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briefs

Manslaughter charge filed in Pikeville

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Pike County man was arrested Thursday and charged with manslaughter when a man he was accused of assaulting died one day after being admitted to Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Jonathan Adams, 27, allegedly assaulted Donnie Gibson, 50, at Gibson's Elkhorn Creek Road home on Sept. 10 after an argument between the two men erupted.

The next day saw Gibson admitted to Pikeville Medical Center and later sent to Cabell Huntington when his condition worsened. Gibson died Sept. 12.

The death is currently under investigation by Det. J. Howard and Trooper J. Anderson, of Kentucky State Police.



Floyd County Board of Education Finance Director Matt Wireman presented a series of graphs and informational materials to aid board members in making decisions in regard to this year's tax rates. Wireman addressed the board at a special meeting held Tuesday evening in Martin.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Board being pushed to pass tax increase

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — Members of the Floyd County Board of Education met in special session Monday evening at the Opportunities Unlimited High School to discuss property and motor vehicle tax rates the 2005-06 tax year.

On hand to answer questions and provide information were special guests Dennis Miller, from the state Revenue Cabinet, and Susan Goins, of the Kentucky Department of Education.

Miller opened the discussion by informing board members that Floyd County is currently seeing

a decrease of SEEK (Support Education Excellence in Kentucky) funding in excess of \$600,000 due primarily to increased growth in the Eastern Kentucky region.

According to what Miller referred to as "sales/ratio studies," the region is currently seeing a "growth in income, with people building bigger houses, which they sell for higher prices ... with (other) people buying these homes at over market value."

"In other words," added Goins, "Floyd County is now wealthier."

"Wealthier, on paper," observed board member Dr.

Chandra Varia, to which Goins agreed but noting, also, that in recent years, KDE has been unable to receive "accurate assessments of Floyd County properties." These past inaccuracies, according to Goins, now makes it appear that "Floyd County has lost money, when actually, that's not quite the case."

Goins suggested to the board that working closely with the Property Valuation Administrator Connie Hancock would help the school system in making fair assessments in the future, thereby helping them to plan for future

(See TAXES, page eight)

CAP workers get paid volunteer time

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

HAGER HILL — Christian Appalachian Project is beefing up its efforts to help Hurricane Katrina victims.

The organization, which has and continues to collect supplies and donations for the relief effort, has now decided to send employees and volunteers to work in Mississippi.

Communications Manager

Jennifer Lavender said that approximately 25 CAP employees and volunteers in Floyd and Johnson counties boarded a truck at 5:30 a.m. to drive to two hurricane ravaged areas. Those workers, who will receive full pay during their leave, joined about 20 others volunteering from the organization's base in London.

Lavender said CAP has committed to send 40 employees and volunteers a week for the next eight weeks. CAP will provide

travel, food and a place to stay for any area residents who want to volunteer for the cause. Those wishing to register to help must go through training and have the appropriate vaccinations.

CAP volunteers will be working in Ocean Springs and Biloxi, towns with high poverty rates, Lavender said.

CAP will continue to operate with a "skeleton crew," Lavender

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Father files complaint against judge

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — A Floyd County man says that family court is biased against men.

Deputy Jailer Jackie Kendrick, a McDowell native, has filed a complaint against Family Court Judge Julie Paxton with the Judicial Conduct Commission and the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation.

Kendrick, who filed for an uncontested divorce in May 2000, alleges that Paxton showed favoritism to his ex-wife, Sharon Coleman, during divorce proceedings.

He says he doesn't understand why an uncontested divorce took four years to be finalized.

"My rights have been violated and I feel that it is time for someone to stand up and let people know what kind of judge Julia [sic] Paxton is," Kendrick wrote in the complaint. "I would like someone appointed that would look into her court records

and just see how many cases that have been done this way or see how many times she has failed to make a ruling because the 'father' was in the right. Every word I have written can be proven."

When the couple filed for divorce, they agreed to share joint custody of their two minor children. At that time, Kendrick, the natural father, was appointed as the children's primary physical caretaker.

In October 2000, domestic relations commissioner William Kendrick and attorney Jimmy Webb, representing Jackie Kendrick, signed an agreed order between the couple, stipulating that both parents would retain primary guardianship while the children were in their respective custody. According to the order, the Cabinet for Families and Children was to inspect the homes of both Kendrick and Coleman prior to the filing of a final decree in the divorce, a means to

(See JUDGE, page seven)

No indictment returned against accused father

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A grand jury took no action against a man accused of criminally abusing his son.

After hearing evidence against Jeremy Hale, 28, of Hueysville, the grand jury did not find enough evidence to indict him on a first-degree criminal abuse charge.

Hale, of Prater Fork, was arrested in May, after his son went to Duff Elementary School with a bruise on the left side of his face that extended to his ear. Hale was alleged to have struck the child after he got off the school bus on May 17.

Authorities were alerted when the boy returned to school the following day.

The child's mother,

Jennifer L. Hale, was also arrested in June and charged with first-degree criminal abuse, after testimony was given at her husband's preliminary hearing. Kentucky State Police Trooper Justin Cornett testified that the child's mother tried to cover up her son's bruise with makeup. The parents instructed the child to tell school officials that he fell off an ATV, Cornett said.

On Thursday, Hale's attorney, public advocate Lance Daniels, asked Judge James R. Allen to drop the restraining order currently against Hale because he had not been indicted on the charge.

Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum objected, noting the serious nature of

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Political rival demands sheriff return seized guns

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

GARRETT — A former deputy who is vying to become Floyd County's next sheriff is threatening Sheriff John K. Blackburn with a lawsuit.

Dalton Conley, 70, of Garrett, submitted a "final request" last week to Blackburn, asking him to return \$6,250 worth of guns and other items that were confiscated from Conley's home during an arrest five years ago.

Conley claims that Blackburn has refused to return several guns that were confiscated when he was arrested in November 2000 for violating an emergency protection order, taken against him by his estranged wife, Eula Conley.

"I want my guns back that they stole from me," he said.

In July 2000, Conley was picked up by deputies Shawn Roop, Matt Johnson and then-Lt. Ricky Thornsberry at his home in

(See GUNS, page seven)



Dalton Conley, who was featured in the July 1974 issue of "Happy Hunting Ground" magazine firing the "first shot" to mark the beginning a statewide firearms training program for conservation officers, says Sheriff John K. Blackburn is violating his constitutional rights by keeping this gun, along with several others that were forfeited to the department several years ago. "It's worth a million dollars to me," Conley said.

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Obituaries



David Joshua "Josh" Blevins

David Joshua "Josh" Blevins, age 24, of Bristol, Virginia, went to be with the Lord, Tuesday, September 13, 2005, at Duke University Medical Center following a tragic auto accident.

He was a native of Pikeville, and was a member of Virgie Baptist Church in Virgie. He was an avid lover of fishing, hunting and the great outdoors. He will be forever missed by family and friends.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Cathy Smith Melton and Belvin "Joe" Melton of Mebane, NC; father and stepmother, James H. and Angie Blevins, of Robinson Creek, Ky.; one sister, Laura Blevins of Hendersonville, Tennessee; one brother, Adam Blevins of Mebane, North Carolina; grandparents, Don and Janice Norman of Bristol, Virginia, and Marie Melton of Mebane, North Carolina, Virginia Blevins of Robinson Creek, and Robert and Brenda Jacobs of Pippa Passes; Aunts and Uncles, Debbie and Mike Cross and Paul and Lynne Smith; step-Aunt and step-uncle, Scott and Crista Norman; and several cousins.

The funeral service will be conducted at 8:00 p.m., Friday, September 16, in the Akard Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Mike McCloud officiating. The committal service and interment will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, in Greenwood Cemetery with Rev. Bill Blackburn officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00-7:45 p.m., Friday at Akard Funeral Home, prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cathy Melton, c/o Akard Funeral Home. E-mail condolences may be sent to the family at akardfh@akardfuneralhome.com.

Akard Funeral Home, 1912 W. State St., Bristol, Tennessee, (423) 989-4800, is serving the family of David Joshua Blevins. (Paid obituary)

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Estill Howell

Estill Howell, age 94, of Prestonsburg, passed away Wednesday, September 14, 2005, in Huntington, West Virginia, following an accident.

He was born September 30, 1910, in Bonanza, the son of the late Enoch C. Howell and Callie Blair Howell.

He was retired from Broughton Milk Company.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Jean Bingham Howell;

one son, Larry Howell of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Carole Pruitt (Bob) of Paint Lick, and Judy Endicott (Martin) of Prestonsburg; one daughter-in-law, Sandy Howell of Prestonsburg; one brother, Scott Howell of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Reba Harris of Dayton, Ohio, and Anna Marie Derossett of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren: Karen Schoolcraft and Misti Bates of Prestonsburg, Angela Allen of Lexington, and a grandson, 1st Lt. Ken Pruitt of Killeen Texas. Also surviving are five great-grandsons.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Barry Howell; a grandson, Heath-Endicott; four brothers: Raymond, Arnold, Hershel and Russell Howell; and one sister, Faye Howell.

He was a member of the Community United Methodist Church and a past master of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, Prestonsburg.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 17, at the Community United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg, with Clergyman Steve Pescosolido officiating.

Burial will be in the Bingham Family Cemetery, in Spradlin Branch.

Visitation will be 12 noon to 9 p.m., Friday, at Carter Funeral Home, with Masonic services at 8 p.m.

Casketbearers will be Bob Crager, Buford Crager, Roscoe Branham, Russell D. Howell, Scottie Howell, Tommy Howell, Raymond C. Howell and Donnie Derossett.

Honorary casketbearers: are Al Gunter, Ben Hale, Richie Schoolcraft, Bud Ousley, Les Stapleton, Harold Derossett, James Stout, Greg Shepherd, Dean Howell, Woodie Branham, Earl Castle, Wendell Howell, Elroy Blair, Merlin Derossett, James Hall, Wesley Allen and Josh Bates. (Paid obituary)

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William J. Hunter

William J. Hunter, 82, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, September 12, 2005, at the Riverview Healthcare Center in Prestonsburg.

Born December 2, 1922, in Woods, he was the son of the late Thomas and Ella Shepherd Hunter. He was a retired repair technician for World Wide Equipment; and a member of the Faith Freewill Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sadie Blackburn Hunter.

Survivors include two sons: Larry Ronnie Hunter of Greensboro, North Carolina, and William J. Hunter III of Grasslake, Michigan; a daughter, Delores Ousley of Prestonsburg; a longtime com-

panion, Lottie DeLong of Prestonsburg; a brother, Thomas L. Hunter of Detroit, Michigan; three sisters: Margaret Carroll of Mansfield, Ohio, Helen Walls of Prestonsburg, and Noleka Hyden of Pikeville; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: James Hunter and Franklin D. Hunter; and two sisters: Flora Hunter and Virginia Music.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 15, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clinton Buddy Jones officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Flotine Howell Jones

Flotine Howell Jones, 81, of McDowell, died Monday, September 12, 2005, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

Born October 28, 1923, in McDowell, she was the daughter of the late Bee and Marygold Osborne Howell. She was a retired lunchroom worker and custodian for the Floyd County Board of Education; and a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church at McDowell.

She was twice married, first to Reese Bentley, and later to Guy Jones. Both preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons: Kenny Jones (Kathy), and Charles Bentley, both of McDowell, and Larry Bentley (Rebecca) of Ypsilanti, Michigan; five daughters: Rita Varney (Bob), Billie Isaac (Mark), and Wilma Bentley, all of McDowell, Joy Hall (Larry) of Printer, and Clara Tackett of Beaver; two brothers: Troy Howell of McDowell, and Teddy Howell of Meta; a sister, Barbara Belcher of Paintsville; 20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a son, Dewey Bentley; eight brothers and sisters; and a granddaughter, Carolyn Bishop.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 15, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, in McDowell, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Osborne Cemetery (Frasures Creek) in McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. Active pallbearers: Kevin Bartley, Scott Ward, Toby Hamilton, Brad Hannah, Jim Adair, and Brandon Johnson. (Paid obituary)

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Maudie Turner Moore

Maudie Turner Moore, age 96, of Wayland, passed from this life on Monday, September 13, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following a sudden illness.

She was born September 22, 1908, in Langley, the daughter of the late Tom and Judy Salisbury Turner.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Steele's Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, at Wayland.

She is survived by five daughters: Edith Moore Hansford of Wayland, Helen Green of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Thelma J. Embury of Cannonsburg, Joan Slone of Elyria, Ohio; and Barbara Jean Weaver of Amherst, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, September 17, at noon, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Green Bradley Cemetery, in Dema.

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Friends can call for visitation at the funeral home after 5 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Cory Alexander Prater

Cory Alexander Prater, 13, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at the Johnson City Medical Center, in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Born January 23, 1992, in Pikeville, he was the son of Darrell and Denna Whitten Prater of Prestonsburg. He was an eighth-grade student at Adams Middle School.

In addition to his parents, he

is survived by his paternal grandmother, Laudie Watkins Prater of Prestonsburg; his maternal grandparents, Denny and Mary Rowe Whitten of Prestonsburg, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Herbert Prater.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, September 17, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

Burial will be in the Prater Family Cemetery, at Ruff & Tuff, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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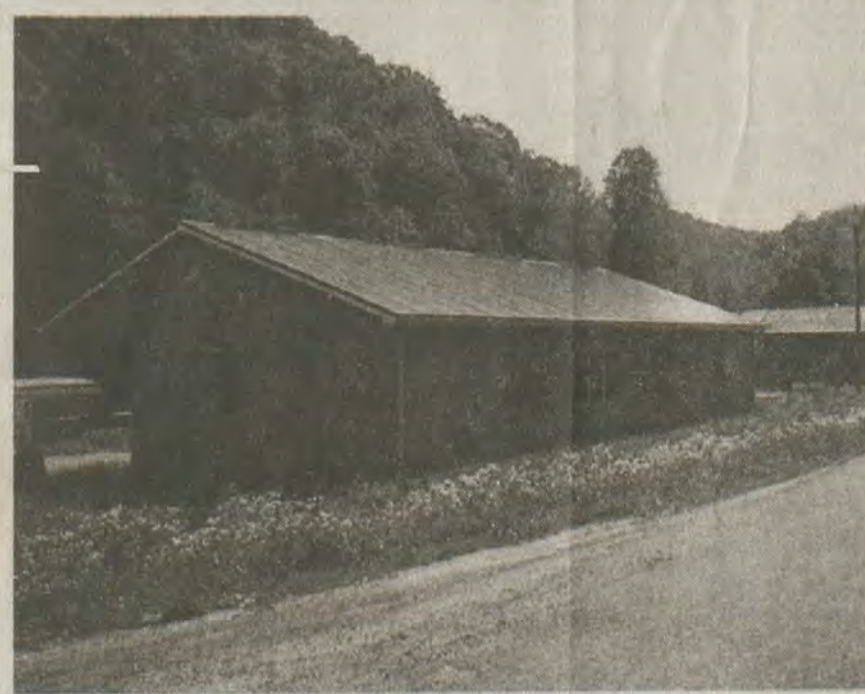
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Wednesday midday
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Wednesday evening
Pick 3: 2-0-5
Pick 4: 6-4-9-5
Cash Ball: 14-24-25-32, Cash Ball 29
Tic Tac Cash: 3-8-13-18-22-27-35-38
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Marriage Licenses

Laura Dawn Johnson, 37, of Pikeville, to John Joseph Jakubowski, 37, of Michigan.
Kari Elaine Hicks, 20, of Martin, to Matthew Lee Gill Jr., 22, of Greenville, Pa.
Kayla Marie Mullins, 17, of Martin, to Mark Christopher Davis, 21, of Florence.
Jennifer Lauren Duck, 23, of Lock Haven, Pa., to Johnny Lee King, 32, of Martin.

Civil Suits Filed

Garland Arnett Jr. vs. Lisa Arnett; divorce.
West American Insurance Company vs. Frances Sweeney; auto accident complaint.
Jamie Endicott vs. Joseph Yates; petition for child support and health care insurance.
Oma Johnson vs. Jennifer Cole; petition for health care insurance.
James Collum vs. Amy Collins; petition for child support and health care insurance.
Diane Pickard vs. Mike and Kim Tussey; personal injury complaint (alleging that their son hugged her too hard and caused an injury.)
Kimberly Baker vs. Shaun Baker; divorce.
Gary Conley vs. Karen Conley; divorce.
World Finance Corporation vs. Timothy and Tammy Cannon; debt complaint.
Rhonda Meade vs. Gary Meade; divorce.
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company vs. Henry Johnson, Thelma Perry; debt complaint.
James White vs. Diana White; divorce.
Central Baptist Hospital vs. Annette Bradley; debt complaint.
Richard Holbrook vs. Sherry Holbrook; petition for health care insurance.
Lenor Hale vs. Adam Hill; petition for health care insurance.
Lorene Halbert vs. Derek Akers, Stacie Halbert; verified petition for de facto custodianship.
Small Claims Filings
Eric C. Conn vs. Grover Heathley; payment for advanced medical expenses.
Eric C. Conn vs. Bruce Osborne; attorney fees.
Eric C. Conn vs. Fred Greer; payment for advanced medical expenses.
Eric C. Conn vs. Rachael Adams; attorney fees.
Eric C. Conn vs. Michelle Hatfield; attorney fees.
Eric C. Conn vs. Terry Quesenberry; payment for advanced medical expenses.
Eric C. Conn vs. Patricia Tyra; payment for advanced medical expenses.
Eric C. Conn vs. Teddy Stanley; payment for advanced medical expenses.
Triple M. Credit vs. Earl and Lisa Akers; debt.

Charges Filed

Grethen Scarberry, no age available, Pikeville; harassing communications.
Tina Goble, 35, Allen; shoplifting, controlled substance in improper container, two counts of possession or use of drug paraphernalia, failure to wear seat belts.
James Gillman, 47, Hatfield; shoplifting, controlled substance in improper container, failure to maintain required insurance, failure to wear seat belts.
Eric Shepherd, 25, Hueysville; two counts of marijuana possession.
Tina Shearer, 18, Prestonsburg; third-degree possession of a controlled substance, advertising drug paraphernalia, controlled substance in improper container.
Kevin Blankenship, 32, Popover; public intoxication, carrying a concealed deadly

weapon.

John Lemaster, 48, Hager Hill; public intoxication.
Rebecca Lyons, 25, Hager Hill; public intoxication.
Norma Risner, 39, Salyersville; public intoxication, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance in improper container.
Billy Mosley, 51, Louisa; disorderly conduct.
Paul Gross, 33, Beaver; public intoxication.
Kim Slone, 52, Teaberry; public intoxication.
Lisa K. Caudill, 34, Garrett; public intoxication.
Frank Conley, 32, Nicholasville; public intoxication.
Brenda K. Shortridge, 43, Mouthcard; public intoxication, controlled substance in an improper container, disorderly conduct.
Harold Balderidge Jr., 51, Garrett; public intoxication, failure to wear seat belts.
Rodney Harrington, 37, Langley; third-degree terroristic threatening.
Jeffrey Stanley, 31, Blue River; public intoxication.
Brian Morrison, 36, West Van Lear; public intoxication.
Joshua Bentley, 21, Garrett; violation of an emergency protection order.
Richard Picens, 44, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
Donnie Courtney, 38, Pikeville; first-degree criminal trespass, public intoxication, controlled substance in improper container.
Charles Hamilton, 38, Galveston; public intoxication.
Lovenia L. Hall, 36, Galveston; violation of an emergency protection order.
Tom Adkins, 41, Harold; second-degree possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance in improper container.
Phillip Hall, 47, Galveston; violation of an emergency protection order.
Chris Smith, 28, Langley; nonsupport.
Mickey Sizemore, 42, McDowell; public intoxication.
Jamie Curtis, 30, Paintsville; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.
Debra Slone, 47, Bevsinsville; second-degree criminal mischief.
Howard Waddles, 70, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
Patescicia Mccay, 49, Beaver; unsworn falsification to authorities, hindering prosecution or apprehension.
Billy Salisbury, 49, Prestonsburg; terroristic threatening.
Tom Shaffner, 55, Maplewood, Ohio; failure to operate boat at idle speed in a harbor or congested area.
Donnie Branham, 54, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
Chad Basham, 23, Salyersville; two counts of disorderly conduct, two counts of resisting arrest, public intoxication, harassment, fourth-degree assault, terroristic threatening.
Charles Ballard, 37, Louisville; possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, second-degree possession of a controlled substance.
Becky Patrick, 40, Salyersville; public intoxication, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance in improper container.
Maggie Marcum, 39, McDowell; harassment.
Jack Patton, 24, Wayland; public intoxication of a controlled substance.
Gary Wallace, 18, McDowell; disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal trespass, public intoxication.
Norman Crager, 69, Hueysville; second-degree wan-

ton endangerment.

Mark Davis, 21, Crittendon; harassing communications.
Venessa Howard, 37, Prestonsburg; harassing communications.
Elizabeth Martin, 39, Martin; harassment.
Eric Matthew Newsome, 38, Martin; fourth-degree assault.
Vernon Slone, 29, Bevsinsville; terroristic threatening.
Shaun B. King, 26, Dema; two counts of assault, second-degree criminal mischief, second-degree wanton endangerment, disorderly conduct.
Mark Combs, 36, Lexington; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.
Anthony Howell, 29, Hi Hat; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.
Darvin Jarrell, 38, Dana; disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, public intoxication.
Rachael Johnson, 21, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.
Larry M. Lewis, 21, Prestonsburg; second-degree burglary.
Jerry Watson, 32, Salyersville; second-degree criminal mischief, felony theft by unlawful taking.
Thomas Ward, 19, Hueysville; driving under the influence, first-degree fleeing or evading, reckless driving.
Eric Shepherd, 25, Prestonsburg; third-degree possession of a controlled substance, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.
Travis McKinney, 22, Grethel; felony county of receiving stolen property.
Jimmy Moore, 45, David; driving on a DUI-suspended license, failure to produce insurance card, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, driving under the influence, three counts of failure to wear seat belts.
Chad Wallen, 23, Prestonsburg; first and second-degree possession of controlled substances, possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Inspections

Wendy's, Prestonsburg, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Critical violations corrected, most non-critical items corrected except for use of proper hair restraints. inspection. Score: 99.
Dairy Queen, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all freezer and coolers have conspicuous thermometers, single service articles stored on floor, hand wash sink in food prep area lacks soap and towels, floor tile near back door in disrepair. Score: 96.

Speedway, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Ice cream display freezer lacks thermometer, no chemical test strips at three-compartment sink, wall above three-compartment sink in disrepair, one light not working in walk-in freezer, clothing items observed stored on food and food equipment. Score: Food 96, Retail 98.

Highlands Regional Medical Center Cafeteria, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy to spot thermometers not present in all cooler units, improper dishwashing procedure at three-compartment sink, can opener blade in need of routine cleaning, one light out in walk-in cooler. Score: 92.

Hillbilly Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Several coolers lack conspicuous thermometers, walk-in freezer door in disrepair, wiping cloth improperly stored, no soap or towels available at food prep sink, ceiling in back storage area in disrepair, walk-in freezer light improperly shielded. Score: 93.

Double Kwik, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: No thermometers in units used to maintain product temperature, some boxed food items improperly stored, outside dumpster overfilled, small areas of flooring showing disrepair. Score: Food 92, retail 95.

Country Kitchen, Route 979, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate all thermometers used to maintain product temperature, some wooden shelves not water proofed, some wiping cloths not stored properly, floor tile in food prep area in some disrepair, lighting in back storage area inadequate. Score: 94.

Opportunities Unlimited, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Box of apples stored on floor of cooler, wiping cloths not properly stored, accumulation of rust on ice machine, several floor tiles missing, wall next to back exit in disrepair, reach-in cooler light in food prep area not shielded. Score: 93.

Dairy Queen, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Easy to spot thermometers not found in all coolers, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloth improperly stored, top of ice machine in need of cleaning, lights not properly shielded. Score: 94.

Little Caesar's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: conspicuous thermometers not available in all coolers, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloths not properly stored, restroom door not self-closing. Score: 95.

Johnson's Grocery, Teaberry, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometer in ice cream freezer, some boxed food items stored on floor, lighting not adequate in reach-in units. Score: 96.

McDonalds, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Several containers in cooler not labeled, wiping cloths improperly stored, ice scoop handle stored in contact with ice,

garbage containers in food prep area not covered, not all staff use proper hair restraints. Score: 92.

Save-A-Lot, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Pet food observed stored on floor, single service articles stored on floor, no towels in men's room, no soap in female employees restroom, light not shielded in walk-in freezer. Score: 91.

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Editorial roundup

Florida Today, Melbourne, Fla., on the slow response to Katrina:

There is plenty of blame to go around in Hurricane Katrina's aftermath ... New Orleans officials bear their share, especially in how some evacuations were not carried out. So does Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco, who didn't act fast enough to formally ask for federal help, which the law requires.

But more than anything, Katrina ripped away the facade that was the Bush administration's disaster "planning" for homeland security - a plan it has spent four years and billions of dollars to develop since the Twin Towers fell.

What the nation really got is colossal incompetence and inexcusable bureaucratic bungling that has caused needless death and suffering on an epic scale.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami told everyone well in advance - including top federal officials - that Katrina was a monster that would trigger a huge storm surge, likely swamp New Orleans' levees and cause catastrophic flooding.

And then there's President Bush, who showed how blind he was by saying no one thought the levees would break, despite the loud warnings and years of studies that accurately predicted they would.

The Katrina-was-too-big-to-handle apologists conveniently forget this:

A nuclear or chemical attack by terrorists in a major urban area could easily cause a city the size of New Orleans to be contaminated and uninhabitable, spawning the same immediate and huge demands for evacuation, shelter, food and medical care as Katrina.

And do it without warning.

That's what Bush's Department of Homeland Security was supposed to be prepared for, but obviously wasn't.

The Greenville (S.C.) News, on debt:

Americans are in debt and saving at rates comparable to the Depression; the economic toll could be significant ... not only for individuals but also for the entire American economy.

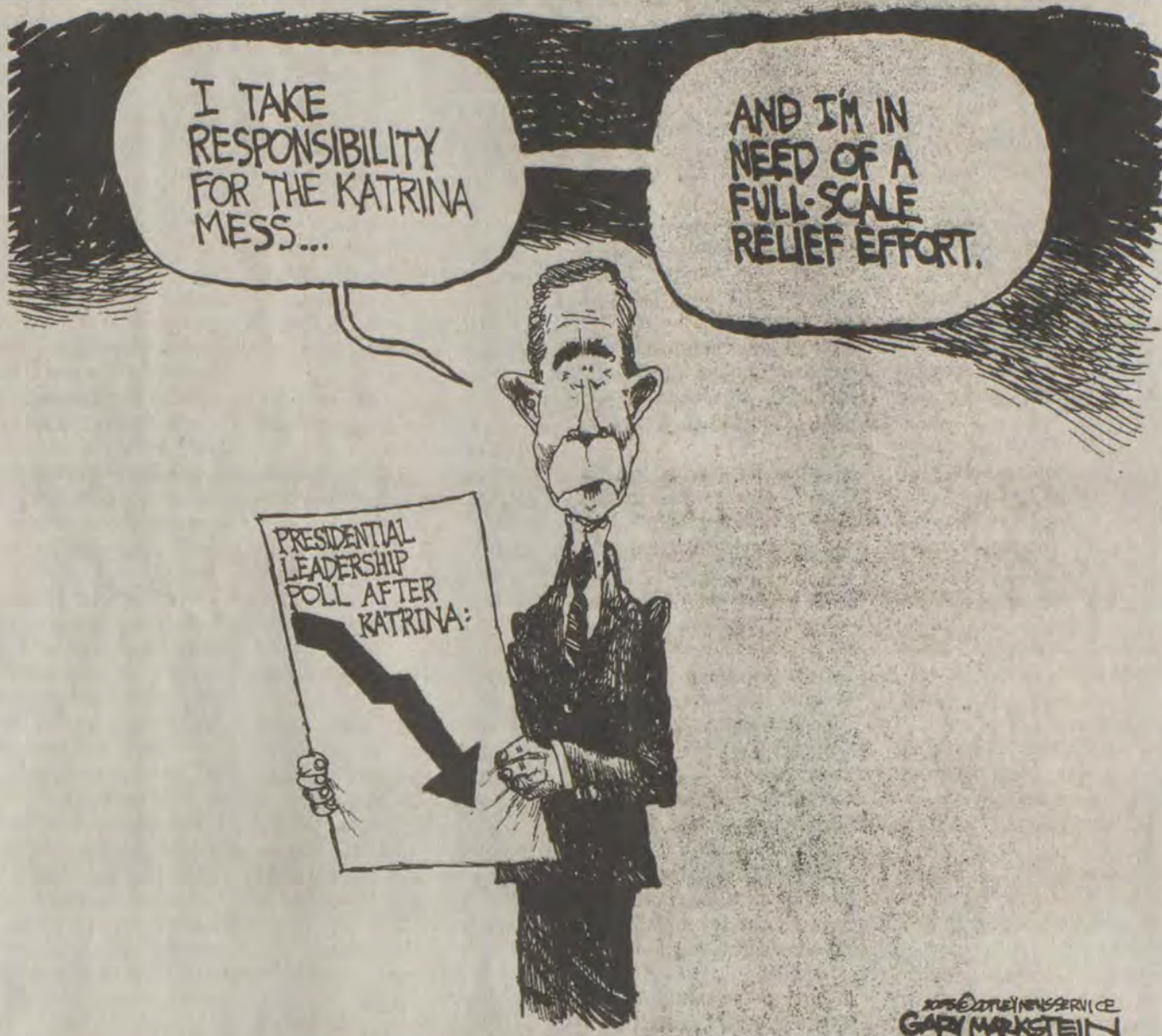
Americans have accumulated \$11 trillion in debt, according to a recent Associated Press story. Most worrisome: Americans owe more than \$800 billion - or \$7,200 per household - in credit card debt. ...

Likewise, many Americans don't have a financial cushion for unexpected expenses. The average American saves less than \$1 of every \$100 earned - the lowest saving rate since the depths of the Great Depression. ...

An added concern is that much of the debt in recent years has been accumulated by lower-income families and middle-income families, who borrowed to maintain a better standard of living as wages stagnated. If millions of Americans suddenly can't pay their bills, that would take a toll on banks and other businesses, which might have to reduce their work forces - leading to a downward economic spiral. ...

For individuals, the heavy debt burden could mean a less comfortable retirement. Seniors might be forced to work well into their 70s. ...

The task for government will be to support policies that encourage individuals to save and invest. But it's uncertain whether Americans are in the mood for a cultural shift - from one based on overspending to one that emphasizes saving for tomorrow.



Guest Column

Katrina exposes government for what it is

by SHELDON RICHMAN

If a private-sector employee performed as badly as the federal, state and local governments performed before, during and after Hurricane Katrina, he would be summarily fired. But the governments will claim their budgets were too small and proceed to extract more money from the taxpayers. That's how the political world works. And it's part of the reason that governments perform as miserably as they do.

Hurricane Katrina should finally disabuse people of the idea that government exists to take care of them, especially the most vulnerable. That self-serving promise was never credible. Do we need more evidence that it was a fraud? With guardians like these, who needs enemies?

Government at one level or another dominated every hurricane-related service on the Gulf Coast of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, and in New Orleans. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for decades has managed the levees and other forms of flood protection. Governments continually gave assurances that it had plans to deal with a major storm before and after it made landfall. Doubts were often voiced by the newspapers and weather experts, who

warned that the agencies were not prepared, that the levees would not contain the water, and that many casualties would result. But the politicians told the residents otherwise, and the residents believed them, having been taught to trust their "leaders." When the emergency systems failed under the force of Katrina and thousands of people were abandoned, we all got a rude awakening.

This time the self-aggrandizing politicians and bureaucrats must not get away with their lame excuses. They are responsible for many needless deaths and much property destruction. We all should be outraged.

A private company that had built those levees and made those assurances would have hell to pay. It would be facing bankruptcy and its officers' lawsuits for gross negligence or even criminal indictments. The prospect of such consequences tends to deter private harmful conduct. But government personnel are effectively immune from such consequences. They don't risk their own capital. Accountability is nonexistent. There are likely to be no dismissals, much less indictments.

The problem is not only the people who run the agencies. It is in the nature of bureaucracy, which gets its money through coercive taxation, does not receive market feedback from consumers and insurance companies, and never faces bankruptcy. Cynics love to denigrate private businesses as putting profits before people, but it was Wal-Mart and Home Depot that were getting the goods to desperate people (when government agents weren't impeding them) while FEMA was still recovering from the

shock that the levees failed.

The words "Army Corps" and "boondoggle" have long gone together naturally. The Washington Post reported that "over the five years of President Bush's administration, Louisiana has received far more money for Corps civil works projects than any other state, about \$1.9 billion... But hundreds of millions of dollars have gone to unrelated water projects demanded by the state's congressional delegation and approved by the Corps, often after economic analyses that turned out to be inaccurate." It quoted Pam Dashiell, president of the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association in New Orleans: "Our politicians never cared half as much about protecting us as they cared about pork." As the Post emphasized, "In fact, more than any other federal agency, the Corps is controlled by Congress; its \$4.7 billion civil works budget consists almost entirely of 'earmarks' inserted by individual legislators."

But it is not only the Corps that failed. It's FEMA and that monstrosity the Department of Homeland Security. It's President Bush and his outrageous war in Iraq, which has diverted precious resources for a fool's errand. It's also the state and local governments. All can be condemned for the same offense: They took on solemn tasks, made people dependent on them, precluded private alternatives — and then failed miserably. That is government in all its glory.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine.

Letters

Why isn't something being done?

A few editions ago in your paper, the Army Corps of Engineers project manager in Martin was quoted as saying the streets in Martin were clean and everything was fine. This is not true!

The streets are still muddy and when it doesn't rain or the water truck doesn't work and the weather is sunny, the mud turns into dust and debris. Some of our Martin citizens find it hard to breathe the contaminated dust caused by the uncovered trucks hauling dirt, rock and debris through Martin.

Major issues that concern us are as follows:

- The hazardous truck hauling through Martin should be stopped immediately and an alternate route should be utilized.

- Parking should once again be allowed on the streets.

- Elderly people and disabled citizens should have handicapped parking spaces designated.

- Rainwater, runoff water and truck water flow through the streets of Martin and cause health and hazardous conditions to exist. Why doesn't the city have a storm draining system to handle this problem?

Other problems exist because of the

negligence and poor management of this project. Why don't the mayor, the city council and the Army Corps correct these problems? Don't they care about the businesses, school and residents of this part of Martin?

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Entertainment Extra

At the Movies: 'Just Like Heaven'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP MOVIE CRITIC

With '80s bands from Duran Duran to Depeche Mode enjoying a revival, it was only a matter of time before a movie came along that was named after a song by The Cure.

("Boys Don't Cry" doesn't count — the song is too upbeat and the movie is too depressing. There's no way they're connected.)

"Just Like Heaven," though, is the perfect song to go along with a perky romantic comedy. In case you had any doubts, a cover of it plays over the dreamy opening titles. Other Cure tunes — "Killing an Arab," for example — probably wouldn't have been so suitable.

But there's Reese Witherspoon, looking sunny and bright and appropriately otherworldly in her blond radiance — since, after all, she haunts the man who rents her apartment after she's involved in a serious car accident, and learns more about life and love while in spiritual form than she ever did on Earth.

Sound just like "Ghost," or "City of Angels," or "It's a Wonderful Life?" Yes, "Just Like Heaven" has elements of all of those and "All of Me" as Mark Ruffalo, showing a surprising knack for physical comedy, convulses and flails while struggling with Witherspoon's



"Just Like Heaven," a DreamWorks release, is rated PG-13 for some sexual content. Running time: 97 minutes.

Two-and-a-half stars out of four.

ghostly character at a crowded bar over a glass of Scotch.

The whole exercise might have been too precious — and at times its message about the importance of appreciating life is too obvious — if not for the intelligent presence and infinite likability of its two stars.

By now it's clear that Witherspoon can do pretty much anything, from drama ("The Man in the Moon") to satire ("Election") to light humor ("Legally Blonde"), but with "Just Like Heaven" she further solidifies herself as the romantic comedy queen.

Between this and "13 Going on 30," Ruffalo continues to show his range beyond the dramatic roles in independent films — most notably "You Can Count on Me" — which have earned him justified universal praise. Together they bring weight and tenderness to a movie that could have been as ethereal as the fog that lingers over its San Francisco settings.

And director Mark Waters

("Freaky Friday," "Mean Girls") again strikes a comedic tone that is — for the most part — the right balance of sweet and light on its feet, though there are some quiet, down moments that feel a bit too corny. (Audiences will eat all of it up, regardless.)

Adapted from the French novel "If Only It Were True" by Marc Levy, the script from Peter Tolan and Leslie Dixon finds Witherspoon playing a hard-working, highly organized young doctor named Elizabeth — another of her sharp-tongued, Type-A roles, but with a tinge of loneliness and sadness.

Months after she's involved in a head-on crash while driving to see her older sister (Dina Waters) for dinner, Elizabeth shows up back at her apartment, which Ruffalo's David is renting. She has no idea what happened to her and doesn't believe she's dead — she thinks David's some homeless guy who's been squatting at her place. What he's

been doing is drinking beer on the couch and moping around following his wife's death.

Eventually they wear each other's defenses down and establish a witty rapport. The funniest moments come when Elizabeth follows David around in public, where no one can see or hear her but him. Everyone just assumes David is losing his mind as he plunges deeper into depression, including his best friend, a party-boy psychiatrist played by an underused Donal Logue.

("Napoleon Dynamite" star Jon Heder steals all his scenes in a small role as the guy who works at a spiritual bookstore, and the only one who senses Elizabeth's presence — or so he claims in his laid-back-dude drawl. Think of him as the Whoopi Goldberg figure.)

David agrees to help Elizabeth figure out who she was and what happened to her, which creates some inconsistencies. She knows every detail about her apartment, but can't recall a thing about the hospital, where she routinely worked shifts of 24 hours or more. Amusingly, though, their search for clues leads them to the house of a married, much older man, prompting her to wonder, "Maybe I was a slut — a lonely, homewrecking slut!"

Of course not. As the heroine of a romantic comedy, Elizabeth must have been an angel.

Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

New comedies and several collector's edition DVDs hit the racks this week.

"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" — The famed series of comic novels by Douglas Adams finally arrived on disc this week in the shape of a mega-budgeted Hollywood effort which left a little to be desired for fans of the books. The film does look good with state-of-the-art special effects rushing to fill in any gaps in narrative. Sam Rockwell steals the film as the two-headed Zaphod Beeblebrox who takes in two cosmic hitchhikers who are forced to flee earth when it's targeted for destruction by a warlike race of ETs. Fans are urged to checkout the BBC produced mini-series which followed the books more closely, though on a decidedly smaller budget.

"Fever Pitch" — The Farrelly brothers ("There's Something About Mary") return with this comic take on dating. Drew Barrymore stars as a young woman who must share her latest boyfriend with the Boston Red Sox, of which he is a diehard fan. The Farrellys get some mileage out of the premise though they had to nix a downbeat ending when the Sox surprised them by winning the 2004 World Series (no doubt due to the absence of Bill Buckner at first base).

"Empire Falls" — HBO produced this four-hour mini-series which was adapted from an award-winning novel by Richard Russo. Ed Harris and Paul Newman star here as father and son in an examination of small town life in Maine. Good performances and a literate script earned several Emmy nominations here.

"One Missed Call" — The latest Japanese horror film to hit the shelves this week benefits from tight pacing by prolific director Takashi Miike. The film sounds a bit like "The Ring" and is predicated on people getting cell phone calls in which they hear their own dying words. The fun comes in spotting when these moments are going to occur, as each character finds himself or herself saying the words they heard themselves say just before they perish. The

ending, set in a television station, packs a wallop.

"The Man who Fell to Earth" — This special edition DVD from Criterion offers a load of extras for sci-fi fans who may have missed this 1976 effort. David Bowie stars as an extraterrestrial who escapes to earth to buy water for his dying planet. The conflict begins when he sets himself up in business to build up the capitol for his water project by selling patents for space age technology. He soon gets distracted from his planet's plight as he rakes in the riches and becomes a tycoon. Featuring great visuals and frenzied editing, a trademark of director Nicholas Roeg, this is grown up sci-fi without a laser gun in sight.

This one comes from the film restoration specialists at Criterion and their commitment to glitch-free discs often result in delays, but expect this one in the next few weeks.

"Ben-Hur" — Director William Wyler's Oscar juggernaut arrives on DVD with a four-disc set that truly honor this biblical epic. Charlton Heston even comes out of retirement briefly here to offer an actor's commentary on the action, which follows the life of

the man who offered water to Jesus on his way to Calvary.

The film looks great in this latest transfer but it's the extras that are the stars here. Besides several documentaries on making the film, you get outtakes, screen test footage of actors who didn't make the cut, like Leslie Nielsen, and, as if that weren't enough, they also include the silent version of the film which again features a spectacular chariot race sequence.

"Today You Die" — The latest direct to video output from Steven Seagal was not available for review but judging from the cover art, Mr. Seagal oughta lay off the Twinkies.

Next week look for "The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl," as well as the serial killer drama "Mind Hunters," featuring Val Kilmer.

This week marked the passing of film giant Robert Wise. He was 91 years old when he died Wednesday, and he leaves behind a film legacy rich in classics. Wise started out as a film editor and made a name for himself editing the classic "Citizen Kane." His first film as a director was "Curse of the Cat People." Wise tried his hand at every genre of film and worked

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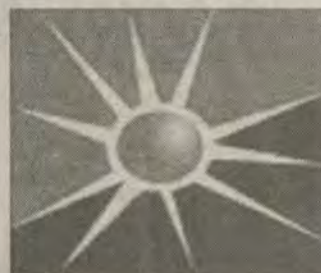
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Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.

Maytown First Baptist, Main St. Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.

McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.

Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.

Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-3385

Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

Pleasant Valley Old Regular Baptist Church, Tinker Fork; Meeting time 1st Saturday & Sunday of each month, 3rd Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.; Moderator, Gary Compton; Assist. Moderator, Jimmy Conley.

Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.

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Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Jerry Manns, Pastor; Willie Crace Jr., Assistant Pastor.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Allen Chaffins, phone 946-2123.

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shans Powers.

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

CATHOLIC

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

CHRISTIAN

First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.

Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.

Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.

Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kiddar, Ministers.

Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.

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ISAIAH 6:8

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Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley; Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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CHURCH OF GOD

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Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.

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Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

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Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolido, Minister.

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Proffitt.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMSYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.

Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.

Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.

Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John 'Jay' Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcom Stone, Minister.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church, Dwale; Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

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First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

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Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Conley Fork of Spurlock, Prestonsburg; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Jeff Kinslow, Pastor

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428, Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

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Whayne Supply sponsors 'Ride Against Drugs' Saturday in Hazard

HAZARD — The public is invited to join Whayne Supply Company as it hosts an exciting event for a worthy cause featuring the popular CAT Chopper.

The "Whayne Ride Against Drugs" at Perry County Park in Hazard, on Saturday, Sept. 17, will benefit Operation UNITE Drug Prevention & Rehabilitation, which serves Eastern Kentucky. The money raised will help build new drug treatment facilities in Pikeville and Manchester.

"Whayne Supply Company has a 92-year history in Eastern Kentucky and we are very concerned about drug abuse in our community," said Monty Boyd, president of Whayne Supply Company. "We hope to engage our customers and the public in raising awareness of this serious issue while hosting a fun, family-friendly event with the CAT Chopper as its tour of North America continues."

Inspired by Caterpillar engineering and design, the CAT Chopper was made by Orange County Choppers in Rock

Tavern, New York and unveiled before a cheering crowd in Las Vegas last spring. The custom bike's popularity soared after being featured on episodes of the Discovery Channel series, "American Chopper."

Fans of the CAT Chopper are showing tremendous support for the Whayne Ride Against Drugs event. Motorcyclists from the Hazard area are putting the pedal to the metal by organizing a "Poker Run" with proceeds going to Operation UNITE. Bikers

from other cities — Ashland, Pikeville, Prestonsburg and London — are staging "Ride-Ins" to Hazard to see the CAT Chopper and pitch in with fundraising as well.

Other attractions at the event will include the #22 Caterpillar NASCAR race car, a Caterpillar ACERT truck engine display, and Caterpillar equipment displays. A new Harley Davidson 2005 Super Glide custom motorcycle will be raffled off. Tickets are \$25 each and available through Whayne Supply

locations in Hazard, Pikeville, Ashland, Corbin and Lexington.

There will also be music provided by a DJ. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. A portion of the sales will benefit Operation Unite. General admission is \$5 per person and \$10 per family.

The Ride Against Drugs will take place in the Perry County Park in Hazard, on Route 550 next to Perry County Central High School, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fletcher fires nine over personnel problems

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher on Wednesday sacked nine members of his administration, including one of his closest advisers, for what he now believes were violations of state Merit System personnel laws, even if unintentional.

Fletcher apologized to people hurt by hiring mistakes.

"But it is now clear to me that there were mistakes made by staff members who either did not understand, or appreciate, the spirit of the Merit System rules," Fletcher said, speaking from a prepared statement.

He said he would also disband LINK, his local outreach offices, which court documents have said were run largely as employment and Fletcher re-election centers.

Among those gone are Richard Murgatroyd, Fletcher's deputy chief of staff and close friend.

Fletcher said he would also ask the state Republican Party to oust Darrell Brock as its chairman. But Brock, who used to be head of Fletcher's local development office, apparently is not inclined to leave.

A spokeswoman for the party said Brock had not resigned and would not answer questions. In a statement, Brock said the executive committee was pleased with the party's progress this year and he enjoys the "support of a great many of our Republican leaders from this Commonwealth."

Four of those fired were among the nine people indicted on merit law charges by a special grand jury in Frankfort. Brock was also indicted on personnel charges.

Fletcher issued pardons to all nine and anyone else who might be investigated or who violated the law from the beginning of Fletcher's administration through the end of August.

Except for Murgatroyd, though, Fletcher left in place the highest ranking members of his administration who were indicted — acting Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert and Deputy Secretary Jim Adams.

Fletcher said there was never an attempt in his administration to circumvent the Merit System law, Kentucky's version of civil service.

Fletcher said the problems were caused by officials who didn't respect or understand the Merit System, were "too eager to please" local politicians or had a "lack of insight for how their actions might reflect upon the ethics of this administration."

Democratic Party Chairman Jerry Lundergan was quick to place blame on Fletcher. "This is just another chapter in the changing strategy and unfolding story of Ernie Fletcher's blame game. Gov. Fletcher is attempting to deflect and blame others for the corruption which he sanctioned," Lundergan said in a statement.

State Sen. Julian Carroll, D-Frankfort, who is also a former governor, said the firings should have accompanied the pardons.

"I'm astonished at the political mistakes that supposedly an experienced politician is making," Carroll said in a telephone interview.

Fletcher for the first time tried to ease tensions with Attorney General Greg Stumbo, whose office has been conducting the investigation and convened the special grand jury that has issued the criminal charges.

Fletcher and his supporters have accused Stumbo, a Democrat, of pursuing the investigation for his own political agenda. Fletcher repeated Wednesday he thought the prosecu-

tion was "misguided."

In his own statement, Stumbo said he was pleased Fletcher "is taking responsibility for the criminal conduct of some members of his administration."

Fletcher said he hoped to "bury the hatchet" with Stumbo and work with him. Stumbo said he intended to continue the investigation. Just before Fletcher's news conference, though, investigators from Stumbo's office served a search warrant on the office of Stan Cave, Fletcher's chief of staff.

Included among court documents filed to obtain the warrant were e-mail exchanges and other information that seem to indicate Fletcher knew of a personnel initiative that prosecutors say was the basis of many of the criminal charges brought by the grand jury.

The court documents also contain parts of a transcript of an interview between chief prosecutor Scott Crawford-Sutherland and Dan Druen, a central figure in the investigation. Druen was fired as commissioner of administrative services in the Transportation Cabinet and is the only person charged with felony crimes of obstructing justice.

The interview, which indicated Druen was cooperating to some extent with the investigation, took place three days before Fletcher announced the pardons. A spokeswoman for Fletcher said he did not know of Druen's cooperation and the pardons were not related.

Fletcher did not pardon himself and said he would not do so if he is charged. Crawford-Sutherland has repeatedly declined to comment when asked if Fletcher is a potential target of the grand jury.

The hastily called news conference Wednesday was the latest administration response to the investigation, which began in late May. While Fletcher initially said mistakes might have been made in hiring, he followed shortly with an announcement that his Personnel Cabinet had investigated and found no wrongdoing.

Others who resigned as ordered Wednesday were Bob Wilson, deputy secretary of the Personnel Cabinet; Basil Turbyfill, Fletcher's director of personnel and efficiency; and Cory Meadows, former deputy director of the local outreach office now working in the Transportation Cabinet. All were indicted.

Others leaving state government are Sam Beverage, the state highway engineer; Vince Fields, chief of staff in the Personnel Cabinet and former director of the outreach office; Allen Sturgeon, an assistant in the Transportation Cabinet; and Tim Hinderlight, deputy commissioner of intergovernmental programs in Transportation. Amos Hubbard, chief district engineer in Transportation, was fired from his supervisory position, but as a former Merit System employee has the right to return to his former post in the cabinet.

Spencer Noe, the Kentucky GOP legal counsel and executive committee member, said party leaders would have to consider Brock's fate. He said Brock has done a good job, but that would have to be weighed against the indictment. U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, the most influential Republican in the state, did not return calls Wednesday about Brock's future.

Colleen Blouin, the current chief of Fletcher's office of local development, said the Local Initiatives for a New Kentucky would be reorganized to retain its function for constituent services. The 13 employees would be retained in the governor's office, though Blouin said she did not know whether the

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Guns

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Garrett, after the sheriff's department reportedly received a complaint that Conley was shooting a firearm over some houses.

Conley, who told officers he was shooting at ducks, was placed on probation after pleading guilty to the charge on Nov. 9, 2000. That same day, District Judge James R. Allen signed an order for Conley, a former Louisville police officer, to forfeit a .22 rifle, a Ruger Mini 14, a 12 gauge shotgun, and a Smith and Wesson Magnum revolver to the sheriff's department. Four days later, Allen signed another order for the forfeiture of a .22 Derringer pistol that was also confiscated. The .22 rifle, a Magnum North American Arms, was given, by Allen's order, to Marsha Ratliff, Conley's girlfriend at the time, in January 2001.

In 2003, Family Court Judge Julie Paxton, who oversaw the domestic violence case between Conley and his wife, ordered that Conley's firearms be returned because the domestic violence order expired on May 22, 2003. There is no restriction on Conley's possession of these firearms, she ruled.

Conley, threatening a federal lawsuit, says Blackburn is violating his constitutional rights by not returning the guns.

"I will see you in federal court, soon," he wrote in the letter, which asks Blackburn to return his guns, ammunition, slings, holster and scopes immediately.

Conley, through attorney Lisa Stumbo, submitted a motion for the return of the firearms on Feb. 25. Allen responded with an order in March, stating that "all firearms held by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department that have not been forfeited shall be returned" to Conley's possession.

Blackburn says his hands are tied. "I've talked to [County Attorney Keith] Bartley about it and he said that I have no choice but to keep the guns until Judge Allen makes an order," Blackburn said. "Mr. Conley knows that's why I can't return them. Why he doesn't understand that, I have no idea. I've got to obey the judge's orders. I'd be glad to give the guns back if the judge changes his order." Allen would not comment publicly.



photo by Mary Music

The Floyd and Johnson county coalitions of UNITE passed the torch to Pike County Saturday, an effort to combine forces to alleviate the drug abuse problem in the region. Pictured are, center, Steve Pescosolido, Floyd County's vice chair, Kathy Combs, Johnson County secretary, and Ken Trivette, Pike County chairman. "The problem didn't occur overnight," Trivette said. "It happened over a long period of time and it's going to take a long time for all of Eastern Kentucky to get back on its feet. It's social change and social change is not easy. It's the people that'll make it happen." More than a thousand turned out for a march and rally ceremony in Pikeville Sunday.

Judge

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"guarantee the court that both parents continue to be appropriate parents."

Neither Coleman's attorney, John Harlan Callis III, or Paxton signed the order in 2000. They both signed the document a year later and filed it on Oct. 4, 2001.

Kendrick argues that social services did not visit his home, or that of his ex-wife's. He claims that Paxton's decision to revisit the agreed order one year later was wrong.

"This was entered as they waited one whole year before this order was signed then entered it into civil court," he wrote. "Now Judge Paxton wants to say it is legal and binding."

In the final divorce decree, filed in March 2004, Paxton ruled that the couple's separation agreement, naming Kendrick as primary caretaker, would be incorporated into the decree.

Paxton filed an order clarifying custody on August 25, following a hearing in which Kendrick was accused of refusing to share joint custody of the children with their mother. Kendrick refused to recognize a July 1, 2000, court order that overruled his motion for custody, Coleman argued. An order declaring shared custody was filed in the case in July 2002.

In the clarifying order, Paxton ruled that the children's custody would be determined by the couple's separation agreement, as it was amended by the agreed order

entered by the parties in October 2000, the same order that she and Callis signed in 2001.

Callis submitted a petition on behalf of Coleman for reconsideration of two 2002 orders that provided custody to Kendrick, arguing that Coleman had not received notice of the custody hearings. There are several letters in the file that were sent to Coleman and returned because her address couldn't be located.

In May 2002, Paxton agreed, vacating those two orders, allowing shared custody of the children and clarifying that Kendrick could refile his motion for a special hearing. Kendrick, who said he didn't get a copy of that order, didn't refile the motion.

In addition to this complaint, Kendrick also argues that Paxton threatened to hold him in contempt for not attending court-ordered parenting classes, but that she didn't hold Coleman in contempt for not attending the classes herself.

When Kendrick appeared in family court in 2000, he claims Paxton told him that he was "at a disadvantage in my court."

"She refused to let me speak," he wrote. "Judge Paxton gave me the EPO for six months and then we were ordered to attend court-ordered parenting classes ... and we had 30 days in which to set up the classes."

Kendrick said he attended 21 parenting classes, but he was

dropped from the class because of two absences. He was sent an order to appear in family court to face possible contempt charges.

"Judge Paxton dropped the order because the counselor reinstated me back into the classes," he wrote. "My wife had not attended one class at this time."

The couple's divorce file includes a Families in Transition certificate of completion for Coleman, signed in February 2004, nearly four years after she was ordered to take the classes.

Coleman said she's signed up for additional parenting classes in October.

She disagreed with Kendrick's complaint.

"She's [Judge Paxton] has never showed any favor over me," Coleman said. "My ex-husband has taken us back and forth through court, trying to get full custody of the children. He even quoted that he will get Julie Paxton back no matter what it took to do it."

Coleman equated the outcome of the case to the professional quality of the lawyers representing both parties.

The complaint will be forwarded to the Judicial Commission for consideration at their next meeting.

Paxton, who would not comment publicly, can respond to the complaint if the Judicial Commission decides it warrants an investigation.

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Volunteers

said, and everyone with the organization will "pitch in" to ensure that operations continue while workers are in transit.

CAP has already sent two supply trucks full of donations to Mississippi, and two more are expected to depart this week.

Lavender, who traveled to Mississippi to drop off donated items this past weekend, said the need is great.

"It was just devastating," she said. "The need is so great. We went to a community center in a poor neighborhood where we unloaded the box truck. They had just run out of food and cleaning supplies when we got there, and that's what we had on our truck. The need is so great, it's not just localized because the hurricane hit all along the gulf. The expanse is what got me, made me see how much their need really is. I can definitely see a need for organizations, for many organizations, to be down there working together because it is going to take a long time to build them back up. It'll be a long time

before many, many people are back to normal."

"We're using the list from the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, which includes personal hygiene products and baby care items," Lavender continued. "When I went down there over the weekend, I found out there were a lot more things that people need, like cleaning supplies, especially bleach, dust masks, respirators and gloves, things they need to clean with."

While in Mississippi, CAP volunteers will be working at a shelter, providing three meals a

day to refugees, helping in distribution centers, and assisting at a medical clinic. CAP workers will also take trucks and vans out into the communities to do "mud outs."

Lavender said CAP volunteers, who dealt with flooding in Eastern Kentucky last year, already have expertise in residential "mud outs," where drywall, and wet portions of flooded homes are removed to prevent mold.

Those wishing to volunteer for CAP can contact the organization at (606) 789-9791.

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U.S. General Services Administration

Coal sludge case scheduled for trial next week

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INEZ — A trial is scheduled to begin Monday in a lawsuit filed by residents whose property was covered in gooey black coal sludge five years ago after one of the South's worst ecological disasters.

The case involves the spill of an estimated 306 million gallons of the molasses-like substance that gushed in torrents from a mountaintop reservoir, smothering fish, blackening the landscape, and cutting off drinking water supplies for some 60 miles along the Kentucky-West Virginia border.

"It is the first jury trial involving the issue," said Ned Pillersdorf, an attorney representing 12 people who filed suit

against Martin County Coal and its parent company Massey Energy of Richmond, Va. "I'm expecting the trial to last a week or two."

The company has reached out-of-court settlements with some other families who filed similar lawsuits. Terms of those settlements were not disclosed.

In the pending lawsuit, residents living along Coldwater Creek are asking for unspecified compensation for property damage caused by the spill. They had also asked for punitive damages, but Circuit Judge Daniel Sparks ruled Tuesday that the plaintiffs can be compensated only for actual damages.

Pillersdorf had asked for punitive damages, claiming the company showed a reckless disregard for the residents. Sparks said in his ruling that he

found no such disregard, which was required before he could allow a jury to consider punitive damages.

The lawsuit claims the sludge spill deposited toxic chemicals on residential property, damaged underground water supplies and reduced the value of homes.

Jeff Woods, lead attorney for Martin County Coal, declined to comment on the case.

Charles Patrick, one of the plaintiffs in the case, said he and his neighbors are concerned that chemicals in the sludge may have harmed their health. He said several people along Coldwater Creek have been diagnosed with cancer since the spill.

Another resident of the Coldwater Creek community, Annette Evans, said

in a deposition included in the case file that her dog became mired in the sludge outside her home. The yellow lab became ill and died two days later.

Martin County Coal contends the sludge — a mixture of water and waste products generated when the coal is washed in preparation for marketing — as basically harmless, though its weight and thickness annihilated all aquatic life in Coldwater Creek and Wolf Creek.

The coal company spent about \$40 million cleaning up the spill. In 2002 it agreed to pay nearly \$3.5 million in penalties and damages to the state of Kentucky.

A drive through the impacted areas reveals no visible signs that a spill occurred. The stream banks are blan-

keted with vegetation. Small fish swim in the creeks.

Kevin Frey, a biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, said fishermen on the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River are finding bass, bluegill and several varieties of catfish plentiful.

That's in part due to a restocking program the state began after the spill, he said.

Frey said the smaller Coldwater and Wolf creeks haven't recovered as well as the Tug Fork. However, he said they are comparable to other streams in the area based on the number of fish and other aquatic creatures living in them.

"There's going to be steams a lot better," Frey said, "but there are some steams a lot worse than those two."

Taxes

expenditures and budgeting.

Matt Wireman, finance director for the board, commented that his office routinely "does work with the county PVA" and would continue to do so, but that for now, the board would have to determine how they were going to attempt to handle the discrepancy created by the loss of SEEK funds.

SEEK is a formula-driven allocation of state funds to local school districts. In determining the amount of funding allocated to each district, the formula incorporates the student population of each district, along with such criteria as transportation costs and the number of special needs students within a district, among other factors. In calculating SEEK funding, the formula keys in the amount of estimated funding that the individual districts can provide locally. Because of Floyd County's now "wealthier" status, state offices and allocation formulas now calculate that the county has the means to provide increased educational funding on the local level.

However, board members, excluding board chair Carol Stumbo, were slow to be convinced of such at Monday's meeting, with the majority saying that they did not feel assured that the citizens of the county would be able to remain financially stable if property taxes were increased at this time.

"I just feel as though we have to give people a say," said board member Jeff Stumbo. "We have to take care of the children, this I know, but, there's a lot of uncertainty out there ... gas prices are up, natural gas, etc. I have to ask, in my mind, 'Are we really doing everything we can be doing? Are we not just letting the system run us?' A lot of children are going to miss out on a lot of things. Let's just make sure we're doing all we can do and not just pass this thing on to the people of Floyd County."

Board member Sherry Robinson agreed with Jeff Stumbo, commenting that, "It's a hard decision ... I just don't feel like people in this area can afford a tax increase ... I don't think they are economically stable enough."

Board chair Carol Stumbo reminded the members that "we

took an oath to provide services for the children of this county" and then challenged them, "Will you have the courage to vote for our children?" Stumbo commented to the board that if they did not vote to increase taxes significantly, then they were, in essence, "asking the school system to do the same job they did last year, with less money."

"That will hurt our children," she declared.

Board member Mickey McGuire said that he could not support, "in good conscience," a decision to "ask people to pay

more when we aren't giving them the quality education they deserve now."

"I can't ask for more when I'm not satisfied with the process, with the effort we have put in in developing our budget ... I don't think we're spending our money wisely," he said.

McGuire said that he felt that money could be saved in transportation costs, insurance costs and in legal fees/costs, a statement that he has reiterated throughout his time of service to the board.

Wireman retorted that "95

percent of the comments that Mr. McGuire just made are distorted or untrue."

Wireman defended his office and his staff and commented to the board that "if you have suggestions ... come on down. We'd welcome you if you can do better."

Wireman then pointed out that the \$600,000 decrease in funding had to be made up for in some way and that if board members did not vote to accept his recommendation of levying a 4 percent increase of 55.2 cents (per \$100) for real estate

and a compensating rate of 59.5 cents (per \$100) for personal property, that an option existed of moving funds from a proposed Allen Central High School sewage project.

Supt. Paul Fanning then pointed out that those funds had been allocated and set aside in order to match funding offered by the county fiscal court. The project, according to Fanning, has been delayed due to the fiscal court being currently involved in seeking grant money to be used on the project. Fanning said that the board

money that had been set aside, had, in essence, been "promised" to the project.

The board did not take action on the item before adjourning Monday evening. According to Wireman, they have until the end of the coming week in which to make a decision on the matter.

The board did vote, however, to accept Wireman's recommendation to levy a vehicle tax rate of 55.40 cents per \$100 of assessed value for motor vehicle/watercraft property for the tax year 2006.

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the case. Hale can still be indicted for the same charge, if convincing evidence is presented to a grand jury.

Daniels was asked to file a motion regarding the restraining order issue.

The case against Jennifer Hale was waived to a grand jury in July.

Fletcher

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seven regional offices would remain open.

In a related development, Franklin County District Judge Guy Hart said Wednesday he would not dismiss the cases against the nine under indictment until they offered written acceptances of the pardons.

Defense attorneys objected and said the pardons make the charges go away even without court action. Hart gave lawyers time to submit briefs before issuing an order.

Associated Press Writer Joe Biesk contributed to this report.

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Lady Rebels to host car wash

The Allen Central High School Lady Rebel basketball team will be hosting a \$5 car wash at the First Guaranty Bank in Martin on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Raiders ready for district/region favorite Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Following Friday night's district loss to Phelps, South Floyd head coach Donnie Daniels come to the realization that there's plenty of regular-season football left to play.

Phelps slipped out of Floyd County with an all-important 48-46 win over the Raiders. Daniels, however, isn't dwelling on the district setback. "There's still plenty of foot-

ball left to play," said Daniels. "We just have to continue to work hard. We've had a good week of practice."

South Floyd (1-3), which has losses to Shelby Valley, East Ridge and Phelps, moves into another key district game this week. Tonight, Pikeville is set to visit Floyd County and do battle with the host Raiders.

Pikeville, now coached by Mike Jackson, brings a 3-1 record into this week's game. The Panthers are fresh off of a

48-0 win over Allen Central. Pikeville has blanked two of its last three opponents. In four games, Pikeville has given up only 40 points, outscoring foes 121-40.

In Week Three, Pikeville defeated Prestonsburg 33-7.

"Pikeville is a very good football team; we know that," Daniels admitted. "We just have to go in and stay focused on what we need to do."

Quarterback Chase Huffman and halfback Weston Robinson

are two of Pikeville's top offensive threats. Huffman has hurt defenses of opposing teams both with his rushing and passing.

South Floyd has spent the better part of the last three weeks trying to get various players healthy from numerous injuries.

"Injuries have taken a toll on our ball team here in the first half of the season," said Daniels. "When you're a Class A football team with low num-

bers and you get hit hard with injuries it makes it tough."

South Floyd has managed to score a touchdown or more in each of its first four games.

Senior quarterback Ryan Johnson, senior receiver/running back Justin Slone and junior running back Anthony Barker have carried a bulk of the offensive load for South Floyd in its first three games.

Junior running back Ethan Johnson, a key player both offensively and defensively for

South Floyd earlier this season, remains out with an injury.

Defensively, South Floyd is looking to improve and get better. The Raider defense has given up 144 points in four games.

South Floyd is set to host its second district game in as many weeks before a non-district game against in-county rival Betsy Layne.

Kickoff for the Pikeville-South Floyd game is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Power rankings that be?

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

I've never been a big fan of so-called power ratings. I don't like them, don't see their use, and don't understand why they merit so much attention by the rest of us in the media.

As a result, I'll spend the entirety of today's column discussing one.

The latest example comes in the form of this week's debut of the Litkenhous Ratings.



Rick Bentley

Now, as a rule, when I discuss these things the one I normally complain about is the Dave Cantrell's Rating the State. This one appears in the Herald-Leader,

something that has flabbergasted me for years now.

I've never respected the Cantrell ratings, and why the same paper who employs Mike Fields would use it as a source stupefies me. Want an example as to why?

Consider this: This season, as recently as last week, Cantrell included both Fleming-Neon and Whitesburg his poll. Now, unless he's taken to including random junior-high teams, those should have been eliminated with the opening of Letcher County Central.

And speaking of Hillard Howard's latest employer, it would be a little easier to respect the Lit ratings if it had Letcher Central in the proper classification. But instead of Three-A where they belong, the Cougars are tossed into the Double-A listing.

I normally don't see the Lit ratings, which have been around longer than I have, but thought I'd see how things stood according to it. As usual, I didn't agree, but unlike Cantrell, I differed with the Lit poll because it had our mountain teams too high, in my estimation.

Beginning in Single-A, the Lit ratings have Pikeville fourth in the state. I was stunned, if for no other reason than because of how easily Newport Central Catholic handled the Panthers at the Pike County Bowl.

I got a chance to see them play on

(See BENTLEY, page two)



Brenton Hamilton, pictured working for extra yardage in a preseason scrimmage game against Lawrence County, will miss tonight's game against Ashland.

Undefeated Paintsville on road to Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Prior to last week's home game against visiting Prestonsburg, some questioned this year's edition of the Paintsville High football team. In three games prior to its meeting with Prestonsburg, Paintsville had defeated Fairview, Allen Central and Jenkins. Visiting Prestonsburg afforded Paintsville its first true test of the season. The Tigers responded, too. The Tigers pulled away late and defeated Prestonsburg by three touchdowns, 42-21. Now, Paintsville is set to visit Floyd County. The Tigers and first-year head football coach Bill Mike Runyon will be in Floyd County tonight for a game against Betsy Layne.

The Bobcats continue to look for their first win. Lining up and beating a Paintsville team that brings with it an unblemished 4-0 record won't be an easy task.

In four games, Paintsville has outscored its opponents 197-47. The Tigers have churned out 920 yards rushing and 390 passing in an offense that has

(See PAINTSVILLE, page two)

Blackcat road trip continues to Ashland

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ASHLAND – Prestonsburg High head football coach John DeRossett knew opening up with four games on the road against four of the area's top high school football programs would be no stretch of the imagination be easy for his team. Prestonsburg annually ranks as one of the state's top Class 2A programs. The Blackcat football program is one rich in tradition. Tonight, Prestonsburg will take on another Kentucky high school football program with great tradition. The Blackcats will visit Putman Stadium and Ashland Blazer for a second game in as many years versus the Tomcats.

Ashland finished last season with a 9-4 record. The Tomcats are off to a 2-1 start here in 2005.

Former Eastern Kentucky University assistant coach Leon Hart calls the shots for the Tomcat football team.

DeRossett sees an athletic football team awaiting in Ashland.

"From what we saw from them on film, they're an athletic football team," DeRossett noted. "They're a lot like Paintsville. Coach Hart does a good job with their football program."

Prestonsburg has come up short in each of its three games. The Blackcats have fallen on the road to Pikeville.

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Ashland Blazer-Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.	
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Former University of Kentucky men's basketball coach Rick Pitino (left) and former UK player John Pelphrey, a Paintsville native talked last Friday during UK Hall of Fame ceremonies.

JV: P'burg 27, Breathitt County 6

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Visiting Breathitt County got on the scoreboard first Monday evening in a junior varsity game against Prestonsburg. The Bobcats, however, couldn't make the lead stick. Breathitt County took a 6-0 lead over Prestonsburg into halftime. The Bobcats couldn't find their offense in the second half and struggled against a revived Prestonsburg junior varsity squad. After being held scoreless in the first half, Prestonsburg made some adjustments during intermission and went on to beat Breathitt County 27-6.

"We challenged our kids at halftime," said Prestonsburg Coach Bobby Hackworth. "They came out in the second half and gave a great effort."

Breathitt County had possession of the football to start the second half. The Bobcats, looking to add to their lead, quickly fell behind. Prestonsburg sophomore defensive back Taylor Clark stepped in front of a Breathitt County pass and returned it for a 27-yard touchdown. Seth Moore then added the extra-point kick, giving Prestonsburg a 7-6 lead.

Clark gave Prestonsburg a huge lift in the second half. The sophomore got in front of a second Breathitt County pass, intercepting

the Bobcat toss and returning it for a 65-yard touchdown. Following a bad snap on the extra-point kick attempt, Prestonsburg led 13-6.

Freshman Blake Meade added Prestonsburg's other second-half points scoring on a pair of touchdown runs. Meade first hit paydirt on a 40-yard touchdown run. The Blackcat freshman later returned to the end zone on a 12-yard scoring run.

Moore added both extra-point kicks following Meade's scoring runs.

The Prestonsburg junior varsity team is scheduled to return to the gridiron Monday evening against visiting Sheldon Clark. Kickoff for the next JV game is set for 6:30 p.m.



photo by Jamie Howell
In a junior varsity game played Monday evening, Prestonsburg High freshman Blake Meade scored two second-half touchdowns.

Bentley

Friday and thought I saw a nice team. The Panthers have some talent and took advantage of some holes in the Allen Central scheme to cruise to a 48-0 win.

But Pikeville put up three scores because the Rebels couldn't defend the punt, meaning the Panthers scored only four times offensively in the game. As I said, a nice team, but one of the four best in the state? Doubtful.

I also wondered what Coach Mike Jackson would think about seeing his team ranked this high, especially when you consider the team ranked directly below them - the bane of Ronnie Ford's existence, the Beechwood Tigers.

There's also the thought that someone from this region will be in the state's final four, but that shouldn't be in the thought process here: In theory, these are "power" ratings, where things like geography and tradition aren't considered.

One final Single-A thought: Hazard, this region's sleeping giant, is ranked 11th.

But what really brought this on was what I saw in the Double-A poll, where the top ranked team in the state is our very own Belfry Pirates.

That's right, Philip Haywood's club is the best Two-A team in the commonwealth, according to our friends in Louisville. Somehow I have the feeling the person most surprised by this revelation is Mr. Haywood himself.

A further look reveals even more about this poll, in my estimation. The team ranked sixth among all Class AA teams in the state is Sheldon Clark. The Cardinals are 2-2 - but only 1-2 in games that count in the Lit, because one win was over an Ohio team - but according to the Lit ratings, are better than all but five teams in their class in Kentucky and are eight slots ahead of No. 14 Prestonsburg.

In the world of power rat-

ings, Belfry has benefited from its 43-14 loss to Henry Clay. That wasn't a great showing, but because it came at the hands of a now-4-0 team that plays in Class AAAA, it actually helps the Pirates in the poll.

Go figure. As for sleeping giants in Double-A? Leslie County is fifth in the state.

In the end, many of you may be wondering why, if I have no consideration for them, I would spend a week writing about power polls. You may wonder why I draw attention to them. You may even wonder why I don't come up with something better.

And these are logical points. We only hope you can see the flaws in the logic and then use these ratings for what they're worth: A point of discussion (which, by the way, is what we do here each week).

And then, finally, something to line the wastepaper basket with.

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Paintsville

utilized the talents of several athletic football players.

Senior halfback Hans Doderor leads Paintsville in rushing with 447 yards on 40 carries. Doderor has scored also scored a team-high seven touchdowns. Fullback Wes Ward has rushed for 200 yards and three touchdowns on just 29 carries.

In an offense that has allowed him to take to the air more frequently than in two previous seasons, Paintsville junior quarterback Daniel Pugh has completed 24-of-37 passes for 390 yards and 10 touchdowns. Pugh has thrown just one interception in the first four games of his junior season.

Several different receivers, including juniors Kevin Williams and T.J. Freno, have hauled in Pugh-thrown scoring passes.

Doderor leads Paintsville in scoring. Pugh is second in the points produced category.

In four games, Paintsville has given up less than 600 yards of total offense.

While Paintsville has flourished in the first half of the 2005 high school football season, Betsy Layne, for the most part, has floundered.

Four opponents have combined to outscore the Bobcats 157-50.

Betsy Layne, however, made some progress last week, scoring 32 points against visiting Magoffin County. The Hornets held on for their first victory of the season, winning 42-32.

Senior running back Ed Osborne helped fuel the Betsy Layne offense in the game against Magoffin County.

Betsy Layne scored six points in each of its previous

three outings.

The Bobcat football team remains out of district competition.

After tonight's battle against Paintsville, Betsy Layne has games remaining versus South Floyd (Sept. 23), Pineville (Sept. 30), Haysi, Va. (Oct. 7), Phelps (Oct. 21) and Jenkins (Oct. 28).

Kickoff for the Paintsville-Betsy Layne game is set for 7:30 p.m.

QUICK-HITTERS

Former Betsy Layne High School assistant Chuck Rowe is an assistant on the Paintsville coaching staff.

Paintsville is Betsy Layne's second Class A opponent this season. The Bobcats opened versus Allen Central in Week One with the Rebels prevailing 32-6.

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Allen Central outlasts host South Floyd 2-1

Rebels remain undefeated in district/conference

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT - In a total team effort, the Allen Central High School volleyball team defeated homestanding South Floyd 2-1 (25-19, 21-25, 25-14), to remain undefeated in the Floyd County Conference and the 55th District. The Rebels were led in the match by Elizabeth Mosley with nine kills on .360 hitting and Yumekia Hunter with six kills on .462 hitting. The Rebels, playing on the road, had to earn the victory.

Brittany Hodge had four kills on .308 hitting while Courtney Martin pounded in one kill on .333 hitting and Christina Blevins landed one kill on .200 hitting. Amanda Mills ran the offense 38 times earning five assists and Hodge set up four kills while directing the offense 23 times. Hunter took charge offensively 16 times getting two assists and Blevins and Mosley each earned an assist.

Although the Allen Central serving game was not consid-

ered, Mosley, Hodge, and Hunter slapped in two aces each and Mills also received an ace. Mills and Hunter had a perfect serving night getting 15 and 13 serves over the net, respectively, without an error. Defensively, the Rebels stopped 112 South Floyd attempts to score and blocked eight. Blevins led the team with 26 digs, Alesia Hall dug up 23 point tries, and Hodge prevented 18. Mosley blocked four, Hunter stopped three, and Martin also got a block.

After a 1-1 tie, Mosley broke through with an over-the-net kill and Mills landed an ace to give the Rebels a 3-1 lead in the first game. Allen Central continued to control the action on solid play by Martin, Hall, and Hunter, extending the advantage to 6-1 causing a Raider trip to the bench. After the time out, Hunter, Mosley, and Hodge put on a show with convincing kills and three points to extend the

lead by eight. The Rebels rolled from there, setting the final score at 25-19.

The second game started much like the first, with the Rebels gaining a 3-1 lead early; however, South Floyd came back and tied the score. There would be four more ties before the Raiders took a five point lead. Allen Central called the time out and came back ready to play, causing a South Floyd miscue and getting the ball back. However, miscues by the Rebels let the Raiders gain a 15-12 advantage. Allen Central would get no closer than two at 22-20. The Rebels showed poise during the game but South Floyd prevailed 25-21 to get the win of game two.

The Rebels opened a 6-1 lead in game three and did not look back, stretching the advantage to 10 at 13-3. The Raiders took a time out to regroup and took the next three rallies, but AC did not back down. The Rebels capitalized on South Floyd errors to stretch to an 18-9 tally. After a second Raider timeout, however, the Raiders battled to within five. A service error from South Floyd put the Rebels up 19-13,

and after a huge save by Martin, a block by Hunter, a kill by Hodge, and an ace by Mosley, the Allen Central girls went up 23-13. Allen Central miscued a South Floyd hit but smacked it down on the next try, giving the Rebels a 24-14 lead, the Rebels then sealed the game and match 2-14, on a Raider error.

Leslie Holbrook led South Floyd. Holbrook finished a perfect 11-of-11 on serving attempts with 18 digs, seven assists and an ace. Katie Cook added 11 digs and two kills. Megan Castle had 24 digs and five kills while going eight-for-eight on serves. Amber Tackett had 22 kills for the Lady Raiders. Tiffany Tackett, playing in the libero role for South Floyd, finished with 15 digs. Kasey Elkins and Natasha Osborne finished with 15 and seven digs, respectively. Elkins was also perfect on 13 serves.

Allen Central was back in conference/district competition Thursday evening, playing on the road at Betsy Layne. Results from the Allen Central-Betsy Layne match were unavailable at press time.

ATHLETES

OF THE WEEK



Ed Osborne, Betsy Layne High School Football



Katie Cook, South Floyd High School Volleyball

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Ashland

Paintsville and Hazard.

Ashland (2-1) has posted wins over Raceland and Portsmouth West, Ohio. Russell defeated the Tomcats 21-13 on Sept. 2.

After this week's home game against Prestonsburg, Ashland will welcome in Ohio state power Ironton. Ashland will also hold homecoming when it hosts the visiting Blackcats.

Prestonsburg won last year's football meeting between the two schools, 27-21. Last year's victory marked the first time a football team from Prestonsburg High had ever registered a victory over an Ashland Blazer

squad. In 2003, in a game played at Putnam Stadium, Ashland came out on top.

Prestonsburg senior Brenton Hamilton is out with an injury and will not see action in tonight's non-district game. For the first time in his time at the helm of the Prestonsburg High football program, DeRossett will start a pair of freshmen as Blake Meade and Seth Setser will each get starting nods on the Blackcat first-team defensive unit.

"Starting two freshmen on defense is a first for me," Said DeRossett. "Right now, we want

to play as many kids as we possibly can and allow them to gain experience."

Prestonsburg senior quarterback Dave Shaffer is still ailing.

"Dave is probably less than 50-percent right now," DeRossett added.

Prestonsburg is looking to gain some much-needed momentum before heading into the start of district play. The Blackcats are scheduled to continue on the road next week, traveling to Sheldon Clark for a key District 8 game.

Kickoff for the Prestonsburg-Ashland game is set for 7:30 p.m.

CHEERLEADING



The Allen Central cheerleaders captured the Right Beaver Classic cheerleading title. photo by Jamie Howell

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Communicable disease policy updated

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS — The National Federation of State High School Associations' (NFHS) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recently revised its Communicable Disease Policy.

Previously, the communicable disease policy was centered on blood-borne pathogens and guarding against them. The updated policy now includes information on infectious skin diseases and the prevention of student-athletes transmitting them to one another, in addition to the previous guidelines for blood-borne diseases. The new procedures also contain an

information box on universal hygiene protocol for all sports.

"It has become evident that infectious skin diseases are a problem in high school sports," said Jerry Diehl, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. "This is due to a lack of attention being paid to cleanliness both personally and of equipment."

The revised infectious skin disease guidelines outline ways to reduce the transmission of skin diseases. A guardian, athletic trainer and coach should be notified of any lesion before the athlete participates in competition or practice. The lesion must be evaluated by a health-care

provider before the athlete returns to competition. In the event that an outbreak occurs on a team, especially if that team is participating in a contact sport, the policy suggests evaluating other team members for potential spread of the infectious agent. The guidelines of the NFHS or state/local associations should be followed on the "time until return to competition." In some instances, the athlete may be allowed to participate with the affected area covered if it is approved by a health-care provider, and this approval is in accordance with NFHS, state or local guidelines.

In addition to the infectious disease guidelines, a universal hygiene protocol for all sports has also been added.

"The hygiene guidelines were added to focus on infectious skin diseases," Diehl said.

This hygiene information includes such tips as showering immediately after competition and practice, washing all workout clothing after practice and washing personal gear such as knee pads periodically. The universal hygiene protocol also states that towels and personal hygiene products should not be shared, and that athletes should refrain from cosmetic shaving.

The updated protocol also still includes information on

reducing the potential exposure to blood-borne infections.

"It is not that blood-borne pathogens are of less concern," Diehl said, "but infectious skin diseases have become more of a problem."

According to the guidelines, bleeding must be stopped immediately and all wounds covered. All blood-soaked clothing must then be removed and cleaned before the athlete can continue participation. All athletic trainers must wear gloves and take any other precautions necessary to prevent themselves and others from blood-splash contamination. Skin that is contaminated must be thoroughly washed with soap and water, and all contaminated surfaces and equipment must be disinfected before the participant returns to the competition. Any blood exposure of bites to the skin that break the surface also must be reported and evaluated by a medical provider immediately.

The newly updated policy can be found on the Sports Medicine page within the NFHS Web site (www.nfhs.org), and it will also be made available in all NFHS sports rules books starting with the 2006 spring sports rules publications.

NFHS Communicable Disease and Skin-Infection Procedures

While the risk for blood-borne infectious diseases, such as HIV/Hepatitis B, remains low in sports, proper precautions are needed to reduce the risk of spreading diseases. Along with these issues are skin infections that occur due to skin contact with competitors and equipment.

Universal Hygiene Protocol for All Sports:

- Shower immediately after all competition and practice
 - Wash all workout clothing after practice
 - Wash personal gear, such as knee pads, periodically
 - Don't share towels or personal hygiene products with others
 - Refrain from cosmetic shaving
- Means of reducing the potential exposure to these agents include:
- Notify guardian, trainer and coach of any lesion before competition or practice. Athlete must have a health-care provider evaluate lesion before returning to competition.
 - If an outbreak occurs on a team, especially in a contact sport, consider evaluating other team members for potential spread of the infectious agent.
 - Follow NFHS or state/local guidelines on "time until return

to competition." Allowance of participation with a covered lesion can occur if approved by health-care provider and in accordance with NFHS, state or local guidelines.

Blood-Borne Infectious Diseases

Means of reducing the potential exposure to these agents include:

- Bleeding must be stopped immediately and all wounds covered. All blood-soaked clothing must be removed before continuing competition or practice. Contaminated clothing must be cleaned before using again.
 - Trainers or caregivers need to wear gloves and take other precautions to prevent blood-splash from contaminating themselves or others.
 - Immediately wash contaminated skin or mucous membranes with soap and water.
 - Clean all contaminated surfaces and equipment with disinfectant before returning to competition. Be sure to use gloves with cleaning.
 - Any blood exposure or bites to the skin that break the surface must be reported and evaluated by a medical provider immediately.
- Further information can be obtained through your state high school association and the NFHS.

AP Kentucky Prep Football Poll

LOUISVILLE — The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school football polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

- 1A**
1. Beechwood (5) 2-1 129 1
 2. Bardstown (6) 4-0 120 4
 3. Danville (3) 3-1 117 3
 4. Newport CC - 3-1 102 2
 5. Mayfield - 2-2 54 9
 6. Lex. Christian - 3-1 50 8
 7. Lou. Holy Cross - 3-1 43 6
 8. Pikeville - 3-1 38 5
 9. Frankfort - 3-1 26 7
 10. Hazard - 4-0 25
- Others receiving votes: 11, Somerset 22, 12, Paintsville 17, 13, Lynn Camp 11, 14, Campbellsville 5, 15, Crittenden Co. 4, 15, Bellevue 4, 17, Williamsburg 2.
- 2A**
1. Fort Campbell (14) 3-0 140 1
 2. Owensboro Cath. - 3-1 102 2
 3. Trigg Co. - 3-1 98 5
 4. Belfry - 2-1 90 4
 5. Russell - 3-1 80 3
 6. Lou. Western - 2-1 61 6
 7. Leslie Co. - 4-0 56 9
 8. Lou. DeSales - 2-1 47 8
 9. Mercer Co. - 3-0 24
 10. Fleming Co. - 2-1 - 21
- Others receiving votes: 11, Glasgow 18, 12, Newport 10, 13, Corbin 7, 14, LaRue Co. 6, 15, Wayne Co. 5, 16, Elizabethtown 4.

- 3A**
1. Cov. Catholic (4) 3-1 118 4
 1. Lex. Catholic (2) 2-1 118 3
 3. Bowling Green (6) 3-1 112 2
 4. Boyle Co. - 3-1 98 5
 5. Highlands (1) 3-1 64 1
 6. Bullitt East (1) 4-0 61 8
 7. Hopkinsville - 1-2 31 7
 7. Bell Co. - 1-2 31 6
 9. Franklin Co. - 3-0 29
 10. Boyd Co. - 4-0 26
- Others receiving votes: 11, Madison Southern 18, 12, South Oldham 14, 13, Paul Blazer 10, 14, Pulaski SW 9, 15, Lou. Central 8, 16, Harrison Co. 4, 16, Franklin-Simpson 4, 16, North Bullitt 4, 19, Rockcastle Co. 3, 19, Grant Co. 3, 21, Knox Central 2, 21, Paducah Tilghman 2.

- 4A**
1. Lou. St. Xavier (14) 4-0 140 1
 2. Lou. Male - 4-0 115 3
 3. Lou. Trinity - 2-1 104 2
 4. Lex. Henry Clay - 4-0 89 4
 5. Henderson Co. - 4-0 87 5
 6. Warren Central - 3-1 56 10
 7. Lou. Manual - 2-2 - 36 6
 8. Madison Central - 2-1 23 9
 9. John Hardin - 3-0 19
 10. Christian Co. - 2-1 16
- Others receiving votes: 11, Lou. Butler 15, 12, Lex. Paul Dunbar 12, 13, Lou. PRP 9, 13, Marshall Co. 9, 15, Boone Co. 8, 16, George Rogers Clark 7, 16, Lou. Ballard 7, 18, Woodford Co. 5, 18, Scott Co. 5, 18, Shelby Co. 5, 21, Ohio Co. 2.

Stumbo, Betsy Layne open tourney with wins

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — John M. Stumbo and Betsy Layne each opened play Monday in the Right Beaver Classic Monday evening on a successful note. John M. Stumbo beat Allen and Betsy Layne topped Adams.

Stumbo jumped out to a 15-0 lead over Allen and never looked back en route to a 43-16 victory.

Faith Reynolds paced the Lady Mustangs with 13 points. Amby Tackett also finished in double figures, scoring 10 points.

Lindsey Martin tossed in seven points for the Lady Mustangs and Brittany Johnson added six. Chelsey Newsome added four for the victorious Stumbo team.

Erica Meade led Allen in scoring with 14 points. Brittany Hurd added two markers for the Lady Eagles.

Stumbo led 21-9 at halftime. Betsy Layne led 14-9 at the end of the first quarter and outscored Adams in two of the next three quarters on its way to a 41-29 win.

Megan Hamilton paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 20 points.

Taylor Hott added 12 points for Betsy Layne. Jessica Jarrell poured four points while Amanda Blair and Taylor Watkins scored two apiece. Courtney Burgess rounded out the Lady Bobcat scoring with a made free throw.

Nikki Bradley tossed in nine points and led Adams in the scoring department. Alexis DeRossett flipped in seven points and Julie Compton

added six. Felicia Keathley scored three points for the Lady Blackcats.

STUMBO (43) — Martin 7, A. Tackett 10, Reynolds 13, Newsome 4, Johnson 6, R. Hamilton 2, T.J. Tackett 1.

ALLEN (16) — Meade 14, Hurd 2.

BETSY LAYNE (41) — Hamilton 20, Blair 2, Jarrell 4, Watkins 2, Hott 12, Burgess 1.

ADAMS (29) — DeRossett 7, Compton 6, Bradley 9, Necessary 2, Keathley 3, Hall 2.

Stumbo ousts host Allen Central: In the Right Beaver Classic Semifinals Tuesday night, Stumbo held on, beating Allen Central 43-41.

Allen Central struggled at the free throw linen, making just five-of-23 attempts. The host Lady Rebels jumped out to an early lead and led 15-6 at the end of the first quarter. Allen Central, however, couldn't make the lead stick.

"We missed so many easy shots and lay-ups," Allen Central Coach Rick Hancock confided. "My girls played their hearts out — they just could not make their free throws."

J. Reynolds paced Stumbo with a game-high 17 points. Amby Tackett added seven points for the Lady Mustangs.

Brandi Brown led Allen Central with 16 points. Megan Jones pushed in eight points for the Lady Rebels.

STUMBO (43) — S. Martin 6, A. Tackett 7, J. Reynolds 17, C. Newsome 6, B. Johnson 6, A. Johnson 2.

ALLEN CENTRAL (41) — Brown 16, Mullins 6, Slone 5, Ashley 2, Meade 2, Jones 8, Bragg 2.



The John M. Stumbo girls' basketball team captured the Right Beaver Classic title Thursday night.

photos by Jamie Howell

Stumbo takes Right Beaver Classic title

Balanced scoring in overtime lifts Mustangs

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EASTERN — Two of the best Floyd County girls' middle school basketball teams hooked up on Wednesday evening with the Right Beaver Classic title at stake.

Betsy Layne and John M. Stumbo renewed a long standing rivalry on the hardwood and as in most cases, it turned into a classic between the two. John M. Stumbo sprinted out to an early lead but the Lady Bobcats would quickly turn things

around early in the third quarter. The Lady Mustangs took an early 8-4 lead after the quarter and would extend the lead to 24-14 at the half before Betsy Layne outscored the Lady Mustangs 18-14 in the third quarter to take a 32-28 into the final period.

John M. Stumbo was led in scoring by Faith Reynolds with 16 points. Reynolds was followed closely by Amby Tackett, who scored 14.

Lindsey Martin tossed in 12 points as the three Lady Mustangs combined for 42 of the 54 Stumbo

points. Brittany Johnson pitched in eight points and Chelsey Newsome rounded out the scoring for the winners with four points. Megan Hamilton poured in a game-high 25 points in the losing effort for Betsy Layne.

John M. Stumbo seemed to be on cruise control at the half with the 10-point lead, but Betsy Layne came on strong with some pressure defense early in the second half.

Taylor Hott finished with 15 points for the Lady Bobcats and Courtney Burgess added six.

Taylor Watkins and Jessica Jarrell both finished with two points for Betsy Layne. Stumbo outscored Betsy Layne 16-12 in the final quarter to send the game into overtime even at 44-44.

The Lady Mustangs

outscored Betsy Layne 10-6 in the overtime to come away with a 54-50 win and the tournament title. Stumbo also brought home the team free-throw hardware for the tournament.

Hott claimed the individual free-throw title, and the Allen Central cheerleaders won the cheer leading trophy.



Taylor Hott, Betsy Layne, Individual Free-Throw Champion.



Betsy Layne Elementary finished runner-up to John M. Stumbo in the annual Right Beaver Classic.

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Paintsville native Pelphrey headed into fourth season at South Alabama

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOBILE, Ala. — The 2005-06 University of South Alabama men's basketball schedule was recently announced. The schedule features five teams that played in the postseason last year. The schedule features Comcast Charter Sports Southeast (CCSS) televised coverage of the 2005 Coors Classic, set for Dec. 17 at the Mitchell Center. The Sun Belt Conference has not yet released its television package.

The Jaguars, led by fourth-year head coach John Pelphrey, are slated to face four NIT squads and one NCAA Tournament team from a year ago.

Pelphrey, a Paintsville native, has enjoyed moderate success in his previous three seasons guiding the USA men's basketball team.

"When you look at our non-conference schedule, we have a very challenging balance of home and away games," Pelphrey said. "We play at Purdue, at Southern Mississippi, at Tennessee and host Houston in the Coors Classic. We also have recent Mid-American Conference Champion, Western Michigan, coming to our place."

The Jaguars play six non-conference home games and six away. The season begins with Spring Hill on Nov. 18 at the Mitchell Center. USA travels to Big 10 Conference member Purdue on Nov. 22. The Boilermakers have a new head coach, Matt Painter, after the retirement last year of legendary coach Gene Keady. USA returns home to face in-state foe Alabama State on Nov. 25 before heading out west to meet Loyola Marymount on Nov. 28 in Los Angeles, Calif.

December kicks off with a home game against Samford on Dec. 3, followed by games at Southern Mississippi (12/10) and future Sun Belt Conference member Louisiana-Monroe on Dec. 14. The Jaguars host the seventh annual Coors Classic on Dec. 17 as Florida State, from the Atlantic Coast Conference, and Bowling Green, from the Mid-American Conference, meet in the opener. USA battles NIT qualifier Houston, out of Conference USA, in the nightcap. The Jaguars head to Montgomery for the second meeting with Alabama State on Dec. 22.

After the Christmas holidays, USA hosts Louisiana-Monroe on Dec. 30 and NIT qualifier

Western Michigan on Jan. 2. The Jaguars complete the non-conference portion of their schedule at Southeastern Conference member Tennessee on Jan. 4. Bruce Pearl takes the helm as head coach of the Volunteers this season. Pearl led Wisconsin-Milwaukee to the Sweet 16 last year.

The Jaguars open the SBC slate at home against conference newcomer, Troy, on Jan 7 before traveling to face Louisiana-Lafayette and New Orleans on Jan. 12 and Jan. 14, respectively. USA then returns home for a pair of games against Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky on Jan. 19 and Jan. 21. In the longest road trip of the season, the Jags will play at Denver (1/26), at North Texas (1/28) and at Arkansas-Little Rock (2/2) before returning home for three games, starting with Arkansas State on Feb. 4. Louisiana-Lafayette (2/9) and New Orleans (2/13) make return trips to round out the homestand.

"The league is very strong again this year," Pelphrey said. "One plus for us is that we have eight home games and seven on the road. There are a lot of all-league players returning this



Paintsville native John Pelphrey, pictured with University of Kentucky AD Mitch Barnhart and UK President Lee Todd, took part last Friday in Hall of Fame ceremonies.

year, which will make for an outstanding conference season." USA makes its final regular season road trip with games at

Troy on Feb. 16 and at Florida International on Feb. 20 before returning home to face Denver (2/23) and North Texas (2/25) to

complete the schedule. The Sun Belt Conference Tournament is Mar. 2 through Mar. 7 in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

High schools join the pros, selling seat licenses for stadiums

by JOHN SEEWER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bake sales, raffles and other fundraisers no longer bring in enough money for some Ohio high schools building new football stadiums.

So a handful in the state and elsewhere have turned to selling personal seat licenses just like the pros.

Boosters and longtime ticket holders are being asked to plunk down from \$150 to \$1,500 so they can reserve comfy seats in prime locations.

"It's an innovative way of raising money," said Art Bucci, athletics director at Fremont Ross High School in northwest Ohio. "Years ago, you just put some bleachers up and spray painted the field."

Personal seat licenses have been widely used to pay for construction projects for professional and collegiate teams, including stadiums for the Cleveland Browns and Cincinnati Bengals.

Now high schools are following their lead.

Seat licenses priced at \$1,500 and \$1,000 helped pay for part of a football-soccer stadium in Ravenna. And Napoleon High School sold 784 seat licenses at \$300 each for its stadium.

"With the way finances are anymore, the schools just don't have the money," said Brad Musgrave, athletics director at Napoleon. "You've got to come up with creative ways of financing if you want nice facilities."

Louisville Trinity High School in Kentucky sold nam-

ing rights to 700 seats in its new stadium that opens Friday. The \$1,000 price tag allows donors the right to buy tickets for those seats.

"They don't have a permanent license, but they do get first shot," said Rob Mullen, the school's president.

Donors contributed about \$2.7 million for the project.

"We were not going to put a surcharge on tuition or charge a student fee," Mullen said. "We either raise it or we don't build it."

Ravenna athletics director Dave McBee said the only problem has been that some people who bought seat licenses don't come to the games so some prime seats are unoccupied.

"They just wanted to contribute," he said. "Some people who bought them don't even live in the community."

Fremont is planning to build a new stadium next year and will sell \$600 seat licenses. Buyers will get seats with cupholders and their name engraved on the chair.

A few fans, though, have complained that they'll be moved from seats they've held for years.

"I sympathize with them," Bucci said. "You've got people on fixed incomes who've had the same seats for 30 years. They can't really afford to do that."

The school will try to move those fans to spots near where they had before, he said. "We're not out to make a lot of money," Bucci said. "This is to build a facility and give it back to the community."

P'burg girls' soccer scores victory over OBI

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Saturday, the newly formed Prestonsburg High School girls soccer team traveled to Pikeville College to play in their first tournament. It was a day of firsts. The Prestonsburg girls had never played on astroturf or on a field that was 120 yards long and about 70 yards wide. Led by captains, Kindra Spurlock and Amber Stewart, the Ladycats took on a team from Oneida Baptist Institute. In goal for the first time was Victoria Colmenares.

Helping her defend the goal were Stewart, Brittany Holliman, and Lindsay Maggard. Throughout the first 30 minutes of play they allowed only one shot on goal. The shot was deflected by the outstretched hands of Victoria.

The main reasons the ball hardly got within the goal box area were Katy Petry, Caitlin Newsome, and Whitney Bradley. Their defense and kicking skills kept Oneida Baptist off their game. At the other end of the field Kindra, Brittany Collins, and Emily Stanley were taking several

shots on goal. Nearly 15 minutes into the game Kindra found her mark and got the ball in the goal. Her first goal of the season. Having the fresh legs of Jenna Gearheart, Amanda Miller, Samantha Osborne, and Sarah Webb kept the defense going strong and the half ended with the Ladycats up 1-0.

During the second half of play the Ladycats kept pouring it on wearing down their opponents. Several more shots were tried, but one was textbook perfect. Stanley crossed it over to Petry, who then quickly passed it up and over to Collins, who scored effortlessly. The Oneida Baptist goalie never saw it coming. About five minutes after that Petry also got the ball in the net by outmaneuvering

the goalie. The game ended with the Ladycats winning their first game ever 3-0.

After a 90-minute break, the Ladycats were back on the field taking on a team from Mountain Mission. During the first half of play both teams played evenly. The defensive work of Miller, Gearheart, Maggard, Bradley, and Holliman denied several shots, and those that were taken Colmenares stopped.

Miller, Osborne and Webb came in off of the bench and helped thwart a lot of passes made by the Mission girls. On the offensive end Newsome and Petry were able to move the ball down the field passed a lot of aggressive midfielders.

Stanley, Collins and Spur-

lock, as forwards, took several shots, but they were stopped by the goalie. At halftime, there had been no goals scored.

The second half of the game resulted in problems for the Ladycats. The heat and all the energy expended during the first game caught up with them. They held their own for about the first 15 minutes of this half. Then Mountain Mission was able to break through the Ladycats defense. They scored five goals near the end. The game ended with the Ladycats losing 0-5, but they had nothing to be ashamed of. They left the field feeling like winners. They played hard for a total of 120 minutes that hot day and had won their first game.

Bears up two places in NAIA poll

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College has moved up two places in the first regular-season football poll of the year, released today by the NAIA.

The Bears, 1-0 after a 63-0 win over Atlantic College, are tied for 16th this week by the official poll of the NAIA. The Bears share the spot with previously-unranked Geneva (Pa.).

The NAIA poll is used to determine at-large entries in the football playoffs. Teams receiving automatic births into the playoffs are only official if they're in the Top 20 of the final regular-season poll. After those who qualify automatically are entered into the playoffs, the 16-team field is rounded out by the highest remaining teams in the final poll of the regular season.

Pikeville was 18th in the preseason poll, and moved up to No. 16 with its win over Atlantic. Some NAIA schools began playing the final weekend of August, meaning teams could have played as many as three games to this point.

Of the Top 25, however, only Montana Tech and Graceland (Iowa) — both 3-0 — have done so.

Just like in the www.naiafootball.net poll, two Mid-South Conference East

Division rivals are ranked ahead of the Bears. Georgetown College is fourth, down one spot from its preseason rating, while the University of the Cumberlands comes in ranked ninth, a five-spot improvement from the preseason.

However, unlike the online poll, all teams receiving votes are listed in the NAIA ratings, and there, two other teams from the MSC are involved.

Virginia-Wise, off to a 2-0

start, is 28th this week. The Highland Cavaliers weren't mentioned in the preseason poll. Also, Lambuth University got 14 votes this week. The Eagles were 15th in the preseason poll but are off to an 0-2 start.

The NAIA will now release weekly polls the remainder of the regular season.

Pikeville returns to action on Saturday when it hosts North Greenville (S.C.) College. Kick-off for the game is set for 6 p.m.

KHSAA: State golf site moved

TIMES STAFF REPORT

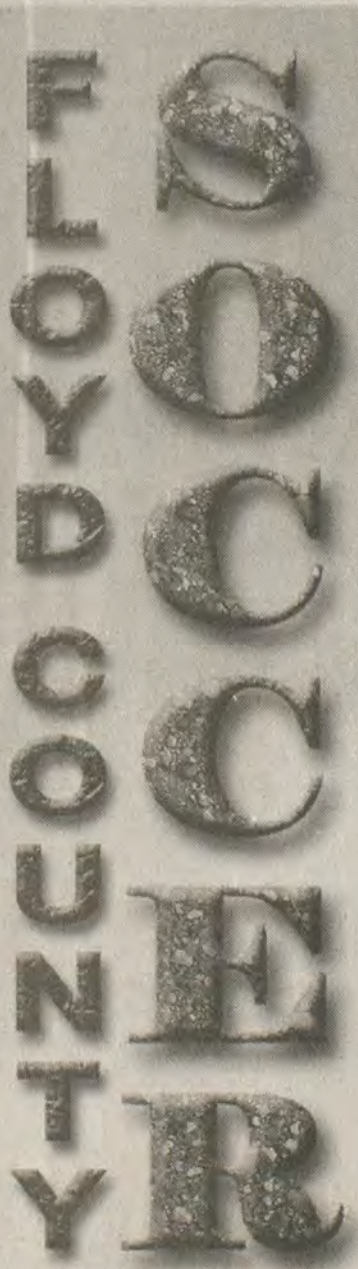
LEXINGTON — The site of the 2005 Leachman Buick & GMC Girls' State Golf Tournament, originally scheduled to be played Oct. 3-5 at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Paducah, has been changed to Drake Creek Golf Club in Ledbetter (Livingston County), Assistant KHSAA Commissioner Larry Boucher announced. Dates remain Oct. 3-5.

"With the dry summer and extensive heat conditions, courses across the state are stressed," Boucher said. "The KHSAA had earlier been apprised by local Paducah event committee personnel that the

course was suffering due to weather conditions. Because the local course and event committee had put much work into hosting the event, we had hoped the conditions would improve with the fall weather, but it has not. The Paducah event committee worked to find a championship caliber course to make sure the tournament will be a success," Boucher concluded.

The boys' event remains scheduled for Oct. 5-7 at Country Club of Paducah.

COACHES ASSOCIATION POLLS — Boys' and Girls' Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country polls are posted on the KHSAA website under the non-KHSAA links



Above: U14 Tide player Nicholas Conn. Below: Johnson County forward Allyson Salyer (9) attacked the Floyd County U14 Tide goal as fullbacks Joseph Kidd, Tori Hunt, Elizabeth Davis and Trista Damron scrambled to defend and midfielder Jerralyn Kelsey (2) tried to assist her back line.



Drobney makes it back to end zone for Kentucky



Jeremiah Drobney

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — During the tough times for Kentucky the past two seasons — and there have been many — Jeremiah Drobney has served as a face of the program off the field, answering media queries, putting on a brave front when necessary and earning his teammates' respect.

On the field, it's also been challenging for the 6-foot-4, 255-pound senior tight end from Massillon, Ohio. Drobney has 11 career starts spread over his first three seasons, but injuries kept him from playing as well as he'd like, a frustration he openly acknowledges. He entered the season with only 22 career catches and one touchdown.

That inconsistency has led to a yo-yo ride up and down Kentucky's depth chart. Over the course of the past year, Drobney has gone from a starter to an afterthought to an important backup for the Wildcats (1-1),

who will visit Indiana (2-0) on Saturday.

"It's a little disappointing, just basically because of the injuries," Drobney said. "Each year I've had one thing or the other go wrong. Obviously, I would have liked to have not had the injuries and been able to play a little bit more the last couple of years. But overall, it's been a great experience."

One of the highlights came last Saturday, when he scored his second career touchdown, a 9-yard reception from Andre Woodson in the third quarter of Kentucky's 41-29 win over Idaho State. Drobney was happy, but so were many of his teammates, who were glad that his effort had been rewarded.

"When Drobney scored that touchdown, that was probably the happiest part of the game for me, because Drobney has been out a lot with his injuries, and he hasn't really gotten to play a lot so far this season because he's been down and injured," right guard Trai Williams said. "When he caught that touchdown, that got us all fired up."

Early during his sophomore season, Drobney broke his hand during a practice, an injury he played with the rest of the year. Three games into the season, he lost his starting job, as coach

Rich Brooks wanted a better-blocking tight end, although Brooks later gave back the job to Drobney.

As a junior, in then-offensive coordinator Ron Hudson's system, Drobney wasn't a frequent target of the quarterbacks, and he missed the final two games of the season with a knee sprain.

During that time, Kentucky coaches switched Jacob Tamme, who had been a wide receiver, to tight end, and Tamme starred in the season finale against Tennessee, and again during spring practice. Drobney — who's already graduated with a degree in finance — entered his senior season competing with another former starter, Eric Scott, and another senior, Jamir Davis, for the backup position.

"That's what happens when you get Jacob Tamme at tight end," Brooks said. "All of a sudden, those other guys don't get quite as many snaps." Drobney was listed as the third-stringer for Kentucky's first two games, behind Davis, but moved to No. 2 on the depth chart this week. Despite the depth-chart challenges it poses to him, Drobney isn't upset that coaches converted Tamme to tight end.

"I think it helped with the tight end being more involved in



University of Kentucky defensive coordinator Mike Archer talked with his unit during a timeout Saturday when the Wildcats played host to Idaho State.

photo by Jamie Howell

the passing game," Drobney said. "He's come in and taught us a lot of things about the receiving game and we've taught him a lot about how to block. I think it's been good for all of us. It's added to the com-

petition at the position and made us all work a lot harder."

With three of Kentucky's top four receivers either out with or nursing injuries, Brooks said Tamme will sometimes be flexed from his normal position with

another tight end — quite possibly Drobney — in the game at the same time "to kind of compensate" for the injured players.

"He's a good football player," Brooks said of Drobney. "He'll probably play a little more."

Cardinals use bye week to make fixes

by CHRIS DUNCAN
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LOUISVILLE — Louisville has had a week off to analyze the cracks in its secondary exposed in a shaky 31-24 win over Kentucky.

The No. 11 Cardinals (1-0) better fix the problems fast.

They open their home schedule Saturday against Oregon State (2-0), a team that's averaged 42 passes and 341 yards in the air, which ranks seventh in the nation.

"They've been throwing the ball a lot, doing very well with it," Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said Monday. "They might throw it six, seven, eight times in a row."

The Cardinals will also face one of the country's top receivers, Mike Hass. The 6-foot-1, 208-pound senior already has 20 catches this season and is averaging 10 yards per reception, ranking him among the top 5 nationally in both categories.

"I don't know if you can ever shut a guy down who has that much talent and that much knowledge on how to play the game," Petrino said. "But we certainly need to contain him and understand where he is every snap. They move him all over the place, so you're going to see him line up in different spots all the time, so it's not like you can just take your coverage and roll it to him."

Kentucky quarterback Andre Woodson threw only 27 passes against the Cardinals in the opener. But twice in the second half, he hooked up with receivers for 30-plus yard gains and also threw touchdown passes of 15 and 21 yards.

Petrino said after the game that sibling safeties Antoine and Brandon Sharp and the quartet of cornerbacks who saw action were confused, at times, because of bad communication. On Monday, he said the linebackers also bear some responsibility.

"It's not one guy," Petrino said. "We've got to make sure they're all on the same page."

Petrino can trace some of his concerns to inexperience.

Brandon Sharp and cornerback Gavin Smart, both juniors, made their first career starts against Kentucky. Antoine Sharp was making his first start at safety, moving over from cornerback, and all the backups in the secondary are underclassmen.

But Petrino said some of the breakdowns in the opener can be traced to simple fundamentals — a point of emphasis at practices last week.

"We worked really hard at playing the ball in the air, making sure we caught the ball at its highest point, playing through the receivers and tightening up our coverage," Petrino said.

Senior receiver Broderick

Clark said the unit has gotten better since the opener.

"They have improved every day," said Clark, who had four catches for 45 yards against the Cats. "They help us improve and we help them improve."

Petrino also criticized Louisville's special teams after the Kentucky game. The Cardinals missed a short field goal, had a punt blocked and Clark erred in leaving the end zone on a kickoff early in the final quarter.

Again, Petrino said, some of that can be corrected with better communication.

"We're working hard on our punt and our punt protection," Petrino said. "We cannot have a punt blocked. We have to do a better job when the ball is kicked into the end zone, knowing when we're staying and not staying in. We've been working on that communication."

Despite the problems, Petrino would've preferred to have a game last weekend, rather than the 13-day gap between the Kentucky game and Oregon State.

"That's tough on you," Petrino said. "You go four weeks preparing for the first game, practicing against each other and now you come back and have to take two more weeks before the next game."

Late Monday, Louisville announced that student-athletes would collect funds to aid Hurricane Katrina relief efforts before Saturday's game.

The collected funds will be directed to the Conference USA Relief Fund to specifically aid Tulane and Southern Mississippi, two members of Louisville's former league which were hardest hit by the storm.

Louisville announces South Florida, North Carolina game times

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville football team has announced the game times and television stations for the South Florida and North Carolina contests.

The Cardinals will play their first BIG EAST Conference football game against South Florida on Sept. 24 at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., at 6:45 p.m. The game will be carried live by ESPNU. The Cardinals dropped a 30-27 double-overtime decision to the Bulls in 2003.

The North Carolina game on October 8 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium is scheduled to be the first broadcast for the new home for Cardinal sports, WHAS TV. The game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. with Ari Wolfe, Doug James and Wil Woolford calling all the action.

Two quick wins have Hoosiers feeling confident

by MICHAEL MAROT
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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Terry Hoepfner has seen his run defense shredded and his rushing game struggle. He's dissected mistakes and made adjustments. But even the flaws haven't deterred Indiana's new coach.

After back-to-back wins, Hoepfner can sense the changes in the Hoosiers' locker room.

"You can't give guys confidence," he said Tuesday. "So that's a huge confidence builder. You build on that and keep working hard."

While narrow victories over Central Michigan and Nicholls State, games most people expected Indiana to win, have worried some, Indiana's exuberant new coach isn't among them.

The defense protected the Hoosiers seven-point win at Central Michigan by shutting out the Chippewas for the final 14 minutes, then produced a late turnover that gave Indiana's offense a last chance to rally against Nicholls State.

Sophomore quarterback Blake Powers then calmly guided the Hoosiers to the winning touchdown, throwing a 7-yard TD pass to redshirt freshman James Hardy with 47 seconds left for the win.

With both units producing in key situations, Hoepfner believes the Hoosiers are getting a critical lesson about winning.

"No one has come out a game thinking I've got it all figured out," Hoepfner said. "I know the defense didn't, and I know the offense didn't after Saturday. But we had pretty good clock management, pretty good poise, and that's good for us."

It's also a dramatic shift for the program. Hoepfner reluctantly agreed to appear in television ads that had him promising changes at Indiana — something he already appears to be delivering on.

Hardy reiterated Tuesday that the Hoosiers' ultimate goal isn't merely winning a few games, it's reaching the postseason. Indiana hasn't played in a bowl game since 1993, the longest drought in the Big

Ten.

Getting there will require major work. Hoepfner spent much of his weekly news conference explaining the Hoosiers' most pressing problems — running the ball efficiently and stopping the run.

But for the first time since 1948, a new Indiana coach can make those fixes with a 2-0 record. Clyde B. Smith was the last Hoosiers coach to win his first two games.

Another win Saturday against Kentucky would give the Hoosiers an even bigger boost.

Indiana hasn't beaten Kentucky since 2001, when the game was moved to December because of the Sept. 11 attacks, and has dropped nine of the last 10 in the series. Hoepfner would also join Pat Page as the only Hoosiers coaches to start their careers with three straight wins. Page started in 1928, and no Indiana coach has won his first four games.

The players, however, aren't worried about trends or records.

"We're trying to win every week, so we're not saying that we haven't had recent success against them (the Wildcats) and use that as motivation," defensive back Will Lumpkin said. "Each week we're just trying to get a win."

Hoepfner knows what it will take. His spread offense, which has excelled through the air, must add a running game. The Hoosiers have rushed for 223 yards and are averaging a measly 2.8 yards per carry.

Nicholls State's option attack burned the Hoosiers for 408 yards rushing last week. Indiana has already allowed a Big Ten worst 575 yards — almost twice that of the next worst run defense.

And it could get worse Saturday. Kentucky's offense, which ranked near the bottom of Division I-A despite collecting 560 yards in a 51-32 victory over the Hoosiers, has vastly improved. The Wildcats are averaging 32.5 points, and the defense hasn't allowed a passing touchdown.

For the Hoosiers to keep their momentum, Hoepfner knows Indiana must play far better this week.

Like their coach, Indiana's players believe they will.

"We go into a game thinking the same thing every game, that every game is a rivalry," Hardy said. "And every game, we're going to win."

Dickerson, Little earn game-captain nods

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky junior long snapper Jason Dickerson and sophomore tailback Rafael Little have been selected as game captains for the Indiana game, Coach Rich Brooks has announced.

Game captains are usually selected based on performance from the previous game. Dickerson (Elizabethtown) has done an excellent job of handling the snapping duties for punts, field goals, and extra points. Little (Anderson, S. C.) piled up 243 all-purpose yards in Saturday's win over Idaho State, including a career-high 104 rushing yards and the game-winning 99-yard kickoff return with 5:06 to play.

Dickerson and Little will join permanent captain Muhammad Abdullah for the opening coin toss.

Offensive lineman Cody Morehead, linebacker Brandon Lawrence, and wide receiver Anthony Cecil have been named Scout Team Players of the Week, Coach Rich Brooks has announced.

Morehead (offense), Lawrence (defense), and Cecil (special teams) were chosen for their work on the scout teams in helping the Wildcats prepare for the game against Idaho State.

CBS has chosen a six-day option for the SEC football games of Sept. 24 and will select either Florida at Kentucky or Arkansas at Alabama. Jefferson-Pilot Sports will take the remaining game after CBS' choice.

Therefore, Florida at Kentucky will be at 3:30 p.m. (CBS) or 12:30 p.m. (Jefferson-Pilot). The choice of games will be made Sunday.

Loomis leaves Gordon's team to join Petty Enterprises; Eury Jr. returns to Earnhardt

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Robbie Loomis stepped down as Jeff Gordon's crew chief Wednesday, four days after the team failed to make NASCAR's Chase for the championship.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. also will finish the season with a different crew chief, after the team announced that Tony Eury Jr. will return to call his cousin's remaining races.

Loomis will finish the season as consultant for Hendrick Motorsports while Gordon's teammate, Jimmie Johnson, races for the Nextel Cup title. Loomis will join Petty Enterprises next season as vice president of race operations, where he will run the day-to-day operations for Jeff Green and Kyle Petty's teams.

Steve Letarte, who has been with Gordon's team for three of his NASCAR titles, will take over for Loomis as crew chief.

"I'm sad to see Robbie leave," said Gordon. "We made a great team and had more wins

ahead of us, but the Pettys presented him with a fantastic opportunity. For him, it was time for a change and I'm happy he's found the right fit."

Loomis joined Gordon's team in 2000, and the duo won Gordon's fourth Cup title the next season. Although Gordon has won three races this season, he hit a slump this summer and failed to qualify for NASCAR's 10-race title hunt.

By missing out, Gordon is assured his worst points finish since his rookie season, when he was 14th.

Letarte will call his first race Sunday at New Hampshire International Speedway. He has worked under crew chiefs Ray Everham, Brian Whitesell and Loomis in roles ranging from tire specialist, mechanic and car chief.

"I've worked with Steve for more than 10 years and we already communicate extremely well, both on and off the track," Gordon said. "The team has a ton of confidence in his abilities, so we're looking forward to the last 10 races of

2005 and getting an early jump on next year."

Earnhardt Jr. also failed to make the Chase; he and crew chief Eury Jr. will finish the season together to get a head start on 2006.

"This gives them a chance to start working on their chemistry," Richie Gilmore, vice president of Dale Earnhardt Inc., told The Associated Press.

Eury Jr., Earnhardt's cousin, had worked on his car from the beginning of Earnhardt's NASCAR career until last season. But Earnhardt and teammate Michael Waltrip had their crews swapped last year because the two cousins weren't getting along; Earnhardt said Wednesday that both have since had an attitude adjustment.

The Gordon-Loomis split has been in the works for some time, with both sides indicating recently it was coming.

It's a natural move for Loomis to head back to Petty Enterprises, where he spent 11 seasons before joining Gordon's team.

"Robbie has been a part of our family for a long time, and we're happy to have him come home," Petty said.

Loomis has been eager to step back from the day-to-day grind of being a crew chief. It's part of a reorganization of priorities he's taken since his mother battled a life-threatening illness last year, and after a Hendrick plane crashed last October, killing 10 people.

His new job at Petty will not be as demanding as a crew chief's role.

"Hendrick Motorsports opened my eyes to a whole different level of this industry. The experience has allowed me to see things from a new perspective and learn important lessons about business and life," he said. "I was with the Petty family for 11 years before being blessed to work with Jeff and the No. 24 team."

"Kyle and Richard are giving me an incredible opportunity to come home, back where I started my career, and I'm honored and excited to do that."

Teamwork will give Roush drivers edge in Chase

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — When four of Roush Racing's five drivers started up front at California Speedway two weeks ago, their rivals got a glimpse of how beneficial teamwork can be.

Each driver took a turn leading a lap before slowing long enough to allow a teammate to pass, repeating the process until all four had picked up NASCAR's five-point leader bonus.

Now, with Roush's drivers making up half of the Chase for the championship field, other competitors are worried they'll be ganged up on during the 10-race battle for the Nextel Cup title.

"It should be every man for himself," said Ryan Newman. "If five Roush teams are in the top 10, they have an obvious advantage. The way they were swapping the lead at California for bonus points makes you wonder if they have something planned for the last 10 races."

Whatever strategy the Roush camp has planned will be unveiled this Sunday at New Hampshire International Speedway when the Chase begins.

The driver field is led by Tony Stewart, who begins with a five-point advantage over Greg Biffle. The contenders are separated by five points all the way down, and Biffle is followed by Rusty Wallace, Jimmie Johnson, Kurt Busch, Mark Martin, Jeremy Mayfield, Carl Edwards, Matt Kenseth and Newman.

Biffle, Busch, Martin, Edwards and Kenseth are Roush teammates and at an obvious advantage over the field. They can share notes and test results, and each Sunday help one another.

It's a luxury none of the other

competitors in the Chase field has. Newman and Wallace are the only other teammates in the Chase, and the relationship between the two is so sour that both probably would prefer to finish last than ask for help from the other.

The Penske Racing South tandem never has been tight, based largely on their different driving styles.

Wallace is a veteran who learned his craft in the driver seat. Long before computers and number crunching took over the sport, Wallace adjusted his car by feel and tradition — if something worked once before, try it again.

But Newman and crew chief Matt Borland are trained engineers and both rely on graphs, charts and logic to run their team.

When Newman had instant success with his method and Wallace was struggling, there was very little dialogue between the two teams even though they operate side-by-side in the same race shop.

Newman claims that Wallace won't work with him, while Wallace grumbles that Newman doesn't respect him.

The relationship has deteriorated to the point where the two have almost no interaction, and Newman acknowledged he doubts there'll be any give-and-take between the two on the track.

"Would Rusty Wallace pull over and give me the opportunity to have five points? I don't know," Newman said.

Logic says that if the Penske drivers are going to have any shot at chasing down the Roush camp, Newman and Wallace are going to have to learn to get along. Wallace's crew chief isn't so sure.

"Ryan is right. Rusty and

Ryan have different driving styles," Larry Carter said. "I'm not sure if we knew what (Newman) was doing, would it benefit us? I don't know. It might, but we don't know. We just don't know."

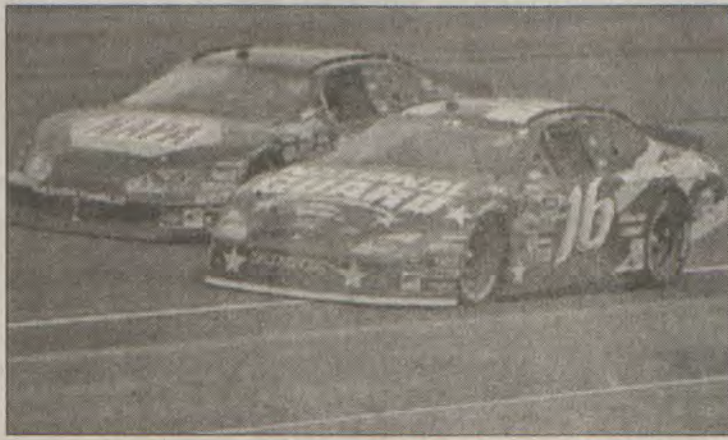
Wallace should be open to trying anything during his final push to retire on top of the sport. He's retiring at the end of the year, and wants badly to go out with a second championship.

Wallace won his only title in

being remembered as a winner."

Wallace and the rest of the field will be chasing Stewart, who heads into the Chase as NASCAR's hottest driver. He has won five of the last 10 races, and hasn't finished outside the top 10 in a race since late June.

His title hopes were derailed in the first Chase event last season, when Robby Gordon intentionally wrecked Biffle and Stewart and Mayfield were caught in it. None of them



Greg Biffle (16) is one of the drivers remaining in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Chase.

1989 in a down-to-the wire shootout with the late Dale Earnhardt. He almost won his second title in 1993, when he won 10 races, but came up short in the end.

It's been a constant chase for Wallace since then, and this will be his final shot. Wallace hasn't won a race since midway through last season, but used consistency to make his way into the Chase and won't break from that plan.

"It's our consistency that has gotten us this far, and there's really no need to be looking for some other game plan," Wallace said. "This is my final season as a driver and I want to go out

recovered in the points, but Stewart says it's just part of racing.

"There are 43 guys who start the race and there's 10 of us in the Chase — you can't control the other 33 guys, they've got a right to race just like everyone else," Stewart said. "They're still racing for their spot in the point standings and their share of championship prize money, too."

"I'm not sure there's any solution to prevent what happened last year. When you're in the top 10 there at the end, you've got to protect yourself. You've got to race hard, but you've also got to protect your-

self."

The final 10 races will be, chronologically, at New Hampshire (one mile); Dover, Del. (one mile); Talladega, Ala. (2.66 miles, with restrictor plates); Kansas City (1.5 miles); Charlotte (1.5 miles); Martinsville, Va. (1/2 mile); Atlanta (1.5 miles); Texas (1.5 miles); Phoenix (one mile) and Homestead-Miami (1.5 miles).

Newman tests in Kentucky

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SPARTA — Penske South Racing driver Ryan Newman wouldn't be surprised if the last wound up first when the 10-race Chase for the Nextel Cup ends at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Nov. 20.

"As far as the points go, we deserve to be 10th and 10th is what gets us in," he said. "We were a 10th place team after the 26th race and we'd like to be better than that, hopefully first team after the 36th. We have a team that's capable of being first. We'll see if we can do that."

The 27-year-old driver opened his bid for his first series title with a test at Kentucky Speedway Tuesday. He said he is comfortable starting his second Chase for the Nextel Cup 45 points behind series leader Tony Stewart.

"We're in the best position in some respects because the worst we can be is 10th," Newman said. "It's just a situation where we'll go out and do the things we've always done — that's qualify well and race well. We'll see where the situation stands at Homestead."

Newman moved from 11th in the standings to the coveted final position in the 10-race

shootout with a 12th-place finish at Richmond International Raceway on Sept. 10. The performance matched his best effort in a six-race stretch in which he generated an average finish of 24.2.

With a rough stretch of races behind him, he wants his team to focus on having fun as they bring the season to a close.

"After the checkered flag fell at Richmond, I told the guys to have some fun in these last 10 races because our last four or five have been pretty hectic," he said.

The South Bend, Ind. driver used today's track time to acquire data that may help him improve on last season's seventh-place showing. He drove to a total of three top-three finishes during the 2004 title chase including a win in Dover, Del., a second-place finish at Phoenix International Raceway and a third-place finish in Martinsville, Va.

"The team is just trying to learn some things as far as data acquisition," he said. "This is a good track to come to because it's pretty consistent and it has good grip. You can learn some principles here, but every track is unique. You can't go to Kansas thinking about what you had at Kentucky because it's totally different. We're coming here to learn some things to apply in these last 10 races. We'll see if it works."

He expects one racing principle to remain true during the final stretch of the season — consistency wins championships.

"Every race is equal as far as the points go, so you keep doing the best job you can," Newman said. "It can all change in one day, one weekend. We could come out of Loudon, N.H., with the points lead, you just never know."

Fisher starting from scratch in stock cars

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's been a long, strange journey for Sarah Fisher from most popular driver in the Indy Racing League to the minor leagues of stock car racing.

Before anyone had heard of Danica Patrick, Fisher was the driver who appeared ready to finally open a path for women into open-wheel racing.

She came up on the dirt tracks of the Midwest, earning the respect of some of the toughest drivers in American racing. That reputation, as well as a handful of victories in midgets and sprint cars, helped the deter-

mined Fisher reach the IRL in 1999 for one race after becoming, at 19, the youngest driver to pass the league's rookie test.

In 2000, she raced in the Indianapolis 500 for the first time and later that season finished third at Kentucky Speedway, the youngest woman in IRL history to lead laps and record a podium finish. The next year, Fisher became the fastest woman qualifier at Indy with a four-lap speed over 229 mph, won a pole at Kentucky and finished a career-best second in Homestead — still the best IRL finish by a woman.

In all, she started five Indy 500s and was voted the series'

most popular driver three times. But it wasn't enough to ensure her future in the open-wheel sport.

Even as she became a fan favorite and showed her skill, Fisher struggled to find sponsorship, found herself racing in subpar equipment and wound up fading out of the IRL and looking for a ride — any ride.

At her bleakest moment, along came Richard Childress, one of the elite team owners in NASCAR.

The two had a chance meeting in April 2004 at a Chevrolet public relations function in Washington, D.C.

"Richard asked me how things were going and I told him

that it could be better," Fisher said. "He said, 'Hey, if you ever decide to drive a stock car, call me. So, I did.'"

Childress got Fisher a test in a late-model stock car and liked what he saw. He helped her put together a deal for this year, driving in the NASCAR Grand National West series for Bill McAnally with the support of the Drive for Diversity program.

"I had followed her career and I knew what kind of driver she was," Childress said. "I knew she wasn't afraid of speed."

So far, her introduction to stock car racing has been a mixed bag.

Fisher didn't finish better

than 12th in her first four starts, but has managed three top 10s in her last five races. In her most recent start, Fisher qualified sixth at California Speedway, but failed to finish the race because of engine failure.

Still, she insists she is enjoying her transition to the bigger, heavier stock cars.

"We've been running in the top 10 now, and that was our goal; just get solid runs," Fisher said, smiling. "I think Richard's goal in sending me out here was to get laps and learn how to drive a heavy race car."

Most of the NASCAR West schedule is on tracks a mile or less in length, which is just fine with Fisher.

"There's not a better way to learn this than to get on real short tracks and learn how to manipulate and bend the car to get it to do what you want it to do," she said. "Trying to learn what these cars require in all different areas is our goal and we've been doing pretty good at it. I'm pretty happy."

Fisher acknowledges she misses the IRL, but mostly the people.

"I made a lot of good friends in the IRL," she said.

She also insisted she feels no jealousy or bitterness about the attention being given to budding IRL star Patrick, who caused a sensation by leading the Indy 500 and finishing fourth — both firsts for a woman — or three-time Toyota Atlantic winner Katherine Legge or Erin Crocker, who raced in her first Busch Series event last weekend in Richmond.

"I think they've all been in training," Fisher said. "My training was the IRL, unfortunately. I was thrown into the limelight because that's where the story was at. When I did it six years ago, there wasn't anybody else in the sport. But they're all my age, so they've had more tuning time, you might say."

"Katherine Legge was overseas racing and training, Danica was both overseas and running Toyota Atlantic in training and Erin Crocker's been running some sprint cars and Silver Crown in training. They were all preparing themselves to get to this state and, luckily, they all met very good car owners that are taking care of them and putting them in good equipment. It's just awesome."

The plan for Fisher called for her to drive a couple of Busch Series races later this season, but Childress, who also has Allison

Duncan driving in the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series at Stockton, Calif., isn't so sure about that at this point.

The owner of Richard Childress Racing, which fields three cars in the Nextel Cup Series and also competes in the Busch Series, said he has been somewhat disappointed by the McAnally team's progress.

"You can't say it's all her," Childress said. "You have to look at everything involved. We're looking at her and Allison Duncan and we're going to test them and maybe another driver this week (at Caraway Speedway in Asheboro, N.C.) and see what we're looking at."

"We were hoping we'd be a little further along with the program to where we could run Sarah in some Busch races," he added. "We'll definitely finish our commitment with the West races and see what we're going to do after that. After the test we'll kind of have a better idea of what we're going to do."

Meanwhile, Fisher will continue to try to learn a new craft and wait for her chance to move up.

"I'm only 24 and that's still young. Danica is 23," Fisher said. "But I have a lot of experience and I think that's playing a big key in this. I'm right where I want to be and, to me, it's not starting over, it's just learning a new style of racing."

"These are a different group of people and I've got to pay my dues all over again. I've got to show them that I have the capability to do this. And I have absolutely no problem doing that."

Former champion on a tear as Chase begins

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The way that Matt Kenseth won his championship in 2003 often is pointed to as the reason NASCAR went to a playoff-style format for its top series.

Kenseth won just one race during his title run, but virtually ran away with what was then the Winston Cup through solid, if somewhat snooze-inducing, consistency.

By the time the 2003 season reached the final 10 races, the Roush Racing driver was totally in control and there wasn't much reason for anybody but his own No. 17 team to get excited about it. That was the last straw for NASCAR, which had seen too many points races turn into late-season routs in recent years.

Last year, the first season for Nextel as the title sponsor of NASCAR's elite stock car series, the 10-man, 10-race Chase for the championship was inaugurated. It was a success, with the title battle going to the final lap of the season before Kurt Busch gave team owner Jack Roush his second straight championship.

Five drivers went into the 2004 finale in Homestead, Fla., with at least a mathematical shot at the crown, while Busch, runner-up Jimmie Johnson and third-place Jeff Gordon wound up separated by just 16 points — the closest title race in NASCAR history.

Kenseth won two races early last season and made it into the

Chase, but he never was a factor in the championship, finishing eighth behind teammate Busch.

This year, the five Roush drivers — including four-time series runner-up Mark Martin, Greg Biffle and Carl Edwards — make up half the Chase field. And Kenseth is perhaps the most surprising member of that quintet of contenders.

While his teammates ran among the top 10 virtually the entire year, Kenseth had a miserable first half of the season. He managed two top-10 finishes — eighth at Las Vegas in March and seventh at Dover in June — through the first 14 races of 2005, falling all the way to 24th in the points following a 32nd-place run on June 12 at Pocono.

A fourth-place finish the next week at Michigan turned his season around and Kenseth charged back into contention for the Chase with nine top 10s, including a victory at Bristol, in his last 12 starts.

Kenseth didn't lock up a spot in the Chase until he finished second to Busch last Saturday night at Richmond, winding up tied with Edwards for eighth.

With the top 10 now separated in increments of five points for the start of the playoff, Kenseth goes into Sunday's Chase opener at New Hampshire International Speedway trailing leader Tony Stewart by 35 points and hotter than anyone except Stewart — who has 12 consecutive top 10s, including five victories.

"I'm really enjoying this," Kenseth said, grinning. "It's fun to drive these cars. I really think we can be a threat down the stretch."

Kenseth said that even though things were heading in the right direction, he wasn't counting on making it into the title race until it actually happened.

"No matter what, I was going to walk away happy and proud of my guys because we made up 300 and some odd points on 10th place in the last couple of months, and that's awesome, even if we hadn't made it," he said.

Some might think Roush is a shoo-in to win his third straight Cup title, with five drivers in the top 10. But considering how well things have gone in the first 26 races this season, the owner predicts his team is due for some bad luck over the final 10.

Still, he particularly likes the chances of Kenseth, thanks to his experience and the way his team has responded to adversity.

"I think (his experience) is going to loom large," Roush said. "Matt is especially mature and he's calculating. Through all his trials and tribulations this year, he never came to me and said, 'I need this thing that's different' or 'There's a personnel issue' or 'There's a hardware issue.'"

"He never raised his hand and said there wasn't on the table the things he need to do his business. He just needed the time for it to work out."

Roush acknowledged he kept prodding Kenseth, asking

him if something needed to be changed to get his team turned around, suggesting the possibility of using some of Busch's cars, changing specifications on Kenseth's cars or possibly making a crew chief swap, as the team has in the past.

"I kept poking at it," the owner said. "But he believed in his people and they believed in him and they said, 'Don't bother us. We're going to be fine.' So, they're real solid. They believed in one another when it was tough and they're enjoying their success now that it's not tough."

Kenseth, already enjoying himself, got a big laugh after the Richmond race when someone asked if he thought it would be funny if he won another title with only one victory during the season.

He pointed out that three drivers in the Chase — Rusty Wallace, Martin and Ryan Newman — have not won at all this season, adding, "I'll say the same thing I've always said: Consistency still has to be rewarded somehow."

"It's not like football. It's not one team against one team; it's one team against 42. If you run seventh, that's not saying you lost, that's saying you ran seventh and six guys beat you. So, you still have to be rewarded for running good week in and week out," he said.

Kenseth paused and grinned again.

"Do I think it would be funny?" he added. "Yeah, it would be kind of funny."

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP DRIVER STANDINGS

1. Tony Stewart 5,050
2. Greg Biffle 5,045
3. Rusty Wallace 5,040
4. Jimmie Johnson 5,035
5. Kurt Busch 5,030
6. Mark Martin 5,025
7. Jeremy Mayfield 5,020
8. Carl Edwards 5,015
- (tie) Matt Kenseth 5,015
10. Ryan Newman 5,005
11. Elliott Sadler 2,989
12. Jeff Gordon 2,972
- (tie) Jamie McMurray 2,972
14. Kevin Harvick 2,937
15. Joe Nemechek 2,879
16. Dale Jarrett 2,858
17. Dale Earnhardt, Jr. 2,839
18. Brian Vickers 2,807
19. Kyle Busch 2,748
20. Kasey Kahne 2,739

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THROUGH MY EYES And, 'NOT the girls!'

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Looking at my tall, strong, 16-year old defensive end football player son of late, I can't help but allow my mind to go back to those sweet years when he was nothing more than a tiny thing attached to his mom like a monkey to a tree.

Growing up in mom's house smack dab between two sisters, one older and one younger, Elliott didn't stand much of a chance of learning how to be a "rough and tumble" tough little tyke. For awhile there, I got to be the "owner" of a sweet as pie little sugar dumplin' lad.

Looking back on old photos, Elliott now tells me that I had him heading straight for "an alternative lifestyle" with his cute little matched outfits and nothing but a houseful of girls in which to grow up in.

Then along came Kyle. Kyle being the only begotten of cousin



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

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BSCTC to present 'A Concert for Relief,' featuring local performers

Big Sandy Community and Technical College will present "A Concert for Relief," with proceeds to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina, on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m.

Featured in the concert will be The Big Sandy Singers, the college's elite, student singing ensemble; Greg Cagle, Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, Pikeville, and vocalist; Clayton Case of the Kentucky Opry; and Laura Ford Hall, Kentucky Opry member, and Trinity Broadcasting Exalting Him national finalist.

The concert will feature a variety of pop, rock, country, and gospel music. "The Prayer," a duet between Cagle and Hall, will be featured as well as other solo and ensemble pieces such as "From a Distance," "Down to the River to Pray," and "God Bless the USA."

Admission to the concert will be \$5 or a donation of your choice. The concert will be held in Gearheart Auditorium, in the Pike Building, on the Prestonsburg Campus.

Please join the college to hear some great music from local performers and give to the Katrina victims.



BSCTC will host 'A Concert for Relief' for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, featuring local performers The Big Sandy Singers from BSCTC (top), Greg Cagle, Clayton Case (center), and Laura Ford Hall.

POSTSCRIPT

Keeping one's insanity

I hope I don't appear as insane publicly as I feel I am privately. Plus, I believe there's a really fine line between sanity and the absence of such. I teeter right on that line most of the time.



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

of it, to shock myself and others out of our doldrums.

Appropriately, a friend in Pennsylvania recently emailed me a list of "Ways to Maintain a Healthy Level of Insanity." You might consider it handy:

At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on and point a hair dryer at passing cars. See if they slow down.

Page yourself over the office intercom, and don't disguise your voice.

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Betsy Layne High School entering freshmen attended a special orientation program this past summer to introduce them to the school's new Freshman Academy program. Here, students are shown entering the "College Road Show" van, sponsored by KHEAA. Students preparing to enter Betsy Layne High School as incoming freshmen were given a jump-start on preparing for high school this past summer on the BLHS campus.

Betsy Layne High School sponsors Orientation

Submitted by Beverly Crisman,
Floyd County Schools

As plans for the Freshman Academy at Betsy Layne High School were finalized, students entering for the first time participated in a Freshman Orientation Program, held July 13-15.

The three-day program began with a full day of workshops that included sessions by Sandy Mims, UNITE Drug and Alcohol Counselor in Floyd County; Donella Murrey, Spencerian College Representative; Sgt. Douglas Monday, Kentucky National Guard; and Meredith Campbell, New Horizons Youth Service Center Director. The students

were given a schedule and rotated through each of the workshops.

One workshop, conducted by Mims, focused on good decision making, in regards to substance abuse, along with some group dynamics. Murrey presented a workshop called "Know Thyself." Each of the students were given a personality inventory and given hints on how being aware of their own personality types could be helpful in dealing with others. Another workshop, facilitated by Campbell, covered a workbook called "On Starting High School," published by the Channing L. Bete Company. The workbook

covered a wide range of topics including who are the important people to know in your high school setting, dating tips, responsibility, study habits, and communication. The fourth workshop was presented by Sgt. Douglas Monday of the KY National Guard. Sgt. Monday took the students through the Guard sponsored workbook "Career Connections."

The highlight of the second day of the program was a visit by the College Road Show Van sponsored by KY Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). The Van is equipped with 11 laptop computers. Students visited the van in small groups throughout the day. Gene Weis and April Graham, KHEAA Representatives introduced the students to a new website sponsored by

KHEAA called "GoHigherKy.org." The website allows students to register and explore careers, colleges, and other information useful to planning for their future. During the afternoon students were treated to a mini information fair. Representatives from the Floyd County Health Department, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Pikeville College, Mountain Comprehensive Care, and the US military set up tables in the hallway for students to visit. Pamphlets and other information were available for students to pick up and representatives answered any questions students they had.

The Freshman Orientation program ended with a trip to Louisville for a visit to Frazier's Historical Arms Museum and the Science Center.

THINGS TO PONDER

Does Autumn mean SAD?

by Dr. Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

It is always interesting in the mornings to see what the fax machine has printed up during the night from far away places. Often it has to do with "Great, Once in a Life Time Vacations." However, this morning the mysterious fax's biggest line was "Winter Got You Down? Feel great in 3 days. Only \$199 + s/h. Reg \$279." There were several more lines that were supposedly showing-off other valuable assets for high-pitched salesmanship:

"Apollo's Brite Lite III has Long been the industry standard, used in more clinical trials and research studies than all other brands. 10,000 lux at 23" with a full treatment field. 15 minute average daily dose. Portable: Only 6 lbs., white-enamel finish. High Response Rate. Guaranteed 60 day, 100 percent money-back." There was even the support given by so-called experts, "Light is now recommended as the treatment of choice for SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder)." Needless to say, there was a toll-free number and an Internet address for more information. Then it seemed the world consisted of magical connections, when a health care-type of Internet site had an article about "Seasonal Affective Disorder: Autumn Onset, Winter Gloom" (E. Singer, Clinician Reviews, 2001). There is also the possibility that

educators and salesmen of Brite Lite are attempting to increase the awareness of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) when it is in its prime and hopefully, those affected will seek appropriate treatment. Winter does not have to be all GLOOM!

First of all, SAD is a subtype of a major depression disorder and two types of SAD have been classified. The more common type is called "fall-onset or winter depression" that starts in late autumn and subsides in the spring and summer. Often its symptoms are similar to those of atypical depression; i.e., increased sleep, increased appetite, craving for carbohydrates, weight gain, and interpersonal conflict, plus irritability and heaviness in the extremities. The other type, "spring-onset SAD," is less common and is when the depressive episode generally begins in late spring or

early summer and lasts through early fall. These individuals have the symptoms of a typical depressive disorder with insomnia, weight loss, and poor appetite.

The occurrence of SAD has been estimated to be about 6 percent. It is not surprising that 1.4 percent of Florida residents experience seasonal changes in mood and behavior, as compared to 9.7 percent of New Hampshire residents. Since the rate of SAD in North America is twice that in Europe, a suggestion has been that climate, culture, and genetics may be more important factors. The highest rates are supposed to be in patients with a history of recurrent mood disorders, women (four to every man), and younger adults versus the elderly. Significant research has not been



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Postscript

Every time someone asks you to do something, ask them, "Do you want fries with that?"
 Put your garbage can on your desk and label it "In".
 Put decaf in the coffee maker for three weeks. Once everyone has gotten over their caffeine addictions, switch to espresso.
 In the memo field of all your e-mails, write "For sexual favors."
 Finish all your sentences with "In accordance with the

prophecy."
 As often as possible, skip rather than walk.
 Specify that your drive-through order is "To go."
 Sing along at the opera.
 Go to a poetry recital and ask why the poems don't rhyme.
 Put mosquito netting around your work area and play tropical sounds all day.
 Make up your own reasons.
 When the money comes out

of the ATM, scream "I won! I won!"
 When leaving the zoo, start running toward the parking lot yelling, "Run for your lives. They're Loose!"
 Tell your children over dinner, "Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go."

A little insanity can lighten our lives. A lot of insanity, well that's another matter.

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Ponder

done to draw conclusions about children and adolescents and the incidence of SAD.
 Several underlying conditions have been suggested to explain SAD. (1) Shifting patterns in daily biochemicals: Human brain research has shown that there is probably a precise, 24-hour repeating rhythm to regulate daytime and nighttime activities. This biochemical circadian rhythm relies on the brain activity to manage the core body temperature, release hormones, and set-off other processes. Then, at night, the expectation is that the circadian rhythm lowers body temperature and triggers the making and secretion of melatonin, a hormone that enhances sleep. (2) Excessive or inadequate regulation of certain neurotransmitters: Several environmental factors might affect circadian rhythms, such as sleep, physical activity, and eating. Recent research implied that impaired or altered transmission of several neurotransmitters, "the chemicals among brain cells" such as serotonin, dopamine, norepinephrine, and/or neuropeptide Y, may create a disruption of biological rhythms. Ah, ha! Is it not interesting that a low level of serotonin can cause depression and its levels decrease in late autumn and throughout the winter months? It was also proposed that the relationship between carbohydrate intake and increased serotonin levels might explain SAD patients' craving for carbohydrates. Maybe this might explain many people's desire to stay at home and munch down during the winter, to greet spring with a need to lose weight. (3) Genetic influence: Whether or not the seasonal condition is an inherited one has not been clarified, but one study with adult twins

proposed that genetics might account for at least 29 percent of "seasonality" in both sexes.
 The actual diagnosing of SAD requires that the patient must have experienced a regular seasonal-related pattern of depression during the previous two years, with the typical pattern being with episodes generally beginning in the fall or winter and being gone by spring. They may have had a depressive disorder diagnosed before. It would not be hard to understand that every university hospital in Canada has a SAD clinic.
 Well, lo and behold! When discussing the treatment of SAD, the beginning sentence is, "First-line treatment for the patient with confirmed SAD is bright-light therapy." The suggested exposure to "visible" light is at least 2,500 lux (units of illumination) at eye level. It is the eyes and not the skin that are involved in the impact of bright-light therapy. The mechanism is as follows: the light passes through the pupil; it is absorbed by the retina (lining of the back of the eye); and the increased neuromotor activity lessens symptoms of SAD. Of course, the amount of light and duration varies among people. Often therapy consisting of 10,000 lux for 30 minutes and preferably it is done shortly after awakening to provide the maximum benefit. A theory is that the morning light advances circadian rhythms and leads to an earlier sleep schedule. A sug-

gestion is that the person does not need to look directly at the light source, but to the side seems to be sufficient. Three weeks or longer might be needed before the patient experiences the antidepressant effects of bright-light therapy.
 Needless to say, the treatment needs to be followed by a professional, since there can be side effects and other negative factors influencing the use of bright-light therapy. Sometimes antidepressant medications are given for SAD symptoms, such as Paxil, Serzone, and Efflexor. These antidepressants may be prescribed alone, but most often are more effective when used together with light therapy. It was further suggested that medication not be given to SAD patients until it has been shown that bright-light therapy alone has been used and found insufficient.
 Remember that having a mood swing, feeling down, and having "cabin fever" does not necessarily mean that your inner body clock might be off and that you are having SAD symptoms. But, if you think you might be having these tendencies, review last winter's mental status and keep tabs on how you do this year. Also pay close attention to how you feel when spring begins and the flowers start to bloom. Keep in mind that six months of your year does not need to routinely consist of miseries. Here's to enjoying winter and not just tolerating it until the season changes.

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Eyes

Ricky Ousley and wife, Ronda. When Elliott was about five and Kyle around seven, our little family moved to Hicks Branch and became neighbors. I'll never forget that time in our lives - it was when my little sugar dumplin' started to toughen up.
 Initially, there were several afternoons of play that ended with Elliott returning home, with a tear-streaked face, to announce that he "hated Kyle." Kyle, who began living the life of a strappin' farm kid from day one, was sometimes a little rougher and tougher than my little lad was used to.
 It wasn't long, though, before the two, with all their differences worked out, soon developed a healthy respect for one another - resulting from a few sharp jabs and jolts here and there that would rival those

taken by any fast-footed prize fighter anywhere.
 In the years that followed, Kyle and Elliott tumbled with beagles, chased snakes, built tunnels, climbed hills, destroyed an innumerable amount of Hot Wheels toy cars, survived flips from a trampoline, bicycle crashes and "close encounters" with cousin Heather's billy goats, and, even, found lots and lots of time to terrorize the aforementioned Heather along with sisters Emily and Elizabeth.
 Yes, it was the summer of band-aids, "brotherly" fights and even more brotherly, "I'm sorry's." I watched my little boy do some growing up, and, I guess, I grew a little bit with him, too.
 A couple of weekends ago, I ran across a little piece of paper

that I had carefully and neatly folded away in a long-forgotten billfold. As I opened it, I noticed that it contained a childish scrawl, written upon a raggedy-edged sheet of notebook paper.
 This is what it read:
"To Mom, from Elliott:
 1. Popcorn
 2. Cake
 3. Pop - 7Up
 4. Ice cream
 5. Milkshakes (sic)
 6. videos
 7. games
 8. NOT the girls!"
 Yep, obviously saved from the summer that my little sugar dumplin' started toughenin' up.
 See y'all next week! (And at the game in Ashland tonight!)

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PHS Class of '75 to hold reunion Sept. 30-Oct. 1

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1975 will hold a class reunion the weekend of Sept. 30-Oct. 1. The class will meet Friday, September 30, on the PHS football field, to enjoy the 2005 Blackcat Football Homecoming game. A tent will be erected near the field. In support of the Blackcat football team, classmates will purchase their refreshments from the

Touchdown Club's concession stand.
 Following, classmates may meet for a day of golf on Saturday, October 1, at Stonecrest Golf Course. Dinner and dancing will follow that evening, at the Stonecrest Golf Course Clubhouse; \$30/person. Please attempt to pay by Saturday, September 17, or RSVP to Lynn Brown, at (606) 886-7955

to ensure reservation.
 Also, if you are a classmate, or if you know of a classmate, that has not been formally contacted about the upcoming reunion, please call Lynn Brown at the number listed above. Addresses of some classmates were unable to be located and the class of '75 wishes to see all former classmates in attendance at this event.

East Kentucky Science Center to present Saturday Science Explorer

Are you looking for something fun and educational for your kids to do on Saturdays? Beginning Saturday, September 24th, the East Kentucky Science Center and Planetarium launches the "Saturday Science Explorer." This Saturday program for students grades 3-6 will enhance their knowledge of science in a fun and exciting manner. Each Saturday, the program will offer entertaining activities with a hands-on learning experience. Your explorer will learn how to make their very own comet, build a rocket, or design and construct a hovercraft, just to

name a few. Fall session dates are Saturday, September 24th; Saturday, October 15th; Saturday, October 29th; Saturday, November 19th; and Saturday, December 10th. All Saturday programs are from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Fees will be: Members \$50 pre-registration for all sessions, or \$10 per session. Non-members \$60 pre-registration for all sessions or \$14 per session. Space is limited to 20 participants per program, so call today to register your explorer! 606-889-0303 or visit us on the web www.wedoscience.org
 The East Kentucky Science

Center and Planetarium is located on the Prestonsburg Campus of the Big Sandy Community and technical College.
Be an Angel.
 Become a Kentucky organ & tissue donor. For information contact: 1-800-525-3456, or www.trustforlife.org

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
 Sept. 29 - CPR classes, 8th grade, offered by Our Lady of the Way Community Education Department. Enrollment is limited and parent permission is required.
 Sept. 26 - Parent Support Group meeting for AMS/Clark Elem. parents/guardians, 8:30 a.m. Lola Ratliff will present. Refreshments will be served. Grandparents are welcome!
 "Magic Me" sign-ups currently going on at center. Club meets after school twice a month. Participants will be working with the elderly at Riverview Health Center. Call YSC for more info.
 Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.
Allen Central Middle School
 Sept. 20 - Football Homecoming.
 Sept. 21 - Hygiene presentation, 8th grade.
 Sept. 22 - Parent meeting, 1:45 p.m. Topic: "Succeeding in School - Our Children." All parents, grandparents and guardians welcome.
 Sept. 28 - Hygiene presentation, 8th grade.
 Sept. 30 - Attendance Social Hour.
 The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, at 358-0134.
Allen Central High School
 4th Annual Car & Truck Show; 3rd Annual Bike Show: To be held at ACHS on Sept. 24. Registration begins at 8 a.m., ends at noon. Judging

will begin at 11 a.m. Music, 50/50 pot, door prizes, lots of food - proceeds go to help support ACHS Band. Show will be held rain or shine. More info., contact Ricky Wells at 358-9543, between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. No pets, bicycles, skates, skateboards, etc., allowed in show area.
Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center
 Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.
Betsy Layne Elementary
 The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.
 Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.
Clark Elementary
 After-School Child Care now accepting applications for Clark students, K-5th. Limited enrollment, call now! 886-0815.
 A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations.
 The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.
Duff Elementary
 Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-

child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.
 The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.
May Valley Elementary
 Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.
 Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.
McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center
 Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.
Mountain Christian Academy
 Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.
 Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.
Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center
 The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.
 After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.
South Floyd Youth Services Center
 Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.
 Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. If you wish to participate, watch for announcement of dates and call youth service center to register.
 School will be participating in the Food City "Apples for Students" program, please save your receipts.
 Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.
 Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).
 The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.
 Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.
 All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
 For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.
Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center
 FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.
 Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.
 Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center
 Sept. 12-23 - School will be paying tribute to our veterans, troops and country. Photos of family members who have served, or are currently serving, in the military, will be displayed. If you have a photo you would like to share, please send a COPY to the resource center ASAP.
 Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. - Community-wide ADULT exercise program. If you would like to participate, contact the center.
 Mondays, 6 p.m. - School and resource center will host a Family Literacy program. We will read and study about different cultures/themes and then work on a related craft/activity. Refreshments will be served. Call the resource center to sign up.
 Oct. 10 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 6 p.m. (Council meetings are held at 6 p.m., the second Monday of every other month.) Meetings are open to the public.
 Lost & Found: Located in the FRC. Items not claimed within two weeks become the property of the resource center.
 If you would like more information on the programs and services offered by the FRC, please call or come by for a visit. Center is located in the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Center hours are: Mon. thru Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone: 452-4553; ask to speak with Cissy Williams (coordinator) or Karen Williams (clerk). You may also leave a message and we will return your call.
Wesley Christian School
 Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.
 For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Family Medicine



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Reader's 'other symptoms' probably not related to shingles

Question: I'm a 47-year-old female who is being treated by my doctor for shingles on my face. The pain is acute, burning and itching with tingling down my nose. My niece has shingles, and I had been traveling with her on vacation. Is it possible I could have caught shingles from her? I've had an itchy and swollen eye for one night, but it got better the next day. That was the day after my niece had pinkeye. I've also had increased hair loss. Could either of these be related to the shingles?

Answer: Contact with shingles cannot cause shingles; they are not contagious. Shingles are caused by the reactivation

of the chickenpox virus that has been dormant in a person's system. This can happen for a number of reasons, including a weakened immune system and stress, but most of the time there is no apparent cause for the shingles outbreak. What happens is that this virus — known as herpes zoster or varicella zoster — goes into a kind of "hibernation" state and remains that way for a number of years. Then, as you get older, the virus may start to stir and become active once again.

The pain you describe from the shingles sounds fairly typical. It's also common for the person to notice a burning pain or tingling and itching in an area a few days before the rash appears. The rash starts out as a red-

dened area, then clear vesicles or blisters appear, usually in a tight cluster.

Shingles blisters have a unique pattern — along the course of one or two nerves on just one side of the body. The nerves of the trunk and buttocks are most commonly involved, but it can occur on the face, too, as you know. Shingles usually resolves on its own, but you are wise to seek treatment. Early use of antiviral medications can limit the spread of the blisters, reduce complications and help the body heal more quickly.

While, as I said, contact with shingles does not cause shingles, they can cause chickenpox in an unimmunized person who has never had chickenpox.

So, it appears that you and your niece have both had chickenpox in the past. It's probably just a coincidence that you've come down with shingles at about the same time.

While shingles is more common in persons over 50, they can occur at any

age. Most people make a full recovery without incident, but some people develop post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN) — continued pain in the area of their shingles after the lesions have gone. Currently there is a vaccine for chickenpox that can also ultimately lead to a decrease in shingles.

A specific shingles vaccine is in final development stages. In clinical trials it markedly reduced the incidence of shingles and PHN among older adults. In April 2005, Merck, the vaccine's developer, asked the Food and Drug Administration to approve it for general use. Merck estimates that in the United States the vaccine could annually prevent 250,000 cases of shingles and reduce the severity in another 250,000 cases.

As for your other symptoms, they are probably not related to shingles, as this disease seldom has symptoms other than the rash, pain and burning — and sometimes fever and myalgia early on. I'm not aware of hair loss as a

symptom. Shingles on the face can cause serious eye problems, but since you told me your eye specialist didn't find a problem and your symptoms were so brief, I suspect you caught pinkeye from your niece. That is very contagious! If you have any return of your eye symptoms, please go see your eye specialist again.

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

New Arrivals

WRING New Arrivals



- August 10, 2005**
- A son, Andrew Robert Luther Hunt, to Andrea and Dwayne Hunt
- A son, Deonte Jordan Shepherd, to Brianne Shepherd
- August 11, 2005**
- A daughter, Kailey Danielle Hunt, to Kristy and James Hunt
- A son, Blake Landon Stumph, to Cyndia Rose Stumph
- A son, Christopher Blake Howell, to Carisa and Christopher Howell
- August 12, 2005**
- A son, Dartonion Conner Nathaniel Brown, to Rosalie and Rodney Brown
- A son, Hayden Christian Elvin Barnett, to Susan and Harold Barnett
- A daughter, Helen Asia Grace Terry, to Clorissa Hooper
- August 13, 2005**
- A daughter, Nevaeh Grace Engle, to Brandy Ritchie
- A son, Braxton Jay Bentley, to Tara and Rodney Bentley
- A daughter, Julia Rose Spurlock, to Susan and Burl Spurlock
- August 15, 2005**
- A son, Jesse Duane Richmond, to Stacy and John Richmond
- August 16, 2005**
- A daughter, McKenzie Storm Dalton, to Regina Lynn and Chad Lee Dalton
- A son, Robert Jacob Skylar Skaggs, to Stephanie and Robert Skaggs
- August 17, 2005**
- A daughter, Helen Grace Miller, to Tracy and Arthur Miller
- A son, Kyle Anthony Newsome, to Kristen Amber Compton
- August 18, 2005**
- A daughter, Hannah Morgan Kidd, to Jessica and George Kidd
- A son, Nathan Dakota Adams, to Rhonda Delana Adams
- A daughter, Kaleigh Dawn Jones, to Kenneth and Renita Jones
- August 19, 2005**
- A son, Hunter Michael Lee Akers, to Amanda Dawn Lindemuth
- A daughter, Lindsey Marie Watkins, to Bethany and Gary Watkins
- August 20, 2005**
- A daughter, Britney Jon Couch, to Tori Ann Owens
- A daughter, Claudia Faith Fitch, to Tracie Johnson
- August 21, 2005**
- A son, Austin Ryan Nicholas Cole, to Tracy and Timothy Cole
- A daughter, Billie Jayden Grace Carroll, to Kelsey Collins
- A daughter, MaKenna LaShae Jordan, to Chassity Lynn Prater
- August 23, 2005**
- A son, Payton MacKenzie Peters, to Khay Marie Criders
- August 24, 2005**
- A son, Dillon Tyler Maynard, to Heather and Jason Maynard
- A son, Braden Matthew Collins, to Tawana Jones
- A daughter, Tori Rayne Hogan, to Tasheda Lynn Short
- A daughter, Laiken Adele Asher, to Alaphare Brianne Jarvis
- August 25, 2005**
- A daughter, Heather Fay Butcher, to Nora Alphie Butcher
- August 26, 2005**
- A son, Landen Travis Lawson, to Rayven Lorraine Gentry
- A daughter, Serene Marie Patrick, to Mary Ellen and Anthony Scott Patrick
- August 29, 2005**
- A son, Caleb Michael Justice, to Jeri Delong
- August 30, 2005**
- A son, Jayden Lee Reed, to Jamie and Jerry Reed
- August 31, 2005**
- A daughter, Bethany Leann Gunnels, to Heather Marie Couch
- A son, Gage Dylan Salyer, to Stephanie and Brent Salyer
- A son, Isaac Ethan Amburgy, to Barbara and Jerry Amburgy
- Sept. 1, 2005**
- A son, Skylar Anthony Brayden Everage, to April Lee Everage
- A daughter, Alexia Marie Ward, to Deanna and Tyler Ward
- A son, Zachary Keith Keeton, to Amy and Gene Keeton
- A daughter, Jasmine Lynn Adams, to Katie and Charles Adams
- Sept. 2, 2005**
- A son, Ethan Scott Salyer, to Holly Jo and Jarrod Salyer
- A son, Zachary Scott Hall, to Rachael Ann Perry
- A son, Arick McClelland Hall, to Katie Collett
- Sept. 3, 2005**
- A son, Tyler Noah Michael Boggs, to Marquetia and Larry Boggs
- A son, Cameron Don Hamilton, to Candy Denene Hamilton
- A son, Gregory Dalton Day, to Alice and Gregory Day
- Sept. 4, 2005**
- A son, John Rylan Ferguson, to Jessica and Kenneth Ferguson
- A son, Kyle Robert Williams, to Dera Renee Mosley
- Sept. 5, 2005**
- A daughter, Haley Mac Hall, to Missy Nicole Hall
- Sept. 6, 2005**
- A daughter, Brooke Shayden Proctor, to Stephanie Dawn Proctor
- A son, Nathaniel Chase Howell, to Stephanie Anne Howell

Birthdays



Look who's 1!

Nicholas Brian Kidd will celebrate his first birthday today, Friday, September 16, 2005. Nic is the son of Brian and Brandy Kidd, of Auxier. He is the grandson of Vickie and Sheriffe Wells, Willard and Cindy Kidd, and Teressa Kidd. His great-grandparents are Bonnie and the late Bob Pelphrey Jr., the late Rina Mae Wells, and Garnetta and the late Albert Pack.

Hurricane Katrina Benefit to be held at the MAC

Kentucky Highland Folk Festival Sep 17th

The Kentucky Highland Folk Festival is utilizing the opportunity to conduct this year's event as a benefit for the Katrina hurricane victims. There is an admission price of \$5, which will be donated to a relief fund. Canned food or medical supplies may be donated in lieu of the \$5 admission fee.

This year's Festival theme is "From Folk to Bluegrass." The show will start at 8:00 p.m. with the first segment presenting some of the Festival's regulars, plus two sensational folk groups and two bluegrass groups appearing for the first time.

Diana Donahoe, of Flatwoods, and Ms. Curtiss Vickers, of Frankfort, will again bring their classic folk renditions to the MAC stage. Diana sings a'capella and was a former music student of Festival Founder, Edith F. James, and Ms. Vickers and her dulcimer selections have not missed a Festival in forty years.

The first new folk artists are a duo from Lexington, Kentucky. "Pale, Stout and Amber" draw from the rich heritage of Irish and Scottish traditional dance tunes, ballads, and slow "airs." Robert Tincher and Art Mize capture the sounds of the guitar, fiddle, harp, penny whistle, Irish bouzouki and hand drum to mix music with lyric, while taking listeners on a journey not only across the Atlantic Ocean, but also deep into the roots of Appalachian and bluegrass music. Pale, Stout and Amber have CD recordings and a performance

history in venue like Cincinnati Celtic World Festival, the Historic State Theater in Elizabethtown, the Carnegie Center in Lexington, and numerous places in the central Kentucky region.

Next in the folk line-up are Michael Lewis and Denise Wilson of "Travelers Dream," traveling to the MAC all the way from West Lafayette, Indiana. Michael and Denise's traditional style is a blend of music from the British Isles, French-Canada, and early America. They use the Scottish small pipes, flute, mandolin, guitar and jaw harp with their singing to help make you smile, tap your toes and invite you to sing along and just plain ole' want to have a good time. They have performed in five states, including the Lewis and Clark Symposium in St. Louis and the Platteville Historic Encampment, in Platteville, Wisconsin.

Chris "Bo" Isaac has just returned from a recording session at Tom T. Hall's studio in Nashville cutting his first CD. He will be joined by Joe and Brad McKinney for some fine bluegrass picking. Bo can chill you spine with his tenor pitches, truly an identifiable trait of expert bluegrass singers.

Later, Billy Charles and his Three Rivers Band, from Beattyville, hit the stage with traditional bluegrass favorites. Billy has assembled a group of fine pickers and singers that combine for a "BLUEGRASS KICKS" good time.

It's at the Mountain Arts Center, Saturday, September 17th. Show time 8:00 p.m.

All proceeds, money or relief supplies will go to benefit the hurricane survivors.

Weddings



Crider-McCown

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crider, of Allen, are pleased to announce the recent marriage of their daughter, Lora Ann, to Mr. Wesley Scott McCown, the son of Scott and Pat McCown, of Lawrenceburg. The couple were married on July 10, 2005, at the Savannah Beach Inn, on Tybee Island, Savannah, Georgia. Following a honeymoon in Georgia, the couple returned to reside in Lexington.



Parsons-Collins

Johnny and Janice Parsons, of Beaver, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jenny Geralina Parsons, to Adam Douglas Collins, the son of Bill and Malisa Collins, of Dana.

Both Jenny and Adam are 2001 graduates of Betsy Layne High School. Jenny is a recent graduate of Pikeville College (May, 2005) and has been accepted into the University of Kentucky's Physician Assistant Program.

Adam, a graduate of Mayo Technical College, is the owner of A & J Construction.

The couple will wed in a ceremony that will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2005, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Community United Methodist Church, in Prestonsburg. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

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- Sunday Paper, Thurs. 5 p.m.

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- 690 - Wanted To Rent

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The FLOYD COUNTY TIMES does not knowingly accept false or misleading advertisements. Ads which request or require advance payment of fees for services or products should be scrutinized carefully.

AUTOMOTIVE

110-Agriculture

FOR SALE: 474 New Holland Haybine Very good condition. \$2,800. Call after 6 pm. 874-0024.

130-Cars

Hicks Auto Sales
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1999 TransAm LS1 engine 9000 miles. \$11,995
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150-Miscellaneous

FOR SALE Meyer snow plow assembly. 606-452-4192.

160-Motorcycles

HONDA CBR 600 RR: excellent condition. Garage kept. Black in color. \$6200 874-4310.

For Sale 1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

180-Trucks

FOR SALE 1980 7000 GMC, 8.2 Turbo Standard, two speed Autocrane tool bed. 606-452-4192.

FOR SALE: 1975 Ford dump truck, tilt front, end, 12' bed. For more info call 606-478-9150.

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

210-Job Listing

Sales Representative: Looking for enthusiastic

diastic, career-minded people to join a great team in the automotive field. Twenty year old established company. Sell from the largest inventory in the market. Great pay plan, DEMO, insurance on Demo and insurance available!! No experience necessary! In house paid training provided for your success! Limited space available, so hurry!
Please apply in person at John Gray Pontiac-Buick-GMC in Paintsville KY 41240. Call 1-800-346-4066 or 606-297-4066. For directions only. Ask for Lance or John.

Oil Field Company has openings for hard working responsible drivers. Must be of age 21 or older. Must have CDL with HAZ-MAT and tanker endorsements, good driving record and some mechanical aptitude. Please apply in person at: Universal Well Services, Inc., 5252 Rt. 1428, Allen, KY 41601 606-874-3487. Accepting applications Mon. thru Fri. between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

WANTED: Full/Part time housekeepers needed. Apply in person. Pikeville Super 8.

220-Help Wanted

AVON REPS NEEDED: \$10 to sign-up. CASSIE - 886-8737, THERESA - 886-3690, WANDA - 285-9486.

FULL TIME receptionist needed in physician's office. Call 789-5541 for more information.

INSURANCE CLERK needed for doctor's office. No experience necessary/ Call 606-886-0224.

FULL TIME SALES POSITION: 4 days a week. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Approximately 36 hours. Commission with \$7.50 hour draw. \$25,000 to \$35,000 income year. Please send resume to: Sales PO BOX 267 Paintsville, KY 41240

FULL AND PART TIME laundry attendant. Apply in person at Pikeville Super 8.

ABBOTT ENGINEERING NC is currently seeking to fill the position of Crew Chief with underground and outside experience. We have an excellent benefit package with excel-

PART TIME SALES POSITION: 3 days a week Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 am til 8 pm

\$7.50 hour
Please send resume to:
Sales
PO BOX 267
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41240

ABBOTT ENGINEERING INC is currently accepting applications for an experienced mining permit technician. The applicant should have experience in preparing all phases of a DNR mining permit (surface and underground). The successful candidate should also be familiar with the computer programs AutoCAD, Sedcad, and Reame. An excellent benefit package is provided including health, 6 paid holidays and vacation. Please send resume to 3073 KY RT 321, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 or email to thoward@abbotengineering.com, or call 606-886-1221 to arrange an interview.

WANTED: Lead guitarist for country band with original songs. Must have own equipment. Call Bobby Caudill 377-6079.

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FLOYD COUNTY / PAINTSVILLE / PIKEVILLE AREAS: The Lexington Herald Leader has a morning newspaper route available in your area. Routes take about 3 hours daily, with an approximate profit potential of \$800-\$1000 monthly. Dependable transportation and ability to be bonded required. Call 1-800-274-7355. (EXT 3384 or 1629)

FINANCIAL

350-Miscellaneous

Need to repair your credit and move on? We provide low APRs, low monthly payments on all types of loans. 1st, 2nd, mortgage, business loans. Call 1 (800) 405-8157.

MERCHANDISE

445-Furniture

RAY'S BARGAIN CENTER
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460-Yard Sale

FALL COMMUNITY Yard Sale. On Route 850 at Hippo. Sept 17. Cancelled if raining. 10 or more families.

470-Health & Beauty

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE: Size 12, pearl and sequins intricate design on bodice and train. Must see to appreciate beauty. For more information, call 886-8506 ask for Tonya or after 5:00 call 886-0048 and leave message.

480-Misc.

570-Mobile Homes
FOR SALE or rent: 1995 Fleetwood 3

PUMPKINS FOR SALE: "Big ole pumpkins" in pumpkin house RT 122 Spurlock Creek. Phone 886-8571.

FIRE WOOD for sale. Hardwood. 377-6055.

COAL FOR SALE: 50 acre of coal on Laurel Fork of Quicksand in Knott Co. 280-347-0259.

495-Want to Buy

WANT TO BUY: Fill dirt needs to be delivered to the East Point area. Call 367-1506 or 367-1934.

REAL ESTATE

530-Homes

HOUSE FOR SALE: Allen, Riley Hall Sub. 17 Cross Road. Main floor 2 BR, 1 BA. Upstairs 2 room 1/2 BA. Basement with full BA Roughed in. All appliances including Dishwasher & W/D. Ramp to rear deck. Front porch. \$67,500 or make offer. Price includes new furnace and CH/A Call 606-874-2775 or 734-997-7110.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 BR 1 BA 2100 sq ft. two car carport, vinyl siding. Located on RT 1428 between Allen & Lancer. Owner relocating. Priced to sell. \$79,995. Phone: (day) 606-886-9974 or 606-368-2802. After 6 pm, 606-874-8039.

HOME FOR SALE: App. 4 acres 4 BR 2 BA Master suite w/walk-in closet, whirlpool tub. Formal LR & DR, family room, office, carpet, ceramic, hardwood, carport, outside storage, heat pump. 789-5938.

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A foreclosure! 4 BR 2 BA only \$23,000. Must sell! For listings, 800-429-7008, ext G522

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610-Apartments

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HOUSE FOR RENT in Banner. 874-2098.

2 BR 1 1/2 bath Townhouse also 1 bed room furnished or unfurnished located in Prestonsburg. NO PETS call 606-886 8991

Furnished 1 bed room Apt. Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

Storage/Office
FOR RENT: 3 Room office suite. \$600 month. Call 886-1020 ask for C.V.

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom apartment 1 bath appliances included. Asking 695 per month plus deposit. If interested please call 478-5173

DUPLEX FOR RENT: 2 BR CH/A total electric. Excellent condition on US 23 north 1 mile from Prestonsburg. No pets. Call 886-9007 or 889-9747.

1 BR furnished apt. Utilities turned on, all utilities included except electricity. 4 miles from Martin on RT 1210. \$370 month plus \$130 deposit. Call anytime 285-3641.

FOR RENT in Harold area. Nice, clean upstairs 2 BR apt. CH/A. Call 478-1510 or 478-4055.

2 BR newly remodeled ground floor apt for rent. Located across from Garth Technical School on rt 122 at Martin. Must have references. Not HUD approved. 285-9112.

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Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in business administration or related field. Personal small business experience. Excellent written and oral communication skills, and ability to work well with the public. Computer experience. Valid driver's license.
Desired Qualifications: MBA degree.
Special Information: This position will be located in Paintsville, KY. This is a grant funded position and continued employment depends on continued funding from the funding source. To apply on-line, visit: http://www.moreheadstate.edu/prospect/jobapp.html or submit letter of application, resumé, and references by September 30, 2005, to: Office of Human Resources, Attn: Gen. Mngt. Con. #1234, Morehead State University, HM 101, Morehead, KY 40351.
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LEGALS

CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT ORDINANCE NO. 2005-04 AN ORDINANCE RE-LATING TO FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT:

SECTION 1: There is hereby laid and levied for the taxable year of 2005, an advalorem tax of FORTY CENTS (\$.40) upon each \$100.00 worth of taxable property (property as used in revenue statute means everything of value that a person owns that is or may be the subject of sale or exchange, or that when offered for sale will bring some price. And so, any existing, enforceable, collectable demand upon which it is a lien, or out of which it can be collected, is property) real, tangible and intangible, within the corporate limits of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, said levy is laid upon the valuation as of January 1, the taxes being subject to a two (2%) percent discount before November 30, and a six (6%) percent penalty after December 31, these dates being subject to change, should the Tax Commissioner's office be late or early with the assessments.

SECTION 2: The taxes to be collected thereon to be used for the purpose of maintaining the City of Wheelwright, and to pay and reduce any debts incurred by the City of Wheelwright.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance will take effect and be in force after its passage and publication as required by law. David M. Sammons Mayor
Attest:
Mary Ann Stone
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Prestonsburg has declared the following as Surplus Property, and will be accepting bids:

- Air Compressor (Pull Behind)
 - Mortar Mixer
 - 1984 Ford Boom Truck/Mechanic Truck
 - 1990 Chevy 2WD Pickup Truck
 - Blacktop Roller
- Bids must be submitted no later than Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at 12:00 noon. Bids are to be placed in a sealed envelope with the

item to be bid on marked on the envelope. Bids are to be turned in to Sharon Schoolcraft at City Hall. For questions, call: (606) 886-2335.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5426, RENEWAL

(1) In accordance with 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located approximately 1.31 mile east of Drift, in Floyd County. Permit Number 836-5426. The operation disturbs 5.91 acres of surface, and underlies 450.50 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary is 456.41 acres.

(2) The operation is approximately 1.80 mile east or Ky. 122's junction with the Simpson Branch

County Road, and located 0.10 mile north of Simpson Branch. The latitude is 37 degrees, 28 minutes, 31 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 43 minutes, 27 seconds.

(3) The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface to be disturbed is owned by Dorothy Martin and Lillian Martin. The operation underlies land owned by Dorothy Martin, Lillian Martin, Clayborn Bailey, Mrytle Salisbury, and Reba Martin.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Division of Mine Permits, Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South,

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Allen Rentals, Inc has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct five apartment units at 624 North Arnold Avenue in the City of Prestonsburg. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to:

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Frankfort Office
Part
Frankfort, KY 40601
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Treasurer's Settlement

FISCAL YEAR ENDING - JUNE 30th 2005

General Fund:	Fund Balance July 1, 2004	\$515,581.94
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$5,661,555.72
	Plus Prior Year Voids	\$0.00
	Plus Borrowed Funds	\$500,000.00
	Plus Interfund Transfers	\$300,000.00
	Less General Government Expenses	\$1,975,873.98
	Less Protection to Persons & Property	\$123,158.08
	Less General Health & Sanitation	\$1,672,979.65
	Less Social Services	\$63,841.64
	Less Recreation & Culture Expenses	\$19,727.42
	Less Debt Services	\$999,941.62
	Less Capital Building Projects	\$7,813.09
	Less Administration Expenses	\$591,601.97
	Less Interfund Transfers	\$1,075,000.00
	Fund Balance June 30, 2005	\$447,400.26
Road Fund:	Fund Balance July 1, 2004	\$102,853.51
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$1,304,846.17
	Plus Prior Year Voids	\$0.00
	Plus Interfund Transfers	\$130,000.00
	Less Road Expenses	\$765,633.78
	Less Administration Expenses	\$312,417.31
	Less Interfund Transfers	\$300,000.00
	Fund Balance June 30, 2005	\$159,648.59
Jail Fund:	Fund Balance July 1, 2004	\$72,659.99
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$619,235.20
	Plus Prior Year Void Check	\$0.00
	Plus Interfund Transfers	\$1,385,000.00
	Less Protection to Persons & Property	\$1,136,487.38
	Less Debt Services	\$466,204.58
	Less Administration Expenses	\$343,647.92
	Fund Balance June 30, 2005	130,555.31
LGEA Fund:	Fund Balance July 1, 2004	\$1,100,181.84
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$3,566,707.56
	Plus Prior Year Void Check	\$320.00
	Plus Interfund Transfers	\$100,000.00
	Less Economic Development Expenses	\$91,440.70
	Less Protection to Persons & Property	\$29,468.40
	Less Homeland Security	\$107,062.28
	Less General Health & Sanitation	\$349,918.66
	Less Recreation & Culture Expenses	\$595,180.96
	Less Road Expenses	\$2,454,794.63
	Less Debt Services	\$52,309.71
	Less Capital Projects	\$65,000.00
	Less Administration Expenses	\$96,415.09
	Less Interfund Transfers	\$540,000.00
	Fund Balance June 30, 2005	385,610.97
State Grants:	Fund Balance July 1, 2004	\$153.06
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$10,701.13
	Less Capital Projects	\$0.00
	Fund Balance June 30, 2005	10,854.18
Federal Grants:	Fund Balance July 1, 2004	\$3,223.02
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$100,210.97
	Less Capital Projects	\$100,175.73
	Fund Balance June 30, 2005	3,258.26
Bond		
Construction Fund:	Fund Balance July 1, 2004	\$65.95
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$0.37
	Less Construction Projects	\$0.00
	Fund Balance June 30, 2005	66.32
Revolving Loan Fund:	Fund Balance July 1, 2004	\$14,048.09
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$72.91
	Less Fund Projects	\$0.00
	Fund Balance June 30, 2005	14,116.00
E - 911 Fund:	Fund Balance July 1, 2004	\$117,653.43
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$224,251.10
	Less Protection to Persons & Property	\$255,502.86
	Less Debt Services	\$5,378.00
	Less Administration Expenses	\$9,951.06
	Fund Balance June 30, 2005	71,074.62
Withholding FICA Tax Fund:	Fund Balance July 1, 2004	\$1,286.47
	Plus General Receipts	\$189,470.89
	Plus E-911 Receipts	\$3,065.55
	Plus Payroll Receipts	\$394,324.22
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$26.05
	Less Tax Expenses	\$586,860.66
	Fund Balance June 30, 2005	1,312.52
Payroll Account:	Fund Balance July 1, 2004	\$10,249.37
	Plus General Receipts	\$855,797.70
	Plus Road Receipts	\$762,211.16
	Plus Jail Receipts	\$657,779.98
	Plus LGEA Receipts	\$385,720.53
	Plus E-911 Receipts	\$42,274.35
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$275.06
	Less Payroll Expenses	\$2,703,848.58
	Fund Balance June 30, 2005	10,465.51

This is to certify that the above and foregoing report for the Floyd County Fiscal Court, covering the period July, 1 2004 through June 30, 2005 recaps all receipts of funds coming into my hands and disbursements made from the accounts are shown true and correct according to my records as of June 30, 2005, which is represented in the Annual Settlement. A copy of this Statement in detail is on file and available for public inspection at the Floyd County Judge Executive's Office or the Floyd County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. In addition, copies of this Financial Statement are available to any citizen at no cost to the public.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2005

Respectfully submitted
David A. Layne II
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Floyd County Treasurer

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