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DUI trucker sentenced to one year

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A truck driver who was arrested last August for driving a commercial vehicle while under the influence was sentenced to a year in prison Friday morning.

Jimmy D. Naylor, 35, of Virgie, pleaded guilty to operating a commercial motor vehicle under the influence, first-degree possession of a controlled substance and two traffic violations. Naylor agreed to an offer of one year in prison suspended for 24 months of supervised probation. He also was required to surrender his commercial driving license for the duration of the sentence.

Naylor was pulled over in Ivel and was driving a truck owned by BWB Trucking out of Jenkins at the time of his arrest.

David-ACHS game postponed again

The Associated Press

MARTIN — School officials decided Friday to postpone a high school basketball game instead of banning one of the schools from displaying the Confederate flag at the event.

Officials had decided earlier in the week that not allowing the flag to be displayed in the Allen Central Rebels'

gymnasium would be the best way to defuse a flap over the issue.

David School, a small private Floyd County school with only eight players, had attempted to boycott the game. David coach and athletics director Ned Pillersdorf said the display of Confederate emblems was a form of taunting to his lone black player. But David's board of directors overruled

the coach and told him to play.

However, school board members agreed this week "to remove any opportunity for there to be any distraction, be it a flag or a mascot" at the game. Floyd County schools Superintendent Paul Fanning said.

Lorena Hall, principal of Allen Central, said postponing Friday night's game was a mutual decision between

her and Emma Kriz, principal at David School.

"There's so much controversy, we decided to have it at a later time," Hall said.

Kriz agreed, saying, "My reason for postponing was that I fearful for my students. ...I didn't want anyone hurt."

A new date for the game has not been scheduled.

NATIONAL WINNER



Stumbo Elementary second-grader Alex Andrea Dutch Sisco won second place in the National School Bus Safety Poster Contest. The National Association for Pupil Transportation 2006 Conference was held on November 5-9 in Kansas City, Mo., where the selection was announced. Alex's poster was designed following the theme "Be Aware! Cross with Care." The poster was selected to represent Floyd County in the state competition in September, where she was a state winner in Division I. This latest award earns her top honors for Division 1-Grades K-2. Alex is the daughter of Angela Sisco and Todd Wolfe.

David players say issue overblown

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

DAVID — With all of the rumors flying around concerning the dispute between The David School and Allen Central's basketball team, players on the David School team want to set the record straight.

Several weeks ago, the The David School was reported to have voted not to participate in a basketball game against Allen Central High School due to their use of the Rebel flag and fear of alleged taunting towards the only African American player on the team. Following that decision, the David School Board of Directors released a statement regarding the decision to cancel the game, stating that the decision was made without the proper authorization from school administrators and therefore the basketball schedule would stand as it was.

But players on The David School team have a different story as to how the decision was made to cancel the game. The only African American player on David's team, Justin Bryant, says the players were given a choice by their coach, Ned Pillersdorf.

"We were given the option to either play South Floyd or Allen Central,"

said Bryant. "Several of us voted to play South Floyd because of competition, not the Rebel flag. I don't have a problem playing Allen Central and I don't have a problem with their flag. They have had that flag for a long time and I don't see why they should get rid of it now."

Bryant went on to say that he does not believe the flag's purpose is to symbolize racism and he does not understand why the situation was blown out of proportion.

Several other players on the team said that it had been mentioned during the meeting when the game was decided to be canceled that Allen Central had a reputation for taunting African American players on opposing teams, but this had nothing to do with their decision to cancel.

"I don't have any hard feelings towards Allen Central," said David player Kasey Ousley. "But now everything has been turned into something it's not."

Another player on David's team, Brandon Ratliff, said prior to Friday's matchup between the two schools that he thought it would be hard to play Allen Central again, but also said Allen Central is a good school.

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Woman pleads guilty to selling cocaine, hydrocodone

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

A Floyd County woman who was recorded two times in two separate investigations selling drugs to agents working undercover for the Kentucky State Police and Operation UNITE pleaded guilty in both cases Friday morning and will serve five years in prison.

Brenda C. Benton, 44,

pleaded guilty to trafficking in cocaine and hydrocodone. She entered a guilty plea to both charges, each one carrying a five-year prison term, which will run concurrently with one another. Benton will be sentenced March 6.

The second-degree trafficking in hydrocodone case began when Benton sold the drug to agents working for UNITE twice at her residence. She was

recorded on audio and videotape during both transactions.

Benton was later recorded on audio and videotape selling cocaine to KSP investigators. In those drug buys, the investigators met her in the Food City parking lot in Prestonsburg and drove to the Microtel Inn to complete the transaction.

Benton was indicted in

(See GUILTY, page three)

Counterfeiter pleads guilty to possession

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Garrett man who was convicted in federal court on a counterfeiting charge last year pleaded guilty to drug possession charges and several misdemeanors in Floyd Circuit court Friday stemming from the same arrest.

Jackie Hall Grant, 34, pleaded guilty to a charge of cocaine possession in addition to two third-degree drug possession charges. A charge of criminal possession of a forged instrument was dismissed because he had already been convicted in federal court

and could not be convicted a second time for the same offense.

Grant accepted the prosecution's offer of three years in prison, followed by an additional three years of supervised probation. His sentencing was set for March 6.

Grant was originally sentenced to six months in jail by a federal judge on one count of counterfeiting and finished serving that sentence late last year. After Grant was released from jail, the state filed the drug possession charges and he was indicted by a grand jury last

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County Judge-Executive Robert "Doc" Marshall presented Floyd County Schools Community Education Coordinator Beverly Crisman with a proclamation on Friday designating January as "School Board Member Recognition Month." In his proclamation, Marshall said board members "play a crucial role in promoting student achievement by creating a vision, establishing policies and budgets and setting clear standards of accountability for all involved."

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ John Earl (Catfish John) Bentley, 72, of Hazard, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, January 14, at the Hazard ARH Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Jean Bentley. Funeral services were held Friday, January 19, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Ruby Jewell Howell, 72, of McDowell, died Wednesday, January 17, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Homer

Howell. Funeral services were held Friday, January 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Virginia "Jean" Layne, 74, died Monday, January 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Julia Reffitt, 72, of Langley, died Thursday, January 11, at Our Lady of the

Way Hospital, in Martin. Funeral services were held Friday, January 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Elizabeth Nell (Bobby) Sadler, 90, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Charleston, West Virginia, died on Saturday, January 13, 2007.

■ Brian Samons, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held

Tuesday, January 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Maetta Faye Shepherd, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 13, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Donald Shepherd. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Edward R. "Eddie" Stratton, 46, of Johannesburg, Michigan, formerly of

Ypsilanti, a native of Prestonsburg, died unexpectedly Saturday, January 6. The funeral service was held Monday, January 8, under the direction of Stark Funeral Service Moore Memorial Chapel.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Everett "Abe" Adkins, 78, of Pikeville, died Sunday, January 14, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 17, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Lillie Branham, 79, of Hardy, died Wednesday, January 10, at Trinity Healthcare Center, Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 14, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

■ Cleo Justice Chaney, 87, of Pikeville, died Monday, January 15, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 17, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Hibbard "Hiblee" Clevinger, 89, of Elkhorn City, formerly of Sycamore Bottom, Freeburn, died Saturday, January 13, at Mountain View Healthcare Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 16, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Anna Rhea Damron, 80, of Wyandotte, Mich., a Pike County native, died Sunday, January 14, in Wyandotte. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 17, under the direction of R.J. Nixon Funeral Home of Wyandotte.

■ Mildred L. Davis, 82, of Hardy, died Monday, January 15, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital's Skilled Nursing Facility. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 20, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Johnny James Elswick, 70, of Mouthcard, died Friday, January 12, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were

held Sunday, January 14, under the direction of Shortridge-Ramey Funeral Home of Grundy, Va.

■ Flossie Yates Hall, 85, of Chloe Creek, died Monday, January 15, in Pikeville. She is survived by her husband, Howard Hall. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 18, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Joy B. Lawson, 68, of Osborne Fork of Indian Creek, died Monday, January 15, in Jenkins. Funeral services were held Friday, January 19, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Beulah Mullins, 95, of Birmingham, Ala., formerly of Pinsonfork, died Friday, January 12, 2007 in Alabama. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 16 under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Todd Avery Prater, 18, of Greasy Creek Road, died Sunday, January 14, on US 1441, Millard Highway. Funeral services were held Friday, January 19, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Helen Ford Pruitt, 93, of Millard, died Sunday, January 14, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 17, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Mildred Ramey Ratliff, 84, of Belcher, died Monday, January 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 18, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Verna Rowe Reed, 85, of Canada, died Sunday, Jan. 14, in the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital's Skilled Nursing Facility. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 18, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Johnny Wayne Riddle, 57, of Little Creek, died Sunday, January 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Belya

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Obituaries

William Henry Leedy

William Henry Leedy, age 89, of Louisa, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at Three Rivers Hospital in Louisa.

Born June 4, 1917, in Pike County, he was the son of the late William B. and Elsie Bray Leedy. He was a retired truck driver for Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company; and a U.S. Navy World War II veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cloeva Warren Leedy.

Survivors include a son: Bob Leedy (wife, Alma) of Waverly, Ohio; a brother: Edward Lee Leedy of Betsy Layne; three sisters: Maxie Reynolds of Tennessee, Cleo Thomas of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Helena Justice of Betsy Layne; 19 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; three daughters-in-law: Bonnie Leedy, Myrtle Leedy, and Betty Leedy.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by three sons: Bill Leedy, Larry Leedy, and Harmon Leedy; a sister, Lillie Compton; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 20, at 2 p.m., at the Louisa Freewill Baptist Church, with Venny Vanhoose and Clifford Austin officiating.

Burial was in Green Lawn East Cemetery in Louisa, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was Thursday, January 18, at 5 p.m., at the

funeral home, and Friday, January 19, at 5 p.m. in the Louisa Freewill Baptist Church, in Louisa. (Paid obituary)



George Jefferson Meadows

George Jefferson Meadows of Ypsilanti, Michigan, age 81, passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, following an extended illness.

He was born April 3, 1925 in Prestonsburg, the son of Joe W. and Mary (Grey) Meadows. George served in the Pacific during World War II as a gunner's mate, surviving the torpedoing of the U.S.S. Houston CL-81.

On December 24, 1947, he married Ida Belle Miller, and she survives.

George retired from Ford Motor Company in 1991, after 37 years of employment. He was active in the Senior Citizens groups in both Ypsilanti and Pittsfield Townships; he loved the seniors and he loved to travel.

George was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, and he will be greatly missed.

In addition to his loving wife of 59 years, survivors include: five children, Georgia (Roy) Brooks, Teddy (Mickey) Black, Billy (Susan) Meadows, Rhonda (Mark) Sanders, and Bonita Bowling; 16 grandchildren: Christopher Brooks, Melissa Robinson, Tina McDavid, Eric Black, Holly Lopez, Sara Black, Jefferson Meadows, Michelle Melhorn, Rebecca Meadows, Billy Jean, Nathan Sanders, Heather Szytek, Dwayne Dunn, Stacey Dunn, Jackie

Petch and Jenny Ross; 24 great-grandchildren, Kelvie Brooks, Shaina, Zechariah and Grace McDavid, Amanda, David, Brittany, Bethany, Reanna, Emily and April Brooks, Dylan Black, Devon and Aidan Lopez, Nathan Sanders Jr., Jayson Szytek, Christina Ross, Chelsea and Demetri Pitch, Amber and Tyler Wright, and Christopher, Brian and Chrystal; five brothers: Freddie "Cott", Curtis, Arthur, Silas and Burkland Meadows; grandchildren, Johnathan, Raymond, Jennika and Aaron; one deceased grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, Candace Renee; a grandson, Mark Sanders Jr.; a sister, Goldie Scutchfield; and three brothers, Dennis, Frank and Joe Wheeler Jr.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 20, at Stark Funeral Service Moore Memorial Chapel, with Rev. Rudy Shankle of First Free Will Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Please sign his guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

(Paid obituary)



Sarah Jane Newsome Silva

Sarah Jane Newsome Silva, age 82, of Ligon, died Thursday, January 18, 2007, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

Born August 23, 1924, in Beaver, she was the daughter of the late William and Rebecca Jones Newsome;

stepmother, the late Florence Hall Newsome.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Silva.

Survivors include two sons: Larry Silva of Cromwell, Indiana, and Teater Moon of Ligon; three stepbrothers: Curtis Hall and Perry Hall both of McDowell, and Mack Hall of Michigan; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents; her stepmother, and her husband, she was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters: Stoney Newsome, Sadie Slone, Ada Slone, Belvie Newsome, Mary Brown, Bill Newsome, Hazel Bentley, Elvie Newsome, Hannah Stewart, Rosalee Newsome and Claude Newsome; and three stepbrothers: Ishmael Hall, Elmer Hall, and Homer Hall.

Funeral services will be held Monday, January 22, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Randy Osborne officiating.

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

Visitation is after 7 p.m., Saturday, at the funeral home.

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One year after Aracoma, W.Va. still struggles to solve problems

by **TIM HUBER**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — For an industry and state still reeling from the Sago Mine explosion that killed 12 men Jan. 2, 2006, what happened 17 days later at the Aracoma Alma No. 1 Mine was unthinkable.

Two more miners died in what investigators later concluded was a preventable conveyor belt fire. Preventable because the mine's owner, Richmond, Va.-based coal giant Massey Energy violated numerous state and federal safety standards.

Some violations led to the fire, others caused miners Don L. Bragg and Ellery Elvis Hatfield to get lost in the thick, choking smoke, where rescuers found them dead of carbon monoxide poisoning.

"I think what makes ours more disconcerting is that it did come on the heels of Sago and all the warning signs that had been given in Aracoma and had been ignored," says Bruce Stanley, a lawyer suing Massey on behalf of Hatfield's and Bragg's widows. "Then to see Aracoma happen on the heels of that, that's a lot to ask people to bear."

Massey resumed production at Aracoma in July after correcting problems found by

state Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training investigators. The fire remains the target of federal civil and criminal probes.

Chief Executive Don Blankenship responded to an interview request by e-mail. "The changes at the mine are too numerous to mention," he said. "But essentially we have greatly upgraded our fire suppression system."

Unlike International Coal Group, which closed Sago on the first anniversary of the explosion, Massey planned to run coal Friday. "The mine will run after a plaque presentation ceremony, prayer and a safety meeting," Blankenship said.

The state's reaction to Aracoma was swift.

Gov. Joe Manchin ordered safety legislation to be ready in 48 hours and persuaded the Legislature to pass it in just a day. Other coal states and eventually Congress followed suit, but many of those mandates remain unmet.

And work on key problems at Aracoma is just getting started.

Even Manchin concedes, "We've got a lot more to do."

Mines still routinely use conveyor belt tunnels to pump fresh air underground, a practice the United Mine Workers contends fanned the Aracoma

fire by pumping oxygen on the flames. And Manchin, who has promised to make West Virginia the nation's safest mining state, took nearly a full year to propose belt-air legislation and a law to allow inspectors to close mines for repeat violations of safety laws.

"The larger, more reputable operations are certainly trying," said UMW health and safety director Dennis O'Dell. "I think there are some skeptics out there that continue to say that changes can't be made overnight and so they drag their feet. They worry about what the cost is going to be."

And with good reason. The Congressional Budget Office estimated federal legislation passed last year will cost the industry \$128 million — but that figure doesn't include some costs, such as lost production when miners are training.

One thing that hasn't been done is finding a way to address mistakes by mine inspectors. The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration reviews its own actions in each serious accident and director Richard Stickler says he's comfortable with his tools for dealing with poor performance.

The state Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training, on

the other hand, can't fire inspectors who miss problems. The agency has conceded its inspectors overlooked missing air control walls and other problems. The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration has reassigned two inspectors responsible for examining Aracoma to its academy in Beaver pending an investigation.

"The power structure of mine safety was disregarded in the case of Aracoma," says J. Davitt McAteer, a former MSHA director who conducted parallel Sago and Aracoma investigations for Manchin. "There hasn't been a significant undertaking to change the situation."

Manchin says he's not in favor of disciplining inspectors until the state has exhausted every possible way to improve their performance with training and management tools. "Do we have the proper management tools in place?" he says.

There has, however, been progress.

For instance, the state is buying equipment and training inspectors for two new mine rescue teams.

And three of the largest U.S. coal companies — St. Louis-based Peabody Energy, Linthicum Heights, Md.-based Foundation Coal, and Pittsburgh-based Consol Energy — say they expect to meet the state's deadline.

Manchin says the agonizing

search at Sago, where rescuers had no way of knowing the location of 13 miners trapped by the explosion made him realize that communications and tracking were vital. That message was driven home at Aracoma, where dozens of rescuers were sent underground. "That definitely tells me that we have to have tracking and communications," Manchin says.

West Virginia, which has the second highest number of underground coal mines, last year approved a regulation that gives mines until July 31 to submit plans for installing wireless communications and tracking devices.

Officials with three of the nation's largest mine operators — Foundation, Consol and Peabody — recently told state officials they expect to meet that deadline with so-called leaky feeder systems that rely on wires and handheld radios.

Such systems provide good coverage underground, even allowing communications around obstructions such as coal pillars left as roof supports, says George Allekotte, chief electrical engineer for Foundation's Pennsylvania Services Corp. subsidiary.

Tracking is a bit more complicated, but Allekotte and Consol senior electrical engineer John Burr say they will have electronic tags that track miners during normal operations. They say they should

work after explosions or fires, but may not receive MSHA approval by next summer. The tags, which attach to a miner's cap lamp, have been submitted for MSHA approval, but electric readers have not.

The progress is good news, says Steve Webber, a member of the state's Mine Safety Technology Task Force. "I'm impressed and encouraged."

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Players

All of the students agreed that they wanted to play South Floyd because they knew a lot of people who played on the team and they believed it would be a good competition.

"I don't have anything against Allen Central. They're not racist, they never have been," said Alex Hall, a player for The David School. "It's just a school symbol."

Another player commented that he hadn't ever seen Allen Central fans wave flags at any particular person in a racist way.

Ned Pillersdorf, coach for the David School team, was a little hesitant to speak about his players' decision, saying that he didn't not want to break the confidentiality between himself and his team. He did

go on to say that the possibility of taunting was discussed with his players.

"The obvious decision to make when you cancel a game is to replace it," said Pillersdorf. "I'm looking at the best interests of my team."

Pillersdorf is confident that his team will not experience any taunting at future games with Allen Central, saying that with Allen Central, saying that Floyd County Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning assured him that there wouldn't be any displays of the Rebel flag at the game scheduled between David and Allen Central on Friday night.

The players for David's team insist that the Rebel flag had nothing to do with their decision not to play. They just want the entire situation to be

alleviated because they really don't have a problem with Allen Central, its basketball players, or ACHS's choice to represent their school with the Rebel flag.

Guilty

September and October 2006 in the two cases.

Benton was supposed to be remanded to the Floyd County Detention Center until her sentencing hearing, but her lawyer said she has two scheduled chemotherapy treatments to attend before the sentencing, and she was allowed to remain free on bond until that date.

Possession

April.

Grant was originally arrested Dec. 5, 2004, at Family Inn Restaurant in Garrett after he and his girlfriend, Cassandra Ramey, attempted to purchase a pizza with counterfeit \$100 and \$20 bills. Grant sent Ramey into the restaurant to try to buy a pizza with a counterfeit \$100 bill but was told by the staff that they did not

have enough money to make change for it. Ramey paid for the pizza with a counterfeit \$20 bill, and after the bill was inspected by the manager, who concluded it was not real, he directed his staff to tell Ramey to wait in her car for the pizza while he notified the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Both Grant and Ramey

were arrested by officers working for the sheriff's department and Grant gave permission for them to search his vehicle. The officers found an uncut sheet of counterfeit \$100 and \$20 bills totaling \$3,020 and large amounts of Oxycontin, Xanax and cocaine in the vehicle's glove compartment and underneath the seats.

Obituaries

Newsome Riddle. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 17, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Violet Muncy Roberts, 80, of Pikeville, a native of Louisa, died Monday, January 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, January 19, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Tessie Conley Smith, 83, of Jacksonville, Fla., formerly of Pikeville, died Monday, January 15, in Florida. Arrangements, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Viola White, 95, of Beehive, died Tuesday, January 16, at Bristol Regional Medical Center, Bristol, Tenn. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 18, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Stephen D. Williams, 35, of Zebulon, died Saturday, January 13, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 16, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Virginia Litteral, 82, died Thursday, January 11, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 13, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Doris Miller, 84, a native of Auxier, died Monday, January 15, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 19, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Freddie Lee Murphy, 41, of Van Lear, died Saturday, January 13, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Arrangements, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Sharon Kay Moore Rice, 55, of Wittensville, died Saturday, January 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Danny Lee Rice. Funeral services were held Monday,

January 8, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Nannie L. Ward, 83, of Williamsport, died Saturday, January 13, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Funeral services were held Monday, January 15, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Greta Williams, 72, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, January 16, at the Appalachian Regional Healthcare facility in West Liberty. She is survived by her husband, Henry Clayton Williams Jr. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 20, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Few minds changed

Most Americans probably had their minds made up when they recently tuned in to President Bush's revised Iraq strategy and heard only what was necessary to validate their opposition or support of the U.S. role in Iraq. Few minds, if any, were changed.

Talking heads on television, radio shock jocks and their call-in audiences, and newspaper editorialists immediately jumped on the plan to send 21,500 more U.S. troops to the combat zone to reinforce the 132,000 already there. And Democrats who just took control of both houses of Congress targeted the part of the president's revised strategy that deploys additional troops to Iraq.

They either missed the most important words uttered by the president or ignored them.

Some of us have waited a long time to hear the president say what so critically needed to be said: "I have made it clear to the prime minister and Iraq's other leaders that America's commitment is not open-ended."

The so-called "surge" of U.S. troops targeted by critics is nothing of the kind. Nor is it an escalation of the war. The 21,500 additional American troops would bring the total only to 153,500, still fewer than the 165,000 deployed as of December 2005. But that's about all you've been able to hear or read about since the speech broadcast live from the White House.

Although many Americans apparently didn't get the real message, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki sure did. Even before Bush spoke to the nation, Maliki warned Shiite militiamen at the center of sectarian violence in his country to surrender their weapons. Previously, U.S. troops had been blocked from cracking down on fighters loyal to Maliki's chief political ally, Muqtada al-Sadr, a Shiite cleric who controls a substantial percentage of votes in the Iraqi parliament.

Bush still hasn't defined victory adequately but came closer than he has in saying it will come when Iraq becomes a functioning democracy that polices its territory, upholds the rule of law, respects fundamental human liberties and answers to its people.

Bush stands almost alone in dealing with Iraq. The public, according to polls, is 70 percent against sending more troops to Iraq. Democrats who took over control of Congress largely because of the administration's failures in Iraq oppose the new plan. And his fellow Republicans are abandoning him in growing numbers.

So, clearly this is Bush's last opportunity to resolve the conflict in Iraq. He made it clear to the Iraqis that their fate is in their own hands. The U.S. will continue to provide fire-power and protection a while longer. But the Iraqis will have to take the lead to end their civil war, stabilize their country and make the political reconciliations necessary for peace, economic development and the establishment of a stable government.

Will the reworked Bush strategy work?

That's up to the Iraqis.

— The News-Enterprise, Elizabethtown



Rich Lowry Column

The apocalyptic centrism of Lou Dobbs

Listening to Lou Dobbs — the CNN business anchor who has built his show around a straight-talking populism — there is inevitably a moment when you nod your head and think, "Yeah, right on."

The other day when he was speaking at a luncheon event in Manhattan, my nodding moment came when he complained that the Iraq War has been going poorly, yet "not a single general has been fired for his failure." That seemed bracing common sense, but with Dobbs, the longer you listen, the more self-discrediting he becomes.

His trick is to spout clichés drawn from the right and the left — any one of which has a 50/50 chance that the average person will agree with it — and give them a patina of freshness by wrapping them in angry and dire rhetoric. That rhetoric is their essential glue, making Dobbs the country's foremost practitioner of apocalyptic centrism.

Dobbs once made a living at CNN hosting a show that flacked for corporate America. After leaving to try to cash in on the dot-com bubble just as it burst, he has returned to make a living at CNN hosting a show that trash-

es corporate America. (Full disclosure: I am a commentator for the rival Fox News Channel.)

Dobbs is no ordinary corporate basher, since he also rails against political correctness, illegal immigration, "Communist China" and radical jihadists. His economic populism is always sold in terms of the middle class and the national interest. Unless we address the foreign economic threat, he warns, "this century will be named for another nation." Indeed, he says, "we're facing a real crisis that will materialize in a couple of years, and we'd better hope that it takes that long."

Evidence of this imminent crisis is thin. Dobbs basically has to ignore the record stock market, an unemployment rate of 4.5 percent and the 20 years of growth since the early 1980s, interrupted by only two brief recessions. Dobbs is worried because the U.S. imports more than it exports and China sends a lot of its capital here, making us "a debtor nation." But his alarmist case really relies on the tired stupidities of old-fashioned protectionism.

At the luncheon, he thundered: "Ninety-six percent of our clothing is

imported. This nation cannot even clothe itself." But if we literally couldn't clothe ourselves, we'd be naked. Dobbs' line is like saying we can't feed ourselves because we buy groceries from supermarkets. Textiles inherently are not an advanced, high-paid industry, and it is no wonder that an economic superpower doesn't do a lot

of textile production. Would Dobbs prefer that more of us were hunched over sewing machines rather than employed in industries like software development, financial services, law, accounting, biotech and pharmaceuticals?

But never mind. Dobbs demands action now! We need to "do far more, and do it with a vengeance." Someone in the 2008 primary sweepstakes from one of the parties will probably embrace some of the Dobbs shtick. Meanwhile, he pledges "to continue to raise a lot of hell" — naturally enough, since anger and outrage are mostly what apocalyptic centrism is about.

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— beyond the beltway

Can we go home now?

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

All things considered, that was the most entertaining execution I've seen since "Deadwood" went off the air. I mean, when they put the rope around Saddam's neck and the hooded guards started yelling, "Go to Hell!" at him...it doesn't get much better than that.

Dropping him through the trap door as he was in the midst of his final prayer was a nice touch too. Kind of had a lynch mob feel to it.

I know we're a proud country but we shouldn't be too proud to learn from others and Iraq could teach us something about how to conduct an execution.

■ Televising it. (Oh, I know, Iraqi officials said that those grainy, cell-phone pictures that came out of the death chamber were taken surreptitiously, but you don't seriously believe that, do you? You're all in this little room and some guy is waving around a cell-phone and nobody notices? If you swallow that, I have some real estate in downtown Baghdad I can let you have cheap. Zoned rubble.) If the object of an execution is to convince people that the wages of sin is gruesome, why not televise it?

■ Grant taunting rights. This to me was the great innovation of the Saddam hanging. Having your enemies shout curses in your face at an official state execution really puts a different cast on things. Your typical

execution is so...I don't know...cold. This taunting thing adds a much-needed personal touch. (I'd keep the hoods on the guards, though. A touch of the sinister helps heighten the mood at an execution, don't you think?)

The only part of Saddam's execution I would argue with is the method — hanging. Hanging is fine up to a point. But it is not as sure as one would like it to be and it often takes a while. We can do better.

American systems of execution, past and present, are a hodge-podge of hanging, lethal injection, gas chambers, electrocution and firing squad. We need to decide on one method and stick to it.

Damn me for a Francophile but I like the guillotine. It's quick. It's final. And you get a drum roll.

There are those, of course, who say that killing Saddam like that was a bad idea, that all it did was make a martyr of him to his Sunni brethren, inflame an already inflamed insurgency and embarrass us — as the controlling power — in the eyes of the civilized world.

Picky, picky, picky. I think those people need to lighten up. Perfection is the enemy of good.

We went into Iraq to get Saddam Hussein, didn't we? (Why did you think we went in? Weapons of Mass Destruction? Where are they? Democracy? Give me a break.)

Well, he is now got. Can we go home now?

Apparently not. The Great Decider last week announced he has

come up with a new strategy to make Iraq Switzerland with oil. More troops.

Yes, he said he was sending another 21,500 American troops — as well as more Iraq soldiers — into Baghdad and elsewhere in order to "stabilize" things there. He called it

"a surge" (largely because the Vietnam War gave "escalation" a bad name).

To some this will seem an example of the "When You Find Yourself In a Hole, Ask For a Bigger Shovel" school of problem-solving.

Others will say that even 20,000 new troops aren't enough.

To truly subdue the country will require at least 100,000 more troops, they'll say.

Both will be right. We've tried "surges" in Iraq before. They work for a while, then they don't. It's unlikely the result will be any better this time.

And to put 100,000 troops in there you need a draft. Lots of luck convincing the American people of that.

As has been noted here before, one of the working definitions of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result.

By that criterion, our president has officially gone nuts.

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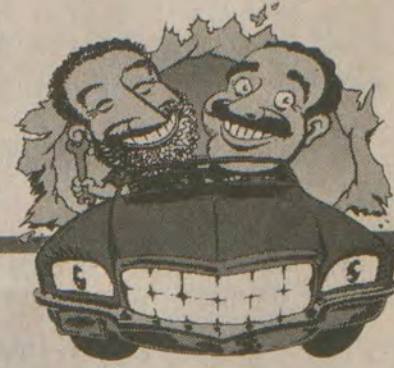
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This Town, That World

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

This week we are getting around to something we have long considered, but about which nothing, till now, has been done. At last we get around to introducing readers of this family publication to a new column which we've dubbed, "Our Yesterdays." As you may surmise, this is material taken from our files of years ago—30, 20 and 10 years ago, to be exact.

It was news then, is rather ancient history now. "Echoes from the past" might more accurately describe this collection of items about what folks did, and about what happened to people of the county, way back then.

IT STUCK

Saw a television play, the other night, one of those science fiction things which I finally walked out on, but it had one line which sticks. I do not attempt to quote it verbatim, but it ran to the effect, that in old age, man runs himself to death or madness, trying to find his youth, or his young body...This may account for some of the strange antics some oldsters perform to the amazement, sometimes the consternation, of those who love them most.

TROUBLE AHEAD

I am not optimistic, these days. Any nation which can stomach some of this cacophony that passes for modern music, and can go mildly nuts over the twist, is in danger...Every day or so, somebody asks me if I've heard that latest caterwauling opus, "Norman." I am happy to report that these old ears have not been assailed with that particular classic yet.

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Speaking of The Twist did you see that mother of five—who and the oldest only six—who cracked up both knees doing that so-called dance? I thought it was the spine that was in danger. I am just reminded of another of my many blessings...I have two left feet, and that leaves me completely of the terpsichorean field.

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I am just reminded of one of the weaknesses of a set-up wherein you're your own boss. I, for instance, have nobody to tell me what to write, how to write, nobody to correct or edit what I pound out on this typewriter...For this I am thankful! I am not "mad" at anybody, and if I were, I would not use my uncensored typewriter to beat a tattoo on anybody's hide.

What would you do? Skin somebody alive and leave their pelt on the barn door. No—please!

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Monday was not as "blue" as it's traditionally supposed to be. I

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Crisp winter days and scenes like this one set the author of "From the Top Rail of the Fence" to reminiscing on days past.

Meanderings

by IMOGENE CALDWELL

Well, just before I went to bed last night, the weatherman on t.v. said to get ready, because, when tomorrow comes, we will get up to see a big snow on the ground. He has said this before, too, in the past few weeks. But, I'm up this morning and the sun is shining and the birds are flying around in my trees.

A boy just rode by my door on a bicycle and he doesn't even have a jacket on. Some January weather. Do you suppose that weatherman's Doppler weather predictor has quit working? Maybe he failed to wind it up again. Well, no matter, it's sure to snow before it's over with. And when it does, I'm going to limp out on my patio, turn my face upwards and feel a few flakes melt away on my nose...

I've been thinking lately about how many birthdays I have experienced and how many thousands of gifts I have been given. Out of all those thousands, though, I can only really remember one of all of them. My mother had no way to get to town one year to buy me a gift so she took a beautiful glass bowl down from the top of her kitchen cabinet, washed it and wrapped it in one of her handmade pillowtops and put it in my hands.

That bowl sets on my chest in my back room this morning, as always, and when the sun comes through the window every morning, there's a ray of light coming from inside my bowl. It was my mother's grandmother's bowl and soon, it will belong to my Judy.

Last March, Chad brought me a fish tank and all the things that go in it so that I can have some goldfish. Lorna, with a laugh, said, "Granny, what do you want with those little old fish?"

My answer was, "I don't have a

cat, nor a dog. I don't have a bird or even a chicken. The closest thing to a pet that I've had in years is a pregnant mouse that played around in my kitchen floor until Jim caught it in a trap. Oh, but I almost forgot, there was that big, black cockroach that came out in my bathroom now and then, but I stepped on it and squashed it with my foot. I guess if it weren't for Jim's traps and my foot, I'd have me some pets.

"But now, I've got me some goldfish and the only way I will lose them is to let them starve to death!"

It's still January and today the weather is dreary and bone chilling. I think it's a good time to wrap up and turn up the heat and write a good story or two. So, that's exactly what I'm doing. I'm thinking about how, last year, my Jim and my Kenny both underwent some medical procedures. Jim had a colonoscopy and Kenny a heart catheterization and artery stent.

Both did well and are still doing fine and their problems are taken care of. I've solved my problems, too, because my boys are fine and even though my knee still hurts, that's all that matters.

As I write in my little journal, I realize that no matter how cold the weather outside, I'm glowing inside with gratefulness and smiling to myself about how good everything really is. Things just have a way of working out for those who have faith and my faith is working overtime.

Though my boys are with me, many, many others have boys far away - in Iraq. This war is still going on. These have been dangerous years for millions of our young men. Three thousand have lost their lives. With knowledge like this, it's hard to keep a strong, steady faith amidst the situation we find our country in.

Someone should tell George Bush that we hope he's a better rancher, a better oil man, and a better human being than he is a "Commander in Chief" for our country.

If he's not, all his cattle will die, all his oil wells will dry up, and as a human being, he'll find himself mumberling more and more to himself.

A neighbor and I were talking the other day about the age of accountability. We were talking about children committing terrible crimes at early ages. Well, think about this: Last Sunday, all my children were here at home and little Matthew, who is only nearly three years old, went through my house closing all the doors. Now, he calls himself, "Me-chew." I was on the couch in the living room when "Me-chew" was walking by.

I said, "Matthew, why are you closing all the doors?" He answered in his baby broken English, "I keep Me-chew out."

"Why do you want to keep Me-chew out," I asked him.

"He gets into trouble in there," he said.

Now, if a tiny baby boy like this knows about trouble, how much older does one have to get to know right from wrong? Take this little message and ponder it - you never know who is wise and who is foolish these days.

Though it's January, I still have a Christmas wreath hanging on my front door. I figure if I just wait long enough, it'll be back in style again.

A while ago, when some frost was covering everything with shiny crystals of ice, a jaybird flew down upon my garbage can. He probably

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Massacre in Dinosaur Valley'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A plane loaded with hastily sketched characters crash lands in the titular location and all manner of mayhem ensues in this hodgepodge of Italian genre clichés that will surely entertain you on brain candy night in front of your television.

It all begins with a way-too-long opening sequence that introduces the characters as if the audience has something invested here other than some cheap jack titillation. The roster includes Kevin Hall, as an Indiana Jones-type paleontologist who can't seem to keep a shirt on; Captain Heinz, an impotent and bitter war veteran; and Betty, Heinz's harpy of a wife who dresses as though she was Marilyn Monroe's stand-in for "The Seven Year Itch" but more closely resembles a plastic surferly disaster.

They all agree to make an unscheduled stop, while passing over the Amazon, at scenic Dinosaur Valley, which may be home to some dino fossils and is most definitely the stomping grounds for a tribe of cannibals called the Aquara. Let's face it this group doesn't exactly have any potential Mensa candidates amongst them.

Said stopover goes poorly (huge surprise there) when their pilot loses control of his aircraft and plummets into the jungle. The weary survivors decide to hoof it out of there since no rescue party will know to search for them.

Heinz volunteers to lead and the group agrees, though they should have voted him out while they were still airborne. Heinz proceeds to leer at the women in the group and proves most unsympathetic to the group's photographer by smashing his cameras even though the guy doesn't complain about the burden. He then makes matters even worse by running the photographer through with a machete when his screams (from a nasty piranha attack) threaten to alert the Aquara to their position.

Turns out Heinz has no one to blame but himself and he promptly leads the group smack into the cannibal's hunting grounds. Hall licks out here and isn't captured since Heinz tossed him into a waterfall after Hall reacted poorly to killing a member of their own group.

The cannibals actually see Heinz as the perfect appetizer so he never makes it to the village, but the surviving women don't fare as well. They soon find themselves sporting native gear and totally zonked on local mushrooms before being dragged before a Shaman who drags a claw

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Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Gallery of love

by DIANE M. VANOVER

"CHICKEN SOUP TO INSPIRE A WOMAN'S SOUL"

My slightly bruised ego whispers in my ear that it's time for another one-woman show in my private gallery. After yesterday's mail delivered a rejection letter in response to what I considered the best piece of writing I'd ever submitted, I'm feeling too thin-skinned to put up much of an argument with my inner urgings. I trust the gentle voices of my soul. They know when my self-esteem

needs replenishment.

I enter the room housing my personal collection of framed treasures. No expensive Picassos in gilded frames adorned with jewels on the walls here. Just an ordinary beige wall with a dozen or so thin black frames hanging in random order. Behind the bordered rectangles of glass lie the riches of my achievements. More valuable than Rembrandts are certificates and diplomas with shiny gold seals and looping calligraphy detailing each of my hard-earned awards.

The morning sunlight is the lone

observer of my sacred ritual. Peeking silently between angled vertical shades, its reflective rays make the simple frames on my wall dazzle as if they were diamonds. A peace lily in an earth-tone pot spreads shiny emerald leaves, absorbing the warmth that permeates the small room. My index finger traces an outline in the gray dust accumulated on a dark frame. It's been a while since my last visit.

My gallery was born with the hanging of a single "plaque of recognition" when I was in my early 50s, soon after entering college as a first-

time grandmother. One by one, new now,

frames would decorate the wall, and four more grandchildren would arrive before I fulfilled my dream of receiving a college degree. Somehow, during those stressful years of studying and final exams, I managed to find a balance between school and home. I coped with, and survived, hectic holiday celebrations, illness and the deaths of beloved family members.

You've never been a quitter, reminds the voice within. Don't start



I remember filling with pride when I hung my college diploma in its rightful place of honor, then christened the backdrop of my framed accomplishments the "Love Wall." Ever since that day, I come here to celebrate all that I have been and strive to be. Gradually, a special magic occurs in my humble gallery. While quietly reviewing tangible tokens of past achievements, the

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Blue smoke is signaling a problem

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a 2001 Toyota Avalon that I bought in January 2006 with 88,000 miles. Within the first week of owning the car, it started blowing blue smoke. By the time I brought it back to where I'd bought it, they said they couldn't find anything wrong with it. By this time, the warranty was up. I took it to another garage, and they told me that they had talked to a Toyota dealer about the problem, and Toyota told the garage that with a six-cylinder car, the rings are "gold plated," and when the car hits 100,000 miles, the rings will seal themselves and will stop blowing the blue smoke. Well, guess what? I hit 100,000 miles a couple of weeks ago and it's STILL blowing blue smoke. The garage told me that if I wanted the rings changed, it would cost me \$4,000! No thanks. And yes, it IS losing oil, but I don't notice anything on the ground. Can you help me with what I might be able to do? — Dora

RAY: I love the "gold-plated rings" story. I'm going to incorporate that into my routine immediately.

TOM: I think what they meant to say was that the rings will "seize" at

100,000 miles and stop blowing blue smoke. Because once they seize, they won't be doing anything.

RAY: I think you have a sludged engine, Dora. Yes, even mighty Toyota screws up sometimes. And this was an engine they had problems with.

TOM: Apparently the oil-return holes were barely big enough, and if they got sludged up at all, too much oil would get stuck at the top of the engine, starving the bottom of the engine for oil. And that led to stuck rings and, sometimes, complete engine failure. This was a problem with the V-6 engines Toyota sold in Camrys, Avalons and Lexuses between 1997 and 2002.

RAY: Toyota claims that the problem occurred when customers didn't change their oil frequently enough. And it's certainly possible that the car you bought had not been properly maintained. But there were also Toyota customers who insisted that they had done their maintenance right on time and their engines were still damaged.

TOM: At this point, your best bet would be to go to a Toyota dealer. They'll take off the front valve cover,

and they'll be able to see immediately whether the engine is full of sludge. For a while, they were replacing or rebuilding sludged engines free of charge. But with 100,000 miles on your car, they might not feel so generous.

RAY: But try begging for mercy, Dora. Maybe they'll at least give you a break on the price of the ring job (they'll have to replace the valve guide seals, too). Or maybe they'll give you a deal on a trade-in. Let us know what happens.

Putting out fires

Dear Tom and Ray:

My hubby is getting a '69 Dodge Coronet 440 restored, and the fellow who is doing the work has routed the new gas line through the wheel well. Is this a safety hazard? The car caught fire twice already (both were electrical fires), and the gas line is on my side of the car (passenger). I do keep a fire extinguisher next to me at all times when I ride with him, but I just want to know if I need to buy another extinguisher to put out gas fires, too. — Linda

RAY: Should you carry another fire extinguisher with you? Yes — maybe

two or three. A flame-retardant suit and a football helmet wouldn't be bad ideas, either.

TOM: Not so much because of the fuel line, but because the car has already tried to fry you twice. That's not exactly a vote of confidence in the guy who's doing the restoration.

RAY: I don't think the fuel line is terribly unsafe in the wheel well. After all, the line is made of steel, and it's usually routed underneath the car, where it's subject to road debris and tall armadillos. So it's pretty tough.

TOM: On the other hand, in the wheel well it would be subject to debris being hurled at it from a spinning tire. And if you're going 75 miles an hour, some of the stuff coming off the tires could be going 150 mph. Or if you have a blowout, a piece of the tire itself could even strike the fuel line. And that may be more than the line is



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designed to take.

RAY: So I'd have him move it back to its normal position. Why not? In fact, it's probably easier to route it under the car than it is to take it through the wheel well.

TOM: I don't know why he put it there, Linda. But have him put it back in its traditional place. It's easy to do, and it'll mean one less fire you'll have to put out over the coming weeks.

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Lagoon

over their chests to draw enough blood for a taste test. Hall shows up in the nick of time and scares off the cannibals by introducing them to the staccato beat of an assault rifle fired at full automatic. He then helps the ladies escape in a

canoe. The tribe tries to ambush them along the Amazon with a large net but Hall proves to be a dead shot who can take out a slip knot at 20 paces.

Exhausted, the trio finally stops to rest, but with a half-hour left you know that they aren't through yet. After spotting dinosaur tracks they are kidnapped by a mining crew that is illegally harvesting diamonds. These guys turn out to be more brutish than the cannibals. They toss Hall to their hogs and then set their sights on the females.

Hall springs into action by tricking the hogs into freeing him, then it is time for show-down with the mine's Bluto-type leader. Here the film scores a few extra points by having the men face each other down with spears, which makes for a messy finale as only an Italian exploitation film can deliver.

This one is a real stew but director Michele Tarantini pulls it off by adding plenty of spice. Though this came along five years after the cannibal films were in vogue, it manages to incorporate enough

genres to stretch out 90 minutes. The most obvious inspiration is the "Indiana Jones" films, but Tarantini also adds oodles of erotica and gross out gore scenes which would definitely earn this one a hard rating, if it actually sported a rating.

This one is also good for unintentional laughs, which are aplenty. The plane crash displays the modest budget and was obviously accomplished by tossing a child's toy into some shrubbery. The actors apparently never rehearsed together, which

leads to two separate pronunciations of the main villain's name with some thespians choosing to call him China while others are content to identify him as Cheena.

All in all this is about three films in one, with none of them being particularly good but all served with plenty of gusto. Dig in and give your grey matter the night off.

Best line: "Judging from the difference between the three of you, I'd say your mother was awfully busy."

1985, unrated

Soup

self-inflicted wounds to my ego are soothed, and self-doubting thoughts dissipate in the glow of a new day.

I am happy and proud of me again — just the way I am.

Before I leave, I must ready the wall for my next visit. Gently wipe the dust from each frame and pass a cloth over the glass mirroring my reflection, smile lines and all. It might be a while before I return. Dust will surely gather while I am

busy working on the next best piece of writing I've ever done.

Allen

opened an envelope, expecting a bill, and pulled out a check, instead.

And another envelope contained a real "pepper-upper," a nice letter from a nice guy — Nevyle Shackelford.

Meanderings

didn't know that ice crystals are as slick as ice.

He slid off the can lid and landed on his back in my yard. He must not listen to Jim Caldwell, our local weatherman. Jim said, just before bedtime last night, that we should watch out for "slick spots." Blue Jay didn't — and he crashed!

Last March 30th, it was on a Thursday, Judy and I went to Pikeville. She pushed me in my little wheelchair all around Wal-Mart. I did great but when we got home, my nose began to bleed. Then, my blood pressure went up to 220/102. I had to visit the emergency room.

Visiting the emergency room was quite an experience. There were people with slashed wrists, broken noses, high blood pressure (like me), and lots of pill seekers.

I laid there on my back until 1:15 Friday morning. Oh, well, after an overnight stay in that relaxing ER bed and a lot of runarounds with no help, no breakfast, and no medicine, I finally got to come back out to fresh air and a lovely rainstorm.

I do wish, though, that I had got to bring that lovely bed home with me because I sure wouldn't sleep my life away like I do now in my own good old crashing place.

And, by the way, I'll share that Judy enjoyed her night in the recliner by my bed. When she laid back in it, it's head slammed against the wall to keep from falling into the floor. The footrest was gone so she got to pull her knees up under her chin. When she turned, it twisted and squeaked and when I tried to scoot back up in my own bed (I kept trying to slide off), she'd stir and ask, "Mommie, are you alright?"

Oh well, we didn't need to sleep, anyway. We enjoyed each other's company in between little visits from nurse aide girls flipping the lights on and off at no predicted time. I'm sure it was worth it, though. Because the next day, I didn't even have any blood pressure. Do you suppose I had

left it in that good old slippery bed?

Well, one thing about it, I never had an ill word to say when that old car with the bad muffler passed my house six times in about six minutes the very next morning.

I took a few minutes this morning to look backwards and to remind myself of some of the many days that have slipped away from time, but not from my mind and soul. I'm thankful for a host of memories that I have collected and stored somewhere in my mind. I'm grateful for my abilities and my choices. And I'm thankful that I can still take pen to paper and share my thoughts with others.

Though in some of my notes and writings, some are sensible while some are just plain foolish and stupid, but in most, my sense of humor creeps out in the most unexpected places. But, when all is said and done, I say thanks to my Lord, my family, my friends, and my neighbors.

And, believe it or not, right now, as I'm in a very pensive mood, I just looked up and saw a fellow stooped down to adjust one of those "Vote for Me" or "A Fan Lives Here" signs in the yard across from me. It's cold out and very windy this morning. This fella's jacket is too short and his pants are riding way down low. All I can really see of him is that part of him that lays between his waist and his lower behind — crack and all. Well, that's just the way things seem to work out for me. What a lucky girl I am, I guess!

Well, again, thanks for reading, and for listening as I ramble. Maybe I'll have more for you a little later. Until then, enjoy that snow when it finally gets here. Buy your hot chocolate, popcorn and white bread now, so that you'll be ready when the time arrives!

Editor's Note: Mrs. Caldwell is a retired Floyd County schoolteacher. She is the author of the book, "From the Top Rail of the Fence."



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Daniels powers Lady Bears past Virginia team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Powered by a double-double from sophomore Kristal Daniels (Betsy Layne), the Pikeville College women's basketball team closed out a five-game homestand by edging out Virginia Intermont 75-73 on Thursday night.

The Lady Bears controlled the tempo of the game for most of the first half, taking their largest lead on a layup from Daniels, which gave the Lady Bears an 11-point cushion at the 1:02 mark. The Lady Cobras would cut into the Pikeville lead, but the home team would carry a 38-30 advantage into the locker room at halftime.

Like many games as of late, the Lady Bears' true test would come in the second half. VI caught fire early, thanks to a 16-2 that was capped off by a three from Sheena Chesney at the 16:37 point to put the Lady Cobras on top 46-40.

Pikeville (7-12) quickly subbed its second half starters, and it again looked like a game would slip through the Lady Bears' claws. But the Lady Bears stood their ground, cutting into the Lady Cobra lead. A pair of layups from senior Tiffany Howard (Oil Springs) and a layup from Daniels allowed the Lady Bears to retake the lead at 48-46 with 14:28 to go.

But VI would not go away. Over

the next eight minutes the Lady Cobras went on a 17-10 run and led by five with 6:18 to play. But the Lady Bears stepped up, picking up key defensive stops and finally retook the lead on jumper from senior Tonya Amburgey (Pinetop). After holding the Cobras on the other end of the floor, Pikeville got a tip-in from Daniels, providing a 72-69 padding with 4:00 left.

VI called a timeout but would not manage to retake the lead. The teams exchanged baskets for the next three and half minutes, and the Lady Cobras man-

aged to cut the lead to one with a layup from Tara Hanson with 42 seconds left.

The Lady Bears were held scoreless on their end of the floor, and VI took over. Chesney drove for a layup but missed with 1.5 seconds remaining. Amburgey was there to secure the board for Pikeville, and after being fouled, hit one of her two free throws to give the Lady Bears a 75-73 lead. With only one second left on the clock, VI could not manage to get a shot off, and Pikeville earned its third win in four games.

"We finally caught a break," said

Pikeville coach Bill Watson. "Over those last six minutes it seemed that we finally started putting our game together on both ends of the floor. Kristal and Tiffany kept us in the game. I can't say enough about their effort tonight."

Daniels picked up her second double-double of the year, pouring in 16 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. Sophomore Whitney Hogg (Whitesburg) led all scorers with 17 points, going along with three assists, while Amburgey collected 12 points.

VI (5-13) was led by 16 points from Ana Medic, while Ida Sammons and Kendra Newman also collected 15 points apiece.



Kristal Daniels

Knott Central fends off Jenkins

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN – After falling to Lee County earlier in the week, Knott County Central got back in the win column Thursday night after beating Jenkins 43-39.

Knott County Central won despite facing an 11-point deficit at the half.

Freshman guard Stuart Stamper led Knott County Central with a team-high 14 points, equaling his scoring average from last season. Senior point guard Scott Mosley joined Stamper in double figures for the Patriots, finishing with 11 points.

Knott County Central led Jenkins 11-10 at the end of the opening quarter. The visiting Cavaliers, after outscoring Knott County Central 14-2 in the second quarter, led 24-13 at the half.

Knott County Central (6-8) held Jenkins (7-11) to less than nine points in each of the last two quarters.

Chris Puckett paced Jenkins with a game-high 18 points. Puckett was the only Jenkins player to reach double figures.

(See **KNOTT**, page eight)

Tigers remain perfect in 57th

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – The Paintsville Tigers kept their perfect 57th District record intact Thursday night, beating visiting Magoffin County 66-50. Host Paintsville started and finished strong, scoring 20 points against the Hornets in both the first and final quarters.

Two different Paintsville players produced double-double efforts in the district triumph.

Landon Slone scored a game-high 28 points and pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds to lead host Paintsville over Magoffin County.

JD VanHoose contributed 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Tigers. Slone and VanHoose are two of Paintsville's five starters, all of whom are juniors.

With the win, Paintsville improved to 5-0 in the 57th District and 11-5 overall. Earlier

(See **TIGERS**, page eight)

P'BURG 73, WOLFE 34



photos by Jamie Howell

Senior Trevor Patton (above) and junior Taylor Clark (below) were each instrumental in Prestonsburg's home win over Wolfe County on Thursday night. The Blackcats have won four of their last five games.

Blackcats rout Wolfe County

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – After struggling on the road Tuesday against June Buchanan, Prestonsburg returned to the win column on Thursday in a home game versus Wolfe County. In its second outing against a 14th Region opponent in as many games, Prestonsburg put together a stellar all-around game. The Blackcats never let Wolfe County lead after just a few minutes into the game. Prestonsburg never let Wolfe County score more than 10 points in any one quarter as it won 73-34.

Wolfe County didn't have an answer for Prestonsburg at any time in the non-region matchup.

Twelve different Blackcats broke into the scoring column. That's a season-high.

"It was a whole team effort," commented Prestonsburg

(See **BLACKCATS**, page eight)



Eldora Speedway releases 2007 schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROSSBURG, Ohio – Working off of a successful formula of previous years, Tony Stewart has released an aggressive slate of 2007 events for Eldora Speedway, his Southwestern Ohio one-half mile clay oval.

"We will mirror very closely the schedule that has worked in the past for Eldora", commented Stewart. He continued with, "we've added a date for the World of Outlaw Late Models; a few of the dates have been switched around, and some modifications have been made to some of existing shows, but other than that it is business as usual, and we're raring to go."

Eldora's traditional major events continue to highlight the schedule.

For the Late Model enthusiasts, the \$100,000 to win Dirt

(See **SPEEDWAY**, page eight)

Eagles to host winter clinics, coaching seminars Feb. 3-4

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – The Morehead State University softball coaching staff will host its winter clinics and interactive coaching seminars, scheduled for Feb. 3-4. The clinics are open to all ages. The event will kick off on Feb. 3 with the pitching and defensive clinics and coaching seminar I. On Feb. 4, the staff will conduct a hitting clinic and coaching seminar II.

The clinics will be held at University Softball Field on the campus of Morehead State. For more information, call the Morehead State softball office at 606-783-5283.

A registration form and camp brochure will soon be available on www.msueagles.com.

Slone, MU baseball team begin practice

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – The Marshall University baseball team, led by first-year head coach Jeff Waggoner, officially begins its 2007 season Wednesday with its first team practice at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Waggoner is joined by first-year assistant coaches Tim Adkins, Tim Donnelly and George Brumfield.

"We are excited to begin practicing today," Waggoner said on Wednesday. "Everyone in our program has worked very hard in getting to this point, but we have a lot of work ahead of us as we work toward winning a Conference USA championship."

Aside from Waggoner and his coach-

ing staff, the Herd roster takes on a distinctively new look this season with 14 new faces in the fold, including six freshmen and eight transfers who are expected to make an immediate impact on the program.



Jeremy Slone

Marshall returns just two of its nine starting position players from 2006, Brendan Murphy (Sr., Chattanooga, Tenn.) and Brit Vincent (Sr., Bowling Green). Murphy earned Second-Team All-Conference USA and All-Mideast Region honors last season and has earned preseason honors this year with NCBWA Second-Team All-America recognition and a nod on the 2007 Wallace Award watch list.

The Herd returns two of its three regulars in the starting rotation, as Paintsville High School graduate Jeremy Slone, a right-handed senior, and Brian Chrisman (Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.) are expected to be two of the three cogs in the weekend starting staff. In the bullpen, left-hander Andrew Blain (So., Huntington, W.Va.) returns after posting the lowest ERA on the staff in 2006 (2.25).

Marshall will open its 2007 regular season Feb. 16 at Charleston Southern. The Herd's home opener is the following weekend, Feb. 24, against LaSalle at University Heights Field. Marshall once again will play its 12 home Conference USA games in Charleston, W.Va., at Appalachian Power Park, beginning with a three-game set March 23-25 against preseason No. 16 Tulane.



photo by Steve LeMaster

DUE TO RETURN: The Prestonsburg High School girls' basketball team is scheduled to be back in action Monday at home against Phelps. Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-Phelps game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Speedway

Late Model will be contested over the weekend of June 8-9, while the famed World 100, Eldora's premier event, will fill its usual time slot of Sept. 7-8.

Sprint Car racing takes center stage in July with the annual running of the Kings Royal by Crown Royal. The two-day showdown, July 13-14, with complete shows each night, will again feature the World of Outlaw Sprints, topped by Saturday's \$50,000 to win extravaganza.

Tickets for these major events are available now

through the track's website www.eldoraspeedway.com or by calling the track office at 937-338-3815.

A unique twist to the USAC (United States Auto Club) Four Crown Nationals will see it contested in one busy September day (Sept. 22), with the World of Outlaw Sprints and UMP (United Midwestern Promoters) Modifieds kicking off the weekend with a Friday night show.

While the Nextel Prelude will fill its accepted spot on the Wednesday prior to the Dirt Late Model Dream, the

Old Spice Summer Sizzler has been moved from August to the Tuesday prior to the Kings Royal (July 10), which will make for a busy week of Sprint Car racing at the famed facility.

As in the past, a variety of sanctioning bodies will be involved with Eldora in 2007. In addition to the World of Outlaws, the All Star Sprints will have a pair of dates, USAC will have several dates, as will the National Racing Alliance (NRA) Sprint Invaders and the Sunoco American Late Model Series.

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Blackcats

Coach Jackie Day Crisp. "All of our kids got into the game and played well."

Junior forward Nathaniel Stephens led Prestonsburg and all scorers with a game-high 14 points. Bobby Hughes and Taylor Clark finished with 12 points apiece for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg led Wolfe County 22-9 at the end of the first quarter and 43-18 at the half.

The Blackcats owned the boards, limiting Wolfe County to very few rebounds - especially on the offensive end.

"Our rebounding was very good and that's something we're real pleased with," added Crisp. "To come off of a

bad loss like we had at June Buchanan, and to go out and take care of business against Wolfe County says a lot about our kids. We're real proud of the effort we got."

No Wolfe County player scored more than seven points. Freshman guard Devon Evans and sophomore point guard Brandon Campbell each had seven points for the Wolves.

Tyler Phipps added five points for visiting Wolfe County.

Prestonsburg outscored Wolfe County 16-9 in the third quarter. The win was Prestonsburg's fourth in five games.

The Blackcats were back in action Saturday on the road.

against Lawrence County. The game ended too late to make this edition.

Prestonsburg 73, Wolfe County 34
WOLFE COUNTY (4-9) - Evans 7, Campbell 7, Hayes 2, Howard 2, Terrill 4, Phipps 5, Beasley 3, Ross 2, Graham 2.
PRESTONSBURG (5-10) - Hall 6, Hughes 12, Patton 6, Stephens 14, Martin 5, Clark 12, Vance 4, Rodebaugh 4, Setser 2, Gearheart 2, Hernandez 5, Tackett 1.
 Wolfe County.....9 9 6 10-34
 Prestonsburg....22 21 19 11-73

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Tigers

in the week - on Tuesday - Eric Arnett led Magoffin County with a team-high 16 points. Devin Rice followed with 14 points for the Hornets. Tyler Hunley was within a field of double figures for Magoffin County as he finished with eight points.

The loss was Magoffin County's second straight setback. The Hornets fell to 8-9 overall and 2-2 in the district. Van Ferguson gave

Paintsville a third player in double figures in the scoring column. Ferguson, who is in his first season as a member of the Tiger basketball team, netted 13 points.

Shane Grimm added eight points for Paintsville, which featured just four scorers.

Paintsville will begin play at home on Tuesday in the 15th Region All "A" Classic against longtime rival South Floyd.

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Paintsville 66, Magoffin County 50
 Magoffin County (9-11) - Eric Arnett 16, Fletcher 8, Rice 14, Hunley 8, Minix 4.
 Paintsville (11-5) - Ferguson 13, Slone 28, VanHoose 17, Grim 8.
 Magoffin13 12 9 16-50
 Paintsville.....20 14 12 20-66

Knott

Keith Wright narrowly missed double figures for Jenkins, ending the district matchup with nine points. Senior center Kevin Potter pushed in six points for the Cavaliers.

The Patriots outscored Jenkins 18-6 in the third quar-

ter.

Knott County Central 43, Jenkins 39

JENKINS (7-11) - Grimm 4, Puckett 18, Wright 9, Wilder 2, Potter 6.

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TRAL (6-8) - Mosley 11, Stamper 14, Lindon 3, Amurgey 3, Everage 6, Huff 3, Mullins 3.
 Jenkins...10 14 6 9-39
 KCC.....11 2 18 12-43

Brothers working on documentary film about Kentucky Derby

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - Two brothers working on a documentary about the Kentucky Derby are nearing completion of the project.

John and Brad Hennegan putting the finishing touches on "The First Saturday in May," a film they conceived after seeing stories surrounding popular Derby wins by Funny Cide and Smarty Jones.

"Along the way, we happened to come across the most famous horse arguably in the last 60 years," John Hennegan said of 2006 Derby champ Barbaro.

"Our whole thing was we want to make horse racing cool. ... and we've been following it the last couple years to see if it could sustain a documentary."

Beginning in July 2005, the Hennegans started following 2006 Derby contenders and the humans around them. They settled on six horses for the film, five of which ran in the Derby, including Barbaro.

The Hennegans shot about 500 hours of footage in locations on both coasts, in Kentucky and everywhere from Dubai to Hot Springs, Ark.

The movie includes how Louisville native Dale Romans reached a career goal of having a horse in the race, told considerably through his relationships with his son, Jacob, and his cousin Paul Parrish. It also tells the stories of Dan Hendricks, a paralyzed trainer who conditioned Brother Derek; Bob Holthus, Lawyer Ron's trainer and groom; and Michael Matz, the Olympic equestrian medalist who turned to thoroughbred train-

ing. The brothers said their family members were supportive of the venture from the outset. John's wife had just had a baby, and Brad left a job with a college television network.

"I don't think they ever know what we're doing but they support us," John said. "It's very foreign to them."

Brad estimated the film has cost less than \$100,000.

In June, the Hennegans started editing the footage down to a 90-minute film, which ends at the Derby. An epilogue mentions Barbaro's injury and efforts to save him. Barbaro suffered a career-ending leg injury in the Preakness. Veterinarians operated on Barbaro Saturday and put his lower right hind leg back in a cast for support.

Some people featured in the film have seen advance prints.

"I thought they did a brilliant job," said Kieran McLaughlin, a horse trainer and Lexington native who is battling multiple sclerosis. "I can promise you any racing person will really enjoy it."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Cats Fall to No. 8 LSU

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATON ROUGE, La. - Sylvia Fowles scored 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and No. 8 LSU beat Kentucky 76-58 on Thursday night for its 40th consecutive victory at home.

Fowles did most of her damage in the second half as the Lady Tigers (17-2, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) protected their 18-point halftime advantage.

After missing four of her five first-half shots, Fowles made all four field-goal attempts and three free throws in the second half. She got help from Quianna Chaney, who was 5-of-10 from the field and finished with 14 points. RaShonta LeBlanc added 13, including three 3-pointers.

Sarah Elliott led Kentucky (13-6, 2-2) with 19 points. Samantha Mahoney scored 17.

LSU, which extended the nation's longest homecourt winning streak, settled the outcome in the first 11 1/2 minutes when it outscored the Wildcats 23-4. Chaney and Ashley Thomas accounted for most of those points.

Chaney made three field

goals, including one 3-pointer, for seven points. Thomas, who was averaging fewer than five points per game, scored six.

LSU opened the game by hitting nine of its first 17 shots. Kentucky had almost as many turnovers as field-goal attempts during that stretch. The Wildcats were 2-of-13 from the field and committed nine turnovers.

The only Kentucky points came on baskets by Mahoney and Lydia Watkins. LeBlanc scored eight points in the final 3 minutes to help put the Lady Tigers ahead 37-19 at halftime.

The Wildcats never trailed by less than 14 points in the second half

Jacksonville State gets past Colonels

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. - Jacksonville State's Courtney Bradley hit a three-pointer with 3:04 remaining to give the host team the lead for good as the Gamecocks scored the final 10 points in a 66-56 win over the Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team Thursday night in Mathews Coliseum. The win snaps an eight game losing streak for Jacksonville State (4-14, 2-7 OVC) while the Colonels (10-7, 5-4) have now dropped three straight road tilts.

Sophomore Mike Rose led three ECU players in double figures with 15 points. Senior Julian Mascoll chipped in with 13 points and junior Darnell Dials added 10 second-half tallies.

For Jacksonville State, Bradley posted a game-high 23 points, 19 of which came in the second half. Meanwhile, DeAndre Bray came off the bench to finish with eight

assists and five points.

Three-pointers from Rose, sophomore Harrison Brown and senior Michael Brock helped put the Colonels ahead early, 14-8. Eastern maintained its slim cushion throughout most of the period and took a 22-16 lead with 2:18 left thanks to Mascoll dunk. However, Jacksonville State finished the half on a 10-3 run, capped by a Bray old-fashioned three-point play with three ticks remaining, and went into the locker room ahead, 26-25.

The second half featured six lead changes and four ties. Eastern Kentucky jumped out of the gates quickly and scored the first seven points to regain the advantage, 32-26. Dials' third bucket of the period gave ECU its largest lead of the game, 38-31. From there, Jacksonville State responded with 10 straight points, highlighted by one of Bradley's four three-pointers, to earn a 41-38 edge.

JSU managed to stretch its lead to five on two different occasions over the next several minutes, but a Mascoll three-pointer with 4:50 left put the Colonels back on top, 54-53. A Bradley three-point play followed by a Rose basket

evened the score with 3:21 remaining, 56-all. Bradley then netted a three-pointer from the right wing to give the Gamecocks the lead for good, 59-56.

Neither team would score again until JSU's Harold Crow hit a pull-up jumper with :44 remaining to push the Gamecock cushion back to five, 61-56. The Colonels missed their final five field goal attempts of the game while Jacksonville State went 5-of-6 at the free throw line in the last 30 seconds to secure the victory.

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Parker returns to Kentucky gridiron program

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Former University of Kentucky wide receiver Gerad Parker has returned to his alma mater as a graduate assistant coach, UK Coach Rich Brooks has announced.

Parker will be the graduate assistant for offense, with his duties including analysis of opponent film, preparing scouting reports, conducting "self scout" of UK tendencies, overseeing the offensive scout team, and assisting with on-campus recruiting. He also will help coach the Wildcat wide receivers.

"I'm really happy to get a former Wildcat back after coaching in high school the last two years," Brooks

said. "Gerad will bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the job and will be a great asset to (offensive coordinator) Joker Phillips and the offensive staff."

Parker has spent the last two seasons as an assistant coach at Raceland High School, guiding the receivers and defensive backs. In Parker's first season at Raceland, the Rams went 7-4 and reached the state playoffs in Class A. In 2006, the Rams improved to 11-2 and advanced to the third round (quarterfinals) of the playoffs.

Parker was a four-year letterman for Kentucky (2001-04). His best season came as a senior when he caught 15 passes for 168 yards. Having overcome numerous injuries during his career, his teammates voted him UK's

Most Inspirational Player following his senior year. Also an outstanding student, Parker was a three-year member of the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll and in 2004 was voted second-team Academic All-District IV by the College Sports Information Directors of America. He was selected for the Frank G. Ham Society of Character by UK Athletics.

After his playing career, Parker stayed on as a UK graduate assistant for spring practice in 2005 before accepting the coaching and teaching



Gerad Parker

position at Raceland. Having already completed his bachelor's degree in secondary education and his master's in teaching, Parker plans to work on another master's degree or get additional teaching certifications during his new term at Kentucky.

"I've always believed in Kentucky football and in what Coach Brooks and Coach Phillips are doing,"

Parker said of his decision to return to UK. "This is an opportunity for a great learning experience, to learn at the highest level and become a better coach."

Parker said that his two years at

Raceland taught him a lot.

"To be able to teach and coach, you have to know it 10 times better than they do," Parker said. "Each player has his own way of learning, and you have to find the way that each player learns. As a coach, technical knowledge is important, but you have to be able to teach it."

Born in Huntington, W. Va., Parker became the all-time leading receiver in Kentucky history at Lawrence County High School with 238 career receptions, 4,814 yards and 52 touchdowns. He is married to the former Kandi Brown, who was an all-state basketball player and member of the 2000 West Carter HS state champion team.

Morehead Eagles fall to conference foe

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Samford shot 65 percent from the field, including 53 percent from three-point range, and defeated Morehead State, 66-53, in an Ohio Valley Conference game Thursday evening in Seibert Hall.

MSU is now 10-7 overall, 6-3 in the OVC. Samford is 10-8 overall, 7-2 in the league.

"I was disappointed in our defensive effort," said MSU Coach Donnie

Tyndall. "But, give Samford credit. They are very difficult to guard. And, when they get a lead, they are very hard to catch."

The Bulldogs scored the first six points of the game and never trailed. Randall Gulina led Samford with a game-high 18 points. He hit three-of-five three-pointers. Travis Peterson hit six of his eight field goal attempts, including two-of-three from behind the arc, and had 16 points, and Curtis West added 12 points.

MSU was led by Quentin Pryor who scored 11 points. Cecil Brown and Vincent Crutcher each had eight points.

The Eagles hit only 41.7 percent from the field. They outrebounded the Bulldogs, 27-to-22.

MSU's men and women were on the road at Jacksonville State for a conference doubleheader Saturday. Results from the games were unavailable at press time.

MSU women battle back, beat Samford

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — What a difference a half makes. The Morehead State women's basketball team trailed host Samford 38-27 at halftime Thursday at Seibert Hall, but the Eagles regrouped for the final 20 minutes and turned up the defense as they held the Bulldogs to just 19 points in the second half and scored 33 themselves for a crucial 60-57 Ohio Valley Conference road win. The Eagles won their sixth straight game, improving to 8-9 and 7-2 in the OVC. The win also allowed the Eagles to keep at least a hold on second place in the league.

Samford shot 70 percent, making 12 of its 17 shots in the first half, while the Eagles couldn't find the range, shooting just 33 percent to trail 38-27. The Eagles actually trailed by as many as 15 (24-9) mid-

way through the first half. But, junior guard Anitha Smith-Williams ignited the second half rally by scoring 12 of her game high 17 points in the final 20 minutes. Meanwhile, the Eagles' defense forced Samford to shoot just 31 percent (5-of-16) in the final half, including just 1-of-6 from three-point range. The Eagles also overcame a one-sided scoring advantage at the free throw line, where Samford hit 20-of-31 to the Eagles' 6-of-11.

Samford increased its lead to 10 (39-29) with 17:39 left in the game, but the Eagles held the Bulldogs scoreless for the next 5:11 and went on an 11-0 run to take their first lead (40-39) with 12:40 left after Smith-Williams' three-point play. The Bulldogs wouldn't back down, however, moving back ahead 44-40 with 11:46 left. Samford led 48-44 with 9:57 left, but the Eagles put together

an 8-1 run to move ahead 52-49.

The game was tied at 56 with 3:38 left in the contest, and then MSU's LaKrisha Brown hit a free throw that gave the Eagles a 57-56 lead they never relinquished. Amanda Green's jumper bumped the MSU advantage to 59-56 before Alex Munday's free throw was the last point Samford hit one of two free throws with 14 seconds left for the final margin.

For the second straight game, MSU got great production off its bench, scoring 37 of the 60 points. Brandi Rayburn had nine points for MSU, while Holly Williams provided six points. Brown finished with seven points and a team high seven boards as MSU won the battle on the glass, 33-30. Samford was paced by Munday with 13 points. Taryn Towns had 12, and Veronica Pike tallied 10.

Inman earns 300th victory at Eastern Kentucky University

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — Eastern Kentucky head women's basketball coach Larry Joe Inman earned his 300th victory at the school tonight as the Lady Colonels defeated Jacksonville State 80-70. With its second consecutive victory, Eastern Kentucky improves to 7-11, 4-5 in the OVC while the Gamecocks drop to 5-13, 2-7 in the league.

Junior Crystal Jones, one of five Eastern Kentucky players to reach double-figures in the scoring column, led the Lady Colonels with 19 points and added four assists. Junior Niki Avery grabbed seven rebounds while classmate Ashley Cazee dished out a team-high five assists.

Jacksonville State won the battle of the boards, outrebounding Eastern Kentucky 50-37, but the Lady Colonels shot 26 more free throws than the Gamecocks.

Eastern Kentucky went ahead 8-4 before Jacksonville State evened the score at 10 off an offensive put-back at the 14:36 mark. The Lady Colonels rattled off seven unanswered to take a seven point advantage but the Gamecocks cut their deficit to three (20-17) midway through the opening period.

The Lady Colonels built an eight point advantage on five occasions before taking a slight 38-36 lead into the locker room at the break. During the final 10 minutes, C. Jones scored 10 of Eastern Kentucky's last 17

points.

On the Gamecocks' first possession of the second half, Jacksonville State tied the game and went ahead, for the first time since the opening minutes of the game, on their next trip down the court. Eastern Kentucky used six unanswered points to retake the lead and went by five (55-50) with just under nine minutes on the clock.

The Lady Colonels extended their advantage to seven (59-52) but Jacksonville State got within one point at the 4:51 mark. The Gamecocks got no closer as Eastern Kentucky claimed the 10 point win.

Jacksonville State's Jolie Efezokhae posted a double-double with 20 points and 14 rebounds, including 10 offensive.

Garrett Christian holds off Mt. Carmel

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSON — In a district matchup Monday night, Garrett Christian traveled to Breathitt County to play Mt. Carmel Christian Academy. The two teams battled back and forth before Garrett Christian broke through and won 82-65.

Garrett took a 16-15 lead out of the first quarter. At the half, Garrett led 30-29.

The Warriors started to pull away in the third quarter, taking a 60-43 lead into the fourth stanza.

Five different Garrett players reached double figures scoring in the

win over Mt. Carmel. Kyle Green led Garrett with a team-high 24 points. Jan Hicks followed with 17 points for the Warriors. Andrew Szabo, Wes Prater and Travis Scott each had 10 points for visiting Garrett.

Matthew Potter turned in one of the game's best all-around performances for the Warriors, ending the contest with eight points and a season-high 11 assists.

Justin Shepherd rounded out the Garrett scoring with three points.

Garrett Christian 79, Hope Christian 50: All 10 Garrett Christian players broke into the scoring column on Tuesday night as the Warriors

defeated Hope Christian.

Travis Scott led Garrett with a team-best 16 points. Matthew Potter followed with 14 points for the Warriors. Andrew Szabo and Wes Prater each had 12 points for the Warriors.

Steve Johnson scored seven points and Shane Prater added six for the Garrett team. Jan Hicks and Bobby Prater exited the contest with four points apiece for the Warriors.

Complimenting a balanced scoring effort, Kyle Hamilton and Jackie Hall rounded out the Garrett scoring with two points apiece.

ALL-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL



The Adams Middle School Football Blackcats, Floyd County Conference champions, were awarded individual honors earlier in the week during the county basketball tournament.



Betsy Layne Elementary was well-represented on the 2006 all-conference team.



Allen Central Middle had players earn all-conference recognition.



South Floyd Middle football players are pictured after receiving all-conference honors.

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1. Scott County
2. Ballard
3. Warren Central
4. Bates Creek
5. Bryan Station
6. Male
7. Mason County
8. Clark County
9. Doss
10. Jeffersontown
11. Covington Catholic
12. Lexington Catholic
13. Pleasure Ridge Park
14. South Laurel

15. Madison Central
16. Trinity
17. Henderson County
18. Christian County
19. Fairdale
20. Bishop Brossart

Girls' Basketball Rankings

1. Lexington Catholic
2. Scott County
3. Franklin-Simpson
4. Iroquois
5. Central Hardin
6. North Hardin
7. Sacred Heart Academy

8. Butler
9. Elizabethtown
10. Lexington Christian Academy
11. Henry Clay
12. DuPont Manual
13. Paul Dunbar
14. Clay County
15. Boone County
16. Russell
17. Nelson County
18. Perry County Central
19. Christian Academy-Louisville
20. Marshall County

Kentucky moves to allow children to hunt for free

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Like so many other rural kids, 10-year-old Sierra Thomas is an avid hunter.

The southeastern Kentucky girl has been pursuing squirrels, turkeys and deer for years, and last month she bagged a 600-pound elk on an Appalachian mountaintop. She was thrilled. Her father, Donald Thomas, ecstatic.

In Kentucky, like other rural southern states, children have traditionally started hunting early — some as soon as they're old enough to shoulder a gun and walk through the woods with Dad.

"We have a motto," said Thomas, a Laurel County taxidermist who always accompanies his daughter. "Take a child hunting, and you won't be hunting your child."

The Kentucky Wildlife Commission has taken steps to make it easier for children to hunt, even removing the requirement for the state's youngest hunters to purchase licenses.

The moves have triggered debate

in some circles about what is the appropriate age for children to hunt with firearms.

"It differs from child to child," said Ron Toler, a member of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission. "Some kids at 7 years old are fully capable of going out and hunting. Others, at 16, I would have concerns about."

The state Fish and Wildlife Commission approved the regulation in December that sets the minimum age for children enrolling in hunter education training and test at 9. The regulation also increases the age at which children have to pass the test from 10 to 12, giving kids two more years of hunting before they face mandatory safety training.

The regulation also drops a requirement for children under 12 to purchase a "junior" hunting license. Previously, children were required to have such a license, regardless of age.

The initiatives must be approved by a legislative committee before they take effect, probably in July.

Other states have taken similar steps to promote youth hunting. Some, like Ohio, have created

apprentice hunting licenses for children, which allows them to be mentored by veteran hunters even before they complete the hunter education course.

Sales of youth hunting licenses in Ohio rose 45 percent last year to 60,628, according to the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Of those, 7,666 were apprentice youth hunting licenses.

Michael Markarian, executive vice president of the Humane Society of the United States, said there is no uniform standard for when kids are allowed to hunt with a firearm.

In Kentucky, children any age can hunt as long as they have an adult within arms' reach. Rhode Island requires children to be at least 15 to hunt with a firearm. And in New York state, youths must be at least 16 to hunt deer with firearms and 12 to hunt small game animals with firearms.

Markarian said the Humane Society hasn't taken a position on when children should be permitted to hunt. He said the group, however, frowns on government wildlife agencies sponsoring programs in an

attempt to recruit children into hunting.

"Frankly, we think if a parent is going to take a child hunting, that's the family's personal decision, but the state really shouldn't have an interest in getting involved in a controversial issue," Markarian said. "For a state agency to spend its resources trying to recruit children into hunting, we believe it reflects misplaced priorities. There are so many other things the agencies could be focusing on."

Thomas said he feels it is important that parents pass along the hunting heritage to their children at the appropriate age. Although he says his daughter, a fifth-grade honor student, is mature and responsible, others her age may not be.

"It's hard to put an age on that," he said.

The National Wild Turkey Federation, the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and the National Shooting Sports Foundation have teamed for an initiative called Families Afield that is lobbying states to allow parents to decide when their children reach the appropriate age.

"Who knows better when that kid is actually ready to go, the parent or the government?" asked Rob Keck, head of the National Wild Turkey Federation. "For us to come up with an arbitrary number really isn't fair. I don't think we ought to put any kind of a bottom on it. The parent needs to make that choice."

Through the initiative, the groups are lobbying officials in 20 states that have minimum age limits on hunting big game animals like turkey and deer. Of those, 16 states require hunters to be at least 12 years old before they can hunt big game. And one, New York state, requires youth hunters to be at least 16 before they can hunt deer with a firearm.

The number of kids who hunt declined by 26 percent between 1990 and 2000, according to the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association. Keck said easing restrictions may help curb the decline.

"We don't want to turn kids loose unsupervised with firearms," Keck said. "Some people have gotten the wrong idea. We're talking about mentored youth who will get a chance to experience the thrill of the hunt."

Again, Manning 1 win from a Super Bowl

by EDDIE PELLIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The debate will rage for as long as footballs fill the air on Sundays.

Can an NFL quarterback truly be defined as "great" if he has never won a championship?

It's a debate Peyton Manning no longer wants to be a part of, and the next step toward extracting himself from it comes Sunday, when the Indianapolis Colts play the New England Patriots with a trip to the Super Bowl on the line.

Heading into the AFC championship game, Manning is clearly The Greatest Quarterback to Never Make a Super Bowl. His coach and teammates hate that it always seems to come to this.

"It's totally unfair to him," tight end Dallas Clark said. "He has his job to do and he can't do anything else. It's sad, but that's why you guys do what you do. He handles it great. He's a professional."

Manning was not available for interviews Wednesday. The Colts chose to delay his availability until

Friday, when he'll undoubtedly offer the candid, introspective, realistic thoughts on the subject that he has repeated many times over his nine years in the NFL.

It's a career filled with records, Pro Bowls, MVP awards. But he is 5-6 in the playoffs with an 0-2 record against New England's Tom Brady, the less-spectacular quarterback who has always been best when the stakes have been the highest. Brady is 12-1 in the playoffs with three Super Bowl rings.

Brady entered the league as a backup, a sixth-round draft pick in 2000 — the kind of player who comes with no hype or expectations. Manning was the first pick of the 1998 draft — the kind of player who has "legacy" attached to his name before he takes a snap.

"I don't know that he'll be judged against Tom Brady," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "But every quarterback will be judged against Joe Montana and Terry Bradshaw and Bart Starr and guys who have won Super Bowls. That's the way it is. I think we have appreciation now for Dan Marino and Boomer Esiason and

Dan Fouts and guys who haven't won it. But at the time, we talk about how many Super Bowls you've won. As time goes by, history is a little easier on you."

Manning, of course, is hoping he won't need friendly historians to cement his legacy. A Super Bowl ring is the easiest — maybe the only — way to avoid that.

Funny thing is that he finds himself on the cusp of the Super Bowl again — Manning's second appearance in the AFC championship game — after a most un-Peyton-like run through the playoffs.

He has 438 yards in two games, fewer than he recorded in his second playoff blowout over the Broncos in 2004. He has one touchdown pass and five interceptions. His quarterback rating is 58.3.

Yet just as he has struggled, the defense that has often derailed Indy's Super Bowl hopes also has been uncharacteristic — allowing only a single touchdown and an average of 63.5 rushing yards in two games.

"The NFL has a funny way of highlighting the quarterbacks, like it's Peyton versus Brady," defensive end

Dwight Freeney said. "That's all right for the media, the fans and the game, but there's a lot more going on out there than just two quarterbacks going at it."

Still, as a defensive end — even a great defensive end — Freeney will never be held under the spotlight the way a quarterback is.

Especially a quarterback like Manning.

Nobody can stand at the line of scrimmage and dissect a defense better, and nobody has thrown for more yards over the last nine seasons than Manning, who is essentially on pace to own every significant quarterback record in league history if he plays five or six more years without injury.

Come playoff time, he hasn't been the same.

Rushed and beaten up, he threw four interceptions in the 2003 AFC title game at New England. The next year, in the divisional playoffs, he suffered a similar fate — no touchdowns, one interception in a 20-3 loss — a terrible close to a season in which he threw an NFL-record 49 touchdowns. Last season, the Colts started 13-0 and appeared destined for the Super Bowl.

Manning was good in the playoffs — 290 yards and one touchdown — but not good enough to win.

"It was as low as it can be," Manning said during training camp. "You work so hard to get home-field these days. It's so competitive. It's a great lesson."

The Colts have home-field again, though they weren't the AFC's top seed. They're playing the Patriots, which gives Manning a storybook chance against the team that has bedeviled him most.

Some might say the pressure mounts as the years pass and Manning inches closer to the end of his career than he is to the beginning.

Dungy insists that nobody in this locker room sees it that way.

"I think it's the same thing at stake for him as there is for all of us," Dungy said. "We've got a group that hasn't been to the Super Bowl. They'd like to get there. We're one step away. Everyone in the locker room wants to do that and Peyton's no different. It's not make-or-break for them and it's not make-or-break for him. We'd just like to get there and do it."

Legends have 16 ADI Fireworks Nights scheduled

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Legends unveiled their promotional schedule on Thursday afternoon. The schedule is loaded with fan favorites including a club record 16 ADI Fireworks nights.

"The fireworks nights are the most popular at Applebee's Park so we've decided to give the fans more of what they want to see," said Legends General Manager Kevin Kulp.

Opening Day is sure to be a spectacular night. The Legends will open up the 2007 season on April 5th against the Delmarva Shorebirds at

Applebee's Park. It will be a Thirsty Thursday and fans can watch "Rally" while enjoying their favorite beverage for just one dollar. There are a total of 12 Thirsty Thursday promotions on the schedule.

The Legends have several new promotions in 2007. Saturday, June 23 is Soap Opera night with Cameron Mathison (Ryan) of "All My Children" set to appear. "Rubber Boy" will twist and bend himself on Saturday, June 2nd. Don't forget to walk the plank on Thursday, May 24 on "Pirate Night" and the week of May 21 will be devoted to the Legends interns trying to outwit and

outlast each other in "Intern Survivor".

The popular Faith Nights will return in 2007. The Legends have two Faith Nights scheduled including Sunday, July 8, with "The Crabb Family" performing.

The Legends expect Saturday, July 7 to be one of most anticipated dates on the promotional calendar. Legends fans who witnessed the Rocket Re-Launch in 2006 can relive that memorable night with a limited edition Roger Clemens figurine doll.

Diamond Digs always gets the heart racing and this year all women 18 and over will get two chances to

dig up the infield at Applebee's Park searching for diamonds valued at thousands of dollars. Ladies, circle Friday May 11 and Friday, July 6.

Animals will have the spotlight on two nights this summer. Bring your pet to the game on Saturday, June 9 for another addition of "Bark in the Park". "Jake the Diamond Dog will also perform. Friday, July 13 will be devoted to equine industry on "Horse Appreciation Night".

Three popular nights are back. Every Monday is a "Member's Heritage Kids Eat Free Night". Quarter hotdogs return for every Tuesday night home game and

Winning Wednesdays give Legends fans a free item from Chick-fil-a regardless of the outcome.

The nations top Minor League acts will make stops in Lexington in 2007. The popular Bucket Boys return to Applebee's Park on Saturday, July 21. Zooperstars stop by on Saturday, Aug. 11 and Myron Noodleman returns to Applebee's Park on Friday, April 27.

Opening night is set for April 5. For ticket information, contact the Legends box office at 859-422-RUNS (7867).

Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series East Bay Winternationals tire rule announced

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series Officials have announced adjustments to the Series tire rule that will be in effect for the 31st Annual East Bay Winternationals at the East Bay Raceway in Tampa, Fla., scheduled for Feb. 5-10.

Tires that will be legal for competition at the 31st Annual East Bay Winternationals Feb. 5-10 will be:

Hoosier — 1100, 1300, 1600, LM20 and LM40

American Racer — SD23, SD44 and MD56

Drivers and car owners who did not receive their pre-entry blanks in the mail can obtain one by visiting the series website at www.lucasdirt.com/PDF/ebentry-form.pdf. Race teams can save \$100 per entry by pre-registering prior to Jan. 26. The standard entry fee for the entire six nights of racing is \$500, but race teams can enter all six events

during the week for \$400

Two time and defending Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Champion, Earl Pearson, Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla., and 2006 Dart Machinery East Bay Winternationals Points Champion, Dennis Erb, Jr. will be among the entrants for the 2007 edition as the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series season gets underway. Both Pearson and Erb will be seeking their first career wins at the 1/3 mile race track. The Winternationals at East Bay began back in 1977 and the Late Models first joined the popular winter destination stop in 1978.

The week long action of the nation's premier dirt Late Model sanctioning body the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series will kickoff on Sunday, Feb. 4 with an open practice session for all Late Model competitors. There will be a complete show of time trials, heat races, B-mains and main events each night starting on Monday, Feb. 5. A top prize of \$5,000 to win will be on the line Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, on Thursday night the purse goes to \$7,000 to win with Friday's main paying \$10,000 to win and the Saturday finale will pay \$12,000 to the winner.

For more information on the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series you

can visit them on line at www.lucasdirt.com or by calling the Series Office at 951/532-2503. There are currently six day passes and reserved seating available for the 31st Annual East Bay Winternationals by contacting the track office at 877/457-5611. More information on East Bay Raceway Park can be found at www.eastbayracewaypark.com.

2007 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series East Bay Winternationals Race Schedule

Sunday, Feb. 4 — Open Practice Session

Monday, Feb. 5 — Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series (\$5,000 to win)

Tuesday - Feb. 6 - Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series (\$5,000 to win)

Wednesday - Feb. 7 - Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series (\$5,000 to win)

Thursday - Feb. 8 - Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series (\$7,000 to win)

Friday - Feb. 9 - Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series (\$10,000 to win)

Saturday - Feb. 10 - Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series (\$12,000 to win)

Cup testing to hit Bristol track Feb. 28

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Bristol Motor Speedway will be one of the host tracks for NASCAR's 2007 NEXTEL Cup Series testing schedule, the sanctioning body announced.

The two-day session is scheduled for Feb. 28 and March 1 as

teams prepare for the March 25 Food City 500 with the much-talked-about Car of Tomorrow.

"We believe 2007 will be a huge year for Bristol Motor Speedway and the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup teams," said BMS president and general manager Jeff Byrd. "The Food City 500 will be the first race featuring what has been labeled as the 'car of tomorrow' and we expect nearly every NEXTEL Cup team to be here at the end of February for the testing."

The Bristol test session is open to spectators and admission is free.

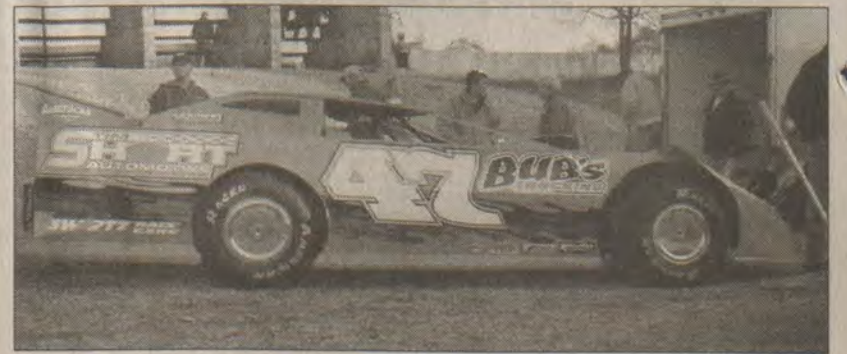


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A NEW SEASON: Letcher County resident Chris Combs has a full slate of races scheduled for the 2007 season. Combs ranks as one of the state's top dirt track Late Model drivers.

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NOTICE TO PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS

NATURAL GAS FACTS

Natural gas is lighter than air, non-toxic and contains no poisonous ingredients. Breathing natural gas is not harmful as long as there is adequate air to breath along with it. Natural gas will not burn by itself. Combustion can occur only when there is a mixture of gas and air containing between 5 percent and 15 percent natural gas and between 95 percent and 85 percent air. Because of its unique qualities of being lighter than air with a narrow band of combustion, natural gas is one of the safest energy sources available. It is also one of the most economical sources. Understanding and following safety procedures will make natural gas an even safer choice.

WARNING: Only a qualified professional should check your connector and replace it if needed. Don't try to do this yourself! Moving the appliance, even slightly, whether to clean behind it or to inspect its gas connector, can cause the complete failure of one of these older weakened connectors, possibly resulting in a deadly fire or explosion.

THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS OF NATURAL GAS

Gas accidents can be avoided if you understand the potential hazards.

- (1) FIRE
Natural gas can be a fire hazard, if you let it. Don't let it. A very hot stove, open flame or pilot light can ignite any combustible materials that happen to be near. Keep paper, curtains, paints, solvents, etc., away from gas appliances.
- (2) EXPLOSION
Natural gas can be ignited by open flames or sparks. That's why unburned natural gas should never be allowed to escape into a room. A spark, flame, lit match or cigarette, even the flick of a light switch may be enough to cause an explosion.
- (3) CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING
Even though natural gas itself isn't poisonous, gas burners that aren't adjusted properly can produce deadly carbon monoxide. You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but it's a killer. To avoid its dangers, always make sure that any natural gas appliances in your home are properly adjusted and vented to the outside...so they'll burn safely and efficiently.

DO NOT MOVE YOUR APPLIANCE TO CHECK THE CONNECTOR!

HOW DO I KNOW IF A GAS HAZARD EXISTS??? — YOUR SENSE OF SMELL SHOULD TELL YOU

- (1) A GAS LEAK IS POTENTIALLY VERY DANGEROUS!
— Gas may leak from faulty appliances, broken pipes or broken mains. Make sure all members of your family know what to do if they smell gas.
- (A) IF THE ODOR IS STRONG:
 - 1) Do not light matches.
 - 2) Do not turn lights on or off.
 - 3) Do not operate any controls or pull any plugs from outlets.
 - 4) Do not use the telephone.
 - 5) Notify everyone in the building or house to leave immediately, and leave the door open.
 - 6) If possible, ventilate the building by opening doors and windows, starting where the odor is strongest. Do not re-enter the building for this purpose.
 - 7) Call the utility company or fire department from a near-by building or house. Do not use the telephone in your house.
 - 8) Do not re-enter your home until the utility company or fire department has released you to do so.
 - 9) **Never take chances!** If your safety is threatened, get out quickly.

(4) SUFFOCATION
Natural gas can cause suffocation if it replaces air containing oxygen. (Only air that has oxygen can sustain life.) This is another reason why natural gas should never be allowed to leak from appliances or build up in an enclosed area or room.

FOLLOW THESE COMMON SENSE SAFETY RULES... IT'S UP TO YOU TO USE SAFE GAS APPLIANCES AND TO USE GAS APPLIANCES SAFELY!!!

- (1) KEEP COMBUSTIBLES such as papers, fluids, paints, curtains and rags away from furnaces, water heaters and gas ranges and dryers.
- (2) TEACH CHILDREN never to light or play with the controls of any gas appliances.
- (3) KEEP PILOT LIGHTS of your gas range lit. If you put them out to save energy, a dangerous gas build-up can occur if someone accidentally turns on the range.
- (4) KEEP GAS RANGE CLEAN — make sure burner bowls are free of used matches, grease, paper, etc.
- (5) AND, NEVER USE YOUR GAS RANGE to heat your home or apartment. This practice creates a serious fire hazard and puts you and your family at risk from dangerous carbon monoxide fumes.
- (6) MAKE SURE APPLIANCES ARE VENTED — Natural gas needs air containing oxygen to burn safely and efficiently. Without enough air, dangerous carbon monoxide is produced. For this reason, always make sure that your gas furnace and water heater are vented to the outside of the building. If you're not sure your appliances are vented properly, have them checked by a qualified heating contractor or plumber.
- (7) KEEP FLUES AND CHIMNEYS CLEAR — Have your fluepipe and chimney checked to make sure they're not blocked with debris such as nests, branches, or ivy. (Your heating contractor can inspect and clean fluepipes for you.)
- (8) SIGNS OF POOR FLUE VENTILATION — Indoor wetness (condensation); unusual smell in your home that doesn't go away; sick houseplants; yellow or wavering appliance flames; soot in your home; pilot light that keeps going out.

CERTAIN OLDER GAS CONNECTORS MAY BE DANGEROUS!

Gas connectors are corrugated metal tubes used to connect gas appliances in your home to fuel gas supply pipes. Some older brass connectors have come apart, causing fires and explosions resulting in deaths and injuries.

These older brass connectors have a serious flaw in the process used to join their tubing to their end pieces. Over time, the end pieces can separate from the tubing, and cause a serious gas leak, explosion, or fire. To our knowledge, these dangerous uncoated brass connectors have not been made for more than 20 years, but many of them are still in use. The older these connectors get, the greater the possibility of failure.

Although not all uncoated connectors have this flaw, it is very difficult to tell which ones do. Therefore, any uncoated brass connector should be replaced immediately with either a new plastic-coated brass or a new stainless steel connector. Connectors can wear out from too much moving, bending, or corrosion. Connectors should always be replaced whenever the appliance is replaced or moved from its location.

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HOW TO RECOGNIZE A GAS LEAK OUTSIDE HOUSE OR BUILDING — Gas leaks outside are uncommon, but it is a good idea to know how to recognize them. Common signs include:

- 1) A gas odor.
 - 2) A blowing or hissing sound.
 - 3) Dirt being blown or thrown into the air.
 - 4) Water bubbling or being blown into the air at a pond.
 - 5) Fire coming from the ground or burning above the ground.
 - 6) Brown patches in vegetation on or near gas pipeline.
- If you detect any signs of a gas leak outside, call Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission immediately.

NOTICE TO PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES COMMISSION NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS ABOUT CUSTOMER SERVICE LINES

1. Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission does not maintain customers' service lines beyond the gas meter setting. Customers are responsible for properly maintaining and repairing their service lines.
2. If customers' buried piping is not maintained, it may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage.
3. Buried gas piping should be:
 - I. Periodically inspected for leakage.
 - II. Periodically inspected for corrosion if piping is metallic.
 - III. Repaired if any unsafe conditions are discovered.
 - IV. Repaired, located, inspected and maintained by plumbers or heating contractors.
4. When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance, and the excavation done by hand.

Safety comes first with Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission. Below are some of the steps taken by Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission to insure the safety of our employees and customers.

1. Continuous patrolling of gas system.
2. Monitoring pressures at various points in gas system.
3. Annual/ semi-annual leak surveys.
4. Immediate response to any reported problem.
5. Proper operation and maintenance of system
6. Continuing education of gas pipe line employees, including emergency response to gas emergencies/accidents.

Together with the help of our customers we can maintain a safe and reliable gas system.

NOTICE TO ALL CONSTRUCTION AND EXCAVATION COMPANIES

In accordance with federal and state regulations governing natural gas pipeline safety, Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is pursuing a damage prevention program to minimize accidents and/or disruptions that could involve its underground pipeline facilities. If you observe any type of construction or excavation, or if you plan to do any work requiring digging near a company pipeline, please call the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission so that we can send qualified personnel to locate and properly mark the exact location of the pipeline. Knowing the exact location of the underground pipeline will reduce the possibility of property and/or personal and financial loss to both parties.

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