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## NEW SEASON, SAME GOALS

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### briefs

## Coal co. cited for mud spill

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A Pike County coal mine has been cited by state inspectors for allegedly discharging muddy water into a small stream near Virgie.

The Kentucky Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement issued the citation to H&D Coal Co. for the discharge on Aug. 15, said Paul Rothman, director of the state agency.

Rothman said a local resident reported the discharge into the stream, known as Right Fork, to the agency. Inspectors found "extremely muddy water" being pumped into the stream from a sediment pond at the rate of 80 to 90 gallons per minute.

Inspectors ordered the company to immediately cease pumping when they arrived on the site. Company representatives couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

The muddy water fouled 2.4 miles of the stream. Rothman said no fish kill was observed.

## Siblings find each other after four decades apart

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

An internet search group has helped reunite eight siblings who were taken from their Eastern Kentucky home in 1965.

The siblings, sons and daughters of Albert Ray and Martha Harrison, lived together on Little Mud Creek before the separation. Albert Harrison died suddenly at 35 with tuberculosis, the siblings say,

and the children were later taken by the state and adopted by other families throughout Kentucky. They all currently live in different parts of the U.S., but some of them lived 30 minutes or an hour away from each other and didn't know it.

"You don't know how many sleepless nights we've had," said Joanne Innis, aunt to the siblings. "If I waked up during the night, me and my husband would talk about it. We waited to have the kids, thinking we could get some of them. The

court didn't give the family a chance. We didn't even know how to go about trying to find them."

Innis isn't the only one who's had trouble trying to locate the siblings. At least seven different groups, sibling Jennifer DeRossett-Morrison said, have tried to locate them. Most of them changed their names when they were adopted. Some of them were too young to remember much about their brothers and sisters or their life on Mud Creek. They've spent 41

years wondering about the dark spots in their childhood memories.

"It's so hard to explain. It's like a new beginning. We can quit worrying now and go on with our lives," said twin Vickie Taylor, 45. "We can get together and do things we lost 41 years ago. I still can't believe it. It feels so much like a dream."

The reunion, she says, is helping the siblings put together pieces of their past,

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photo by Mary Music

Respond Ambulance workers tended to Jessie Gambill, a Salyersville resident injured Thursday in a U.S. 23 wreck.

## Cars collide after running into truck's cloud of smoke

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The mechanical failure of a coal truck caused a two-car collision on U.S. 23 Thursday morning. The accident occurred approximately two miles outside of Allen, near Discount Auto Brokers.

Prestonsburg Police Officer John Dale said a turbocharger on

coal truck, driven by Randall Ramey of Elkhorn, "went out," causing oil to flood the engine. A "cloud of smoke," Dale said, blocked the highway and two drivers in the southbound lane collided because they couldn't see each other.

"All I saw was a thick fog, but when I got up on it, it didn't dissipate like fog," said James L. Perry, driver of a 1997 Pontiac Grand Am

that was totaled in the accident. "Once I realized it wouldn't go away, it was too late for me to do anything about it."

Perry, who appeared uninjured, rammed the back of a 1995 Chevy Cavalier driven by Jessie Gambill, of Salyersville. Gambill was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center by Respond

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## Hardy pleads guilty to bilking flood victims

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Blue River man accused of scamming county residents out of money they raised to make repairs on their homes after the Memorial Day flood of 2004 entered a guilty plea to those charges at his pretrial conference Thursday.

Chris Hardy admitted under oath that he used the name Arizo when he operated the scam, saying that it was his mother's name. He pleaded guilty to five counts of theft by deception and one count of theft by unlawful taking for leaving the area in his ex-girlfriend's truck, which he neglected to return.

Hardy accepted a deal upon the recommendation of the Commonwealth Attorney's Office which will have him serve six con-

current sentences of five years each, with five years being the maximum sentence allowable for a class D felony.

Hardy fled the area last December when the charges came to light after several of his victims reported their experiences with him to Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum. The charges eventually went before a grand jury, which handed down an indictment against Hardy in March.

He remained at large until April when he was arrested in Kenton County and charged there with receiving stolen property and criminal mischief. After pleading guilty to those charges and receiving a probated sentence, he was transferred to Floyd County to face his theft charges. At

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## McHugh appointed GM of The Times

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — William R. "Bill" McHugh has been named general manager of The Floyd County Times.

McHugh began his new position Thursday. He comes to Floyd County having enjoyed a long and successful career in the newspaper industry.

"I am looking forward to becoming a part of the local community," McHugh said. "I am committed to seeing that The Floyd County Times remains a vital part of the community and serves the best interests of our readers and advertisers."

Most recently, McHugh was president of the Northern Group for 21st Century Newspapers in Michigan, where he oversaw one daily, one twice-weekly, five weeklies, 27 shoppers, two commercial printing plants and a private distribution system.

Prior to moving to



William R. "Bill" McHugh

Michigan, he serve as publisher for Ledger Newspapers in Quarryville, Pa., a group of six weekly newspapers with 17,000 circulation.

McHugh began his newspaper career in the production department of the Miami Herald and spent the next 20 years in various circulation and general management roles with Knight-Ridder newspapers.

McHugh and his wife, Kris, have two children in college.

He replaces David Bowyer.

## Otter Creek begins taking inmates

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — Otter Creek Correctional Center reopened its doors Tuesday and accepted 42 women prisoners from Pee-wee Valley in Oldham County.

The prison, which had formally served male inmates from Indiana, expects to get up to 400 inmates in the future.

State Rep. Chuck Meade praised the reopening and remarked on the struggle to keep the facility open when he said,

"The people of Floyd County

and the state Corrections Department have worked tirelessly, since before the closing of the men's prison, to save the jobs at Otter Creek," Meade said. "Today, we see that hard work pay off."

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## Strosnider to address UNITE meeting

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Operation UNITE Coalition will welcome a special guest speaker at its regularly scheduled meeting on the grounds of Big Sandy Community and

Technical College on Monday night.

Dr. John Scanlon, medical director of addiction services at Pikeville Medical Center, is expected to speak at 7 p.m. in the Pike Building on the nature of addiction and what services are available for addicts seeking treat-

ment.

Scanlon has practiced in southeast Kentucky for several years and was the first resident in the UK Center for Rural Health Family Medicine Program, which was situated in Hazard.

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### 2 DAY FORECAST

Today  
**Strong storms**  
High: 92 • Low: 71

Tomorrow  
**Scattered storms**  
High: 94 • Low: 68

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# Odds & Ends

■ **CANANDAIGUA, N.Y.** — It sounds a little corny.

A farmer looking for love has planted a personals ad, using corn stalks in a cow pasture. It reads: "S.W.F Got-2 (love symbol) Farm'n."

Underneath is a 1,000-foot-long arrow pointing single white females to his house.

"It only took me about an hour — I did it with a corn planter in May," Pieter DeHond said Wednesday as he removed weeds from the 18-acre field. "I was just horsing around."

In place of a newspaper ad, DeHond said he decided on an impulse to use up the extra corn seed left after spring planting at his 200-acre Pleasure Acres farm in western New York.

"I wouldn't place a personal ad in the paper. To me it seems desperate," he added, laughing. "This is more of a fun thing. I put this out in a field where nobody could see it unless you flew over it."

The 41-year-old divorced father said running a business and looking after his two

teenagers doesn't leave a lot of room for socializing.

His corn stalk appeal, featured this week in his hometown Daily Messenger newspaper, has already drawn quite a few phone calls and e-mails.

"I'd be lying if I told you I wasn't a little proud," DeHond said.

■ **ALBUQUERQUE** — It was disgusting — but it wasn't a felony.

A dental student who sent some chewed bubble gum along with a money order to pay a speeding ticket has been found innocent of two felony counts of mailing a threat.

The wad of bubble gum was treated as a HAZMAT incident when a worker at the Santa Fe Motor Vehicle Division office opened the envelope. A note with the gum read: "Caution Touch at your own risk or use gloves. Ha-ha."

An attorney for 24-year-old Rosemary Ho argued it was "the stupid act of a young girl," not a terrorist threat. The federal jury agreed.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Amy Sirignano had said the MVD employee did not think Ho's

note was a joke and that the worker reacted "the way any reasonable public employee would."

■ **YAKIMA, Wash.** — Maybe all the good trees were already taken?

A quail looking for a place to nest apparently found a nice, warm spot under the hood of Ellie Barr's SUV. Barr said she found a nest holding three speckled quail eggs when she went to add windshield wiper fluid to her car over the weekend.

A fourth egg was visible outside the nearly foot-wide tangle of twigs, apparently having been dislodged while the car was in motion. The nest was in a

flat spot over the wheel well beside the engine on the driver's side, she said.

"I think there was probably a quail following me to work, going, 'Wait, wait! My babies are in there!'" Barr said.

Much as she likes the chubby little birds, Barr said she got rid of the quail nest on the spot for fear that it could ignite and start an engine fire.

■ **PERTH, Australia** — A Japanese man who wrapped 24 protected turtles and a lizard inside socks and tried to mail them to Japan has been fined more than \$18,000.

Kazutaka Ogawa, 32, pleaded guilty in the Western Australia state District Court

earlier this month to three charges of illegal exportation and animal cruelty.

He confessed to authorities that he had intended to sell the reptiles in Japan for more than \$7,000 each over the Internet.

Ogawa was arrested after postal staff alerted customs officials at Perth International Airport about a suspicious package. X-rays revealed 24 Oblong turtles — 13 of which were dead — and one Shingleback lizard, all tightly wrapped in socks.

Ogawa posted the package five hours before he boarded a flight for Japan. He was detained and questioned about the smuggling attempt when he returned to Australia in March 26 this year.

## Today in History

**The Associated Press**

Today is Friday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 2005. There are 134 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** Fifty years ago, on Aug. 19, 1955, severe flooding in the northeastern U.S. claimed some 200 lives.

On this date:

■ In 1812, the U.S.S. Constitution defeated the British frigate Guerriere east of Nova Scotia during the War of 1812.

■ In 1848, the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California.

■ In 1929, the comedy program "Amos and Andy," starring Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll, made its network radio debut on NBC.

■ In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

■ In 1942, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering about 50-percent casualties.

■ In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage.

■ In 1974, U.S. Ambassador Roger P. Davies was fatally wounded by a bullet that penetrated the American embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, during a protest by Greek Cypriots.

■ In 1976, President Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City.

■ In 1980, 301 people aboard a Saudi Arabian L-1011 died as the jetliner made a fiery emergency landing at the Riyadh airport.

■ In 1991, Soviet hard-liners announced to a shocked world that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev had been removed from power. (The coup collapsed two days later.)

**Ten years ago:** Three top U.S. diplomats heading to peace talks in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, were killed when their armored vehicle plunged off a muddy road and exploded.

**Five years ago:** Norwegian divers with video equipment went down to the

sunken Russian submarine Kursk in a final attempt to find survivors trapped for a week, even though Russian officials said all 118 seamen aboard were probably dead.

**One year ago:** Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry fought back against campaign allegations that he had exaggerated his combat record in Vietnam, accusing President Bush of using a Republican front group "to do his dirty work." Google began trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market, ending the day up \$15.34 at \$100.34. Carly Patterson won gymnastics' premier event at the Olympics in Athens, becoming the first U.S. woman to win the all-around title since Mary Lou Retton in 1984.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor L.Q. Jones is 78. Actress Debra Paget is 72. Tennis coach Renee Richards is 71. Actress Diana Muldaur is 67. Rock musician Ginger Baker (Cream, Blind Faith) is 66. Singer Johnny Nash is 65. Actress Jill St. John is 65. Actor and former U-S senator Fred Thompson is 63. Singer Billy J. Kramer is 62. Country singer-songwriter Eddy Raven is 61. Rock singer Ian Gillan (Deep Purple) is 60. Former President Clinton is 59. Tipper Gore, wife of former Vice President Al Gore, is 57. Actor Gerald McRaney is 57. Rock musician John Deacon (Queen) is 54. Actor Jonathan Frakes is 53. Actor Peter Gallagher is 50. Actor Adam Arkin is 49. Singer-songwriter Gary Chapman is 48. Actor Martin Donovan is 48. Actor Eric Lutes is 43. Actor John Stamos is 42. Actress Kyra Sedgwick is 40. Actor Kevin Dillon is 40. Country singer Lee Ann Womack is 39. TV reporter Tabitha Soren is 38. Country singer-songwriter Mark McGuinn is 37. Actor Matthew Perry is 36. Country singer Clay Walker is 36. Rapper Fat Joe is 35. Tennis player Mary Joe Fernandez is 34. Actress Erika Christensen is 23. Actor J. Evan Bonifant is 20. Rapper Lil' Romeo is 16.

**Thought for Today:** "Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got." — Janis Joplin, American rock singer (1943-1970).

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## Reunion

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like their father's death. Taylor was adopted when she was 6, along with her twin sister, Mickie, by Marshall County residents Richard and Lois Davis.

Morrison, whose birth name was Shelby Jean, is the youngest female sibling. Her brothers and sisters say the reunion is taking place because "she wouldn't give up."

Last month, Morrison, who was 2 years old when the separation occurred, contacted the Kentucky Search Angels, an online adoption assistance chat group on the Yahoo website.

The Angels Searching in Kentucky Group assists with adoption search, support and reunions in Kentucky. With 10 members, it's a sister group to SoaringAngels, and it was organized on July 18 by the site owner, Barbara Shewak, who resides in Florida.

Members of the group work voluntarily, giving their spare time and money to find adopted family members.

Shewak said she organized both groups after helping her brother find an adopted family member.

"There's a lot of agencies out there who are in this for the money and the glory," Shewak said. "Not this group. We have quite a little group here ... It's such a feeling to be able to do something like this for somebody. We've changed their whole life for them."

Search Angel Erica Ratliff, from Bath County, holds a full-time job as a private caregiver. She got involved with the group after another Search Angel, Pam Kish, found her parents three years ago.

"When I started [searching for her birth parents] I thought there was nothing I could do," Ratliff said. "She [Kish] found her three years ago on Easter Sunday. That was a big Easter basket ... We're here to help, that's what we do in Kentucky. A lot of people think that it costs you a lot to find your birth parents. It doesn't. There are sources there that will help you find them."

Kish, a North Carolina resident and a full-time mother and grandmother, said she became a Search Angel after her mother died suddenly from cancer from years ago. She said she realized how important it was for her children to have access to their medical history. She began searching for her husband's birth parents, and an internet Search Angel found the information for her in only three days.

"I was born and raised by my natural parents," Kish said. "I know my heritage and I know where I started out. The government, in most states, is telling adoptees that they have no right

to know who they are or where they started out. With my experience in three years of searches and over 300 reunions, I can say that the government does treat adoptees as second-class citizens. They do not have the same rights as those of us who were born to our natural parents and who stay with our natural parents."

Fortunately, Kish said, Kentucky has "made great strides" providing information to adoptees, but it is still a lengthy process to obtain information. She said that 578 adoptees petitioned the state to release their adoption files in March 2004. Kish is currently working on a search for a woman who petitioned the state for the information in 1996. She encourages adoptees to contact their lawmakers to make adoption more easily available to adoptees.

"We're bringing Kentucky home, one angel at a time," Kish said.

The names (birth names and adoptive names), birth dates and current addresses of all eight Harrison siblings were located within 48 hours, Kish said. Approximately 99 percent of the adoption search information is available online for free as a matter of public record.

On July 31, just a couple of weeks after contacting the group, Morrison joined her brother, Albert Ray (Harrison) Beckett, in Marshall County, for dinner with their twin sisters. It was the first time the siblings had seen each other in 41 years. It was also Beckett's birthday.

"It was the first time I'd seen any of them since the day they took us away. I was 5," said twin Mickie Taylor, 45, of Benton. "I was scared. I really didn't know what to say or do. My husband had to come in and get me. I had a feeling like, 'I don't know if I want to do this or not.' I didn't know if they were really my family. But if you see us, or look at us, you can see that we're so much alike that we're related,

without a doubt. All I did was bawl. It was amazing."

Morrison said that she and her husband were at the Meijer's grocery store in Lexington when she made contact with Vickie Taylor, who had been found by a Search Angel.

"I was in Meijer's grocery store, it was about 4:30 when she called and said, 'Vickie is sitting at the phone now waiting on your phone call and she's getting married at 6,'" Morrison said. "When I got out of Meijer's and I called, she said it was the best wedding present she could have ever had. But they're really sweet girls. Now we have constant contact on the computer. It's, 'I love you, Sis,' 'I miss you, Sis.' My husband says, 'Lord-a-mercy! I never seen so much lovin!'"

"When we went to her house, I'd rather have done anything than leave that day, but I had to get back home," Morrison continued.

"It's good to have other brothers, but to have sisters, it's weird. I was sitting in the kitchen one day and I said, 'Mommy, I talk to my sisters all the time on the computer.' Mom said, 'That sounds weird to hear you say, 'My sisters.'"

Utah Harrison, 52, of Stanton, is the family's oldest sibling.

He said he was at his grandmother's house with his brother, Edgar, when the officials came to take the children away.

"They sent for me and him to come home and I knew something was up," he said. "I wouldn't go, but my brother did go, and I stayed with Grandma. The kids, from the oldest down, are me, Edgar, Mary, then the twins Mickie and Vickie, Albert Ray, Shelby Jean and James Ray ... We wandered around to try to find them, me and my wife did, but we never had enough gas money to get too far. They changed all their names and we couldn't get a lead. It's been 41 years since we saw each other."

Harrison kept in moderate

contact with his mother while living with his grandmother, Sarah Ward, in Ivel.

After getting a phone number from Innis, Harrison called Beckett and spoke to him for the first time in 41 years.

"Joanne called and said they found him and gave me the number and I up and called him," Harrison said. "He was surprised. He said it pleased him to death to find out that he had brothers and sisters. We lived about an hour apart and we didn't know one another."

Beckett, who moved last year from Florida (after suffering through four hurricanes) to Cynthiana, was 4 years old when the separation took place. He was adopted and raised by Harold and Ann Beckett. He learned of the adoption when he was 6 years old.

"I don't remember any of it," he said. "I didn't know him when he called. I knew I had brothers and sisters, but that's all I knew."

Beckett told his wife that she was crazy when he got contacted by his sisters.

"I was asleep and my wife, Bonnie, called and told me that my sister was looking for me. I told her, 'Well, I only got one sister [Morrison] and I haven't talked to her in a long time.' She said, 'No, your other sisters.' I said, 'Woman, you must be drunk, but hang on and I'll be right there!' I was pretty tickled. It's something I've waited on my whole life. I knew I had brothers and sisters out there somewhere. It's great, I love 'em to death. I still have three I haven't met yet — Mary, Edgar and Matthew."

"People just don't know what it feels like to finally meet your brothers and sisters after 41 years," he continued. "It's the greatest feeling, ever, to me. I hope it never happens to anybody again. I hope nobody gets taken like that. I feel like we were cheated out of 41 years. We'll try to make it all up, though. We'll get what we can

## Guilty

his arraignment in June, Hardy told the court that, "I was not running from this situation." Hardy tried to make another statement during his plea Thursday but heeded advice from Judge Danny P. Caudill, who cautioned him that he was on the record and that he should speak to his attorney before deciding to make a statement to the court.

Many of Hardy's victims remarked that he was very charming and that he made a big deal about having a strong work ethic which impressed them because of his obvious infirmity of missing his left leg. Hardy, according to his brother Richard, lost the leg in an accident involving a railcar when he was a child.

One of his victims noted that

she felt bad about pressing charges last year, saying, "I feel something for him. Isn't that shame?"

Hardy habitually removed the prosthesis he wore as it irritated his left knee and left town before retrieving the leg from one victim's home.

David Watson, who worked with Hardy briefly, felt differently about the matter. Last year he said that he had little hope of getting back nearly \$900 that Hardy owes him but said, "I'd settle for 10 minutes alone with him in a room."

Watson also related how Hardy stalled his customers' pleas for him to start work by borrowing a credit card from one of client and using it to purchase building supplies which he dropped off at their homes on

the premise that he would return soon to start work.

Hardy's persuasive skills were not in evidence during his stay at the Floyd County Jail. Last week he was charged with threatening a guard at the facility. His brother has said that Hardy suffers from bipolar disorder as well as depression, and said last year that disappearing for months at a time was not unusual for his brother.

The Commonwealth Attorney's Office was torn between offering a restitution/probated sentence to Hardy or going for a straight sentence and ultimately went with the jail time as Hardy had limited financial resources and had shown that he was not reliable with money or property.

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## UNITE

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Scanlon has mainly worked in the area of addiction medicine since 1997 and has actively worked with medication assisted treatment for addicts.

Scanlon also has a lot to say to pregnant mothers who may be struggling with addiction. Since 2004 he has worked at Pikeville Medical Center developing protocols for the treatment of drug-addicted pregnant women. He also serves as a consultant at the federal and state level on such treatments, and on the staff of the Pike County Drug Court and has a leadership role with the UNITE coalition in Pike County.

## Wreck

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Ambulance Service. Her injuries were not reported.

Several officials with the Prestonsburg fire and police departments responded to the scene. Traffic was congested in the area for several minutes.

Dale, who was first to respond, continues the investigation.

## Prison

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The state Department of Corrections announced Wednesday that 252 state inmates could be housed at the facility by month's end. Many of the inmates will come from the Little Sandy Correctional Complex, with more expected from county jails.

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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

— Samuel Butler

## Amendment 1

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## Guest View

### Editorial roundup

#### Journal Star, Peoria, Ill., on Cindy Sheehan:

Nothing the president of the United States can say will make the death of Casey Sheehan in Iraq easier for his mother, Cindy Sheehan, to bear. Her opposition to this war, and her belief that George W. Bush is insensitive to the loss of her Eagle Scout son in April 2004, suggest that she doesn't so much want to hear what he has to say as to make sure he hears what's on her mind. She has vowed not to leave the road leading to his Texas ranch until he spends 10 minutes with her or she is arrested.

He should give her the 10 minutes.

Those who argue against such a meeting say it would hurt the war effort by giving the opposition undeserved importance. They go so far as to say it would strengthen Iraq's insurgents if the president were forced to debate the merits of our continued presence with a woman who thinks her son died in vain. Then there are the practical concerns. Nearly 1,900 Americans have died in Iraq, and the president doesn't have 10 minutes for their every parent, spouse, child and sibling. He is to be commended for meeting with 900 relatives of 272 dead Americans as it is, including Mrs. Sheehan. ...

The president's time is valuable and limited, to be sure, and Americans have been dying at the rate of 15 a week. But he probably can spare 10 minutes to speak with relatives who ask — those who share his belief that these deaths have been for a noble cause, those like Mrs. Sheehan who do not, and those who think it's too early to know. How they feel about the war is irrelevant. What's relevant is that somebody they loved deeply died in the service of country, they are grieving, and that ought to be worth 10 minutes of George W. Bush's time.

The president should open his door to the mom.

#### The Buffalo (N.Y.) News, on Cuba policy:

Protesters of American policy on Cuba can fairly be accused of a certain blindness in their zeal for change, too willing to overlook the despotic nature of Fidel Castro's regime. But that doesn't mean they are wrong.

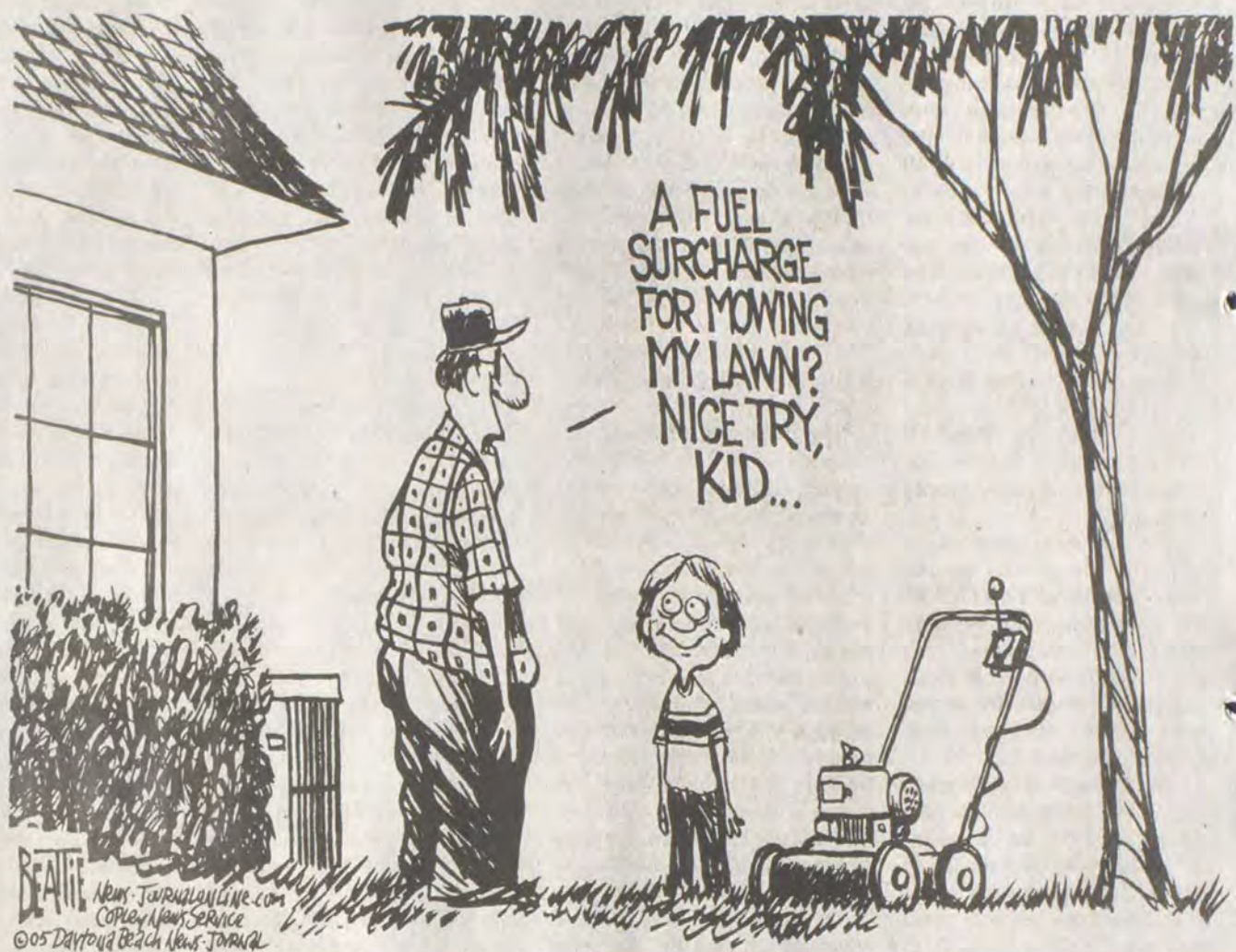
The activists who crossed the Peace Bridge into Buffalo last week after an illegal trip to the island nation understand that U.S. policy is hurtful and hypocritical, and that it has less to do with core convictions than it does with political pandering. That wither-on-the-vine policy may have made some kind of sense when the Cold War was running at its peak, and the Soviets were trying to place nuclear missiles in Cuba, but those days are long gone. Decades have passed and threats eliminated without any meaningful change in approach.

Today, that policy is pointless, except as a cynical pitch to Florida's powerful anti-Castro voting bloc. Worse, it's cruel. It divides families, deepens poverty and risks the health of Cubans. Castro does all those things to his own people, too, of course, and while American policy should be devoted to changing that, nearly 50 years after Castro took power, there is little reason to suspect this strategy is about to work.

More troubling, why should American policy toward Communists in Cuba be so radically different from the one toward Communists in China? There, policy is to engage the country in an effort to draw it ever more deeply into the world economy, thence toward greater freedom, if not actual democracy.

But in Cuba, a country that poses absolutely no threat to American interests, the policy is to starve the wretches into submission, no matter the cost. It's a shameful use of America's power to punish. Our goal should be to isolate Castro from the people he abuses, pressuring him to relax his grip on the country. Instead, we feed his ability to make us the enemy.

It's crazy. American policy, under Republican and Democratic presidents, has been driven by a group of voters who cannot see past their understandable hatred of Castro toward a saner policy, one that might actually benefit those they have left behind. We need leaders who can do better than this.



## Guest Column

### Excessive secrecy won't make us safe

by DANIELLE BRIAN  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Congress and the Bush administration have expanded the kinds of information that are withheld from the public. Clearly, a more careful approach was needed, given the new terrorist threats against the American people.

However, since then, government agencies have issued nearly 50 sets of rules for keeping even non-classified information secret. These hastily conceived rules represent a veritable Wild West of government secrecy - there are no standards and no protections against abuse. The result is that government agencies can easily conceal corruption, errors and security failures.

The Department of Homeland Security has led by bad example. As Senator Robert Byrd pointed out in 2003, Congress gave the agency "carte blanche to operate in secret." Even the proceedings of the Department's Citizen Advisory Council, which is packed with companies which stand to gain handsomely from contracts with the agency, is protected from normal public scrutiny for advisory committees. Without public access, how can we be certain that these "advisors" will not put their private financial interests ahead of public safety?

Earlier this year, the Department also issued a policy that threatens employees and contractors with civil and criminal prosecution for sharing information with the public, even if it would be available under the Freedom of Information Act. This policy puts a cloak of secrecy over the entire agency and all of its operations.

This type of overreaching secrecy can undermine our confidence in security policies. The government and the industries it regulates often fail to upgrade security to meet the new terrorist threats. (Remember those notorious shipping containers and their largely unmonitored cargoes.) Secrecy conveniently hides these failings from the journalists, concerned citizens and non-profit watchdogs whose primary function in a democracy is to strengthen public policy by holding government accountable. Without sunshine and public debate, our homeland security vulnerabilities fester behind closed doors.

New secrecy policies also give the government even more power to silence homeland security whistleblowers when they tell the media, the public or their bosses about their concerns. As a result, serious lapses, misconduct, or security failures may go uncorrected.

My own organization, the Project On Government Oversight (POGO), has faced such chilling attempts when raising concerns about nuclear power plant security. After POGO published a letter revealing how the Nuclear Regulatory Commission was failing to adequately test security at the plants, the Commission threatened us with civil and criminal prosecution. But there was nothing in our letter that was classified or even sensitive. In the end, the Commission was forced to back down but only after we had to secure

an attorney to defend us from our own government. POGO's nuclear security concerns are now beginning to receive scrutiny, giving us hope that the problems we highlighted will finally be addressed.

Department of Homeland Security whistleblower Bogdan Dzakovic's story provides another illustrative example. Dzakovic's Red Team, which conducted undercover airport security tests, breached security with ridiculous ease up to 90 percent of the time before 9/11. Yet, higher-ups ordered him not to write up their findings or to retest airports with particularly egregious vulnerabilities. Dzakovic blew the whistle shortly after the terrorist attacks. Testifying before the 9/11 Commission, he noted that if he had blown the whistle under the Department's new secrecy rules: "I could have been fired and be sitting in jail, instead of being vindicated and testifying today."

Ironically, the 9/11 Commission warned last year that excessive secrecy was a primary problem that contributed to the terrorist attacks. The Commission urged the government to end its Cold War culture of secrecy. Yet since the Commission issued its report, new stratagems to keep information from the public continue to proliferate. Congress and the White House need heed the Commission's advice: pointless secrecy could once again expose us to unimaginable dangers.

Danielle Brian is executive director of the Project On Government Oversight ([www.pogo.org](http://www.pogo.org)). The Project On Government Oversight investigates, exposes, and seeks to remedy systemic abuses of power, mismanagement, and subservience by the federal government to powerful special interests.

## Letters

### Job Corps offers help

Hello, my name is Crystal Reed. I am a former student of Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center. I wanted to tell the people of Eastern Kentucky about the benefits of Job Corps and how it has helped me.

I came from Bowling Green, Kentucky as a 16-year-old who had problems at home getting along with my parents. They decided to send me to Job Corps because it was a way for me to get my high school diploma, while not having to live with them.

When I first arrived I thought I had made the worst decision of my life to come here. It seemed that everyone that

was here would rather be at home doing nothing than take advantage of the great opportunity they had in front of them. After a week or so I began to realize that was not the case and like most school programs there were just students here that were not taking their education seriously.

I started my high school classes through Paintsville Independent School shortly after arriving on campus and a little after that I started my trade of business technology. I have learned a lot about being a good employee and the importance of being on time and dressing appropriately for the work place.

Job Corps helped me register for the ACT test. Then they helped me again with filling out my college application, and even with transporting me to Alice

Lloyd College to meet with admissions personnel. I began attending Alice Lloyd in August majoring in pre-law, and hope to become a prosecuting attorney for the state. When I came in I only had 12 credits and within eight months I was a high school graduate at the age of 17.

The staff members are really supportive of the students, and encourage them to strive to better themselves. I have received a lot of help from the staff in getting ready for college, and even with giving me supplies for my college transition such as towels, cleaning supplies, paper, pencils and toiletries. I am truly grateful for the help that I have received from Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center.

Crystal Reed

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# Tickets for Larry the Cable Guy's Pikeville performance expected to go fast

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Fans wanting tickets to see Larry The Cable Guy in Pikeville for his Oct. 16 concert at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center are urged to "git-r-done" first thing Saturday morning when tickets go on sale for the event at 10 a.m.

Larry the Cable Guy has sold out comedy performances across the country and finally brings his blue collar take on comedy to Eastern Kentucky.

Larry the Cable Guy, who currently stars on the WB's "Blue Collar TV," has been earning raves since the debut of his best-selling CD "The Right to Bare Arms" hit the shelves last March. He has also been featured on cable's Comedy Central Network as part of the "Blue Collar Comedy Hour."

The area appearance marks his first in

Eastern Kentucky and the show is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the center's opening engagement with Lynyrd Skynyrd sold out in three hours, so fans would do well to order tickets for the event, priced at \$39.75, first thing Saturday morning.

There are several avenues for purchasing tickets to the event. Ticketmaster has several numbers that fans can use if they run into a busy signal. This would not be uncommon as event coordinator Outback Concerts expects a high volume of calls, so buyers may want to have several numbers on hand, which include (606) 433-1793, (859) 281-6644, (304) 523-5757 and (304) 342-5757.

Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). To purchase at the website just log on and go to "Eastern Kentucky Expo Center" in the search bar at the top of the page.



Larry the Cable Guy

# What's up for fall? Here are seven new series to take a look at

by FRAZIER MOORE  
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — You say you like a drama where aliens imperil planet Earth? Well, brace yourself for three new intruders: ABC's "Invasion," CBS' "Threshold" and NBC's "Surface."

Or maybe you identify with women torn between career and family. Trading on that theme, "Ghost Whisperers" and "Close to Home" will soon come your way from CBS.

Chefs cook up comedy running restaurants on both "Freddie" (ABC) and "Kitchen Confidential" (Fox). Lawmen mourn colleagues killed in the line of duty on "Criminal Minds" (CBS) and "Killer Instinct" (Fox).

In short, when you take a look at the networks' new fall shows, patterns begin to reveal themselves.

A year after "Lost" and "Desperate Housewives" reminded everybody that a defiantly original series can shake up the whole TV universe, not much about the freshman slate reflects their level of fresh thinking.

Among the latest ahead: "Inconceivable," a drama about a fertility clinic from NBC (where creative infertility has reached epidemic levels), and "Twins," a WB sitcom about odd-couple sisters who run a company that makes lingerie.

On the other hand, the fall crop should still have its pleasures, at least if pilot episodes are any predictor of their series' potential.

Consider two engaging comedy-dramas that adhere to this pattern: oddball lawyers who defend their underdog clients and each other's eccentricities.

■ On Fox's "Head Cases," Chris O'Donnell plays Payne, a slick L.A. lawyer who has a nervous breakdown. When he's ready to return to work, his posh law firm doesn't want him. Who does? Apparently only Shulz (Adam Goldberg), an impetuous slob with whom Payne is paired by their psych-ward therapist as outpatient buddies. Shulz happens to be a lawyer. Thus is born of necessity a loopy new law firm, complete with shabby-chic offices at Venice Beach.

■ Also at Venice Beach (could both firms maybe share a receptionist?) you'll find the mismatched attorneys of WB's "Just Legal": a geekish teen prodigy (Jay Baruchel) and a courtroom burnout (Don Johnson) who finds his passion for the law is reignited by this gung-ho junior partner. That is, when the kid's overeagerness doesn't drive him up the wall.

Five other new dramas are also worth checking out:

■ Premiering Aug. 29, Fox's "Prison Break" is the first fall series out of the gate, and looks to be the most inventive of all. It depicts the complex social order at a state penitentiary where one of the inmates has strategically gotten himself jailed in order to rescue his brother, who's on death row there for a murder he didn't commit. A nutty concept for a show? You bet. But its appeal is in its (pardon the term) execution. Once viewers get a

peek at "Prison Break," for them there may be no escape.

■ "Reunion" employs the shrewdest time scheme for a series since another Fox breakthrough, "24." On this new melodrama-mystery, six friends graduate from high school in the summer of 1986 with their lives full of promise. But the premiere leaps forward to 2005 long enough for a funeral service remembering one of this group as "brutally murdered, in their prime, by an unknown assailant." But who? Each weekly episode will find the gang of six a year older and a year closer to the present, moving them toward their 20th anniversary reunion (with the murder solved) at season's end.

■ Of the three new procedural crime dramas (among 19 crime dramas on the schedule), Fox's "Bones" stands out thanks to its star, Emily Deschanel. A forensic anthropologist with beauty, smarts and a knack for karate, headstrong Dr. "Bones" Brennan is saddled with an FBI agent (or is he saddled with her?) as a condition of her getting to move beyond ancient burial sites and dig into FBI murder cases. The fact that the agent (David Boreanaz) is a handsome he-man seems beyond her concern. Here's hoping it stays that way. They make such a hot couple clashing, who needs romance?

■ "Commander-in-Chief" bears certain similarities to "The West Wing": For instance, both are dramas about a U.S. president. But ABC's commander in chief is neither a Democrat nor a

male — she's an Independent and a woman. Elected vice president, Mackenzie Allen becomes chief executive upon the death of the man who made her his running mate as a ploy to win female voters. Now can she weather foes in Washington plotting her downfall — particularly the sly Speaker of the House (Donald Sutherland), who wanted her to step aside so he could claim the Oval Office? With Geena Davis as the very presidential President Allen, this show seems electable as a hit.

■ Finally, a group of twentysomethings inhabit the hip, hilly neighborhood of Silverlake — as well as the sudsy UPN soap, "Sex, Love & Secrets." Seizing on a formula of sex, love & secrets, this cool new melodrama picks up right where "Melrose Place" (which was set in nearby Hollywood) left the genre six long years ago.

And it reaffirms a TV truism every viewer understands: Anything abandoned long enough can seem fresh.

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# Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

Several new releases hit area shelves this week, though some of the films bypassed area theaters.

"Sin City" — This one tops the list as the must-see movie of the week and features an all-star cast in a faithful adaptation of a series of graphic novels by Frank Miller ("The Dark Knight Returns"). Director Robert Rodriguez ("The Faculty") gave up his membership in the film directors guild in order to co-direct this feature with Miller and the two deliver a highly stylized version of Miller's comic which is definitely aimed at an adult audience.

The film includes three stories set in Las Vegas, with each tale more depraved than the previous one, incorporating such elements as greed, cannibalism and corruption among everyone from street cops to high-ranking church officials. A solid cast is also on hand with Bruce Willis, Elijah Wood, Benicio Del Toro and Clive Owen. The best work however is by the talented but seldom seen Mickey Rourke, who stars in the first story as a hard luck ex-boxer who is framed for the murder of the only friend he had. Rourke manages to act under a ton of make-up and manages to elicit sympathy despite the fact that he is little better than the people he comes up against.

"The Wedding Date" —

Debra Messing ("Will and Grace") stars in this reversal of "Pretty Woman." She plays a love-challenged 30-something who has to hire a male escort to attend a friend's posh London wedding and before you can say "you had me at hello," she winds up falling for him. Lighter than air and pretty far-fetched even for a romantic comedy.

"The Brown Bunny" — You will either love or hate this road drama from Vincent Gallo ("Buffalo 66"). Most people have chosen to hate this somber effort which focuses on a motorcycle racer who is always driving to the next gig and is on the run from a dark secret. Basically this one is famous for a filmed sexual liaison between Gallo and actress Chloe Sevigny which is supposed to be an artistic fusion of love and cinema but comes off as glorified pornography.

"The Ballad of Jack and Rose" — This drama was not screened locally but is definitely worth your attention. Daniel Day Lewis stars as a hippie who never left the commune, which is now deserted except for him and his daughter. When he learns that she suffers from heart disease, he decides to hook up with an old girlfriend and hopefully provide a stable environment for his daughter before he runs out of time. Unfortunately, his girlfriend is raising two teenage boys and they are not poster boys for said stability.

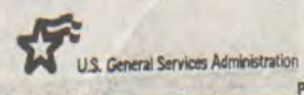
This one doesn't offer any easy answers but is well acted and the characters are refreshingly fractured.

"Undeclared" — The whole run of this FOX series made its debut this week and is another refreshing and comedic examination of young people from the makers of the CBS cult drama "Freaks and Geeks." Here the focus is on the first year of college, where an-ex nerd decides to reinvent himself. Like "Freaks" this show was canceled within its first year despite guest appearances by Ben Stiller, Adam Sandler and Will Ferrell, who is particularly amusing as a speed freak who writes term papers for students and appears to live on caffeine and speed.

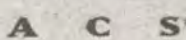
Next week look for a pair of well-received films which didn't get a theatrical run locally — the Korean thriller "Oldboy" and the British gangster drama "Layer Cake."

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# Community Calendar

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### State AARP official to be guest speaker at AARP meeting

Scott A. Wegenast, program coordinator in the AARP Kentucky State Office, in Louisville, will be the guest of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528 AARP, at the meeting to be held on Friday, August 19, at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg. The meeting begins at 6 p.m., and all AARP members and friends are encouraged to attend.

### Harrison-Innis Reunion

A reunion of the Harrison-Innis families will be held on Sept. 3, at Archer Park, beginning at 11 a.m. All family members cordially invited to attend.

### 2nd Annual Hamilton Family Reunion

For the descendants of Steve and Louine Hamilton. To be held August 20, at Dewey Dam Picnic Hollow, Shelter #1. More info., call 886-9553.

### 5th Annual Johnson Family Reunion

For the descendants of Milford and Minnie Johnson. To be held August 21, at Dewey Dam Picnic Hollow, Shelter #3. More info., call 886-9553.

### Mead Family Reunion

For the descendants of H.F. Mead. To be held August 27, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., at the Pines Building, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Bring own picnic lunch. Lunch will be served at noon, dinner at 5 p.m.

### Hale Family Reunion

The John M. Hale Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Greenwich Coon Hunter's Club, in Greenwich, Ohio, beginning at noon.

Please bring a covered dish. Tableware and drinks will be provided. For more info., call Alma Hopkins at 419-752-6906.

### Floyd County Retired Teachers

Will host a meeting at the East Kentucky Science Center, located on the campus of the Big Sandy Comm. and Tech. College, on Sept. 1, at 10 a.m.

### East KY State Fair - 4-H Projects

Any Floyd County student who completed a 4-H project in 2005 may submit the project to the East Kentucky State Fair, to be held Aug. 30 thru Sept. 5, at the Thunder Ridge Complex. Call 886-2668 or visit: [www.eastkystatefair.com](http://www.eastkystatefair.com) for entry details.

Open Animal Exhibits will also be conducted and any student who has an animal (dog, rabbit, chicken or goat) may exhibit the animal at the fair.

Also, any Floyd County student, grades 3-12, may compete in the Talent Show to be held at the fair.

You may contact Floyd County Extension Agent for 4-H, Chuck Stamper, for more details.

### Parenting Training

"Keys to Great Parenting" will be offered on Friday, August 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office.

Seminar will be taught by Dr. Carole Gnatuk, UK Child Dev., Doug Burnam, UK Health Edu., and Theresa Scott, Floyd Co. Ext. Agent.

Topics will include: substance abuse (affecting families), care of self, family relationships, early brain development and teaching self-control.

Training excellent for early childhood educators, social service workers, ministers, health care providers, and those who work with families of young children.

Registration deadline is Aug. 19. For more info., call 886-2668.

### WHS Class of '59

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

### "Creation Seminar Sunday"

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

### Hill Country Dancers

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

### Jenny Wiley Bike Tours

Held every Saturday morning, 8 a.m. Meet at the flags in front of the Jenny Wiley Convention Center/Marina. Group will ride to the Johns Creek Station (8 miles) at the foot of the spillway where a \$6.95 breakfast buffet is available. Fun ride at a relaxed pace. Make sure bikes are in good working condition and be ready to ride by 8:30 a.m. Others may also arrive at the Spillway site to enjoy breakfast or to pick up riders who do not wish to ride back to the starting point.

More information, call 886-8604 or email: [profitnessctr@bellsouth.net](mailto:profitnessctr@bellsouth.net). You may also visit [www.multisports.com](http://www.multisports.com) to view and print a map of area cycling routes.

### Childers Family Reunion

The Childers (Childress) family will host a reunion on Sat., Aug. 20, at the Dewey Dam Picnic Hollow, Shelter #3. Registration will begin at 11 a.m.; lunch will be served at noon. Please bring a covered dish and cooler of soft drinks for your family. Plates, napkins and utensils will be provided. An auction will be held to raise money for next year's reunion. This year's theme is "Our Musical Heritage" - bring along any instruments you may play. All Childers and Preston relations welcome. More info., contact Naomi Cox at 740-387-5815 or Shelba Childers at 740-747-2985.

### Parsons Family Reunion

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

### UNITE meeting

The Floyd County Coalition of UNITE has changed its monthly meeting time and place. The group now meets the first Thursday of every month on the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus, room 153 of the Johnson Building. The entire community is invited and encouraged to attend.

### Hughes Family Reunion

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

### Rotary Club

Local Rotary Club holds meetings every Thursday, at noon, at the Student Grill, on the BSCTC campus. Open to business and professional women who live or work in

Floyd County. More info., contact Mike Vance at 886-2075.

### Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

FREE GED classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; may work with computers during this time. Call for more info.

### Joy Services - Christ United Methodist Church of Allen

Special musical services: Aug. 21 - Karen Crawford, 6 p.m.

Aug. 28 - Billie, Betty & Linda, 6 p.m.

Also, on Aug. 21, 11:00 a.m. Sunday School celebration with potluck dinner in Wesley Gym.

### HRMC Community Calendar

Aug. 25 - "Living Well with Diabetes" support group meeting, 5-6 p.m., Meeting Place A & B, medical office bldg.

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

### 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.

### Little Mud Comm. Center

The Little Mud Community Center Board of Directors are currently in the process of locating photos of old historic sites of the area. The pictures are to be added to the center's historic wall. If you have any such pictures, or are interested in more information concerning this project, call 478-1477 or 478-2479.

### Notice! BLHS Class of '95

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1995 will host a reunion on August 20, at the Landmark Inn, in Pikeville. For more information, call 889-9651 or 478-5014.

### Attention: BLHS Class of '85

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

### BLHS Classes - '65 thru '75

The classes of Betsy Layne High School, 1965-1975, will host a reunion to be held on August 20, at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center. For more information, contact Sandy Meade Scrimager at (859) 285-9826, or (859) 576-5846, or, after 6 p.m., at (606) 478-9669.

### Over 50? Need a friend?

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

### Free Body Recall classes

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

### 'Earn While You Learn'

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

### Interested in job training?

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

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

call: 886-2929.

### External Diploma Program

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

GED classes are also available.

### Floyd County Extension

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Looking For a Support Group?

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

will NOT MEET in July or August.

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.

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

Oct. 20 - Regaining Sexual Health - Jeffrey Goyer.

Nov. 17 - Holiday

Celebration.

Questions or concerns? Call 487-8360.

Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658.

Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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](mailto:doslone@eastky.net).

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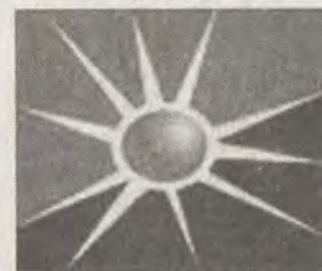
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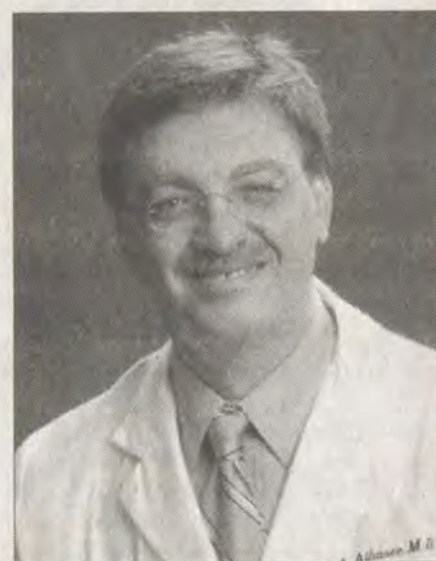
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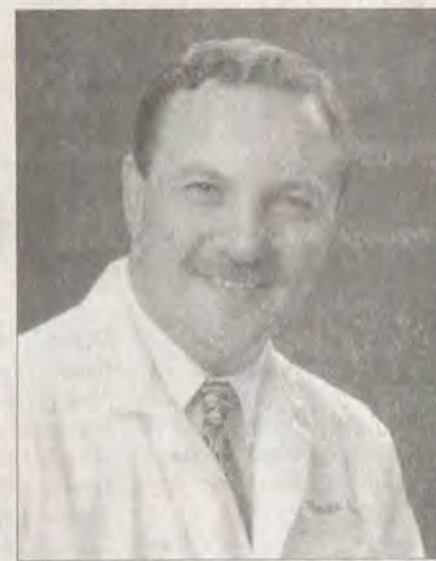
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Call 349-8100 for an appointment



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# For the Record

## Marriage Licenses

Lavena Marie Montgomery, 24, of Prestonsburg, to Jack Bradley Hanover, 32, of Michigan.

Misty Dawn Ousley, 22, to Joey Ross Crum Jr., 21, both of Martin.

Rebekah Renee Hunt, 26, of Prestonsburg to Brian Lee Hunter, 28, of Pikeville.

Jamie Leighann Slone, 20, to Donnie Stephens, 21, both of Prestonsburg.

Regina Susan Price, 31, of Pikeville to Jonathan Russo, 30, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Melissa Gail Layne, 35, of Louisville to Jan Hicks, 49, of Martin.

Terri Jo Lewis, 22, of Allen, to Joshua Edward Kendrick, 26, of Salem, Ohio.

Amanda Dawn McKenzie, 24, of Pikeville, to Jackie Edward Kendrick, 29, of Prestonsburg.

Jessica Nicole Goble, 23, of Prestonsburg, to Leslie Dean Slone, 23, of Martin.

Stacy Lynn Fairchild, 23, of Prestonsburg, to William James Mar, 18, of Taipei, Taiwan.

Connie Simpkins, 43, of Lawrence County, to Larry Gene Woods, 50, of Prestonsburg.

Alisha Ann Evans, 21, of Huntington, W.Va., to John Lloyd Blair, 27, of Prestonsburg.

## Civil Suits Filed

Kentucky Medical Services Foundation Inc., vs. Betty Stewart; debt complaint.

Bernice Caudill vs. Jimmy Caudill; divorce.

Marsha Hicks vs. Bryan Hicks; divorce.

Sally Ann Jones vs. Herman Jones; divorce.

Shona Hall vs. Toby Hamilton; petition for health care insurance.

Mckella Case vs. Calvin Hall; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Ada Gillespie vs. Angela Miles; petition for child support and health care insurance.

JP Morgan Chase Bank vs. Charles and Angela Owens, Commonwealth of Kentucky (Finance and Revenue Cabinet) and Elizabeth Owens; complaint and reformation of mortgage.

Colonial Credit Corporation vs. Adreanna Isaac; debt complaint.

Laura McKinney vs. Christopher McKinney; divorce.

Jamie Hall vs. Hope Hall; divorce.

Craig Hicks vs. Vanessa Hicks; divorce.

Helen Fields vs. Larry Fields; divorce.

Lisa Collett vs. Highlands Hospital, doing business as Highlands Regional Medical Center; verified injury complaint (related to unsafe property).

Travis Coffey vs. Charolette Nye; auto accident complaint.

HSBC Bank USA vs. Sam Horn; complaint with fair notice under the debt collections and practices act.

Monogram Credit Card Bank of Georgia vs. Robert Slone; debt complaint transferred from Knott Circuit Court.

Michael Williams vs. Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Company, Teresa and Ricky Caudill; auto accident complaint.

Donahue Hamilton vs. Clifford Hamilton Jr.; auto accident complaint.

State Auto Insurance Company vs. Melissa Hancock, also known as Melissa Osborne; auto accident complaint.

Great Seneca Financial Corporation vs. Robert D. McAnich; debt complaint.

## Small Claims Filings

U.S. 460 Auto Sales vs. Sheila Stanley; debt complaint.

Maryland Jervis vs. Sandra Blackburn; debt complaint.

Diamond Ray Waddles vs. Melissa Comstock Grigsby; debt complaint.

## Charges Filed

Tiffany Smith, 19, Softshell; second-degree burglary, felony theft by unlawful taking, unsworn falsification to authorities.

Franklin Hale, 63, Prestonsburg; failure to comply with sexual offender registration.

Kevin J. Whitaker, 29, Prestonsburg; felony theft by unlawful taking.

Billy R. Hall, 23, Auxier; theft of a motor vehicle registration or renewal decal, felony theft by unlawful taking.

Shawn Sexton, 21, Printer; second-degree burglary, second-degree criminal trespass.

Angela A. Carty, 26, Salyersville; attempt to obtain a controlled substance prescription by fraud.

Charles T. Hall, 26, Prestonsburg; flagrant nonsupport.

Jerry R. Terry, 57, Mousie, residential register, title in another state (evade), driving on a revoked or suspended license; failure to turn over revoked or suspended license.

Arthur Redford, 27, Wheelwright; first-degree drug trafficking.

Christopher Adkins, no age listed, Pikeville; flagrant nonsupport.

Sherry R. Lemaster, no age listed; custodial interference.

Larry Clifton, 49, Harold; public intoxication.

Theresa Reeves, 50, Mt. Sterling; first-degree criminal trespass.

Kirby Samons, 56, Martin; public intoxication.

James Hackney, no age listed; Pikeville; third-degree criminal trespass.

Amanda Hall, 26, Beaver; terroristic threatening, third-degree criminal trespass.

Amanda Cole, 25, Prestonsburg; harassment.

Tiffany Hunt, 19, Banner; harassing communications.

Amanda Hamilton, 18, Banner; harassing communications.

Andrew Parsons, 20, Mousie; third-degree criminal trespass.

Tiffany Bishop, 18, Stanville; harassment.

Dewey R. Younce, 26, Melvin; second-degree cruelty to animals.

Chasity Younce, 23, Melvin; second-degree cruelty to animals.

Bobbi Iricks, 36, Betsy Layne; harassment.

Jimmy Iricks, 40, Betsy Layne; harassment, third-degree criminal mischief.

Jayne Joseph, 25, Paintsville; fishing without a license.

Bret Short, 42, Paintsville; fishing without a license.

Bennie Lafferty, 18, Banner; possession of marijuana, license to be in possession.

Brandon Combs, 19, Allen; possession of marijuana.

Nathan Williams, 19, McAndrews; motorboat to be registered and numbered, no or non approved personal floatation device.

Edgar Hughes, 46, Dana; hunting or fishing without or permit or a license, creel and size limits for fish.

Tommy Lawson, 41, Harold; riding on a bow, etc., while motorboat underway.

Rachel Wallen, 25, Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Jeffrey Shepherd, 43, Hueysville; third-degree criminal trespass, terroristic threatening, public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Derek Akers, 24, Teaberry; fourth-degree assault, public intoxication.

Jimmy Tackett, 36, Teaberry; public intoxication, flagrant nonsupport.

Jay E. Shepherd, 28, Marion, Ohio; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, terroristic threatening.

Bianca Hynes, 18, Wayland; criminal littering.

Eddie Dean Shepherd, 30, David; fourth-degree assault, public intoxication, third-degree criminal trespass.

Justin D. Collins, 32, Hi Hat; public intoxication, fourth-degree assault.

Clyde Boyd, 23, Banner; misdemeanor theft by unlawful taking.

Jonathan Young, 24, Varney; violation of an emergency protection order.

Caroline Miller, 38, Marion, Ohio; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

James Mullins, 31, Martin; public intoxication.

Danny Pennington, 27, Bevensville; four counts of misdemeanor theft by unlawful taking.

Brian Blair, 25, Hager Hill; harassing communications.

## Inspections

Adkins Qwik Stop, Honaker, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate all thermometers used to maintain product temp, shelves on sales floor showing signs of damage, hand sink not working properly, paper towels in restroom not placed on dispenser, some floor areas in need of repair, light not shielded in food prep area. Score: Food 94, Retail 96.

Duff Elementary, Eastern, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some employees not using proper hair restraints, ice machine exterior surface has a build up of debris, wall of utility room in disrepair, mop head

observed stored on floor. Score: 96.

McDowell Elementary, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food product observed stored without a cover, hair restraints not worn correctly, three-compartment sink found with small leak, trays not stored properly, restroom door not self-closing. Score: 86.

Speedway, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigerator and freezer units, walls in disrepair, lights not properly shielded in food prep area. Score: Food 97, Retail 98.

## Property Transfers

Diane Frasure Burchett to Brian and Kristine hall, property located at Big Mud Creek.

Gary Burchett to Brian and Kristine Hall, property located at Big Mud Creek.

Tonya Renee Clark to Larry and Priscilla Prater, property located at Route 850.

Greg Couch to Marcia and Morris Hylton, property location undisclosed.

Michelle Couch to Marcia and Morris Hylton, property location undisclosed.

Clediths Howard to Larry and Priscilla Prater, property located at Route 850.

Tonya Howard to Larry and Priscilla Prater, property located at Route 850.

Estate of Margie Hunter to Jennifer, Raymond and Travis Thomason, property located at Prestonsburg.

Norma Jean Jarvis to Lizzie Lewis, property located at the Riverside Addition.

Elizabeth Elkins to Donald and Sharon Tackett, property located at Left Beaver.

Julius Elkins to Donald and Sharon Tackett, property located at Left Beaver.

Audie Elkins to Donald and Sharon Tackett, property located at Left Beaver.

Margarita Hampton to Mary and Rickey Setser, property location undisclosed.

Ronald Hampton to Mary and Rickey Setser, property location undisclosed.

Joe Harris to James and Lisa Spencer, property located at Prestonsburg.

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Estate of Margie Hunter to Jennifer, Raymond and Travis Thomason, property located at Prestonsburg.

Norma Jean Jarvis to Lizzie Lewis, property located at the Riverside Addition.

Elmer Lewis to Lizzie Lewis, property located at Tram.

Zella Lewis to Lizzie Lewis, property located at Tram.

Gary Meade to Charles and Rosemary Reed, property location undisclosed.

Ramona Mingas to Lizzie Lewis, property located at Tram.

Debbie Patchak to Charles and Rosemary Reed, property location undisclosed.

Larry Prater to Charles and Virginia Prater, property located at Salt Lick.

Priscilla Prater to Charles and Virginia Prater, property located at Salt Lick.

Tara Lynn Robinson to Katie Jo Gray, property location undisclosed.

Donald Tackett to Freddie Gibson, property located at Left Beaver.

Sharon Tackett to Freddie Gibson, property located at Left Beaver.

Grace Weedman to Katie Jo Gray, property location undisclosed.

Grace Weedman to Tara Lynn Robinson, property location undisclosed.

# Obituaries

## Josephine Case

Josephine Case, 64, of Honaker, died Sunday, August 7, 2005, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

Born March 7, 1941, in Honaker, she was the daughter of the late Curt and Masil Damron Collins. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Edessell Case.

Other survivors include two sons: Joseph Case of Campton and Odell Case of Honaker; two daughters: Janette Case and Saprina Case, both of Honaker; three brothers: Bill Collins of Honaker, and Ralph Collins of Frenchburg; four sisters: Brenda Howell, Sue Boyd, and Nancy Kidd all of Honaker, and Kathy Kidd of McDowell; six grandchildren: Travis, Mitchell, Ricky Joe, Christine, Crystal, and April; and four great-grandchildren: Justin, Tyler, Dustin, and Dylan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Adam Case, and Edessell Case Jr., and four daughters: Ruth Case, Melissa Case, Melinda Case, and Gretta Case; one brother, Orris Collins; and two sisters: Lillian Collins and Linda Collins.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 10, at 1 p.m., at the Little Dove Old Regular Baptist Church, in Honaker, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Case Cemetery, in Honaker, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

Active pallbearers: Travis Case, Mitchell Case, Ricky Joe Case, Shannon Howell, Brent Collins, Curtis Yates, Stevie Yates, and Aaron Conn.

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two sisters: Mary Stephens and Martha Murphy.

Funeral services for Billie Caudill will be conducted Friday, August 19, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

## Vannie Mae Damron

Vannie Mae Damron, age 79, of New London, Ohio, died Wednesday evening, August 17, 2005, at Fisher Titus Medical Center, Norwalk.

She was born October 8, 1925, in Floyd County, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Mac & Vesta (Hughes) Kidd.

She moved to New London in 1945. She had worked at former Lehman Bakery, Mitchel Nursing Home, and C.E. Ward Co., all of New London.

She is survived by her husband, Johnny Damron, whom she married June 23, 1938; five daughters and sons in law: Glenna Sue Fannin, Kathy & Charles Harvey, Virginia Mae & Harold Case, and Vanie Jean & Richard Burkett, all of New London, and Betty Jean & Mike Kroumholtz of Greenwich;

three sons and a daughter in law: James Milford Damron and William Damron, both of New London, Glenn & Sandy Damron of Clarksfield; and Bradley John Damron, a grandson whom was raised as a son;

20 grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren; two sisters and a brother in law: Pricie Case of Michigan, and Lilly & Dean Rudd of Norwalk; four brothers: Mac (Dennis) Kidd, and Otis Kidd, both of Kentucky, Audis Kidd of Texas, and John Kidd of

Michigan.

Survivors include two sisters: Mary Altvater of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and Dorothy Baker of Nancy; one brother, Roosevelt Shell of Hazard; and several nephews and nieces.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers: Frank Shell, Luther Shell, George Shell, and Jerry Shell; and one sister, Angeline Howell.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 18, at 2 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Herman Roberts officiating.

Interment was in Richmond Memorial Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

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Friends may call from 2 to 4, and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 20, at the Eastman Funeral Home, 200 West Main St., New London, where funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, August 21. Pastor Sam Perry will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Grove Street Cemetery in New London.

(Paid obituary)

## Henry Lee Shell

Henry Lee Shell, 82, of Salyersville, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, August 16, 2005, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville.

Born on September 22, 1922, in Preece, he was the son of the late James Shell and Martha Adkins Shell. He was a former laborer for the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sisters: Mary Altvater of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and Dorothy Baker of Nancy; one brother, Roosevelt Shell of Hazard; and several nephews and nieces.

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# Pikeville College celebrates 117th year

PIKEVILLE — On a joyous September day in 1889, the doors of Pikeville Collegiate Institute opened for the very first time. David Blythe, a young Presbyterian minister and educator, had come to Pikeville to carry out the mission of the College's founders, Dr. William C. Condit and James P. Kendrick, who, along with the Ebenezer Presbytery, shared a vision to provide educational opportunities for the youth of the mountains.

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, more than a century since the first group of students gathered for classes, Pikeville College will commemorate the institution's 117th year during Opening Convocation. Professors will don their academic regalia for the formal ceremony, which is led by a piper and the bearer of the ceremonial mace.

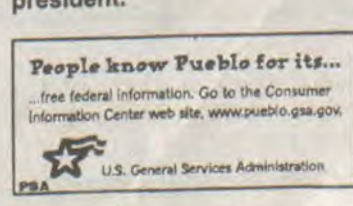
Total enrollment at the College this fall is expected to be nearly 1,130 — with approximately 850 undergraduate students and 280 students in the school of osteopathic medicine. The convocation address

will be delivered by Miriam "Mim" Pride, president of Blackburn College, a Presbyterian school in Carlinville, Ill. Pride became the president of Blackburn College in 1991 and has the honor and distinction of being the institution's first female president. Born in Canton, China, Pride grew up in Berea, Kentucky. She received her bachelor's degree from The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, and completed her graduate work at the University of Kentucky. Pride has received numerous civic and professional awards and will be presented with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Pikeville College.

The Opening Convocation ceremony on Aug. 23 will be held at 11 a.m. in Booth Auditorium, located in Record Memorial Building. The community is cordially invited to attend. Parking is available in the garage adjacent to the College. For more information, contact the Public Affairs office at (606) 218-5270.



Miriam "Mim" Pride, president of Blackburn College, a Presbyterian school in Carlinville, Ill., will deliver an address at Pikeville College's opening convocation Tuesday. Pride became the president of Blackburn College in 1991 and has the honor and distinction of being the institution's first female president.



## Billie Caudill

Billie Caudill, age 80, of Langley, husband of the late Audrey Hicks Caudill, passed away Wednesday, August 17, 2005, at the Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born December 16, 1924, in Blackey, the son of the late John C. Caudill and Raney Hampton Caudill. He was a retired electrician.

Survivors include one son, Billy Joe Caudill of Langley; one brother, Bobby Caudill of Cynthia; one sister, Virginia Hayes of Taylor, Michigan; three grandchildren: Louis Harriston, Kelly DeBorde, and Billy Joe Caudill II; and three great-grandchildren: Sam Harriston, Will Harriston and Alex DeBorde.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Solomon Caudill and Elbert Caudill; and

(Paid obituary)

## FROM THE FAMILY OF WAYNE W. RATLIFF

My heartfelt thanks to Respond Ambulance, Life Net Helicopter crew, and the Rescue Squad, for your help on June 19, due to my husband's farm accident on a 4-wheeler.

The nicest State Trooper Shearer for being so kind and reassuring, and a young man in a black car who drove me to the ambulance. I don't know your name, but I will always be grateful to you.

Thanks to Cabell Huntington Hospital and their many doctors, nurses, and staff.

The many prayers, food, flowers, and wonderful neighbors in Allen; to the Allen Fire Department for the use of the hall after the funeral; and to Rev. Harmon, once again taking care of my family.

Last, but not least, my home-away-from-home, the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for being there when I needed them the most, and all their encouragement through three hard weeks.

To the pallbearers for traveling so far: Dewey Camron, Tim Clark, Mike Rondal Cunningham, Brian Ratliff, Roland Wright, Mike Halfhill, and Danny Branson.

Our thoughts and prayers will always be with each and everyone for the help and support during that time.

Sonja Ratliff



# Science center taking visitors on a 'Journey to Saturn'

PRESTONSBURG — The planetarium at the East Kentucky Science Center is Kentucky's newest "theater," where visitors can view more than 8,000 stars, see the sun and moon and watch the planets in motion.

"Journey to Saturn," opening Aug. 20, is the center's newest program and is described as "a breath-taking ride through the solar system to one of the most intriguing and beautiful planets, viewing its fascinating satellites, beautiful rings and a moon that may hold secrets to the rise of life on Earth."

There will be continued updates about discoveries at Saturn throughout the run of this program. The planetarium program is suitable for all ages.

Seven years ago, the Cassini-Huygens spacecraft was launched on one of the most ambitious missions ever into space. Loaded with an array of powerful instruments and cameras, the spacecraft is capable of taking accurate measurements and detailed images in a variety of distinctive conditions.

Two elements make up the spacecraft — the Cassini orbiter and the Huygens

probe. In 2004, Cassini-Huygens reached Saturn and its moons. There the spacecraft has begun to orbit around the system for four years, beaming home data that will help us understand the vast Saturnian region. Huygens entered the murky atmosphere of Titan, Saturn's biggest moon, and descended via parachute onto its surface.

The Cassini-Huygens spacecraft is equipped for 27 various science investigations. The Cassini orbiter has 12 instruments and the Huygens probe had six. The instruments often have multiple

functions, equipped to thoroughly investigate all the important elements that the Saturn system may uncover. These instruments have produced beautiful and sometimes breathtaking images that before now have been impossible to view by even the most powerful telescopes.

For show time and price call 606-889-0303 or visit [www.wedosience.org](http://www.wedosience.org).

On display in the Science Center's exhibit hall is "The World We Create," an interactive exhibit from the

Louisville Science Center. At "The World We Create" traveling exhibit, the created world is at your fingertips. It's for touching and exploring, for discovering just what kind of world you can create.

The East Kentucky Science Center is located on the Prestonsburg campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The center is an independent educational non-profit organization. The science center and planetarium are open to the public and all schools.

# Eze hired as medical director of Highlands Behavioral Health Services

PRESTONSBURG — Dr. Emmanuel Eze, new medical director of Highlands Behavioral Health Services, is an advocate of the "getting it right the first time" approach because of the suffering caused by unrecognized, undiagnosed and untreated mental and emotional illness.

Emmanuel Eze, M.D., has joined the medical staff of Highlands Regional Medical Center as the director of

Behavioral Health Services. Dr. Eze brings with him 32 years of experience in the field of mental health. The availability of a full-time psychiatrist that also accepts private patients brings an added dimension to the patient care services Highlands provides to the community.

Dr. Eze is a graduate of the University of Lagos College of Medicine in Lagos, Nigeria. He completed his residency at Eastern Virginia Graduate School of Medicine in Norfolk, Va., and his Fellowship in Community Psychiatry at the Community Mental Health Center in Norfolk, Va.

Dr. Eze is the medical director and owner of Phoenix Psychiatry Services in Ashland. He previously served as the medical director and attending psychiatrist of mental health

programs at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa. He is also the consulting psychiatrist at the methadone clinic, Paintsville Professional Associates, and serves as a clinical professor of psychiatry at the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Eze is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

As the medical director of Highlands Behavioral Services, Dr. Eze will see patients in the inpatient and outpatient units. He believes that mental health workers can make a positive difference in the lives of every patient they see and that mental health patients are capable of improving their overall quality of life related to the quality and intensity of care given them.

Highlands Behavioral Health

Services offers comprehensive evaluation and treatment of late life psychiatric disorders such as memory, mood and depression. Dr. Eze believes in a "getting it right the first time" approach because of the suffering and tendency to chronicity of unrecognized, undiagnosed and untreated mental and emotional illness. Careful evaluation, accurate diagnosis, and targeted early

and effective treatment are paramount in both the behavioral health inpatient and outpatient programs.

In addition to his role as medical director of Highlands Behavioral Health Services, Dr. Eze will operate a private general psychiatry clinic, Phoenix Psychiatry Services. Clinic hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 3 p.m.

and operating until the last patient is seen. The clinic is located in the Behavioral Health Outpatient Building at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

For more information about any of Highlands Behavioral Health Services or to schedule a private appointment with Dr. Eze, call (606) 886-7612 or 7631.



Marilyn Huegerich

## David School hires principal

Times Staff Report

DAVID — The David School has announced the appointment of Marilyn Huegerich as principal for the coming school year. "[We're] excited to have someone as accomplished as Marilyn to be our principal," board chairman Drew Dorton said in a press release. "Her level of experience and attention to detail gives us great confidence in her ability to lead the school."

Huegerich holds an Iowa permanent professional certificate in curriculum and supervision. She obtained a Masters of Arts degree in American History from Marquette University and a Masters degree in Teaching Economics from the University of Missouri at Columbia. Huegerich has also continued studies at the University of Iowa, De Paul University in Chicago, and the University of California at Riverside.

Previously, Huegerich has served as a principal and junior high, high school, and college instructor at Mount Saint Clare Academy in Iowa, Our Lady of Good Counsel School, in Iowa, and St. Catherine of Alexandria School, in California. She also served as president of the Sisters of St. Francis, a religious corporation in Iowa, for eight years.

Huegerich's was the recipient of the Liberty Bell Award from the Clinton County Bar Association. She was also named as "A Woman of Achievement" by the Clinton YWCA, and received the Peacemaker Award from the national Franciscan Federation and from the Iowa Division, UNA-USA. She was the co-founder of the National Catholic Social Justice Lobby in Washington, D.C.

"I am very pleased to be a part of the success story at the David School," Huegerich said in a press release. "The school provides a quality educational program for the young men and women of this area and I was attracted to the school's belief that all students have the desire and capacity to learn."

"It is an honor to follow in the footsteps of Danny Greene," she continued. "As founder of the school, Danny has served almost 34 years as its director, an admirable commitment of service to this community. I am grateful that he continues to serve in the new organizational position as development director."

The David School, a tuition-free school, opens classes Sept. 6.

For registration and additional information, contact the school at (606) 886-7323.

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## Sixth Annual Youth Hunt/Campout schedule

The Sixth Annual Youth Squirrel Hunt/Campout at German Bridge Campground will be held today and Saturday. Each young person must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian. All campers must also bring their own hunting and camping equipment. The camping and food are free. The event is sponsored by the Floyd County Hunter Education Organization, Kentucky Hunter Education Organization, Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club, Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife. For more information, call Paul Robinson at 606/874-2701.

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## New season, new start for area teams

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST



It's finally here. Football practice is tough on players, coaches and fans. Nobody likes the preseason, with its two-a-days, its heat waves and its repetitiveness. That ended yesterday, however, and this morning brings, at long last, the beginning of the 2005 season.

As a result, we give you 10 reasons to be excited about high school football. Unlike our counterpart David Letterman, these won't be presented by my mom, won't be in any order (after the first, that is) and likely won't be funny.



We hope to see you at the end, however:

■ Football season in the mountains begins and ends on Pond Creek. The big question, of course, is can they make it a three-peat of

state titles? However, a better question is, how unfair is it to put that kind of pressure on these Pirates?

Either question is worthy. After consecutive dips in the victory fountain, the first of those has to be asked. Any team that wins back-to-back titles will have the pressure to three-peat. Most, obviously, don't. On occasion, someone will, such as Pikeville and Beechwood in Single-A.

Can the Bucs roll out the magic carpet again? Only time will tell. But at this point, very few players with two rings are still wearing red and white.

If it can be done, however, Philip Haywood, Steve Mickey and Co. are just the people to do it.

■ The proper way to follow up that issue is with this one: Is this the year Prestonsburg overcomes?

They have a terrific combination in the backfield. Brenton Hamilton is an absolute load back there, and the speedy Brandon Peters is his perfect compliment. Toss into the mix the

(See BENTLEY, page two)

## AC-Betsy Layne a familiar opener

Three of four county teams begin play tonight

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Three of the four Floyd County high school football teams will open regular-season play tonight. Two teams - Betsy Layne and Allen Central - will square off against each other in an early-season rivalry

game. South Floyd, a third Floyd County team, will host Magoffin County. A fourth, Prestonsburg, has the first week of the 2005 season as its open date.

Allen Central head coach Jeremy Hall sees the "ups and downs" of playing an in-county rival the first week of the season. But, what better way to get a new season started than with a rivalry game?

"It's a real big game for both teams," said Hall. "It has both its good side and its bad side. Our kids really get excited about playing Betsy Layne

the first game of the season."

With a mostly all-new backfield with freshman quarterback Josh Prater calling the signals, Allen Central fans will see some new key offensive players hit the field in the opener against Betsy Layne.

As is the case with any other sport, the football rivalry between the Rebels and the Raiders can be quite heated - just as the rivalries between the two schools is on the basketball hardwood and the baseball diamond.

Betsy Layne will enter the game

looking to enact some revenge. The Rebels beat the Bobcats 36-14 in the 2004 season-opener. Both teams posted identical 4-6 records last season.

South Floyd head coach Donny Daniels and his staff enter the new season with the tall task of replacing graduated running backs Wes Hall and Joe Osborne, both of whom rushed for nearly 2,000 yards apiece last season. Trying to make up for nearly 4,000 rushing yards won't be an easy chore. The

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## H.S. FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK



photo by Steve LeMaster

Teams and players that gave it their all during hot August practices could see dividends all the way into the first week of December. Prestonsburg has an open date during the first week of the season. Many local and area-teams will begin play tonight.

## New season, same goals for most all

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Paintsville won't look to get out on a fast break tonight in Fairview. Or, will it? Veteran basketball coach Bill Mike Runyon has taken over the Paintsville High School football team and already new excitement surrounds the tradition-rich program. Runyon previously served as an assistant coach on the Paintsville football staff, but has never been in the role of head coach. Considered by many to be the "Top Tiger," Runyon also maintains his position as an assistant coach on the Paintsville High baseball season. Busy with his basketball team this past summer, Runyon also found time to get the Tiger football team prepared.

Most every area high school football team sets a preseason goal

of winning some sort of championship, whether it be a district, regional or state title.

Runyon has championship experience. He guided the Paintsville High boys' basketball team to the 1996 state title.

Runyon is one of several new coaches in place throughout the area, many of whom will get their first test tonight.

At Shelby Valley, Anthony Hampton has taken over for Ben Howard, who resigned from the Wildcat football post before coaching his first game. The short-lived Shelby Valley head coach does maintain a close tie to coaching as his father, Hillard Howard, begins tonight his first season at the helm of the brand-new Letcher County High School football program. The

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## H.S. FOOTBALL GAMES ON TAP

### Tonight's games

- Betsy Layne at Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Paintsville at Fairview, 7:30 p.m.
- East Carter at Greenup County, 7:30 p.m.
- Cawood at Harlan, 7:30 p.m.
- Perry County Central vs. Hazard, 7:30 p.m. (Hall of Fame Bowl, Henderson)
- Knott County Central at Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.
- Everts at Knox Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Sheldon Clark at Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.
- Lynn Camp at Leslie County, 7:30 p.m.
- Newport Central Catholic at Pikeville, 8:30 p.m. (Pike County Bowl)
- Morgan County at Rowan County, 7:30 p.m. (Cave Run Classic)
- East Ridge vs. Shelby Valley, 6 p.m. (Pike County Bowl, Pikeville)
- Magoffin County at South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
- Johnson Central at South Floyd, 8:45 p.m. (Cumberland Valley Bowl V)

### Saturday's games

- Henry Clay at Belfry, 6 p.m. (Pike County Bowl)
- Breathitt Co. vs. Franklin County, 5:30 p.m. (St. Joseph Healthcare Bluegrass Bowl, Lexington Catholic)
- Letcher Co. Cent. vs. Estill Co., 7:30 p.m.
- Pike County Central vs. Phelps, 8:30 p.m. (Pike County Bowl, Belfry)

## AC volleyball team wins third match

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE - The Allen Central High School volleyball team won its third match of the young season Tuesday evening. But the match wasn't without its low points as both teams were error prone and the Rebels got the win by committing fewer miscues than host Betsy Layne. It took three games with the

Allen Central squad winning Game 1 (25 - 19); losing Game 2 (25 - 17) and finally taking the match in Game 3 (25 - 17).

The Rebels combined for a dismal kill percentage of .000 but had a .303 attack percentage while committing 22 attack errors on 66 attempts. Elizabeth Mosley pounded in nine kills to lead the Allen Central girls on the evening. Courtney Martin and Yumekia Hunter smashed in four each, Brittany Hodge bounced two kills in, and Christina Blevins dropped one.

Amanda Mills proves daily that she is the floor general as she ran the offense 49 times, earning 10 assists, while committing only one error on the night. Hodge, a freshman, set the offense 33 times and dished up three kills.

The serving game was consistent.

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## BK Motorsports finds hardships in North/South 100



TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - Brandon Kinzer Motorsports competed over the weekend at the 23rd Annual North/South 100 held in Northern Kentucky at Florence Speedway. The Allen-based race team was

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## UARA STARS headed to Lonesome Pine Raceway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COEBURN, Va. - The highly competitive UARA STARS Late Model touring series will visit Coeburn, Va. and Lonesome Pine Raceway Saturday night for the UARA STARS 150.

UARA STARS points contenders Jamey Caudill and Matt McCall are the only repeat winners to date. McCall dominated the Food City 150 held earlier this season but fell out with mechanical problems with seven laps remaining and ultimately allowed 2002 series champion Danny O'Quinn to collect the win at his hometown track.

Both drivers have made it to the final 2 and are favored to win this weekend's

150 lap event.

Caudill, the 2005 points leader, can not be counted out; he has the most career poles of any other driver in UARA STARS and has been in the mix all season long.

Another strong competitor for this weekend's race is Grundy, Va. driver Keith Stiltner. Stiltner has more laps at the Lonesome Pine



Raceway than any other driver has at the Virginia racetrack. Stiltner has also lead a lot of laps and been in position to win three of the five events.

Jamey Yelton has set on the SUNOCO Pole two out of the last three races and has

led the most laps in the UARA events held. After setting out at Anderson, Yelton hopes to come back and put his team back on top with a win.

"We have about 15 or so different drivers that can win on any given night, this weekend's race won't be any different," said UARA STARS Public Relations Manager Harold Crook. "It's always a good show, so be sure to make plans to attend."

Racing will begin as qualifying will get underway at 5 p.m. with UARA STARS, followed by the Aaron's Pro Challenge Series. The UARA STARS Pit Party "Meet the Drivers" will begin at 7 p.m. Racing is set to begin at 8 p.m. Other support classes for the event will include Legends, Pure Fours, and Pure Stocks.

ONLINE: www.uara-stars.com



Some of the same players entering senior football seasons at Betsy Layne High School this fall, played key roles on last season's 4-6 team. The Bobcats will begin play tonight on the road at rival Allen Central.

# Bentley

likes of Charles Robinson, who transferred from Allen Central after a 1,000-yard season, and it's a full backfield.

Things are looking good in the heart of Floyd County. Is this their year? Again, time will tell.

Longtime Pikeville Panther fans could feel right at home as the Mike Jackson era begins. While Hillard Howard may not have incorporated a lot of misdirection in his dominant time in maroon, he sure didn't throw it a lot. That sounds like Jackson's idea of a good time as well.

What of the rest of Pike County? It's been nearly 30 years since a team other than Pikeville or Belfry won a playoff game. Think about that: You have the four now in Phelps, Pike Central, Shelby Valley and East Ridge. But you also have to go old school and incorporate the likes of Elkhorn City (the last to do it), Virgie, Johns Creek and Mullins into this discussion.

The same can be said in Floyd County, where it's been Prestonsburg and everybody else.

South Floyd has made consistent appearances in the Single-A playoffs but hasn't been able to advance. In fact, the KHSAA Web site goes back through the 1998 season, and South Floyd, Betsy Layne nor Allen Central have posted a playoff win in that time.

Gentlemen, this is your goal.

I don't know new Shelby Valley Coach Anthony Hampton, but I absolutely loved this quote, lifted from the 2005 preview issue: "I'm a local guy, played football here at the school (and) loved football my entire life. I love the community and the program and to me it's an honor and a great opportunity that I will cherish."

After reading that, how could you not pull for that guy?

Circle this date, Vol. I: September 23. Not only will

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Lynrd Skynyrd open the Expo Center (assuming Johnny Van Zant's vocal cords heal), but Pikeville will pay its first visit to Central Appalachian Mining Stadium to renew its rivalry with Belfry.

Always, always a classic.

Circle this date, Vol. II: October 7. Philip Haywood returns to his old stomping grounds in the heart of Floyd County to decide the local Double-A district when the Bucs play the Blackcats.

Take two? Not many coaches get second chances, but in this year of musical chairs, not one but two Pike County coaches make return trips to their former digs. Big Mac is back at Buckleys Creek, while ER returns to the ER at Lick Creek.

For the uninitiated, that's Chris McNamee returning for his second stint at Pike Central and Eric Ratliff doing the same at East Ridge. In Ratliff's case, let's hope they leave him alone this time and let him teach the game.

It's a long way to the first round of the playoffs. Of our 10 schools, how many will be alive the first week of November?

Let's hope all 10. We'll see you then.

# Opener

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Raider coaching staff will place a lot of the offensive responsibility on the shoulders of senior skill players Ryan Johnson (QB) and Justin Stone (WR/RB).

South Floyd and Magoffin County didn't meet during the 2004 season. The Raiders

opened last season with a 36-34 win over Powell County.

The Hornet football team remains somewhat of a mystery. Sure, the Hornets have several returnees both on offense and defense, but with a new head coach and coaching staff in

place, last season's team could be vastly different than the squad that takes the field tonight.

Magoffin County is coming off a 3-8 season in which it was outscored 373-182 in 10 games.

Kickoff for both of tonight's in-county games is 7:30 p.m.

# Kinzer

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unable to practice on the Thursday before due to rain and struggled getting around efficiently on the Northern Kentucky.

Qualifying was somewhat of a disappointment for the BK Motorsports team. Kinzer posted 40th fastest time of the 88 drivers that qualified. His qualifying effort started him eighth in the fifth heat race. Due to locked down track conditions,

Kinzer was unable to make very much progress in the heat race and finished seventh.

Kinzer had a promising run going in the B-Main, but ran out of time. He started the B-Main 11th and made his way up to the seventh position before ending outside of a qualifying spot in the 100 feature.

"This weekend was just as unproductive as it can get," said Kinzer. "We were horrible all

weekend long, plain and simple."

The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team has made tentative plans to travel to Brownstown Speedway Saturday for the Jackson 100. The Kentucky dirt late model race team has also made plans to attend tonight's \$2,000-unsanctioned "Night before the Jackson 100" race.

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# Season

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elder Howard led Pikeville High to three straight Class A state championships (1988-90)

Chris McNamee has made the move from Pikeville to Pike Central and his now calling the shots for the Hawks.

Eric Ratliff back roam the sidelines for the East Ridge High football program as its head coach and Craig Haggerman has replaced Bill McKinney as Phelps High School head football coach.

Gerold Howard is the new coach at Magoffin County, replacing Dayne Brown. The new Magoffin County coach will make his coaching debut in Floyd County tonight against host South Floyd.

Then there's teams like Pre-

stonsburg. The Blackcats, perennial Class 2A state title contenders, have an extra week before their season-opener against host Hazard in the Pride of the Mountains Gridiron Classic on Friday, Aug. 26. Opening up with five straight road games will afford the Blackcats many miles here in the first half of the regular-season.

"We looked at some things and just thought the early road games would help us on the down the road," said DeRossett. "We play in one of the most competitive districts in the state and when we get into that district schedule, we want to be ready. Our kids have worked hard throughout the preseason

and are looking forward to the bowl game against Hazard. We go to work and prepare for every game on our schedule. Most all of the games on our schedule are big rivalry games. That's another thing we looked at when we put this schedule together. We wanted to get back to playing the Hazards and the Paintsvilles. It's exciting for everyone involved when you can play your area rivals. Exciting for the players, coaches, boosters, the school's student bodies."

Football season begins in the heat of August with regular-season and all teams eye playing in the cold first week of December. The quest for a date in December begins tonight.

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# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Brittany Hodge, Allen Central High School Volleyball



Sam Chaffin, Prestonsburg High School Football

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**BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION** - The Betsy Layne High School football team held its annual media day Saturday. The media day allowed players, coaches, cheerleaders and fans the opportunity to interact with one another. Players from the all four classes are expected to contribute during the upcoming season. Players from the freshman, sophomore and junior classes are pictured.

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# Wildcat defensive backs team seasoned veterans with talented youth

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky football team's secondary this season looks to have the proper mix of experience and youth to be successful.

Two seniors, strong safety Muhammad Abdullah and cornerback Antoine Huffman, will anchor the secondary that has plenty of hungry young players looking to contribute.

"Muhammad Abdullah and Antoine Huffman are really stepping up and taking leadership," third-year defensive backs coach Steve Brown said. "They are being leaders by example and by making sure the younger Cats are getting to meetings on time."

Abdullah, the defensive leader in career starts with 21, will be switching this season from free safety to strong, where he'll be able to use his talent to help against the run more. A second-team All-Southeastern Conference performer the last two seasons, he has seven interceptions in his career.

"I'm glad they moved me to strong safety this year," said Abdullah, who was second on the team last season with 58 tackles. "I can get in on more hits and help the defense stop the run. I think it's a good fit for me. I know the defense very well so I can play either safety position if they need me to."

Huffman, the most experi-

enced cornerback with 13 career starts, ranks sixth in school history with 20 pass breakups. He believes this year's secondary will be much improved because the hard work the team put in this off-season and the cohesion that is showing on the field this fall.

"I think we are doing very well as a unit," Huffman said. "I think as a group we are picking up the defense really well, we're showing good morale and that has really helped create a family niche. We're focused and we're using good technique."

The secondary also looks to receive a boost by the return of junior cornerback Bo Smith.

Smith, an Owensboro native, sat out last season with an injury.

"We are extremely happy that Bo Smith is healthy and the fact he can still play football is a plus," Brown said. "He is a great player, a great competitor and is really tough mentally. Bo has the tendency to set the tempo so guys are going to have to play to his level."

Moving into the starting free safety spot looks to be sophomore Marcus McClinton. The Ft. Campbell, product has been displaying his ability to act on the football and make plays throughout fall camp.

While the first-team secondary has been consistent in camp, Brown continually stresses to his guys the need to have the strongest unit as possible.

"I always say I never count on four guys," Brown said. "I want 10 starters. Due to injuries, I always want guys to know the game plan and to know that they are one play away from being in the game."

The other "six starters," in Brown's eyes, will come from a mix of juniors, sophomores and freshmen.

Fighting for time on the field at the cornerback spot in the fall has been four freshmen, David Jones, Trevard Lindley, Shomari Moore, and Jarrell Williams have been working very hard and have shown great athleticism. They should be pushing each other up to the Louisville game, Sept. 4, for time as "nickel backs," extra defensive backs

used in passing situations.

The backups at safety have the experience and skills needed to provide depth.

Junior free safety Karl Booker and sophomore strong safety Roger Williams both appeared in all 11 games last season and have shown great promise in camp. Booker, a Chesapeake, W.Va. native, manned the corner position last year and was moved to the safety in spring practice due to the progression of the young cornerbacks.

It's with this mix of young players, to go along with seasoned vets, that has UK's secondary looking to become established as one of the top defensive backfields in the SEC.

## County attorney defends decision not to pursue alleged rape at UK

By MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Fayette County Attorney Margaret Kannensohn on Tuesday defended her decision not to file charges based on a woman's allegations that she was raped in Wildcat Lodge at the University of Kentucky.

Kannensohn said she treated the allegation — which targeted a University of Kentucky basketball player who lived in the lodge — no differently than any other case in her office.

She said it was "a myth" that she gave the accused person any special treatment, as the woman's attorneys have claimed. Kannensohn said she received no pressure from university officials.

"No one is treated differently in this county based on that person's position," Kannensohn said. Later, she added that "any belief that (the process) was altered is an insult."

Matthew Boyd of Lexington, an attorney for the 29-year-old accuser, sharply disagreed after sitting through Kannensohn's morning news conference.

"Margaret Kannensohn made a decision to end a rape case, and it was wrong," said Boyd, who said she made "a decision that is normally made by a judge."

Kannensohn said that she recommended to Fayette County District Judge Joe Bouvier on Monday that no charges be

filed in the high-profile case. Under normal procedure, the judge would consider Kannensohn's recommendation in determining whether there is probable cause to proceed with the case.

Kannensohn said she reviewed the statements made by the accuser to police, medical authorities and her staff, the evidence in police custody and corroborating evidence in the accuser's favor. Kannensohn said she construed the evidence "in the light most favorable to the complaining witness." She declined to detail the evidence that she based her decision on.

She said her involvement in the case has ended.

Bouvier's decision does not end the case. Boyd said that he has left a message with Fayette County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Larson and that he will ask Larson to convene a grand jury. If Larson declines, Boyd said he would request the same thing from state Attorney General Greg Stumbo.

Stumbo spokeswoman Vicki Glass said that he had not been contacted about the case and declined comment until that happened.

"We would have to look at the specifics of the case," Glass said.

Boyd said the case would be pursued until "my client receives justice," although he acknowledged he was not optimistic that would happen. "I

feel like we've been beat down everywhere we've been."

Boyd said his client has offered to take a polygraph test, but "she's never been taken up on it."

The woman filed a criminal complaint with the county attorney's office July 6 and signed a formal complaint of first-degree rape last Tuesday.

Police have never publicly identified the suspect named by the accuser, but Bill Duffy, a sports agent for former Kentucky player Chuck Hayes, has said Hayes was notified of the investigation and said the rape allegation was false. Assistant Chief Ken Hall has said the suspect told police that he and the woman had consensual sex.

Jim Lowry of Lexington, Hayes' attorney, has not commented on the case.

The case began April 22, when the woman first filed a complaint saying she had been drugged and raped on April 20 at Wildcat Lodge.

The woman didn't initially cooperate with police, and they announced May 4 that they were dropping the case. She later changed her mind and began cooperating in early July, offering police other information.

Kannensohn called the police work on the case "exemplary" and said accusations that "the buck has been passed from police to me and I've passed it on" are untrue.

"The buck stops here," she said.

## EKU men's basketball announces 2005-06 schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Jeff Neubauer will begin his tenure as Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball coach away from the mainland. In addition to the season-opening Paradise Jam held in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Colonels face a formidable non-conference slate, featuring an appearance in the Bracket Buster, before defending their Ohio Valley Conference championship against a challenging 20-game league schedule.

Neubauer and his squad will be tested early as the season tips-off against Wisconsin, an Elite Eight participant last season, on Saturday, November 19 in the Paradise Jam.

"The Virgin Islands are a great place to be for anything, especially to start a basketball season," Neubauer said. "We open the year with Wisconsin and Norfolk State and then will play Georgia, Old Dominion or Fordham. This year's non-conference schedule is one of the toughest EKU has ever played.

The challenges will prepare us for our goal of being a special basketball team in late February and early March."

After returning from the Virgin Islands, EKU travels to Knoxville to face Tennessee of the Southeastern Conference before a two-game set in McBrayer Arena.

The Colonels welcome West Virginia Wesleyan for the home opener on Monday, November 28 before Western Kentucky visits Richmond on Saturday, December 3.

OVC action begins on the road when EKU makes a Thursday-Saturday swing to Murray State (Dec. 8) and Austin Peay (Dec. 10), the team Eastern Kentucky defeated in the conference championship game last March.

The Colonels then host three straight at home, conference contests against Eastern Illinois (Dec. 19) and UT-Martin (Dec. 22) before playing Coastal Carolina on December 30.

A road test at Southeast Missouri (Jan. 2) and a home-date against Tennessee Tech (Jan. 5) precede the

last non-conference road game of the season, at Atlantic 10-member Xavier on January 9.

EKU travels east to Morehead State (Jan. 12) before completing its regular-season series against Eastern Illinois in Charleston (Jan. 14). The Colonels then play 10 straight league games before competing in the Bracket Buster on February 18.

The 2005-06 regular-season ends with Austin Peay (Feb. 23) and Tennessee State (Feb. 25) in McBrayer Arena.

NOTES: The Colonels host Ottawa at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 6 in a pre-season scrimmage ... On its 2005-06 schedule, Eastern Kentucky has never faced Norfolk State and Wisconsin and could face Georgia or Old Dominion for the first time ... EKU hosts 14 home contests ... The Colonels were 12-1 at McBrayer Arena last year ... This marks the first year of the OVC's 20-game conference schedule ... The first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament will be held on February 28.

## Cards' men's basketball, women's golf teams earn academic awards

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — With a successful year both in competition and in the classroom, the University of Louisville's men's basketball and women's golf teams earned the Conference USA Sport Academic Awards for the 2004-05 season. The award is presented to the team in each conference-sponsored sport with the highest grade point average for the current academic year.

The Cardinals' women's golf team posted a cumulative 3.59 grade point average over the past academic year, highest among U of L athletic teams. The men's basketball team posted a cumulative 2.66 GPA,

an all-time high. U of L became a member of the BIG EAST Conference this year.

The academic success for both programs mirrors their success on the court and golf course. For the first time in the six-year history of its women's golf program, U of L had two individuals — Adrienne White and Meghan Little — receive bids to NCAA Regional competition. White was just three strokes from qualifying for the NCAA Championship.

U of L reached its first NCAA Final Four in the last 19 years and its eighth overall, posting a 33-5 record which ties for the most victories in school history. Louisville won

its first Conference USA regular season championship and its second C-USA Tournament title in the last three years. The Cardinals were ranked third in the final ESPN/USA Today poll and fourth in the AP rankings.

"Our players and our academic counseling staff, including Ray Harrison (whose work is primarily with men's basketball), have done a tremendous job," said U of L Men's Basketball Coach Rick Pitino. "Our team has really placed academics as a major priority in their lives. It's a work ethic that we want to see continue in our returning players and see to it that our five incoming freshman do the same."

## Guardians Classic to feature UK, WVU, Iowa and Texas

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Iowa, Kentucky, Texas, and West Virginia will host the Regional Rounds of the Guardians Classic, a 16-team college basketball tournament, on Nov. 12-16, 2005. The Championship Rounds of the event will be held Nov. 21-22 at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo.

Last year, Creighton won the Guardians Classic with an overtime win against Ohio State, 65-63.

Tickets for this year's Championship Rounds will go on sale this Saturday at 10 a.m. CST. See below for more information.

Iowa, Kentucky, Texas, and West Virginia are all anticipated to be ranked in the top 15

this preseason.

Five teams in the 2005 Guardians Classic made the NCAA tournament last season: Iowa, Kentucky, Texas, West Virginia, and Fairleigh Dickinson. Five Wooden Award nominees will play in the 2005 Guardians Classic: Daniel Gibson (Texas), Jeff Horner (Iowa), Kevin Pittsnogle (West Virginia), Rajon Rondo (Kentucky), and P.J. Tucker (Texas).

Iowa, UMES, Sacramento State, Samford, and Wofford all played in the inaugural Guardians Classic in 2001. Iowa advanced to the Championship Game, losing to Missouri by a last-second free throw, 78-77. Outlined below are the dates, locations, and matchups for the tournament.

### Regional Rounds:

#### Lexington Regional Rounds

Nov. 13-14

Rupp Arena — Lexington  
Kentucky vs. South Dakota State  
Lipscomb vs. Northern Colorado

#### Austin Regional Rounds

Nov. 15-16

Frank Erwin Center — Austin, Texas  
Texas vs. Southern  
Samford vs. Sacramento State

#### Iowa City Regional Rounds

Nov. 14-15

Carver-Hawkeye Arena — Iowa City, Iowa  
Iowa vs. UMES  
Colgate vs. Utah Valley State

#### Morgantown Regional Rounds

Nov. 12-13

WVU Coliseum — Morgantown, W.Va.  
West Virginia vs. Louisiana Monroe  
Fairleigh Dickinson vs. Wofford

### Championship Rounds:

#### Semifinal Doubleheader

Nov. 21

Municipal Auditorium  
Austin Winner vs. Morgantown Winner  
Iowa City Winner vs. Lexington Winner

#### Championship Doubleheader

Nov. 22

Municipal Auditorium  
Consolation Game  
Championship Game



Prestonsburg, coached by Jack Pack, hosted and defeated visiting Lawrence County 3-0 (25-18, 25-21, 25-23) Tuesday evening in a season-opening volleyball match.

photo by Jamie Howell

# NATIONAL LEAGUE: Giants 3, Reds 2

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The only thing that stood between Noah Lowry and finishing the best overall performance of his brief career was a blister.

Lowry pitched a season-high 8 1-3 innings, drove in the tying run and scored the go-ahead run as the San Francisco Giants beat the Cincinnati Reds 3-2 on Wednesday night.

The left-hander was two outs from the third complete game of his career and first of the season when a blister on his left index finger forced him out of the game after striking out Ken Griffey, Jr., to start the ninth.

Scott Eyre relieved and, after completing a walk to Austin Kearns that was charged to Lowry, struck out Adam Dunn.

LaTroy Hawkins came on and got Sean Casey to fly out to center fielder Randy Winn on the warning track for his sixth save, second with the Giants.

"Lowry was tremendous," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "He pitched four innings with that blister developing, but he kept going back and going back. We asked him if he wanted to come out, and he said, 'No, I'll just keep icing it and going back.'"

"It's nothing serious," Lowry said. "It'll just take a couple of days to heal, and I'll be ready in five days."

The Giants improved to 5-4 on their season-long 13-game road trip with their fourth win in six games. A victory on Thursday would give them their first sweep of a four-game series in Cincinnati since May 1983.

The Reds, who have won 10 of their last 11 road games, dropped their fourth consecutive home game and have lost seven of their last nine in Cincinnati.

Lowry (9-11) went at least seven innings for the third time in his last three starts, all of which he won after going 1-4 in his previous five. He limited the National League's highest-scoring team to seven hits and two runs, striking out seven. He walked one and matched Jason Schmidt for the team lead in wins while impressing Reds manager Jerry Narron.

"He's a very good pitcher," Narron said. "He's not a thrower. He did a good job changing speeds and hitting both sides of the plate. He kept us off-balance."

Lowry, who was hitting .282 going into the game, also played a key role in San Francisco's

three-run fifth that gave the Giants a 3-2 lead.

The Giants broke up Luke Hudson's shutout on Ray Durham's leadoff walk, Todd Linden's double to right-center and Jason Ellison's sacrifice fly.

One out later, Lowry lined a single to left on a 0-2 pitch to drive in Linden from second with the game-tying run. The RBI was Lowry's sixth of the season.

"I was just trying to put the ball in play and make good contact," Lowry said. "He left the ball up a little bit, and I got just enough of it."

"That was the biggest at bat of the game," Narron said. "I know Lowry's a pretty good hitter, but you've got to bear down there."

Lowry moved to third on Winn's double, and after Omar Vizquel was hit by a pitch to

load the bases, J.T. Snow walked to drive in Lowry and knock out Hudson. Todd Coffey came in to get Pedro Feliz to ground into an inning-ending forceout.

Hudson (4-6), who won his last three starts, went 4 2-3 innings, giving up four hits and three runs.

The Reds took a 1-0 lead in the first when Rich Aurilia singled with one out, moved to third on Griffey's sharp single to the base of the right-field wall and Kearns' sacrifice fly.

Hudson led off the third with the first of three consecutive singles and scored on Griffey's bases loaded sacrifice fly to give the Reds a 2-0 lead. Kearns lined into an inning-ending double play, and Lowry settled down, allowing two more hits.

"They put some good swings

on some good pitches and found some holes," Lowry said. "I decided to stick with my game plan and keep the ball down. I know this place plays short. All four of my pitches were working. I was able to establish my fastball on both sides of the plate, get ahead and stay ahead."

Notes: Lowry had thrown 14 1-3 consecutive scoreless innings going into the game. ... Feliz had hits in six consecutive at-bats over two games before flying out to end the fourth. ... Reds SS Felipe Lopez has six hits over the last two games after going 2-for-38. ... With a day game Thursday, Giants IF Deivi Cruz got the night off Wednesday despite setting a career high with five hits on Tuesday. ... Eyre's appearance was his major league-leading 64th.

## Royals can't win; Yankees can't beat the Devil Rays

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Kansas City Royals haven't won a game in three weeks. It's been 11 months since the New York Yankees took a series from the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

The Royals lost their club-record 18th straight game Wednesday and moved within three of matching the longest skid in American League history with an 11-5 loss at Seattle.

"This is tough," Kansas City's Jose Lima said. "This is something we didn't plan. Nothing is going our way right now. I'm embarrassed to go into a bar. The people would say, 'They lost 18 in a row. They really stunk this year.'"

The Yankees probably feel just as bad after a 7-6 loss at Tampa, their second straight one-run defeat to the last-place Devil Rays.

The Yankees, 0-3-1 in series against Tampa Bay this season, wasted opportunities to pull within 3 1/2 games of first-place Boston in the AL East and tighten the AL wild-card race, which finds them trailing Oakland by 1 1/2 games.

"It's frustrating. This is where you really have to earn your money," manager Joe Torre said. "Things aren't always going to be wonderful, because then it would be easy to play this game. You really have to fight your way through times like this."

In other AL games, it was: Detroit 6, Boston 5; Baltimore 5, Oakland 3; Texas 3, Cleveland 0; Minnesota 5, Chicago 1; and Toronto 4, Los Angeles 1.

Manager Buddy Bell rejoined the Royals after a two-game absence while attending burial services for his Marine nephew, who was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq earlier this month.

Bell returned to the dugout and watched the Royals get closer to the AL record of 21 straight losses set by the Baltimore Orioles at the start of the 1988 season.

Seattle's Adrian Beltre hit a grand slam on the 17th pitch by

D.J. Carrasco (5-7) in the first inning, and Jamie Moyer (10-4) made the early lead stand.

Rookie catcher Paul Phillips provided the Royals' biggest highlight, hitting a grand slam with two outs in the ninth, his first major league homer.

"I'm excited I hit a home run and I'm excited it was a grand slam, but it's way overshadowed by the way we played," Phillips said. "It's never easy losing one game much less this many."

Tampa Bay's Alex Gonzalez homered and drove in four runs and Jonny Gomes snapped an eighth-inning tie when he scored on Tanyon Sturtze's wild pitch.

Gonzalez had an RBI single off Al Leiter in the second and tied the game with a run-scoring double off Sturtze (4-2) in the eighth. Gomes, who had singled, raced home and put the Devil Rays ahead for good when Sturtze threw a pitch over the head of catcher Jorge Posada.

"I threw one up and in the pitch before and I thought that's where we were going again," Sturtze said. "Jorgie thought we were going to go sinker. It was just miscommunication between me and him."

Trevor Miller (1-0) pitched one inning for the victory. Danys Baez worked the ninth to earn his 26th save.

The Devil Rays rallied from a three-run deficit to win for the second straight night.

"It just shows the Yankees — with their history and with their payroll and with their All-Stars — they're not bulletproof," Gomes said. "In between the lines, there's no salaries and no world champions. It's nine-on-nine, plus your bullpen and bench. It just shows anyone can win."

The Yankees last took a series against the Devil Rays when they swept a four-game set last Sept. 6-9.

Orioles 5, Athletics 3: At Oakland, Calif., emergency starter Eric DuBose (1-0) didn't allow a hit until the fifth inning, and Baltimore sent the A's to their fourth straight loss by

completing a three-game sweep.

Luis Matos homered and had three hits for Baltimore, and Todd Williams worked the ninth for his first career save.

Dan Haren (10-9) was tagged for four straight hits to start the second and lost his second straight start following a nine-game winning streak.

Tigers 6, Red Sox 5: Craig Monroe's two-run double highlighted host Detroit's five-run first off David Wells (9-6).

Jeremy Bolderman (14-9) held the major's highest scoring team to four runs over 6 1-3 innings. The Red Sox had scored at least six runs in each of their last eight games.

Rangers 3, Indians 0: At Cleveland, Rookie Chris Young (10-7) allowed two singles in eight shutout innings, helping Texas snap an eight-game losing streak.

Michael Young hit a two-run homer in the first off Cleveland's Kevin Millwood (6-10) and Phil Nevin connected for a solo shot in the fourth as the Rangers ended a nine-game road losing streak dating to July 30.

Twins 5, White Sox 1: Johan Santana took a no-hitter into the seventh, and visiting Minnesota completed a three-game sweep of first-place Chicago and won for the sixth time in seven games.

Santana (12-6) gave up six hits with one walk, and struck out 10 in 8 1-3 innings. He lost his no-hit bid when Carl Everett hit a bloop single to open the seventh, and Paul Konerko ended his shutout by leading off the ninth with his 31st homer.

Matthew LeCroy homered twice against White Sox ace Mark Buehrle (13-6).

Blue Jays 4, Angels 1: Orlando Hudson and Vernon Wells broke open a tie game with consecutive RBI singles, helping Josh Towers (10-9) win his fourth straight road decision.

Jarrod Washburn (6-7) lost his third straight decision, allowing three runs and eight hits over six innings.

## Willis throws a quick shutout and has two-run double for Marlins

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dontrelle Willis shut down the San Diego Padres on the mound and did even more damage at the plate.

With a five-hitter and a two-run double, Willis helped the Florida Marlins beat the Padres 6-0 on Wednesday night. The Marlins left-hander said his hit was the bigger thrill.

"I'm just swinging," said Willis, who's batting .239. "To be able to get a big hit and put that much pressure on the pitcher is key."

There doesn't seem to be much pressure on Willis lately.

The five-hitter was his major league-leading fifth shutout of the season and Willis (16-8) tied St. Louis' Chris Carpenter for the most complete games with six. Only Carpenter (17-4) has more victories.

Willis has allowed only two earned runs in 37 innings over his past five starts, an ERA of 0.49.

"The guy has been one of the best pitchers in the league," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said. "He loves to compete and loves to play the game. He kept his pitches to a minimum, and, as usual, he comes up with a key hit that breaks the game open. He's the whole package."

In other NL games, it was: Atlanta 10, Los Angeles 2; Chicago 4, Houston 2; Philadelphia 4, Washington 3; New York 5, Pittsburgh 1; San Francisco 3, Cincinnati 2; St. Louis 5, Arizona 0; and Milwaukee 2, Colorado 0.

The Marlins shook a recent hitting slump, scoring all their runs in the first two innings against Woody Williams (6-9). Carlos Delgado hit his 23rd homer, Florida's third in the past 12 games.

But it was Willis' arm that drew the attention. He struck out three, walked one and benefited from three double plays. He threw 109 pitches on an 89-degree night in a game that last 1 hour, 55 minutes.

"He's as good as anybody," San Diego manager Bruce

Bochy said. "We aren't the first team he has shut out this year."

San Diego won the first four meetings with Florida this season. The Padres didn't have a runner reach second base until Damian Jackson doubled with one out in the ninth. Eric Young popped out to end the game.

"I definitely wanted to get that guy," Willis said. "I definitely didn't want to get pulled with two outs."

The Marlins came in having scored nine runs in the past five games, and after the early outburst, Padres pitchers retired the final 19 batters.

"We got some big hits," Delgado said. "That's what we haven't been doing, and I'm as guilty as anybody."

Braves 10, Dodgers 2: Jeff Francoeur homered, tripled and threw out another runner from right field to lead Atlanta. Andrew Jones hit his major league-leading 38th homer and Tim Hudson (9-7) went eight strong innings for the Braves.

The 21-year-old Francoeur, called up from the minors July 7, had his first career triple and followed with 10th homer, a two-run shot in the bottom of the fifth that knocked out Dodgers starter Odalis Perez (7-7). Francoeur threw out Perez trying to stretch a single into a double — the outfielder's ninth assist, one behind league leaders Geoff Jenkins of Milwaukee and Cliff Floyd of New York.

Cubs 4, Astros 2: Nomar Garciaparra homered one inning before leaving the game with a stiff lower back, and starter Carlos Zambrano homered and went 8 1-3 innings for visiting Chicago. Garciaparra was said to be day-to-day after hitting his second homer of the season and then leaving in the fifth inning. The shortstop was making his 10th start since returning after tearing his left groin in April.

Zambrano (10-5) allowed three hits, three walks and struck out 10 for his third win in four starts. He's 6-1 in his last

10 starts. Ryan Dempster got two outs for his 18th save.

Roy Oswalt (14-10) gave up four runs and eight hits in seven innings.

Phillies 4, Nationals 3: Jon Lieber (12-10) pitched six strong innings and Bobby Abreu hit a two-run double for Philadelphia, which moved into a tie with Houston atop the NL wild-card race. Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his 28th save.

Jimmy Rollins singled to lead off the bottom of the third against Esteban Loaiza (7-9). Kenny Lofton doubled and an out later, Abreu doubled high off the wall in left-center, giving the Phillies a 4-2 lead.

Mets 5, Pirates 1: Carlos Beltran scored twice in his return from a concussion and facial fracture in a frightening outfield collision and David Wright and Jose Offerman each had a two-run single for New York.

Tom Glavine (9-10) scattered nine hits in seven-plus innings and moved into sole possession of 30th place on the career wins list with 271.

Jason Bay homered and doubled for the Pirates, who fell to 2-10 on the road against the NL East.

Cardinals 5, Diamondbacks 0: Mark Mulder threw a five-hitter for his second shutout of the season and John Mabry hit a two-run homer for St. Louis (76-44), which passed the Chicago White Sox (74-44) for the best record in the majors.

Mulder (14-6), who has won seven of his last nine decisions, struck out four, walked two and benefited from three double plays. He also had a run-scoring single in the seventh for his second RBI.

Brewers 2, Rockies 0: Chris Capuano (13-8) allowed six hits over seven innings and drove in both runs with a bases loaded single in the second. Dana Eveland, Jose Capellan and Derrick Turnbow, who earned his 26th save, also combined for the 29th shutout in the 11 years Coors Field has been open.

## Legends fall 3-1

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Greensboro defeated Lexington 3-1 in a 12-inning marathon on Wednesday night. Brad McCann belted a two-run homer with Steve Gendron aboard to lift the Grasshoppers to the victory.

Garrett Murdy suffered the loss falling to 3-2 on the season. Kurt Koehler got the win with three innings of work.

Chris Mobley earned his league best 33rd save.

The game breezed through the first four innings. Raymar Diaz ran into trouble in fifth inning in relief of Felipe Paulino. Diaz coughed up a solo home run to catcher Brad Davis. The homer was the 15th allowed by Diaz this season.

Paulino made his second start of the season and worked four scoreless innings. Paulino

gave up two hits while striking out five. Diaz worked three innings allowing just the one run.

Lexington responded with a run in the sixth inning. Mitch Einertson singled and advanced to second on Ryan Reed's sacrifice bunt. Frankie Caraballo's two out doubled scored Einertson to tie the game. The game remained tied until McCann's blast

## Scranton/Wilkes-Barre 7, Louisville 3

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Shane Victorino went 3-for-4 and drove in a run on one of his two triples as the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons beat the Louisville Bats 7-3 on a national League game Wednesday night.

Victorino's second triple scored starting pitcher Jared Fernandez, who had doubled on his first hit of the season and gave the Red Barons a lead. A.J. Zapp's 3-for-3 performance

highlighted the second inning, highlighted

Louisville's scoring. Fernandez (2-2) gave up seven hits and three runs while striking out six in 5 2/3 innings for the win.

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre manager Jim Riggle said the team was "charged with the loss."

## BASEBALL MOVES

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Activated 1B John Olerud from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Kevin Youkilis to Pawtucket of the IL.

CLEVELAND

INDIANS—Claimed RHP Jason Young off waivers from Colorado and optioned him to Buffalo of the IL. Designated RHP Francisco Cruzeta for assignment.

DETROIT TIGERS—Placed SS Carlos Guillen on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 11. Recalled 1B Carlos Pena from Toledo of the IL.

National League

NEW YORK METS—Recalled C Mike Jacobs from Binghamton of the Eastern League. Designated RHP Jose Santiago for assignment.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Pittsburgh (K.Wells 6-12) at Philadelphia (Tejeda 3-2), 7:05 p.m.  
Washington (Patterson 7-3) at N.Y. Mets (Seo 4-1), 7:10 p.m.  
Arizona (Ru. Oruz 4-6) at Cincinnati (Clausen 7-8), 7:10 p.m.  
San Diego (Park 1-1) at Atlanta (Hampton 5-2), 7:35 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Houlton 4-6) at Florida (A.J. Burnett 11-6), 7:35 p.m.  
Milwaukee (D. Davis 9-8) at Houston (E. Astacio 2-6), 8:05 p.m.  
San Francisco (Hennessey 4-5) at St. Louis (Carpenter 17-4), 8:10 p.m.

Today's Games

Toronto (Bush 2-6) at Detroit (Maroth 10-11), 7:05 p.m.  
Baltimore (Bedard 6-4) at Cleveland (Elarton 7-6), 7:05 p.m.  
Texas (Benoit 3-2) at Tampa Bay (McClung 3-7), 7:15 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 11-7) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 16-6), 8:05 p.m.  
Seattle (Meche 10-8) at Minnesota (Silva 7-6), 8:10 p.m.  
Kansas City (Lima 4-11) at Oakland

(Lackey 10-4), 10:05 p.m.

# Owens all smiles upon returning to practice

by ROB MAADDI  
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PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens ran routes, caught passes and joked around with his Philadelphia Eagles teammates — quite a different T.O. from the one booted out of training camp a week ago.

This Terrell Owens smiled, laughed and even tutored some of the younger receivers on the sidelines Wednesday.

"He was fine today. He did a great job," said coach Andy Reid, who gave the All-Pro wideout the heave-ho and told him not to come back for a week.

The new Terrell Owens, however, still couldn't bring himself to talk to the player he needs to be in sync with the most: Donovan McNabb.

For the first time, McNabb — who has maintained his sense of humor throughout the ordeal — said he anticipated talking to Owens at some point.

"I think it's going to happen. I look forward to it happening," McNabb said. "But, again, when we get to that situation,

then that's when we will handle it. I think what we are doing right now is easing into everything and just going out and working, trying to answer some of the questions one of us may have and then be able to work in the confines of our own football field."

The running feud between quarterback and receiver was set aside while they were on the field, at least. The two stood next to each other in the huddle at times, across from each other at others, and appeared to communicate between plays. But they also stood side-by-side while stretching at the end of practice — and didn't say a word.

Owens ran precise routes and caught crisp passes from McNabb. All that was missing were high-fives and hugs.

"He works hard out there on the field. We were able to make some big plays," McNabb said.

Owens met briefly with Reid before practice, a condition for his return. He didn't answer questions from reporters after the morning practice.

"It was a good meeting,"

Reid said, avoiding questions about particulars. "He did a nice job. He worked very hard."

Owens, again wearing camouflage and listening to oversized headphones, arrived at Philadelphia's practice facility at 7:27 a.m. He was greeted by several dozen fans, some holding signs, including one that read "TO must go" — the same message carried on a radio station-sponsored banner trailing an airplane that flew near the practice field.

Owens jogged onto the field shortly before the morning session began at 8:45. He missed several practices with a groin injury before he was sent home last week, so Reid limited his reps to avoid aggravating the injury.

The NFC champions are hoping Owens isn't a distraction the rest of camp and into the season. The Eagles didn't allow Owens' antics to disrupt them last year, though he had a better relationship with McNabb, Reid and just about everyone else.

"I can't sit here and try to tell you what Terrell is going to do," All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins

said. "Only Terrell knows what he is going to do."

Owens spent a few days at his home in Atlanta after he left the team last week, then returned to Philadelphia on Monday afternoon. A police escort led him from the tarmac and away from fans and reporters waiting at the airport terminal.

Owens' return to his home in Moorestown, N.J., Tuesday night was met with the same hoopla as when he left. He ignored reporters' questions, waved to fans and signed autographs from a green SUV — the same one he drove last year. Owens was accompanied home by agent Drew Rosenhaus and publicist Kim Etheredge.

Owens had said he'll report and give his all, but won't be happy because the Eagles won't redo his contract. The team refuses to budge from its hard-line stance: Owens can play for them under the seven-year, \$48.97 million deal contract he signed last year, or he won't play at all.

A message left on Owens' Web site last week said he

planned to catch more balls than he ever has and his "on-the-field heroics will far outweigh any off-field criticism."

"Terrell will return to camp and continue to display the work ethic, and on-the-field dedication that has made him one of the world's most elite athletes," the message said. "For you the fan, and your continued support in the most difficult of times, Terrell plans to reward you with a season for the ages. Where small men succumb, great men overcome!"

Owens used the media to blast Reid, McNabb and offensive coordinator Brad Childress in separate television interviews last week, including a bizarre scene where he held a shirtless workout in his driveway. He called out Reid, said McNabb was a "hypocrite," and accused Childress of being antagonistic, saying the offending words were repeated greetings of "Hey, Terrell."

"If a daily, 'How you doing' or a 'What's up' is antagonistic or spiteful then I must be on the wrong planet," Childress said.

It'll be interesting to see how

long Owens can go without irritating Reid to the point where he would consider suspending him. The Eagles sent Owens a letter detailing why he was sent home last week. The team wanted to document exactly what its grievances are with Owens in case additional disciplinary action is necessary in the future.

It's obvious the offense is much better with the playmaking, showboating Owens, especially since the Eagles lost starter Todd Pinkston to a season-ending injury early in camp. Freddie Mitchell, last year's No. 3 receiver, was cut in the offseason, leaving the Eagles with Greg Lewis, Billy McMullen and rookie Reggie Brown. The trio had 12 receptions for 139 yards in a preseason loss to Pittsburgh on Monday.

Owens had 77 receptions for 1,200 yards and a franchise-record 14 touchdowns before severely injuring his ankle late in the season. He missed the final two regular-season games and the first two playoff games before returning for the Super Bowl, in which he had nine receptions for 122 yards.

## GOLDBERG ON FOOTBALL: T.O. remains a question mark for Eagles



by DAVE GOLDBERG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens met with Andy Reid early Wednesday morning and apparently told the Philadelphia Eagles' coach that his heart and attitude were in the right place. Then he went out and practiced very well, demonstrating that maybe the T.O. sidestory is finally over.

Sorry, Eagles fans, but Owens remains very much a problem — for the team and, to a lesser extent, for the NFL. It's more likely than not that the insubordination and other unprofessional behavior that caused Reid to send him home last week will return — Reid knows as much and so do his teammates, especially the veterans.

"He was fine today. I would expect that," Reid said, leaving unsaid that tomorrow, the next day, or the day after that might not be so fine.

Brian Dawkins, the team's All-Pro safety, said it a little more directly.

"I don't know what will happen. I only know what happened today," Dawkins said. "I can't tell you something won't happen before Game 5 or some other time."

That is the shadow that hangs over the Eagles as they try to get back to another Super Bowl.

It's the same shadow that hung over the 49ers for a half-decade or more, over Steve Mariucci and his successor, Dennis Erickson. Owens was a malcontent in the Bay Area, just as he is a malcontent now, a magnificent player who wants everyone to bend to his needs, whatever they might be at the moment — and makes trouble if they don't.

The difference then was that he was on the West Coast, an environment that is much more laid back than Philadelphia, with its frenzied fans and frantic media. And he was playing for a team that was in decline, even in the years that it did make it to the postseason.

In this case, the problems have extended far beyond Philadelphia.

Peyton Manning, of all people, noticed it this week.

"I come back to my room at night and try to see a little Giants coverage, see how my brother is doing," he says. "But I see all this stuff, fact or fiction with T.O., and I'm tired of it. It's nothing against T.O., but I would like to see a little more coverage of the Giants — or the Colts."

Ask Paul Tagliabue what he thinks of the Owens issue and his answer is that he doesn't.

"I guess it shows that in some parts of the media there is focus on whatever, who knows," the commissioner said. "It has about as much effect as a firefly that will be gone in September."

For Tagliabue and the other 31 teams that may be true.

For the Eagles, it may not be.

Owens spent his first practice back running precise routes catching precision passes from

Donovan McNabb, the quarterback he has blamed for a variety of ills, including getting tired in the final stages of the Super Bowl as the Eagles tried to come back against New England.

McNabb later said there was nothing unusual about the day, that he and Owens both performed their tasks in a manner befitting professionals. When he was asked later what would happen if he needed to have a professional discussion with Owens, his reply essentially was "then we'll have it."

But there clearly seems to be a palpable aura of tension surrounding the Eagles.

It wasn't so much the 75 to 100 reporters with cameras and microphones who were all over the team headquarters Wednesday. As Dawkins pointed out, there were several thousand of those at the Super Bowl last winter.

It was more in body language, in things left unsaid, in the questions that always seemed to come back to the one that no one could answer: "Is everything all right now?"

The answer from Reid on down seemed to be: "It's all right for today."

Beyond that were the unspoken words: T.O. is T.O. His friendly demeanor, his sharp routes, his strong hands were today's version. But who knows what will happen tomorrow, next week or next month.

A lot of people, including some very much in the know about the Eagles, were surprised that Owens was even taken back.

Maybe they'll be surprised for the rest of the season.

Or maybe they won't.

## "Pacman" Jones thankful business is over so football can start



by TERESA M. WALKER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Adam "Pacman" Jones is happy to finally get his NFL career under way.

The Tennessee Titans reached a deal with their top draft pick Wednesday night, ending their longest contract holdout since relocating to the state of Tennessee.

Jones had hoped to have a contract that would allow him to join the Titans in Atlanta — his hometown — on Friday night to play the Falcons. Coach Jeff Fisher had told the cornerback he needed to practice by Tuesday afternoon to play in the team's second exhibition.

But reaching agreement on a five-year contract more than makes up for not accompanying his new teammates.

"Amazingly, as bad as I wanted to play the game in Atlanta, there's nothing that can take the place of my dream," Jones said. "I've been waiting 21 years for this. I'm just proud to be a Titan. I'm the youngest Titan. I'm hoping that I can come in and maybe I can contribute."

Jones, who left West Virginia after his junior season, had been one of only two draft picks still unsigned after a 20-day holdout. His five-year deal with \$13.5 million in guaranteed money left running back Cedric Benson of Chicago as the only draft pick in the NFL without a deal.

Despite being close to a deal, his agent Michael Huyghue and the Titans negotiated Tuesday and Wednesday before finally reaching an agreement in principle Wednesday night. The Titans still had to write up the contract.

"We may have to dot one more 'I' or cross one more 'T,'

but he'll be over at the facility when the team gets back and resume practice as soon as they get back," Huyghue said.

That means Jones' first practice will be Sunday afternoon, the first of five remaining practices before the Titans break camp on Aug. 24. The team, which had no comment Wednesday night, was scheduled for a walkthrough Thursday morning before flying to Atlanta on Thursday afternoon.

The Titans selected Jones with the sixth pick overall and made him the first defensive player taken in the draft based on his speed and his return skills on kickoffs and punts. They hope he can fill one of two cornerback slots left open by salary cap decisions.

"It may take a week or two to get back in the groove," Jones said. "I'm just happy I don't have to see my name go across the screen as unsigned and all that. I'm very content with the spot that I'm in."

Tennessee cut Samari Rolle in February and let their other starter, Andre Dyson, leave in free agency for Seattle because of salary-cap reasons. They picked Jones instead of Antrel Rolle, who went eighth to Arizona.

The 5-foot-10, 185-pound Jones, the franchise's highest draft pick since Steve McNair was third overall in 1995, won the Titans over with speed timed at 4.38 seconds in the 40-yard dash and his leaping ability in pre-draft workouts. He recorded a 39-inch vertical leap before the draft.

Complicating the final negotiations had been the Titans' desire to protect themselves. Jones was arrested July 13 and recently had two misdemeanor assault charges and a count of felony vandalism postponed until Dec. 8.

He had his own lawyer file a civil lawsuit last week against the men who had him arrested, seeking \$7.5 million for lost endorsement money and defamation and slander.

"All I want to do is help the team," Jones said. "I've been through so much with everything that's going on. I've kept my head high, and hopefully, everything will work out."

## Bengals sign first-round draft pick

by LISA CORNWELL



ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — David Pollack, the Cincinnati Bengals' first-round pick, ended his 19-day holdout on Wednesday by signing a five-year contract.

"I just want to be a professional about it and win ballgames and play football," Pollack said as he and coach Marvin Lewis met with reporters at Paul Brown Stadium.

Pollack's \$10 million deal includes \$7.75 million guaranteed and is worth up to \$13 million with incentives.

Pollack, the 17th pick overall in April's draft, was one of the last first-round picks to sign. Chicago's Cedric Benson and Tennessee's Adam "Pacman" Jones are the only holdouts remaining, though Jones is close to signing.

Originally penciled in as a starter at strong-side linebacker after playing defensive tackle in college, he was demoted to third team on the depth chart during his holdout.

Just Monday, Lewis blasted Pollack for missing practice, saying, "I think the club has given in every way."

Pollack said he was in contact with Lewis during the holdout and doesn't think there will be a lasting problem.

"He wasn't screaming and yelling at me and cussing me," Pollack said. "We were trying to get it solved. That's all we were doing."

Pollack wouldn't talk about the contract, saying of his agents: "It was my job to let them do their job and that's what I did."

Pollack will travel with the Bengals to their preseason game at Washington Friday night, then officially start practice Sunday.

"He's got a lot of football ahead of him here," Lewis said.

Pollack said he's been working out with a trainer, running and playing racquetball to keep in shape.

"He's not behind," Lewis said. "He'll be right with us. He'll be fine. We're going to coach him up and he's going to play."

The 6-foot-2, 255-pound Pollack was a defensive end at Georgia. He became the first two-time winner of the Ted Hendricks Award given to the nation's top college defensive end. His 36 sacks set a Georgia record and rank fourth all-time in the SEC.

## FOOTBALL TRANSACTIONS

### National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with LB Dan Morgan on a five-year contract extension.

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed KR J.J. Moses to a two-year contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed LB David Pol-

lack to a five-year contract. GREEN BAY PACKERS—Waived OT Brennan Curtin.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed WR Kahlil Hill. Waived WR Jason Mitchell.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Traded an undrafted pick to Dallas for T Sam Wilder. Released G-C Bryan Anderson.

## NFL

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
New England	1	0	0	1.000	23	13
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	10	3
Miami	0	2	0	.000	41	54
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
Houston	0	1	0	.000	14	20
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	17	20
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	31	44
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	17	14
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	38	31
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	3	16
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	13	23
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	20	14
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	16	27
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	13	21
San Diego	0	1	0	.000	7	10

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	11	13
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	14	17
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	31	38
Washington	0	1	0	.000	10	28
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	2	0	0	1.000	43	24
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	28	10
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	15	34
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	10	7
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	27	16
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	40	41
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	3	10
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	13	11
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	17	13
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	21	13
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	34	15

### Thursday's Game

New Orleans at New England. (Score unavailable)

### Friday's Games

Tennessee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota at N.Y. Jets, 8 p.m.

Cincinnati at Washington, 8 p.m.

### Saturday's Games

Cleveland at Detroit, 1 p.m.

Green Bay at Buffalo, 6 p.m.

Miami at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Jacksonville at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Oakland at Houston, 8 p.m.

Chicago at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

Carolina at N.Y. Giants, 8 p.m.

Philadelphia at Baltimore, 8 p.m.

Arizona at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

San Francisco at Denver, 9 p.m.

### Sunday's Game

St. Louis at San Diego, 4 p.m.

### Monday's Game

Dallas at Seattle, 8 p.m.

### Thursday, Aug. 25

Atlanta at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.

### Friday, Aug. 26

Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Washington, 8 p.m.

Baltimore at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

Buffalo at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Carolina at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

New England at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

New York Jets at New York Giants, 8 p.m.

San Diego at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Arizona at Oakland, 9:30 p.m.

Tennessee at San Francisco, 10 p.m.

### Saturday, Aug. 27

Tampa Bay at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Indianapolis at Denver, 8 p.m.

Houston at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Seattle at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 29

St. Louis at Detroit, 8 p.m.

# Tony Stewart racing in rarified air

by DICK BRINSTER  
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Tony Stewart is in a zone rarely achieved in NASCAR.

With five victories in the last seven races and his spot in the Nextel Cup playoffs virtually assured, Stewart can take it easy. Don't count on it.

"Even though we have that flexibility to relax a bit from knowing that we're going to make the Chase, we still have the pressure to make sure we've done everything we can to be prepared for when the Chase starts," he said. "We're pretty much guaranteed to be in, but we don't want to just settle for being in."

"We want to do what we can to win the championship." And in case he forgets, crew chief Greg Zipadelli will be certain to remind him of that. Stewart probably will be on top when NASCAR squeezes the points after 26 races to five-point intervals among the top drivers, who'll chase the title over the last 10 events.

His lead is 105 points over Jimmie Johnson heading to Michigan for Sunday's GFS Marketplace 400.

"We can't even think about getting complacent," said Zipadelli, the only crew chief Stewart has had since his rookie season with Joe Gibbs Racing. "My attitude after last week is we've got to work even harder. I want to win more than I did last weekend because it's the following weekend."

That was his philosophy after the most coveted victory of Stewart's seven seasons in NASCAR — when the Hoosier climbed the fence to celebrate at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Last Sunday, Stewart won again, this time on the road course in Watkins Glen, N.Y., further cementing his spot in the Chase.

"It's real easy to say, 'Hey, we're in this thing. We're OK,'" Zipadelli said before the race at The Glen. "We've got to keep the intensity, the pressure on ourselves to perform, not slip up, not sit back and let your guard down."

Every point counts, and for the Home Depot team there is no alternative other than racing as hard as it can each time the rubber meets the road. It's been that way for most of Stewart's

34 years — from the time he began beating the rest of the kids in go-karts.

Since then, Stewart has won in dirt cars, midgets, sprints and everything else he's driven. He came to the fore as the 1997 IRL champion, and then moved to NASCAR.

Only racing greats Mario Andretti and A.J. Foyt showed that sort of versatility. Now, some are comparing Stewart to them.

Even with several years of racing ahead of him, that might be a bit of a stretch. And who would want that kind of pressure anyway?

Stewart doesn't mind. "It doesn't put pressure on me," he said. "If anything, it's very flattering."

"Hopefully, I'm one of those guys who can go anywhere. Even if it's a car I haven't driven before. I might not be able to win right away, but at least I'm competitive and don't look like I've never driven something like that before."

He's demonstrated that repeatedly, and his victory Sunday at Watkins Glen leaves him as the unchallenged king of the road courses. It was his fifth win on a serpentine layout, not bad

for a kid from Indiana who grew up in the left-turn-only environment of midwestern tracks.

There have been plenty of growing pains and temper tantrums along the way. He was placed on probation Tuesday until the end of the year for hitting another car after the Busch series race Saturday. But nothing seems to hurt his performance.

"This sport is mental," Zipadelli said of Stewart and the team. "We've been through a lot of adversity in the last seven years. But as a group we've been able to put things behind us and believe in ourselves and in our driver."

Given Stewart's immense talent, that's not difficult. He has won 24 times on the world's premier stock car racing circuit, and was a threat to win virtually every week from 2000 to his championship season of 2002. What followed was a period of consistency with no threat of domination.

Now the domination is back, but Stewart isn't taking it for granted.

"There are no guarantees that because you're good one year you should be good the next," Stewart explained. "If everybody

would quit working to get better and you were good, you could just not have to worry about it. You'd be good all the time. It just doesn't work that way."

Right now, everything seems to be working, and Zipadelli hopes the opposition doesn't figure out why Stewart is the favorite far more frequently than anyone else.

"They're sitting back there where we were eight to 10 weeks ago — trying to figure out how to get our program back on track 100 percent," he said. "It wasn't terrible. It just wasn't as good as some of the other guys we were racing."

Even at its zenith, success quickly can find an abyss. Stewart experienced that last season.

He entered the Chase fourth in readjusted points, just 15 behind leader Jeff Gordon. Stewart qualified well and led 16 laps in New Hampshire. Then he wrecked, and fell 135 points behind.

A real downer? "Yeah," Stewart said. "It pretty much ended our Chase 30 of 40 laps into the first race. We really weren't on the radar screen anymore."

## Stewart fined for NBS post-race bump at Glen

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

NASCAR announced Tuesday that two penalties have been issued to NASCAR Busch Series competitors as a result of rules infractions last weekend at Watkins Glen International.

Tony Stewart, driver of the No. 33 Chevrolet, was fined \$5,000 and placed on probation until Dec. 31 for hitting another competitor's car after the completion of the race. That infraction is a violation of Section 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing) of the NASCAR Busch Series rule book.

Lance Deiters, crew chief of the No. 83 Chevrolet driven by Wally Dallenbach, was fined \$2,500 for an unapproved third gear transmission ratio. That infraction, discovered during opening-day inspection, is a violation of Section 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing) and Section 12-4-CC (unapproved gear ratio) of the NASCAR Busch Series rule book.

## McMurray tries to keep team support as he races for Chase

by JENNA FRYER  
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jamie McMurray fell agonizingly short of qualifying for NASCAR's playoffs last season, missing out on a spot in the Chase for the Championship by 15 points.

His entire team believes that if McMurray had made it in, he might have won the title.

Determined not to be shut out again this season, McMurray's challenge is a lot tougher this time around. Aside from his on-track battles, McMurray must fight the perception that his Chip Ganassi Racing team will treat him like a lame duck because he already has announced plans to leave for Roush Racing.

"Obviously the first couple of weeks it was pretty tough, but I told (the team) what the situation was and told them I wouldn't give up," said McMurray, "and I told them I didn't want them to give up on me."

McMurray is the first to acknowledge crew members were stunned and even hurt when they learned he had signed to drive for Roush in 2007. It didn't help when he said publicly that he'd prefer to get out of his current contract early so he can start his new job next season.

But with owner Chip Ganassi steadfast in his refusal to let McMurray out of his deal, McMurray now is concentrating on keeping his team focused on getting into the Chase.

Few outside his team think he can do it.

Why should the members of the No. 42 crew, which devotes all its time and energy into making McMurray go fast on the race track, break their backs for a driver who ultimately doesn't want to be with them?

Because that's their job, crew chief Donnie Wingo said.

"Sure there were some hurt feelings in the beginning, and I think maybe that's because a lot of us think we're a better team than the group he is headed to," Wingo said. "But we get paid to win races and there's no point in

not giving it everything we've got."

So, with McMurray clinging to the ninth spot in the standings, the team promises to continue to push hard this season. The top 10 drivers in points are assured of a spot in NASCAR's 10-race playoff format, as well as any other driver within 400 points of the leader.

But what about next season, which the entire team knows is McMurray's last? McMurray already is being referred to as a lame duck for 2006, a characterization that infuriates Ganassi.

"What exactly is a lame duck?" he asks, his voice rising. "Is (NFL announcer) John Madden a lame duck? He is leaving ABC next season to go to NBC, so is this entire year a lame duck year for him? No. He's still going to do his job to the best of his ability."

"You do your job, you try to win races and you give it your all. Jamie and the 42 team will continue to do that."

There's still a chance that all this speculation surrounding McMurray's contract status could create a distraction that will derail his bid to make the Chase. With just four races left to lock into the playoffs, a string of poor finishes could knock him out this season.

Needing to race his way in last year, McMurray gave it everything he had over this same stretch and finished in the top 10 in the same four events. He still fell short, missing the top 10 by just 15 points, and it was all he and his crew could do not to blame each other for a 25-point penalty the team received earlier in the season for presenting a car that didn't meet NASCAR's templates.

"Just missing the Chase was devastating," Wingo said. "It was the hardest thing this team has ever been through. But at the same time, it gave us motivation to go out there and kick some butt."

Although not eligible to win the Nextel Cup championship, McMurray notched eight top-10 finishes in the final 10 events —

strong enough that he would have been in the title hunt in the season finale.

"There's nothing more I want to do then prove all of you wrong who said that we were going to fall apart when (the Roush contract) was announced," McMurray said. "That just kind of drives me and it's driving my team right now."

Mark Martin, the driver McMurray eventually will replace at Roush, wants to retire from Nextel Cup racing at the end of this year. But he could be persuaded to stay in the No. 6 another season if McMurray can't get out of his Ganassi deal.

No matter what car McMurray is in next week or next season, Martin is confident he'll be trying to win.

"Everyone seems to not understand that it doesn't matter what you climb in, you want to win the same," Martin said. "No matter what you're going to do tomorrow and no matter what you did yesterday, from a driver's standpoint, it doesn't matter."

"They all have huge egos. They all want to win every time they climb into anything, and, if anything else, they'd rather win in a situation that looked less promising."

## Fine, probation for Kyle Busch after Glen incident

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR announced Tuesday that Kyle Busch, driver of the No. 5 Chevrolet in the Nextel Cup Series, has been fined \$10,000 and placed on probation until Dec. 31 for an infraction last week at Watkins Glen International.

Busch was fined for hitting another competitor's car after the completion of the race, a violation of Section 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing) of the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series rule book.

team owner Richard Childress said. "Scott brings a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience to the Jack Daniel's team."

"He called the GM Goodwrench team's victory this year at Bristol when Todd was out so he knows how to win races as a crew chief at the Nextel Cup level. We want to give Dave Blaney the best opportunity we can and I think moving Scott in as crew chief for him is a step in the right direction."

In 22 starts this season, Blaney and Lopez had one top-10 finish, an eighth at Atlanta. Blaney is currently 32nd in the Nextel Cup Series point standings.

## Food City 250 will feature Strong field

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — If you scan the entry list for the Busch Series Food City 250, which takes place Aug. 26 at Bristol Motor Speedway, you might think you're looking at the list of drivers scheduled to compete in the Sharpie 500.

The field of Cup drivers who will attempt to qualify for the most exciting Busch series event on the circuit, include defending champion Dale Earnhardt Jr., Ryan Newman, Kasey Kahne, Bobby Labonte, Carl Edwards, Kevin Harvick, Jamie McMurray, Kyle Busch, Sterling Marlin, Greg Biffle, Michael Waltrip and Jeff Green.

"Doing double duty at Bristol is definitely a challenge," said Labonte. "But it's one I'm looking forward to. It'll be good to get out there and get on the track and try to figure out some things that will help us on Saturday. And, of course, we'll be shooting for the win."

"You can't help but get excited about these races. You're running under the lights and the crowds are unbelievable. The atmosphere here is second to none."

Busch Series regular Martin Truex, Jr., who won the spring race in 2004, is considered one of the favorites. Truex currently leads the series point standing while Clint Bowyer is second, 122 points behind. Neither Bowyer or Reed Sorenson, who is third in the points and 219 behind Truex, have won at Bristol, although Sorenson scored a third-place finish this past spring while Bowyer had a respectable 13th-place showing. Edwards is fourth in points (-356) while Kenny Wallace, a former Bristol Busch Series winner, is fifth (-472).

The top four drivers in the points chase have accounted for half of the 24 race wins on the tour this year with Truex dominating with six. Bowyer has one win, Sorenson had two and Edwards has 3.

Practice for the Food City 250 starts at 9:45 a.m. on Friday while qualifying is slated for 4:40 p.m. The field takes the green flag at 7:50 p.m.

Tickets for the Food City 250 can be purchased online at [bristolstix.com](http://bristolstix.com) or by calling the BMS ticket office at 423/989-6900.

## Frist named Food City 250 Grand Marshal

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — United States Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist has been named the Grand Marshal of the Food City 250 on Aug. 26 at Bristol Motor Speedway while former Virginia Attorney General Jerry

Kilgore, Republican candidate for governor, will serve as Honorary Starter for the race.

A member of the U.S. Senate since 1994, Dr. Frist, the first practicing physician elected to the Senate since 1928, is a fourth generation Tennessean whose great, great grandfather was one of Chattanooga's 53 original settlers. Dr. Frist, who was born in Nashville, is the 54th U.S. Senator from Tennessee. In 2000, he was unanimously elected chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) for the 107th Congress and in December 2002 was unanimously elected Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate (108th Congress).

Before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1994, Frist graduated in 1974 from Princeton University where he specialized in health care policy at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. In 1978 he graduated with honors from Harvard Medical School and spent the next seven years in surgical training at Massachusetts General Hospital; Southampton General Hospital, Southampton, England; and Stanford University Medical Center. He is board certified in both general surgery and heart surgery.

"Senator Frist, is a world renowned heart surgeon and a model Tennessee native," said Steven C. Smith, chief executive officer and president for Food City. "He understands the importance of Bristol Motor Speedway's role in the Tri-Cities and the state of Tennessee. We are deeply honored that he is taking time from his extremely hectic schedule to serve as our Grand Marshal. We're looking forward to hearing him utter the four most popular words in NASCAR motor sports to command the start of the Food City 250."

Kilgore was elected Virginia's 42nd Attorney General in November 2001 and currently is running for Governor. Prior to his election as Attorney General, Kilgore served as Secretary of Public Safety for then Governor George Allen, managing 11 State agencies, including the Virginia State Police, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Juvenile Justice.

"Jerry is a native Southwest Virginian and has served the Commonwealth of Virginia under former Governor, now Senator, Allen as Public Safety Secretary," said Smith. "He has helped to abolish parole and bring jobs to Southwest Virginia through the building of much needed new prisons."

"We are delighted to have Jerry wave the green flag to start the Food City 250."

The Food City 250 takes the green flag Friday, Aug. 26 at 7:50 p.m.

## 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 Revol. 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. (Carl Edwards)
- June 19 — Batman Begins 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Greg Biffle)
- June 26 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Tony Stewart)
- July 2 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Tony Stewart)
- July 10 — USG Sheetrock 400, Joliet, Ill. (Dale Earnhardt, Jr.)
- July 17 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H. (Tony Stewart)
- July 24 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Kurt Busch)
- Aug. 7 — Allstate 400, Indianapolis (Tony Stewart)
- Aug. 14 — Sirius at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. (Tony Stewart)
- Aug. 21 — GFS Marketplace 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
- 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. Tony Stewart, 3,113
2. Jimmie Johnson, 3,008
3. Greg Biffle, 2,861
4. Rusty Wallace, 2,855
5. Mark Martin, 2,782
6. Kurt Busch, 2,692
7. Jeremy Mayfield, 2,684
8. Ryan Newman, 2,646
9. Jamie McMurray, 2,599
10. Carl Edwards, 2,593
11. Elliott Sadler, 2,590 (tie) Dale Jarrett, 2,590
13. Jeff Gordon, 2,526
14. Kevin Harvick, 2,523
15. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., 2,430
16. Matt Kenseth, 2,428
17. Joe Nemechek, 2,386
18. Brian Vickers, 2,349
19. Kasey Kahne, 2,349
20. Kyle Busch, 2,290

## Miller takes over crew chief

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WELCOME, N.C. — Scott Miller will assume crew chief duties for Richard Childress Racing's No. 07 Jack Daniel's Chevrolet and driver Dave Blaney effective immediately, in time for this weekend's GFS Marketplace 400 at Michigan International Speedway.

Miller moves over to the No. 07 camp after being team manager/engineer for RCR's No. 29 GM Goodwrench Chevy and driver Kevin Harvick.

Blaney's former crew chief Philippe Lopez has been offered a position in RCR's research and

development department. Andy Street will fill Miller's former role with the GM Goodwrench team.

Miller boasts two career Nextel Cup Series wins as a crew chief, most recently in April at Bristol Motor Speedway where he led Harvick to Victory Lane in Todd Berrier's absence. Miller, a native of Bardonia, also won in March 2003 at Darlington Raceway with driver Ricky Craven.

"The performance of the Jack Daniel's team was not where we expected it to be so we decided to make this change and bring Scott Miller over from the Goodwrench team to be the crew chief for the 07 team,"

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### THROUGH MY EYES

## 'Stand up, please'

by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR

Recent columns submitted by "Poison Oak" author, Clyde Pack, have sent my mind back a few years to good ole' elementary school and the ever-present threat of corporal punishment, a.k.a. "the paddle."



Kathy Prater  
Lifestyles editor

Clyde seems to favor bringing the paddle back into the classroom, although most of the time I tend to agree with Mr. Pack, on this point, I have to say that I do not.

Although one cannot argue that many of today's kids lack self-control and seem to know little about respecting others, I'm just not convinced that bringing the paddle back into the classroom is the answer to bringing these kids to the realization that the world, regardless of what they may think, or what Gram and Gramps have told them, does not revolve around their little bodies.

"The Paddle," in my opinion,

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### POSTSCRIPT

## Fair memories

Kathy Prater's mention last week on this page of the upcoming East Kentucky Fair and of county fairs of her youth got me to thinking.

I do enjoy the Apple Festival, Jenny Wiley Festival and all those colorfully named celebrations in communities across the region.

They are sources of entertainment and reasons for pride.

But I do miss the old county fairs.

In my early memories, my aunt and uncle lived two doors from the old Paintsville Stockyards, on what was referred to as the lower end of town, close to where Paint Creek runs into the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, which we simply always called "the river."

My cousin Randal and I played



Pam Shingler  
contributing writer

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# Glotzbach leads CODA group

Tim Glotzbach, Dean and Founding Director of the Kentucky School of Craft in Hindman, is serving as president of the Craft Organization Development Association (CODA) which serves organizations with education and professional development to foster public appreciation and understanding of craft. He is shown above with Robert Lynch, President and CEO, Americans for the Arts, 2005 Conference Keynote Speaker and Fran Redmon, 2005 CODA Conference Chair and Program Director, of the Kentucky Craft Marketing Program, a division of the Kentucky Arts Council.



James Carter, chair of the District's Board of Supervisors, enjoyed looking over several scrapbooks on display at the celebratory event. On hand to welcome the public bright and early Thursday morning were, from left to right, Michelle Goble, FCCD environmental educator, Donna Baker McClure, field representative, office of Sen. Mitch McConnell, Alan Williams, Floyd County Fiscal Court, Tony Grubb, FCCD conservation technician, and Chris Slone, USDA and FCCD conservationist.

## FCCD hosts 55th anniversary open house

by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR

The Floyd County Conservation District (FCCD) office held an open house event this past Thursday to commemorate the office's 55th anniversary. Several members of the community and honored guests, including Donna Baker McClure, field representative for the office of Sen. Mitch McConnell, stopped by to enjoy refreshments and conversation with the office staff.

In addition to a beautiful offer-

ing of delectable treats and refreshments, FCCD staff had on display a collection of scrapbooks and a photo display highlighting a variety of District programs, award-winning students and scholarship recipients.

"We're just going to enjoy our day today, greeting the public and talking with those who stop by," said Tony Grubb, District conservation technician.

"We've looked forward to this day for a while and we hope everyone enjoys their visit," echoed Michelle Goble, District

environmental educator.

Among the several programs and services offered to the public by the Floyd County Conservation District are: soil testing services, equipment rental, tree seedling give-away, seed give-away, state and county cost share programs, Conservation scholarships, Conservation art and writing contests and awards, and soil stewardship programs. Additionally, the District hosts an annual banquet each spring to recognize and honor those in the community who have served Floyd County by utilizing

conservation techniques, serving as good environmental stewards and for those students who have received District awards and scholarships.

For more information on the Floyd County Conservation District and its many programs and services, call 889-9800.

Members of the Floyd County Conservation District Board of Supervisors are: Ruby Akers, Floyd Allen, Daniel Branson, James Carter II, Thomas Hardwick, Bert Layne and Ernie Tackett.



photos by Kathy J. Prater

### THINGS TO PONDER

# Guilt

by Dr. Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

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 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 the eye. But, where does 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 one's enjoyment of living, cripples our social and business lives, increases worry, is disheartening, and humiliates us. As we all have 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 inhibitions to not fulfill pleasure-seeking impulses. This is definitely a time that PARENTS HAVE ALL OF THE RESPON-



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

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Postscript

in the stockyard on weekdays when no sales were going on. We climbed over wood fences between stalls. We ran up and down the benches in the small arena where animals were shown on weekends. (It seemed huge at the time, but I suspect it was quite small by today's standards.)

We raced around the maze of stalls and fences and throughways. It was a perfect place for marathons and games of hide and seek and pretend rodeos.

But the most exciting time was in the fall when the Johnson County Fair took place within throwing distance of Randal's house.

The stalls at the stockyard were full of animals, the best of

every kind of critter: sleek horses, carefully combed cattle, hogs so fat they could hardly walk, and chickens, lambs, goats, rabbits.

Randal and I were not in 4-H, so we missed the joys and the sorrows of that competition.

But we were in school, so we were able to enter other competitions — in art, penmanship, creative writing and such.

I remember the thrill of seeing my penmanship sample hung on a fence that doubled as a display case on one side and animal enclosure on the other.

I remember looking, with awe, at the rows of canned goods and myriad foods that

filled tables throughout the area. There was so much to see. We were munchkins in a grand wonderland.

I have no memories of carnival rides and sideshows, but I'm sure they were there in the orchard behind the stockyards.

If there was a carnival, we were more onlookers than participants. Our families had little money for frills, except maybe for a turn or two on the Ferris wheel.

But that was all right, in retrospect. We had a wealth of things to behold without the carnival.

I hope the regional fair is half as exciting for today's little Randals and Pams.

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Ponder

**SIBILITY TO TEACH A CHILD WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG TO CREATE A NEW MEMBER OF SOCIETY WHO IS AWARE THAT HE 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 that 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 youngster is likely to choose one of two directions: (1) since he can not 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 OK, 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 is 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 hopefully cope better with guilt feelings.

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Eyes

teaches nothing more than fear. I grew up attending school in the days when a student was impelled to behave, or else face the wrath of those in whose care you had been entrusted. Fear promotes shyness and fosters intimidation, both of which hinder a student's ability to concentrate on the educational material presented before him.

There is nothing good about fear. Nor was there anything good about the scary rumors that used to fly all around the heads and ears of my former classmates and I. Rumors of "electric paddles" and "paddles with a zillion holes." The "zillion holes" having to do with the amount of "sting" associated with each well-aimed swat.

You might wonder what I, an even-tempered, good-natured individual, and former "good student" could possibly really know about "the paddle."

Well, as it turns out - quite a bit. Although I was a nice kid and a good student, I found myself, nonetheless, on the receiving end of a couple of swats from the paddle twice during my years in elementary school. (And none at all during high school, thank goodness.)

The first incident occurred during my first grade year at Prestonsburg Elementary. The teacher swinging the board was Mrs. Doris Hyden, whom I love quite dearly. Mrs. Hyden only gave me one quick swat, though, and I have to admit that it did little to injure my rear, but much in the way of injuring my feelings. Additionally, my teacher had every right in the world to give me that swat because, to be completely honest, I had been behaving like a spoiled little brat. Seems that I recall a classroom in which only two children at a time were to be allowed to visit the "library table" set up in the rear of the room. And this

only during "quiet time" in the classroom. Well, I can quite clearly remember becoming impatient with having to wait my turn at the literary table. I have loved books from the day I could first hold one in my hand and it was really getting on my nerves that other kids in the classroom were getting first pick at what our teacher had laid out upon the table for our enjoyment.

Two children were already at the table. One couple had already sat back down. Four kids getting to pick a book before me! How could I stand (or rather, sit still) for this?

Mrs. Hyden was my daddy's friend, I confidently argued with myself, and she wouldn't paddle me, this I was sure of. Why, I had even been to her house to play with her daughter. No, most surely, Mrs. Hyden wouldn't hold me to that silly classroom rule. I had to get up! And so I did...and, I got swatted. Learned a big lesson that day: Mrs. Hyden "at home" was not the same as Mrs. Hyden, school m'am.

Also learned that spoiled little Daddy's girls don't always get their way.

So, a couple of lessons learned. Fast forward: I'm now in 7th grade and a student in Mr. Everett Patton's social studies class. Mr. Patton, I knew, had a reputation for favoring the boys in his classes. Wasn't much too keen on girls.

He was a large man with a loud voice, and, I was soon to learn, kept a rather large paddle in one of his desk drawers.

On the particular sunny spring day that I now recall to mind, my friend Sherry, had gone to great pains to get me to notice the window cleaner that was hanging on a perch outside our classroom window. Once I

looked, and grinned, Sherry passed me a note which read something to the effect of "How hilarious! He looks just like the whistling mole in Winnie the Pooh!" Well, I knew what "whistling mole" she was talking about - the one that wears the little hardhat and often pops up in Rabbit's garden. And, yes, he did look like the cartoon character in question.

Well, you know how young girls can be, 'specially if you've been one. Sherry and I proceeded to get a bad case of "the giggles."

We tried to contain ourselves, but the lesson was boring, it was hot outside and my goodness, the window cleaner just bore a remarkable resemblance to that Winnie the Pooh character!

Before I knew it, Mr. Patton was at my side saying, "Miss Prater, stand up, please." Once I did, the "electric paddle" was in full gear - swatting over and over again.

Now, I'm a tough little cookie in many ways and it was all I could do to fight back the tears. It hurt. I could barely stand to sit back down once my teacher was finished and had moved on to my friend.

End result of that experience? Two pre-teen girls with bruises and blisters on their behinds.

And four irate parents in the principal's office the next day.

So, each year since my children have been in kindergarten, I've not wasted even so much as a millisecond in checking "no" when asked if I would allow corporal punishment to be administered to my children.

I don't "whup up" on my kids and I sure don't want any teacher doing it.

A simple, "Girls, pay attention" coupled with an "I mean it" look would have done the trick for both my friend and I.

"The paddle," there are alternative choices.

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\$1,000 for the arts

Tammy Duff, left, performing arts director with the Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series, accepts a check for \$1,000 from Kentucky Power's Mary Begley, right. Mrs. Begley says Kentucky Power is committed to the arts in Eastern Kentucky. Mrs. Duff is getting ready for the first show of the arts series with The Jungle Book, presented on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at The Forum.



HCTC works with house raising

Hazard Community and Technical College employees worked to participate in a house raising for Dickey Combs organized by the Hazard-Perry County Housing Development Alliance. The members included, front row, from left, Bart Massey, Larry Parke, Melissa Johnson, Delcie Combs, Donna Roark, HCTC President Dr. Jay K. Box, John Craft (with Housing Development Alliance), Cleve Coots, Ron Daley, and Merrel Shepherd. Second row, from left, are: Helen Brunty, Lawrence Dashner, Ludrenia Hagans-Shepherd, Janie Combs, Germaine Shaffer, Heather Pennington, Mindy Collins, Patricia Caudill, Alvin Caudill, and Scott McReynolds (with Housing Development Alliance).



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School Happenings

- Adams Middle School Youth Services Center**
  - Aug. 22 - Confidentiality training/Criminal checks for parents/guardians interested in volunteering at either Adams Middle or Clark Elementary. Call 886-1297 (AMS) or 886-0815 (CES) for more information. Session will be held at 5 p.m., at Adams Middle School.
  - Aug. 22 - Organizational PTO meeting for AMS, 6 p.m., in school library. All parents/guardians invited and encouraged to attend.
  - Aug. 15-26 - Nominations for Parent Representative to SBDM Council may be made at school office. Those nominated must have a child currently enrolled at AMS.
  - Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.
- Allen Central Middle School**
  - If your child has left any article of clothing at school, please contact the Youth Service Center office.
  - The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, at 358-0134.
- Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center**
  - Call Allen Elementary Youth Ser-

- vice Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.
- Betsy Layne Elementary**
  - The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.
  - Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.
- Clark Elementary**
  - After-School Child Care now accepting applications for Clark students, K-5th. Limited enrollment, call now! 886-0815.
  - A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations.
  - The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.
- Duff Elementary**
  - Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any

- of these services.
- The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center** provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.
- May Valley Elementary**
  - Aug. 25 - Family Resource Advisory Council will hold meeting at 4 p.m., in school library. Open to public. All invited.
  - 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**
  - Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.
  - Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

- Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center**
  - The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.
  - After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.
  - Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.
- South Floyd Youth Services Center**
  - School will be participating in the Food City "Apples for Students" program, please save your receipts.
  - Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.
  - Walking track open to public.
  - The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.
  - Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.
  - All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
  - For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.
- Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center**
  - FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.
  - Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

- Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristian Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.
- W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center**
  - Lost & Found: Throughout the school year, the center receives items that are left on school buses, in the gym, classrooms, etc. We encourage parents to visit the center if their child has lost a coat, bookbag, or any such item. Lost items are checked for identification, however, if unable to locate owner, and items are not claimed within 2 weeks, they then become the property of the Family Resource Center.
  - The Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or later by appointment. The center provides services for all families within the community, regardless of income. If you would like more information about programs/services the center offers, please call 452-4553; ask for Cissy or Karen. The center is located inside the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Parents and community members are welcome to visit.
- Wesley Christian School**
  - Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.
  - For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.





# Family Medicine



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# Menopausal 'hot flashes' may trigger rosacea

**Question:** My face has been flushing quite a bit lately. I thought it was menopause, but I noticed it was happening more and more. I went to my doctor, and she said I had rosacea. She put me on some antibiotic cream and said I may have to use it forever. Can you tell me more about this condition?

**Answer:** Rosacea is an inflammatory condition of the skin that causes a red-faced look. Though it may appear to be an adult form of acne, it's actually an entirely different disease. It affects about 15 million adults in the United

States — most commonly fair-skinned women between the age of 30 and 60.

While not a life-threatening disorder, Rosacea can be very upsetting to the sufferer because it primarily affects the face. Although rosacea has periods of flare-up and relative calm, it never really goes away. That's why it's classified as a chronic condition. While men are less likely to get rosacea than women, this disease in men can be more disfiguring.

Rosacea usually starts out with facial flushing — a disease stage that some physicians call "pre-rosacea." This flushing is commonly brought on by hot, spicy foods, alcohol, exercise, hot baths and certain medications.

Also, for some women the hot flashes of menopause can trigger pre-rosacea facial flushing. This may be what's happening in your case.

As rosacea progresses, other symptoms begin to appear. These can include small red bumps on the nose, cheeks and face, visible blood vessels on the cheeks and nose, and increased sensitivity of the skin. At this stage rosacea is called vascular or inflammatory rosacea. Additionally, rosacea can cause a burning sensation in the eyes, as well as dry, red eyes. This is ocular rosacea.

No one is sure what the cause of rosacea is, but some suspect bacteria in the hair follicles may play a role in the development of this disease. Other speculation is that a chronic stomach infection with *Helicobacter pylori* bacteria may be the cause. This is the same bacteria now known to cause most ulcers.

Since this disease tends to come and

go, it often takes quite a while for people to become concerned enough to seek medical attention. An early diagnosis is important, as getting treatment started early in the disease process can prevent permanent damage to the skin.

Initial treatment for rosacea is usually oral and topical antibiotics. Oral antibiotics are also used for ocular rosacea. In women whose hot flashes trigger rosacea symptoms, treatment for the underlying symptoms of menopause can be helpful. You may be one of these women.

In some cases there can be extensive skin damage — including a build-up of tissue on and around the nose called rhinophyma. When this happens, surgical removal of the excess tissue may be indicated.

In the meantime, preventing flare-ups can be helped by using sunscreen, covering your face in the winter to prevent wind damage, avoiding skin prod-

ucts that are irritating or contain alcohol, and using a moisturizer after your topical medication has dried.

If you'd like more information about this bothersome disorder, I'd recommend taking a look at the National Rosacea Society web site. The URL is: [www.rosacea.org](http://www.rosacea.org).

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## Anniversaries

## Engagements



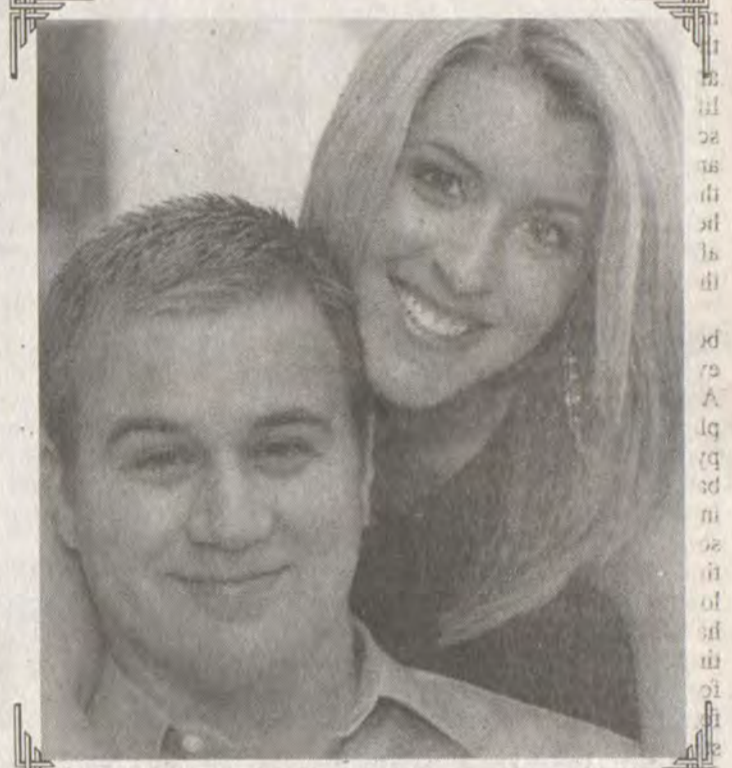
**Golden Anniversary**

Ronald and Barbara Gullett, of Bypro, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 12, 2005, with a vacation to the U.S. Virgin Island of St. Thomas. The couple were married on August 12, 1955, at the First Baptist Church, in Wheelwright. They have one son, Daniel; two daughters, Ruth Newsome and Sara (Mrs. Bill) Smith; and, two grandchildren, Kennady and Zachary. The Gullett's are semi-retired and spend much of their free time "spoiling their grandchildren." Their family sends them much love and best wishes for many more happy years together.



**Golden Wedding Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Kenis and Ruby Hamilton, of Malabar, Florida, observed their "Golden Wedding Anniversary" on July 9, 2005. The couple, who were married on July 9, 1955, in Beaver, by Jerry Hall (Mrs. Hamilton's grandfather), observed their 50th anniversary by going on an Alaskan cruise. The Hamilton's have three children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



**Clark-Davis**

Jon and Sharon Clark, of Harrodsburg, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sara Elizabeth, to Ryan Walter Davis, the son of John and Jackie Davis, of Paducah, and Sharon and Bobby Craine, of Golconda, Illinois.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of R.D. and Eunice Peyton, of Salvisa, and Annis Clark, of Garrett, and the late Charles Clark. She is a 1996 graduate of Mercer County High School, and a 2000 graduate of the University of Kentucky where she was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. Ms. Clark graduated cum laude from Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University in 2003. She is an attorney with the firm of Clark & Ward, PLLC, in Lexington.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Helen Davis, of Paducah, and the late Lowell Davis, and the late Hillis and Audrey Walter, formerly of Metropolis, Illinois. He is a 1993 graduate of Lone Oak High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Mr. Davis is employed by Clark Distributing of Kentucky as a market analyst.

The wedding is planned for September 17, 2005, at Central Christian Church, in Lexington, with a reception immediately following at Talon Winery & Vineyards, at Fairview Farm.

## Rotarian receives Paul Harris Fellow

The Prestonsburg Rotary Club attended an interclub meeting held Tuesday, August 2, at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. Other clubs attending included: The Paintsville Rotary Club and the Morgan County Rotary Club of West Liberty.

The purpose of the interclub meeting was to discuss the upcoming rotary year with Rotary District 6740 Governor Joe Bark, of the Lexington Rotary Club.

Prior to addressing the three clubs, Gov. Bark presented the "Paul Harris Fellow Award" to the area's Assistant District Governor, Eugene Blackburn, of Pre-

stonsburg. Paul Harris founded the Rotary organization in 1905. The Paul Harris Fellow Award serves as recognition of a significant contribution to the foundation of Rotary International.

Blackburn, right, is pictured here receiving his Paul Harris Fellow Award medallion from Gov. Bark.

The Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets every Thursday, at 12 p.m., at the Student Grille, located on the campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

You may contact Mike Vance, at 606-226-2075 for information about the club.



**Couple celebrate 50th anniversary at Prestonsburg Healthcare Center**

Mr. and Mrs. Linard and Georgia Marsilett celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 5, 2005, at the Prestonsburg Healthcare Center. The couple are both residents of the center. Mr. and Mrs. Marsilett were married on August 5, 1955, in Johnson County, at the Johnson County Freewill Baptist Church. They have six children, 12 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. Prior to coming to the healthcare center, Mr. Marsilett was employed as a factory worker, while Mrs. Marsilett was a homemaker. Family members, friends, and residents and staff of the center all enjoyed celebrating with the couple and engaging in fun activities and enjoying cake and refreshments. The staff of the healthcare center congratulate their two residents for their great accomplishment and wish them many more anniversaries and happy days to come. Prestonsburg Healthcare Center is proud to have you as residents of their center.

## Weddings



**Engle-Hall**

Jean and Tommy Engle, of Wheelwright, and Donna and Ray Hall, of Weeksbury, are proud to announce the marriage of their children, Rebecca Jean Engle and Joshua Adam Hall. The couple were wed on July 27, 2005, in an afternoon ceremony. Joshua is employed by Robinson Builders and Rebecca is currently enrolled at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg. Their families wish them the best of luck and much happiness in the years to come.

# Floyd County Devotional Page

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**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

**First Assembly of God, Martin;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.

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

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

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

**BAPTIST**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek;** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan 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.; Hobart Meek, Pastor.

**Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on**

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

**Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Ept. on Rt. 1428;** Sunday School, 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.; Graydon 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.

**Grathel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Brancham's Creek Rd.);** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 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.

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

**Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up 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 Carpenter

**Liberty Baptist, Danver;** 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.

home phone 285-3385

**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 8:00 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, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Allen Chaffins, phone 946-2123.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, 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.

## Return to your Bible



You who swelter in your clothes when the land lies hushed under the south wind, can you join Him in spreading out the skies, hard as a mirror of cast bronze?

JOB 37: 17,18

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

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

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

**Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley;** Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 8:00 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 6:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

**LUTHERAN**

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

**METHODIST**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Vogel 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 Campton;** Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

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

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

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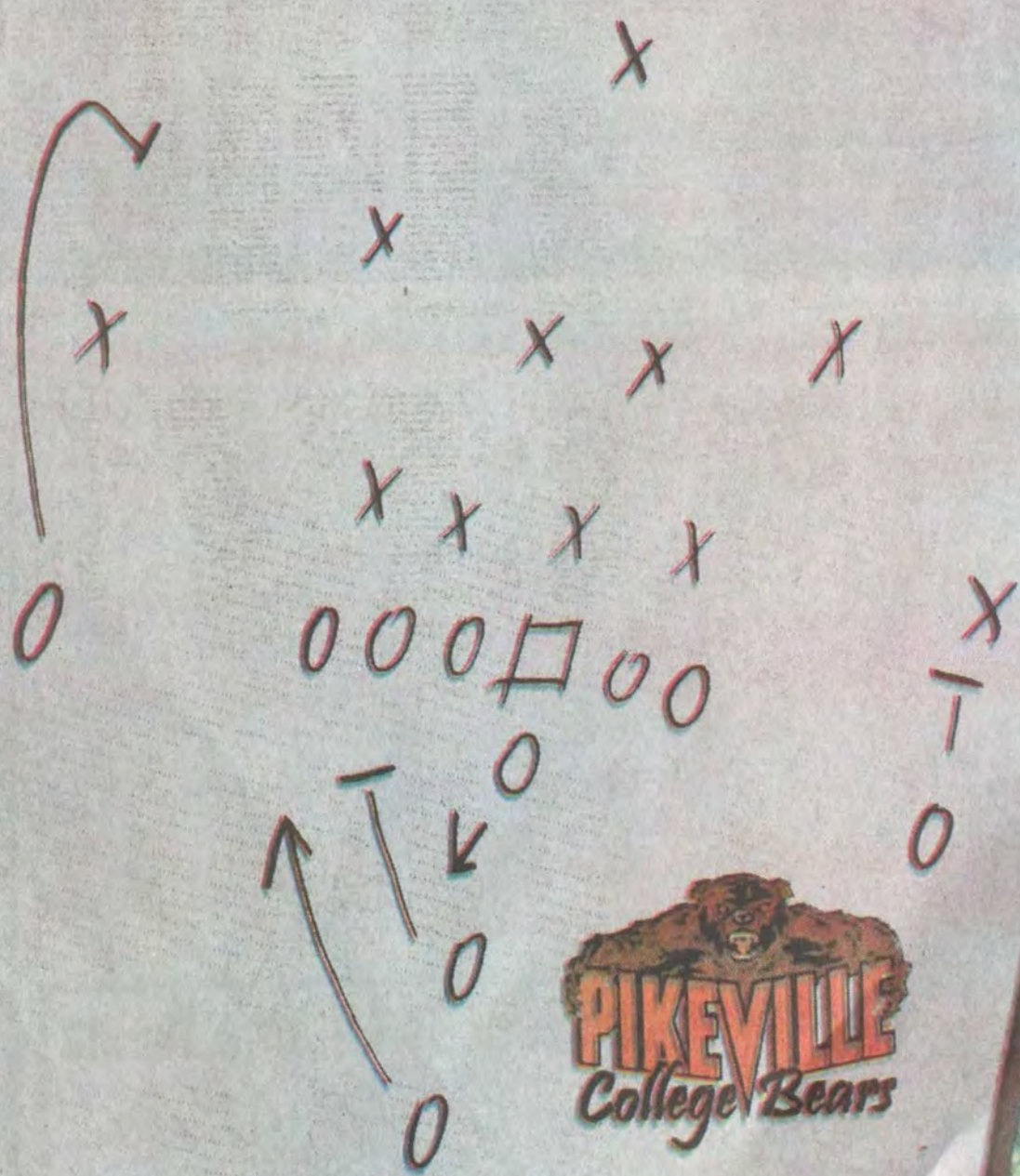
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# Rebels go with freshman under center

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – The 2005 season wasn't without its bright spots for the Allen Central High School football team. Allen Central finished the 2004 season with a 4-6 record and was in contention for a playoff spot. Head coach Jeremy Hall had hoped to welcome back nine offensive starters and eight defensive starters. But things didn't go as planned. Senior tailback Charles Robinson, who rushed for 1,220 yards last season, and junior halfback David Slone, both transferred to neighboring Prestonsburg High School. Robinson is eligible to play for the Blackcats in the 2005 season. Slone's eligibility status is still up in the air.

Another player who transferred from Allen Central to Prestonsburg is Ben Moore. Heading into the first game of the 2005 season, Moore's eligibility status is also up in the air.

But the Rebels will move forward. As a senior last season, Ryan Hammonds quarterbacked the Rebels and accounted for a great portion of the Allen Central offense. He's gone via graduation and freshman Josh Prater has taken over the duties of starting quarterback.

According to Hall, Prater has



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handled the pressure that comes with both being a freshman and quarterbacking a high school football team rather well.

"He's played well in the pre-season," Hall commented when asked about Prater's progress.

Prater already has high school varsity playing experience. He gained that last season as a member of the ACHS boys'

basketball team.

Robbie Vanderpool has returned to Allen Central, making the move back from Garrett Christian Academy. Vanderpool, a senior, returns to the Rebel backfield.

"Robbie Vanderpool runs hard; we expect big things from him," Hall added.

With the Class of 2004 graduation and transfers, the Rebel

backfield will take on much different look. Corey Click has made the move from fullback to halfback. Fullback Raymon Spurlock, a load to bring down for any offense, also returns for the Rebels.

Senior Joe Brown (6-0, 250) also returns for the ACHS football squad.

The Allen Central offensive

## ALLEN CENTRAL

### 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

*Coach: Jeremy Hall*

Aug. 19 Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 26 Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 2 at Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 9 at Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 16 Open

Sept. 23 at Knott County Central, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 30 hazard, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 7 at Phelps, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 14 South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 21 Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 28 at McCreary Central, 7:30 p.m.

and defensive lines will feature many of the same faces.

Senior tackle Gordon Lafferty (6-3, 280) is one of the top linemen back for the Rebels.

Senior linebacker Matt Crabtree (6-2, 175), the leading tackler from last season's team, returns for the Rebel defense.

Returning to play in Class A, Region 4, District 8, Allen

Central will face much the same schedule it did during the 2004 season. Fleming-Neon, after consolidating with Whitesburg and Letcher to form Letcher County Central is now absent from the ACHS grid schedule. Allen Central, which opens its season at home against Floyd County rival Betsy Layne, replaced Neon with McCreary Central.

# Bobcats looking to continue progress in 2005

*Team sets six-win goal for new season*

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BETSY LAYNE – Ask any member of the 2005 edition of the Betsy Layne High School football team what four wins last season has done for this season's squad and you get the same answer from every single one, "earn us some respect." After struggling for several seasons to find a winning formula, the Bobcats not only won a few games but were just a good bounce of the pigskin from finishing with a 5-5 mark last year. Friday evening, this group of Bobcats hope to get the season off on the right track with a win over county rival Allen Central. It was only two years ago that Betsy Layne ended what at the time was the states longest losing streak by upsetting the Rebels on their home turf, but after the success of last season, the Bobcats will not come in under the radar.

Several key contributors return from last season with the most notable being senior tailback Bill Curtis Collins. The team captain, Collins led the Bobcats in rushing last season and returns to anchor the Betsy Layne offense. Brandon Kidd is expected to be under center when the cats open the season Friday and the talented quarter-



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back will keep opposing defenses honest with his ability to not only throw the deep ball but scramble as well.

Every good quarterback knows to always praise his offensive line and Kidd was quick to do so. "I have to brag on my line and how well they protect me," said Kidd. "They do a great job."

Senior Justin Lawson is looking to go out on a good note.

"I have played on this team

for four years and have been through the highs and lows," explained Lawson. "We plan on going to Allen Central and coming out on top, we are looking forward to the challenge."

Junior lineman Shannon Hamilton was more than ready for the season.

"We are ready to play and it will show in our effort," Hamilton added.

Brandon Bentley will play wideout and defensive back for

the Bobcats and is expected to back-up quarterback Brandon Kidd. Doug Boyd and Travis Slone will look to anchor the offensive and defensive line.

"We have made a 110 percent improvement on he line," Boyd confided.

Ed Osborne transferred to Betsy Layne from Prestonsburg High School and will get plenty of carries out of the Bobcat backfield. Osborne has been mentioned as one of the fastest backs in the area.

## BETSY LAYNE

### 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

*Coach: Glen Ripkowski*

Aug. 19 at Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 26 at Powell County, 7:30 p.m.

(Whitaker Bank Hall of Fame Bowl)

Sept. 2 Cumberland, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 9 Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 16 Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 23 South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 30 Pineville, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 7 at Haysi, Va., 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 14 Open

Oct. 21 at Phelps, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 28 at Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.

Nathan Slone and Michael Lackey are also expected to contribute for the Bobcats this season.

With a favorable schedule, the Betsy Layne goal of six wins looks to be within reach this season. The Betsy Layne coaching staff consists of head coach Glen Ripkowski and assistant coaches Dwight Jarrell, John Parsons, Scott Bailey, Justin Akers and Kirk Ramsey. When asked about the prospects of the upcoming season, Ripkowski was quick to

note how please he was with his team in the preseason.

"These guys have worked so hard in the summer and preseason that I am very excited to get the season kicked off," commented Ripkowski. "Not only have the players come together, but this group of coaches have worked very hard as well."

Betsy Layne will once again be playing a non-district schedule, but the Bobcats hope to get back into the district alignment in 2006.

## MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

### 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

COACH: MARK SNYDER

Sept. 1 – William & Mary, 7 p.m.

Sept. 10 – Kansas State, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 24 – at UCF, 6 p.m.

Oct. 1 – SMU, 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 8 – at Virginia Tech, TBA

Oct. 15 – UAB, 5 p.m.

Oct. 22 – at UTEP, 9 p.m.

Oct. 29 – at TULANE, 7 p.m.

Nov. 8 – Southern Miss, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 19 – East Carolina, 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 26 – at MEMPHIS, 2 p.m.

(All times are Eastern.)

## PIKEVILLE COLLEGE

### 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

COACH: Jerry Mynatt

Sept. 3 Atlantic College, 5 p.m.

Sept. 17 North Greenville College, 6 p.m.

Sept. 24 at Campbellsville University, 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 1 Kentucky Wesleyan College, 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 8 at Cumberland University (TN), 2:30 p.m.

Oct. 15 Union College, 6 p.m.

Oct. 22 University of Cumberlands, 6 p.m.

Oct. 29 at Georgetown College, 1:30 p.m.

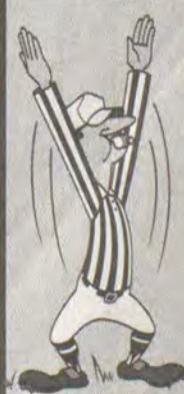
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Nov. 12 Shorter College, 5:30 p.m.

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# P'burg again has look of contender

**Blackcats to open season with five road games**

by **JAMIE HOWELL**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — If ever a team has paid its dues in order to someday own a state title, it must be the Prestonsburg Blackcats. The year was 1993, and players such as Seth Hyden and Dwayne Garza seemed assured that elusive title after knocking off a team in Danville that came into the State Semifinals boasting a 44-game in-state winning streak only to see the dream dashed in the closing minutes against Mayfield, when after leading 12-0 they fell 13-12.

How about the 2001 team that seemed primed for the title but were face with tackling a Bardstown team that could have given a good college team a run for the money that season. The past two seasons have witnessed Prestonsburg fall to eventual state champ Belfry late in the playoffs with last season being one of the toughest defeats in a long while for the Red and Black.

Several members of the 2005 Blackcats have endured the heartache of those losses and for the seniors, this is the last chance to make a trip back to Louisville and another shot at a state title.

Senior quarterback Dave Shaffer has been rated the number one player in Class 2A, Region 4 by some and has big expectations awaiting in the new season. The P'burg senior is



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being recruited by such schools as Louisville and Kentucky. Brenton Hamilton returns for his senior year at fullback on offense and linebacker on the defensive side of the ball. Hamilton averaged over four yards per rush attempt last season from the fullback spot.

Brandon (Hollywood) Peters has earned the title of fastest Blackcat. Not only is Peters one of the top defensive backs in the state, but he's expected to be in the Blackcat backfield with Hamilton and Lincoln Slone this season. Slone carried the

ball for last season for the junior varsity unit and is expected to move into a starting spot in the backfield this season. Zach Ousley returns on the offensive and defensive lines for the Cats and the three year starter will use his experience in this his senior campaign. Cody Crider is back at center for Prestonsburg after starting as a junior last season.

The Blackcat line should be a strong point this season with the return of players like Tyler Hamilton and Derrick Williams the Blackcats are expected to set

up camp in opposing backfields this season. Kyle Boggs is another Blackcat that could add depth to the offensive line.

Charles Robinson will be an added plus for Prestonsburg, the senior transferred from Allen Central at the end of last year and has gotten looks in the backfield until he was slowed by a knee injury in the preseason.

Tyler Layne is back for the Cats and will play the offensive line as well as in the backfield at times. Layne is one of the strongest players on the team and played well as a sophomore

## PRESTONSBURG 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

*Coach: John DeRossett*

- Aug. 19 Open
- Aug. 26 at Hazard, 7:30 p.m.  
*(Pride of the Mountains Gridiron Classic)*
- Sept. 2 at Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9 at Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16 at Ashland Blazer, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23 at Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30 Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 7 Belfry, 7:30 PM
- Oct. 14 at Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 21 Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28 East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.

last season. Carmen Maines will get playing time at corner for the cats this season and will also play wide out. Prestonsburg is coached by John DeRossett and the Blackcats are picked near the top of the state in most preseason polls. The road is rough for the Cats early with five straight road games to open the season.

Prestonsburg will open the season on Friday, Aug. 26 at Hazard and follow the opener with road games at Pikeville, Paintsville, Ashland and Sheldon Clark. The Blackcats have the first week of the regu-

lar-season open. "Playing the tough schedule early with games on the road is something that we feel will help us when we get into our district schedule," said DeRossett. "A lot of those early-season games are also big rivalry games for us."

Prestonsburg is expected to go to more of a ground attack this season with a stable of good running backs, but don't expect the Cats to abandon the passing game completely. The defense coached by James Derossett is always a feared group and this season should be no different.

# South Floyd in search of first playoff victory

**Raiders begin new campaign after best season in school history**

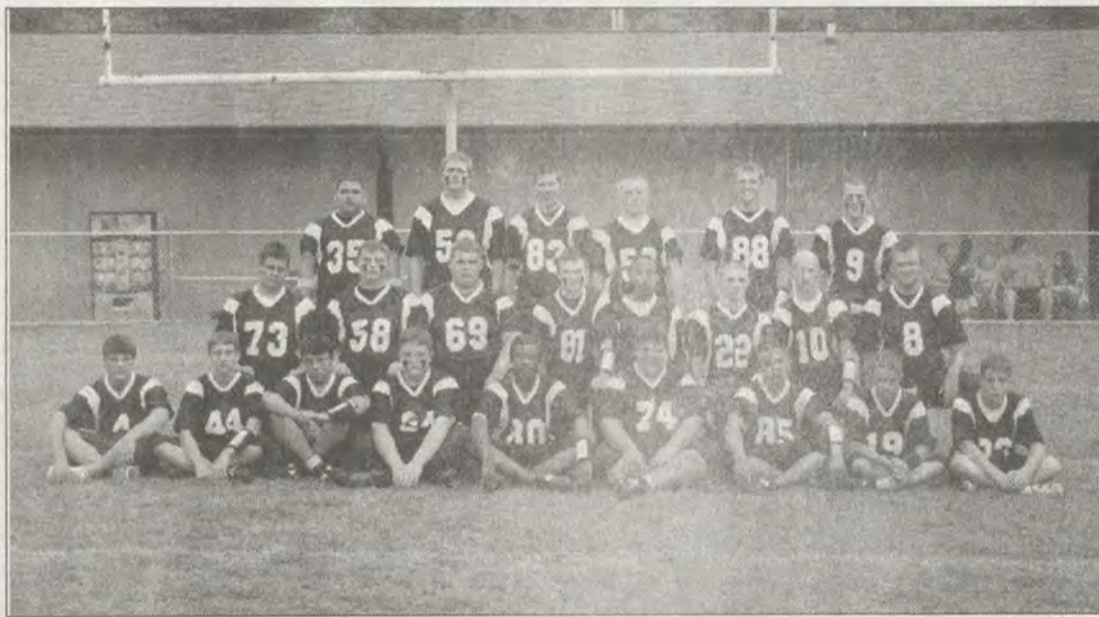
by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Playing a post-season game during the first week of November is common for the South Floyd High School football program. Playing a postseason game during the second week of November isn't. But the Raiders are looking to change that.

South Floyd finished the regular-season portion of the 2004 season with an 8-2 record. The Raiders recorded key district victories over Paintsville and Hazard, among others. South Floyd finished in second in Class A, Region 4, District 8 and seemingly had momentum heading into the post-season. The Raiders hosted a first-round playoff game, but came up short, falling to Lynn Camp.

South Floyd has made seven trips to the football postseason and is looking for an eighth appearance as it chases that elusive first playoff game win.

"We always want to make it into the playoffs," veteran South Floyd Coach Donnie Daniels noted. "Our kids know we have to work hard to get back to the



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playoffs."

South Floyd will try to record its first postseason win without the services of seven offensive and eight defensive starters from last season's squad.

South Floyd will miss the strong running game of Wes Hall and Joe Osborne. Last year's senior running tandem combined to rush for nearly 4,000 yards.

Leading offensive returnees for the Raiders are senior quar-

terback Ryan Johnson and senior wide receiver Justin Slone. The pair hooked up several times last season and will look to the same again during the upcoming campaign. Hoping to utilize of his team's most versatile and athletic players, Daniels will also insert Slone into the offensive backfield at times during the upcoming season.

Another player who'll likely step into a bigger offensive role for the Raiders is junior running

back Anthony Barker. After seeing some varsity playing time last season as a sophomore, Barker put some time into the South Floyd offseason workout program and as a result, has added both size and speed.

Junior Ethan Johnson has also returned to the South Floyd gridiron and will give the Raiders another dual running-receiving option.

Ryan Johnson, Slone and Ethan Johnson will also play in

## South Floyd 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

*Coach: Donny Daniels*

- Aug. 19 Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 26 Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 2 at East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9 Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16 Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23 at Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30 Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 7 at Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 14 at Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 21 at Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28 Open

the Raider defensive secondary. Slone intercepted eight passes during the 2004 season.

Senior fullback Kyle Hall (5-10, 230) returns to take carries and block out of the Raider backfield. Hall will also double over and play nose guard on defense.

"Offensively, we'll have to mix it up," Daniels confided. "We'll probably spread it out and pass it more this season."

Senior tackle Ryan Little (6-3, 225) returns along both the

South Floyd offensive and defensive lines. Offensively, Senior tight end T.J. Hall (5-11, 200) has moved from tight end to guard. On defense, he's back at his familiar end position.

Numbers, or the lack thereof are again a concern for the Raiders. Heading into the first game of the season, South Floyd has less than 30 players.

The Raiders won eight games last season with less than 30 players.

# JCHS Football: Jim Matney, Act II

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Jim Matney accomplished much in his first season at the helm of the Johnson Central High School football program. In spring of 2004, Matney took over the JCHS program, making the move over from Sheldon

Clark High School. He replaced Bill Tom Ross as Johnson Central's head coach and quickly went about rebuilding the Golden eagle program. In his first season at the top for the Golden Eagles, Matney led his team to a 7-3 record. Matney coached his team to the 7-3 mark as a member of Class 4A, Region 4, District. Now, he and his Golden

Eagles move down to Class 3A, Region 4, District 8, joining Ashland Paul Blazer, Boyd County, Lawrence County, Mason County and Greenup County.

Despite finishing the season with a 7-3 record, Johnson Central missed out on the playoffs, failing to capture one of Class 4A, Region 4, District 8's four playoff spots.

Matney and his team are hoping to reach the postseason though a schedule that consists of a whole new set of district opponents.

Matney is no stranger to post-season football he hopes to lead his latest team deep into the playoffs.

In addition to its district foes and rival Paintsville, Johnson Central will play a pair of teams from West Virginia, hosting Beckley, W.Va. and visiting tradition-rich Logan, W.Va. The West Virginia teams are both early-season foes for the Golden Eagles.

Speedster Ron Blume is the top returnee for the JCHS football program. As a junior playing on last season's 7-3 squad, Blume rushed for over 1,000 yards and returns as one of

Class 3A, Region 4's top players. Senior quarterback Sean Music also returns to guide the Golden Eagle offense. Music was slowed by an injury last season but appears ready to go full-strength under center.

Some Johnson Central teams of the past also played in Class 3A, Region 4, District 8 against many of the same opponents.

The Johnson Central offensive was quite productive last season, outscoring opposing teams 348-180. The Golden Eagles scored 30 or more points in seven different games and were never shutout. Matney's team got off to a red-hot start during the 2004 season, reeling off four straight wins before encountering the first taste of defeat.

Four of five starting offensive linemen return for the Golden Eagles, the only starter missing from last season's O-line unit is T.C. Trimble. Derrick Flinchum returns for both the JCHS offensive and defensive lines. Senior center Jeremy Curtis (6-2, 240) will anchor the Golden Eagle offensive line.

Across the way, should Johnson Central play its way into the Playoffs, Bell County,

Rockcastle County and Madison Southern, among others, await in Class 3A, Region 4, District 7.

## Johnson Central 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

*Coach: Jim Matney*

- Aug. 19 at South Laurel, 8:45 p.m.  
*(Cumberland Valley Bowl V)*
- Aug. 26 Beckley, W.Va., 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 2 at Logan, W.Va., 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9 at Bryan Station 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16 Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23 at Boyd County, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 29 Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.  
*(Apple Bowl)*
- Oct. 7 at Greenup County, 7:30 p.m.
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# Runyon Era ready to kickoff in Paintsville

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — A new day has dawned for the Paintsville High School football program. The Paintsville Tigers have one of the strongest traditions in the state in sports and with Bill Mike Runyon taking the helm for the Tiger football program, things can only get better.

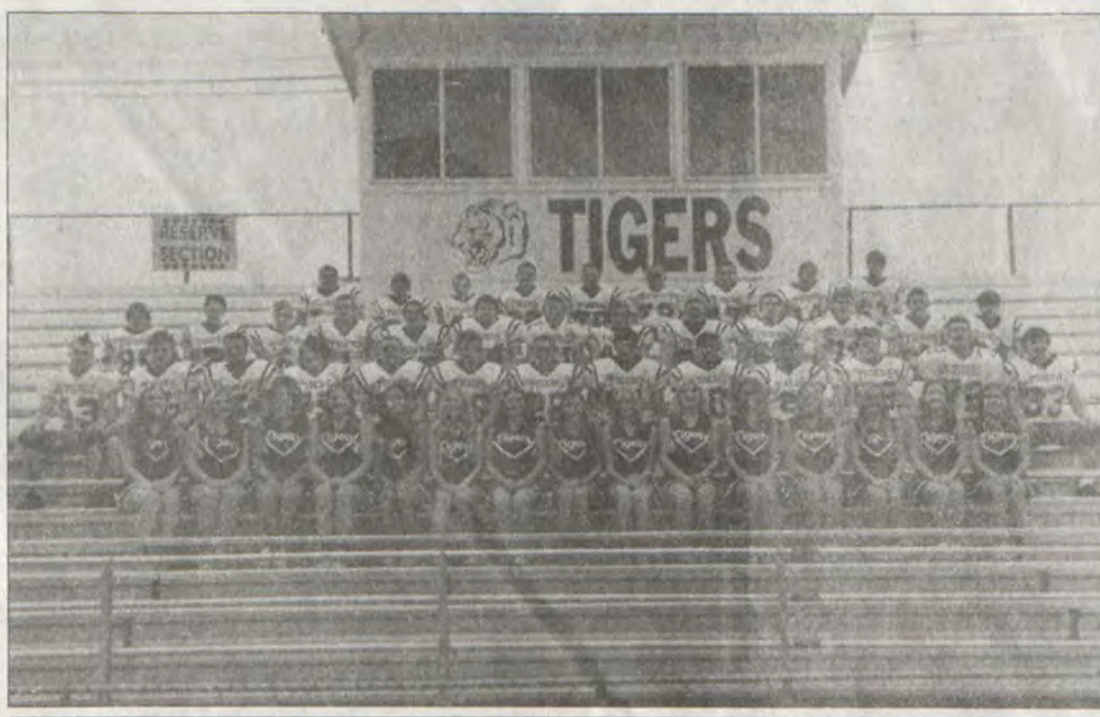
The veteran basketball coach is no stranger to the sport. He previously served as a top Paintsville assistant coach under both "Big Blue Legend" Walter Brugh and most recently, David LeMaster.

Runyon takes over for LeMaster and is determined to put a good product on the field when the Tigers travel to Fairview for the season opener.

Of course having returning players like Daniel Pugh and Hans Doderer doesn't hurt.

Pugh, a three-sport athlete who excels in football, basketball and baseball, will return at quarterback as a three year starter and Doderer is back in the Tiger backfield. Pugh, who is also active in the sport of boxing, rushed for over 1,000 yards last season and the junior has a strong arm as well. He showed signs of greatness as early as his freshman season when he first took a snap as a varsity quarterback.

The Paintsville backfield



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also returns Wes Ward and Kyle Sublett. Sublett has caught the attention of the Tiger coaching staff in the preseason. Ward is a bruising fullback who'll also aid the Paintsville offense.

The Tiger offensive line returns all five starters, including Johnny Porter, Blake LeMaster and Jeff Collett.

Paintsville is led on defense by

Andrew Brown and Shane Cantrell. Sublett returns at linebacker along with seniors Matt Blevins and Matt Hicks. Senior Kevin Williams returns at defensive end.

Improving on last season's 6-5 mark should be no problem for a talented group of Tigers. Many are expecting a battle for the district between the Tigers and Pikeville. Runyon is expect-

ed to unleash the Tigers offense and throw the ball much more this season. Paintsville was saddled with a ground only attack last season and the Tigers will take advantage of the talents of Pugh in 2005. Paintsville schedule is highlighted by games with Prestonsburg, arch rival Johnson Central and top Class A, Region 4, District 8 rival Pikeville.

## PAINTSVILLE 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Coach: Bill Mike Runyon

- Aug. 19 at Fairview, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 26 at Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 2 at Jenkins, 7:30 PM
- Sept. 9 Prestonsburg, 7:30 PM
- Sept. 16 at Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23 Phelps, 7:30 PM
- Sept. 29 at Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.
- (Apple Bowl)
- Oct. 7 Open
- Oct. 14 Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 21 South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28 at Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.

Runyon wasted little time getting to work within the Paintsville High football program. Shortly after taking over the Tiger football post, Runyon was busy assembling his coaching staff and getting offseason workouts in order. He accepted the Paintsville High football job in late-spring.

With Runyon guiding the

Paintsville High football program, several players have found their way to the gridiron that didn't suit up at all last season.

The Tigers will open the 2005 season on the road at Fairview. For the first time in a long while, the Tiger will not open the regular season in the annual Big Sandy Bowl, but instead will make the long trip north.

# Hager, Cards focused on return to postseason

by J.L. BALL  
WILLIAMSON (W.Va.) DAILY NEWS

BLACKLOG — Shawn Hager is a year older and a year wiser. "It was a learning process last year," the second-year coach said. "I was trying to be a nice guy and I took it easy on the kids ... All of that has now changed."

Now, Hager has taken a whole new approach that he hopes will bring Sheldon

Clark back to the top of the district.

"It's going to take work — a whole lot of work," he said. "Our kids have changed the way they practice and condition. We'll be a different team when the season starts."

Last season, Sheldon Clark finished with a dismal 2-8 mark, winning its first and last games of the year.

"It's something I don't think about much," Hager said. "That

was last year and that is behind us. I can't dwell on the past. All I can do is make sure it doesn't happen again."

Conditioning and a rigorous off-season regimen is the difference.

"We've committed ourselves to working individually during the off season," junior wide receiver Daniel Harless said. "Each of us needed to do our part. We've all come back bigger, faster and stronger."

Harless (5-10, 172 pounds) attended the Hit Center where he lost nearly 50 pounds and gained a second on his 40-yard dash time.

"I can feel the difference," he added. "Hopefully, the competition will, too."

Change will come in many forms for this group of Cardinals.

Senior Timmy Goble (5-11, 170 pounds), who started most of last season, has been moved to wide receiver and replaced by sophomore Dameon Hensley (6-1, 185 pounds).

"It's something I accepted because it was what was best for the team," Goble said. "Dameon will do a great job and I think we'll be in good hands."

Hager said he made his final decision on Hensley during summer workouts.

"Dameon (Hensley) did a tremendous job at the end of last season," Hager said.

Hensley started the final two games of the season, including a 35-8 season-finale win over Magoffin County.

"Dameon has a strong arm and great feet," Hager continued. "He's attended several camps and we are confident that we will be better on the offensive side of the ball."

Sheldon Clark's offense gained a little more depth during the off season when Jessie Stevens transferred from Lawrence County.

Stevens (6-1, 175 pounds) hopes his leadership skills will take root and help lead the Cardinals back to playoff contention.

"If my leadership is the only thing this teams gets from me,

that will be fine," the senior wide receiver and running back said. "Of course, I want to do more, but I want to make sure this team has a chance to win each and every week."

Hager believes his team may have more depth than any other in the area.

"We have depth in just about every position," he continued. "We lost a few players, but we have several players back to take those positions."

With the addition of Stevens, Hager is optimistic that the Cardinals will be more diverse

on offense.

"We're going to throw the ball," he said assertively. "I think our ability to do this will make us more diverse and more difficult to defend."

In the meantime, Hager and his players want to return to the mix as one of the region's top programs.

"We're better in every facet of the game," Hager said. "Our goals are the same ... We want to run the table, win the district and regional championships and — of course — win a state championship."

## SHELDON CLARK 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Coach: Shawn Hager

- Aug. 19 at Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 26 Boyd County, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 2 at Knott County Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9 Fairland, Ohio, 7:30 PM
- Sept. 16 Open
- Sept. 23 Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30 East Ridge, 7:30 PM
- Oct. 7 at Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 14 at Belfry, 7:30 PM
- Oct. 21 Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28 at Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.

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# Magoffin marching forward with new coach

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

*Coach: Gerold Howard*

- Aug. 19 at South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 26 at Knott County Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 2 Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9 at Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16 Belfry, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23 Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30 at Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 7 Open
- Oct. 14 Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 21 at East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28 Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE — With a new coach at the helm, Magoffin County High School's football program will have somewhat of a new look this season.

The 2005 edition of the Magoffin County High School football team will hit the field under the watchful eye of new head coach Gerold Howard. The new head coach takes over for the old one, Dayne Brown. The Hornets finished 3-6 (2-4 in Class 2A, Region 4, District 8) in Brown's final season (2004).

Magoffin County registered two district wins last season, beating both Pike Central and East Ridge. The Hornets' other

victory was a win over Allen Central.

Howard moves over from the middle school program where he coached both football and basketball. Brown resigned from MCHS, both as a coach and teach during the spring. In his tenure as MCHS football coach, Brown posted a 16-43 overall record and went 8-30 in district play in six seasons.

Senior quarterback Wes Helton (6-4, 205) will line up under center for the Hornets. Junior Antoine Gibson will serve as the backup quarterback.

Brad Wireman (6-2, 175), Johnny Dais and Brandon Shepherd are also available to catch passes for the Hornets.

Curtis Bradley will run of the the Hornet backfield, taking car-

ries from the fullback position. Gibson, Brad Wireman, Jordan Howard, Phillip Ingram, John Davis, Chris Smith and Tyler Holbrook will also have a hand in Magoffin County's offensive.

Seniors Mike Wright (6-1, 255), Daniel Brown (6-2 264) and Justin Howard (6-1 255) all return along the Magoffin County offensive line.

Magoffin County returns experience on defense as well. The secondary, featuring Shepherd at one of the cornerback positions, possesses speed which will be need in a district that includes the likes of Belfry and Prestonsburg.

Defensive end Robert Duchnowski and middle linebacker Jordan Howard are two other key defenders returning.

Magoffin County will open the 2005 season on the road at South Floyd.

Securing on of four available playoff spots in Class 2A, District 8 is again on the minds of many MCHS football faithful.

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# New head coach takes over storied Panther football program

by J.L. BALL  
WILLIAMSON (W.VA.) DAILY NEWS

PIKEVILLE — Exit Chris McNamee. Enter Mike Jackson. Different coach ... Same expectations.

That's what attracted Jackson from Oldham County to Pikeville.

"The school's commitment to excellence on and off the field made the choice logical," Jackson said.

Now, his chapter in a rich and storied history of Pikeville football begins.

"I'm excited," he said. "This group of kids are incredible and I am expecting great things this season."

Jackson's transition should be smooth with senior running back Weston Robinson (5-9, 175) and quarterback Chase Huffman (returning).

"We have great players returning, but they are also learning a new system,"

Jackson said. "It's going to take maybe mid-season or the entire season for us to adapt to a few new things."

Robinson, who rushed for 1,100 yards last season, was ranked as the second best player in Region 4 by The Cat's Pause Magazine.

"He's a playmaker and we expect him to be our 'go-to guy' this season," Jackson explained.



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Last season, Robinson and Robert Shurtleff combined for one of the state's most dangerous one-two backfield tandems in Class A.

Pikeville, which finished 11-3 last season, lost to Beechwood in the state semifinals.

"This school and football program has had a storied past," Jackson said. "We need to look back at that and respect that."

When it comes to expecta-

tions, Jackson understands they are high. However, it looks at it realistically.

"All we can control is the present," he continued. "Do we want to win a state championship? Yes! But I know that I am a first-year coach implementing a new system."

Jackson's philosophy is a bit more liberal on both offense and defense.

"We're going to do some things

on offense to utilize our strong points," he explained. "On defense, we'll go to more of a 4-3 set."

Senior Matt Lockhart (5-11, 190) will anchor the hit squad at middle linebacker. He is also one of the returning players on the offensive line.

"He's our quarterback on defense," Jackson said. "He'll be the guy that leads us on the defensive side of the ball."

Jackson's most strenuous

## PIKEVILLE 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

*Coach: Mike Jackson*

- Aug. 19 Newport Central Catholic, 8:30 p.m. (Pike County Bowl)
- Aug. 27 at Corbin, 8:45 p.m. (Cumberland Falls Pigskin Classic)
- Sept. 2 Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9 Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16 at South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23 at Belfry, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30 at Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 7 Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 14 Open
- Oct. 2 at Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28 Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.

task will be to create a more effective special teams unit.

"That's something that is missing in this part of the state," Jackson added.

"I want to change that ... We're going to work hard on having a great special teams unit that will be as intricate as our offensive and defensive units."

The Panthers will have an advantage in their schedule this season. Their two most difficult

district games will come in the final two weeks of the season when they face Hazard (Oct. 21) and Paintsville (Oct. 28).

"I hope that helps us," Jackson said. "We want to be in a great situation when we play them and it's better to know that we will be playing these teams later on in the season. Hopefully, we'll have our system in place and be effective in every facet of our game."

# Phelps figures on making run at playoffs

by J.L. BALL  
WILLIAMSON (W.VA.) DAILY NEWS

PHELPS — Robert Gannon remembers the day Chris Hagerman was named head football coach at Phelps High School.

"I knew it was the start of something great," Gannon said. "This is the start of something new and innovative ... I just know it."

Hagerman and the Hornets look to swarm into the 2005 campaign with a "back to the basics" approach.

"If you can't run and tackle, you can't win football games," Hagerman said.

"We've spent the majority of our preseason working on the basic fundamentals of the game."

Hagerman, who comes to Phelps after spending two seasons as head coach at Lee (Va.) High School, is excited about the upcoming season.

"We can't wait," he added. "We've had great support from the community and our school ... I feel like we are on the brink of something great."

The Hornets must rebuild on a 5-5 season in 2004, which included a 3-4 mark in district play.

"One of our goals is to have a winning season," Hagerman said. "From what I am told, that has just happened six or seven times in the 30-plus years they have had football here at Phelps."

Gannon will be instrumental



PHELPS HORNETS 2005

in the turnaround this season.

The 5-foot-10 160-pound junior threw for over 600 yards last season on 45-of-77 attempts.

"I know we are going to go to the air more," Gannon said. "We have a lot of diversity on offense and that will make us very difficult to defend."

Senior runningback Cody Gearles (5-8, 190 pounds) will look to improve on a 2004 season that saw him rush for over 600 yards.

"I know I am going to be more of weapon on offense," he added. "I'm just going to run behind my blocks and do whatever it takes to make sure this team is successful."

Seniors Daniel Whitt (6-2, 260) and Justin McCoy (6-0, 190 pounds) will anchor the defense.

Hagerman says his kids are hungry and ready to change the tide in Hornetville. That task was made a bit easier this off season when Ray Jones,

Hagerman's former high school coach from Garden (Va.) High School, decided to accept an assistant coaching position.

"I'm thrilled to have coach Jones here," Hagerman explained. He's a great football mind and he knows what it takes to be a champion."

Jones coached for over 30 years in Virginia where he led Garden to a state championship appearance in 1986.

Former Pikeville College and Pike County Central assistant

## PHELPS 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

*Coach: Chris Hagerman*

- Aug. 20 Pike County Central, 8:30 p.m. (At Belfry, Pike County Bowl)
- Aug. 26, '05 Open
- Sept. 2 Powell County, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9 at South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16 Jenkins 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23 at Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30 Pikeville 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 7 Allen Central 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 14 at East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 21 Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28 at Hazard, 7:30 p.m.

Butch Joplin has also joined the staff, alongside Jamie Keene and Jason Sampson.

"I'm thrilled to have these men on board," Hagerman said. "I think we have a great mix of individuals here to get the job done."

Hagerman's short-term goals are to teach the kids how to win and finish games.

"We've got to battle and never give up," he added. "Of course, we have other more concrete goals like winning our district and making the playoffs."

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# Pirates set sail for possible three-peat

by J.L. BALL  
WILLIAMSON (W.VA.) DAILY NEWS

**BELFRY** - Belfry begins a new era of football this season but the expectations are still the same on Pond Creek.

After losing two of the state's top prep standouts, don't look for the Pirates roll over or play dead.

Belfry plays for championships. The Bucs enter the 2005 season with high hopes of earning the school's third straight Class 2A state championship.

"This team has a lot of rebuilding to do," Belfry head coach Philip Haywood said. "We're going to rely upon some of our younger players to fill the void."

The Pirates finished 14-1 last season and defeated Owensboro Catholic, 28-21, in the Class 2A state title game. The Bucs' only loss in 2004 came to Ironton, Ohio.

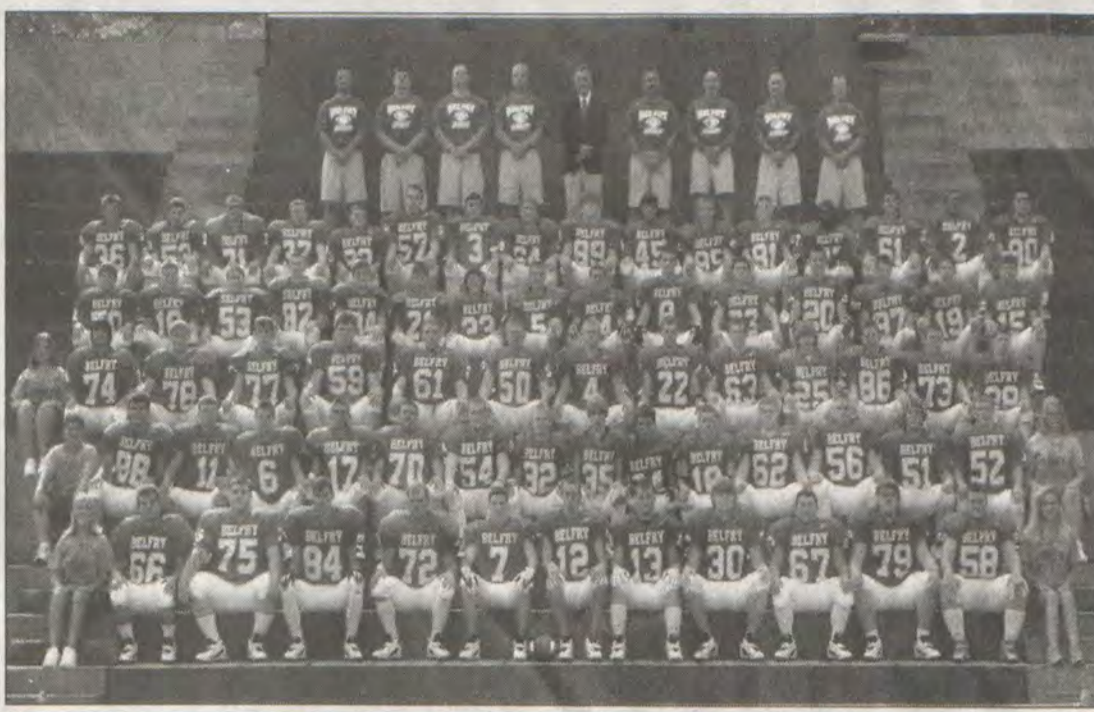
It has been two years since a Kentucky team has knocked off Belfry - Boyd County (18-0) on Aug. 23, 2003.

Haywood, who enters his 22nd season at the helm on Pond Creek, is currently seventh all-time in career wins with 270 - just one victory short of Bardstown's Garris Martin.

"I'm not one to look at the record books," he added.

Haywood is 198-71 at Belfry.

The Pirates return just four starters on offense and must replace nearly 5,000 yards of



**BELFRY PIRATES 2005**

offense from the departure of Doug Howard (the school's all-time leading rusher), David Jones and Gary Childress.

Jones, who will play at the University of Kentucky this fall, and Howard piled up 29 touchdowns apiece last season.

"Our backfield over the past couple of years had great balance," Haywood said.

Senior Aaron Chapman (6-3, 220) and junior Chad Steele (6-

3, 207) return at tight ends. Senior Justin Gooslin (5-11, 209) and junior Derek McCoy (5-10, 222) are back on the line.

Senior Jordan Phillips (6-3, 160) is expected to earn the nod as starting quarterback.

Haywood will have a variety of weapons in the backfield vying for starting positions.

Junior Corey Chapman (5-9, 153) and sophomore Dustin May (6-2, 201) are the frontrunners.

Both backs played in several games last season.

Senior Matt Maynard (6-1, 160), who started several games as wide receiver last season, has also been working in the backfield.

Junior Shawn Huddle (5-8, 170) and sophomore Phillip Hickman (5-11, 165) could see time at fullback.

On defense, Gooslin and Chapman are back at end. Senior Tommy Church (5-10,

## BELFRY

### 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Coach: Philip Haywood

Aug. 20 Henry Clay, 6 p.m.

(Pike County Bowl)

Aug. 26 Open

Sept. 2 Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 9 at East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 16 at Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 23 Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 3 at Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 7 at Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 14 Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 21 Ironton, Ohio, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 28 at Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.

180) is the only returning lineman, and junior Devin Kohari (5-11, 167) and Maynard return as defensive backs.

"We want to develop a physicality on defense," Haywood added. "Our kids need to be able to run to the ball as a unit ... On offense, we must be able to fire off the ball better and get on our blocks."

Haywood said the past state championships have served as a motivational tool for his players.

"Success breeds success," Haywood explained. "We challenge our teams each year to play for championships."

Haywood is pleased with the work ethic of his team and expects the progress to be at a "snail's pace."

"It's going to take some time," he concluded. "We just need to have patience and focus on getting better each day we step on the field."

# Hawks have new coach, new outlook

by LEIGH ANN WELLS  
WILLIAMSON (W.VA.) DAILY NEWS

**BECKLEY'S CREEK** - The more things change the more they stay the same.

Coach Chris McNamee returns as head coach of the Pike County Central High School Hawks this year after six seasons as the head man for Pikeville High

School and though the play-

ers are all different than when he originally left Beckley's Creek, he says his return has been a rather smooth one.

"It's been a lot of fun for me," McNamee said about the transition. "This place is not unfamiliar. The kids have done what we have asked them to and everyone has made it easy. It's gone pretty good."

Though the transition has been smooth, McNamee knows the road ahead of his team in

district play may get a little rough. With traditionally strong teams like defending back-to-back Class 2A champions Belfry and constant contender Prestonsburg, the Hawks will have to keep their game faces on at all times.

"I think it is a really tough Class 2A district," McNamee said. "I think Eric Ratliff will do a great job at East Ridge and the new coaches at Shelby Valley and the others will have strong teams. It's a tough district."

No matter how tough the going may get, McNamee says his players are ready.

"The kids are looking forward to it."

One of those kids looking forward to going head-to-head with the district power houses is junior Gordon Varney. Varney (5-9, 185), is a worker, according to McNamee.

"He has a great work ethic. We can count on him to do a lot on offense, defense and special teams," McNamee explained. "Gordon is a team player."

Varney, who serves the Hawks as both running back and linebacker, believes the Hawks will have a team to be reckoned with this season.

"Hopefully, we will win the district and make a statement," Varney said.

What would Varney like that statement to say?

"That Pike Central's building

ment and intensity to it," Varney said of the head coach.

Varney believes defense will be the Hawks' best asset this season. He said it is big up front, has really fast linebackers and "the best secondary we have ever had."

McNamee believes the entire team will improve as the season progresses. He said that instead of changing their style based on which team they face each week, the Hawks will do what they have practiced all summer,

try to improve each day and each week and eventually get to the same level as Belfry and Prestonsburg.

In addition to improving their play each week, McNamee is looking ahead into the Hawks' future. He believes that a consistent coaching staff and communication with the middle school teams will solidify Pike Central's place as a contender in the district.

"I think it will pay big dividends later on," he said.

## PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Coach: Chris McNamee

Aug. 20 Phelps, 8:30 p.m.

(At Belfry, Pike County Bowl)

Aug. 26 Open

Sept. 2 Boyd County, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 9 at Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 16 Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 23 at Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 30 Belfry, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 7 East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 14 Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 21 at Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 28 Evangel Christian, 8 p.m.



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# Ratliff reunited with East Ridge

by J.L. BALL  
WILLIAMSON (W.VA.) DAILY NEWS

LICK CREEK — When Eric Ratliff left East Ridge High School almost three years ago, he had built a program that almost made school history immediately.

During the Warriors' inaugural season in 2002, they finished 4-6 and barely missed the cut to participate in the playoffs.

"That was a great accomplishment for our kids," Ratliff said. "We want to build on that again."

After a brief hiatus, Ratliff — an Elkhorn City native — is back home again and committed to finish what he started several years back.

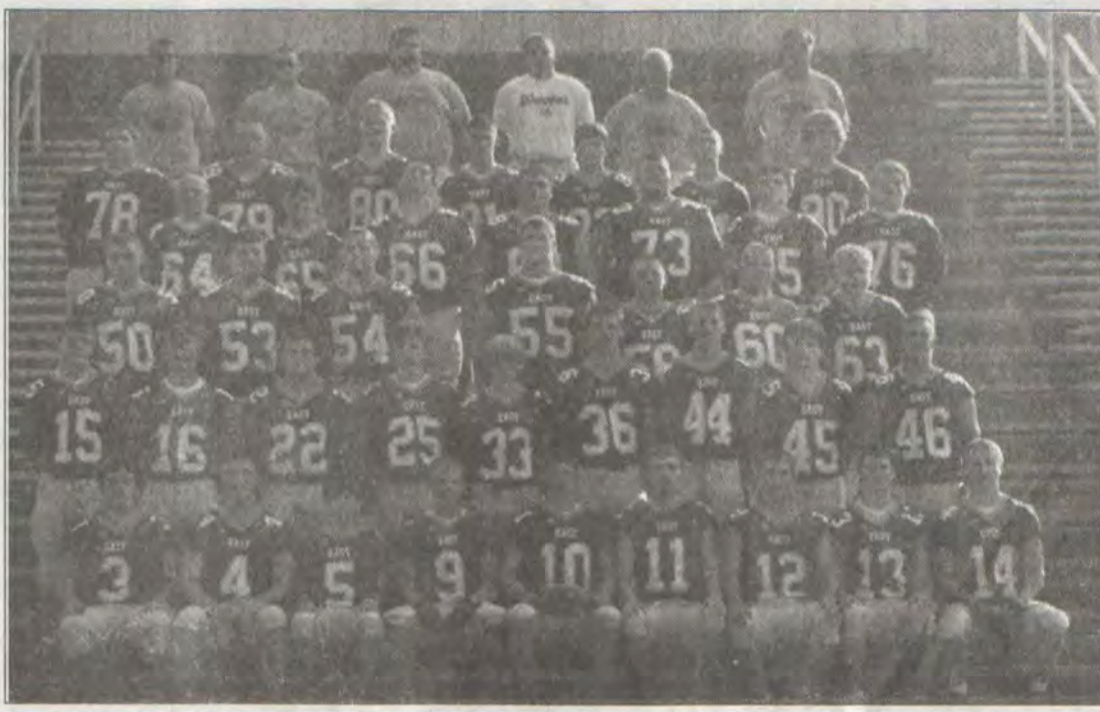
"Our goals are simple," he explained. "We want to improve each day in practice and focus on bettering ourselves as a team."

Since Ratliff's departure, the Warriors' program has suffered a downward spiral, winning just six of their last 20 games.

"We're not looking at the past," Ratliff said. "We're focused on the future."

Ratliff is confident that his team is ready to attain several goals. One of the most important is recording the school's first winning season.

"As a staff, we want to set realistic goals and we feel that a winning season and making the



EAST RIDGE WARRIORS 2005

playoffs are realistic for this group of kids," he said.

The Warriors will have two veterans returning on the line in seniors Steven Thacker (6-2, 300) and Justin Younce (6-2, 315).

"They will solidify our running attack and we hope to build a nice unit around them," Ratliff said. "The key is to get our young guys some experience around them."

Junior David Ratliff (5-10, 185) is battling junior Keith Miller (5-9, 165) for the starting quarterback job.

Ratliff started last season at running back and has taken most of the snaps during preseason drills.

Miller played quarterback for the junior varsity squad last season. Senior Kyle Fletcher (6-4, 190) returns at tight end and should give Ratliff a little more

diversity on offense.

"Kyle has tremendous talent and we hope to utilize his tall frame in our passing attack," Ratliff added.

Ratliff describes his offense as a disciplined unit that will stick with the basics.

"We're going to run the ball and try to control the clock," he explained.

"Our passing game will be

important because we plan to use that effectively to keep defenses on their toes."

On defense, the Warriors hope to be bigger and stronger. Since Ratliff's arrival on the Reservation, a large number of players have worked daily in the weight room.

"We're bigger, faster and stronger," Ratliff said. "You have to be that way in this district."

Ratliff calls his Class 2A District "the most difficult in the state."

With the likes of defending back-to-back state champion Belfry and perennial top five Prestonsburg, Ratliff understands the daunting task of cracking the top four and getting into the postseason.

"Our district is stacked top to bottom," he said. "It's going to be a fight just to get in that top four."

## EAST RIDGE

### 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Coach: Eric Ratliff

Aug 19 Shelby Valley, 6 p.m.

(At Pikeville, Pike County Bowl)

Aug 26 Open

Sept. 2 South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 9 Belfry, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 16 at Perry County Central, 7 p.m.

(Black Gold Bowl)

Sept. 23 Open

Sept. 30 at Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 7 at Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 14 Phelps, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 21 Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 28 at Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.

# Wildcats hope to get going early, despite late coaching change

by J.L. BALL  
WILLIAMSON (W.VA.) DAILY NEWS

ROBINSON CREEK — Anthony Hampton didn't expect to be in this situation.

The longtime assistant coach at Shelby Valley anticipated the start of a new era when Ben Howard, the son of legendary coach Hillard Howard, was named head coach at the school

earlier this year.

Instead, that new chapter was written and closed quickly when Ben Howard abruptly resigned in late July and Hampton was appointed head coach.

"We've had our share of bumps in the road this off season, but we've stayed together as a family," Hampton said.

Hampton and his staff look to change the tide on Robinson Creek this season and lead the

Wildcats to uncharted territory — past the first round of the playoffs.

Shelby Valley, which opened its doors in 1990, has never won a playoff game.

"Our kids are focused and geared up to accomplish some goals that we have never attained here before," Hampton said. "We're not going to dwell on the past."

Hampton has thrown out the traditional, wishbone-type offense and plans to open his play book.

"We're going to open up our play book and utilize our athleticism," Hampton said. "The kids have really adapted to this philosophy and I'm anticipating great things from our offensive unit."

Sophomore Tyler Johnson (5-11, 160) will replace Timmy Griffith at quarterback.

"You don't replace a kid like Timmy," Hampton said of Griffith, a four-year starter who graduated earlier this year.

Seniors Zack Mullins (6-1, 195) and Josh McPeek (5-9, 185) join Larry May (5-11, 185) — the team's leading rusher last season — in the backfield.

"This is one of the most explosive and talented backfields this school has seen in quite some time," Hampton said. "They will be a big part of what we do this season."

McPeek, who led the team in

tackles as a freshman and sophomore, did not play last season.

"I'm sure our opposing teams will remember this kid," Hampton assured. "He's the kind of player that can change the game in one play."

Shelby Valley finished 5-6 last season and lost its final three games, including a 63-6 setback to Breathitt County in the first round of the playoffs.

"We're focused on getting off to a better start and putting ourselves in a better situation during the second half of the

season," Hampton said. "We seem to always get ourselves in a hole early on and we feel like we are digging out during the remainder of the season."

The Wildcats won just one of their first four games in 2004.

A senior-laden line should provide plenty of protection for the backfield.

Adam "Pudge" Ratliff (6-2, 295), Adam "Mouse" Ratliff (5-11, 240) and Josh

Damron (6-3, 260) will anchor both the offensive and defensive lines.

Junior John Johnson (6-4,

270) will headline the hit squad at middle linebacker. He will also see time at fullback.

"We're solid at every position and we're expecting to shock some people," Hampton added.

Competing in one of the state's most competitive Class 2A districts makes a "When you're competing with the likes of Prestonsburg and Belfry, it's just plain difficult," Hampton said. "We all know that all the other teams in the district are on the rise too... We've got to buckle up and control our destiny."

## SHELBY VALLEY

### 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Coach: Anthony Hampton

Aug. 19 East Ridge

(At Pikeville, Pike County Bowl)

Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 2 Grundy, Va., 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 9 Open

Sept. 16 at Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 23 at Breathitt County, 7:30 p.m.

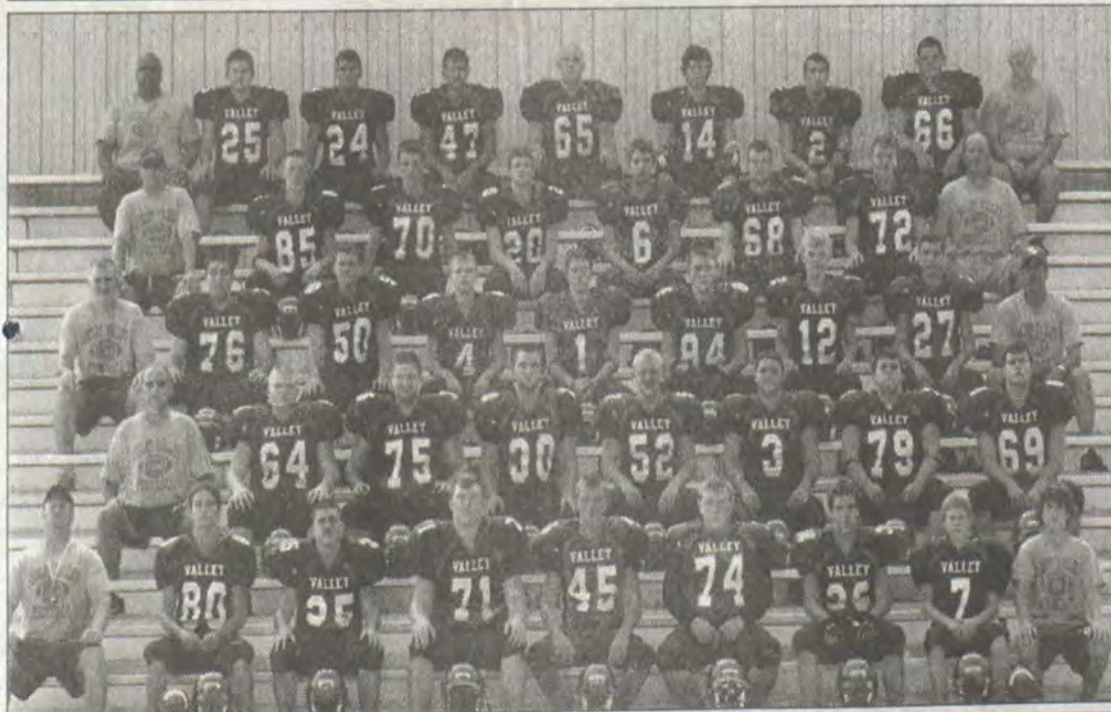
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Oct. 14 at Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 21 at Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 28 Belfry, 7:30 p.m.



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# Eastern Kentucky poised to compete for playoff berth

## EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIV. 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

**Coach: Danny Hope**

- Sept. 3 – Appalachian State, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 10 – at Western Kentucky, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 17 – at North Carolina State, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 24 – Tennessee Tech, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 1 – at Jacksonville State, TBA
- Oct. 8 – Samford, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 15 – at Eastern Illinois, 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 22 – Southeast Missouri, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 5 – at Murray State, 4 p.m.
- Nov. 12 – Tennessee-Martin, 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 19 – at Tennessee State, 3:30 p.m.

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by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND – During his first two years as Eastern

Kentucky's football coach, Danny Hope and his staff brought in players to fit his offensive system and worked to strengthen the Colonels'

schedule.

This season, Hope expects the Colonels to start reaping the benefits of those efforts as they bid to return to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs for the first time since 1997. Ohio Valley Conference coaches think that's a possibility, as they picked Eastern Kentucky second, behind defending champion Jacksonville State, in the pre-season league poll.

"One of our goals is to return the program to national prominence," said Hope, who wants to extend the Colonels' streak of consecutive winning seasons to 28 years. "When that happens, it will take care of the record."

It's been a steady progression for the Colonels in switching from longtime coach Roy Kidd's run-oriented offense to Hope's more pass-heavy system, which is similar to that of Purdue. The Colonels compiled 4,697 offensive yards during Hope's first season, but a rash of injuries – particularly at quarterback – led to a significant drop last season, to 3,561 yards, as the Colonels finished 6-5.

But last season's travails might prove to be fortuitous. With his three top quarterbacks sidelined for much or all of the season by injuries, Hope turned to freshman Josh Greco. After a shaky first start – he threw seven interceptions in an early loss to archrival Western Kentucky – Greco settled down. The 6-foot-2, 200-pounder from Naples, Fla., played in eight games, started five and passed for 1,048 yards and four touchdowns.

"I'm proud he was able to suck it up and play injured and learn and grow and develop and get some of his rough sledding out of the way last year," Hope said. "Last year was a blessing in disguise for 2005."

Greco will have an experienced receiving corps, led by two second-team All-OVC players: senior wideout Andre Ralston, who had 36 catches for 611 yards, both team highs, and five touchdowns, and junior tight end Patrick Bugg, who had 29 catches for 434 yards and four touchdowns.

At tailback, where now-

departed C.J. Hudson was a fixture for several seasons, the Colonels will have sophomore Marc Dunn, who rushed for 141 yards and three touchdowns as a reserve last season. Hope describes Dunn as big and physical and said he'll benefit from running behind an experienced offensive line, one on which all five starters return, including second-team All-OVC tackle Sean Dumford.

Senior linebacker Jerome Jones led the Colonels last season with 113 tackles and received first-team All-OVC honors. He'll try to fill the leadership void left by the departed OVC defensive player of the year, Justen Rivers. Depth at linebacker is a concern, Hope said, but that is somewhat offset by his enthusiasm over an experienced secondary.

Eastern's early schedule will be difficult, with games against Division I-AA powers Appalachian State and Western Kentucky to open the season, followed by a game at Division I-A North Carolina State. The Colonels open OVC play at

Jacksonville State two weeks later.

"The schedule is a big part of the master plan, although it can be a little bit tough on your record," Hope said. "Obviously there's a reason why we choose to have such a competitive schedule. It mandates you raise your level of play. There's a lot to be gained by it."

### Eastern Kentucky Football at a Glance

**2004 Record**  
6-5, 6-2 Ohio Valley Conference.  
**Offense** – Spread.  
**Defense** – 4-3.  
**Starters returning/lost** – 14/8.  
**Lettermen returning/lost** – 33/15.  
**Key players** – Quarterback Josh Greco, tailback Mark Dunn, wide receiver Andre Ralston, tight end Patrick Bugg, center Will Heineman, tackle Sean Dumford, defensive tackle Mark Cristiani, linebackers Jerome Jones and Marcus Mayes, safety Carl Hayden.  
**Coach** – Danny Hope (13-10, third season; 13-10 overall).

# Morehead seeking elusive league title

by MURRAY EVANS  
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MOREHEAD – Opponents facing Morehead State are used to the unexpected, as the Eagles

## MOREHEAD STATE UNIV. 2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

**Coach: Matt Ballard**

- Sept. 3 – at St. Francis (Pa.), 1 p.m.
- Sept. 10 – Newberry College, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 17 – at Valparaiso, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 24 – Dayton, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 1 – at Butler, 2 p.m.
- Oct. 8 – at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 15 – Austin Peay, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 22 – Davidson, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 29 – Tiffin, 1 p.m.
- Nov. 5 – at Missouri-Rolla, 2 p.m.
- Nov. 12 – at Georgia Southern, 1 p.m.

(All times Eastern)

are willing to use everything from the triple option to the run-and-shoot on offense.

Morehead State coach Matt Ballard enjoys being unpredictable, but not necessarily when it comes to his team's fortunes. He's hopeful that this could be the season the Eagles, who have won three straight Pioneer Football League South Division titles, can break through and win the overall league championship.

But with little proven depth, especially on defense, and one particularly challenging non-conference opponent on the horizon, outsiders can be forgiven for wondering if the Eagles can take the next step.

"We know it's a huge challenge," said Ballard, entering his 12th season at the helm of the non-scholarship NCAA Division I-AA program. "But that's what we thrive on."

Morehead State rebounded from a 1-3 start last season to finish 6-6, but for the third straight season, the Eagles lost

to the North Division champ in the PFL title game.

Ballard firmly believes that playing tough non-conference teams is the proper way to prepare his squad for conference showdowns, but he might have outdone himself this season. Morehead State's final regular-season game – which, if the Eagles take care of South Division business, will be a week before another title-game appearance – will be against perennial I-AA power Georgia Southern, a legitimate national-championship contender.

Last season, mostly because of injuries, Morehead State's offense remained in a permanent state of flux – 17 different players rushed the ball, 16 caught passes and three started at least one game at quarterback. This season, Ballard hopes for a bit more stability. Brian Yost, who played in five games before a season-ending injury, enters preseason practice as the starting quarterback, but he will be pushed by Tyler

Cvitkovic, who also saw significant action in 2004.

The Eagles return their top four rushers, including junior fullback Jabari McGee, an All-South Division pick last season, and halfback Chris Stockelman, who led the team in rushing (555 yards) and receiving (297 yards) last season. But the offensive line is a major concern, Ballard said, with only three proven players.

Morehead State must replace six defensive starters, including the unit's unquestioned leader, linebacker Craig Unger. Returning lineman James Spencer-Howell and senior defensive back Kwesi Williams, the team's leading returning tackler with 81 stops, figure to play key roles this season.

"You have to have somebody step up when somebody leaves," said Williams, whose brother, Jamaal Williams, plays for the San Diego Chargers. "People leave and people come in. People will work hard to be where they need to be."

The Eagles also are dealing with their coach's personal tragedy. Ballard's son, Matthew – a student assistant coach for the team – died in a motorcycle crash July 12.

### Morehead State Football at a Glance

**2004 Record**  
6-6, 2-1 Pioneer Football League (South Division).  
**Offense** – Multiple.  
**Defense** – 4-3.  
**Starters returning/lost** – 14/10.  
**Lettermen returning/lost** – 38/11.  
**Key players** – Quarterback Brian Yost, halfback Chris Stockelman, fullbacks Jabari McGee and Casey McCoy, wide receiver Dana Calhoun, defensive end James Spencer-Howell, linebacker Andrew Sturzenbecker, cornerback Kwesi Williams, kicker Adam Jones, kick returner Daniel Vagni.  
**Coach** – Matt Ballard (64-

## OTHER STATE SCHOOLS:

# Murray coach wants to forget off-field problems and get on with football

by MALCOLM C. KNOX  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE – Murray State coach Joe Pannunzio just wants to get back to coaching football.

He doesn't want to talk about the player and former player who were arrested for drug-related offenses in late April. He doesn't want to talk about the 11 days he was put on paid administrative leave.

"We're really anxious to get that behind us," Pannunzio said. "We're excited for what's ahead."

There may not be easy answers there, either. The Racers last won the Ohio Valley Conference title in 2002, and shared that one with Eastern Illinois. Murray last won it outright in 1996. Jacksonville State won the conference the past two years and is picked to win it again this season.

The upcoming season will be Pannunzio's sixth leading the Racers who are 28-28 under the him, including 7-4 last season. Murray has been a notoriously slow starter, losing at least two of its first four each season under Pannunzio.

So aiming for the conference title and Jacksonville State are a little premature for now, the coach says.

"We're going to worry about getting by us first," Pannunzio said. "We need to learn how to start faster, and I don't know how we do that."

For the second consecutive season, the Racers will have a first-year starter at quarterback.

Junior Ken Topps and sophomore Ryne Salyer are vying for the spot left by Adam Fisher, who transferred. Pannunzio said Topps is the front-runner to start the Sept. 3 opener against Mississippi State.

"He's a special kind of athlete," Pannunzio said.

The Racers also lost eight defensive starters, including cornerback Laroni Gallishaw, and defensive end Marcus White, both competing for National Football League roster spots – Gallishaw with the Minnesota Vikings, and White with the Tennessee Titans.

"Of course we're going to miss them," Pannunzio said. "You've gotta miss two NFL guys."

Attempting to fill those shoes on defense will be senior defensive end Keith McClain, who moved from linebacker, senior safety Tony Ryan, senior linebacker Rick Schultz and defensive back Onsha Whitaker. Ryan and Schultz are the team's leading returning tacklers, with 55 and 53, respectively, last season. Schultz and Whitaker were pre-season all-conference picks.

Lining up in the offensive backfield will be senior running back Nick Turner and junior running back Chad Cook, who combined for 18 rushing touchdowns and more than 1,500 yards. Preseason all-conference offensive lineman Eugene Russell will help lead the way for them.

"We have a chance to be pretty good on offense," Pannunzio said.

### Murray State University

#### 2005 Football Schedule

- Sept. 3 – at Mississippi St., 6 p.m.
- Sept. 17 – Indiana St., 6 p.m.
- Sept. 24 – at Illinois St., 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 1 – at Tennessee Tech, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 8 – Jacksonville St., 6 p.m.
- Oct. 15 – at Samford, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 22 – E. Illinois, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 29 – at SE Missouri, 1 p.m.
- Nov. 5 – E. Kentucky, 3 p.m.
- Nov. 12 – Austin Peay, 3 p.m.
- Nov. 19 – at Tenn.-Martin, noon

### Murray State Football at a Glance

2004 Record – 7-4, 6-2 Ohio

Valley Conference.

**Offense** – Multiple.  
**Defense** – 4-3.

**Starters returning/lost** – 15/10.

**Lettermen returning/lost** – 22/28.

**Key players** – Quarterback Ken Topps, halfbacks Nick Turner, Chad Cook, offensive lineman Eugene Russell, defensive end Keith McClain, safety Tony Ryan, linebacker Rick Schultz, defensive back Onsha Whitaker.

**Coach** – Joe Pannunzio (28-28, 6th season).

### Good is no longer good enough for Western Kentucky

by MALCOLM C. KNOX  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN – This season, good is not going to be good enough for Western Kentucky coach David Elson.

Sure, the Hilltoppers have shared the Gateway Conference championship the past two seasons and averaged almost 10 wins over the past five. But Elson wants more as he enters his third season.

"Good is the enemy of great," Elson said.

In 2002, the Hilltoppers were unquestionably great, winning 12 games and the I-AA championship, in Coach Jack Harbaugh's last season.

Western Kentucky became a much easier sell to recruits after the title and the Hilltoppers are eager to see those benefits this season.

"I think you're going to see a lot of those guys, sophomores, are going to have an impact on this football team," Elson said. "It's kind of nice to see those

guys start to come through. When you get a chance to go through the whole recruiting process and be in a kid's home and really get to know him, it really makes a difference and I think we're seeing that."

The roster is loaded with players lured to Bowling Green by the possibility of another title.

Receiver Maurice Perkins transferred to Western after his St. Joseph's (Ind.) team won two games in 2003. Center Erik Losey remembered winning nine games in two years at East Tennessee State before transferring to Western and winning nine games last season.

Losey wanted to connect with a winner so much, he used to borrow former roommate and fellow offensive lineman Ryan Thomas' championship ring.

"The jewel gets the women," Losey said. And the players.

Losey is one of five Hilltoppers who started last season after arriving at Western the year after the championship. Another – sophomore safety Marion Rumph – will lead the defense this season, Elson said.

"I wouldn't say it's a surprise because when I came in my freshman year I wanted to play. I worked so I could play," Rumph said.

Competitive spirit like that, particularly from young players is what separates good from great, offensive coordinator T.J. Weist said. Though the 2001 team was more athletic, including three defensive backs who went on to play professionally, Weist said the Hilltoppers' attitude made them champions in 2002.

"You look at some of the players that played on that team, they weren't the best athletes or even some of the best football players, but they were some of the best competitors that we've had," Weist said. "The team we

had in 2002 had a little better chemistry because they all competed and they were hungry."

Losing by 30 in the first round of the playoffs last season makes them hungry, too. The Hilltoppers were knocked out by Sam Houston State, 54-24.

"Of course it's a bad taste in your mouth," Thomas said. "Every time coach puts that film on, the players are like, 'Aww coach, cut that off.'"

Senior defensive lineman Joe Woolridge remembers the loss, too, and is looking forward to a different result this season.


"I just can't wait to get to the playoffs," Woolridge said. "I came up here for a championship."

### Western Kentucky University

#### 2005 Football Schedule

- Sept. 1 – W. Virginia Tech, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 10 – E. Kentucky, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 24 – at Auburn, 1:30 p.m.

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# Brooks knows it's time to start winning at Kentucky

by MURRAY EVANS  
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LEXINGTON — Kentucky football coach Rich Brooks has been in the game long enough to know the reality of the situation — a repeat of last year's 2-9 debacle likely will mean he'll be sent packing.

Judging from preseason publications, few outsiders believe the Wildcats will escape the Southeastern Conference cellar. But Brooks, entering his third season at Kentucky and his 21st season as a college coach, believes brighter days are coming, and soon.

Brooks quickly ticks off the reasons for his optimism — more scholarship players, particularly offensive linemen; better-conditioned players; an offensive coordinator, Joker Phillips, that players seem eager to play for; and an overall cohesiveness that he now says was lacking from last year's squad.

"I'm as excited to start this season as I've ever been in my coaching career," Brooks said. "I feel pretty good about the group of guys that I'm coaching. Now we have to go out on the field and do the hard work, get some fundamental stuff done, get some learning done and prove it."

Kentucky still is recovering from NCAA sanctions that cost the program 19 scholarships from 2002 to 2004. The Wildcats now have 76 scholarship players, nine under the NCAA Division I-A maximum but still more than last season. The majority are freshmen and sophomores, but that doesn't overly bother Brooks, who has shown a willingness, especially last season, to use players with little experience.

"I think you're going to see some of these new faces play a significant role for us this year," Brooks said. "One reason is because I think they're pretty talented. Two is because our depth is still a concern and a problem."

There's no competition for the job as starting quarterback. That belongs to 6-foot-5, 230-pound sophomore Andre Woodson, who played in seven games last season, started one, and completed 54 of 88 passes for 492 yards and two touchdowns with one interception.

Behind Woodson, the Wildcats are thin, with only two other scholarship quarterbacks on the roster. True freshman Curtis Pulley likely will be the backup, while redshirt freshman Joe Joe Brown had an abysmal spring and needs to regain his coaches' confidence,



Brooks said.

Sophomore running back Tony Dixon was lost for this season on Aug. 12, when he suffered a severe ankle injury during a practice, but another sophomore, Rafael Little, is healthy entering the preseason, Brooks said.

Kentucky also will begin the season with 19 offensive linemen after finishing last season with only 10 on scholarship. Brooks has particularly raved about junior-college transfer Fatu Turituri.

"Offensive line has been a concern and still is, but there are more good-looking SEC-type bodies to fill those roles," Brooks said. "When you see some of these newcomers in that offensive line, you'd have to be blind to not see these guys are good-looking players."

Kentucky's deepest area appears to be its receiving corps. Wideouts Glenn Holt and Scott Mitchell each had big games last season and the Wildcats will welcome back Keenan Burton and Tommy Cook from injuries. Sophomore Jacob Tamme moved to tight end before last year's season finale and caught two touchdown passes in a narrow loss to Tennessee.

All of those players, Brooks said, should help the Wildcats avoid a repeat of last season, in which they finished 115th — out of 117 Division I-A teams — in total offense. That prompted the resignation of Ron Hudson as offensive coordinator. Brooks replaced Hudson with Phillips.

Defensively, Kentucky has switched to a 4-3 alignment after two years in the 3-4. The biggest concern is linebacker depth, as three key contributors from past seasons — Dustin Williams, Chad Anderson and Jon Sumrall — left the program or, in Sumrall's case, had to give up football because of health concerns during the offseason. Of the 10 line-

backers on the preseason depth chart, eight are freshmen or sophomores.

In the secondary, Kentucky has one of the nation's top safeties in senior Muhammad Abdullah, who's on the preseason watch lists for the Bronko Nagurski Award and Jim Thorpe Award, which are given to the nation's top defensive player and defensive back, respectively.

"We want to be competitive in every game," Abdullah said. "We want to earn the honor and respect that this is Kentucky football and we can play and we can win here."

Also back is cornerback Bo Smith, who missed last season after being injured in a fight.

## Kentucky will ride Woodson 'all the way to where we go'

by MURRAY EVANS  
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LEXINGTON — Andre Woodson's first collegiate start didn't come under ideal conditions — as a freshman quarterback for a 1-5 football team, on the road, at No. 3 Auburn, a squad that went on to finish undefeated.

"To start me in a game like that was something different," Woodson said. "I hadn't been used to playing talent like that."

Not surprisingly, Kentucky struggled against the Tigers and lost 42-10 en route to a dismal 2-9 finish last season. But Woodson learned things that October afternoon, lessons the 6-foot-5, 230-pound sophomore quarterback from Radcliff said will be invaluable this season as he assumes a new role — as the Wildcats' unquestioned leader.

Woodson said the speed of Auburn's defense taught him the importance of preparation, of quicker reaction, of making quicker reads. It led him straight into the film room during the offseason, a habit which earned him not only the respect of his coaches, but also his teammates.

"I've been impressed with him, over the spring and into the summer, with the way he's handled the offense and taken up the leadership role," sophomore tight end Jacob Tamme said of Woodson. "He knows he has to step it up and be a leader for us."

Sophomore wide receiver Keenan Burton's words are even stronger.

"Andre is the key to our success," Burton said. "He understands that and he knows that. He's fully aware. He's taken that leadership role and we're going to ride him all the way to where we go. If he wants us to have a successful season, we're going to ride him there. If he doesn't, we're going to ride him there, too. It's all on Andre's shoulders."

That sounds like a lot of pressure, but it's a responsibility Woodson accepts willingly. That's something

he acknowledges he might not have done in previous years, when he was first a redshirt behind Jared Lorenzen and Shane Boyd, then Boyd's primary backup.

"When I first got here, I didn't really want to watch film," Woodson said. "I didn't really work hard at practice. I didn't do a lot of the things that are going to be a big key to be successful as a quarterback in the SEC."

Woodson said a talk with Kentucky's new offensive coordinator, Joker Phillips, changed that. Phillips' message was that Woodson

needed to grow up and seize the chance to become a team leader.

"He just kept it totally real for me, and I respect him for that," Woodson said.

Woodson played in seven games last season and completed 54 of 88 passes for 492 yards and two touchdowns with one interception. He had his moments — against Auburn, he led Kentucky to a rushing touchdown, one of only four surrendered all of last season by the Tigers. His biggest bugaboo was holding onto the football — he fumbled four times, something he now attributes to not taking care of fundamentals "like keeping two hands on the ball."

Those fundamentals were tested during the annual Blue-White spring intrasquad game, played in cold, wet and windy conditions. Woodson put on a show, passing for 478 yards and four touchdowns.

Kentucky coach Rich Brooks said Woodson "proved a lot to me in the spring that he has the credentials and ability, if he stays healthy, to have a huge impact in this (league). He has the ability to be a big-time quarterback in this league, I believe. But that has to be proven and I don't mean to put the onus on him."

Even if Brooks did that, Woodson wouldn't mind.

"My main thing is keeping everybody's respect," Woodson said. "As long as I can set positive examples, they're going to keep staying behind me and stay by my side the whole time."

### KENTUCKY FOOTBALL AT A GLANCE

**2004 Record** — 2-9, 1-7 Southeastern Conference.  
**Offense** — Multiple.  
**Defense** — 4-3.  
**Starters returning/lost** — 12/10.  
**Lettermen returning/lost** — 44/30.  
**Key players** — Quarterback Andre Woodson, running back Rafael Little, wide receivers Glenn Holt and Keenan Burton, tackle Hayden Lane, defensive tackle Trey Mielsch, defensive end Durrell White, linebacker Raymond Fontaine, cornerback Antoine Huffman, safety Muhamman Abdullah.  
**Coach** — Rich Brooks (6-17, third season; 97-126-4, 21st season overall).

### 2005 Football Schedule

Sept. 4 — Louisville, 3:30 p.m.  
Sept. 10 — Idaho State, 6 p.m.  
Sept. 17 — at Indiana, 6:45 p.m.  
Sept. 24 — Florida, TBA  
Oct. 8 — at South Carolina, TBA  
Oct. 22 — at Mississippi, TBA  
Oct. 29 — Mississippi State, TBA  
Nov. 5 — Auburn, TBA  
Nov. 12 — at Vanderbilt, TBA  
Nov. 19 — at Georgia, TBA  
Nov. 26 — Tennessee, TBA

# RB Bush, QB Brohm fill roles just in time to lead Cards

by CHRIS DUNCAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Two of the city's most celebrated prep stars will now lead Louisville onto the national stage as the Cardinals take their first cracks at the Big East and the Bowl Championship Series.

Home-grown quarterbacking stars Michael Bush and Brian Brohm turned down scholarship offers from traditional powerhouses to play for the Cardinals. Bush then moved to the running back role and conceded the starting quarterback spot he once coveted to Brohm, his former high school rival.

Both former Mr. Footballs shined in backup roles last year.

Now Brohm — who won three state championships and threw for 10,579 career yards at Louisville's Trinity High School — and Bush will work in tandem in one of the most anticipated seasons in Louisville history.

"If you key on one, the other one might hit you. It's a 1-2 punch," Bush said. "I feel sorry for defensive coordinators trying to game plan."

Bush, a do-everything player at Male High in Louisville, knows he could be playing quarterback somewhere else. But after spending the last season and summer with Brohm, he's accepted how things turned out.

"That's how it is," said Bush, a junior who has 13 touchdown runs, three TD passes and a

touchdown catch in two college seasons. "I feel like I can do a lot of different things (other) than quarterback, so that's why I continued to stay here. I couldn't ask for a better situation."

Brohm and Bush showed glimpses of this year's potential last season, when the Cardinals went 11-1 and finished the season with a best-ever No. 6 ranking.

Bush rushed for 734 yards and seven touchdowns backing up Eric Shelton, while Brohm completed 67 percent of his passes and threw six touchdown passes behind senior Stefan LeFors, the Conference USA Player of the Year who's now in training camp with the NFL's Carolina Panthers.

"It's going to be fun to sit back and hand the ball off to him or throw to him and watch him work," Brohm said of Bush.

Third-year Louisville coach Bobby Petrino envisions the 245-pound Bush become the bruising power runner that Shelton was. But Bush can pass and catch, too, and Petrino hints that those skills won't be wasted.

"Michael Bush might be the best athlete I've ever been around and that includes my two years coaching in the NFL," said Petrino, a former offensive coordinator with the Jacksonville Jaguars. "He runs with it, he has great feet, he can throw it, he can catch it, he can change directions. And the thing he has over everybody else is, he can do that at 250 pounds."

The 6-foot-4 Brohm also gives Petrino more options than his predecessor — the shorter, quicker LeFors.

"It's exciting, because there are some things the last couple of years we haven't been able to do because of Stefan's height and certain throws he couldn't make," Petrino said. "Brian can. So we've got to try to put it all together."

Petrino was in the stadium in

December 2002 when Brohm led Trinity to a 59-56 win over Bush's Male squad in a state championship game widely regarded as Kentucky's best ever. Bush rushed for 116 yards and threw for 458 yards and six touchdowns. Brohm, a traditional pocket passer, threw for 552 yards and seven TDs.

They recently watched a tape of their memorable duel together, another step in a budding friendship that may have never started if Bush hadn't adjusted his goals.

Bush had his heart set on playing quarterback at Louisville, but Petrino thought he was a better fit at running back.

"If I wanted to stay here, I didn't have a choice," Bush said.

Bush considered transferring, then backed off. Petrino placated Bush last year with more running plays, some defensive assignments and some special teams play.

"Coach put the ball in my

hands enough where I didn't have to complain about sitting on the side," Bush said.

Petrino will complement Bush's power with speedy Kolby Smith, a 5-11, 215-pound junior from Tallahassee, Fla. Sophomore Reggie Bradshaw and redshirt freshman George Stripling should also see time at running back.

Brohm, meanwhile, has as many receiving options as LeFors did last year.

Seniors Broderick Clark, Montrell Jones and Joshua Tinch compensate for the loss of J.R. Russell, who was one of six Cardinals drafted this summer. Clark and Jones give Brohm deep threats, while the 6-3, 223-pound Tinch provides a strong, physical target on shorter routes. And freshman Mario Urrutia has shown potential in fall workouts.

Five offensive line starters return and all of them are juniors and seniors. The front is anchored by tackle Travis Leffew, who'll add to his

school-record 38 consecutive starts.

"I feel pretty safe back there with those guys in front of me," Brohm said.

The potent Louisville offense has often overshadowed the defense in recent years, but in 2004 the Cardinals allowed only 20 points per game and had two shutouts.

The 2005 unit loses six starters gone from last season, including NFL draft picks Robert McCune and Kerry Rhodes.

Seniors Elvis Dumervil and Montavious Stanley anchor the defensive line after combining for 14 sacks in 2004.

The secondary also has some questions with three departed starters. Antoine Sharp will move from corner to safety and brother Brandon Sharp will replace Rhodes at free safety.

Juniors William Gay and Gavin Smart and redshirt freshman Rod Council are the top candidates to start at cornerback.

### LOUISVILLE FOOTBALL AT A GLANCE

**2004 record** — 11-1, 8-0 Conference USA. Defeated Boise State 44-40 in Liberty Bowl.  
**Offense** — Multiple.  
**Defense** — 4-3.  
**Starters returning/lost** — 15/11.  
**Lettermen returning/lost** — 45/18.  
**Key Players (2004 stats in parentheses)** — QB Brian Brohm, (66-of-98, 819 yards, 6 TDs, 2 interceptions); RB Michael Bush (734 rushing yards, 7 TDs, 11 catches for 155 yards); WR Joshua Tinch (36 catches for 510 yards); DE Elvis Dumervil (52 tackles, 10 sacks); DT Montavious Stanley (30 tackles, four sacks, two forced fumbles); LB Brandon Johnson (84 tackles, one sack, two interceptions).  
**Coach** — Bobby Petrino (20-5, third season; 20-5, third season overall).

### 2005 Football Schedule

Sept. 4 — at Kentucky, 3:30 p.m.  
Sept. 17 — Oregon State, Noon  
Sept. 24 — at South Florida, TBA  
Oct. 1 — Florida Atlantic, TBA  
Oct. 8 — North Carolina, TBA  
Oct. 15 — at West Virginia, TBA  
Oct. 22 — at Cincinnati, 7 p.m.  
Nov. 3 — Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.  
Nov. 11 — Rutgers, 8 p.m.  
Nov. 26 — Syracuse, TBA  
Dec. 3 — at Connecticut, TBA

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