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briefs

Alibi lands suspect more charges

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Bypro man who is accused of fleeing police as well as filing a false report after he contacted Kentucky State Police the following day and reported his vehicle stolen, saw his case waived to the grand jury after a preliminary hearing Wednesday.

Trooper B.J. Caudill was the sole witness at the hearing and he recounted his investigation into the incident, which saw Timothy Kyle Bates arrested on Feb. 22, following a Feb. 19 incident.

Caudill reported that he was involved in a vehicular pursuit with Bates after midnight Feb. 19. He said that Bates got away on foot after his vehicle got stuck in a ditch. He recounted that he heard from dispatch later on that Bates had reported the vehicle stolen in a phone call after the chase, but would not leave a phone number or address where he could be reached.

Caudill said that he tracked down Bates and interviewed him as well as a girlfriend, who he noted appeared anxious. He told the court, "I could tell something was going on."

Caudill decided to interview the girlfriend a second time when Bates wasn't present and got a different account. He said she told him that Bates asked her to lie about his move-

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Today



High: 67 • Low: 44

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Governor returned to Lexington hospital

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher was hospitalized for a second time on Thursday after doctors found a potentially life-threatening blood clot reaching from his upper left arm to his jugular vein.

A legislative leader asked members of the House of Representatives to pray for the first-term Republican governor.

"His physical condition has wors-

ened," said state Rep. Jeff Hoover, who announced the change in Fletcher's health to colleagues. "... It's a serious, serious situation."

Fletcher, 53, was released from the hospital only last week after an 18-day stay during which time he had his gallbladder removed. He was later diagnosed with pancreatitis and a blood infection.

Because efforts to dissolve the blood clot required Fletcher to be heavily sedated, he transferred gubernatorial powers to Lt. Gov. Steve Pence. Pence had briefly assumed those powers during Fletcher's

previous hospitalization.

In a press briefing Thursday afternoon, Fletcher spokesman Brett Hall said the governor awoke between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. EST on Thursday with pain in his left arm. Hall said the arm was swollen and discolored — symptoms that Fletcher, a physician, recognized as signs of a blood clot.

The governor was expected to be in intensive care for a couple of days, Hall said. He said it was unclear how long the governor would remain hospitalized after that.

Hall said in the worst case scenario, the blood clot could pose a risk of stroke or heart attack. Hall said movement of the clot could also cause a pulmonary embolism, a sudden blockage of an artery in the lungs, which can be fatal.

However, Hall said a radiologist who examined Fletcher on Thursday indicated that the risk involved in the procedure to dissolve the blood clot was minimal. The procedure was expected to take up to an hour and a half.

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CARE BEARS



photo by Tom Doty

Sheriff John K. Blackburn, center, and Lt. Greg Clark posed with bears donated by "Mending Hearts Ministries" for each cruiser that responds to a scene where there is a child in distress. The donations are currently being collected by Lois Honeycutt, second from left, and Donna and J.M. Slone, right, of the Praise Assembly Church.

Sheriff's department gets bears to cheer up child victims

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A district court clerk has teamed with her church to add comfort to the children of the county who come in contact with law enforcement by making sure that each deputy's cruiser is furnished with stuffed animals.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn

observed that children, through no fault of their own, are often present at scenes of auto wrecks and domestic violence calls. "This generous gift will go a long way towards providing comfort to these children," the sheriff said.

The idea of providing the bears originated with district court staffer Lois Honeycutt and her "Mending Hearts Ministry." She found a wealth of support for

the program with Praise Assembly's Pastor J.M. Sloce, who, alongside his wife, Donna, have embraced the idea and are urging anyone who wants to help by providing new stuffed animals to contact him at (606) 205-0203. Donations can also be called in to Honeycutt at (606) 889-1673. Stuffed toys can also be delivered

(See BEARS, page six)

Man charged with taking drugs to jail

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Regina man who was incarcerated Wednesday evening on drug possession charges found himself facing even more charges when he allegedly tried to swallow contraband he had secreted in the seat of his underwear.

Barry Dwayne May, 37, was arrested and charged with public intoxication and drug possession charges after being pulled over by Sgt. Gary Tackett and Deputy Delmas Johnson of the sheriff's department. May was not the driver of the vehicle but appeared intoxicated and had a plastic bag containing white power as well as a small straw in his possession.

May was taken into custody Wednesday evening. While placing him in a cell, a guard noticed a suspicious bulge in the back of May's pants. According to the incident report filed at the Floyd County Detention Center, the guard asked what the bulge was and was told that it was just underwear that had become bunched up. The

guard alongside Deputy Johnson were not satisfied and asked May to remove his pants and underwear. Upon doing so a plastic bag was visible between the prisoner's buttocks.

The report indicates that May announced he was going to eat the substance after he was asked to place it on a bench. He managed to get in his mouth but was not allowed to swallow the bag when the pair restrained him. After getting hold of the bag, which contained a white powdery substance, May allegedly bit the guard on the hand.

May was then charged with another count of drug possession, one count of tampering with evidence, a count of promoting contraband and an additional charge of assault for the biting incident.

He was arraigned in district court on Thursday and placed under a \$5,000 cash bond for both charges and is expected back in court on March 15 to determine if his charges, which include felony counts in both incidents, will be considered by a grand jury for prosecution.

Fiscal court takes up budget matters at meeting

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court met in special session Thursday afternoon and juggled several budget items, officially accepting various amounts on county projects.

Among those amendments to the budget was \$125,000 for Prestonsburg's mountaintop operations fund, in addition to a budget amendment spanning back to resurfacing efforts last fall. Court members accepted \$612,077 toward those efforts, much of which has already been dealt with, according to court officials.

Also included on the budget amendments was \$212,000 accepted from a parcel of land sold by the county. The land, located adjacent to the Floyd County Landfill at Osborne Branch, was sold to the highest bidder, Judith Blackburn Casalina. Casalina is president of

Blackburn Natural Resources Inc., according to county records.

Of that amount, the county transferred \$152,000 to highway equipment and \$60,000 to the general fund. Much of the \$152,000 has already been utilized in various county projects across the four districts, court officials said.

Also discussed Thursday was a surplus vehicle auction the county intends to hold next month. The county has already advertised for the more than 20 vehicles that are planned for the auction, which include cars, trucks, a school bus, graders, dozers and a backhoe. Court members voted Thursday to hold the auction on Saturday, April 8, at noon.

Payments were made Thursday to Mountain Enterprises totaling \$516,281 for help on various county projects. The payment had already been made, accord-

(See FISCAL, page six)



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Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court voted during a special meeting Thursday to hold a public auction of surplus vehicles that is now scheduled for April 8 at noon.

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Obituaries

Katherine Crum

Katherine Crum, 85, of Martin, died Friday, March 3, 2006, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

Born March 24, 1920, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Rebecca Sammons Robinson. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Arkansas Church of Christ, in Martin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hage Crum.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law: Marvin and Barbara Crum of Hueysville, and Danny and Franceen Crum of Martin; a daughter, Gladys Crum of Martin; two sisters: Goldie Sellards of Macheeny, West Virginia, and Arthur June Robinson of Martin; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Wheeler Robinson; and two sisters: Effie Tackett and Helen Howell.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 6, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Roy Robinson and Ronnie Samons officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Donald Ray Scalf

Donald Ray Scalf, 65, of 306 Wayside Court, Winchester, hus-

band of Edna Cox Scalf, died at 12:17 a.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at St. Joseph East in Lexington.

A native of Floyd County, he was the son of Nancy Frazier Louder of Clark County, and the late David Louder. He was a retired self-employed salesman, a former member of the Oleika Shrine, and a member of The Christ Church of Winchester.

Other survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Amy Scalf of Winchester, and Donald and Melanie Scalf of Cincinnati; five grandchildren: Sophie Scalf, Isaac Scalf and Aiden Scalf, all of Winchester, Adam Scalf, and Griffin Scalf, both of Cincinnati; a brother, Ronald Scalf of Atlanta; three sisters: Carol Hesselhoff of Raleigh, North Carolina, Nena Morton of Roxburg, North Carolina, and Marsha McDonald of Fayetteville, North Carolina and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Friday, at Scobee Funeral Home, by Pastor Harry Herbert.

Burial will be in the Winchester Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Bill Glasscock, Ronnie Glasscock, Virgil Boler, Kenny Cox, David Cox, Wayne Tullis, Bob Caswell, and Bob Abrams.

Visitation was, 6-8 p.m., Thursday.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to The Christ Church of Winchester, 6 Thoroughbred Plaza. (Paid obituary)

Study doesn't recommend halt to dangerous mining practice

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A study commissioned by Gov. Ernie Fletcher doesn't recommend a halt to the dangerous practice known as retreat mining.

Instead, the Lexington engineering firm Marshall Miller & Associates recommended better training for coal miners engaged in the practice, which involves cutting away the very pillars that support overhead layers of rock from underground mines.

Although a common practice, retreat mining has been blamed for the deaths of at least 17 coal miners in southern Appalachia over the past eight years, including at least four in Kentucky over the past two years.

The study was released Wednesday, after the deadline for new bills to be filed in the

current session of the General Assembly. However, researchers said they believe no legislative action is needed.

Generations of miners have been performing retreat mining. It's legal and considered standard procedure.

In the last retreat mining accident in Kentucky, Russell Cole, 39, and Brandon Wilder, 23, both of Letcher County, died in a roof fall on Aug. 3, while working some 3 miles inside a mine.

Wilder's body was found within a few hours, but it took searchers more than three days to find Cole's body beneath a layer of rocks 20 feet wide, 20 feet long and 11 feet high.

It was their deaths that prompted the state study.

In the mining process, crews dig horizontally into the earth to remove coal. In

doing so, they remove about 30 to 40 percent of the coal by cutting a maze of 20-foot-wide tunnels through it. The result is a network of tunnels that look like the map of a city of crisscrossing streets with coal pillars as the blocks in between.

When companies have advanced as far as possible, they begin retreat mining, so named because the miners are working toward the outside of the mine. In retreat mining, the companies usually remove all or part of the pillars, allowing the roof to fall in planned collapses.

The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration said retreating mining is almost exclusively a southern Appalachian practice, especially pervasive in eastern Kentucky, southwestern Virginia and southern West Virginia.

House approves drug testing miners

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Coal miners would have to submit to drug screenings under a measure that passed the House on Wednesday.

The initiative is intended to take some of the risk out of coal mining by ensuring that coal miners who abuse drugs can not work in underground environments where they may pose a risk for co-workers.

State Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, a former coal miner and sponsor of the legislation, said the measure has support from miners and operators. It passed the House 97-0, and now moves to the Senate for consideration.

The legislation is key to

Kentucky's effort to make coal mines safer, Webb said.

Drug abuse among miners came to the forefront after a blasting accident three years ago killed one man and seriously injured another in a Floyd County underground mine. Marijuana was found at the scene, and an employee told investigators he saw miners snorting crushed painkillers. An autopsy found that the dead miner had taken illegal drugs.

In a series of public hearings over the past year, state regulators heard testimony from coal operators and miners who said drug abuse had become widespread and that it needed to be dealt with.

A task force established to study the problem recommend-

ed the mandatory drug testing program. The screenings would be required before miners are hired and randomly after they start work.

The legislation would revoke

the certification of coal miners who test positive. Proponents said that would stop the practice of miners fired by one company for abusing drugs from being hired by another company.



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House OKs bill requiring ATV helmet use among youngsters

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill requiring youngsters to strap on helmets when riding all-terrain vehicles was passed by the Kentucky House on Wednesday.

The bill, sent to the Senate on a 56-34 vote, would apply to youngsters under age 16 who climb onto four-wheelers on private or public property.

Rep. Jim Gooch, the bill's lead sponsor, said a helmet law is needed because Kentucky leads the nation in ATV deaths and many victims are youngsters.

Gooch, D-Providence, said the bill was meant to spare parents from "having to spend the rest of their life thinking would it have been different" if their children had put on helmets before riding four-wheelers.

The vote was hailed by Michele Finn of the Brain Injury Association of Kentucky. She said it would help prevent deaths and serious injuries.

"I think our chances in the Senate are just as good as the House," Finn said in an interview. "It's going to be close, just like the House."

Gov. Ernie Fletcher's spokesman said the governor "looks favorably" on the bill.

"We're talking about kids here who are the primary users of ATVs," said the spokesman, Brett Hall. "This is a great concern of the governor's."

The bill's crucial test came when the House narrowly defeated an amendment that would have exempted the helmet requirement when youngsters ride on private property.

Rep. David Floyd said property rights would be eroded without his amendment. He warned that police could go onto private land to enforce the helmet mandate.

Floyd, R-Bardstown, said it should be parental responsibility to get their children to put on helmets. "This is not a body of grandparents," he said.

Supporters said the amendment — defeated by two votes — would have gutted the measure. Gooch said nearly all ATV deaths and injuries occur on private property.

Gooch said other child-protection laws apply to private and public property.

He cited studies showing that children are more likely to be seriously injured in ATV crashes. Over the past two decades, he said, 105 Kentucky children under age 18 died in ATV crashes. In the past five years, the death toll was 41, he said.

Another 400 children under age 16 were injured in ATV crashes between 2001 and 2004, including 84 who suffered head injuries, Gooch said.

Meanwhile, another safety bill that cleared the House on Wednesday would largely ban youngsters under age 16 from riding in the back of pickup trucks.

The bill passed 94-2 and goes to the Senate.

The measure would allow youngsters to ride in the back of pickup trucks in parades or when the truck has a camper top. It would exempt farm trucks on private property.

Violations would carry fines of \$25 to \$100.

Julie Victoria Osborne Lester

Julie Victoria Osborne Lester, daughter of Donald and Drema May Osborne, was born in Prestonsburg, KY, on March 5, 1962, and died with her husband and son when their plane crashed on a mountaintop in Pikeville, KY, on October 7, 2005. She had lived in Pikeville since 1986.

Julie graduated from Prestonsburg High School in 1980, and attended the University of Kentucky, where she was a member of Alpha Gamma Gamma sorority, and received a degree from the School of Dental Hygiene. Later, she attended Pikeville College, graduating Summa Cum Laude in 1992. At the time of her death she was a faculty member at the Prestonsburg KSCTC School of Dental Hygiene. The Julie Osborne Lester Scholarship fund was established at Big Sandy Community and Technical College with memorial gifts in her name.

On August 9, 1986, Julie married Herman Wesley Lester in the Prestonsburg Community Methodist Church, where she was a member. Her son, Max Elliott Lester, was christened there in January, 1988.

The funeral for Julie, Herman, and Max was held in Pikeville High School Auditorium on October 14, 2005. Her friend Leslie Combs delivered Julie's obituary. Max's baseball coach, Jason Howell, spoke for him, and old friend and colleague, Gil Davis, presented Herman's obituary. Dr. Jim Stratton officiated at the funeral and at the graveside in Davidson Memorial Gardens. Julie's pallbearers were some of her dearest friends, April Adams Brown, Becky Collins Castle, Robin Clark, Leslie Combs, Carol McGhee, Sarah Sturgill O'Brien, Kim Robinson, Cindy Smith, and Georganne Brown Taylor.

Julie was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Maryland Osborne and Allie Osborne Anderson of Martin, and maternal grandfather, Robert L. May of Belfry. She is survived by heart-broken parents; two step-children: Michael Wesley Lester and Vanessa Marie Lester of Pikeville; her grandmother, Edith May; two brothers: Martin Lee Osborne and Donald Gavin Osborne; one sister-in-law, Julie Paxton Osborne; two nephews: Lloyd Jackson Osborne and Robert Gavin Osborne, and one niece, Clara Martin Osborne, all of Prestonsburg.

Except for her tragic death, Julie leaves her family and a myriad of friends with no sad memories of her short life upon this earth; only dear and precious ones that will carry all our spirits until the time comes when we join her in Heaven.

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Marriage Licenses

Tawnia Nicole Jones, 17, of Teaberry, to Greg Brandon Keathley, 21, of Harold.

Christine Nicole Sohl, 21, of Mesa, Ariz., to Carl Douglas Miller Jr., 23, of Prestonsburg.

Kelly J. Stephens, 19, of Pikeville, to Michael David Slone, 23, of Martin.

Linda Marie Stephens, 52, of Ohio, to Benjamin Dean Yates, 70, of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Kristie Bates vs. Christopher Bates; divorce.

Foster Care vs. Nicole R. Rister; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Foster Care vs. Israel T. Boyd; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Kentucky Employees' Mutual Insurance Company vs. Jessie Akers; complaint.

Joe Miller vs. Glynis Miller; divorce.

Kristie Rister vs. Jeffrey Riffe; petition for health care insurance.

Anita Newsome vs. Michael Newsome; petition for health care insurance.

CitiFinancial vs. Daniel Akers; complaint.

World Credit Fund vs. Billy R. Newsome; complaint.

Calvary Portfolio Services vs. Lee Hart; complaint.

Cynthia Branham vs. William

Branham; petition for health care insurance.

Elizabeth Brown vs. Hershel Tackett; complaint.

Martin Minix vs. Ricky Robinson; complaint.

Small Claims Filings

Doug Lewis vs. Randy Johnson; damages.

Betty Jean Daniels vs. Victor Newsome; damages, debt collection.

Phillip David Elliott vs. Christopher D. Mills; damages.

Kelvin Blake Howell vs. Jessi Keen; damages.

Eric C. Conn vs. William Osborne; debt collection.

Eric C. Conn vs. Amanda Hall; debt collection.

Eric C. Conn vs. Eddie Calton; debt collection.

Eric C. Conn vs. David Howell; debt collection.

Eric C. Conn vs. Linda Bevins; debt collection.

Charges Filed

Bradley D. Daugherty, 23, Harold; fourth-degree assault, attempted burglary.

Kenneth Mullins, 47, Prestonsburg; theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

Thomas Shepherd, 31, Martin; two counts of fleeing or evading police, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs,

driving while license suspended for driving under the influence, no operator's license, improper passing, failure to wear seat belts, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, first-degree wanton endangerment, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, improper equipment, two counts of terroristic threatening.

James I. Reed, 33, Prestonsburg; second-degree assault, terroristic threatening, menacing.

Ronald J. Owens, 36, Prestonsburg; possession of a controlled substance, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication.

Tyrel J. Harvey, 20, Harold; public intoxication.

Jeffrey B. Collins, 35, Prestonsburg; criminal trespassing.

Charles Arms, 44, Hager Hill; harassing communications.

Lynn Sellars, 43, Prestonsburg; failure to send child to school.

Patricia Adkins, 32, Beaver; failure to send child to school.

Nira J. Branham, 52, Martin; harassment.

Justin A. Mullins, 18, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Leigh Ann Hamilton, 22, Printer; fourth-degree assault, criminal trespassing, disorderly conduct, public intoxication.

Travis Adams, 22, Weeksbury; criminal trespassing.

Mason Adams, age unlisted, Weeksbury; criminal trespassing, disorderly conduct.

Linda Hunt, 36, Banner; criminal trespassing.

Sadie Hamilton, 61, Teaberry; fourth-degree assault.

Alan Adkins, 20, Tram; public intoxication.

Rodney J. Thompson, 22, Ivel; public intoxication.

Anthony W. Bryant, 31, Auxier; alcohol intoxication, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belts.

Kenneth Jones, 46, McDowell; cruelty to animals.

Jeffrey W. Johnson, 36, Jenkins; alcohol intoxication.

Roy G. Bryant, 43, Shelbiana;

alcohol intoxication in a public place.

Property Transfers

David and Patricia Allen to Rachel Allen, property located at Prestonsburg.

Barbara and Kermit Baldrige to Rachel Allen, property located at Prestonsburg.

Grant Connor and Associates to Janet and John Jenkins, property located at Bull Creek.

Clista and Phillip Dingus to Jerry V. Ratliff, property located at Old Davidson Cemetery.

Floyd County Farm Bureau to Karen and Ricky Blackburn, Charles and Leslie Rowe, property located at Richmond Subdivision.

Freddie and Gloria Hall to Nelda and Wayne Collins, property location undisclosed.

Nadene Howard to Delores Slone, property located at Lick Fork.

Nadene Howard to Cledith and Sherry Howard, property located at Lick Fork.

Nadene Howard to Darcus, Sherry, Teresa, and Cledith Ray Howard, property location undisclosed.

Betty Jacobs to Roger Adkins, property located at Shop Fork.

Sheylia Porter to Forest Elijah Porter, property location undisclosed.

James, John, Kimberly, and Pearl Potter to Nelda and Wayne Collins, property location undisclosed.

Jerry Ratliff to Clista Sue Ratliff, property located at Betsy Layne.

Linda and Timothy Salisbury to Elizabeth and Roger Lawson, property located at Prater Creek.

Alice Sparkman to Nelda and Wayne Collins, property location undisclosed.

Anita and Shiron Turner to Nelda and Wayne Collins, property location undisclosed.

Becky and Otis Vinson to Vinson Properties, property located at Prestonsburg.

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Linda Spurlock and Lisa Hamilton of the Victims Services Program were present for a proclamation signing Thursday. Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson signed the proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Each year nearly 10,000 victims of sexual violence and their family members seek services from Kentucky's 13 rape crisis centers.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Before God we are all equally wise — and equally foolish."

— Albert Einstein

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Post and Courier, Charleston, S.C., on military's role in disasters:

Surely by now the depth of the failure of the federal response to Hurricane Katrina must seem to have no end. While accountability for past mistakes is critical, it would truly be unforgivable if the recommendations viewed as the most essential to preventing a repeat of the deadly Katrina fiasco haven't been carried out before this hurricane season begins. ...

None is more important than a congressional clarification of the role of the active-duty military when local and state officials are faced with a catastrophe.

Who can forget the sense of bewilderment at the absence of our armed forces as television audiences became horrified witnesses to the desperate plight of residents of New Orleans after the levees broke. Questions of jurisdiction and legality played a role in the too-long delay before troops finally were deployed.

... A Washington Post story quotes David Heyman, a homeland security expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, as observing that it's unclear from the report "what the role of the military will be, and that needs to be cleared up."

Indeed it does. And it's up to the president to push and for Congress to provide that clarity.

Further, well before hurricane season begins, the president should update the nation on precisely what actions have been taken to ensure that the Katrina lessons truly have been learned.

The Dallas Morning News, on soft drinks in schools:

Is anyone really surprised by a Children's Hospital Boston study published this month in Pediatrics that reports the empty calories of sugary drinks like soda may be contributing to the obesity epidemic in our country?

Yes, some will still debate how big a role soft drinks play in our collective fat cells expanding at alarming rates. But whom are we kidding? And who would deny the two are linked? Between 1977 and 1997, soft drink consumption among kids more than doubled. So did obesity rates.

As President Bush points out, we've got a national health care crisis, exacerbated in great part by our unhealthy lifestyles, more fat and less exercise.

What can we do? No doubt, nutritional education starts at home, with parents taking charge. If you don't put it in the grocery cart, your kids can't drink or eat it. Period.

But how do students ward off the temptation when they can easily get a fix at school, where parents aren't able to monitor their trips to the soda machine?

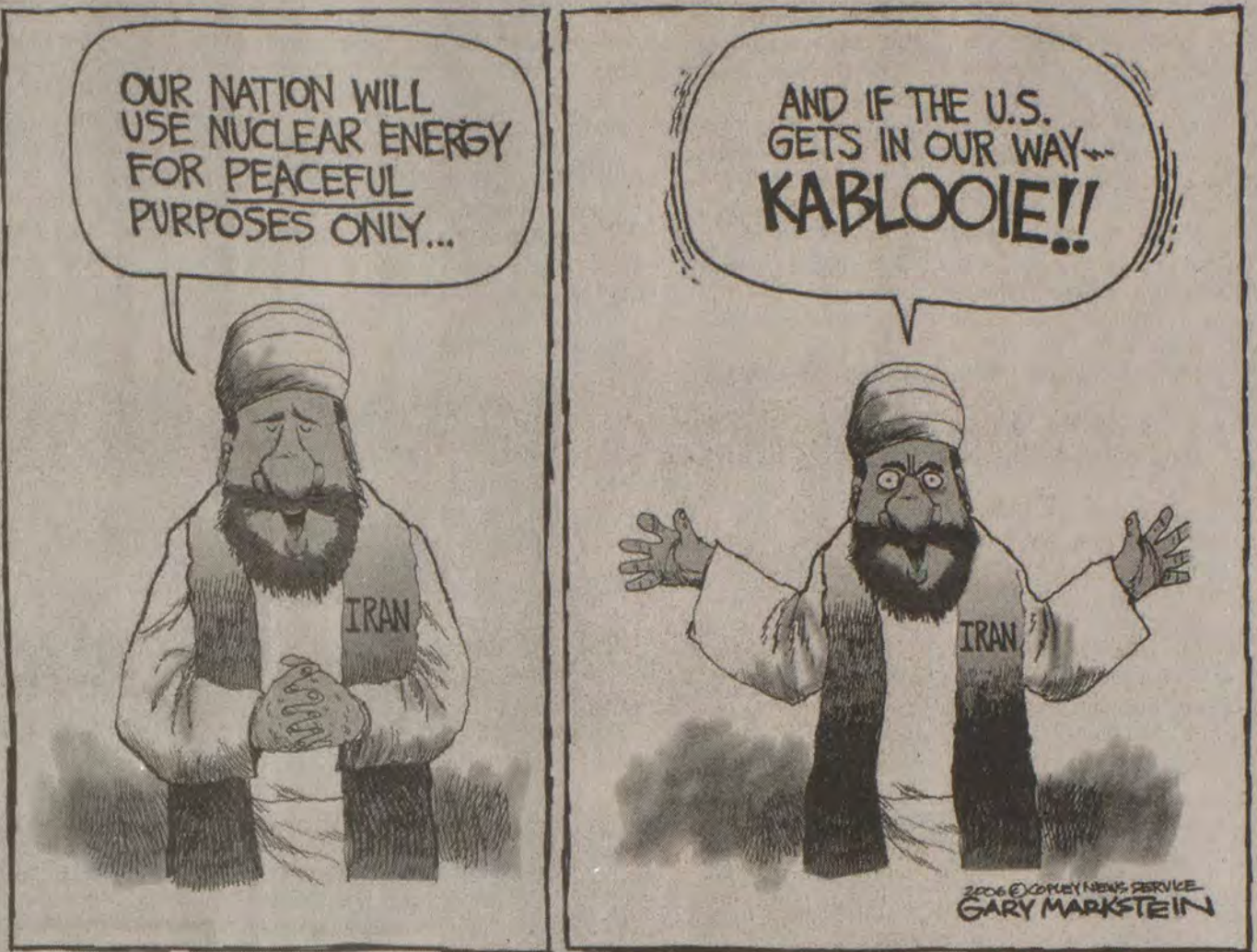
The Texas Department of Agriculture already has some good guidelines in place, such as not allowing elementary school students access to sodas and restricting high school and middle school students' purchases to non-mealtimes. In other states, soda vending machines will soon be a thing of the past.

With lucrative multiyear contracts, schools and big soda companies both take hits if we throw vending machines off campus. But schools have an obligation to teach youngsters good eating habits.

Just as important, if soda companies such as Coca-Cola and Pepsi voluntarily pull their sugar-laced products from schools, they will save money later in the form of health care programs that aren't swamped with patients who have diabetes and other costly diseases.

Yes, it's the responsibility of each of us to remember that diet has everything to do with health and that adults need to make sure our young people are eating smart. But it's also time for those with a hand in the sugar business to take action, too.

Otherwise, not even the best health care system in the world will be of any use to us.



Guest Column

Imperial troubles

by SHELDON RICHMAN

Iraq is approaching civil war, if it hasn't already reached it, and President Bush could face the most embarrassing congressional setback of his tenure in the White House. It's remarkable what troubles imperial ventures can bring. Talk about unintended consequences.

The president's plan was to bring stability to the Middle East. Whoops. Apparently, he and his people failed to take into account that Iraq was pasted together by the British after World War I to make a country. Under the Ba'athist regimes that succeeded the monarchy the British set up, the minority Sunnis got to lord it over the majority Shi'ites and the Kurds (and a few smaller groups). It must not have occurred to the Bush administration that invading and removing Saddam Hussein would dramatically shuffle the deck, leading to who knows what? The ruling group in Washington doesn't acknowledge that there's something it doesn't know. It predicted cheering crowds for American "liberators," but instead we got an "insurgency" and a government sympathetic to another member of the "axis of evil," Iran. Whoops.

Now things are really flaring up. A government-based hit squad is killing Sunni men, and angry Sunnis are attack-

ing Shi'ite holy sites, bringing bloody retaliation. A daytime curfew has descended on Baghdad, which worked for a day but now seems impotent. Power could soon devolve to competing militias. Meanwhile the U.S. government is giving orders to the new democratic Iraqi government — only to have the prime minister politely ask that the "liberators" keep their suggestions to themselves.

If a civil war breaks out, what will U.S. troops do? It's too ugly to contemplate.

But don't let it be said that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice doesn't learn from experience. According to the Washington Post, "Revisiting [Egypt and Saudi Arabia] this week, however, her call for greater democracy appeared more muted [than previously], as some of the aftershocks of the democracy push have given autocratic governments more leverage in their dealings with the United States." In other words, the Bush-inspired elections in Palestine didn't work out as the president expected (what were they expecting?), so they need the help of dictators to keep the lid on things. You can't make this stuff up. Power really is arrogant.

Then there's the port fiasco. Karl Rove, the president's political genius, really blew it on this one. Without the president's knowledge, a multi-agency review approved the purchase by Dubai Ports World (owned by the Arab emi-

rate) of British Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., which operates a couple of dozen terminals at six major ports in the eastern United States. For some bizarre reason, no one thought that Arab management of American port terminals would be controversial. The point is not that the critics are right. The U.S. government should have no power to block a transaction between two foreign companies, even if one is government-owned. But it is amazing that the White House can be so incompetent when it comes to politics: Bush could see his first veto overridden by a Republican Congress. It doesn't inspire much confidence in the administration's ability in more substantive endeavors.

It is worth mentioning that knowledgeable people say that port security is a problem no matter who is managing the terminals. No surprise here: who's in charge of port security? The federal government. And who owns the ports? Local governments and government-created authorities. No wonder the ports are insecure. Can you imagine a private profit-seeking company leaving itself vulnerable to terrorism? This suggests a way out of the port problem: privatize them.

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

Eastern Kentucky needs HB 560

Eastern Kentucky, and every Kentucky county that has a coal-haul road, needs House Bill 560. That bill, if passed into law, would require electronic reporting and monitoring of coal truck weights. Passing it would make for safer roads, less wear on highways, and less wear on trucks. It would also levy overweight fines more fairly.

As truckers told me last year when House Bill 8 was under consideration, most of them don't have much choice about how much weight they carry. As one trucker expressed it, "If you don't haul overweight, you don't haul."

Passing House Bill 560 will help to assure that the penalty falls on the companies who ship coal in addition to, or instead of, the trucker. As things are now, coal companies have no incentive to stay within the law, since the punishment falls on the trucker, who doesn't have the economic power to refuse overweight loads. This bill will help change that. It will also make travel safer for citizens who must share roads with these

truckers, and it will save the money we now spend on fixing the roads these overweight trucks tear up. That money could go to other important uses.

This electronic reporting system mimics one in West Virginia that is working well. Let's not let West Virginia get ahead of us in protecting our citizens and our coalfield employees, truckers as well as miners, who staff this dangerous industry.

Nina Cornett
Blackey

Legislature did right thing

Fortunately, the proposed constitutional amendment that would limit medical malpractice victims' awards for pain and suffering stalled in the Kentucky Senate. Predictably, the Kentucky Medical Association backed this initiative.

Chaucer posed the question "What do women want?" Who knows, but it seems obvious what doctors want: everything. They want a cap on non-economic

damages even though a cap has proven not to be the panacea that tort reformers claimed it would be. In fact, medical malpractice insurance premiums in virtually all the states that have a cap are higher than in states that don't have a cap. Doctors want legislators to provide protection from accountability when they commit malpractice. They want to be allowed to continue practicing medicine regardless of the number of times they commit malpractice.

What do victims of medical malpractice want? They want their constitutional right to have a jury decide the appropriate damages when they go to court looking for the only justice that is available to them. They want the medical profession to do a much better job of addressing medical malpractice. They want the good doctors who stand behind that white wall of silence, which is a hallmark of the medical profession, to weed out the bad doctors.

Kudos to the Kentucky legislators who thwarted this initiative. Those legislators who support doctors at the expense of medical malpractice victims should be ashamed of themselves.

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Bill seeks to intensify drug treatment

by **BRUCE SCHREINER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill aimed at intensifying drug treatment for Kentuckians charged with crimes won initial approval Thursday from a Senate committee.

The proposal is meant to curb record-high prison populations that are growing by 1 percent monthly, said

Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly, the bill's lead sponsor.

"That type of growth requires some action," said Kelly, R-Springfield.

The measure drew bipartisan support, as well as backing from state corrections officials and the chief of Kentucky's public defender system.

"This is a tough love program," said Senate Minority Leader Ed Worley, D-Richmond, a co-sponsor.

Under the bill, at least 200 beds in corrections facilities would be set aside for inmates to receive intensive substance abuse treatment.

Such treatment would be an alternative for people who, because of the seriousness of their offenses, aren't fit for residential or outpatient treatment.

Also, people charged with drug offenses or are hooked on drugs when arrested would be assessed immediately.

Judges would be asked to enroll them in drug treatment as a condition of release prior to trial.

Kelly said that could reduce the chance that an alleged offender commits another crime while awaiting trial on the first charge.

Another section would require that alleged felony offenders complete drug treatment before entering pretrial diversion programs.

Supporters said the goal was to keep people from becoming habitual criminals by giving them treatment to turn around their lives.

"Anytime we can keep someone from going deeper into the system, and giving them an opportunity to succeed, the better off we are," said Kentucky Department of Corrections Commissioner John Rees.

The bill now heads to the full Senate.

Fiscal

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ing to court officials, but the amendment had not been made to the budget, which prompted the new resolution for special session, said County Treasurer David Layne.

Court members also accepted

portions of a coal severance tax grant from approximately two years before for water line extensions.

All members of the fiscal court were present for Thursday's meeting.

Bears

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to the church directly at its Water Gap Road location.

On Wednesday the first donation was made at the sheriff's department and saw five bears go to each cruiser that the sheriff has on the road, but efforts to replenish supplies are well underway. Blackburn was on hand to receive them and

thanked Honeycutt and the Sloces for their efforts.

"Anytime you can do something to relieve the strain that accidents and domestic violence cause for small children it is a small miracle," Blackburn said. "We are very grateful that these people saw this need and moved others to fill the gap."

Fletcher

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Fletcher had a medical check-up Wednesday and "there were no earmarks of this," Hall said.

After his last hospitalization, doctors released Fletcher with a "pick line" in his left arm so that antibiotics could be administered intravenously for treatment of an infection. Hall said Fletcher believes the blood clot may have originated from the "pick line."

Fletcher had been recovering

well from his gallbladder surgery and pancreatitis, Hall said. He said the governor has gained back about 2 pounds of 14 that he lost while hospitalized.

"He had been resting well and recovering as anticipated," Stan Cave, Fletcher's chief of staff, said. "The physicians had advised us what to prepare for and everything seemed to be on schedule."

Alibi

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ments on the 19th and she told the trooper that they actually parted company at midnight. A second girl who was with the two also told the trooper that they didn't see Bates after midnight.

Caudill related that Bates told him that he neglected to call police when his car was stolen because he thought that KSP was closed on Sundays.

After the testimony, County Attorney Keith Bartley asked Judge James Allen for new restrictions to Bates' bond. He noted that one of the two female witnesses had mentioned she was afraid of Bates and asked

that the court order Bates to have no contact with the women.

Judge Allen concurred with Bartley, who also apprised the court that Bates was one month into a two-year probated sentence when the incident was reported. Bates pleaded guilty in that case to a theft charge and one count of criminal mischief for an incident that saw him steal an all-terrain vehicle belonging to a relative and later sell it to a third party.

If convicted on the fleeing case he would see his probation revoked and have to serve an additional two years for the theft case.

Sago operator hit with \$100,000 in additional fines

by **NANCY ZUCKERBROD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The federal government said Wednesday it had fined the company that owns the West Virginia mine where a dozen miners were killed in January more than \$100,000 in new penalties.

The fines were for 43 citations that had previously been issued but which had not yet received a price tag.

They are part of 208 citations that the federal agency issued against Ashland, Ky.-based International Coal Group for problems at Sago in the calendar year prior to the Jan. 2 explosion.

The new fines, totaling \$105,840, are in addition to a little more than \$24,000 previously assessed.

Many of the new fines are meant to address serious health and safety violations.

The largest fine was for \$9,600 and involved roof support problems. Another fine for \$9,200 dealt with ventilation problems.

None of the penalties the government previously issued at Sago exceeded \$1,000, a fact that has drawn criticism from lawmakers and worker repre-

sentatives.

The mine agency recently announced plans to overhaul its penalty system and said the change would likely lead to a general increase in its fines. The agency's minimum penalty is \$60, while \$60,000 is its maximum.

International Coal Group vice President Charles Snavely said late Wednesday his company had not yet received word about the new fines.

"MSHA, to ICG's knowledge, has not shared this information with ICG, and therefore the company cannot comment," Snavely said through a spokesman.

After it receives notification, a mine operator has a month to decide whether to appeal.

The agency had increased its inspections of the Sago mine prior to the accident.

"The fines assessed reinforce MSHA's stepped-up and aggressive enforcement record at the Sago Mine before the tragic disaster occurred on Jan. 2," David Dye, the acting head of MSHA, said in a statement Wednesday.

Agreement on gambling bill uncertain

by **JOE BIESK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Supporters of a plan to legalize casinos in Kentucky may have to wait at least another year for their political jackpot if lawmakers don't reach a compromise by next week, a House committee chairman said Wednesday.

"Next week will be the final shot," Rep. Denver Butler, D-Louisville, said of a possible legislative compromise that would allow gambling at horse race tracks and other locations.

Kentucky already allows "charitable" gambling and has allowed lottery ticket sales for years. Proponents say Kentucky could recoup millions spent by residents wagering in border states.

A horse industry-backed plan would allow casinos at Kentucky's horse race tracks and the state would get additional revenue for expenses such as education and health care under the plan sponsored by Rep. Joe Barrows, D-Versailles.

Butler and Sen. David Boswell, D-Owensboro, had similar proposals that would allow gambling at tracks and other locations. Each plan proposed constitutional amendments that would leave the decision — if approved by the General Assembly — to Kentucky's voters.

Boswell and Barrows recently told the House Licensing and Occupation Committee they would work on a compromise that would mesh both bills. Boswell has pushed for a casino

license in Owensboro.

Butler, who is the House committee's chairman, said Wednesday he doubted whether a gambling compromise would materialize in time. If the proposal did not clear the committee by next week it was "a dead issue," Butler said.

"You've seen that show, 'Mission Impossible,'" Butler said. "I think the fuse is burning."

James Navolio, executive director of the Kentucky Equine Education Project, said he thought there was a "workable arrangement" on the plan. Heading into the current legislative session, KEEP mounted a marketing campaign in support of offering voters a constitutional amendment on the issue.

Barrows, the House Majority Whip, said his attention had been

diverted to work on the House budget proposal which the chamber passed Tuesday. Still, there was not a "drop dead date" of next week, Barrows said.

"I said from the beginning it's a longshot," Barrows said. "And I think the ultimate question is are there enough votes in both houses."

Hills

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every drop of blood that results. You'll see a character tied up and burned, and another whose heart has been ripped out just in time for dinner.

Clearly, Aja isn't interested in the idea that it's what you don't show that's more frightening.

Peebles



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March Madness, Music City, I'm there

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

NASHVILLE – This is a week-end I've looked forward to for a long time.

The Southeastern Conference tournament began yesterday, and for the first time in my life, I was there to see it. I bet I enjoyed it a lot, too.

You see, for the last 15 or so years I've wanted to go but other job priorities have kept me from it. It's also regional-tournament week, and for years my obligation was there. For the last 10 years,



Rick Bentley

I've been at Pikeville College, and for that period of time I never knew if we'd be in one or the other or both of the national tourna-

ments on the NAIA Div. I level. But this year, Nashville was in our sites.

We began planning this week, my dad and I, last year while watching the SEC tournament. When we heard the event was leaving Atlanta for Nashville, we figured this was our opportunity to make the move as well.

And so this week, we're in Music City.

I know a lot of people who do this every year. A few of my friends do this all the time, and always enjoy it. Of course, they've been going while Kentucky played their way into the finals. We, on the other hand, are going the year they play on the first day for the first time since 1979.

Of course, this wasn't entirely unexpected.

As I say, this is something I've always wanted to do. I've told hundreds of people that someday I'd be free to go, and that even if, say, Vandy was playing Ole Miss at midnight on Thursday, I wanted to be sitting right there in the arena, enjoying the night.

And, I'd say, as sure as I go,

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Bobcats upend region favorite Pike Central



Senior Brandon Kidd tossed in a team-high 22 points in Betsy Layne's win over 15th Region Tournament favorite Pike County Central.

photo by Steve LeMaster

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – It's tournament time. Throw the records out the window. The team that wants it more, will win. On Monday night, Betsy Layne just wanted it more. Senior forward Brandon Kidd led Betsy Layne with a team-high 22 points as the Bobcats defeated favorite Pike County Central 71-63 in the opening game of the 15th Region Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Kidd also pulled down eight rebounds and dished out four assists. Pike County Central did little to contain the Bobcat standout. Kidd was eight of 10 from the floor and six of eight from the free throw line.

"Brandon (Kidd) had a great game," said Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose. "All of our guys did a good job for us."

Four Bobcats scored 10 or more points. Derek Case was Betsy Layne's second-leading scorer with 13 points. Case led the Bobcats in assists with eight. Pat Stapleton and Trai Witt each had 10 points for the Bobcats. Brandon Thacker added nine points for the Betsy Layne boys' team.

Rose was looking for his team to get back on the right shooting track following a sub-par offensive performance in the 58th District Tournament title game versus Prestonsburg.

"We didn't shoot the ball well last Thursday night at Prestonsburg and

(See BOBCATS, page two)

Betsy Layne set to battle JC

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – On the boys' side, all four 15th Region district runners-up are in the tournament semifinals. In the opener tonight, 58th District runner-up Betsy Layne will face 57th District second-place team Johnson Central, an opening round winner over 60th District champ Pikeville. Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose has his team right in the regional title hunt and expects a tough semifinal game against Johnson Central.

"Central is a quality team that really runs their sets well," said Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose. "I have been impressed with their teamwork."

Mark Starns is in his first season at the helm of the Johnson Central boys' basketball

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Belfry shakes determined Lady Rebs

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – Belfry grabbed an early lead and led by 10 or more points for most of the game Wednesday night on its way to an 82-61 win over the Allen Central Lady Rebels in the first game of the Girls' 15th Region Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Shae Deskins was one of four Belfry players to reach double figures scoring and led the Lady Pirates with a game-high 28 points.

Belfry forced Allen Central into committing 23 turnovers. Brooke Stanley added 16 points for the Lady Pirates while Brittany Chapman scored 12 and Falon Muncy, playing in off of the bench, added 10.

Amanda Moon pitched in with nine points for the Lady Pirates.

Allen Central was outscored in every period, but remained within striking distance of the Lady Pirates up until the final three minutes.

Belfry shot 58.6 percent (34 of 58) from the field. The Lady Pirates didn't shoot so well from the charity stripe, making good on just half (12 of 24) of its attempts.

All five starters – four of which reached double figures – accounted for Allen Central's scoring. Senior Alanna Cline paced the Lady Rebels with a team-high 16 points. Mara Biliter followed with 14 points for the Lady Rebels. Amanda Thacker tossed in 13 points and Sarah Johnson added 10 for the 58th District runner-up. Elizabeth Dingus, Allen Central's other starter, scored eight points.

Allen Central shot 43.2 percent (19 of 44) from the floor and 67.7 percent (21 of 31) from the free throw line

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Allen Central guard Mara Biliter dribbled against the Belfry defense.

Pirates get going in second half, scratch P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – Belfry shook a slow start and finished on a furious pace Tuesday night in the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center. The Pirates held a scoring advantage in each of the second half quarters and eliminated 58th District champ Prestonsburg 64-53.

Belfry's Dustin May turned in the game's top individual performance, finishing with 19 points, six rebounds and five assists. May had two teammates join him in double figures in the scoring column. Jamie Case was near perfect from the field (five for six) and the foul

line (seven of eight), adding 17 points. Matt Maynard also reached double figures for the Pirates, scoring 14 points that included Belfry's only three-point field goal.

Prestonsburg got off to a decent start and led 11-8 at the end of the first quarter. The Blackcats held a 28-24 lead at the half.

Belfry was 17-of-27 from the free throw line while shooting 48.9 percent from the field. The Pirates did struggle from beyond the arc, connecting on just one of nine three-point tries.

Prestonsburg shot just 38 percent (18-of-47) from the field. The Blackcats took to the air with three-point field goal attempts more than

(See P'BURG, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg senior Sean Leslie (32) and teammate Lewis Barnette (not pictured) each had 18 points for the Blackcats in their season-ending loss to Belfry. Zack Bowman is pictured defending against Leslie.

Lady Hornets hold up, oust East Ridge

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – Preseason favorite Magoffin County got through the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament Wednesday night, beating 59th District runner-up East Ridge 64-52.

Ashley Jade Howard paced Magoffin County with a game-high 27 points. Brittany Manns also reached double figures for the Lady Hornets, finishing with 14

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Bentley

Kentucky will lose their first game and I'll be stuck there all weekend watching everybody else.

Well, now I'm in Nashville, sitting in some fine seats thanks to Donnie Jones, and the Cats are iffy at best. I figure they won yesterday, but today's meeting with Alabama is up in the air.

Still, this isn't about being a Kentucky fan. I'm hoping to renew my love for the game while at the same time enjoying some quality time with my dad and nephew. That's what I want out of this weekend, a time I'll always cherish.

In fact, Josh, my nephew, and I are more excited about seeing LSU standout Big Baby Davis than any of the Cats. This is a large young man who is being compared favorably to former Auburn standout Charles Barkley. That's pretty stout, especially with Davis being a legit 6-foot-9 while Barkley, the "round mound of rebound," would be lucky to

reach 6-5.

Of course, should the Cats be around on Sunday, none of us would be disappointed, and I think they have a shot. If they get by Bama today they'll likely see Tennessee, and Bruce Pearl's club needed last Saturday's win to be above .500 down the stretch at 4-3. Says here they're tired.

It also says here they're wonderfully gifted, so we'll see.

My ideal semifinal day would have UK/UT in the opener, with LSU and Florida in the nightcap.

The only regret I have is not making it to tonight's regional semifinal. I have boldly predicted that the Expo Center would see its first basketball sellout tonight. Of course, I also said Pike Central would win the region, so I could be wrong.

I do expect a capacity crowd tonight. The two biggest schools in the region are Johnson Central and Belfry, and

they both play. They're joined by Betsy Layne, which had a nice showing on Monday, and Shelby Valley, a school with a traditionally large following.

But this weekend is something I've wanted to see for a long, long time, so I'll rely on phone calls from Bill Watson to keep updated on the goings-on here.

I plan on enjoying the action on the court, seeing the sites of Music City, eating some quality grub and keeping an eye out for Ashley Judd.

That sounds like every man's idea of a good time, don't you think?

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Hornets

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Calloray Howard nearly reached double figures for the Magoffin County girls, ending the tournament game with nine points.

Magoffin County, despite getting out to a sizable early lead, didn't get the win without resistance. The Lady Hornets outscored East Ridge 26-15 in the first period. The Lady Warriors, however, bounced back nicely, playing Magoffin County near even in each of the last three quarters.

Michaela Howard and Megan Powers rounded out the Magoffin County scoring with eight and six points, respectively.

Brittany Hogston led East Ridge with 15 points, Courtney Conley collected 14 points and Jodi Yates added 13 for the Lady Warriors.

Magoffin County will face Belfry, a first-round winner over Allen Central, Monday in the regional tournament semifinals.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY 64, EAST RIDGE 52.

15TH REGION TOURNAMENT AT EAST KENTUCKY EXPO CENTER EAST RIDGE (14-14) - Baldrige 4, Yates 13, Smith 4, Conley 14, Hogston 15, Adams 2.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY (24-5) - Manns 14, M. Howard 8, A. Howard 27, Powers 6, C. Howard 9.

East Ridge.....15 12 10 15-52
Magoffin Co...26 12 11 15-64

Valley sends Tigers tumbling



photo by Steve LeMaster

Sophomore Landon Slone tossed in 24 points in Paintsville's season-ending loss to Shelby Valley.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Maybe graduation didn't hurt the Shelby Valley Wildcats too much after all.

Shelby Valley, the defending 15th Region champion and this year's 59th District runner-up, played like an experienced ballclub against preseason favorite Paintsville. After losing much of the talent from last season's team to graduation, Shelby Valley turned a corner Tuesday night. The Wildcats caught first as early as the first quarter Tuesday night, outscoring Paintsville 22-12. The Wildcats led by 10 or more points for much of the first half and held on late, beat-

ing Paintsville 64-61.

"We came in with a game plan," Shelby Valley Coach Jason Booher confided.

Jacob Bryant was six of eight from the field and led Shelby Valley with 21 points. Bryant was one of three Valley players to reach double figures scoring. Cade Riddle chipped in 13 points and Mitchell Riddle added 11 for the Wildcats.

Booher, now in his second season at the helm of the Valley boys' basketball program, had his team attacking the basket from the opening tip.

Shelby Valley shot over 50 percent in each half. The Wildcats finished with a 54 percent shooting effort from the field.

The Wildcats had to fend off a late Paintsville run. The Tigers managed to fight back and outscore Valley 21-13 in the fourth quarter.

Landon Slone nailed a trio of three-pointers and led Paintsville with a game-high 24 points. J.D. VanHoose added 10 points for Paintsville, giving the 57th District champion two players in double figures. Shane Grimm added eight points for Paintsville, which got scoring from seven different players.

The Tigers made 12 of 17 free throw attempts.

Paintsville shot just 35 percent from the field. The Tigers did nearly half of their scoring damage from beyond the arc, knocking down nine of 20 three-point field goal attempts.

Shelby Valley took a 34-24 lead into the half.

Paintsville had a pair of three-point shots at the end of the fourth quarter. Each attempt, however, missed its mark. The Tigers end the season with a 21-10 record.

Shelby Valley will meet Belfry tonight in the regional tournament semifinals.

SHELBY VALLEY 64, PAINTSVILLE 61

15th Region Tournament at East Kentucky Expo Center

SHELBY VALLEY (17-12) - L. Bryant 5, M. Riddle 11, J. Bryant 21, Jackson 7, C. Riddle 13, E. Justice 2, J. Justice 5.

PAINTSVILLE (21-10) - Pugh 5, Slone 24, Grimm 8, VanHoose 10, Bundy 7, Pack 3, Williams 4.

Shelby Valley.....22 12 17 13-64
Paintsville.....12 12 16 21-61

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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P'burg

usual, finishing three of 16 from behind the three-point line.

After taking a four-point lead into the half, Prestonsburg was the victim of a Belfry run to start the third period. The Pirates led 30-29 following a pair of baskets from Zack Bowman, who ended the game as Belfry's fourth-leading scorer. Seven players logged minutes and six scored for the Pirates.

"This was a great team effort," said Belfry Coach Randy Casey, now in his second season as head coach of the Pirates. "I'm proud of our guys."

Belfry is looking to make it into a regional championship game for a second straight year

under Casey.

Seniors Lewis Barnette and Sean Leslie led Prestonsburg with 18 points apiece. Leslie pulled down a game-high nine rebounds and Barnette added seven points for the 58th District champ.

Sophomore Jordan Hall gave the Blackcats a spark in off of the bench, knocking down two of Prestonsburg's three three-point field goals. Senior point guard Michael Stephens also ended the game with six points for the Blackcats. Sophomore Bobby Hughes added four points for the Prestonsburg squad.

The Blackcats finished 14 of

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20 from the free throw line.

Prestonsburg led by 10 points early on in the second quarter, before Belfry managed to settle down and move out in front.

BELFRY 64, PRESTONSBURG 53

15th Region Tournament at East Kentucky Expo Center

BELFRY (21-8) - May 19, Maynard 14, Case 17, Bowman 8, Steele 2, Reed 4.

PRESTONSBURG (15-14) - Herrick 1, Stephens 6, Barnette 18, Leslie 18, Hall 6, Hughes 4.

Belfry.....8 16 16 24-64
Prestonsburg.....11 17 12 13-53

Battle

program. Johnson Central made it into the semifinals last season, falling to eventual regional runner-up Belfry.

The Golden Eagles had their share of ups and downs in the win over Pikeville. Johnson Central shot just 41 percent from

the floor against the Panthers.

Rose also thinks his team will have to hold its own on the rebounding end.

"If we can hold our own on the boards and run our sets against their different defenses we will have a shot," Rose

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added. "It should be a nip and tuck game and whomever makes the plays down the stretch will win."

Tip-off for the Betsy Layne Johnson Central game is set for 6:30 p.m. Belfry will take on Shelby Valley in the nightcap at 8.

Bobcats

wanted to come in and shoot the ball better against Pike Central," Rose confided.

The Bobcats held Pike County Central star Brad Lowe scoreless in the first half. Pike Central was held to 16 points in the opening half. The Bobcats outscored the Hawks 14-9 in the first period and took a 28-16 lead into the intermission.

Rose admitted he and his team came into the regional tournament looking to make a championship run.

"It's a wide-open tournament," Rose noted. "We told our guys that they had a chance to win it before the tournament got started."

Pike County Central entered the tournament as the top-ranked team after beating Belfry 77-59 in the 60th District championship game. Of the eight boys' basketball teams, Betsy Layne was listed in the second four.

Pike County Central showed some life in the second half, but could never pull even or go out in front of the Bobcats.

Lowe, after the slow start, finished with a game-high 24 points. Eric Slone added 16 points and Tyler Hamilton, who transferred to Pike Central from Betsy Layne, chipped in 10 points for the Hawks.

Betsy Layne shot 56 percent from the floor (28 of 50) and 33 percent (five of 15) from beyond the arc. The Bobcats outscored Pike Central 27-24 in the fourth period.

Colbert Craft and Derek Case rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with four and three points, respectively.

In Monday's other boys' regional tournament game, Johnson Central held on and beat Pikeville 46-43. Junior Jamie McCarty led the Golden Eagles with 14 points.

BETSY LAYNE 71, PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL 63

15th Region Tournament at East Kentucky Expo Center

BETSY LAYNE (12-15) - Kidd 22, D. Case 13, Stapleton 10, Witt 10, Thacker 9, Craft 4, B. Case 3.

PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL (20-10) - Lowe 24, Slone 16, Hamilton 10, Ratliff 9, Hess 4.

Betsy Layne.....14 14 16 27-71
Pike County Central.....9 7 23 24-63

Shakes

Belfry will face Magoffin County Monday night in the 15th Region Tournament semifinals. Tip-off for the semifinals game pitting the region's top two girls' basketball teams against one another is set for

6:30 p.m.

BELFRY 82, ALLEN CENTRAL 61

15th Region Tournament at East Kentucky Expo Center ALLEN CENTRAL (5-25) - Biliter 14, Johnson 10, Cline 16,

Thacker 13, Dingus 8.

BELFRY (24-5) - Deskins 28, Moon 9, Johnson 3, Stanley 16, Chapman 12, Robinette 2, Muncy 10, Kline 2.

Allen Central.....17 16 14 14-61
Belfry.....25 19 15 23-82

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No. 15 Pittsburgh 61, Louisville 56

by JIM O'CONNELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Carl Krauser scored 19 points and No. 15 Pittsburgh, despite not making a field goal over the final 13 1/2 minutes, held on to beat Louisville 61-56 Wednesday night in the opening round of the Big East tournament.

The sixth-seeded Panthers (22-6) appeared to be on the way to an easy win, leading 47-22 with 13:40 to play. Louisville (18-12), which trailed 39-16 after

a horrible first half in its first Big East tournament game, started chipping away. A 16-1 run got the lead down to 18-38 and what was left of the sellout crowd at Madison Square Garden was starting to get behind the Cardinals.

Louisville coach Rick Pitino had been through this before. He was the coach at Kentucky when the Wildcats wiped out a 31-point second-half deficit to beat LSU 99-95 on Feb. 15, 1994.

Aaron Gray made three free throws for Pitt to get the lead back to 13, but the Cardinals

weren't done. A 3-pointer by freshman Andre McGee got Louisville within 54-47 with 1:15 to go.

When Gray missed two free throws with 32 seconds left, Taquan Dean hit an NBA-distance 3 to make it 57-54.

Krauser and Antonio Graves each made one free throw to get the lead back to five. A jumper by McGee with 0.9 second left got the deficit to three again, but Ronald Ramon made two free throws for the final margin.

The Panthers will play No.

19 West Virginia (20-9), the third seed, in the quarterfinals on Thursday night.

Gray had 14 points and 13 rebounds for Pittsburgh, which shot 20 percent (4-for-20) in the second half. The Panthers went 14-for-22 from the free-throw line over the final 13 1/2 minutes for their only points.

Dean had 15 points to lead Louisville, while McGee added 14 and Terrence Williams had 11 points and eight rebounds.

Pittsburgh had a 22-2 lead with 9:32 left in the first half.

Louisville missed its first 11 shots from the field, committed five turnovers and was outrebounded 12-1 in the opening 10 1/2 minutes.

Pittsburgh, which came in having lost three of four, extended the lead to 28 points twice in the first half, the last time at 37-9 with 2:39 left.

Louisville shot 20.8 percent from the field in the first half (5-



Carl Krauser

for-24), but the Cardinals were able to go 13-for-29 in the second half (44.8 percent).

The Cardinals were coming off an 84-80 loss at Connecticut in the regular season finale. Juan Palacios had a career-high 29 points on 8-for-16 shooting in that game. On Wednesday, he finished with two points on 1-for-8 shooting.

South Alabama 95, Western Kentucky 70

by TERESA M. WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — John Pelphrey now knows that nothing feels as good as reaching the NCAA tournament on your own.

He was a senior under Rick Pitino when Kentucky lost to Duke in overtime in a 1992 NCAA

regional final on Christian Laettner's famed shot. He was an assistant to Eddie Sutton with Oklahoma State in 1994 and helped Billy Donovan rebuild

Florida into a national runner-up. The Paintsville native has been there.



John Pelphrey

Pelphrey's own South Alabama Jaguars clinched the school's first NCAA tournament berth since 1998 Tuesday night — and his first as a head coach — by beating Western Kentucky 95-70 for the Sun Belt Conference tournament championship.

"This may be the most special one because we're kind of out here on our own right now," Pelphrey said. "We've been a part of rebuilding this."

Pelphrey admits he expected this success last year in his third season, when he went 10-18.

"That's the cool thing for me right now. ... Everything I told them has come true. I used to tell Richard Law I want to honor your scholarship. I want you to come and help us build something at South Alabama. These guys believed us, and now they're getting a reward."

Also qualifying for the NCAA field Tuesday night were Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the Horizon, 87-71 over Butler; and Oral Roberts in the Mid Continent, 85-72 over Chicago State.

Law scored 22 points in 17 minutes, and the Jaguars (24-6) clinched their seventh NCAA

berth with their best shooting performance this season. They hit 35-of-55 (61.8 percent), while their pressure defense forced 13 of 17 turnovers in the first half that they converted into 16 points.

Western Kentucky coach Darrin Horn said the Jaguars were better in every area of the game.

"They did an outstanding job. We got off to a slow start, did not attack their pressure well, and it just snowballed from there," Horn said.

The Jaguars now have a chance to add to their best season since 1980-81, when they went 25-6. They have won eight straight and 11 of their last 12,

but this one allowed them a measure of revenge against a team that had won the last two and four of the last six in this series.

"All of us had a chip on our shoulders," sophomore guard Demetric Bennett said.

Bennett added 18 points for South Alabama, Christie had 14 and Mario Jointer 11.

The Hilltoppers had a home-court advantage with the stands filled with red. But they turned the ball over eight times in an 18-4 Jaguars run that essentially sealed the victory.

It was the most points allowed by Western Kentucky this season, topping the 91 yielded to Pacific in December.

Anthony Winchester, the league's player of the year, finished with 18 points off 6-for-21 shooting. Wilborn added 11 points, and Courtney Lee had 10.

Horn said he was flabbergasted at his Hilltoppers' lack of energy, and senior center Elgrace Wilborn said the Jaguars were more hungry. The Hilltoppers, who were the No. 1 seed in the East, went home expecting an invitation from the NIT.

"Right now it's a really deep, bad pit feeling in the stomach right now. We didn't come out and play Western Kentucky basketball, and that was our downfall," Wilborn said.

Louisville tennis program up to No. 15

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville men's tennis team has again moved up in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's national team rankings, attaining a new program-high ranking of 15th in the nation. The Cards (12-2) improved four spots from last week's No. 19 position, which was the program's previous highest ranking.

"I always believe that good things happen to those who are extremely determined and care for the people around them, which is a common trait for everyone on this team," said U of L head coach Rex Ecarma.

"This season means so much to them especially the seniors."

U of L has captured the doubles point in 13 out of 14 of their matches this year. The No. 26 ranked doubles team of seniors Jeremy Clark (Stanville) and Jakob Gustafsson is 8-3 in dual matches and 15-6 overall. Senior Johnny Berrido has a team-best singles 9-2 dual match record. Gustafsson is 7-3 in dual matches and Clark is 8-4.

"Since the first match the locker room talk among the players was that this could be a special season," said Ecarma. "This will help us get other highly ranked teams to play us at home and get us in the homes of some elite recruits. A big part

of our success is their coachability. These players know how to execute a scouting report. We have several talented players who contribute everyday, including those on the bench ready to play. They push the starters every day at practice. Our season now is at its halfway point, so our complete focus will be to finish strong."

The Cardinals captured the HEB Collegiate Team Championships this past weekend in Corpus Christi, Texas, beating BYU, South Alabama, and Texas Tech. Louisville will take a nine-match winning streak to Montgomery, Ala., for the Blue-Gray National Invitational March 16-19.

15th Region Tournament



photos by Steve LeMaster
First-year Allen Central head coach Jennifer Hopkins passed on some instructions to her team during a timeout in the Girls' 15th Region Tournament opener.



Allen Central's Sarah Johnson looked on Wednesday night during a free throw attempt versus Belfry.

UK Hoops Selection Show Party set for Monday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky women's basketball team will host a NCAA Selection Show Party on Monday at Memorial Coliseum. Fans are welcome to join Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year Mickie DeMoss and her Wildcats as they look for their first NCAA Tournament berth since 1999. The program will be shown live on the big screen and doors will open to the general public at 6 p.m. EST with the selection show airing on ESPN at 7 p.m. EST.

The concession stands will be open and available free of charge while supplies last. NCAA brackets also will be available at no charge. Coach

DeMoss will address fans after all of the pairings have been announced. The UK ticket office will be open after the selection show for season ticket holders to purchase NCAA Tournament tickets.

Kentucky (21-8, 9-5 SEC) has compiled an outstanding resume this season which includes the first 20-win season in seven years, a school-record nine wins in the SEC and a fourth-place finish in the league standings. UK also had an impressive showing in the SEC Tournament last week, earning a first-round bye before defeating No. 23 Florida 88-70 in the quarterfinals. The Cats advanced to the semifinal round of the SEC Tournament for just the sixth time in UK history.

UK, which has a current RPI of 22 according to the NCAA, has appeared in five NCAA Tournaments, the last coming in 1999. UK went 21-11 that season and earned the sixth seed in the West Region. UK defeated 11th-seeded Nebraska in the first round before falling to No. 3 seed and host UCLA in the second round.

UK's highest seed was in the 1982 NCAA Tournament. The Cats received the No. 2 seed in the Midwest and went on to advance to the Elite Eight vs. eventual national champion Louisiana Tech.

More information on all eight of the possible first- and second-round sites can be found online at www.ncaasports.com.

Prep All-America games to be played in Louisville

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville has beaten out Houston and Milwaukee for the right to play host to the McDonald's All-American high school basketball games next year.

The games are generally considered the premiere showcase for elite high school stars

and will be televised nationally on ESPN. McDonald's will choose 24 boys and 24 girls to participate in the games.

"The regional passion for basketball along with Louisville's obvious charm and southern hospitality were key elements in this landmark basketball decision," McDonald's spokesman Michon Ellis said in

a written statement.

The games will be played in late March at Freedom Hall. It's the first time the McDonald's contests have been played in Kentucky. Notable players in the class of 2007 include top prospect O.J. Mayo and Duke recruit Nolan Smith, son of former University of Louisville player Derek Smith.



photo by Steve LeMaster
Derek Case scored 13 points as the Betsy Layne Bobcats beat Pike Central Monday night and advanced to the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals.

Who will be the first to enter NASCAR's new Hall of Fame?

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Now that we know where NASCAR's much-ballyhooed Hall of Fame is going to be built, the bigger question remains: Who will be the building blocks of its legacy?

It was announced this week that the \$107.5 million hall, expected to lure hundreds of thousands of visitors annually, will open by 2009 in downtown Charlotte, the heartland of the stock car sport. It beat out Atlanta and Daytona Beach in the final showdown of big plans and big dollars.

But no one knows how the first class of inductees will be picked, or by whom. Whatever the process, there is going to be a debate of enormous magnitude.

After all, when the Baseball Hall of Fame opened its doors in 1936, not even Babe Ruth was a unanimous choice of the baseball writers.

The Bambino wasn't even the top vote-getter of the five players in that first class: Ty Cobb was on 222 of 226 ballots, while Ruth and Honus Wagner each appeared on 215 ballots. Walter Johnson and Christy Mathewson also made it into the horsehide shrine in that first vote.

Of course, things could be easier for the NASCAR voters.

I mean, how could any voter fail to mark an X by the name of William Henry Getty "Big Bill" France on that first ballot?

Without Bill Sr., there would be no NASCAR.

The somewhat redundantly named National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing was invented in France's fertile mind — a way of giving the competitors a fair shake on purses and pursuing standards for racetracks.

The tough-minded, hands-on France oversaw construction of Daytona International Speed-

way and Talladega Superspeedway, the two tracks that personify the sport. His family continues to run NASCAR through a benevolent dictatorship that has seen the sport expand and flourish into a behemoth with an estimated 75 million fans.

So where do you go after picking a dictator?

How about a king?

Richard Petty is NASCAR's Babe Ruth, a towering figure who dominated the sport for three decades. He won 200 races, seven championships and the undying loyalty of a majority of NASCAR's early fans.

"Stock car racing wasn't exactly a part of everybody's household back then, especially since it wasn't on TV a whole lot early in his career," said son Kyle Petty. "But, everywhere we went, people knew who he was. He was The King — and he still is."

It wouldn't be much of a first class with only two members,

though.

How about adding the driver who surpassed even Petty in popularity?

Dale Earnhardt came from a hardscrabble, lunchpail life to become not only stock car racing's biggest star, but also its best salesman in the 1980s and 1990s.

The Intimidator was the first driver from the Southern-based sport to earn far more from souvenir and clothing sales than from winning on the racetrack. Before his tragic end in a crash on the final lap of the 2001 Daytona 500, Earnhardt had won 76 races and matched Petty's seven season titles.

And it would be hard to leave David Pearson out of the first group of inductees. "The Silver Fox" was Richard Petty's nemesis. Pearson only won three championships, but his 105 race wins were second only to Petty and the debate about which was the better driver raged for years.

If, like baseball, the first class of inductees numbers only five, the next pick is by far the toughest.

How do you choose among longtime stars like Bobby Allison, Cale Yarborough, Neil Bonnett, Davey Allison, Donnie Allison, Buddy Baker, Harry Gant and LeeRoy Yarbrough?

Then there are some of Earnhardt's contemporaries, driving greats like Darrell Waltrip and Benny Parsons, both now TV commentators and ambassadors for the sport. Add to that Rusty Wallace, Mark Martin, Bill Elliott, Tim Richmond, Alan Kulwicki, Dale Jarrett and Terry Labonte, the sport's all-time Iron Man.

We can't forget the pioneers, like Petty's father, Lee, the winner of the first Daytona 500 and one of NASCAR's first real stars. Then there are more early luminaries like Red Byron, Junior Johnson, Buck Baker, brothers Tim and Fonty Flock,

Glenn "Fireball" Roberts, Fred Lorenzen, Ned Jarrett, Bill Rexford, Herb Thomas, Joe Weatherly, Curtis Turner, Rex White, Tiny Lund, Bobby Isaac and Wendell Scott.

Even with all the names mentioned above, somebody is going to get mad because their favorite driver wasn't included. Think about the ruckus when that same driver is left off the first ballot.

In baseball, a veterans' committee was formed in the second year of its hall to make sure deserving old-timers made it in. Such a group will probably be a must for NASCAR's hall, as well. Memories are sometimes short.

It's too soon to put current stars like Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart and Dale Earnhardt Jr. on the ballot, but we can't forget the great team owners, crew chiefs, car builders and series officials from the first half century-plus of NASCAR.

Don't envy those first voters.

Move from open wheel to Busch Series tough for Jourdain

by WILL WEISSERT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEXICO CITY — Little has gone right since Michel Jourdain Jr. left a successful open-wheel career to join NASCAR's Busch Series.

As a rookie in 2005, the Mexico City native struggled mightily to adjust to stock car racing — where the vehicles are heavier and less agile, and the mostly oval track races last much longer.

The driver of the No. 15 Ford, Jourdain relies heavily on finesse and finished 40th or worse four times in his first 18 races. Sponsorship woes ended his season after 20 starts.

Still, the 29-year-old insists he

doesn't regret making the move.

"If it were easy, everyone would do it," he said, clearly prepared for questions about stock car frustrations during an interview at his hometown's Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez. "I knew it would be a big risk. But NASCAR represents the top of racing, and the top is where I want to be."

Jourdain made his debut this season in the Busch Series' third race at Mexico City, but bad luck followed him south of the border. He led late, but carried into a wall and totaled his car after Kyle Busch swiped him while attempting to pass.

Busch, in solid shape to win, probably didn't need to attempt

the risky pass: Jourdain was on balding tires and likely would have had to pit before the end of the 80-lap race.

"It's unfortunate," Jourdain said immediately afterward. "I don't know what Kyle was thinking."

Stock car mega-stars Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart started in open-wheel before thriving in NASCAR's top Nextel Cup series.

Jourdain stuck with the format long enough to become a standout. He was 19 when he became the youngest driver to compete in the CART Series, now Champ Car, driving at Long Beach in 1996, and he won CART's award as the most

improved driver a year later.

His most memorable year came in 2003, when he won Champ Car races at Milwaukee and Montreal. In 152 career Champ Car starts, he had 25 top-10s and nine podiums.

Jourdain's lone top-10 finish in the Busch Series came at Atlanta last year. He ended up in 37th place in 2005, compared to 12th in the points standings his last year with Champ Car in 2004.

"Up until now, I haven't had the opportunity to go in all the races with good cars, and that hurt me a lot," Jourdain said. "I think that the day I can finally get that continuity, I will improve a lot."

The Busch Series race in Mexico City is part of NASCAR's push to win fans in Mexico, where Champ Car and other open-wheel leagues long have been king. Jourdain said all it will take is a breakout Mexican driver in stock cars to convert his homeland.

"The public likes open-wheel because Mexican drivers have been successful there, in Indy, in Champ Car," he said. "The fans go where there are Mexican dri-

vers."

Mexico's stock car star-in-the-making could be Jourdain, or another open-wheel veteran who ran in last week's Busch Series race at Mexico City, Adrian Fernandez.

"He and I have been at it the longest," Jourdain said. "He started first, but I've done more in stock cars."

Many drivers making the move from open-wheel to stock car are surprised how little leeway for mistakes the new format affords — and just how crowded things can get on a track with 43 drivers.

The move Jourdain made last year is similar to that of Paul Tracy, an aggressive driver who won Champ Car's 2003 championship but signed on for five races with the Busch Series this year.

"It was very frustrating to watch him because I know he can do better than what he did," Tracy said of Jourdain. "But in NASCAR it's so, so competitive. You've got to be in a good car, you've got to do it at the right time and I think the timing was off for him."

In Jourdain's case, he is not

the only one adjusting to serious change. The move to the Busch Series has meant uprooting his wife, Nora, and infant son Michel III, relocating the family full-time from Mexico to North Carolina.

"It's been very different. Before we lived in Mexico and traveled to Australia and Long Beach and Toronto and Vancouver," Jourdain said listing Champ Car race venues. That series features 16 races, compared to 35 on the Busch Series schedule.

"Now it's Talladega or Bristol and it's every weekend," he said. "There's no time to rest, no vacations."

Jourdain said his goal is to compete in Nextel Cup.

"Would you prefer to play in the big leagues or in the minors?" he asked.

In the meantime, he hopes to spend only a few years learning the ins-and-outs of stock cars in the Busch Series.

"It's going to depend on the continuity we have, the car and the team. But with consistency you can learn very fast," he said. "It might be two years, or more, but I hope not. I learn fast."

BASEBALL

SPRING TRAINING: Reds 3, Twins 2

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT MYERS, Fla. — The Minnesota Twins paid tribute to Kirby Puckett when they played Wednesday at their spring training home for the first time since the Hall of Famer's death.

The grounds crew stenciled Puckett's retired uniform No. 34 in red in front of the third and first-base lines. Flags flew at half-staff, and players and fans observed a moment of silence before the Twins' 3-2 loss to the Cincinnati Reds.

A Reds player touched the "34" just as he hopped out of the dugout.

"It was an emotional moment," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "That kind of choked me up a bit when I saw that."

Puckett died Monday, a day after a stroke. The popular outfielder, who led the Twins to World Series titles in 1987 and 1991, was 45.

Center fielder Torii Hunter,

who served as an apprentice to Puckett while Hunter was in the minor leagues, hung a Puckett jersey next to his locker and said he will bring it with him when the team breaks camp and heads back to Minneapolis.

Some of the Twins players and coaches will make the trip to Minneapolis on Sunday to attend a memorial service for Puckett at the Metrodome.

"It will be a tough day for everybody," said Gardenhire, who plans on attending along with other Twins coaches.

Right-hander Brad Radke is the only player left on the Twins who was a regular-season teammate of Puckett's and will likely attend the ceremony.

Reds manager Jerry Narron was the catcher for the California Angels when Puckett made his major league debut on May 8, 1984. Puckett had four hits that day.

"He dogged me forever after that first game," Narron said. "I'm telling you, the last time I

saw him, he said, 'I'm thankful somebody as dumb as me was behind the plate his first night.'"

As for the game, Edwin Encarnacion and Dewayne Wise homered for the Reds. Encarnacion is hitting .500 (8-for-16) with four homers, seven extra-base hits and 10 RBIs during spring training.

Twins right-hander Scott Baker, competing with Francisco Liriano to be the fifth starter in the rotation, got out of a first-inning jam when Chris Denorfia grounded out and left the bases loaded.

"That's probably the biggest confidence builder you can have," Baker said. "You want to be efficient in these games, but at the same time, it's not bad to see some adversity and get yourself out of it."

Hunter scored for the Twins on an error in the fourth inning, and Rondell White hit an RBI single that scored Jason Kubel in the fifth.

Pirates' Casey hit in head, but fine

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Sean Casey of the Pittsburgh Pirates was struck in the helmet by a pitch from Cincinnati left-hander Michael Gosling in the third inning of a split-squad exhibition game Wednesday.

Casey, who had minor swelling above his right eye, lay on the ground for about 30 seconds as the crowd was silenced and Gosling covered his head while crouching in front of the mound. Casey went to first base and left the game after the inning.

Casey faced Cincinnati for the first time since the December trade that sent him to his hometown team. He played eight years for the Reds.

"Yeah, I thought I had some friends over here," Casey said with a laugh. "But, hey, that's baseball. It happens. The ball got

away from him. That's the way it goes. You take that risk every time you get in the batter's box."

After the inning, Casey approached Gosling to let him know he had no problem with the pitch.

"I told him, 'It's all right,'" Casey said. "Obviously, he's coming in tight on a 2-0 pitch, and the ball just sailed on him."

Casey received a loud ovation before his first at-bat from the crowd at Ed Smith Stadium. Before the game, he shook hands and embraced numerous fans and former teammates.

One fan shouted out during one of his at-bats: "We love you, Sean Casey! We don't like your shirt, though!"

"There are still mixed emotions," Casey said. "Everything I've done as a big leaguer has been with the Reds. I see those guys over there. I'm a human being. I like the guys in the

Pirates' clubhouse. They've been good to me. But I developed a lot of relationships over there, too."

Casey's 2005 season ended Sept. 16 in Pittsburgh when, while playing for the Reds, he was knocked unconscious while colliding with Pirates catcher Humberto Cota. Casey sustained a concussion and was taken off the field on a stretcher after Cota ran into him while running out a ground ball.

It remains to be seen how long Casey will be in Pittsburgh. He can become a free agent after the season.

Casey said Pittsburgh's recent contract extensions for outfielder Jason Bay and shortstop Jack Wilson are a sign the team has a brighter future.

"When you see the organization signing those guys, you can see there's a commitment," he said. "There are a lot of good things happening here."



photo by Jamie Howell
LADY REBELS: Allen Central, the runner-up out of the 58th District, ended its run in the 15th Region Tournament Wednesday night with a loss to the Belfry Lady Pirates.



photo by Jamie Howell
UP AND AWAY: Prestonsburg sophomore Jordan Hall and senior Lewis Barnette worked for a rebound against Belfry.

High school athlete seeking change in eligibility requirements

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Karen and Don Dossett held their daughter, Kelsey, back in the first grade so she could improve her reading skills.

Now, the 18-year-old high school soccer player — a junior at Henderson County High School — is facing a senior year ineligible to play the game she loves and attract college scouts for a potential scholarship. She's eight days too old.

"Just because I got held back doesn't mean I shouldn't be able to play sports," Kelsey Dossett said.

State law prohibits students who turn age 19 before Aug. 1 from playing sports in that school year. Kelsey's birthday is July 24.

The teen is working to change the law. The Dossetts accompanied their daughter to Frankfort last Wednesday to

push for a plan by Rep. Gross Lindsay, D-Henderson, that would back up the cutoff date to July 1. The House approved the plan Monday on a 95-3 vote and it heads to the Senate for consideration.

Nevertheless, Karen Dossett says it's an ordeal her daughter shouldn't have to go through. Nearing her senior year, Kelsey has blossomed into not only a promising athlete but a solid student in the classroom, she said.

Kelsey said she gets "A's and B's" and attends some honors classes.

"It's not fair to her," Karen Dossett said, noting sports was not a consideration in holding Kelsey back. "Why is she being penalized just for being held back in the first grade?"

Kentucky has had the Aug. 1 cutoff date for years, said Brigid DeVries, commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic

Association. It's a state law and was chosen as a "uniform date for all students," DeVries said.

"Any date you pick, someone is going to be too young or too old," DeVries said. "And there needs to be a finite date."

The issue has come up before. In 1998, Hopkinsville High School got in trouble with the KHSAA after Artose Pinner, now an NFL running back who played college football at the University of Kentucky, played despite being ineligible under the rule. The high school reported itself to the KHSAA and had to pay a fine, forfeit games Pinner played and be on probation for the 1998-99 school year.

Kentucky is not alone in its cutoff date.

Ohio and West Virginia have the same age limit as Kentucky, making ineligible any student who turns 19 before Aug. 1. Tennessee and Virginia disqual-

ify 19-year olds if their birthdays fall on or before Aug. 1. Illinois allows students to play through age 19. Indiana allows students to play as long as they don't turn 20 before the date of the state championship of their particular sport. Missouri allows students to play if their 19th birthday falls after July 1.

Matt Richeson, the head girls' soccer coach at Henderson County High School, said he sometimes hears about students in different regions of the state who lose their eligibility because of a birthday. Students can't control when they are born, he noted.

Kelsey's absence would "be a big loss" to her team, but it could also hurt her playing career, he said.

Moving the cutoff date by a month would not hurt and would allow more students throughout the state to play

sports, he said.

"We've got to have rules, we've got to have cutoff dates. I believe in that," Richeson said. "When you're dealing with human beings, I think you've got to have a little leeway on some aspect of it."

Bill Mike Runyon, the athletics director at Paintsville High School, agreed. Runyon, who is also the school's head football and basketball coach, said state lawmakers should consider any bill that would allow more students to play sports.

"I'm all for that," Runyon said. "We're here as coaches and administrators in this state to try and get as many kids as possible involved in high school athletics."

Mike Hayden, executive director at the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, advised against changing any limits because

otherwise, "when does it end?"

Blake Ress, commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association, said most states had an eligibility limit at age 19. While many people tend to graduate by their 18th birthday, there are always some students who get caught by such a rule, Ress said.

Still, a month can make a big difference in a high school athlete's development, Ress said, calling Aug. 1 "a very good cutoff date."

"I just think that the age rule is one that needs to be held sacred," Ress said.

Nevertheless, Kelsey said she's hoping the law changes in time for next season.

"I'll still try to play in college," Kelsey said, noting she wants to be a physical therapist.

The legislation is House Bill 432.

MSU Volleyball announces camp dates

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University head volleyball coach Jaime Gordon has announced the dates and information for the 2006 MSU summer volleyball camps. MSU will conduct an individual skills camp on July 11-13, while the volleyball team camps are set for the same dates. The Eagle staff also announced its satellite camp option for teams to conduct camps at their own facilities with the Eagle coaching staff providing instruction.

The individual skills camp will begin on Tuesday, July 11 at 12 noon and conclude on Thursday, July 13 at 3 p.m. A resident and commuter option are available. Resident campers will be provided housing, meals, camp tee shirt and all training sessions. Commuters will be provided camp tee shirt, all training sessions and lunch and dinner each day. Breakfast is not included. The cost of the camp for residents is \$205, and the commuter cost is \$180.

On the same dates, July 11-13, MSU will also conduct its

team camp. The cost is the same as the skills camp, \$180 for commuters and \$205 for residents, and there is a six-player minimum for the camp. The camp will provide teams an opportunity to compete in game-like situations, and MSU will provide a coach to assist the team's head coach. The coaches will be accomplished college and club coaches and players.

Morehead State also offers a satellite camp option for teams who would like professional instruction but who would like to hold camp at a facility of their choosing. Gordon, along with his staff, will personally set up a camp schedule, complete with team and individual instruction sessions, and will travel to the site of the camp. The MSU staff will travel to any facility and work with coaches to insure a high level camp that will prepare teams for the upcoming season. Gordon even welcomes suggestions and will work with any coach to establish the best camp environment available.

Each satellite camp has a 12 camper minimum limit. A one-day, two-session camp is \$45

per player, while a one-day, three-session camp costs \$65 per player. A two-day four-session camp is set at \$90 per player, and a two-day, five-session camp is \$105 per player. A three-day, six-session camp will be \$110 per player.

Gordon will be entering his fourth season as MSU's head coach in 2006 and has 14 years collegiate coaching experience, including a successful career as the top assistant at University of Kentucky. He was named the 2003 Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year. Assistant coach Kris Grunwald brings a bevy of experience, including two seasons as head coach at Auburn in the powerful Southeastern Conference. Assistant coach Shannon Wells finished her first year on the staff in 2005 and is one of the top players ever, holding numerous records, at Southern Indiana University.

For more information on the MSU volleyball camps, download the camp brochures on the volleyball page of www.msueagles.com or contact Grunwald at 606-783-9515 or at k.grunwald@moreheadstate.edu.



The McDowell Elementary C-Team cheerleaders took top honors in the county tournament. photo by Jamie Howell



The Adams Middle School A-team cheerleaders finished first in last week's Floyd County Tournament. photo by Jamie Howell



The Adams Middle School B-team cheerleaders took top honors in their division. photo submitted

KHSAA NOTEBOOK

National City scholarship winners announced

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Following are the winners of the National City Sweet 16 scholarships. As part of its title sponsorship of the Boys' Sweet 16, National City will present each with a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. Each winner, along with his/her family, will be invited to attend a reception Saturday, March 18 from 5-7:30 at the Lexington Convention Center prior to the championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament. In addition, winners will be recognized during the contest. Media outlets are invited to the reception.

Region 1 — Kellie Wilber (Mayfield) and Barrett Wilson (Graves County)

Region 2 — Aleia Judd (Fort Campbell) and Ryan Fowler (Union County)

Region 3 — Kristen Chinn (Ohio County) and Jordan Benock (Meade County)

Region 4 — Cali Carter (Greenwood) and Nermin Peimanovic (Warren Central)

Region 5 — Latasha Richard (John Hardin) and Tory Stanley (Central Hardin)

Region 6 — Lecresha Evans (Central) and Lavon Clark III (Butler)

Region 7 — Lauren Allen (Mercy) and Julian Brown (Seneca)

Region 8 — Autumn Fisher (North Oldham) and Matthew Mings (Henry County)

Region 9 — Lauren McCafferty (Newport Central Catholic) and Michael Schuh (Villa Madonna)

Region 10 — Michelle Simon (Bishop Brossart) and Scott Best (Scott)

Region 11 — Ranthony Clark (Paul Dunbar) and Steven Aweimrin (Henry Clay)

Region 12 — Meredith Coffey (Casey County) and Juan Holloman (East Jessamine)

Region 13 — Rhea Kaw (Middlesboro) and Jeremy Sanders (Bell County)

Region 14 — Meghan Hackney (Hazard) and Dustin Stevenson (Estill County)

Region 15 — Devon Salyer (Paintsville) and Will Lockhart (Pikeville)

Region 16 — Amanda Musick (Fairview) and Corey Gillum (Greenup County)

This is the third year National City has awarded scholarships. During that time \$80,000 in scholarships has been awarded to 96 individuals.

■ Joyce Seymour of Louisville, long-time manager of the Girls' Louisville Invitational Basketball Tournament, was selected a Sports Ethics Fellow for the 16th Annual National Sportsmanship Day, March 7.

■ The KHSAA Board of Control was presented an update on the Public/Non-Public Task Force Committee report with regard to proposals. KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries will update the Kentucky Board of Education at its April meeting on the status of proposals. The Board went on record with a desire for the proposals to be presented to the member schools in the form of a referendum.

■ Tickets to the 2006 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Induction Banquet are currently on sale through the KHSAA. The banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 at the Lexington Convention Center's Bluegrass Ballroom. Individual tickets are \$45 each, or a table of 10 may be purchased for \$425.

Those to be inducted are Earl Adkins, Richard Bedwell, Tom Hammond, Stan Hardin, James Holman, Joan Johnston, Charles Joseph, Rick Kestner, Carole Liedtke, George Lusby, Jimmie Reed, Kenny Rollins, Tom Steltenkamp.

UPCOMING KHSAA CALENDAR

March 6-14 — Regional Basketball Tournaments

March 14 — Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet, Lexington Center Bluegrass Ballroom

March 15-18 — National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16®, Lexington

March 22-25 — Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16®, Bowling Green

■ The next meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control is special meeting to review appeals. The meeting will be held Friday, March 24 at the University Plaza Holiday Inn in Bowling Green. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA.



photos by Jamia Howell

The Betsy Layne A- (above) and B-team (below) cheerleading squads each finished runner-up.



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The Wesley Christian School cheerleaders finished runner-up in the C-team county tourney.



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John M. Stumbo's Landon Tackett won the B-team individual free throw trophy and landed a spot on the all-conference team.

15TH REGION RECORDS

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Magoffin County	24-5
Belfry	24-5
Johnson Central	20-10
Paintsville	19-10
Pike County Central	15-13
Shelby Valley	15-14
Sheldon Clark	15-14
Prestonsburg	14-11
Phelps	14-11
East Ridge	14-14
Lawrence County	10-17
Betsy Layne	7-18
Allen Central	5-25
Pikeville	2-23
Piarist School	2-23
South Floyd	1-21

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Belfry	21-8
Paintsville	21-10
Pike County Central	20-10
Johnson Central	17-11
Shelby Valley	17-12
Phelps	15-11
Prestonsburg	15-14
South Floyd	14-15
East Ridge	12-14
Betsy Layne	12-15
Pikeville	12-16
Sheldon Clark	10-16
Magoffin County	10-17
Lawrence County	10-18
Piarist School	7-21
Allen Central	5-22
David School	0-28

HORSE RACING

Racing Authority has too few vets to administer 'milkshake' tests

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLORENCE — With two veterinarians dismissed by the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority since last year, horses are not being tested before races for use of a fatigue-reducing mixture known as a "milkshake."

The authority prohibits administering a milkshake to a horse less than 24 hours before it is to race. But there has been no testing for several weeks because the authority has only three veterinarians to run the tests instead of the five that are authorized.

Once one of the vacancies is filled, testing could resume, said Jim Gallagher, the authority's executive director.

"It's something that we'd like to see addressed, and we're in the process of doing that," he said. Gallagher declined to give a timetable.

A milkshake is made of baking soda, sugar and some electrolytes. It is believed to increase the concentration of carbon dioxide in a horse's bloodstream and lessen lactic acid buildup, thereby warding off fatigue.

Gallagher said there have been no positive tests since Kentucky began checking last year.

An outbreak of equine herpes virus at Turfway Park in December led to a halt of milkshake testing there. It continued after the outbreak subsided because of the two vet vacancies.

Turfway Park President Bob Elliston said the testing gives confidence to people racing horses as well as those who bet on them, but he said he understands the temporary disruption.

Elliston would like to see the testing "reimplemented as soon as practical," he said.

Gary Wilson was fired last year as chief veterinarian. He was given no reason for his dismissal, which came a month after he said that staffing and funding for the authority's veterinary program were so limited that the welfare of horses was at risk.

Camme Miles, who pleaded guilty in Jefferson County to prescription-fraud charges, was also dismissed.

Shaffer, Hamilton could contribute right away for college teams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Two more Prestonsburg Blackcats are headed to the college football ranks. One week ago, Prestonsburg High seniors David Shaffer and Tyler Hamilton each signed on to play college football. Shaffer, who is projected to play defensive end, signed with the University of Virginia's College at Wise. Hamilton, a defensive lineman, signed with Morehead State.

Both Shaffer and Hamilton also contributed offensively for the Blackcat football program. Shaffer went under center and

called signals from the quarterback position at various times during his prep football career. Hamilton also played offensive line for the Blackcats.

Shaffer and Hamilton helped Prestonsburg to a pair of Class 2A, Region 4 runner-up finishes. Both Blackcats also had key roles in Prestonsburg's playoff win at then-No. 1 Breathitt County during the 2004 Class 2A State Playoffs.

Heading into the 2005 season, the Cats' Pause Kentucky Football Yearbook ranked Shaffer as Class 2A, Region 4's top player. In another preseason billing, the Lexington Herald-

Leader listed Hamilton as one of the state's top 50 senior football players.

Shaffer is headed to a Virginia-Wise football program that competes in the Mid-South Conference. The Cavaliers finished the 2005 season with a 4-7 overall record. Bruce Wasem guides the UVa-Wise football team.

Morehead State, coached by Matt Ballard, finished the 2005 season with an 8-4 record and won its fourth consecutive PFL South Division Championship.

Prestonsburg High School graduate John Gilliam is the Morehead State defensive coordinator.

In what 1993 film do Christian Slater and Patricia Arquette go on a rampage after meeting at a marathon showing of all three of Sonny Chiba's 'Streetfighter' films?

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THROUGH MY EYES

Woman overboard

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

You know, no matter how hard I try to ignore the fact - life is simply uncontrollable. It comes at you head-on and you either manage to successfully maneuver a good dodge or you get hit smack dead center with whatever's flying out of the fan.

For the past several weeks, what's been flying out of the fan in my direction is something that we all consider a very precious commodity - water.

Lots of water. 21,000 gallons to be exact. And counting.

And the counting is being done by the Paintsville Utilities service - to the tune of "ka-ching, ka-ching" in regard to my bank account.

Seems Paintsville Utilities has determined that I have a water leak. Okay, "stuff" happens, this we all know. But, after two quite thorough checks of my home and

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POSTSCRIPT

Democracy in action - Not!

Lest we eastern Kentuckians think we have a corner on the election fraud market, once again I remark that we don't.

Last week, just across the state line, across the border from Harlan County on the south side of Black Mountain, in the town of

Appalachia, a Virginia grand jury entered indictments against 14 folks - hundreds of indictments against 14 folks.

One of those indicted was the mayor of the town, who has also been serving as town manager. One was a police captain.

Still another was a councilman. He merits his own separate paragraph because he proves that corrupt politics is often a family affair. Indicted along with him were his father, his mother, his brother, two

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Big Sandy Singers to release first album



The Big Sandy Singers, from Big Sandy Community and Technical College, will be featured at an Album Release Party for their first album "Down to the River to Pray," on March 21. The album cover depicts each member (left to right, front to back) Beth Adkins, Clayton Case, Louanna Calhoun, Troy Burchett, Susan Scott, Jessica Keathley, Director Laura Ford Hall, Frances Branham, Amanda Stepp, Brandon Maynard, and Album Producer/Technical Director Timothy Cooley.

Promotional event to be held March 21

The Big Sandy Singers, the elite, auditioned, student singing ensemble from Big Sandy Community and Technical College, will be releasing their first album "Down to the River to Pray" at an Album Release Party and Business After Hours on Tuesday, March 21, at 5:30 p.m., in the atrium of the Prestonsburg Campus Student Center; an event coordinated by Big Sandy Community and Technical College in conjunction with the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce.

The Big Sandy Singers are directed by BSCTC Instructor and Kentucky Opry member Laura Ford Hall, with Timothy Cooley - album producer and technical director. Auditions are held for the group yearly and are open to BSCTC students or MSU at BSCTC students. The singers who are chosen receive a \$1,200 scholarship to attend the school as well as in-studio recording experience. "Down to the River to

Pray" is the first album the group has recorded, after the installation of the Big Sandy Recording Studio on campus.

"We are so very excited about releasing our first album," Hall said. "This truly is a dream come true for the students and for Tim and myself. I pinch myself sometimes thinking 'is this really happening?' We have been so blessed by God to have received such wonderful support from our President George Edwards who has been involved in the making of the album and the decision making process. Without his vision and support this would have not been possible."

The recording process started in November when each student began going into the studio to lay down their solo track. The group tracks followed. The album features these 14 pop, country, and gospel songs each sung by the Big Sandy Singers: "Down to the River

to Pray," by the full ensemble; "Perfect," by Susan Scott; "Some Days You Gotta Dance," by Jessica Keathley; "God's Will," by Louanna Calhoun; "God Bless the USA," by the female ensemble; "Why They Call It Falling," by Amanda Stepp; "Cry," by Beth Adkins; "Drugs or Jesus," by Clayton Case; "United We Stand" by the full ensemble; "Love the Way You Love Me," by Frances Branham; "Without You," by Troy Carlois Burchett; "No News," by Brandon Maynard; "You Raise Me Up," by Laura Ford Hall; and "From a Distance," by the full ensemble. Songs were each produced by Cooley with vocal direction by Hall.

During the album release party, the Big Sandy Singers will treat the audience members with a live performance of the album. In addition, the Singers will be signing autographs, and the album will be available to those who

donate \$10 or more to the BSCTC music and drama programs. Refreshments will also be served.

The Big Sandy Singers are available to sing for community and civic events. For information on booking, contact Laura Ford Hall at (606) 886-3863 ext. 67227. Any high school or non-traditional student wishing to audition for the Big Sandy Singers for the 2006-2007 school year (to receive a \$1,200 scholarship and recording experience) should plan on attending the first round of auditions, to be held Saturday, April 29. Call Hall at the number above for more information on auditions.

For more information on the album release party and Business After Hours event, contact Linda Lyon at Big Sandy Community & Technical College (606) 886-3863 or Mandy Stumbo at the Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce (606) 886-0364.

FLYLADY

The Tie That Binds

by Marla Cilley

What we are doing to our families because we can't let go of the past! You know exactly what I am talking about. I had to get tough with a dear friend this morning over this same problem. But, she is not the only one struggling with this issue.

Here is the situation: My friend's eight-year-old daughter wants to have her birthday party at home instead of McDonald's as she has had all her life. She goes to her mother and says, "Mommy, I am the only girl in my class that has not had a sleepover at my house."

This child's birthday is in five months. I guess she figures that if she asks now, that her mom will be able to accomplish this by the time her birthday comes.

The little girl's simple question placed a huge guilt trip on this mother. Their living room, family room, dining room, and kitchen are major "hot spot" infernos filled with clutter. I asked her what was in those hot spots. She said that she had been "going through the baby things." Now listen closely - the baby is 8 years old. What do you think is going on here? I feel that she can't let go of the past because she is feeling sorry for herself

that her children are growing up. "This is my baby," she said to me. Well, what are they supposed to do? Die in infancy? No, children grow into adults and we have to let them go! This means their baby stuff and toys, as well. As a result of not wanting to let go of the so-called "sentimental" items, she is sacrificing her child to the "gods of the past" and not allowing her to grow up in the "here and now" and enjoy her childhood.

Do you see how sad this is for the whole family? The clutter of the past is alienating them from the world. This is not the only problem in this family. This clutter is hurting their marriage too, as well as the lives of the older children. What we have here is a failure to take babysteps. The perfectionism attitude is keeping her from spending a few minutes

here and there to declutter. Her excuse was that she doesn't have time! I asked if she had five minutes. She had been taught her whole life, "If you don't do it right, then don't do it at all!". Her exact words were, "I don't have time to do it all!" This is the main problem with every one of us.

We think we have to do it all, to do it RIGHT! This is a bold face lie!!! If five minutes is all we can do then that is five minutes more than we have done. You can't organize clutter; you can only get rid of it. This clutter came into your home one bag at a time and it can leave the same way.

How long are you going to let clutter steal your life, your love and your sanity? It



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Family Medicine

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Reader's newly developed mole should be examined by doctor

Question: I was hoping you could give me some advice on a mole that formed recently on my upper right shoulder. I am a 36-year-old man, and this mole originated in the last 4-5 weeks. I would describe it as gray and about the size of a raised pencil eraser. Is this something I should see a doctor about?

Answer: People tend to use the word "mole" to describe any kind of growth on the skin, but to physicians a mole is a specific type of growth. More properly called a nevus, this kind of growth usually contains pigment that makes it appear darker than the surrounding skin. It may be flat, raised

above the skin, or even hanging from a little stalk.

While most nevi are harmless, there are many signs that you should look for to help determine if a mole is a "bad" one or not. Most people have between 10 and 50 moles, and some are even called "beauty marks" when they occur on the face.

There are two basic classifications of moles — normal nevi and dysplastic nevi. Let's take a look at each type.

- Characteristics of normal nevi are:
- * Color — ranges from pink to tan to dark brown, sometimes almost black;
 - * Shape — usually round or oval

- with well-defined borders;
- * Size — ranges from 1 to 10 millimeters; and
 - * Location — anywhere on the body.

Normal nevi may also be either flat or elevated and may or may not have hair growing in them. They tend to develop in childhood and adolescence.

Dysplastic nevi are moles that are abnormal and look different from "normal" moles. These moles are more likely to turn into melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer. While most moles — both normal and dysplastic — never turn cancerous, the dysplastic moles should cause concern and are usually removed.

Characteristics of dysplastic nevi are:

- * Color — Tan to very dark brown on a pink background;
- * Shape — Asymmetric, with irregularly shaped and poorly defined borders;

- * Size — Ranges from 5 to 12 millimeters (usually larger than a pencil eraser); and
- * Location — Most common on sun-exposed skin, but sometimes develop on covered areas.

Unlike normal moles, dysplastic nevi continue to appear after age 35. While most of us have just a few abnormal moles, some people have more than 100 of these dysplastic nevi. This tendency runs in families. Members of these families have a very high risk of melanoma. A person with this condition should have his or her doctor do a skin exam every three to six months so that any problems can be detected early.

Given our reader's age and the recent appearance of his mole, I would advise him to make an appointment to see his family doctor or a dermatologist promptly. That's also good advice for anyone who is concerned about a new mole or one that appears to be changing

in size, color or texture. Of course with Spring Break and summer quickly approaching, be sure to use sunscreen to protect your skin from harmful ultraviolet rays. Unprotected sun exposure can increase your risk of developing skin cancer, especially a dangerous melanoma.

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FlyLady

It is time to let go and FLY!! I want for you what I have—Peace. And this peace I now have come from learning to let go of the ties that bound me to my clutter! Cut those

ties and find yourself FLYing!
For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out Marla's website and join her free mentoring group at

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Postscript

uncles and a great-aunt. Virginia authorities allege that those indicted conspired to get three councilmen elected during the May 2004 election. Allegedly, they wanted control of the town so they could traffic in drugs unimpeded by the law and could direct other police actions, such as harassing people they didn't like. The alleged conspiracy became the focus of an investigation when some residents of a housing project reported they'd been approached by people offering them gifts in return for their vote. The booty included cigarettes, beer, and, in at least one instance, a bag of pork rinds. The group is also alleged to have manipulated absentee ballots with the help of a mail carrier, who was also indicted. In fact, 20 percent of the votes in

the election in question were absentee, far enough above normal to create suspicion. It's important to note here that the town of Appalachia was once a prosperous coal town, a shopping center for some 25,000 people in the northwest section of Wise County. Today, fewer than 2,000 people live in the town, which has a deteriorating economy and is destined most likely to lose its high school in a few years. There's not a lot here to fight over. The situation in the town of Appalachia is almost laughable. We can read about it and feel somewhat superior. But can we really? The folks in Appalachia, Wise County, Virginia, are our cousins, literally and figuratively. Eastern Kentucky and southwest Virginia were settled

by the same people from the same places around the same time. Perhaps, in this year of a huge local election, we should examine our own beliefs about democracy. Do we exercise our right to vote? Do we educate ourselves about the candidates? Do we base our decisions on the quality of character of a candidate or on his/her pedigree? (As the election nears, look at the lineages listed in the ads.) Do we tolerate corruption as being inevitable? Do we know how and where to report suspected fraud, and do we dare report it? I fear that unless we Appalachians — all of us — begin to regard our vote as valuable and priceless, we will continue to settle for mediocrity — or less.

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Eyes

property and a determination by a local, very reputable plumbing operation, that I have no leak, Paintsville Utilities still maintains that I do. Okay, so after two long weeks of attempting to get past the office manager (a woman that could stand to maybe consider that "polite" is not a disease) to the director of this office, I finally manage to get to talk to the guy. I am then told that he agrees that it does appear that something, somewhere is amiss. Workers will be dispatched forthwith to switch out my meter and determine if an "equipment malfunction" has taken place. Oh, yes, and there will also be a fee. Of course. Another long week later, my meter has yet to be switched. Someone did, however, come out and turn my water off last Friday. There was no note left to explain why this happened, but after another round of telephone calls (and reassuring my teenage daughter several times over that yes, indeed, I HAD paid the bill), I was told by the director that perhaps the guys had started the job, got called out on an emergency and had to

leave. Thereby explaining why the water would be off even though the meter had not been switched out. Well, I guess. And, since no one was answering at the emergency number, maybe, the director suggested, I could just retrieve a crescent wrench from my handy-dandy toolbox that, of course, all of us women happen to keep around (so okay, I do have a toolbox, my ex-mother-in-law bought it for me as a matter of fact - guess she figured I was gonna be needing the help). However, I'm not exactly sure if there's a crescent wrench in there. I picked out what my best guess told me was such a thing

and heck, went out to give it a go. Fortunately, my next door neighbor arrived home in time to prevent me from experiencing what could have been a quite traumatic episode of events. Thank goodness for good neighbors. In the meantime, I'm still waiting for the Paintsville Utilities to visit the wizard and get a heart 'cause I'm told by the Public Services Commission in Frankfort, an office that does not, by the way, regulate city-owned utilities services, that the only venue available to me in which I may voice a complaint is that of City Hall. That...and this column. "Ka-ching."

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
*Character words for the month of March: "Caring" and "Citizenship"
 ■ Mar. 13, 15 - Our Lady of the Way will present a program on nutrition to 6th graders.
 ■ Mar. 21 - "Magic Me," weather permitting.
 ■ Mar. 11 - Last day to get "Apples for the Students" receipts from Food City. Receipts need to be turned in to homeroom teachers by March 13. Homeroom collecting highest total (monetary) will win a pizza party!
 ■ Mar. 14 - Rick Bender will present a program on "Smokeless Tobacco." Presentation will begin at 9 a.m.
 ■ Mar. 15 - Wulfe Brothers will perform "Taming the Wild West," 10 a.m.
 ■ Mar. 17 - Peer Mediation training in center, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 ■ Mar. 20-24 - Spring Book Fair. Parent volunteers needed. Call 886-1297 if wish to volunteer.
 ■ March 27-31 - Spring Break for students. AMS wishes all students a safe holiday!
 ■ Sign-ups still going on for Beginner Sewing Classes. Stop by YSC if interested.
 ■ Lending Library available for students and parents in YSC.
 ■ 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
 ■ Mar. 14 - Field trip to ACHS for tobacco presentation.
 ■ Mar. 15 - Parent meeting, 1:30 p.m. Topic: "Preparation for Testing."
 ■ Mar. 24 - "Spring Fling" Dance, 6 p.m.
 *Turn in your Food City receipts to your homeroom teacher!
 ■ 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

Marilyn Bailey, assistant coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center
 ■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary
 ■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.
 ■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary
 ■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations.
 ■ 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
 School is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts must be dated Sept. 11, 2005 to March 11, 2006. Top three school winners will receive a gift. In anyone in the community would like to donate their receipts, they may mail them to: Duff Elementary, P.O. Box 129, Eastern, KY 41622; may also drop receipts off in school front office.
 ■ Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. 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
 ■ Mar. 23 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in library. Open to public.
 ■ April 17-28 - CATS and CTBS testing window.
 ■ 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
 ■ Mar. 14 - Open House, 5-7 p.m. Free dinner and teacher/parent visitations. Date subject to change - watch school marquee.
 ■ 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. Watch for dates to be announced. If you need training, call to set up an appointment.
 ■ 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 Tristram Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

The Piarist School
 ■ School is participating in Food City's "Apples for Students" program

this year. This school/community partnership awards educational equipment to schools that accumulate store register tapes. In past years, this program has awarded more than \$250 million in needed classroom learning tools FREE to participating schools. The Piarist School urges all parents and community members to support this invaluable program by sending their Food City register tapes to the school with their children, or by dropping them off at the school office. Register tapes will be collected until March 11, 2006. For more information, contact Audrey Collins at 285-3950.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center.
 ■ Mar. 14 - Left Beaver Homemakers meeting, 10:30 a.m., in OES Library.
 ■ Mar. 14 - Wulfe Brothers school assembly program, 1:30 p.m., in OES gym.
 ■ Apr. 10 - Family Resource Center Advisory Council meeting, 6 p.m., in resource center. Meeting open to public.
 ■ Apr. 13 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Mountain Arts Center. (This is your day, parents!)

■ GED classes - Tuesdays (1-4:30 p.m.); Wednesdays (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.), at the Weeksby Comm. Ctr. Questions? Call Kay Ross at 886-7334. Classes are FREE of charge.
 ■ Lost & Found is located in resource center. Items not claimed within 2 weeks become property of the FRC.
 ■ The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. For more information about center programs or functions, call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

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.

New Arrivals

Births/Birthdays

Engagements

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New
Arrivals



February 5, 2006

- A daughter, Amber Starr Katherine Tays, to Joy Beth White, of Hazard

February 6, 2006

- A daughter, Kayleigh Alyssa Osendott, to Christina & William Osendott, of Inez

- A son, Gabriel Derek Wireman, to Amber Wireman, of Hueysville

- A son, Johnathon Henry Cantrell, to Randy & Jessica Cantrell, of Flat Gap

- A daughter, Mackenzie Rena Sandlin, to Ashley & Robert Sandlin Jr., of Booneville

February 7, 2006

- A son, Kaden Jace Allen, to Kendra Crum, of Prestonsburg

- A son, Isaiah Paul Johnson, to Paul Lee & Amanda Johnson, of Salyersville

February 8, 2006

- A daughter, Dawn Marie Calvert, to Allison Marie Calvert, of Tomahawk

February 9, 2006

- A daughter, Hannah Evangeline Moyer, to Melody Joy & Kevin Wellington Moyer, of Leburn

- A daughter, Hollie Norita Tackett, to Lisa & Alan Tackett, of Prestonsburg

- A son, Ronnie Alan Tackett, to Lisa & Alan Tackett, of Prestonsburg

- A son, Austin Cong Phuoc Huynh, to Holly Le & Danh Huynh, of Prestonsburg

- A daughter, Renae Cheyenne Maynard, to Lonnie Dale & Patricia Lynn Maynard, of Inez

- A son, Wesley Grant Ryan, to Jamie Hatfield, of Prestonsburg

February 10, 2006

- A daughter, Layce MaKenna Hall, to Angela Hall, of Topmost

- A son, Jacob Michael Ryan Green, to Ashley Vanhoose, of Thelma

February 11, 2006

- A daughter, Madelyn Cecelia Kate Crum, to Michelle & James Crum, of Deboard

February 12, 2006

- A daughter, Cadence Marie Helton, to Andrea Beals, of Inez

- A son, Jesse Lee Howard, to Ruth & Billy Howard, of Eastern

- A son, Noah Gabriel James, to Amber Nicholle & Jesse Neil James, of Pikeville

February 13, 2006

- A daughter, Julia Kay Hurley, to Ashley & Brian Hurley, of Prestonsburg

- A son, Thomas Keith Issac Dorton, to Myrtle Dorton, of Flat Gap

- A son, Braydon Sean Mize, to April Combs, of Bonnyman

- A son, William Alexander Herald, to April & James W. Herald III, of Prestonsburg

- A son, Eric Vernon Has Johnson, to Angela & Ernie Johnson, of Bevensville

February 14, 2006

- A daughter, Lauren Brooke Trimble, to Todd & Jessie Trimble, of Staffordsville

- A son, Timothy Mitchell Jaynes, to Robin Sue Anderson, of Salyersville

- A son, Jacob Austin Reed, to Susan Stacy, of Hazard

- A daughter, Autumn Grace Ousley, to Amy Jo Hicks, of Martin

February 15, 2006

- A daughter, DaKota Gage Crum, to Bridgette Crum, of Garrett

- A daughter, Alana Grace Damron, to Wade & Diane Damron, of David

February 16, 2006

- A daughter, Hannah Grace Hall, to Sandra & Reginald Hall, of Prestonsburg

- A son, Thomas Timothy Jack Colvin, to Guy & Sarah Colvin, of Flat Gap

- A son, Hayden Jace Caudill, to Jacqueline & Ivan Caudill, of Haddix

February 17, 2006

- A daughter, Chloe Kaithyn Grace Toler, to Roger & Brandie Toler, of Hazard

- A daughter, Jayden Ariana Yowell, to Michelle Spurlock, of Staffordsville

February 18, 2006 A son, Peyton Douglas Craig Caudill, to Jessica & Douglas Caudill, of Viper

- A daughter, Amanda Rae Ann Summer, to Elizabeth & Travis Summer, of Hazard

- A daughter, Victoria Grace Meade, to Staci Lorene Meade, of Flat Gap

February 20, 2006

- A daughter, Jaden Danrille Rowe, to Angela Kay Wright, of Salyersville

- A daughter, Trynaty Kadence Hicks, to Shane & Dawn Hicks, of Langley

- A daughter, Kendyl Rhealy Moore, to Christopher & Constance Moore, of Langley

- A daughter, Sydnee Grace Proffitt, to Tony & Terri Proffitt, of Paintsville

February 21, 2006

- A son, Payton Riley Lyons, to Rogetta & John Bradley Lyons, of Prestonsburg

February 22, 2006 A son,

- James Bryant Ramey, to Tammy Tackett, of River

February 23, 2006

- A daughter, Jaden Daisy Hunt, to Junior & Elaine Hunt, of Inez

- A son, Cameron Wesley Joseph Cambell, to Lisa & John Campbell, of Prestonsburg

- A daughter, Andrea Grace Hyden, to Misty & Paul Hyden, of Paintsville

February 24, 2006

- A daughter, Kyra Morgan McAlarnis, to Misty & Danny McAlarnis, of Bulan

- A daughter, Kaylee Elizabeth Gibson, to Chad & Robin Gibson, of Pinetop

- A daughter, Victoria Denice Hall, to Stephanie Nicole Mullins, of Banner

- A daughter, Alexis Jo Bailey, to Crystal Renee & Michael Wayne Bailey, of Salyersville

- A daughter, Hannah LaChelle Reed, to Morris & Sarah Reed, of Salyersville

February 25, 2006

- A son, Dylan Michael Johnson, to Jennifer Patton, of Prestonsburg

- A daughter, Angela Bailey, to Jodie Lynn Rife, of Salyersville



New Arrival

Alexis Faith Akers was born December 9, 2005, at 4:48 a.m., at Highlands Regional Hospital, to proud parents James Allen and Kelly Akers. She weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz., and was 20.5 inches in length. She is the maternal granddaughter of Russell and Pamela Lewis. Her paternal grandparents are James W. and Katherine Akers. She is the great-granddaughter of Andy Bee and Norma Jean Tackett, and Margie and the late Alvin C. Lewis. Her family are overjoyed with her arrival and God's blessings and welcome her with loving, open arms.



Abby is 2!

Abigail Brooke Conn celebrated her second birthday on January 14, 2006, with an "Elmo" theme party. Abby is the daughter of Brian and Jennifer Conn, of Auxier. She is the maternal granddaughter of Jim and Myra Gillispie, also of Auxier. Her paternal grandparents are the late Albert and Irene Conn, formerly of Martin. Abby has one big brother, Payton.

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Devers-Branham

Amanda Renee Devers, of Garrett, and Zachary Clay Branham, of Paintsville, are pleased to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The couple will wed on Saturday, June 10, 2006, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at the New Allen Baptist Church, located in Prestonsburg. Amanda, the daughter of Patricia Devers, and granddaughter of Clarence and Sylvia Hughes, also of Garrett, is a full-time student enrolled at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg. She is a biology major and plans to enroll at the University of Kentucky in the fall of 2006. She plans to seek a career in either medicine or veterinarian medicine. Zachary, the son of Johnny Branham and Tara Minix, and the grandson of Doug and Sue Branham, of Paintsville, is also a full-time student at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg. He is a political science and government major who plans to enroll at the University of Kentucky in fall, 2006, where he will pursue a degree in law.

Winter and Early Spring Pruning Tips

Ray Tackett
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT FOR
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Resources

As spring approaches, many homeowners begin to think about their yard's landscape. The winter months can be damaging to trees and shrubs. To ensure healthy spring plants, homeowners may want to prune the trees and shrubs around their home. But do not just prune for the sake of pruning, make sure you have a valid reason for pruning before you begin.

Pruning during the late winter months allows for the removal of damage caused by winter winds and precipitation. The wounds caused by pruning heal most quickly this time of year just as new growth is emerging on the plant.

Pruning also allows removal of diseased, crowded or hazardous branches. When pruning trees, the size of the tree does not need to be reduced too much in one season. Limit the pruning amount to one-fourth of the tree's volume. Start by thinning out branches by cutting them off close to the tree's trunk or a large limb.

Leave the base of the branch, known as the collar, intact. Cutting the collar will prevent the plant from growing over the wound caused from pruning. Pruning in this manner allows for a healthy tree that is more open to sunlight and air movement. If the branch is cut back only part way, there will likely be a crowded regrowth of new branches where the cut was made. Do not seal or paint the wounds resulting from pruning because this will only delay the tree's healing process.

With spring-flowering shrubs, rejuvenation pruning may be needed and the time to prune is fast approaching. The best time to prune these plants is right after they have flowered.

If the shrub is pruned before it blooms, the buds have been removed before their flowers were enjoyed. When pruning is done after blooming, the flowers will have been enjoyed and the plant can recover, grow, and produce more buds for flowers next spring.

Rejuvenation pruning removes one-third of the shrub's oldest growth. This pruning entails selecting the thickest, darkest and unhealthiest stems or branches and cutting them back. Stems should be cut back to soil level and branches to the point of intersection with the shrub's main trunk. This ensures that only the youngest, most productive wood (that which produces the most/best flowers) remains a part of the shrub. Shrubs that will bloom during the summer months can also be pruned during the early spring.

Pruning is not limited to a certain time of year. Homeowners can prune at any time if they notice branches and limbs that are damaged either from weather, disease or insects. Pruning is invigorating for the plants in a home landscape so one should not necessarily think of pruning as a means of size control. If you have a plant that has grown out-of-bounds, pruning may not be the answer — you may need to consider replacing the plant with one that will reach a smaller size at maturity.

The Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service's online data base, www.GardenData.org, can answer many of your pruning and other gardening and landscape questions. For more information, contact Ray Tackett at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service at 886-2668.

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First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.
In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.
New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.
Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.
Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m., Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.
Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.
Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathon Lafferty, Minister.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.
Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.
Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Hobert Meek, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Expt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.

First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Graydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wed., 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.

Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevsinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Trusty.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.

Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.

Lancer Baptist Church; 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist; Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.

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

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Huelysville; 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.

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. Shane Powers, Pastor.

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, Huelysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

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

CATHOLIC

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

CHRISTIAN

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

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

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



Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. Psalms 112: 1, 7

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Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

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

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

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

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

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

Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.

Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL

St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Rolland Bentrup, Minister.

METHODIST

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

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

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

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

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Phillip 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. UMY'S Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 11 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.; Larry J. Penix, 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.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

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.; Malcolm Slone, Minister.

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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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.

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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.

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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; Darlene W. Arnette, Pastor

aylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1/4 quarter 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.

Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.

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NOTICE OF PERMIT CONFERENCE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0308 AM NO. 1
In accordance with

KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that a permit conference is scheduled for March 27, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at the Prestonsburg Regional Office for the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, concerning the above application filed by Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502. The proposed operation has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 4.5 miles northwest of Hueysville, in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 22.7 acres of surface disturbance, and will add an additional 12.1 underground acres, making the total area within the permit boundary 485.0 acres.

The amendment area is approximately 1.8 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Plummer Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the contour strip and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Sylvia Warrix and Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road KY 7. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Ste. 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Any person whose interest may be adversely affected by the issuance of the proposed permit may present information relevant to the permit, in oral or written form, at the time of the conference.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5427 AMENDMENT NO. 5

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.70 mile northwest of Grethel, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 695.66 acres of underground area, for a total area, of 1876.06 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.31 mile east of Drift, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The operation is approximately 1.80 mile east of KY's 122 junction with the Simpson Branch County Road, and located 0.10 mile southeast of Simpson Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will underlie land owned by Ella Martin, Emmit Lawson, Cassie Martin, Stella Martin Hamilton, Bess Martin Helton, Jamie Ray and Lisa Powell, Edith Huff, Doroty Huff Hamilton, John M. and Leslie K. Caudill, Lula Bradley, May Beverly Estate, Willa Faye Dennison, Nellie F. Hall, Alex and Averta Samons, Clinis Hall, Eugene Hamilton, Alma Land Company, Lizzie Hayes Estate, Troy Jr. and Alden Nettie Hall, Mary Francis Stone, Arthur Mitchell, Roland Moore, Dorothy Martin, Madge & Cecilia Denney, Edith Cook Skeens, Roland Caudill, Sallie Hall Hutchinson, Ted and Helen Stumbo, William E. and Helen Hall, Bobbie & Audrey Hall, Vernon & Anna R. Hall, Billie Joe and Janie M. Gayheart, Penny Sizemore Heirs, Denzil Ray Hall, and Ray Turner.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be

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