. Santiesteban is happy to join the medical team of Physicians for Women. This team of providers offers a wide array of women's health care services including prenatal care, labor and delivery, family planning, gynecological services and surgeries. Physicians for Women is the only facility in this area to offer 4D ultrasound. Exclusive live-action 4D technology brings the fourth dimension - "time" - to ultrasound, making it a revolution in prenatal care. The baby's image also can be preserved on a CD or DVD that can be shared with family and friends.

Dr. Santiesteban chose the field of obstetrics and gynecology out of a commitment to caring for women at all phases of their lives. "I feel that childbirth is an important experience for families. I also feel the health of women directly impacts the health of a family. Physicians for Women is an ideal location for me, as it helps women in the community with all of their health care needs - from annual physical check-ups to childbirth to the challenges of menopause. Physicians for

Women understands women and their special needs."

In addition to her work at Physicians for Women, Dr. Santiesteban will be working at Highlands Regional Medical Center with Dr. Angela Maggard and Sharon Adams, certified nurse midwife. This team of professionals will help to ensure that expectant parents have all they need to get started with their new addition. Ancil Lewis, CEO of Big Sandy Health Care, Inc. believes that Physicians for Women will benefit from Dr. Santiesteban's experience and commitment to serving patients in the Big

Sandy region.

Dr. Santiesteban is accepting new patients at Physicians for Women. Physicians for Women is located at Auxier - less than one mile from Highlands Regional Medical Center. Anyone interested in seeing Dr. Santiesteban may call the office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., at (606) 886-8997. Physicians for Women accepts most insurance plans including CHA Health, Anthem and UHWA.

Please join Big Sandy Health Care, Inc., and Physicians for Women in welcoming Dr. Santiesteban and her family to the region.



Dr. Joanna L. Santiesteban

Let us show off your family pet!

Our pet photos file needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so, please, send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but have been afraid to ask"!

You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to:

features@floydcountytimes.com.

Send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbcac@tiusa.net.

We will be waiting to hear from you!

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

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

Allen Central Middle School

If your child has left any article of clothing at school, please contact the Youth Service Center office.

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

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

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

Betsy Layne High School

The Betsy Layne Ladycats will be

hosting a basketball camp to be held June 22, 23, and 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., each day. The Ladycat Basketball Day Camp will be held at the Betsy Layne High School Practice Gym (on the hill at the high school). The camp is for girls who will be entering grades 1 thru 9. Cost is \$50 per camper and \$40 for each additional camper in family. Lunch will be provided daily.

Clark Elementary

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. 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

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

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

May Valley Elementary

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

Mountain Christian Academy

Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

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

Prestonsburg High School

*SBDM Parent Nominations for Parent Representatives will be accept-

ed through Monday, June 20, until 5 p.m., at the school. SBDM Council Parent Representative elections will be held Tuesday, June 21, from 6-8 p.m., in school cafeteria. (According to statute, a parent is defined as parent, step-parent, or foster parent of student or person who has legal custody of student pursuant to court order and with whom student resides. The term "parent" is used as it includes parents of students currently enrolled or preregistered to attend a school and who meet the requirements in this definition.)*

South Floyd Youth Services Center

June 13, 14, 15 - 7th Annual South Floyd Basketball Character Development Camp, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in South Floyd Raider Arena, for 4th-8th graders. Parents or guardians must register students with SFYSC's staff the day of camp. Sponsored by South Floyd Youth Services Center. Camp is FREE.

School athletic physicals will be available early in summer. Ask your sport coach for information. Watch for advertisement and flyers with date and location.

"Back to School Health Fair" will be held during summer - watch for date in Floyd County Times.

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

Walking track open to public.

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

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

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

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 Tristram Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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

"Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If your child has lost any clothing or other personal items, please remind them to check in the FRC. Items not claimed within 2 weeks become the property of the FRC.

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 accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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



Family Medicine



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Associate Professor
of Family Medicine

Reader should not let grandkids ride on mower

Question: I read an article in our paper about a young child injured by a riding mower. Does this happen often? What can be done about these injuries? Should I go back to a push mower now that I am a grandfather, to keep my grandchildren safe? The little ones really like riding with me while I mow the yard.

tant of which is not following proper safety precautions. So safety education, rather than changing to a different type of mower, is probably the best strategy to keep your grandchildren safe.

A power mower, whether push type or riding, is the most powerful and dangerous tool that most people own. It should be operated by a responsible person wearing proper clothing and safety gear. Specifically, wear long pants, steel-toed work boots and safety goggles. This will help protect you from flying objects, and rotating blades. Power push mowers should not be operated by anyone under 12, and riding mowers should not be operated by anyone under 16. Some sources say

no one under 16 should operate any mower. Be sure to train your children in mower safety and operation.

Clean up your yard before mowing. Never mow over debris. Flying objects can be thrown from a mower at over 200 mph. These projectiles can seriously injure people, pets and property. Keep people out of the yard while mowing, especially children. This can keep them out of the way of

flying objects as well as prevent back-up injuries.

These back-up injuries are especially tragic, as they usually involve young children who are badly mutilated, crippled or killed. Adding to the family heartbreak, the driver is usually a parent, grandparent or sibling.

There is one safety feature that can greatly reduce, if not eliminate, these types of accidents. It's called N-M-I-R technology. This stands for "no mowing in reverse" . . . and means that the drive shaft that turns the blade is disengaged

whenever the rider places the mower in reverse. If you have a riding mower, make sure that it has this safety feature.

And there are yet other types of lawn mower-related injuries. The engines get very hot and can cause serious burns if touched. Also, the engine should be off and cool before refueling. A hot engine can cause a gasoline fire.

To summarize, I'd like to pass on a few "Dos and Don'ts" from the American Academy of Pediatrics. Don't let children play in areas adjacent to where mowers are being used. Don't let children ride with the mower operator or ride in carts or trailers being towed behind the mower. Don't allow children to play on or around the mower, even with adult supervision.

Do keep children younger than five indoors while mowing is being done. Do require that any child fourteen or older be given proper training before being allowed to operate a power mower.

I know that your young grandchild-

ren are probably fascinated with machinery, as are most kids. I'd recommend, however, that you find some fun, low-risk activities to do with them and use your riding mower when they are not around.

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Ponder

tions not to fulfill pleasure-seeking impulses.

This is definitely a time that parents have all of the responsibility to teach a child what is right and what is wrong to create a new member of society who is aware that her or she must live by its rules!

In addition, the demands of the society in which a child is reared also play an important role. The traditions of race, nationality, and even neighborhood can force a child into the "norms of behaviors." Changes in the conscience cannot be observed, but increases as the child is taught - by example and by immersion into a lifestyle.

Then, as the conscience expands, guilt grows and develops if the child feels that he has disobeyed, or thinks he did. This process occurs after the rules are taken in and the child feels he must obey.

Violating society's edicts can bounce back as guilt feelings, even if these edicts are outdated. A frequent example is the couple that comes for marital therapy. Many times

one of their basic issues is that they were intimate prior to marriage; in some cases, it only happened one time.

Due to the guilt of not following parental teachings, not to have sex before marriage, getting married was the only choice for them. What if someone found out? Thus, they accepted staying married without a basis for a true relationship for 15 or 20 years, because of guilt pertaining to one event.

Of course, most everyone has probably observed that some people feel guilt more strongly than others and for less reason. One explanation was that parents and family members accuse some children frequently and inappropriately about "bad" actions.

Haven't you seen parents who never said anything positive to their children and were never content with what their kids did? Shame is drilled into the children continually for behavior that is not truly shameful.

Reportedly, if a parent places more guilt on a child than he can tolerate, the young-

ster is likely to choose one of two directions: (1) since he cannot live with the guilt, he may rebel and find relief in drugs, delinquency or other forms of antisocial behavior; or, (2) he may grow up overwhelmed with a heavy load of guilt, deeply convinced that he is a bad, undeserving person.

The latter seems to be the individuals who can never be perfect enough or apologize sufficiently. He is always paying the price of "possibly" being guilty, whether it is true or not. Although the person may appear to be okay, it is not unusual for him to commit suicide, due to a combination of hate, rage, revenge, a sense of guilt and a feeling of unbearable frustration.

Additionally, this person has intense feelings of guilt that can often make life literally unbearable and he feels "stuck." Some writers predicted that the tendency to take in unneeded amounts of guilt might be inherited, similar to some form of emotional illness.

Like other situations in life,

individuals react differently in regard to guilt. It has been found that people with the least reason to be affected by guilt, are likely to have the greatest reaction. In a classic Harvard University study, 84 percent of those who followed the rules, responded that they would feel guilty, conscience-stricken or ashamed, if they had not.

One of the conclusions was that the sterner your conscience and the more vigilantly it monitors your thoughts and actions, the worse you will feel if you do something you think is wrong.

Now it the time for you to check your feelings out and try to evaluate how often, how much, when, and where you are aware of different levels of guilt feelings and their many disguises.

Take time to look inside yourself: Are you upset about something you did or failed to do? Did you break, or fear you had done so, some deeply held moral or ethical rule supported by society? Next week, the focus will be on ways to cope better with guilt feelings.

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Chamber

ness experience with their store is a good one because these are the special days in every girl's life. Owners Susie Osborne and Connie Prater along with Man-

ager Crystal Ward invite everyone to stop by their store or give them a call to help make their special day a memorable one at (606) 886-1151.

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Births



New Arrival

Mason Craig Kilgore was born on May 5, 2005, to proud parents Larry and Nicole Kilgore. He weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. He is the grandson of Jim Pittenger, of Ashland, Ohio and Angie Weston, of Lakeland, Florida, and Phyllis Kilgore, of Hippo, and the late Gary Kilgore. He is the great-grandson of Paul and Irene Grifey, of Cow Creek, and the late Harley and Clida Kilgore, formerly of Hippo.

Birthdays



Happy Birthday, Courtney!

Courtney Alison Shepherd celebrated her 11th birthday on June 2, 2005. Courtney is the daughter of Paul and Jessica Shepherd, of Abbott. She is the granddaughter of Delmer and Dearn Holbrook, of Prestonsburg, and RoseAnn Shepherd, of Sacramento, California, and the late Ralph Wheeler Shepherd. She has one older brother, Jeremy.



Happy 19th, Jeremy!

Jeremy Paul Shepherd will celebrate his 19th birthday on June 17, 2005. Jeremy is the son of Paul and Jessica Shepherd, of Abbott. He is the grandson of Delmer and Dearn Holbrook, of Prestonsburg, and RoseAnn Shepherd, of Sacramento, California, and the late Ralph Wheeler Shepherd. Jeremy has one younger sister, Courtney.

Engagements



Woods-Crumpler

Mr. Clyde Woods, of Allen, and Ms. Ellen Woods, of Paintsville, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jessica, to Blake Crumpler, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Crumpler, of Marianna, Florida. The wedding will be held on July 9, 2005, at the Christ United Methodist Church, at Allen. A private ceremony will be held.

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Olympics

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yard run for Brownies and a 440-yard run for Juniors.

Local Senior Scouts, Katherin Austin, Caitlin Hale, Megan Goble and Amanda Price, along with volunteers Gladys Knepp, Clark Allison, Stephene Hill, Catie Boley, and Phyllis Allison all served as judges and time-keepers. Glendine Hale, Diana Goble, and Navajo Austin were in charge of food preparations. Several Girl Scout moms and dads were on hand to help when extra help was needed.

Girls placing first in the various events were awarded gold medallions, those placing second were awarded silver medallions, and those placing third were awarded bronze medallions. Each girl received a patch

for participation. Troops also purchased a T-shirt for the participating girls.

The winners of the various events were:

Bean Bag Race:

Daisies & Young Brownie Scouts: 1st Kaycee Tackett, 2nd MaKayla Dabe, 3rd Madison Moore

Older Brownie Scouts: 1st Brittany Jacobs, 2nd Brandy Keathley, 3rd Lydia Marcum

Juniors: 1st Clara Potter, 2nd Kala Jarrell, 3rd Katelyn Bellamy

Sack Race

Daisies & Young Brownie Scouts: 1st Kierstin Carroll, 2nd MaKayla Dabe, 3rd Ashley Bentley

Older Brownie Scouts: 1st

Madison Young, 2nd Katie Williams, 3rd Kendra Gambill

Juniors: 1st Celeste Hall, 2nd Scotti Pension, 3rd Jessica Shelton

Three Legged Race

Daisies & Young Brownie Scouts: 1st Alexandria Miller & Kaycee Tackett, 2nd Morgan Caldwell & Sara Setser, 3rd Cari Hall & MaKayla Likens

Older Brownie Scouts: 1st Taylor Caldwell & Brandy Keathley, 2nd Savannah Helton & Johnna Little, 3rd Lakin Wells & Sarah Perry

Juniors: 1st Meghan Banks & Autumn Daniels, 2nd Savannah Meade & Jessica Young, 3rd Victoria Hampton & Hannah Hackworth

50-Yard Dash

Daisies & Young Brownie Scouts: 1st MaKayla Dabe, 2nd

Madison Moore, 3rd Chasity Couch

Older Brownie Scouts: 1st Johnna Little, 2nd Kelsi Tackett, 3rd Kendra Gambill

Juniors: 1st Meghan Banks, 2nd Leanna Goble, 3rd Miranda Powers

220 Yard Run

Young Brownie Scouts: 1st Kaycee Tackett, 2nd MaKayla Likens, 3rd Megan Stumbo

Older Brownie Scouts: 1st Johnna Little, 2nd Kelsi Tackett, 3rd Katie Williams

440 Yard Run

Juniors: 1st Miranda Powers, 2nd Kaitlyn Hager, 3rd Leanna Goble

Jump Rope

Daisies & Young Brownie Scouts: 1st Alexis Younce, 2nd Summer Shepherd, 3rd Sierra Craft

Older Brownie Scouts: 1st Masy Potter, 2nd Danielle

Willoughby, 3rd Keiona Craft

Juniors: 1st Jerri Helton, 2nd Miranda Powers, 3rd Victoria Smith

Crab Walk

Daisies & Young Brownie Scouts: 1st Baylee Pfler, 2nd Sierra Craft, 3rd Promise Fannin

Older Brownie Scouts: 1st Kendra Gambill, 2nd Johnna Little, 3rd Madison Young

Juniors: 1st Kaitlyn Hager, 2nd Leanna Goble, 3rd Victoria Smith

Frisbee Throw

Daisies & Young Brownie Scouts: 1st Lauren Davis, 2nd Raychel Kazee, 3rd Allison Hyden

Older Brownie Scouts: 1st Sarah Perry, 2nd Amber Mosley, 3rd Tyra Mullins

Broad Jump

Daisies & Young Brownie

Scouts: 1st MaKayla Dabe, 2nd Cari Hall, 3rd Baylee Pfler

Older Brownie Scouts: 1st Kelsi Tackett, 2nd Sasha Kidd, 3rd Emma George

Juniors: 1st Clara Potter, 2nd Katie Vanderpool, 3rd Hannah Hackworth

Hula Hoop

Daisies & Young Brownie Scouts: 1st Lauren Davis, 2nd Alexandria Miller, 3rd Kierstin Carroll

Older Brownie Scouts: 1st Sasha Kidd, 2nd Grace Boleyn, 3rd Kimmy Horsley

Juniors: 1st Kaitlyn Hager, 2nd Heather Mosley, 3rd Victoria Smith

Congratulations to each participant, all the winners, and all the community-minded individuals who offered their assistance to this worthy, and fun, annual event!



Bean Bag Race



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50 Yard Dash



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Jump Rope



Crab Walk



Frisbee Throw



Broad Jump



Hula Hoop

Floyd County Devotional Page

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.

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

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

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

CHRISTIAN

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

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

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

Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;

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For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

ROMANS 12:3



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Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

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

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

Bragg, Minister.

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

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

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

EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

METHODIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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OTHER

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Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educa-tor, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednes-day, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken.

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

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

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

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

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 Bachelor's degree in Information Systems, Computer Science, Telecommunications, Business or related area. Min. of 2 years experience in telecommunications, computer systems maintenance and repairs. Knowledge of voice mail, networking and network operating systems and integrated messaging preferred. Candidate needs to be familiar with routers with some healthcare experience preferred. Functions as the coordinator of all telecommunications, paging, PBX/phone switch, voice mail, integrated electronic messaging and related activities. Ensures maintenance and operation of wide area network communications equipment and connections.

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630-Houses
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Trailer Lot For Rent, Large Yard. Call 886-8366

For Rent : newly constructed Mobile Home Lots in new Allen, reference required call 606-874-2212

650- Mobile Homes

MH FOR RENT: 2 BR CH/A, partially furnished. 886-3628.

2 BR MH for rent in Martin. Call 285-3980.

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TRAILER FOR RENT at Garrett KY. 358-0239.

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660- Miscellaneous

FOR RENT:
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* MH slip
* Barn access 3 stalls
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NOTICES

812 - Free

FREE PALLETS: can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

815- Lost & Found

REWARD: Lost in the Betsy Layne Pike/Floyd Hollow area-female black lab, 1 yr old, recently spayed, wearing a blue collar, answers to "Buffy". any information call 478-4629. leave message or 226-0298.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 877-0165

AMENDMENT 4

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that DFM, Inc., P.O. Box 367, Old U.S. 23, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.5 mile north of Gunlock in Magoffin/Floyd County. The amendment operation will add 157.57 acres of surface disturbance and 131.77 acres of highwall/thin seam mining area, making a total area of 1378.73 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.7 mile north from Brushy Fork Road's junction with Ky. Route 7, and located on Molly Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, David L. Francis, John Arnett Heirs, Tonie Wireman Heirs, Sandy Shepherd, Marie Whitaker, Ruth Shepherd, Nancy Whitaker, Luther Shepherd, Edgar Fleming, and Kelly Hale Heirs. The highwall/thin seam mining will underlie Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, David L. Francis, John Arnett

Heirs, Astro Clay Collins, et al., Rose Collins, and Vonda & James Kerns. The operation will use the area mining and highwall/thin seam methods of mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127, South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

This is the final advertisement for this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5438 RENEWAL

(1) In accordance with 405 KAR 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for renewal of an underground coal mining operation, located 0.8 mile northwest of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The operation includes 17.71 surface acres and underlies 518.0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary is 535.71 acres.

(2) The operation is approximately 0.4 mile southeast from KY 2030's junction with Gunstock Branch Road, and located on Gunstock Branch. The latitude is 37°30'47". The longitude is 82°42'40".

(3) The operation is located on the Harold and McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by Marion Roberts Estate. The permitted land underlies land owned by Eddie L. Kidd, Walker & Ruby Gayheart, Albert & Lackie Stephens, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Ola B. & Bee

Halbert, James Wilson McKinney, Huber Lawson, Lowell Thomas Carroll, Kenny & Janet Greer, Steve & Phyllis Hall, Marion Roberts Estate, Harry & Phyllis Lawson, Clyde Greer, Donald & Lois Adkins, Elmer & Phebe Case, Edgar & Lucinda Kidd, Beverly Wright, Charles & Dorothy Meade Heirs, Michael & Rita Hancock, John & Ethel Elliott, Robert Anthony and Dale Kidd, Dwayne & Sue Carrol, Ivan & Ethel Carrol, Johnny & Sally Meade Heirs, Norma Jean Mature, Douglas Gene & Cecil & Martha Hunter, Douglas Gene & Wanda Akers, Anna Mays Perkins, Brigham & Emalene Roberts, Oscar & Opal June McKinney, Del Wayne McKinney, Ronald Spurlock, and Ray & Geraldine Spurlock.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5470

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a permit for an underground mining operation, located approximately 0.23 mile northeast of Orkney, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 15.15 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 1,011.85 acres, making a total of 1,027.00 acres within the total permit boundary.

The proposed operation is located 0.23 mile northeast from State Route 122's junction with Spewing Camp Branch Road, and located 0.2 mile north of Spewing

Camp Branch. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Nicholas Cooley and Mary Anderson. The permit area will underlie land owned by Kennel Dye, Rabon and Millie Dye, Millie Hall Estate, Mary Jane Anderson, Jimmy R. and Diana Conley, Brenda Johnson, Anita Stumbo, Curtis and Pamela Sword, Richard Stumbo Estate, Polly Howell Estate, Progress Land Corporation, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Sterlion Gayheart, Ed Moore Estate, Day Gayheart, Ivan and Shirley Moore, Ted Moore, Prophet Moore Estate, Willard Moore Estate, Jake Cooley, Bertha Short, Donald and Brenda Howell, Jerry F. Howell, Edgar and Leviathan Jones, JRM Coal Co., Inc., Tracy and Linda Frasure, Randall and Judy Frasure, Deanie and Kathryn Frasure, Elvie and Jane Collins, Bethel and Avellene Gayheart, Bill Mosley, Carl and Patricia Mosley, Green and Hellen Gayheart, and Bert Newnan.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0314

(1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, Inc., 25 Clydean Drive, Leburn, Kentucky 41831, has applied for a surface area, Mountaintop, contour, surface re-mining, and auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.22 miles southwest of

Grethel in - Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 695.37 acres, and will underlie 219.77 acres (of which 206.64 acres underlie permitted surface acreage, and will not be added to the total permit area), the total area within the permit boundary will be 708.50 acres.

(2) The proposed operation area is approximately 0.75 mile southwest from Frasure Branch County Road's junction with State Route 979, and is located along Little Mud Creek.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elkhorn Coal Corporation, Walker and Ella Hall, Johnny and Annetta Hamilton, Iva Howell, Donald Ray and Vivian Newsome, William Hall Heirs, and Estaline Rathburn. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elkhorn Coal Corporation, Walker and Ella Hall, Johnny and Annetta Hamilton, Iva Howell,

Donald Ray and Vivian Newsome, William Hall Heirs, and Estaline Rathburn. The operation will use the contour, area, mountaintop, re-mining and auger methods of mining.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Richard Campbell has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, proposing to raise a residential structure above the 100 year Floodplain. The proposed site is located on Clark Drive, left

of Ky. Route 114, approximately 2.2 miles west of the intersection of Ky. Route 114 and U.S. 23, on the south side of Middle Creek, at latitude 37°39'15".4" N and longitude 82°49'22.8" W. 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, Ky. 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5465

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Mason Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2864, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 2.2 miles east of Emma, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 3.63 surface acres, and will underlie 130.38 acres, and the total

area within the permit boundary will be 134.01 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 2.2 miles south-east from Ky. Rt. 194's junction with Ky. Rt. 1428, and located on Cow Creek. The latitude is 37°38'07". The longitude is 82°39'27".

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer/Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Sarah B. Allen. The operation will underlie land owned by Sarah B. Allen and Woodrow W. Burchett Jr.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The second reading and adoption of Floyd County's proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006, ordinance 05-001, is scheduled to be held at the courthouse on June 17, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.

BUDGET SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Fiscal Court on the 22nd day of April, 2005, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on the ___ day of June, 2005.

SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2004-2005, and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

(01)	GENERAL FUND		
	General Government	2,027,111.00	
	Protection to Persons & Property	205,000.00	
	General Health & Sanitation	1,733,600.00	
	Social Services	73,000.00	
	Recreation & Culture	21,000.00	
	Airport	2,500.00	
	Inspections	10,000.00	
	Debt Service	2,102,382.00	
	Capital Projects	10,000.00	
	Administration	815,427.00	
	TOTAL		7,000,000.00
(02)	ROAD FUND		
	Roads	967,910.00	
	Debt Service	100,500.00	
	Administration	431,590.00	
	TOTAL		1,500,000.00
(03)	JAIL FUND		
	Protection to Persons & Property	1,153,800.00	
	Debt Service	489,300.00	
	Administration	356,900.00	
	TOTAL		2,000,000.00
(04)	LGEA FUND		
	Economic Development	575,000.00	
	Protection to Persons & Property	200,600.00	
	General Health & Sanitation	2,362,188.00	
	Recreation & Culture	887,850.00	
	Roads	2,300,000.00	
	Debt Service	53,000.00	
	Capital Projects	212,000.00	
	Administration	289,362.00	
	TOTAL		6,900,000.00
(06)	STATE GRANTS		
	Protection to Persons & Property	20,000.00	
	TOTAL		20,000.00
(07)	FEDERAL GRANTS		
	General Government	25,000.00	
	General Health & Sanitation	212,000.00	
	Social Services	12,000.00	
	Capital Projects	220,000.00	
	TOTAL		469,000.00
(10)	BOND FUNDS		
	Bond Construction Fund	1,000.00	
	TOTAL		1,000.00
(75)	REVOLVING FUNDS		
	Revolving Loan Fund	14,500.00	
	TOTAL		14,500.00
(76)	E-911 FUNDS		
	Protection to Persons & Property	236,763.00	
	Debt Service	5,400.00	
	Administration	53,337.00	
	TOTAL		295,500.00
	TOTAL BUDGET		18,200,000.00

SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be published in the Floyd County newspaper by title and summary within 30 days following adoption.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in Floyd County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's proposed budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, during normal business hours.

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Sandy Valley Water District Annual Water Quality Report

PWSID # 0360384

We are very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the quality of our water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

We buy our water wholesale from the City of Pikeville and the City of Prestonsburg. The raw water source for both cities is the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. Normally our customers located from Blackburn's Greenhouse to the Boldman Bridge are served by the Prestonsburg source and our customers located from the Boldman Bridge to the new Wal-Mart are served by the Pikeville source.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Pat Layne at (606)-478-5500. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please contact Pat anytime prior to any of our regularly scheduled board meetings. They are normally held on the second Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the water district office located at 525 George Road, Betsy Layne, Kentucky.

The final source water assessment for the City of Prestonsburg's raw water has been completed and is contained in the Big Sandy Area Development District Water Assessment Plan. A summary of the system's susceptibility to potential sources of contamination is: underground storage tanks, RCRIS hazardous waste handlers, NREPC Waste Water Treatment Plant and highway bridges. The plan is available for inspection at the Prestonsburg City's Utilities office (Telephone: 606-886-6871) or at the BSADD office.

The final source water assessment for the City of Pikeville's raw water has been completed and is available for inspection at the Big Sandy Area Development District office, or the Pike County Judge's office or the Pikeville/Pike County public library. Activities and land uses upstream of Pikeville Water Department's raw water can pose potential risks to your drinking water. An analysis of the susceptibility of the Pikeville Water Department raw water supply to contamination has been completed. The area is highly influenced by commercial and industrial businesses, traffic flow on U.S. 23, and the location of major railways. As with most of Kentucky's surface water sources of supply, Pikeville Water Department is subjected to non-point pollution from various activities such as agriculture,

mining and road construction. Within the greater source water protection area, potential contaminant sources of concern include 3 major roads, 1 railroad, 4 small sewage plants, 1 activity, contained landfill, 1 active superfund site, 9 bridges, and culverts, and 3 points of activity mining. Each of these potential sources of contamination is rated high in a susceptibility analysis because of the contaminant type, their proximity to the intake, and the high chance of release.

Sandy Valley Water District routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table enclosed within shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2004.

Definitions and Abbreviations:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Picocuries per liter - (pCi/L) a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - a measure of the clarity of water. We monitor for turbidity because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

Treatment Technique (TT) - a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to microbial contaminants.

The data presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with administrative regulations in 401 KAR Chapter 8. As authorized and approved by EPA, the State has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data in this table, though representative, may be more than one year old.

	Allowable Levels	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly %	Violation Yes/No	Likely Source
Turbidity (NTU) TT	Never more than 1 NTU Less than 0.3 NTU 95% of samples each month.	#1=0.36 #2=0.30	#1=96% #2=100%	#1=N #2=N	Soil runoff

REGULATED CONTAMINANT TEST RESULTS

Contaminant (code) (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Date of Sample	Violation Yes/No	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Organic Carbon (ppm) measured as ppm, but reported as a ratio.*	TT	N/A	#1=1.01 #2=1.00 (lowest average)	#1=0.84-1.33 #2=1.0-1.0 (monthly ratios)	#1=4th Qtr #2=2004	#1=N #2=N	Naturally present in environment.

*Monthly ratio is the % TOC removal achieved to the % TOC removal required. Annual average of the monthly ratios must be 1.00 or greater for compliance.

Arsenic [1005] (ppb)	50	N/A	#1=1 #2=1	#1=1 #2=1	#1=Aug 2004	#1=N	Erosion of natural deposits, runoff from orchards.
Copper [1022] (ppm) (Zero sites exceeded the Action Level) (AL)	AL=1.3	1.3	0 (90 th Percentile)	0-0.02	Jun-Sep 2002	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride [1025] (ppm)	4	4	#1=1.32 #2=1.4	#1=0.82-1.32 #2=0.91-1.40	#1=May #2=Sept 2004	#1=N #2=N	Erosion of natural deposits, water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) [1040] (ppm)	10	10	#1=0.23 #2=0.5	#1=0.23 #2=0.27-0.50	#1=July #2=Dec 2004	#1=N #2=N	Runoff from fertilizer use, leaching from septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine (ppm)	MRD = 4	MRDLG = 4	1.39 (highest average)	0.3 - 2.0	1st Qtr. 2004	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
THM [total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	80	0	#1=80 #2=62 (highest average)	#1=24-103 #2=22-103	#1=1 st Qtr #2=2 nd Qtr 2004	#1=N #2=N	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Halo acetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	#1=34 #2=35 (Annual Average)	#1=12-90 #2=15-52	#1=4th Qtr #2=4th Qtr 2004	#1=N #2=N	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Barium [1010] (ppm)	2	2	#2=.0557	#2=.059	#2=Aug 2004	#2=N	Discharge of drilling wastes, discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits
Alpha Emitters [4000] (pCi/l)	15	0	#2=1.1	#2=1.1	#2=Jul 2003	#2=N	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228 (pCi/l)	5	0	#2=0.8	#2=0.2-0.8	#2=Feb 2003	#2=N	Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium [1045] (ppb)	50	50	#2=2.2	#2=2.2	#2=Aug 2004	N	Erosion of natural deposits

#1 represents the City of Prestonsburg and #2 represents the City of Pikeville

Maximum Contaminant Levels:

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Violations:

Our supplier #1 received (1) notice of violation for failing to submit analytical results for Total Organic Carbon (TOC) for June 2004. There were no potential health effects to the public. The analytical results for TOC were completed on time and sent to the KY. Division of Water for submittal. Our supplier #1 received notification of receipt. Results were resubmitted to Kentucky Division of Water and public notification waived.

We received a Notice of Violation from the Kentucky Division of Water in 2004 for failing to submit analytical results for asbestos for 2002-2004 (first 3 years of 9 year window). We did test for asbestos in April 2004 and no asbestos was detected.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects may be obtained by calling the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include microbial contaminants, inorganic contaminants, pesticides and herbicides, organic chemical contaminants, and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

We at Sandy Valley Water District work diligently to provide top quality water to every tap. Our water operators are highly trained, tested and certified by the state of Kentucky. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

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