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briefs

Radiothon raises \$240K for victims

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE -Eastern Kentuckians contributed \$240,448 during a television and radio broadcast on Thursday to raise money for the American Red Cross to help hurricane victims along the Gulf Coast.

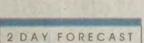
Neil Middleton, news director for WYMT-TV in Hazard, said more than 2,000 people in the mountain region contributed during the 12-hour broadcast from Pikeville Medical Center. The broadcast was carried live on two television stations, a local cable network, and 19 radio stations throughout the region.

"People in eastern Kentucky are always the first to give," Middleton said. "You just can't measure their heart and compassion."

Called Operation Compassion, the initiative was headed by Walter E. May, owner of Eastern Kentucky Broadcasting, a Pikeville-based chain of radio stations.

May also serves as president of Pikeville Medical Center, which sent medical personnel and supplies to New Orleans last weekend.

"Our people went to the heart of the problem," May said.





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Tomorrow



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One Voice for Eastern Kentuck

Wheelwright mulls suing Otter Creek

by MARY MUSIC

STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — Financial woes for the city of Wheelwright are continuing, and city hall, threatening a lawsuit, is still trying to negotiate a payment contract with the parent company of Otter Creek Correctional Center.

The city and the prison's parent com-

pany disagree with the interpretation of a 1993 deed between Wheelwright and U.S. Corrections Corporation.

The prison closed on Friday, June 3, approximately one month after Indiana inmates were returned to their home-state holding cells.

In July, the prison accepted a contract with the state of Kentucky to house 450 female employees for more than \$7 million a year.

In June, the Wheelwright city council met to discuss the "devastating" effects the prison's closure had on the city, which received approximately \$10,000 monthly from the prison. Budget concerns continued after the company decided to replace an allotment (\$1 per day per prisoner, divided equally between the county and the city) with work crews.

Wheelwright city clerk Mary Ann Slone said the council is still dealing with budget strains. They called a special meeting to discuss the "prison situation" last month, but tabled the matter because city attorney Timothy Parker was not able

Parker said Thursday that he was sup-

(See PRISON, page three)



The Allen Central High School Junior ROTC presented the colors at the Sept. 11 Memorial Service.

Community thinks of Katrina while remembering Sept. 11

by TONYA ELKINS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The Med Flight Unit from Pikeville Medical Center landed across from Prestonsburg Food City amid a cloud of dust Friday morning. A crowd of onlookers contained uniformed representatives from the National Guard, Prestonsburg Fire Department, Respond Ambulance Service and others. This conglomerate of organizations joined together for one purpose - to honor the acts of heroism displayed when Americans were forced to deal with tragedy and horror inflicted by terrorists on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001.

"It is a special honor for us to be here today on such a hallowed anniversary as 9/11," began Q95's Justin Mullins, the event's emcee, "a day when we gather to

(See SERVICE, page eight)



Members of the Army National Guard manned a booth during Friday's ceremony.

Addicts need help, not jail, families say

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

Addiction is not a respecter of income, education, race, or gender and the vast majority of people dealing narcotics do so to support their own addictions.

"Addiction can happen to anyone, that's one thing that folks need to understand," said Scott Walker, director of the Layne House Substance Abuse Treatment Program. "A lot of folks get into this: 'If I'm healthy, if I'm smart, if I'm in church, I won't be an addict.' That's not true. You or I could have an accident, break an arm, a leg, some teeth, whatever, and it would cause us to be in pain. Because of the pain, the doctors prescribe us a narcotic painkiller and we'll take it for about two, maybe three weeks. When we quit taking

it, we'll still have pain, but the pain won't necessarily be from our injuries. It comes from withdrawal from taking the narcotic for so long. Then, we go to our doctors and tell them we're still in pain and we need more. Doctors are taught that their patients are not to be in pain, so they prescribe the pills to us. We build up a tolerance, and eventually exhaust the supply that the doctor gave us. Rather than suffering through the pain you get through withdrawal, you go to find more. That's a fairly common scenario. People start taking prescription medications for legitimate rea-

Walker's comments were mirrored in statements made by Floyd County residents affiliated with those arrested

Roundup suspects appear in court

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG Thursday's drug roundup moved into the court phase Friday, with Judges Danny P. Caudill and John D. Caudill arraigning 11 defendants and setting bonds.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner was on hand for the arraignments and applauded Attorney General Greg Stumbo's office, saying, "The attorney general's office has been working very hard over the last year on these investigations. We are looking forward to presenting these cases and the others they are going to bringing our way."

Turner's office has seen

(See SUSPECTS, page three)

Sex offender could see probation revoked

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Ezra Lee Robinson, 29, of Martin, was the subject of a hearing in circuit court Friday when a social worker at a state sex offender treatment program testified that Robinson never took the program seriously and flunked the first and most basic level of treatment.

Brent Blankenship, a social worker who counseled inmates enrolled in the state's sex offender treatment program, testified that Robinson accrued too many unexplained absences to complete the program and that he never made it past the first level of treatment, which involves facing up to the charges that landed him in the

(See OFFENDER, page eight)

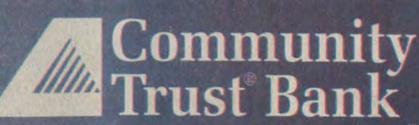


A memorial service, in honor of the Sept. 11 tragedies, was held Friday, at noon, on the Big Sandy Community and **Technical College** campus. BSCTC President, Dr. George Edwards, addressed those assembled, offering his appreciation to service men and women and rescue workers everywhere, and remembered the lives lost in the 9/11 attacks, as well as those suffering the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Clara Addezio, 93, of Hollywood. Florida, Prestonsburg native, died Wednesday, August 31. Arrangements, by Family Tribute Center, Davie, Florida.

Harold L. Adkins, 68, of Tuesday, died September 6, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, September 9, under direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Betty Lou Caines, 71, of died Sunday, September 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 6, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Tommy Cole, 56, of Melvin, died Monday, September 5, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 8, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home of Robinson Creek.

Allen David Conley, 62, of Martin, died Friday, September 2, at Frankfort Regional Medical Center. A private memorial service will

be held Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Hospital. Funeral services were home. Harrod Brothers Funeral Home of Frankfort is in charge of arrangements.

Paul Hopkins, 75, of McDowell, died Tuesday, September 6, at the McDowell Regional Appalachian Hospital. He is survived by his wife, June Stumbo Hopkins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Olva M. Howell, 60, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Banner, died Thursday, September 1, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Hayes Howell Jr. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

John Phillip "J.P." Layne II, 22, of Martin, died Saturday, September 3, in King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Gracie Newman Little. 78, of Hi Hat, died Saturday, September 3, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional

conducted Tuesday, September 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Agnes G. Allen Vanhoose, 77, of Langley, died Monday, September 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 8, under the direction of Hall

PIKE COUNTY

Funeral Home.

Gary Caudill, 59, of Long Fork, Virgie, died Thursday, September 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Loisteen Rowe Caudill. Funeral services were at noon Sunday. September 4, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral

Michelle Lynn Cochran, 28. of Miller's Creek in died Thursday, September 1, at UK Medical Center in Lexington. Funeral services were scheduled for Sunday, September 4, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Lillian Cochran Earnest, 82. of Borderland. West Virginia, a Pike County native, died Monday, September 5, at Williamson South Appalachían Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Unit. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 8, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Brenda Kay Epling, 52, of Mouthcard, died Saturday, Sept. 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Roger Epling. Funeral services were held Monday, September 5, under the direction of Grundy Funeral

Home ■ Ivo Thomas Hall, 75, of died Thursday, Jonancy, September 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Irene Osborne Hall. Funeral services will be held Sunday, September 11, at 1 p.m., under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

66. of Newport Richey, Florida, a Pike County native, died Friday, September 2. at her home. She is survived by her husband, Gillis Hamilton. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 8, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Johnson, 30, of Crestview, Florida, formerly of Virgie, died Sunday, September 4, in Daytona, Florida. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 10, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral

■ Alta McKenzie Justice, 91, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, September 3, at Mountain Home Health Care. Funeral services were held Monday, September 5, under the direction of J.W. Call

Funeral Home.

Arnold Bill Leedy, 41, of died Thursday, Kimper September 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Lillian Leedy. Funeral services were Monday, September 5, under the direction of Community Funeral

Betty Jean Wesley O'Brien of Richmond, formerly of Raccoon, died Wednesday, September 7. She is survived by her husband, John Allen O'Brien. Funeral services were held Friday, September 9, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Jean A. Pinson, 74, of Sunshine Lane in Kimper, died Saturday. August 27, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 31, under the direction of the Community Funeral Home.

Ruby Poole, 63, of Sandusky, Ohio, a Pikeville native, died recently at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 10, under the direction of Bringman Clark & Company Funeral Home.

Josephine Canterbury Sword Ray, 83, of Sycamore Road, Pikeville, died Saturday, August 27, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 30, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Johnny Runyon, 52 of Varney, died Saturday, August 27. at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 30, at Piso Freewill Baptist Church.

■ Eric Tyler Sturgeon, 21, of Freeburn, died Sunday, September 4, in Edgarton, West Virginia. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 8, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Daniel Brett Sturgill, 32, of Virgie, died Wednesday, August 31, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 4, Garnett Faye Hamilton, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Tommy Wallace, 55, of Marrowbone Creek, died Wednesday, September 7, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Wallace. Funeral services will be held Sunday, September 11, 1 p.m., in the Bowling Fork Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Dorothy J. 'Martha' Colvin, 82, of Delaware, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Monday, September 5, at Sunny Vee Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Friday, September 9, under the direction of the DeVore-Snyder Funeral Home.

Jackie Lee Sherman Dempsey, 63, of Louisa, a Paintsville native,

Saturday, August 27, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 31, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Opal A. 'Nell' Ford, 67, of Thelma, died Saturday, August 20, at her home. Graveside services were held Tuesday, August 23, 10 a.m. at Ward/Daniel Cemetery at Williamsport, under the direction of the Phelps Funeral Home.

Raymond Hannah, 92, of Swamp Branch, died Tuesday, September 6, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, September 9, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Michael C. Havens, 51, of Lowmansville, died Tuesday, August 16, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Cathy Stevens Havens. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 20, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

Troy Lemaster, 85, of Paintsville, formerly of Milford Center, Ohio, died Monday, August 8, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Graveside services were held

Thursday, August 11, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Netti Owens Pennington, 76, of Springfield, Ohio, formerly of Oil Springs, died Sunday, September 4, at Hospital in Community Springfield, Ohio. Funeral services were held Friday, September 9, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Samuel Richmond, 71, of Van Lear, died Thursday, September 1, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Judy Cline Richmond. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 5, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Christopher Earl Tackett 40, of Belcher, formerly of Staffordsville, died Tuesday, August 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Louella Stewart Tackett. Funeral services were held Friday, August 12, 1 p.m. under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

John Earl Ward, 73, of Paintsville, died Monday, August 22, at Paul B. Hall

(See REGIONAL, page eight)

Obituaries

Charles Douglas "Charlie Boy" Collins

Charles Douglas "Charlie Boy" Collins, 49, of Wheelwright, died Thursday, September 8, 2005, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born January 15, 1956, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Glen and Daisy Miller Collins. He was a disabled drifor Sandy Valley Transportation.

Survivors include three sons: Charles "Dalton" Collins, Benjamin Ross Patrick, and Wheelwright; two daughters: Toni Renee Slone of Melvin, and Michelle Lynn (Danny Wayne) Hall of Hi Hat; four brothers: Don Collins of Tennessee, Roy Collins of North Carolna, David Collins of Chillicothe, Ohio, and Ronald "Bud" Collins of Maysville; four sisters: Edith Collins of Melvin, Cathy Henderson and Jenny Reynolds, both of Jeffersonville, and Glenda Trout of Columbus, Ohio; three grandchildren: Sebastian Slone, Jaisen Collins, and Shayla Hall.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Stacy Lynn Collins; and two brothers: Roger Collins and Glenn Collins Jr.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, September 12, at 10 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, in Bypro, with Louis Ferrari, and others, officiating.

Burial will be in the Matthew Tackett Cemetery, in Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Hopkins Pallbearers listed Active pallbearers for the funeral of Paul Hopkins were:

Brooks Stumbo, Kurtis Anderson, Jeff Sexton, Justin Hopkins, Brian Bailey, Gary Hopkins, Roger Moore, Rocky Adams, and Brother Stumbo.

Honorary pallbearers were: Gregory Hopkins, Barry Hopkins, Morris Tackett, Larry Stumbo, David Stumbo, James Price, Deaner Moore, Dickie Stumbo, Bowie Turner, Terry "Chief" Shelton, Damon Hopkins, and Gaven Hopkins.

Lottery results

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26-31-40 Friday midday Pick 3: 7-5-2 Pick 4: 0-1-7-0

Born January 12, 1935, in

Clifford Whitaker, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, September 8, 2005, at his residence.

Clifford Whitaker

Martin, he was the son of the late Woodrow and Ada Prater Whitaker. He was a retired coal Survivors include one son,

Ricky Lee Whitaker of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; one granddaughter, Joanna Lee Whitaker: great-grandchild: one Phillip "Tay" Cook, all of nephew Tony Whitaker; one niece, Betty Risner; three greatnieces, Hope, Holly, and Amber; and one great-nephew, Nathan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Carl Whitaker and James Whitaker; one grandchild, Paula Jo Whitaker; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, September 11, at 2:30 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

Burial will be in the Whitaker Cemetery, State Road Fork, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral (Paid obituary)

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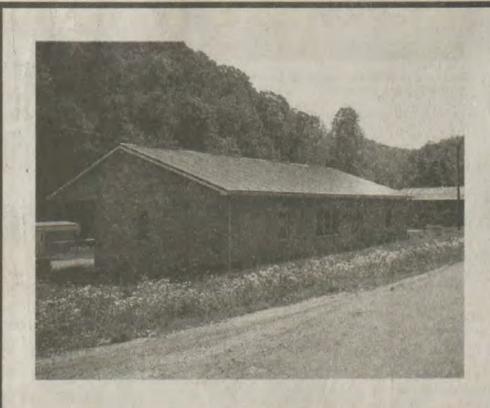
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Prison

posed to meet an attorney for Corrections Corporation of America, the prison's parent company, but her flight got delayed because of Hurricane Katrina.

Slone said she mailed tax bills out early this year to help maintain the city's budget.

Mayor David Sammons confirmed Thursday that the city is considering a lawsuit against CCA.

Suspects

"We had a contract with them

an increase in drug trafficking

cases since groups like the

Floyd County Drug Task Force,

Operation UNITE and, now, the

attorney general's Kentucky

Bureau of Investigation have

been targeting dealers. The evi-

dence gathered by these organi-

zations has included audio- and

videotaped evidence which has

led to a 100 percent conviction

defendants arraigned, with most

asking for legal services due to

indigence. Each defendant was

placed under a bond until their

pretrial conference dates, which

have been set for Nov. 14 and

for those accused of doctor

shopping included being banned

from pharmacies that they have

A condition of the bonds set

Friday saw 11 of the 12

record for Turner's office.

when the Indiana inmates took over and they paid us and the county 50 cents per prisoner per day. Now they refuse to pay us and the county," Sammons said. "The warden up there, Wolford, I believe that was his name, when he came to the city of Wheelwright, they changed from a minimum- to mediumsecurity. That was the only way they could bring those inmates (from Indiana) in there. The reason Indiana paid us was that

One set of parents offered to

pay for their son's bond on their

own condition that he receive

treatment. Gerald DeRossett,

who was engaged to defend

Jarrod Hall, 23, of Prestonsburg,

said that he told Hall's parents

that he was only responsible to

his client but said that Hall had

no problem with the extra bond

condition and realized that he

could benefit from treatment.

Judge Danny P. Caudill

observed that it was an accept-

able condition for the bond and

ished by midday but that after-

noon's motion hour, conducted

by Judge John D. Caudill, revis-

ited the drug problem in the

region when Caudill handed

down stiff sentences to a local

couple accused of manufactur-

ing methamphetamine.

The arraignments were fin-

approved it.

Indiana didn't allow them [the prisoners] to come out and work. Then when Kentucky took over, they didn't want to pay. We're thinking about having them go back to minimum and move a lot of them out. As a city, we have the right to say what comes in and what comes out."

CCA's Assistant General Counsel, Chelli R. Jones, addressed the city's concern in letter to Parker, dated Aug. 31.

■ Continued from p1 Caudill gave a 10-year sentence to Travis Banks and seven years to his girlfriend, Missy Akers, both of Drift. Caudill noted that the couple kept most of the toxic chemicals used to make the drug in a small bedroom shared by Akers' two children, aged 6 and 4. "Under the right circum-

stances you would receive two life sentences for doing that to your own children," the judge said. "It's totally inexcusable. Reflect on that."

Turner stated that meth manufacturing and distribution is a very dangerous part of the drug problem and reiterated his office's policy on the drug.

"People that operate meth labs in our county will be dealt with harshly if they get caught," Turner said.

payment a "goodwill gesture," said that CCA changed from a minimum- to medium-security prison in 1999 with the city's "full support" and "in fulfillment" of the requirement of the deed that the prison stay open as an employer with the city. The prison would have closed if the contract wasn't secured by the security transition, Jones argued. The transition created 48 new jobs at that time.

Jones, calling the incentive

"I have also reviewed the minutes submitted from the Commission's meeting of Dec. 7, 1999," Jones wrote. "The minutes provide no evidence that the deed was an issue or that CCA had any binding obligation to pay an incentive fee. The news article from the city's own paper which covered the meeting stated that the warden explicitly advised the commission and the attending public that 'the center didn't really need the city's approval' and the [sic] CCA was just seeking 'a sense of unity in the decision. Then, as now, CCA wanted to maintain a positive relationship with the community.'

The deed in question allows the city to "assume ownership of

the property and any improvements thereon, if the prison ceases operation as a minimumsecurity facility."

Jones argued that CCA is not required to pay the incentive because the deed contains no prohibition regarding the housing of medium-security inmates, and the city did not have to approve the prison's decision to house medium-security inmates.

The deed, Jones wrote, clearly states that the city cannot take the property unless the prison ceases operation for two years and if the prison failed to keep enough prisoners to employ at least 30 people.

Steve Owens, spokesman for CCA, said Friday that the company's position on the matter has not changed.

"We still don't believe we are obligated to make a payment," Owens said. "We've tried to work to be a good corporate citizen and we've worked to maintain a positive relationship with the community."

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, who worked with former Gov. Brereton Jones to build the prison in the 1990s and with then-state Rep. Greg Stumbo to help the prison obtain the Otter Creek contract, previously reported that the county would lose approximately \$100,000 a year because of CCA's decision to stop making the incentive payment.

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Addicts

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used

in the drug roundup Thursday.

Linda Boyd, mother to Michael T. Boyd, 29, who was picked up for 13 counts of doctor-shopping, says that the system has failed her son, a former miner and security guard at Otter Creek Correctional Center.

"This is no answer," she said. "Locking him up is no answer."

Boyd injured his back and his spine in a car accident in 1998, his mother said. He was injured again about five years ago when his brakes went out as he was driving down the hill from work at the Otter Creek prison.

Boyd's sister, Linda McCoy, said her brother was prescribed Xanax, Lorcet and three other pain medications by a West Liberty doctor, Dr. Comrodo, whom Boyd visited twice a year.

"We called Dr. Comrodo in West Liberty and we begged them," Linda Boyd said. "We told him he needed help and asked them not to give him no more pills. That's all they want, just the money. Mike called the Pikeville Hospital two weeks ago. He was crying. He told him he couldn't live like that anymore. They told him to come on up. He said, 'Mom, I know I need help.' A family can't help. It's got to be the doctors to do something. It just destroys a family. It's devastating, that's all there is to it."

Penny Rose, a neighbor to Boyd, complained that he refused to reimburse her for a computer he sold to her that didn't work.

Boyd's wife is currently in jail for drug-related charges.

Prestonsburg resident Mary Ellen Prater defended her brother, Billy Ray Craft Jr., an Auxier resident arrested for six counts of doctor shopping.

Prater said her brother, who was ejected from a T-top in a wreck at Minnie in the 1990s, was trying to get disability pay because of his injuries, which include a degenerative disc disease. Craft is currently facing child support issues in circuit court for back pay on at least one of his six children, Prater said.

"I just want to know how they got him for doctor-shopping when it all came from Medzone Pharmacy," Prater said. "He takes the medicine as he needs it. He's not a drug dealer, that's just what they're making him look like. He has one doctor. If he was a drug dealer, he'd buy a nice home and be able to pay his child support."

Craft grew up with Merlin Osborne, 30, who was also arrested Thursday for four counts of doctor-shopping. His mother, Auxier resident Jeannie Osborne, did not want to discuss her son's case or the circumstances surrounding his arrest because, as of yesterday afternoon, she hadn't talked to him.

Osborne did, however, share law words about the problems

with prescription drug abuse in this," he said. "I say I didn't the region.

"The doctors should stop pushing the prescriptions," she said. "It just gives people the motive to get them filled. It worries the parents who are trying to tell their children not to take drugs. It seems like you're fighting a losing battle."

Ella and Bud Newman were surprised to hear that their next door neighbor, Jarrod Hall, 23, of Prestonsburg, was arrested Thursday on two counts of firstdegree drug trafficking.

"We've never had any trouble out of Jarrod, out of any of them," Bud Newman said. "They're just an A-plus family. They're the first family I would reach out to if I'm in trouble ... I never even seen him drink a beer, nothing."

Hall, whose family would not speak with The Times, was seriously injured in a wreck at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park several years ago, they said.

"I always heard people say that if I wanted cheap drugs, all I had to do was ask the right person," Newman said. "I don't know them people."

Newman, 67, had open heart surgery 24 years ago and has undergone numerous medical problems. Like many of those arrested Thursday, Newman is prescribed narcotics, but he says he uses them responsibly.

In addition to medication he takes for high blood pressure and cholesterol, Newman also takes perodoxitine (Paxil), Lorazepam, similar to Valium, and Percocet, a pain medication to relieve pain caused by a ruptured disc.

Though he hasn't had a panic attack in five years, he says he continues to take the pills to prevent future attacks.

"When I was in my 40s, I took a Valium," he said. "All I ever had to do was tell the doctor I needed a Valium. At that time, I was seeing Dr. Hall in McDowell, but she knew me. There ain't no dope here. I know what I take. I know exactly what I'm doing. I do not, under any circumstances, want to take any more than I need for my problems. I don't want to get hooked. I've seen a few who have been on drugs, and I don't want to be that way. I need what I got. I don't need anymore. I don't want anymore."

Newman says he doesn't like the side-effects associated with the medications he takes, but he's willing to deal with them because the drugs help him deal with his medical problems. He and his wife, an aide at Highlands Regional Medical Center, say they both are very "conscious" about medications that they take. They research the medications to understand the side-effects and possible problems that make occur as a result of taking them.

■ Continued from p1 come in on the cabbage truck yesterday. I'm up to date, a pretty avid reader of just about any-

Kentucky has a no-fault law (mandated in the 1970s) that requires every person carrying car insurance to obtain a personal injury protection benefit of at least \$10,000. PIP will pay for medical bills, prescriptions, travel for medical purposes, lost wages and even replacement services for those needing to hire someone to do their housework while they recuperate from injuries sustained in a car accident, County Attorney Keith Bartley said.

Bartley, who has processed numerous car accident claims in his private practice, said that some people do abuse the PIP

"They get in a car wreck, get the \$10,000, and go to the pill doctors - they know which ones to go to — and get their prescriptions," Bartley said. "A lot of people abuse the PIP."



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Guest View-

Stick with what works

Prosecutors are nervous about the work of a blue-ribbon commission that is considering proposals to weaken the state's criminal sentencing

Law-abiding citizens should be nervous too.

The commission was organized by Lt. Gov. Steve Pence and Joseph Lambert, the chief justice of the state Supreme Court. Pence is a critic of what he believes are unduly harsh sentences for drug offenders. Another outspoken critic of the state's sentencing laws, University of Kentucky law professor Robert Lawson, helped launch the commission with a jeremiad he issued earlier this year condemning what he called a "thirst for incarceration" in the justice system.

Prosecutors tend to display a thirst to imprison criminals — if they didn't, they probably would not be elected to their positions. Not surprisingly, many of the state's prosecutors are worried that the sentencing commission will push for changes in the law that will make it harder to put repeat felony offenders in prison and keep them there for

Repeat offenders can have five years or more added to their sentences under the persistent felony offender law, which covers all felonies.

One idea that emerged from the commission's discussions amending the persistent felony offender law to make it apply only to criminals who commit the most serious crimes, such as rape and murder - drew fire from prosecutors who are better-acquainted with "PFOs" (persistent felony offenders) than Professor Lawson

"The only relief we have is to get those people off the street for a while," Gale Cook, the commonwealth's attorney for Marshall and Calloway counties, told The Sun.

McCracken County Commonwealth's Attorney Tim Kaltenbach believes that, despite the enactment of tougher anti-crime laws, the state still has a problem with revolving prison doors.

"I don't think the problem is the sentences are too long," Kaltenbach said. "I think the issue is people are being let out of prison too fast."

Ray Larson, the commonwealth's attorney for Fayette County, provides some eye-opening statistics on the large number of crimes committed by multiple offenders.

Over the past decade, Larson's office has prosecuted 2,178 persistent felony offenders. The criminals in this group had a total of 29,580 prior convictions on felony and misdemeanor charges. That's an average of 13.6 convictions for each PFO in Fayette County.

These numbers underline what many national surveys have found: a relatively small group of career criminals commits a large percentage of the reported crimes.

In an item on his Web site, Larson wrote that a proposal floated by a member of the blue-ribbon commission would gut the persistent felony offender law and permit many repeat offenders to escape lengthy prison sentences.

"A person with multiple robbery second degree convictions who commits a new robbery second degree would not suffer an enhanced sentence and would be eligible for probation," Larson wrote.

Pence and other critics of the sentencing laws complain that the state spends too much on prisons. The lieutenant governor argues that diverting nonviolent offenders, especially those convicted on drug charges, into probation and treatment programs would relieve prison overcrowding and save the state money.

Kentuckians would love to see state government conserve taxpayer dollars; however, state residents are unlikely to support cuts in spending

Cook noted that less than 5 percent of the state's budget is allocated for prisons. That's not a high price to pay for public safety, the first priority of government.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo recently observed that taxpayers don't object to incarcerating criminals. The price the nation paid in the 1960s for leniency on crime — in the '60s and early 1970s falling prison populations contrasted with skyrocketing crime rates — caused a public outcry that forced elected officials to toughen sentencing laws.

The learned ones deride this response to high rates of crime victimization as a quest for vengeance. But astute elected officials see it as a legitimate public demand for protection from crime.

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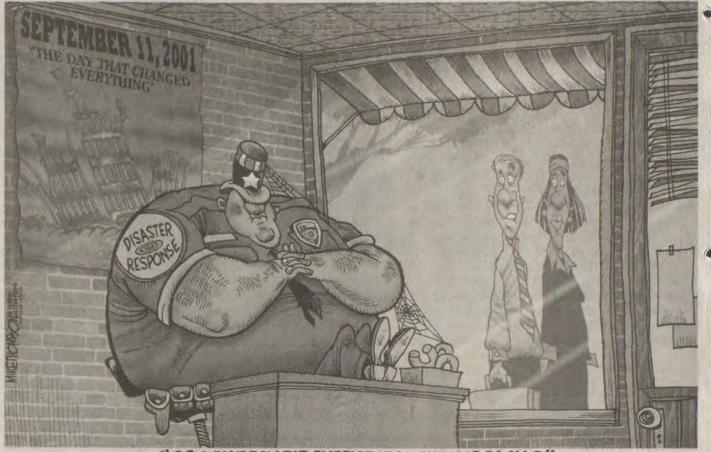
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SO WHAT DAY DID EVERYTHING CHANGE BACK?"

-Rich ∫owry Column

Lost in space

How did our space program become so invested in such a clunker? It's almost as if the shuttle exists so we can throw it into orbit to see if its crew can manage to get it back down

again. This is not stuff to fire the imagination.

Despite NASA's fluff about the "wild success" of Space Shuttle Discovery's recent flight, at this point about the only people enthusiastic about the shuttle program are aerospace contractors and the

pork-barreling congressmen from those states where NASA makes its home. For them, every half-a-billion-dollar spaceshuttle launch represents the wonderful majesty of cold, hard cash.

Defenders of the embattled shuttle program say, among other things, that it is needed to support the International Space Station. Alas, it's true. The shuttle basically exists to go to the space station, and the space station exists so the shuttle can have someplace to go. They are mutually reinforcing boondoggles. Together they represent the stunted

dreams and the wasteful spending of the space program 36 years after Neil Armstrong took "one small step."

The shuttle has a great future behind it. It was supposed to fly every week but now is lucky to go a handful of times a year and is grounded again after NASA spent two years and \$1 billion failing to figure

out how to stop foam from dangerously flaking off the fuel tank. It was supposed to carry satellites into orbit for launching, impossibly costly way to get satellites into orbit. Now it's creaky, dangerous and nearly

purposeless.

Journalist Gregg Easterbrook, a devastatingly convincing scourge of the shuttle program, writes: "The shuttle's main engines, first tested in the late 1970s, use hundreds more moving parts than do new rocket-motor designs. The fragile heat-dissipating tiles were designed before breakthroughs in materials science. Until recently, the flightdeck computers on the space shuttle used old 8086 chips from the early 1980s, the sort of pre-Pentium electron-

ics no self-respecting teenager would dream of using for a video game."

A Federal Aviation Administration official estimates that if commercial aviation had the same accident rate as the shuttle, more than 500 flights would crash a day. The science projects conducted aboard the shuttle have the musty whiff of make-work. The experiments on the doomed shuttle Columbia included examining "bacterial and yeast cell responses to the stresses of spaceflight" and developing "the gravity-sensing organs of fish in the absence of gravity.

The shuttle is slated to be retired by 2010. It can't come too soon. The space program is better focused on getting astronauts to a destination: the moon, Mars, wherever. In the meantime, unmanned probes are the space program's stars. They explore Mars and Saturn, deliver beautiful images of the far reaches of the universe, and shoot projectiles at comets.

NASA is nonetheless considering cutting funding for Voyager 1 and the data it's sending back from the edges of the solar system so the space shuttle can be kept limping along. Time to give the shuttle an honored place in the Smithsonian.

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National

beyond the beltway

The war? Who cares? But gas prices ...

by DONALD KAUL MINUTEMAN MEDIA

President Bush's standing with the American people has plummeted to his all-time low, according to the most recent "Washington Post"-ABC News poll. His job approval rating has hit 45 percent, down some seven points since January.

You're thinking, perhaps, that Americans are fed up with his dreadful war and are holding it against him? Not really.

The poll found that his approval rating on the issue of Iraq was about the same as it was in January. What is doing him in is the prospect of \$3-a-gallon gasoline. Two-thirds of the respondents said that the higher prices were causing them financial hardship.

Isn't that just like the American people, though? You can feed their sons and daughters into a terrible war for reasons that turn out to be fictitious and, for the

announcing their support for the presidency - and the war.

But let gas prices rise above \$2 a gallon and they get owly.

The blame is being shared, however. Only 37 percent of those surveyed expressed approval of our Republicancontrolled Congress and more than half were ticked off with the Democrats for not opposing Mr. Bush and his policies more vigorously. While none of this could happen to a more deserving group

of people, in the interest of fairness I should point out that \$3-a-gallon gas is not the sole fault of either Mr. Bush or Congress.

The expensive gas is the result not only of the current crises in the Gulf Coast, New Orleans and Iraq but, more importantly, the long-term (ha ha) energy policy conducted by both political parties

over the past several decades. It is a policy that has turned a blind eye to conservation and the development of alternative fuels in favor of a more-oil-is-better philosophy.

We have used our gasoline with a profligate recklessness and are now reaping our reward.

Now, as the economies of China and India awaken to the 21st century, we find ourselves in competition for oil supplies that we once had mostly to ourselves. That makes for higher prices. most part, they will wear buttons Some, of course, say the price is high

because the oil companies are gouging us. Well, of course they're gouging us. So what else is new? They've always gouged us. They're oil companies. But not until now, when demand soared and supply didn't, were they able to extract so dear a price.

You think \$3-a-gallon gas is expensive? You ain't seen nothin' yet.

Think of it this way. Mr. Bush is merely doing the job he was elected to do: taking care of the people who fund Republican campaigns while letting the markets take care of the rest of us.

The Census Bureau last week reported that household incomes failed to increase again last year. It marked the fifth straight year incomes failed to go up, the longest such streak on record. In the meantime, more people slid into poverty. One out of eight Americans is now below the poverty line, where bad education, bad nutrition and violent crime live.

All of this during the famous "Bush recovery." The only income group to really prosper during this period, according to recent studies, has been surprise, surprise — those in the top 5 percent income bracket, the same people who got most of the tax cuts."

As Phillip Swagel, a resident scholar at the very conservative Heritage Institute put it to "The New York Times": "The gains have gone to owners

of capital and not to workers.' Fortunately for Mr. Bush the American people don't really care where

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

2005 Martin County Harvest **Festival Cuties & Beauties** Pageant

To be held Oct. 6, at 6 p.m., at the Roy F. Collier Community Center, Inez. Ages 0-11 mos. up to "Mrs." (anyone married or with children), females; Ages 0-11 mos. up to 6 years, males.

Contestants will receive gift bags, t-shirts, participation crowns and awards. More info., call 298-0020 or 298-4850. Call now for details on how to enter free! Sponsored by the Volunteer Department.

KY Apple Baby Contest

"Apple Baby Contest, of the KY Apple Festival, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25, in the Paintsville High School gymnasium. Boys and girls, ages 1 year to 23 months, are eligible. Must be resident of KY. May register at Big Sandy Pharmacy, Main Street, Paintsville. Applications available Monday, August 29 and accepted through close of business day on Thursday, Sept. 22. No entries allowed beyond this date. A recent, framed, 5x7 photo required upon applica-

Jenny Wiley Festival Pageant

Early registration thru Sept. 15. Applications may be picked up at Lad 'n Lassie, in Prestonsburg. Be eligible for a free event if register by Sept. gram of Mt. Comp. Care Center Classes will be held Monday, Mountain Arts Center.

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 spillway. Fun ride at a relaxed pace.

For more information, call

886-8604 or email: profitnessc- please call the volunteer coordintr@bellsouth.net. You may also visit www.multisports to view and print a map of area cycling routes.

Rotary Club

Local Rotary Club holds meetings every Thursday, at noon, at the Student Grill, on the BSCTC campus. Open to business and professional men and women who live or work in Floyd County. More info., contact Mike Vance at 886-2075.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

Class Schedule: Basic Computer: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 5 -7 p.m. Begins Sept. 12

Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Begins

Classes meet once a week for 8 weeks; fee \$30.

Intermediate Computer: Tuesdays, 12-2 p.m. Begins Sept. 13. Classes meet once a week for 8 weeks. Fee, \$30.

Computer keyboarding: Fridays, 12-2 p.m. Begins Sept. 16. Once a week for 6 weeks;

Greeting Card Making: Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Begins Sept. 14. Call for more

Creative Sewing: Mondays, 5-7 p.m. Begins Sept. 12; Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Begins Sept. 15. Once a week for 8 weeks; fee, \$24.

Strip Quilting: Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Begins Sept. 15. Once a week for 4 weeks, fee, \$12.

Survival Skills for Women (NEW): Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Begins Sept. 6. Once a week for 10 weeks, FREE.

GED: FREE. Call for more

information. Center telephone: 886-0709.

HRMC Community Calendar

Sept. 17 - "Living Well with Diabetes," 9-11:30 a.m., Meeting Place A &B.

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

Victim Services Volunteer

The Victim Services pro-15. Pageant to be held Oct. 2, at is looking for individuals intercomplete a 40-hour training requirement.

The training will begin Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; it will continue for the next four (4) Saturdays thereafter.

For an application packet,

nator at 886-4323.

Volunteers provide valuable services that positively impact victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. (10-3)

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.

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

Local Travel Club formed

A local travel club has been recently organized for the enjoyment of those who enjoy inexpensive group travel. Upcoming trips include: New York City, Oct. 14-16; Washington, D.C., Nov. 25-27; Niagara Falls, Canada, Labor Day weekend, 2006 and Disney World, mid-July, 2006.

The club will host a fundraising event Oct. 7-9, 2005, at the Weeksbury Comm. Park. Vendors with yard sale items, an old-fashioned cake walk, horseshoe tournaments, and an old-fashioned mill where you may purchase freash meal and ground grits. Lots of games and food, plus tentative plans for a motorcycle show.

Call Ed or Linda at 452-4149 for more details.

Free Body Recall classes

Free Body Recall Exercise Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, ested in becoming volunteers, at the Presbyterian Church in To be a volunteer, one must Prestonsburg. Classes are held Wednesday, and Monday, 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 your 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 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 avail-

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

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

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.)

Beltway

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the gains go. Oh, some do. The upper 5 percent, mainly. But at the ballot box, where opinions really matter, the American people mainly want to keep gay couples from marrying, put God back into the classroom and keep science out. Which is why the president is opening up the strategic oil reserve now. He's trying to keep the price of gas

down and his poll ratings up. He knows what's important.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. Email him at donald.kaul2@ verizon.net.

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This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

"God has helped us," says Khruschev, the atheist. Isn't this rather expressive of the utter insincerity of the man? This is the fellow who vows he wants peace.

ODE TO MR. K.

We come forth with a first! This visit of Khruschev's has failed to inspire any other to burst into verse, but, gripped by the muse as we saw a favorite television program give way to a telecast of one of his tours, fancy took us for a ride.

Out came the rhyming dictionary, down came the tousled hair

nary, down over the eyes (via p o e t i c license), off we took and up Parnassus we dashed, looking for a high precipice from which to leap.



Norman Allen

And these deathless lines emerged:

Oh, Mr. K! Won't you stay away! (Signed) N. A.

WONDERFUL SEASON

In a finer poetic strain are these lines dropped on our desk:

Fall is the time when trees prepare for Winter's sleep in the nude...When dusk's yellow light makes colors brighter than bright...when God looks at His other creation, man, through gold and yellow and orange and all the myriad colors of Nature's adorning...When leaves, like a traffic light, change from green to yellow to red...When comes the three-quarters turn of the seawheel to frosty winter...autumn, the beautiful gift of God, a golden brick in man's cobblestone street.

Are there fish in Dewey Lake? We wouldn't know. But, as of this present writing, we know there are plenty on the lake.

AIRPORT IS NEEDED

At last convinced that the airplane is here to stay, we heartily endorse the idea of a community airport to serve Prestonsburg and Paintsville and surrounding areas. Needed to get started is \$12,500, we are told.

Rarely does the day pass when residents of Floyd and Johnson counties do not drive to Huntington, West Virginia, to travel by air to distant points. I

(See ALLEN, page seven)



An assortment of locals who traveled to NYC with the club this past November.

Former NYC resident, now in Weeksbury, forms local travel club

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Ed Senig, of Weeksbury, has fond memories of days spent living and working in New York City before marrying wife, Linda, and moving to Floyd County. In sharing these memories with the friends and neighbors of his Weeksbury community, he found that many expressed a desire to see the "Big Apple" for themselves but were hesitant about venturing into unknown territory by

In an effort to solve that problem, Senig and his wife came up with the idea of forming a local travel club. Through the club, members of the community could travel inexpensively while at the same time being accompanied by others.

"We've already gone to New York once," Senig said, "That was last November. We had a great time, just really had a blast...Now, we're planning another trip for this upcoming October."

In reflecting upon the NYC trip, Senig commented about visiting the Ground Zero site of the 9-11 terrorist attacks. "It was an unusual experience," he said. "You stand there, actually looking at nothing more than a big hole in the ground, but somehow, everything all around you is completely quiet. The traffic moves about as usual, but, standing at Ground Zero, you notice only quiet. It's very moving."

quiet. It's very moving."

Senig, who has traveled extensively, both throughout the U.S. and overseas, shared that both his wife and his son, who is confined to a wheelchair, often "wished" that they could see some of the same places he had seen in his travels. Organizing a group travel club will help bring those wishes to fruition. So far, the club has taken, and scheduled, only



Rosemary Isaac, left, and Linda Senig enjoyed traveling to New York City by way of motorcoach this past November. Here the two ladies are shown on the boat that took them to the Statue of Liberty. Senig and her husband, Ed, have helped organize a travel club for local residents wishing to travel inexpensively and with companions.

"mini-excursions." Senig hopes, as interest and club membership grow, to be able to soon schedule lengthier trips, with the possibility of overseas trips also in the making.

"Everyone, just anyone with an interest, is welcome to join us," he

The newly formed club holds regular meetings at the Weeksbury Community Center and is currently organizing a fundraising yard sale, to be held Friday thru Sunday, October 7-9, at the Weeksbury Community Park. In addition to yard sale items, vendors will also hold an old-fashioned cake walk, horseshoe tournaments and have set up an old-fashioned grist mill at which you may watch fresh meal and grits be ground for purchase. Senig also says that there will be "lots of games and food

and maybe even a motorcycle

On the agenda of upcoming trips are: October 14-16: Trip to New York City. Group will depart Floyd County at 6 p.m., Friday, travel overnight by motorcoach, and arrive in NYC at approximately 8 a.m. Saturday morning. Once there, they will visit the Statue of Liberty, Canal Street and Chinatown, Little Italy, Macy's and Saks Fifth Avenue, Ground Zero, Times Square and the Empire State Building.

Additionally, the opportunity to see a Broadway show (matinee) will be available. "Anything anybody wants to do, we'll do our best to make arrangements for," Senig said.

The cost of the NYC trip is \$90;

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Bela Lugosi Meets a Brooklyn Gorilla'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

The problem with dollar DVDs is that the movies stink and that is certainly the case here, but the film does have some entertainment value. For the same reason we all slow down and

crane our necks to see what is beyond the flashing lights of some roadside emergency, this film exists for those of us who just have to have a look.

Make no mistake about it, folks, this is a cinematic train wreck of epic proportions, but it is also



Tom Doty Staff Writer

funny. If you enjoy the odd talent show or karaoke night, then you might just enjoy this so-bad-it's-fun flick.

The geniuses that came up with this stinkburger announce their idiocy in the opening moments, which feature stock footage of wild animals roaming a jungle, which looks nothing like the cheap sets where the rest of the movie takes place. A narrator describes each animal and you have to wonder what "rocket scientist in charge" thought that lions and tigers come from the same continent.

Next we meet the film's stars, Duke Mitchell and Sammy Petrillo, who are unconscious on the jungle floor but, unfortunately, don't remain that way. They wake up and meet a native named Nona who takes them back to her village and tells them they are on the island of Coca-Cola. They are feted at a luau, where the smooth Duke puts the moves on Nona and croons a tune or two, while Sammy does a few jokes that were out of date about 10 years before this movie was made.

Eventually we get a semblance of a plot when we learn that Nona works for a scientist, played by Bela Lugosi, who is doing some genetic experiments. Turns out that Bela has the hots for Nona too, which is kinda sick since he has about 50 years on her. Bela decides to turn Duke into a goril la so he can have Nona but his plan backfires when the gorilla version of Duke is able to communicate via song, his true identity. Everything comes to a complete stop about midway through when Sammy wakes up and it turns out that the whole thing was a dream that he had in the back room of a smoky dive in Passaic, N.J.

This may all sound like a cheapjack Martin and Lewis flick, and it is, except that it's so cheap that the pro-

(See LAGOON, page seven)

How to get their attention

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"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL AT WORK"

Several years ago, I was dean of the Lansing School of Nursing, Education and Health Sciences at Bellarmine College in Louisville. The school was located on the top of a hill. All the other administrative and academic buildings were on another hill.

One day in late January, we had a severe ice storm followed by snow. The grounds maintenance crew did a masterful job cleaning the main part of the campus, but they "forgot" our hill and

the Lansing School. When I arrived at the office, I found myself confronted with 200 irate students, 12 hysterical faculty and four staff members. Neither the hill nor the parking lot had been cleared.

Lead two immediate challenges fac-

I had two immediate challenges facing me: Get the hill cleaned and lower the stress level of all involved. I had faced this situation two months before; when I had called the physical plant office, I had been told they'd get to us

when they could.

This time I asked my secretary for a purchase order form and check request

form. I then typed up a purchase order for a ski lift from Switzerland. Since I had no idea how much a small ski lift cost, I put down \$600,000 as the required deposit. To this day, I have no idea of the procedure for such a purchase, but it didn't matter — I was making it all up.

I photocopied the forms and posted

opies throughout the school. Then I hand-delivered the bogus requests directly to the executive vice president's office, since he was the authority over physical plant operations. I informed his secretary that this was

very important and I needed an answer a ASAP.

Within minutes of returning to my office, I received an irate phone

call.

"Have you lost your mind?" thundered the executive vice president. "We can't afford this! Who authorized you to order a ski lift?"

"The president," answered meekly.

I'm told he slammed down his phone, went charging down the hall, requisition in hand, burst into the president's office and demanded, "Did you

wer authorize this?"

The president, who knew me well, took his time reading the purchase order. Then he slowly looked up and said, "You didn't clear her

hill, did you?"
"Why didn't she
just say so?" the vice
president spluttered.

The president laughed. "She certainly got your attention, didn't

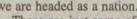
Within 10 minutes we had snowplows and salt trucks up on our hill Everyone was at the windows, laughing and cheering.

If I could go back

If you are least 50 years of age, we are headed as a nation. when you see the condition the world is

in today do you ever wish you could go back to a time when life was much simpler, and much safer? There was a time, right here in our country, when you could walk down the streets of our major cities alone, at night, and not have to fear for your safety. Even in the more recent past, there was a time when

you did not have to get to the airport two hours early so they could search your luggage and your person and the vast majority of our citizens were honest and trustworthy. America is still the best place on earth to be, and to be from, but I believe any rational person would agree that the erosion of our traditional values has caused all of us in the older generation to wonder where



These are just some of the thoughts

that came to my mind a while back when I heard a wonderful gentleman by the name of Joe D. Ward, read something he had written titled, "If I Could Go Back." Several years ago he and some of his siblings and their families formed a musical group, called The Ward Family Singers, and they are good, really good. In fact, I have one of their CDs in

my player at this very moment. The children of this family have deep spiritual roots, as their father Roy was a minister and their mother Mamie was a great influence in their lives as well. Like so many families back then, they didn't have much, but they had love and parents who taught character values by example. The old home place where they were reared came to be known affectionately as "Old House," and here are some of the things that Joe recalls from those days.

"What I would really like to do today is go back to the farm to Mother and Dad's house and this is what I would do. I would greet them as always, but this time it would be different. I would place my hands on their shoulders and look them straight in the eye so they could not fail to understand what I said. Then I would say, 'I love you, I respect you and I appreciate the way you raised me. You taught me right from wrong, what a family is supposed to be, and what makes character in a person. You taught me that everyone's important, and Mom, you taught me not to be critical of people because there are things I don't know about which causes them to act the way they do. You taught me loyalty, responsibility, honor, integrity, and honesty, and you worked to build those character traits into my life.' To Mom I would say, 'You gave me your always-present optimistic attitude that no kind of circumstances could dampen, and also taught me to love the little wildflowers at the first of springtime.' To Dad I would say, 'You taught me sportsmanship, the love of the outdoors, hunting and fishing, the thrill of finding game or catching fish and you also taught me the fun of simply being in the outdoors whether we found game or not. I can't name all the things you taught the, but the most important thing of all was that there is a God, that He loves nie, and how to trust Him. You taught me by your faith how important it is in my

There is more, but, due to space limitations, I can't share it all. When I heard Joe Ward read this, it was along about the time the state of Florida was experiencing the hurricane season of 2004, the worst ever in the history of this state. Like millions of other people across our country, I was deeply saddened by the loss of life and the billions of dollars of property damage these hurricanes caused and the months or even years of disruption in people's lives. A disaster of this type always brings out the best in people, but sadly it also brings out the worst in some people as well. When thousands of people had to flee their homes and seek shelter in a more secure location, it was necessary for many of them to check into hotels and motels.

When the word came to me that many of these hotels and motels were jacking up rates three or four times what they normally charged, it just blew my mind. Do these people have no compassion for others? Do they never stop to think that someday the shoe could be on the other foot, and they could be the one who needs help? I hope you will keep this column and if you ever hear or know of anyone doing this, send it to them with my simple words, "Shame On You."

When I had time to think about what Joe Ward had said, obviously the people in our country who would rip others off, who steal, who take advantage of the misfortune of others, did not have parents who taught them values, real values like kindness, love and compassion. I was always taught, and you probably were too, that when people are down and out and hurting, you don't take advantage of them, you go the extra mile to help them.

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What are some network devices and what do they do?

Networking is the process of hooking up several computers to each other using devices such as hubs, repeaters, routers, network adapters, and switches. When creating a larger network, these devices are often necessities. On smaller networks, not all

by JASON RAMEY

of these devices are always needed; it all depends on how far you have to run wires and how many computers you have in your network.

The first device on the list is the hub, which takes a group of computers and allows the network to see them as a unit. Also, the hub takes weaker signals and regenerates them into stronger ones. This is one of the most primitive and basic devices in networking.

Next on the list is the repeater. The only thing the repeater can do is regenerate a weak signal. It is not capable of making decisions as far as deciding which packets go where.

A bridge is a device that connects two different networks together. It also decides if data should be transferred from one network to another. It also converts data transmissions into different formats.

Network adapters are devices that control a host access to the network. Each one has a MAC address, which is used to control data communication and determine which computer it is.

Switches are devices that act similar to a bridge, but they do not convert data transmission into different formats.

The final device on the list is the router. The router combines a little bit of everything. They can connect to a Wide Area Network (WAN). This allows them to connect to Local Area Networks (LANS) that are separated by a large distances, which no other device can do. They can also, regenerate signals, work with various connections, manage how data is transferred, and convert data transmissions into different formats.

In conclusion, different networking devices perform different functions, but many of them share the same functions, such as regenerating the signal to help boost the flow of data transmitted throughout the network.

Lagoon

ducers couldn't afford the real article and instead hired Mitchell and Petrillo to impersonate the two. Whereas Dean Martin had an easygoing charm, Mitchell is totally devoid of anything resembling charisma. He dresses like a doofus (with his pants up to his chest) and his voice sounds like his nose was busted a few times (probably by Martin who, along with Lewis, sued these guys and made sure they never appeared on screen again).

Petrillo is just annoying. He's the cinematic equivalent of nails on a blackboard. Instead of speaking his lines, he shrieks, mumbles and cavorts like he's been jabbed with cattle prod. He does a fair Jerry Lewis imitation but that wears out its welcome in seconds, though the movie goes on for 74 more minutes.

Lugosi doesn't help out much and obviously did this one while in the midst of a drug-induced haze, which would kill him several years later. He does get one long scientific speech in which he reels off his lines. like he is on a search-and-destroy mission. for their proper pronunciation.

The director here is William "One Shot" Beaudine. He got that moniker for never shooting a second take, so there are plenty of line flubs and continuity errors to keep viewers on their toes.

This one may be a wreck but like any other it's hard to not take a look as you pass it by. Oddly there is a fair amount of sexual. innuendo throughout the film that nobody seemed to have picked up on. Mainly it has to do with Duke and Sammy with a substantial amount of material suggesting the two ■ Continued from p6

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are closeted lovers. They have pet nicknames for each other, sleep in the same bed, and on one occasion Duke finds Sammy asleep with a monkey (don't ask) and he blows him a kiss and says, "Goodnight, cuckoo," with just a tad too much affection.

All this and the movie lies, too. Mitchell says he is from the Bronx, not Brooklyn, and anyone who knows his geography will tell you there is a whole island separating the

Personally I don't understand why Martin and Lewis bothered suing. Anyone who suffered through this turkey had to know that the best way to stop these two from ripping off Martin and Lewis was to release this movie.

Best line: "Put him into the cage and take off his clothes."

Travel

entrance fees, show tickets, souvenirs and meals left to participating travelgo-

November 25-27: Washington, D.C. Group will visit the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, various war memorials, the Capitol, White House and Smithsonian Institute. Cost: \$70/members; \$80 non-members.

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September 1-4, 2006 (Labor Day weekend): Two night trip to Niagara Falls, Canada. Walking tours available. May also opt to ride on local tram (one price/ride all day getting on and off as you like). Also, ride the "Maid of the Mist" and exterior Skylon Tower elevator to view the Falls from "the top of the world." Dinner in the Skylon Tower revolving dining room.

For more information on the travel club, contact Ed or Linda Senig at 452email OI

mr_geraldsenig@yahoo.com. Deposits for the upcoming New York City trip (October 14-16) may be made

through September 16.



While visiting Ground Zero, in NYC, Senig snapped this photo at the memorial site. The crossbeams, Senig says, fell to the ground just as they appear. They were later erected at the memorial site.

Allen

am not one who is likely to go dashing off into the wild, blue yonder-still, I am not one to deny the facts, some of the facts are, briefly, these:

Air travel saves time, is comfortable and greatly preferred by most who try it. The dangers involved in travel by plane are no greater than by automobile; the cheap insurance rates for plane travel bear witness to this. Communities which make to effort to become linked with the world by air are letting progress pass them by and will suffer later. Industry, the world of business, requires air transportation of personnel, and sometimes material in a highly competitive age.

■ Continued from p6 Other communities with populations to greater than the areas this airport would serve have benefitted greatly from such facilities. State and federal aid is available now. Later, such help may not be forthcoming. Then if such an improvement is to be had, delay will not improve our chances.

Mechanic left a few screws loose

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray: Recently, I had my tires rotated. After driving about 100 miles, I started noticing a bumpy noise. It felt like a flat tire, but I kept checking and the tires looked fine. After another 40 miles, it was getting a lot worse. The tires still looked good, but I checked the lug nuts this time. All the lug nuts were so loose on the driver's-side front wheel that they almost fell off in my hand. Did driving on this wheel like that cause any other damage to the car? Folks at my office said it could have, but the guy who forgot to tight-

Thank you. — Judy TOM: Jeez! We're glad you caught it when you did, Judy. As someone who has seen his rear wheel pass him on the highway, I can tell you it's not a fun experience. Exciting, yes. Fun, no.

en my lug nuts said it was OK.

RAY: This is what happens when the coffee truck shows up. Guys drop whatever they're doing and wander out for that irresistible cheese Danish. They forget what they were in the middle of, and then somebody drives off without any oil or with loose lug nuts.

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TOM: Aside from the fact that your life was in danger, Judy, you've probably done no other damage to the car. Once in a great while, you'll see a loose wheel actually cut into the wheel studs (the things that the wheel nuts screw onto). But those wheel studs are tough, and most likely, no damage was

RAY: But to make yourself (and us) feel better, get a second opinion. On our Web site (www.cartalk.com), you'll find a service called the "Mechan-X-Files," which is a database of mechanics personally recommended by our readers and listeners. Enter your ZIP code, find one who sounds good to you, and have him double-check your wheel studs for damage. And if you like the guy, make him your new mechanic, because you need one.

This clunk sounds like a transmission problem Dear Tom and Ray: My son owns a 2003 Silverado 1500 4-wheel-drive Regular Cab Chevy truck. We hear and feel a loud clunk from the rear of the vehicle when starting from a stop. If you concentrate and go very slowly, nothing will happen, but if you take off from a stop normally, you feel as if someone has hit you from behind. The Chevy dealership has lubed the splines and given us a bulletin from GM stating that this is "Driveline Lash" and is normal in all newer trucks. We are wondering if you have heard of driveline lash, and is it "standard" in all GM and other makes of trucks? We will never be able to sell this truck if the prospective buyers feel a clunk. My husband says that it probably needs a new rear end and that the dealer does not want to go through the expense. The truck currently has 33,756

miles. - Diane RAY: Unfortunately, driveline lash has been something of a trademark of GM trucks for the past half-century or so. It

results from excessive slop in the differential, between the ring and pinion gears. TOM: You usually hear it go "clank" when you change directions - going from Drive to Reverse, or vice versa. The noise comes from those gears slamming against each other when the drive shaft changes direction. The sound is then transmitted to the front of the truck through the hollow tube of the drive shaft.

RAY: But what you've got doesn't sound like textbook driveline lash, Diane. Normally, you hear it once when you drop the transmission into gear; you don't normally get it again when you start up from a traffic light. So either you've got a particularly bad case of driveline lash (in which case it will get worse and start howling), or it's something else.

TOM: And the most likely "something else" is a transmission problem.

RAY: Here's what I'd do: Tell the dealer you're interested in his driveline-lash theory, but you'd like to drive another, similar truck to compare the two. I'm sure he's got another '03 on his lot somewhere that you can drive. If it sounds the same, you might be out of luck. In which case, I'd just be sure to save the repair order in which you complained about the symptoms and they dismissed it as driveline lash. That way, should it get worse or should the transmission fail completely, you have a record of having brought it to their attention while the truck was under warranty.

TOM: But if the other '03 Silverado you drive does not exhibit the same symptoms, then you have a legitimate case to make that they need to fix your driveline lash. Try giving the dealer a tongue lash.

RAY: Actually, your best bet is to be persistent but polite. Your dealer will be more likely to want to help if you approach this as a problem you two need to solve together, rather than arriving with baseball beits and a couple of World Wrestling Entertainment imperson ators.

TOM: Right. Save that

approach for later. RAY: If, in the end, the dealer won't help you, ask for an appointment with the Chevy zone manager. A zone manager has more authority, and might be more sensitive to seeing your



follow-up complaint in the newspaper a few months from now. Good luck.

Tom and Ray offer a strategy for everyone who's shopping for a car. Find yours in their pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Odds and Ends

■ LOS ANGELES — One urban alligator down, one to go. A 3-foot-long gator dubbed

Little Reggie was caught Thursday night in a Harbor City flood control channel, but its wily, much bigger namesake remained on the loose.

Word of a gator sighting drew firefighters to the channel, where one leaned out on a truckmounted ladder to snare Little Reggie in a hand-held net, Los Angeles city fire spokesman Jim Wells said.

"We've gone out on (calls regarding) boa constrictors, snakes. I cannot recall a rescue of an all igator," Wells said.

The gator was discovered Tuesday by a resident of the Harbor City Estates mobile home park when he ventured down to feed turtles and ducks that live in the channel.

The gator avoided several attempts by would-be wranglers to lasso it with a noose-like device on Wednesday. It used its powerful tail to zoom away at

the last moment, ducking under masses of floating primrose.

Little Reggie was named for a 7-foot-long, 150-pound alligator named Reggie that was dumped in a nearby lake several months ago and has not yet been

ARCATA, Calif. — Marion Koffords is joining throngs of students starting classes at Humboldt State University. But at age 93, Koffords stands out a bit on

The oldest student at Humboldt has enrolled in two weekend seminars as part of the university's "Over 60" program.

"Marion is just remarkable," said Rhonda Geldin, coordinator of the program. "She's all joy all the time, a very optimistic individual. And she lives her life from that place and shares that with others."

SYDNEY, Australia — Sydney Opera House has sprouted an unusual new set a lovingly manicured lawn in one of its performance halls.

The grass is part of the set for a new play called "The Give and Take," which opened Thursday night at the Sydney landmark.

The comedy features a garden supplies executive, so production designer Robert Kemp told the newspaper he felt it was important for the set to include a realistic garden.

Fake grass was ruled out because it is flammable and would breach the Opera House's safety regulations, and green paint was not good enough, so staff began experimenting with grass that can survive in low sunlight, eventually settling for shade-resistant buffalo palmet-

After lavishing the 775square-foot lawn with tender loving care, including regular

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watering and 12 hours a day of special lights, the grass grew so well that production manager Janet Eades said she had to buy an electric lawnmower to trim

CANBERRA, Australia — An Australian high school hopes to stop beach-loving students from bailing out of class by making surfing an approved subject.

Byron Bay High School will offer surfing as part of a recreation course that from next year will count toward a high school certificate in New South Wales

"You've got students who are at risk of dropping out of school and the school has developed this course as a way to provide a pathway for these students into future employment and keep them connected to education." state Education Minister Carmel Tebbutt said.

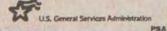
Federal Education Minister Brendan Nelson said surfing as a subject made a mockery of the education sys-

"That we're now apparently offering it as a HSC (high school certificate) subject in New South Wales is an absolute

disgrace," Nelson said. Byron Bay has 16 surfing students this year but the state school board has only agreed to allow the subject to count toward a student's HSC from next year.

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Regional

Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 25, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Beulah Marshall, 83, of Middletown, Ohio, a Magoffin County native, died Saturday, August 6, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 10, under the direction of Breitenbach McCoy-Leffler Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Tola James, 91, a Martin County native, died Friday, September 2, at J.J. Jordan m Continued from p2

Nursing Home, in Louisa. Funeral services were conductd Sunday, September 4, under the direction of Richmond-Callah am Funeral Home.

Audrey Helen Stanley, of Kermit, West Virginia, formerly of Pilgrim, died Sunday, September 4, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 7, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Kimberly Lynn Mollett Whitaker, 39, of Ulysses, a Tomahawk native, died Friday, September 2. Funeral services were held Monday, September 5, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral

Offender

program. Robinson, it was reported, would never admit that

he abused a minor child. Robinson's case was probated for two years when Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner consented to the victim's wishes and sought a plea bargain over exposing the child to the harshness of recounting what happened to a

Blankenship noted that Robinson failed to admit to his guilt in treatment, though he had done so in court when he accepted his plea. Blankenship also informed the court that Robinson failed to complete any assignments while in the program and missed too many days

to stay in treatment. Robinson's attorney, Steve Owens, argued that putting Robinson back in treatment would benefit society and said that Robinson was finally ready to follow the rules of the pro-

Turner countered

Judge John D. Caudill ruled that a probation revocation hearing was necessary and nixed the idea of forcing the program to take Riobinson back. "It sounds to me like they bent over back-

Two other cases involving sex

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Robinson failed the treatment already and added, "The staff there don't want him back."

wards for him," he said.

offenclers followed Robinson's on the docket and saw two sex offenciers, Donald McDonald Duke and Jamie Burgess, who failed to register with probation and parole get two year sentencess for the lapses. Caudill noted to one, "It appears to me that your responsibility was simple. You just needed to let an office: know where you were. Now we are going to have to put you where we will know you

Service

remember the sacrifice and heroism of countless Americans who answered the 'Call to Duty'

in response to such evil." Mullins continued, sharing specific stories of individuals who sacrificed their own lives to ensure the safety of others. Emotions ran deep though the audience as a recording of "Taps" was played to offer honor to the fallen soldiers and

emergency service personnel. The theme of heroism was revisited often by the guest speakers, including Bobby Carpenter, fire marshal and chaplain for the Prestonsburg Fire Department; Fire Chief Gary Dotson; and Bobby Moore, Public Relations for DHP (Respond Ambulance Service), as they honored those who perished in the attacks. This theme was also expanded to include the military men and women still fighting around the globe as the "War on Terrorism" continues.

The theme can also be found much closer to home in the recent disaster relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The speakers reiterated a reaction to the "Call to Duty" that many Americans have been responding to, particularly since the 9/11 attacks. This "Call" is to aid those in need as a military person, an emergency personnel professional or as a civilian volunteer interested in giving of themselves.

The memorial service was concluded as the crowd was urged to remember the American soldiers throughout the world who are still fighting in an attempt to stop tragedies such as occurred on Sept. 11 ■ Continued from p1

from harming global communities ever again.

"American soldiers are standing guard helping to preserve the peace, providing the best defense of freedom against tyrariny and injustice. I would like to thank all of these heroes for their service and willingness to answer the Call to Duty," Mull ins said in closing.

At the service, there was also a booth manned by members of the Army National Guard full of informational brochures, as well as a Central Kentucky Blood Center mobile unit. The CKBC mobile unit was present to accept blood donations in honor of the American soldiers overseas fighting the war on terror-

Oliver Little, of Pikeville, the CKEIC mobile team leader, said that many of the injured from Hurricane Katrina were being treated in hospitals across the states, so the blood received from the Central Kentucky Blood Center would be used to treat those victims.

"One pint of blood can save the lives of three adults, or up to six babies," Little said.

Blood is always needed, but during disasters such as Hurricane Katrina, the demand increases. The blood type of Onegative, according to Little, is often the most sought after because it serves as a universal

Individuals interested in donating blood can contact the Central Kentucky Blood Center in Prestonsburg, Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., or in Pikeville, Monday through Friday from 10 a.mi. to 6 p.m.



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Panthers pounce Allen Central, 48-0

by RICK BENTLEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

fractice at Allen Central is on special teams, it will be understandable.

Had you told Coach Jeremy Hall his Rebels would hold district-power Pikeville to fewer than 300 yards of total offense Friday night, he would have probably liked his chances. But the nightmare that came true on this hight was kick coverage, as the Panthers ran three second-quarter punts

back for touchdowns in a 48-0 win.

A score like that usually indicates a rout from the get-go, but that wasn't the case on Friday. In fact, the Rebel defense stood up and caused consecutive turnovers on Pikeville's first two offensive sets.

But a score inside the final minute of the first period opened the flood gates for the home team, and it was keyed by a pair of fourth-down Rebel miscues.

Three straight incomplete passes opened the series, forcing Pikeville's punt team onto the field at its own 26.

But consecutive encroachment penalties gave the Panthers a gift first down and their offense hope.

From there, it took only three plays to find pay dirt. Senior quarterback Chase Huffman found his targets, connecting with classmate Matt Sexton from 22 yards out, and after a 14-yard run by senior Weston Robinson, Huffman hit Robinson for a 28-yard score with only 44 seconds left in the period.

Junior Max Pafunda split the uprights for a 7-0 lead.

The second quarter, however, was all Pikeville, as the Panthers posted 28 points in a period that saw them have the ball for only 2:30.

The first special-teams score was keyed by a blocked punt by senior Tim Champlin. Senior Will Lockhart picked it up at the 50 and ran to the end zone for a 14-0 lead with 9:56 to play.

The Rebels (2-2) were three-and-out on the ensuing drive, and junior Jacob Sword took the punt at the Rebel 43 and ran it home for the score.

A fumble gave Pikeville the ball on

the Rebel 26, and on the third play Robinson ran 24 yards for a 28-0 lead. After the teams exchanged possession, Huffman ran a punt back 35 yards for the score.

Pafunda made it 5-of-5 on PATs, this one coming from 30 yards out after a pair of Panther penalties, for a 35-0 lead with 2:05 left in the half.

Pikeville scored twice in the third quarter to set the final score. The first run was a 73-yarder by Robinson that

(See PANTHERS, page two)



Prestonsburg senior Brenton Hamilton (30) fought for yardage against the Paintsville defense. Turnovers hampered the Prestonsburg offense, eventually putting the game out of reach for the Blackcats.

photo by Jamie Howell

Paintsville outlasts Prestonsburg

Eight turnovers dash Blackcats' chances

by JAMIE HOWELL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE – The only knock on the Paintsville Tigers this young season has been the caliber of competition that has dotted the schedule over the first three weeks. Less district opponents have faced off against the Blackcats in each of the first three weeks. Friday night, the young Tigers stepped up the level competition as they played host to the Prestonsburg Blackcats. Prestonsburg entered the game with an 0-2 record while the Tigers were perfect at 3-0. Host Paintsville exited the game with a perfect record intact, winning 42-

With a new week came renewed hope for Prestonsburg but on the second play from scrimmage a botched snap gave Paintsville the football at the Prestonsburg five-yard line. It would take Paintsville only two plays for junior quarterback Daniel Pugh to find paydirt on a one-yard keeper. Following the the extra point kick, the Tigers stood with a 7-0 lead. Prestonsburg was forced to punt on its second series of the game and Paintsville quickly capitalized on a 2- yard touchdown pass from Pugh to senior receiver T.J. Freno. Thanks to the touchdown reception, the Tigers led 14-0 with 4:05 remaining in the first quarter. Prestonsburg got within a touchdown after senior

quarterback David Shaffer found Lincoln Slone with a 69-yard touchdown pass on the visiting team's first play after the Tiger touchdown. A

touchdown plunge of 2 yards from senior full-back Wes Ward, however, put Paintsville out in front 21-7 with 9:51 remaining in the first half.

Prestonsburg was bitten by the turnover bug as the Blackcats turned the football over eight times in the game, which ultimately led to 28 Paintsville points.

Paintsville led 21-7 at halftime before Prestonsburg made a game of it in the second half. Paintsville took the second half kickoff and went three plays and out and the Blackcat offense struck fast, finding the endzone on a 52-yard touchdown run from Shaffer to cut the lead to 21-14 with 9:33 left in the third quarter.

After a Ward fumble, Prestonsburg took over at the Tiger 39-yard line, but the Paintsville defense returned the favor and recovered a Prestonsburg fumble on their own 19-yard line. Paintsville could not muster any offense in the third quarter and the Tigers were again forced to punt. Another Blackcat miscue on the punt though gave Paintsville the football at the Blackcat 31-yard line. The third quarter ended with Paintsville clinging to a 21-14 lead.

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H.S. FOOTBALL

SCOREBOARD Ashland Blazer 42, Portsmouth West, Ohio 8 Belfry 41, East Ridge 0 Bell County 68, Letcher County Central 7 Boyd County 33, Russell 14 Clay County 43, Knott County Central 28 Evarts 43, Cawood 12 Fairview 34, Lewis County 0 Fleming County 52, Nicholas County 6 Harlan 42, Cumberland 26 Harrison County 61, Montgomery County 6 Johnson Central 39, Bryan Station 26 Lawrence County 49, Pike County Central 7 Lexington Christian 42, Corbin 30 Madison Southern 58, North Laurel 0 Magoffin County 42, Betsy Layne 32 Mason County 21, Morgan County 12 McCreary Central 43, Berea 28 Middlesboro 39 at Lee County, Va. 14 Paintsville 42, Prestonsburg 21 Phelps 46, South Floyd 44 Pikeville 48, Allen Central 0 Powell Valley, Va. 14, Breathitt County 13 Pulaski County 32, Campbellsville 19 Raceland 22, Greenup County 14 Rockcastle County 31, Lincoln County 8 (Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl) Wayne County 28, Green County 23

Clark, UofL in preseason rankings

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – University of Louisville tennis players Damar Johnson and Slavko Radman appeared in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association preseason singles rankings, while two doubles teams: Jeremy Clark and Jakob Gustafsson; and Johnson and Radman are in the ITA's preseason top 60 doubles rankings.

Johnson, a junior from Steer Town, Jamaica, enters the 2005-06 preseason at a career-high No. 38. Last season, the Cards' top-seeded player compiled a 19-13 overall record and went 17-11 in dual matches. The All-Conference USA first team selection finished the 2005 season at No. 76 in the ITA singles rankings.

Radman, a junior from Split, Croatia, cracked the singles rankings for the first time in his career at No. 117. Last year, he posted a team-best 20-5 overall record and was 15-4 in dual matches, playing mostly in the No. 2 slot. Radman went undefeated in the C-USA tournament and clinched both of the Cardinals' wins to reach the finals en route to being named Singles Player of the Tournament. The second-team All-C-USA selection was named C-USA Player of the Month in October 2005 after winning the Louisville Fall Invitational.

Gustafsson, a senior from Hollviken, Sweden, and Clark, a Stanville native achieved their highest doubles ranking at No. 19 in the 2005-06 preseason ranking. The tandem posted an 18-9 doubles record as the Cards' No. 1 doubles team in 2005 and was ranked as high as No. 29 in ITA doubles rankings last year.

Clark, who came to the University of Louisville from Prestonsburg High School, has established himself as a solid collegiate tennis player – both in singles and doubles competition.

"The preseason national rankings we received are a great compliment to the growth of program," said U of L head coach Rex Ecarma. "Damar Johnson is the highest preseason ranked player ever at U of L and Jakob Gustafsson and Jeremy Clark are the highest preseason doubles ever at U of L. We've had other players ranked higher during the middle or end of regular season, but never at the beginning. The respect the national ranking committee has showed us is a reflection of the true potential of this team. We believe that great things can be accomplished by this year's squad and we are going to work tirelessly to raise the bar in every way."

The Cardinals finished the 2005 season with a 22-10 overall record, finished runner-

(See CLARK, page two)



BETH VANHOOSE

VanHoose receives OVC Medal of Honor

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND – The Eastern Kentucky University women's golf team earned a share of the 2004-05 Ohio Valley Conference Team Academic Achievement Award Presented by Aeropostable and 13 Colonel student-athletes were awarded with a 2004-05 OVC Medal of Honor as announced this past week by the league. In addition, 75 student-athletes were named to the 2004-05 Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Johnson Central High School graduate Beth VanHoose, a member of the EKU women's golf team, found herself being one of the OVC honorees.

The team awards are presented annually in each of the league's 17 sponsored sports to the school with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll. The women's golf team had six athletes earn the honor.

Medal of Honors are awarded to the student-athletes that earn the highest grade point averages in each conference sponsored sport and this past year, all of the honorees achieved a perfect 4.0. To be listed on the Commissioner's Honor Roll, the recipients must have posted at least a 3.25 grade point average.

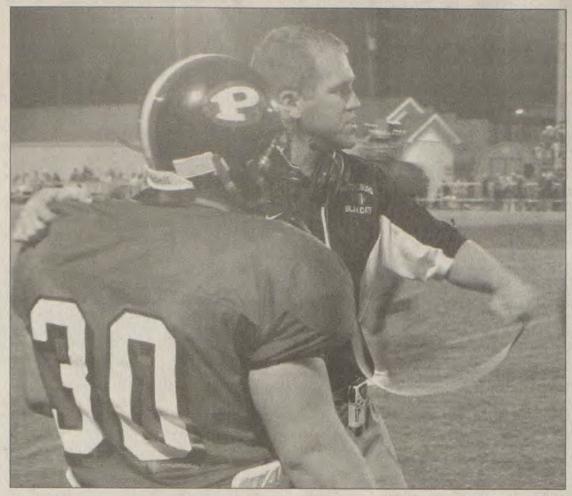
With 13 Medal of Honor recipients, Eastern Kentucky tied with two

The team awards are presented other schools for the second-most amount of student-athletes earning the recognition.

The following student-athletes joined VanHoose and were awarded with Medals of Honor: Joe Oliver (Baseball), Ashleigh Huffman (Women's Basketball), Laura Shelton (Women's Basketball), Beth Silvers (Women's Cross Country and Track and Field), Nicholas McDaniel (Men's Golf), Rachel Montgomery (Women's Golf), Aubree Moore (Women's Golf), Elizabeth Conner (Softball), Jackie Hucul (Softball), Lucia Vojtkova (Women's Tennis) and Libby Schleisman (Volleyball).



INSIDE: More photos from recent Floyd County grade schoosl girls' basketball games.



Prestonsburg assistant coach James DeRossett gave instructions during Friday night's game against rival Paintsville. The Blackcats (0-3) will continue on the road this Friday against Class 3A power Ashland.

Blackcats

Prestonsburg evened the game at 21-21 on a three-yard touchdown run from Brandon Peters at the 10:08 mark of the fourth quarter. Paintsville took control in the final nine minutes with a mix of successful running and passing. The Tigers took the lead for good on a 22- yard touchdown strike from Pugh to Hans Doderer.

Prestonsburg turned the ball

and defeated Notre Dame in the

first round before losing to fifth-

U of L will open the fall sea-

son Sept. 16-18 at the Middle

ranked Illinois in the second.

Tennessee Invitational.

Panthers

over for the seventh time on an interception by Paintsville junior Shane Cantrell. The Tigers put the game away on a 17-yard touchdown run from

A 40-yard interception return for touchdown by T.J. Freno set the final score, allowing and the Tigers to win and improve to 4-

Prestonsburg fell to 0-3.

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Doderer finished with 117 yards rushing and 77 yards receiving for the Tigers.

The Blackcats will travel to Ashland on Friday for a date with the Tomcats in Putnam Stadium.

Paintsville will also return to action, playing on the road at Betsy Layne

Kickoff for both games is 7:30 p.m.

featured a beautiful block by Champlin to keep his teammate coming with 1:01 left in the period, was a 20-yard carry by

senior Jerry Holloway.

Clark Allen Central carried 39 times for 72 yards. Halfback Continued from p1 Robbie Vanderpool picked up up in the Conference USA 36 on 12 tries; Ramon Spurlock Championship. U of L received gained 29 yards on 13 totes, and its second consecutive at-large Corey Click netted 16 on 10 carbid to the NCAA tournament

In the air, quarterback Josh Prater was 3-of-6 for 36 yards.

Pikeville (3-1) picked up 206 yards on 19 carries, with Robinson doing most of the damage. He finished with 144

In the air, Huffman was only 3-of-11 but gained 72 yards. Robinson's scoring catch covered 28 yards while Matt Sexton and Aaron Stanley hauled in 22-

The Rebels are off next week before traveling to Knott County Central on Sept. 23. Pikeville begins a three-game road trip next Friday with a dis-

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clear of defenders. The second, on only eight runs. Seven teammates combined to gain 72 yards on the other 11 runs.

yard catches.

trict game at South Floyd.

For one night, Pitino again a Wildcat

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON Pitino's most recent public appearances in Lexington have drawn choruses of boos from Kentucky basketball fans still upset that Pitino - their favorite adopted son when he coached the Wildcats - now is the coach at archrival Louisville.

But at a gathering of some of the greatest athletes and coaches in Kentucky sports history on Friday night, Pitino seemed right at home, which only made sense, said his former assistant and current Kentucky coach -Tubby Smith.

"Once a Kentucky coach, always a Kentucky coach,' Smith said.

For a night, that was the case for Pitino, even if he wasn't wearing Kentucky blue - or Louisville red, for that matter. There he was, posing with former players like Richie Farmer, Sean Woods, John Pelphrey and Deron Feldhaus for pictures, shaking hands with other former Kentucky greats and generally having a terrific time.

"It's very special because I love the young men that I coached," Pitino said. "To see them and be involved with them once again rekindles the memories of timeouts, in huddles and practices. Every time we see each other we hash it out. I become a lot tougher than I really was, and they become a lot better than they were.

"If I didn't have a recruiting engagement, I was going to be here. I did everything possible to change the recruiting thing. I'm a very small part of this night, but I did want to be a part of it."

Pitino was 36 when he became Kentucky's coach in 1989, tapped by then-Athletics Director C.M. Newton to rebuild a program wracked by scandal. Employing a relentless full-court press and barrage of 3-point shots, his first Kentucky team - nicknamed "Pitino's Bombinos" - finished 14-14, including an upset of Shaquille O'Neal and ninth-ranked Louisiana State.

1992, Pitino's "Unforgettables" led by Farmer, Feldhaus, Pelphrey and Woods - lost to Duke in the NCAA tournament's East

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Regional final, a game many consider one of the greatest in history. In 1993, Jamal Mashburn, a recruit from Pitino's native New York City, carried the Wildcats to their first Final Four in nine years.

The big breakthrough came in 1996, when a Kentucky team loaded with future NBA players won 27 straight games, the school's first Southeastern Conference title in 10 years and its sixth NCAA championship. The Wildcats reached the championship game the following year, too, but lost to Arizona.

Pitino left Lexington a month later to coach the Boston Celtics. The NBA team experienced little success during his 3 1/2 seasons in Boston, and Pitino resigned in January 2001. He dabbled in commentating before Louisville Athletics Director Tom Jurich persuaded him to take over the Cardinals two months later.

"I think it's so classy that people here have recognized the contribution he made to Kentucky basketball," said Farmer, now the state's agriculture commissioner. "He took over a program that at that time was at its lowest point ever and brought it back to the pinnacle of college athletics, which is where it should be.'

Before Pitino took the Louisville job, Kentucky honored him by hanging a banner with his name in Rupp Arena alongside banners commemorating other standout players and coaches.

When Kentucky decided to have its inaugural Hall of Fame Celebration, it wanted to honor all those players and coaches, and Pitino received an invitation. Knowing there could be some question about whether Pitino would be welcomed at such an event, Kentucky Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart called Pitino to let him know that Kentucky would love to have him attend.

"There was a little trepidation on my part (at first), but when he called me, there was no trepidation," Pitino said. "It made it a lot easier on me."

Barnhart said it was the right thing to do and that Pitino's contributions to Kentucky athletics should be recognized, just like those of the other 87 honorees

"I just wanted to make sure that he knew that it was sincere," Barnhart said. "He played an important part in the history of Kentucky basketball. It did not surprise me that he came, because this is an important place in a lot of peoples' lives. It was an important time in his

Kentucky gave Pitino the royal treatment, picking him up in a limousine after he arrived on a private plane from New York, where he was on a recruiting trip. The university planned to have someone drive Pitino back to Louisville after the ban-

It wasn't difficult for Pitino to accept the invitation. "because Rick realizes that this is something that he wants to be part of, also," said Bill Keightley, Kentucky's longtime equipment manager and a frience of Pitino. "It doesn't surprise me a bit that he came back.

The reception Pitino received at the banquet sharply contrasted with his first public appear ance in Lexington after he became Louisville's coach. The Cardinals played Kentucky in Rupp Arena that Dec. 29 and blue-blooded fans showered him with boos and nasty insults as he walked onto the floor. Handmade signs labeled Pitino a traitor, among other things. One even took a shot at Pitino's wife, Joanne, who was rumored to have not enjoyed Lexington much when they lived there.

The Wildcats beat Pitino's overmatched team 82-62, and by the end of the game, the arena thundered with chants of "TUB-BEE, TUB-BEE!!!"

To this day, some hard-core Kentucky fans refer to him as "Traitor Rick" or "Benedict Pitino." But their number is decreasing. A poll in February by The Courier-Journal of Louisville found that 29 percent of Kentucky fans were angry when Pitino took the Louisville job and that 70 percent of that number have since forgiven

Those numbers don't surprise Smith.

That's the one thing about Kentucky fans and Kentucky people," Smith said, "They do embrace you and they appreciate the hard work and effort that Rick Pitino put in to help this program recover."

STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: BRIJANNAKURS



Former Betsy Layne High School standout Breann Akers is in her first season with the Pikeville College volleyball team. Akers, a former three-sport athlete who during her time at Betsy Layne High School. excelled in volleyball, basketball and softball, plays middle blocker for the Bears.

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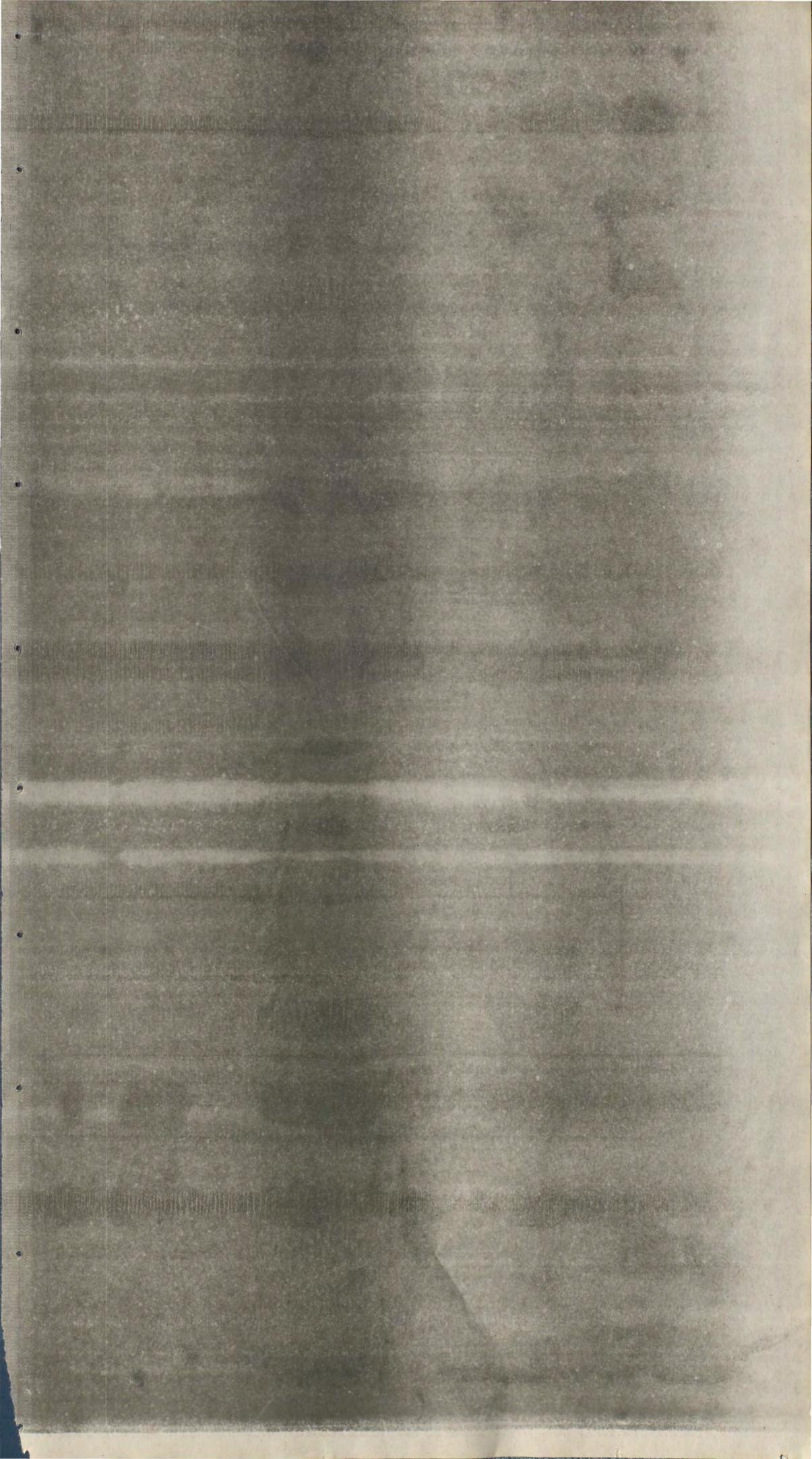
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Rebels sweep Sheldon Clark for eighth win of season'

Freshman Hodge guides AC to victory over host Cards

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Central High School Rebel volleyball team earned its eighth win of the season after sweeping the Sheldon Clark Cardinals Thursday evening. The Rebels won 2-0 (25-21, 25-15).

Brittany Hodge certainly didn't play like a freshman in the match, totaling four kills on .364 hitting and digging up 15 Cardinal point attempts. Providing additional firepower was Christina Blevins who had three kills on .500 hitting and digging up 16 Sheldon Clark point tries. Junior Alesia Hall led the defensive corps with 17

Junior Courtney Martin had a solid effort with two kills on 500 hitting to go with one block. Setter Amanda Mills was Hunter stepped in to serve.

After dropping the first point BLACKLOG - The Allen on a digging error and a good serving effort by Sheldon Clark, the Rebels got their first point on an errant free ball attempt by the Cardinals. The Rebels battled back and the game seesawed back and forth until the Cardinals took a 17-14 advantage. The Rebels got the serve on an unforced error and Elizabeth Mosley stepped in with strong serving getting three aces causing a Cardinal timeout. Mosley continued to serve well and Hodge smacked in a kill putting the Rebels up by one. A digging error by Allen Central tied the game and Sheldon Clark kept the ball taking a 21-18 lead. Martin blocked a Cardinal attempt getting the point and Yumekia

solid with seven assists and 16 Allen Central wrapped two kills, one by Martin and one by Blevins, around two Hunter aces, putting the Rebels on top 22-21. A kill by Hodge and another ace by Hunter put the Rebels at game point, which came easily on a Sheldon Clark error, sealing the score at 25-21.

> The second game had Sheldon Clark take the lead at 2-1. A right side attack by Hodge and an error by the Cardinals put the Rebels on top. There were several early ties before Allen Central had a 4-0 run to take the lead 17-10. Strong kills by Blevins and Hodge put the Rebels in a commanding lead and the Cardinals could get no closer than eight points down the stretch, pulling away with strong play from Mills and Hall to seal a 25-15

> > The Rebel serving game was

the night. Again, Hodge led with six, Mosley and Hunter each had five, and Blevins and Mills contributed one each.

The Rebel freshman swept Sheldon Clark, 18-12 and 18-7, on the strong hitting of Tiffany Clark, Sasha Jones, and Brittany Johnson. Jones slapped over eight aces while Brittany Clark added two and Johnson and Chelsie Cordial earn one each. Cordial set up two kills and B Clark earned one assist. Tiffany Clark had an outstanding defensive night digging up 10 Cardinal point attempts without

Rebel B-team falls: The Allen Central High B-team lost as Sheldon Clark prevailed, winning 2-1. Sheldon Clark took the first game, winning 22-20. Allen Central won the second game 21-16. Sheldon Clark took the final game 21-14. The visiting squad could not get a good effort going or set up their offense. Brandi Meade, Koko Martin, Hannah Howard, and Kimbo Blevins each earned a kill. Tiffany Owens landed five aces and Hannah Howard,

Brandi Meade, and Brittany Waugh each earned two aces. Howard earned three assists and Blevins set up one kill. Meade led all in digs with 16.

The Rebel freshman, B-team and A team will travel to South Floyd Tuesday to take on the Raiders...

H.S. VOLLEYBALL SCOREBOARD

SCORES FROM THURSDAY. SEPT. 8

Allen Central 2, Sheldon Clark 0 (25-21, 25-15) Belfry 3, Beth Haven, W.Va. 1 (25-14, 25-11,

Betsy Layne 2, Magoffin County 1 (19-25, 25-22, 25-15)

Breathitt Co. 2, Owsley Co. 0 (25-15, 25-14) Cumberland 2, Harlan 0 (25-19, 25-23) East Carter 2, Greenup Co. 0 (25-16, 25-22) Hazard 2, Lee County 0 (25-14, 25-7) Johnson Cent. 2, Lawrence Co. 0 (25-10, 25-12) Leslie County 2, Knott County Central I (19-25, 25-10, 25-16)

Letcher County Central 2, Shelby Valley 0 Pikeville 2, East Ridge 0 (25-23, 25-21) Prestonsburg 2, Paintsville 1 (25-14, 19-25,

Rowan Co. 3, Morgan Co. 0 (25-16, 25-16, 26-24) Russell 2, Fairview 0 (25-5, 25-8) South Floyd 2, Pike Co. Cent. 0 (25-19, 25-22)

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ALC women's tennis team begins season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College women's tennis team opened its season last Monday. The ALC team played three KIAC matches at Indiana University-Southeast in New Albany, Ind. The team is just beginning its program and they are having to compete against established conference pro-

to IU-Southeast 6-2 in singles and 8-0 in doubles. The ALC team lost to Bethel College (Tenn.) as the Tennessee school won 6-0 and 8-0. In the final match of the day, the ALC tennis team fell to IU-Southeast again by the scores of 6-2 and

The team's next match is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17 at Midway College at 1 p.m. The ALC tennis team is In the first match, they lost coached by Loretta Rowan, a

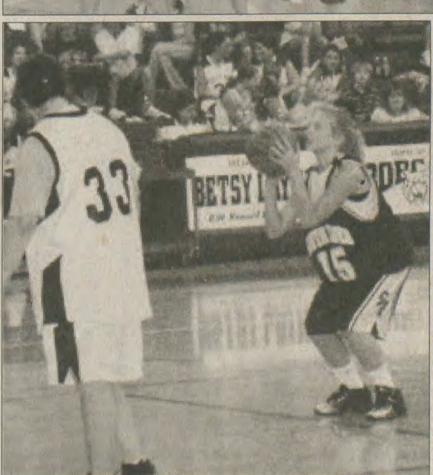
former player for the Lady Eagles. Team members include Samantha Collett (Leslie County); Krystal Baumann (Cabell-Midland, Terrah Bentley (East Ridge); Jamie Savage (McCreary Central) Misty Wells (Powell County); ; Kristina Coleman (East Ridge); Katara Roaden (Pulaski County); Whitney Gilley (Hazard) and ennifer Maggard (Perry Central).

FLOYD COUNTY GIRLS' BASKETBALL









Floyd County grade school girls' basketball is off and running with another season. Thursday, South Floyd took on John M. Stumbo and Betsy Layne played Allen in two of the county matchups. Stories on these two county matchups and others will appear in Wednesday's edition. Left: South Floyd sharpshooter Chelsie Tuttle squared up for a free throw attempt.

Study underway to determine trout movement in Cumberland River below Wolf Creek Dam

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - Lake Cumberland high water condifions in 2003 and 2004 disrupted trout fishing on the Cumberland River below Wolf Creek Dam. The disruption stemmed from higher than normal releases of water low in dissolved oxygen through the dam that stressed the trout living in Cumberland River.

"Catch rates in our fall popufation sampling for trout in Cumberland River in 2003 and 2004 were down 50 percent from 2002," said Dave Dreves, fisheries biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources KDFWR) who oversees mangement of the trout in the river. A study now underway will valuate Cumberland River rout movement to determine he effect of these poor water conditions on trout. Biologists surgically inserted transmitters n 60 trout (30 rainbow trout and 30 brown trout) so their novements up and down Cumberland River can be

closely monitored. "We just put the transmitters

in the trout last week," Dreves said. "We don't have any evidence the trout are dying. I am not sure whether the trout are dying or moving. That is what this study will show us."

The intakes at Wolf Creek Dam are 113 feet below the surface of the lake. During periods of high water in Lake Cumberland, the cool, oxygenated water stored at this level of the lake is pulled through the dam and into the Cumberland River. This cool, oxygenated water that trout need to survive is replaced in the lake by warmer water that holds substantially less dis-

solved oxygen. "Last year, we got down to 1.1 parts per million of dissolved oxygen in the Cumberland River," Dreves explained. "The state standard for dissolved oxygen is 6.0 parts per million for trout streams. Last year and 2003 were some of the worst years we've had for dissolved oxygen

in the river." The worst time of the year for low dissolved oxygen levels is from August to October during a normal year. "That good oxygenated water runs out as you get into late summer and early fall," Dreves said. "It gets depleted from the dam through electrical generation."

The situation gets worse in years when we've had high amounts of rainfall in late summer and early fall, like the unusually high amounts of rainfall hurricanes provided in the late summer and early fall of 2004. Hurricane Ivan's rains caused Lake Cumberland to rise 13 feet in four days last September.

This situation severely hampered fishing in the Cumberland River in 2003 and 2004. "The last two years were horrible for fishing because of the high water in the tailwater for most of the year," Dreves said. "There was too much water for a lot of anglers."

The information gleaned from the study will help fisheries biologists learn what happens to trout in the Cumberland River during periods of high water that is low in dissolved oxygen. This should lead to better information to inform anglers who want to fish the river during these times.

Cardinals release 2005-06 schedule

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - Road trips to Kentucky and Big East powerhouses Villanova, Syracuse and Connecticut highlight Louisville's 2005-06 schedule, released

Thursday. The Cardinals visit Rupp Arena on Dec. 17 in Coach Rick Pitino's third return to the place where he rebuilt Kentucky's pro-

between Kentucky beat Louisville 82-62 in Pitino's first return as the coach of the rival Cardinals in 2001. The Cardinals upset the Wildcats 65-56 in Rupp in 2003.

the program's first Final Four since 1986, play nine of their first 10 games at Freedom Hall before playing at Miami, Fla. on New Year's Eve. If the Louisville football team wins the Big East, it could also be in

The Cardinals, coming off

Miami that weekend to play in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3. Louisville begins its first basketball season in the Big heart of its conference slate. The East by hosting Villanova on Jan. 5. The Wildcats lost to eventual national champion North Carolina in the regional semifinals of last year's NCAA tournament.

The Cardinals play at Providence on Jan. 7. Pitino became a star in the Big East when he coached the Friars from 1985-87, leading them to the Final Four in his second season. Pitino's son, Richard, graduated from recently Providence.

Louisville faces UC-Davis on Jan. 9 before plunging into the

Cardinals host Connecticut on Jan. 21 and former Conference USA rival Cincinnati on Jan. 25, two of Louisville's eight scheduled appearances on ESPN or ESPN2.

The Cardinals play at Villanova on Jan. 30, host Notre Dame on Feb. 4 and visit Syracuse on Feb. 18, Pitino was an assistant under Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim from 1976-

The Cardinals play at West Virginia on Feb. 25, a rematch of their memorable regional final in last year's NCAA tour-

Louisville finishes the regular season at Connecticut before its first trip to the Big East tournament in Madison Square Garden. Pitino is a New York City native and coached the NBA's Knicks from 1987-89.

The full 2005-06 schedule follows, with listings for nationally televised games:

Nov. 2-BELLARMINE (exhibition), 7:05 p.m. Nov. 19-TENNESSEE-MARTIN, 12:05 p.m. Nov. 20-SOUTHERN INDIANA, 5:05 p.m. Dec. 3-PRAIRIE VIEW (Colonial Classic), 1 p.m. Dec. 4-ARKANSAS S. (Colonial Classic), 7:05 p.m. Dec. 5-RICHMOND (Colonial Classic), 7:05 p.m. Dec. 10-AKRON, 1 p.m. Dec. 13-CHICAGO STATE, 7:05 p.m.

Dec. 17-at Kentucky, 2 p.m., CBS
Dec. 20-MIDDLE TENNESSEE (Billy

Minardi Classic), 7:05 p.m. Dec. 21-COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON or FLORIDA ATLANTIC (Billy Minardi Classic), 5:30 p.m. or 8:05 p.m. Dec. 24-DETROIT, 12:05 p.m. Dec. 31-et Miami, Fla. (MetroPCS Orange Bowl), TBA Jan. 5-VILLANOVA, 7 p.m., ESPN2 Jan. 7-at Providence, TBA Jan. 9-UC-DAVIS, 9:05 p.m. Jan. 15-PITTSBURGH, TBA Jan. 17-at Saint John's, TBA Jan. 21-CONNECTICUT, 9 p.m., ESPN Jan. 25-CINCINNATI, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28-at Rutgers, 2 p.m., ESPN Jan. 30-at Villanova, 7 p.m., ESPN Feb. 4-NOTRE DAME, Noon, ESPN Feb. 6-at Cincinnati, 7 p.m., ESPN2 Feb. 11-SOUTH FLORIDA, TBA Feb. 18-at Syracuse, 9 p.m., ESPN Feb. 22-DePAUL, TBA Feb. 25-at West Virginia, 1:30 p.m., CBS March 1-MARQUETTE, TBA March 4-at Connecticut, 2 p.m., CBS March 8-11-at Big East Tournament, TBA

Barnhart named spokesperson for Kentucky National Guard Bluegrass ChalleNGe Academy



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FT. KNOX - The Kentucky National Guard's Bluegrass ChalleNGe Academy announced that University of Kentucky Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart will serve as an official advocate and spokesperson for the program, which works with at-risk teens in Kentucky.

The Bluegrass ChalleNGe Academy, based at Ft. Knox, trains and mentors 16- to18year-old high school drop-outs in a structured, quasi-military program that helps participants improve their life skills, build self-discipline and increase education levels and employment potential. The 17-month program consists of a five-month

residential phase followed by a 12-month mentoring phase.

"The Bluegrass ChalleNGe Academy literally turns young lives around," said Barnhart. "Through a program that includes discipline, academics and life-skills training, these teens are getting a second chance. Clearly, it's a program that works."

The Bluegrass ChalleNGe Academy is one of 29 programs in 24 states operated by the National Guard that provide atrisk youth the opportunity to improve their lives. It has been recognized as one of the nation's most effective and costefficient programs for targeting youth who are at the greatest risk for substance abuse, teen pregnancy, delinquency and criminal activity. The Bluegrass ChalleNGe Academy at Ft. Knox was established in 1999.

The cadets - most of whom are dealing with serious personal issues - go on to earn their GED, enroll in college, start a career or join military service. About 75 percent of those who enroll at Bluegrass ChalleNGe Academy obtain their GED and increase their reading skills by as much as four grade levels. All cadets enter the program voluntarily.

Challenge Bluegrass Academy instructors work with volunteers in the state who agree to mentor the cadets for a year as they make decisions regarding college or the workforce. The trained mentors meet with cadets regularly to encourage them to maintain the discipline and effort they showed while taking part in the residency program.

Barnhart said he was particularly impressed with the mentoring program. "After five months at Ft. Knox, the cadets aren't simply sent back home," he said. "Instead, the Bluegrass ChalleNGe arranges for mentors - men and women in their communities - who can help them practice the good habits they learned while at Ft. Knox."

Barnhart, who is entering his fourth year as director of athletics for the University of Kentucky, will work to raise ChalleNGe Academy throughout the state. He first visited the program in August 2005 and will work to bring the program's success stories to the public's

'We're delighted to have Mitch on board with the ChalleNGe," said Col. John W. Smith (Ret.), director of the Bluegrass ChalleNGe Academy. "He has a passion for working with young people and possesses uncompromising integrity. We're glad to have him on our team."

The Bluegrass ChalleNGe Academy is supported in part by the National Guard Youth Foundation, which is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization formed to support the work of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program through public awareness, scholarships, higher education assistance, mentoring and job development programs for graduates. The Foundation is also working to expand the number of states and sites per state to accommodate growing demand for the program.

MSU captures OVC Institutional Academic Achievement Award

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOREHEAD - Morehead State University is the recipient of the 2004-05 Ohio Valley Conference Institutional Academic Achievement Award Presented by Aeropostale. The award, which was previously named the OVC Academic Achievement Banner, is presented annually to the member institution with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for that academic year.

This marks the sixth academic honor for Morehead State in the coveted award's 19-year

MSU was represented 83 times on the Honor Roll which requires at least a 3.25 grade point average for the academic year. MSU also had thirteen student-athletes earn the 2004-05 Ohio Valley Conference Medal of Honor. The Medal of Honor is given annually to the student-athlete(s) who achieves the highest grade point average in a Conferencesponsored sport. All 101 student-athletes honored conference-wide achieved perfect 4.0

grade point averages. The league also announced the recipients of 17 OVC Team Academic Achievement Presented Aeropostale, which are presented annually in each Conference-sponsored sport to the member institution's team with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll. MSU earned the awards in men's and women's

"We're extremely proud of the academic accomplishments of our student-athletes," said MSU Athletic Director Brian Hutchinson. "This honor is a tribute to the efforts of the student-athletes, our coaches and our administration, especially Valerie Ousley, our Athletic Academic Coordinator, and those who assist her in operating the Eagle Academic Success Center, supervise study halls and computer labs and monitor the academic progress of our student-athletes."

The OVC has entered into a multi-year corporate sponsorwith agreement Aeropostale, Inc., that will list the clothing retailer as the presenting sponsor of the Conference's academic awards program.

'We're pleased Aeropostale has joined us in recognizing the academic achievements of our student-athletes," said OVC Commissioner Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher. "The conference takes great pride in the success of its student-athletes, not only on the playing field, but more importantly, in the classroom.

"Morehead State University deserves to be proud of this significant accomplishment by its student-athletes. Academic Achievement Awards Presented Aeropostale are a very visible reminder of the values of the Ohio Valley Conference and its member institutions."

Morehead State's individual honorees follow.

Medals of Honor - Jessie Plante (Women's Basketball); Lindy Collins (Rifle); Twila Hall (Soccer); Jennifer Miller (Soccer); Jennifer Rinehart (Soccer); Trista Stark (Soccer); Lyndsey Jackson (Softball); Rebecca King (Softball); Tomi Simola (Men's Tennis); Ian Smith (Men's Tennis); Georgia Vanos (Women's Tennis); Brian Babcock (Men's Track and Field); Sarah McClellan (Women's Track and Field). OVC

Honor Roll - Baseball:

Commissioner's

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HCTC to hold Golf Classic during Black Gold Festival

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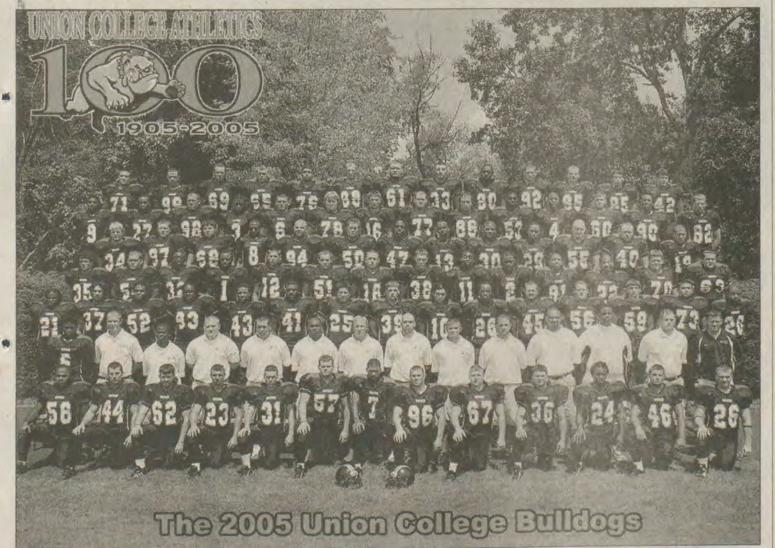
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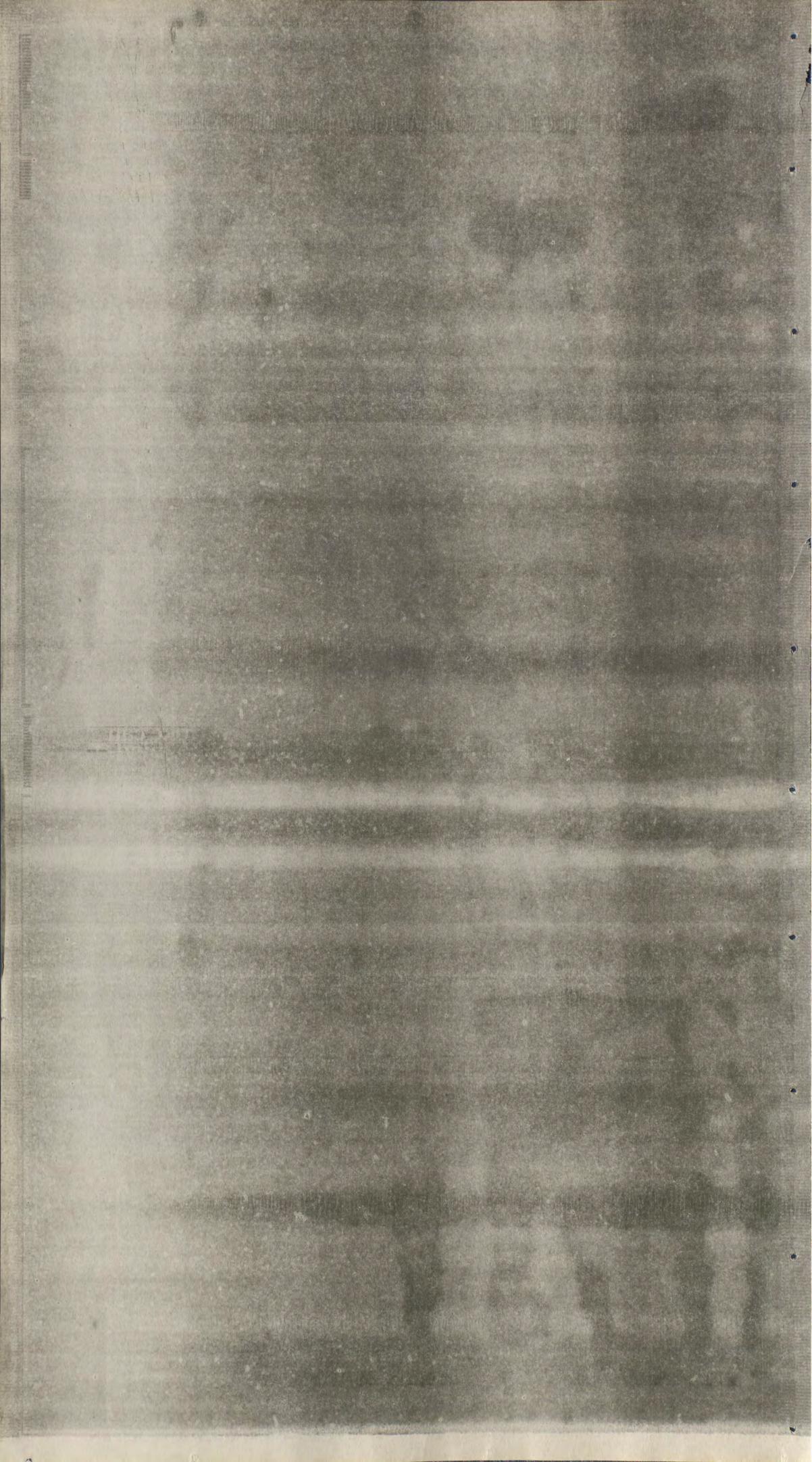


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