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briefs

Type O blood in short supply

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

The Kentucky Blood Center says its blood supply is now at a critically low level and the upcoming holiday weekend has them in a pinch.

Currently, the blood center's supply of O-positive and O-negative blood type is at less than a day's supply. They attribute the shortage due to an increase in transfusions related to organ transplants.

"The current supply of blood is much less than the level our community needs to ensure that all patients receive blood without delay," said Susan Berry-Buckley, Blood Center CEO.

The blood center has teamed up with S&S Tire for the Raceway 2007 blood drive which is aimed at encouraging more people to donate.

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A HAPPY LAST DAY



Clark Elementary celebrated their last day of school by holding drawings for numerous prizes for the students. Students Xavier Conn and Brittain Blankenship were the lucky winners of two new bicycles.

photo by Jessica Hale

Questions remain for opening of new school

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The 2006-07 school year is now over, but plans for the consolidation of two of Floyd County's elementary schools for the 2007-08 school year aren't yet set in stone.

When the Floyd County Board of Education began the construction of a new school at the former Clark Elementary school site, Clark students started the school year at Adams Middle School where they celebrated their last day of the school year on Wednesday.

have changed three times now over the past year. Originally, school officials expected to be able to move into the new school before the 2007-08 school year began, but now the deadline for completion is tentatively set at Sept. 1, approximately one month after the school year will officially begin.

The question is, however, that if the school is not complete by the beginning of the school year, where will Clark students go? Will they stay at Adams or will the consolidation go forward and move Clark students to the current Prestonsburg Elementary until the new school is finished and then be forced to move again to the new school?

Two moves in such a short period of time is really con-

cerning for some, so the Board of Education has enlisted the help of staff and parents from both schools along with the city police and fire departments in order to look at both options and decide what will be best for the students.

This "transitional committee" is currently looking at the option of bringing the Clark students to the current Prestonsburg site, but according to Floyd County Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning, the decision will not come easy.

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Supreme Court upholds murder conviction

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the conviction of a heavily armed gunman who opened fire on a couple out for a leisurely four-wheeler ride along a remote mountain trail, killing the wife and critically injuring the husband.

Kevin Rowe is serving a life sentence for the murder of Tammy Hylton and for the attempted murder of her husband, Robin Hylton, who was shot five times.

In a unanimous opinion, the high court found no reason to overturn the conviction.

The April 2005 shooting had shaken mountain resi-

dents who routinely ride the small vehicles recreationally on networks of abandoned coal mine roads and who are trying to build a tourism industry around all-terrain vehicles.

Prosecutor Rick Bartley said during the trial last year that Rowe had no real motive for the shootings other than "just to see what it felt like."

According to evidence presented at trial, Robin and Tammy Hylton were riding in a remote area of Pike County when Rowe opened fire with an assault rifle. Robin Hylton fell wounded to the ground and Tammy Hylton fell across the four-wheeler. Rowe then walked up and shot

(See UPHELD, page seven)

KSP, Wildlife launch boating campaign

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

With recreational boating season approaching, law enforcement officials are working to curb a key factor in boating fatalities — alcohol consumption.

Kentucky State Police and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Law Enforcement Division are launching the "Keep It a Safe Summer" public service effort. The KISS message appears on billboards near most popular lakes and radio and commercial advertisements are airing daily.

"In tandem with radio and strategically placed KISS billboards in lake regions, the message should reach the boating public throughout the summer season," said Sgt. John Anderson, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Boating Education Coordinator.

According to Kentucky State Police, drunken boaters too often become drunken drivers and approximately 1-in-4 of the state's highway fatalities are related to alcohol use.

"Impairment often begins with the first drink," noted KSP Commissioner Jack Adams. "But alcohol-related crashes and fatalities are preventable. Driving after drinking is a

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today Mostly sunny High: 65 • Low: 42

Tomorrow Partly cloudy High: 74 • Low: 51

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Beshear sets sights on Fletcher

by BRUCE SCHREINER ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Having bypassed the need for a runoff election, Democratic gubernatorial nominee Steve Beshear set his sights Wednesday on Gov. Ernie Fletcher, saying voters are ready to "pass judgment" on the Republican.

Beshear spent part of the day making a round of calls to thank supporters and continue raising campaign money. He also started charting his strategy for what he expects will be a tough race against an incumbent governor. Still, he seemed energized despite working on just a

(See BESHEAR, page seven)

Fletcher starts work on fall campaign

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A day after winning the Republican nomination, Gov. Ernie Fletcher was still in campaign mode, working phones to thank key supporters and woo GOP voters who backed his opponents.

"The response has been positive," said a gravelly voiced Fletcher, who

strained vocal cords from delivering up to eight stump speeches a day over the past week.

Fletcher had no public events scheduled on Wednesday, opting instead to spend the day at home in the Governor's Mansion after months of nonstop campaigning. He did take time out for a brief photo op on his

(See FLETCHER, page seven)



photo by John Cecil

A head-on wreck on U.S. 23 at Harold Thursday forced authorities to close the road temporarily while the driver of one of the vehicles was air-lifted from the scene. Details of the accident were unavailable at press time.

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Obituaries

Orville Dotson

Orville Dotson, 90 years of age, passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at his residence.

He was born July 9, 1916, at Oak Log, Kentucky, in Johnson County, the son of the late Albert Dotson and Anna Lee Wells Dotson.



Orville was preceded in death by his first wife, Thelma Whitaker Dotson, who died April 27, 1993. Also preceding him in death were two brothers: Lewis D. Dotson and William Thomas Dotson; three sisters: Susie Burchett, Hazel Arnett and Audrey Arnett; two half brothers: Sherman and Jack Dotson; and two half sisters: Zona Douglas Combs and Mary Stevens.

Orville is survived by his wife, Ann Compton Dotson. Also surviving is a son, Dr. Charles Orville Dotson and Cathy; a daughter, Barbara D. Allen and David; a step son, John Compton and Nancy; a step daughter, Judith Dotson and Terry; a sister, Mabel Honeycutt; a half brother, Billy Joe Dotson; and three half sisters: Jean Rice, Laurie Marie Smith and Cynthia Sue Hall; four grandsons: Dr. David D. Allen II, James D. Allen, Dwayne Orville Dotson and Christopher Woodrow Dotson, also survive, along with six step-grandchildren: Ben Compton, Sarah Compton, John, Sean, Lee, and Leslie Dotson. There are also four great-grandchildren, and six step great-grandchildren who survive.

Orville was a beloved husband, father, step father, grandfather, great-grandfather, a member of the Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, and a friend to all.

He was employed by Princess Elkhorn Coal Co., retiring in 1975; and was a member of the United Mine Workers Association.

Many will remember him for his fun loving view of life, humorous stories, love of his family, and Christian life. He was well-known for his guitar playing and singing in church with his first wife, Thelma, until her death in 1993.

Many will remember songs written by the two of them, "Streets Made of Pure Gold"; "I'm Expecting a Payday"; "Mansion in the Sky," and many others.

Orville's passions included watching his beloved Cincinnati Reds. He arguably listened to on radio, watched in person or on TV, more Reds games than anyone ever.

Respected as an outstanding athlete, he played semi-pro baseball, in his younger years, and golf until his death, shooting his age frequently after he turned 70 years, of age. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He enjoyed spending time at Hardee's with the Hardy Boys in the mornings.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: David D. Allen II, James D. Allen, Dwayne Orville Dotson, Christopher Woodrow Dotson, Corey Allen, D.J. Allen, and Drew Allen.



Betty Lou Keathley Hall

Betty Lou Keathley Hall, age 78, of Martin, died Tuesday, May 22, 2007, in the Memorial Hospital, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

At the time of her death, Betty was living in Chattanooga, Tennessee, with

her son and brother.

She was born September 20, 1928, in Martin, a daughter of the late Lawrence and Virginia Hatcher Keathley.

Her parents were former owners of the Martin Theatre, home of "Red Pop and Popcorn."

Betty was a member of St. Martha's Catholic Church, Prestonsburg, the Republican Women's Club, the American Arthritis Association, and the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a son, Larry Birchell Hall, of Chattanooga, Tennessee; a daughter, Frances "Frankie" Craig of Prestonsburg; two brothers: Jack Keathley of Prestonsburg, and Tony Keathley of Chattanooga, Tennessee; four grandchildren: Lila Craig of Prestonsburg, and Michael Hall, Holli Hall, and Kandy Duguay, all of Ft. Myers, Florida; and two great-grandchildren: Kelsie Hackworth and Avery Hall.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Jim Keathley.

Funeral services for Betty Lou Keathley Hall will be conducted Saturday, May 26, at 10 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Lori Vannucci officiating.



Fanny J. Hatcher

Fanny J. Hatcher, 84, of Green Cove Springs, Florida, formerly of Floyd County, died Sunday, May 20, 2007, at All Saints Nursing Home, Jacksonville, Florida.

Born May 24, 1922, in Harold, she was the daughter of the late James M. and Rissie Adkins Justice. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Toler Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death

by her husband, Bernard B. Hatcher.

Survivors include a son, Lynn Gene King of Harold; two daughters: Janice Brinley of Green Cove Springs, Florida, and Loene Lawson of Harold; a sister, Nola (husband, K.C.) of Harold; a sister-in-law, Birdie Justice of Harold; 17 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, James Cecil King; a daughter, Clara Brown; three brothers: Adrien Justice, Greenberry Justice, and Virgil Justice and a sister, Lula King.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 25, at 11 a.m., at the Toler Creek Freewill Baptist Church, in Harold, with Jamie Biliter officiating.

Burial will be in the Lawson Cemetery, Toler Creek, in Harold, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m., on Wednesday, at the Church.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)



Kenneth Lee Steele

Kenneth Lee Steele, 47, of Stanville, died Monday, May 21, 2007, at the CSX Railroad in Ivel.

Born February 4, 1960, in Richlands, Virginia, he was the son of Ocie Mildred Rose Steele, and the late Arville Steele. He was a truck driver for Black Diamond Coal Company. He was a United States Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Crum Steele.

Other survivors include three daughters: Ashley Steele and Misty Steele, both of Stanville, and Stephanie Adkins of Tram; a brother,

Larry Steele of North Tazewell, Virginia; two sisters: Melissa Steele of Bluefield, Virginia, and Debra Simmons of Lincolnton, North Carolina; a grandson, Leland Will Adkins; and his best friend, Jerome Smith of Tazewell, Virginia.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 25, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home,

in Martin, with Denver Meade, Chester Keathley and Forrest Gibson officiating.

Burial will be in the Crum-Blevins Cemetery, in Tram, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)

Feds sue coal company over unpaid fines

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — The nation's chief mine safety agency has gone to court to try to compel a Kentucky coal company to pay fines, the fifth such lawsuit in a little more than a year, federal officials announced Wednesday.

The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration is suing Little Ty Coal Co., which operates three underground coal mines in eastern Kentucky, for not paying \$145,432 in penalties on citations issued between September 2004 and March 2007.

"We hope this legal action will compel Little Ty Coal Co. Inc. to pay its debt and end its practice of ignoring monetary penalties," MSHA director Richard E. Stickler said in a

statement.

Calls to Little Ty Coal offices in Pike and Floyd counties on Wednesday went unanswered.

Since February 2006, MSHA has filed five federal lawsuits in federal district court in a new approach to hold mine operators accountable for penalties.

The first lawsuit was filed against Stanley Osborne, head of Misty Mountain Mining and Midgard Mining LLC in Pike County, who failed to pay more than \$200,000 in fines since the 1980s, according to court documents.

On Tuesday, Osborne agreed to post a \$20,000 bond to ensure payment of future fines. The agreement with MSHA awaits approval from a federal judge.

Lundergan says he'll resign next week

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — State party chairman Jerry Lundergan said he's planning to resign next week, now that Kentucky Democrats have decided on the party's gubernatorial nominee for the fall.

Lundergan, state chairman since 2005, said he's planning to formalize his decision to step down at a meeting of the party's state executive committee next week.

"I am going to resign effective as of our next executive committee meeting," Lundergan said.

Former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear won the party's nomination on Tuesday night to challenge Gov. Ernie Fletcher in the fall general election. Lundergan said that should give Beshear the right to pick the party's new leadership.

Party leaders should be meeting on the matter sometime late next week, Lundergan said.

"I think I've done my tour, and I'm very happy with the way I accomplished things, and I think that one should leave when they're on top," said Lundergan, 61. "I told Steve (Beshear) the party belongs to him and he can select the new chairman and vice chair on his own will."

Beshear avoided a possible runoff election with his performance on Tuesday night by picking up more than 40 percent of the votes cast in the Democratic primary. The other five candidates were Lexington attorney Gatewood Galbraith, former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, demolition contractor Otis Hensley Jr., Louisville businessman Bruce Lunsford and House Speaker Jody Richards.

Beshear said it was tradition in the state Democratic party that the nominee for governor pick a chairman to head into the fall campaign.

"I've got that under consideration right now, and we'll be making the decision on that

fairly shortly," Beshear said on Wednesday.

Lundergan said the successor should be someone capable of raising money from political donors and a person who knows the ins and outs of politics.

Outgoing state Treasurer Jonathan Miller said "an avalanche of people" have called him wanting him to take over the party.

"Today, my phone has been ringing off the hook," Miller said.

Less than a month ago, Miller was also a candidate in the Democratic race for governor. But he dropped out in early May and threw his support behind Beshear's candidacy.

Miller, prevented by state law from seeking a third term

as treasurer, said he's previously not been particularly interested in the job but would consider it, given the recent encouragement he's received. He and Beshear had traveled together during the close of the primary election campaign and have "been talking about the rest of the campaign going forward," Miller said.

"It certainly is going to make me take a look at it, but Steve hasn't formally asked me," Miller said. "And I can't accept something that hasn't been offered."

Lundergan, a former four-term member of the Kentucky House, took over the party's reins in January 2005 at a time when Democrats had suffered a series of losses at the ballot box. It was his second run as party chairman.

60th Wedding Anniversary



On June 1, 2007, Rev. John R. and Minervia Pelphrey will be celebrating 60 years of marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Pelphrey are originally from Barnett's Creek, KY, and now reside at Allen Kentucky. Rev. and Mrs. Pelphrey are members of Paintsville United Baptist Church where Rev. Pelphrey serves as Pastor. The children would like to invite friends, family and loved ones to join them at a reception in their parent's honor to be held at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville, KY., June 2, 2007, from 2-4 p.m. No gifts please. For those who cannot attend, cards and greetings may be mailed to Mr. and Mrs. John R Pelphrey, PO Box 477, Allen, KY 41601.

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Free screenings scheduled for 3 and 4 year old children will be administered on the following dates for those children who were not enrolled in the Preschool/Head Start program this past year.

May 24, 2007
at
McDowell and Stumbo Head Start
8:30 to 3:00

May 25, 2007
at
Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne Head Start
from 8:30 to 3:00

May 29, 2007
at
Osborne and May Valley Head Start
from 8:30 to 3:00

For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Heather D. Ratliff, 21, of Thelma, to Jonathan Michael Ellis, 24, of Wayland.
 Kayla Gail Lambert, 16, of Betsy Layne, to Zachary Dale Keathley, 26, of Betsy Layne.
 Heather Nicole Gray, 21, of Prestonsburg, to Joshua Aaron Murdock, 22, of Prestonsburg.
 Miranda H. May, 19, of Kimper, to Joseph D. Collins, 24, of Betsy Layne.
 Tabitha Lynn Hall, 21, of Harold, to Hi Carter Jr. II, 22, of Pikeville.
 Carolyn Thomas, 44, of Lackey, to Steven D. Bashline, 35, of Lackey.
 Beaulah Jean Boggs, 67, of Mansfield, Ohio, to Bobby G. Music, 69, of Mansfield, Ohio.
 Jessica May Greer, 21, of Harold, to Mark Allen Williams, 19, of Printer.

Civil Suits Filed

John P. Carroll vs. Crystal M. Yount
 Shawn Cordle vs. Rachel Cordle
 Christy Isaac vs. Shannon McKinney
 Betty Thornsby vs. Kimberly Howard
 Betty Thornsby vs. Billie Howard
 Unifund CCR Partners vs. Paul D. Salisbury
 Arnold Howell vs. Melissa Collins
 Nannie Gunn vs. Demetrius Gunn
 Jackalee Scott, et al vs. Randy Allen
 Paccar Financial Corp. vs. M&D Pipeline, Inc., et al
 Dinah H. Stratton, et al vs. Jan Caudill, et al
 Asset Acceptance, LLC vs. Elizabeth A. Horn
 Wayne Supply Co. vs. Skyline Excavation, Inc.
 Modern Construction vs. Trevathan Morgan & Gunn Ins., et al
 Green Tree Servicing, LLC vs. Sheila Murphy
 Sandy Valley Financial Services, Inc. vs. Elizabeth Peck
 Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance vs. Willie Prater, et al
 Margaret Smith vs. Jessica Wright
 Bob Powers vs. Tonda Keens

Debra Layne vs. Ashley Milburn
 Linda Brown vs. Lori Nichols
 Joshua Mullins vs. Pamela Mullins
 David Lumpkins vs. Allison Lumpkins
 KEA-HAM Contracting, Inc. vs. Gulf Underwriters Ins. Co.
 Thomas Carroll vs. State Farm Ins. Co.
 Glen Dale Rackey vs. Kimberly Rackey
 Michael Taylor vs. Melanie Taylor
 Pioneer Credit Co. vs. Steven Tackett, et al

Small Claims Filings

Linda Clark vs. Wolodymyr Cybriwsky
 Asset Acceptance vs. John Boyd
 Housing Authority of Martin vs. Steven J. Toy
 Housing Authority of Martin vs. Amanda M. Rose
 Arrow Financial Services vs. Tobé Lawson
 First Resolution Investment vs. Tabatha R. Goble
 Palisades Collection, LLC vs. Jeffery Crum
 Arrow Financial Services vs. Dwight Barrowman
 Arrow Financial Services vs. Denise Isaac
 Discover Bank vs. Robert Russell Webb
 Midland Funding, LLC vs. Judy Rose
 Capital One Bank vs. Doris Dingus
 Church Housing Association vs. Dannie Bentley
 Capital One Bank vs. Cathy Jacobs
 First Resolution Investment vs. Lisa Bailey
 DH Capital Management, Inc. vs. Valerie L. Cooley
 Capital One Bank vs. Floyd Compton
 Sandy Valley Financial vs. Paul McFadden Jr.
 Frank Salyer vs. Ricky Slone

Charges Filed

Melinda D. Short, 27, Langley, two counts of possession of a controlled substance not in original container.
 Bertha S. Spears, 56,

Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.

Ruth Messer, 28, Langley, possession of a controlled substance not in original container (two counts).

Brian K. Mulkey, 35, Wayland, alcohol intoxication.
 Jennifer Jarvis, 23, Auxier, possession of a controlled substance not in original container.

Mason Adams, 19, Melvin, fourth-degree assault.

Rosetta Kendrick, age not listed, Virgie, harassing communications.

Angela Meade, 40, Melvin, failure to send child to school.

Dorothy Lafferty, 57, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.

Calvin Johnson, 54, Bevinsville, terroristic threatening.

Debra Cutting, 40, Wayland, terroristic threatening.

Walter Fick, 37, Melvin, harassment.

Michael Newsome, 42, Melvin, harassment.

Julie Ann McGuire, 35, Hi Hat, unlawful transaction with a minor.

Hazel Harvey, age not listed, Wheelwright, harassment.

Chrystal A. Gilliam, 36, Wheelwright, harassment.

Frankie R. Stanley III, 19, Allen, alcohol intoxication.

Stacy Akers, 34, Galveston, alcohol intoxication.

Adrian Lee Smith, 39, Wheelwright, possession of marijuana.

Forrest Ashland Davis, 30, Martin, fourth-degree assault.

Patricia N. Bentley, 31, Langley, fourth-degree assault.

Stacy Akers, 34, Galveston, trafficking in less than 8 ounces of marijuana.

Nicholas M. Morelock, age not listed, St. Louis, Mo., alcohol intoxication.

Jeremiah C. Chaffins, 22, Wayland, possession controlled substance.

Ashley D. Goodman, 21, Wheelwright, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.

Michael Shane McCray, 28,

Wheelwright, obstructing governmental operations.

Chad O. Mynhier, 19, Hueysville, illegal use of another's license.

Bobby L. Conley, 22, Garrett, fourth-degree assault.

Kelly J. Newsome, 29, Grethel, drinking alcoholic beverage in public place, criminal littering.

Carl Denver Estep, 60, Tram, criminal mischief; fourth-degree assault.

Dewey Boyd, 20, Tram, criminal mischief, fourth-degree assault.

Wayne Pennington, 49, East Point, motorboat to be registered and numbered.

Kenny Ray Patton, 55, Martin, motorboat to be registered and numbered.

Jennifer Jarvis, 23, Auxier, fourth-degree assault.

Wesley F. Halbert, 39, Martin, failure to display recertification numbers.

Jonathan Paul Newman, 28, Prestonsburg, failure to display recertification numbers.

Property Transfers

Jewell Bayes to Daryl and

Veronica A. Ordahl, property location undisclosed.

Jewell Bays to Daryl and Veronica A. Ordahl, property location undisclosed.

Eva Carpenter Estate to Harvey Sizemore, property located at Beaver Creek.

Jason Lee Clark to Angela and Curtis Hall, property located at Estill.

Stacy Suzanne Clark to Angela and Curtis Hall, property located at Estill.

Jody Conley to Johnny O'Brien, property located at Mare Creek.

Teresa O'Brien Conley to Johnny O'Brien, property located at Mare Creek.

Gary Evans to Grigsby Grigsby and Evans LLC, property location undisclosed.

Glenna Faye Evans to Burchell and Marcella Newsome, property location undisclosed.

Marena Evans to Grigsby Grigsby and Evans LLC, property location undisclosed.

Stephen Jan Grigsby to Grigsby Grigsby and Evans LLC, property location undisclosed.

Clinton Webb Hager to Irma Sue Hager, property located at Little Paint Creek.

Estate of Frank M. Heinz to Fred James II and Lind James, property located at Prestonsburg.

John G. Heinz Jr. Executor to Fred James II and Lind James, property located at Prestonsburg.

Shirley Hicks to Barbara and Edgar Shepherd, property location undisclosed.

Billy Hutchinson to Gary Mays, property location undisclosed.

Jones Oil Company Inc. to H2O Construction Co. Inc, property located at Mare Creek.

Brenda Mays to Bill Hutchinson, property location undisclosed.

Gary Mays to Bill Hutchinson, property location undisclosed.

Barbara B. Meek to Bonit and John Dove, property location undisclosed.

Jerry G. Meek to Bonit and John Dove, property location undisclosed.

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Open registration: June 1 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.			
ART-121-A Basic Drawing	3	TWRF	10:10 AM - 12:10 PM
BIO 250-A Human Anatomy	4	TWRF	10:10 AM - 12:10 PM
	0	TWRF	1:00 - 3:00 PM
BIO 273-A Clinical Microbiology	4	TWRF	10:10 AM - 12:10 PM
	0	TWRF	1:00 - 3:00 PM
BUS 100-A Personal Money Management	3	TWRF	8:00 - 10:00 AM
BUS 231-A Principles of Accounting I	3	TWRF	10:10 AM - 12:10 PM
BUS 426-A Human Resource Management	3	TWRF	8:00 - 10:00 AM
BUS 455-A Operations Management	3	TWRF	1:00 - 3:00 PM
BUS 490-A Leadership Seminar: Theory & Practice	3	TWRF	10:10 AM - 12:10 PM
BUS 490-AC Public Relations	3	TWRF	3:10 - 5:10 PM
COM 105-A Introduction to Communication	3	TWRF	1:00 - 3:00 PM
COM-202-A Fundamentals of Acting	4	TWRF	10:10 AM - 12:10 PM
COM-225-A Public Speaking	3	TWRF	8:00 - 10:00 AM
COM-329-AC Public Relations	3	TWRF	3:10 - 5:10 PM
COM 498-A Internship in Communication	3	TBA	TBA
ECO 201-A Principles of Economics I	3	TWRF	1:00 - 3:00 PM
ENG-111-A Composition I	3	TWRF	10:10 AM - 12:10 PM
ENG-112-A Composition II	3	TWRF	10:10 AM - 12:10 PM
ENG-200-A Introduction to Literature	3	Online	Online
ENG-300-A World Literature	3	Online	Online
ENG 325-A Creative Writing	3	TWRF	1:00 - 3:00 PM
MUS 115-A Appreciation of Music	3	MTWR	1:00 - 3:00 PM
PSY-390-A Special Topics: Shamanism	3	TWRF	10:10 AM - 12:10 PM
REL-213-A Old Testament Introduction	3	TWRF	10:10 AM - 12:10 PM
REL-214-A New Testament Introduction	3	TWRF	1:00 - 3:00 PM
SUMMER II			
July 9 - Aug. 3			
Open registration - July 6 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.			
BUS 232-A Principles of Accounting II	3	MTWRF	10:10 AM - 12:10 PM
COM 225-A Public Speaking	3	MTWRF	10:10 AM - 12:10 PM
COM-290-AC Persuasive Strategies in the Media	3	MTWRF	1:00 - 3:00 PM
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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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

— Albert Einstein

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Boston Globe, on the Department of Defense:

From Abu Ghraib to Walter Reed, the Department of Defense has been mired recently in a succession of scandals. In both the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, the military's civilian and uniformed leaders have also been asked by Congress to explain their decisions about troop deployments, economic reconstruction, friendly-fire casualties, and training of Iraqi and Afghan forces. In fulfilling their responsibility to oversee the military, members of Congress need access to the views of anyone in uniform, not just high-level officers.

But new Bush administration guidelines would limit Congress's freedom to get testimony from a wide range of service members and civilian Pentagon employees. The Department of Defense is reserving the right to bar enlisted personnel, career bureaucrats, and any officers below the rank of colonel from testifying to oversight committees or having their statements transcribed.

... If the department itself had paid more attention to the voices of privates, it might not have allowed the appalling conditions in the outpatient quarters of Walter Reed hospital, for just one example, to become such a symbol of bureaucratic indifference and neglect. Congress should insist on hearing the testimony from anyone, civilian or military, in the Department of Defense.

The Buffalo (N.Y.) News, on gasoline prices:

There are two problems with the price of gasoline. One is that it takes more and more money from people's wallets, both when they buy gas and when they buy anything that was transported from there to here. ...

The other problem with the price of gasoline is that, despite the public outcry and the echoed outrage in the halls of Congress, people keep right on buying it. ...

The petroleum industry is so dominated by so few firms that the question of whether the market has been manipulated is self-evident. Of course it has, as much by the governments unwillingness to pass and enforce anti-trust laws as by any treachery among the petro giants.

Sen. Charles E. Schumer's call for an investigation into suspected price-fixing by the oil industry is a good idea. ... Maybe Schumer can make a deal with Big Oil. Either boost the use of the nation's refining capacity from the current 88 percent, and build more capacity, to lower prices. Or just raise those prices to, say \$6 a gallon, and keep them there. Keep them there long enough for people to make the calculation that they want more efficient cars, wider-reaching mass transit systems and houses that are in the same ZIP code as their jobs, because neither the public nor the auto industry seems to want to head in that ultimately necessary direction on its own.

Otherwise, the oil industry remains in the role of the very clever drug pusher. Enough to keep us hooked, never enough to kill us. At least, not right away.

Star Tribune, Minneapolis, on impoverished children:

... (Rep. Betty) McCollum's Global Child Survival Act doesn't envision anything especially novel; it simply seeks a return to the principled practice of the past. In the last three decades, U.S. aid helped cut child-mortality rates in the developing world by half. Yet even now, children in the poorest of nations still face a nearly 20 percent chance of dying before 5. And despite the persistent need, U.S. child-health aid has dropped 20 percent since 1997. ...

McCollum's bill comes just in time to prevent the dive from becoming a disaster. ...

The Global Child Survival Act does that: It calls for a jump in child-health spending of \$600 million next year and prescribes further annual increases through 2012. ...

Yet what matters most is not how many dollars McCollum & Co. seek to spend on this quest — but how many lives those dollars might save. If the U.S. does its share, public-health experts predict, 6 million child deaths in the developing world can be prevented each year. That counts as quite a bargain.



Guest Column

OxyContin plea a turning point

by U.S. REP. HAL ROGERS

Top executives of Purdue Pharma, the manufacturer of the painkiller OxyContin, admitted this month to lying about the addictive nature of this drug and overselling it. This guilty plea marks a turning point in a long, hard battle to recover from the destruction this drug unleashed throughout our region and the nation. This wonder drug was meant to be prescribed for severe pain, not a stubbed toe, but Purdue Pharma pushed it even for moderate pain knowing all the while of its extremely addictive power. By simply crushing it, the 12-hour time release component was eliminated offering an instant high and making it easily abused. Hundreds have died from overdoses and thousands more became hopelessly addicted.

Starting in 2000, my constituents began to inform me of the dark side of this drug — one that was extremely addictive, leading to deaths, criminal activity, ruined careers and broken families. What started in the boardroom of Purdue Pharma was spreading into our living rooms, bathrooms and classrooms at an exponential rate. Practically every family was touched in some way. By 2001, Appalachian Regional Hospital in Hazard reported treating at least 10 OxyContin overdoses a week. In the meantime, OxyContin grew into a multi-billion dollar business. Purdue's boardroom was ecstatic.

By now, my region of Kentucky was ground zero in the abuse of OxyContin. I initiated a Congressional probe in 2001 that examined Purdue Pharma and its OxyContin victims.

I will never forget a father and teenage son from the Fifth Congressional District testifying before us. The high from OxyContin was described as nothing short of euphoric and on par with heroin and cocaine. In this case, the teenage son was prescribed OxyContin for a sports injury, a common practice among unsuspecting doctors whom Purdue had assured was safe.

This young man and his family had no way of knowing that this prescription would mark the beginning of the end. After appearing before my subcommittee, this young man with a promising future ultimately surrendered to OxyContin and died of an

overdose less than a year later. I began hearing of dozens of such deaths.

At that same Congressional hearing, I pointed out to Purdue Pharma's Paul Goldenheim, one of the executives who pled guilty, that prescriptions in my region were out of control and that other places in the country were "hot spots." I told him that people were dying while the company did nothing as his product spread onto main street America.

By 2002, Eastern Kentucky was home to 25 percent of the nation's overdose deaths due to OxyContin. Nationwide, retail sales went from \$25 million in 1996 to \$1.2 billion in 2002, at one point accounting for 90 percent of the company's sales. The doctors who wrote prescriptions saw increasing visits from Purdue sales people who lavished them with gifts and special attention, assuring them that OxyContin was safe for minor pain.

In 2002, my home community was devastated when my personal friend, Pulaski County Sheriff Sam Catron, was gunned down by an assassin addicted to OxyContin. A corrupt political rival easily bought off this drug addict who hid in the woods and fired the single shot that ended Sam's life. The addict had become a murderer who needed OxyContin so much that nothing would stand in his way.

Still, Purdue continued pushing this drug. So, I tried another approach in 2003. I went before a Food and Drug Administration advisory panel to press them to limit OxyContin to "severe" pain and deny its use for "moderate" pain. But Purdue was ahead of me. This so-called advisory panel included members who receive pharmaceutical corporate funding, a conflict of interest favoring manufacturers like Purdue. They turned me down and continued to allow OxyContin for people with stubbed toes, sore backs and tooth aches, the most lucrative part of the business. The fix was in.

Then in 2003, Lexington Herald-Leader reporter Bill Estep wrote a series of articles, "Prescription for Pain," about Eastern Kentucky that showed in horrid detail the overdose deaths, wrecked lives, abandoned children and distraught families left behind in the wake of Purdue's greed. Among the banner headlines: "Eastern Kentucky: Painkiller Capital." Another proclaimed: "Nobody — not the doctors, the cops, the court system or society was doing anything to stop the abuse."

That exposé caused me to try

something new and untried anywhere else in America. We brought together law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, social services professionals, educators, religious leaders and others in an unprecedented effort to get a handle on this problem. This approach required a level of cooperation unheard of in the public sector, and it required money. We toiled away at this for months in long deliberations late into the night.

Out of these sessions came UNITE — Unlawful Narcotics Investigations Treatment and Education, which we launched in 2004. It consisted of: undercover agents to catch pushers, drug courts in every community, extra prosecutors, counselors in every school, treatment centers, vouchers for addicts too poor to pay for their own rehabilitation, county coalitions of concerned citizens, committees to attend court and monitor cases and the involvement of churches in the fight. Now, tens of thousands of everyday citizens rally to this cause, waving signs saying, "We're taking back our county."

Since UNITE's founding, we have confiscated over 50,000 prescription pain pills and over 1800 individuals have been arrested. Treatment, education and drug courts helped reduce the likelihood of addiction for thousands of others.

And now, after Purdue's constant denial of complicity, and knowledge of the dangers of OxyContin and after their aggressive and misbranding sales pitch and billions in profits, they have admitted their guilt. They lied and misled us all.

Purdue will pay over \$634 million in damages. This is tremendous news, but given the death and destruction they caused, these people need to be behind bars and not just fined. While these executives enjoy a lush lifestyle fed by billions of dollars in windfall profits, I represent the scorched earth they left behind: hundreds dead, thousands addicted, ruined families, wrecked careers, not to mention the millions of tax dollars we had to spend fighting this scourge.

So, Purdue's guilty plea is a vindication for our charges that they were endangering lives in pursuit of big money, and this is only a partial victory. We're in a long fight, and it's not over. As long as giant pharmaceutical companies manipulate the market, there will be other OxyContin peddled to people who have no idea what they're getting into. Eastern Kentucky knows what real pain is, and there is no pill for it.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Several Oscar contenders and some lowbrow entertainment wrestled for shelf space this week and offered a variety of genres for renters to choose from.

■ "Letters from Iwo Jima" — Clint Eastwood's companion piece to "Flags of Our Fathers" was a surprise success which garnered more critical accolades than the project which inspired it. Eastwood retells the battle of Iwo Jima from the standpoint of the doomed Japanese soldiers who held it against U.S. Marine forces for a protracted battle. This is a more intimate film than "Fathers" and focuses on the humanity of men who know they will never see their families

again.
■ "Epic Movie" — Kal Penn (Kumar of "Harold and Kumar") is cut adrift in this lame send-up of Hollywood event movies. No yuks here folks.

■ "Venus" — Peter O' Toole was shafted by the Academy Awards again this year despite a hilarious performance in this vehicle. He is well cast as an aging actor who forms an unlikely friendship with a crass young woman. The film is only average but O'Toole manages to keep it afloat.

■ "Apocalypto" — Probably the best epic/action film made last year. Unfortunately it had to contend with the antics of director Mel Gibson, who exploded into anti-Semitic epithets after catching a speeding ticket. The movie

delivers and will hopefully find a home video audience. It is an extremely gory affair that takes place near the fall of the Mayan civilization and follows a young man who goes on the run to avoid being another sacrifice to the gods.

■ "The Breed" — Michelle Rodriguez ("Lost") should learn to avoid islands. Here she is cast as a college student who joins a small group for a rave at a remote island. Problem is that there is already a party underway being hosted by a pack of brutal and artificially enhanced dogs. Fun horror gags ensue which shouldn't tax your viewing pleasure.

Next week is packed with movies that didn't get much theatrical play and include "Free Zone" and "The Hawk Is Dying," starring Paul Giamatti.

'Pirates' is too long and convoluted, but visually impressive and fun

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP MOVIE CRITIC

It's way too long and massively convoluted and ultimately just plain silly. But still, "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" is a lot of fun a lot of the time.

The third movie in the freakishly successful "Pirates" franchise feels substantial and looks impressive and fulfills the hype surrounding it in a way the other thirds — Spidey and Shrek — haven't so far.

Having said that, it is, of course, a giant meandering mess that leaves you feeling as if you've been tossed about on the high seas for three hours, but theoretically that's also part of the allure of these movies. Director Gore Verbinski and writers Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio return with even bigger helpings of special effects, including an interminable climax in which the Black Pearl and the Flying Dutchman battle each other in the driving rain while circling along the edge of a swirling, sucking maelstrom.

And yet, within such sequences, there are enough individual "wow" moments that make you appreciate just how inventive and complicated an achievement this was. Stuff gets blown up (this is a Jerry Bruckheimer production, after all) and it looks like real stuff really getting blown up, not just digital blips that have been manipulated by hundreds of people sitting in the dark in front of computer screens. Though CGI technology clearly was used often, "At World's End" never appears fakey-cartoony, like so many of these epics often do.

For better and for worse, the latest "Pirates" of the



"Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," a Walt Disney Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of action/adventure, violence and some frightening images. Running time: 167 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

Caribbean" actually resembles the Disney amusement park ride that inspired the series more than its predecessors (with traces of the "It's a Small World" ride thrown in for good measure), especially when characters are cruising through some watery, singing some rousing yo-ho song. You're constantly aware that what you're watching is a manufactured vision of what heroes and ruffians are supposed to do and say, and yet the kid in you wants to give in, then go for a \$5 cotton candy afterward.

As for the plot — not that it ever matters — this one's more confusing than ever. Will Turner (Orlando Bloom), Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley) and Captain Barbosa (Geoffrey Rush) must rescue Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) from the purgatory of Davy Jones' Locker, where he wound up last year at the end of "Dead Man's Chest." They also must round up the Nine Lords of the Brethren Court, sort of a U.N. of unsavory behavior, in the hopes that their combined power can stop the Machiavellian Lord Cutler Beckett (Tom Hollander), head of the East India Co., from ridding the world of pirates.

All of these people end up double-crossing one another at

some point — switching alliances and screwing each other over in ways that make "Survivor" look subtle — and if you stopped to think about whether it all makes sense, it would make your head spin.

And, there's more! Will also wants to free his father, Bootstrap Bill (Stellan Skarsgard, still covered in barnacles), from the ghost ship the Flying Dutchman, which Beckett controls. At the same time, Davy Jones (Bill Nighy, still covered in tentacles) wants to get his heart back, which is trapped inside a chest, which Beckett's goons control. And Will and Elizabeth must win each other's hearts back after various romantic stops and starts.

Along for the ride once again are the sorceress Tia Dalma (Naomie Harris); wacky, bickering sidekicks Pintel (Lee Arenberg) and Ragetti (Mackenzie Crook); and a new partner, Chinese pirate Captain Sao Feng (Chow Yun-Fat), who reluctantly provides the charts, ship and crew that will help the good guys find Jack.

And it is good to see Jack again. Depp's wildly unpredictable, effete shtick made part one, 2003's "The Curse of the Black Pearl," a thrill to watch. By the time part two came around, it had gotten old; he'd earned an Oscar nomina-

tion for doing it, we knew it was coming. Here, though, Depp gets to bring some nuance to the character, something you don't ordinarily expect from a big, summer popcorn movie.

The first time he appears, in a wonderfully surreal, strikingly sparse scene in which he's stuck in the desert with his ship, he's hallucinating dozens of versions of himself, like a moment out of "Being John Malkovich." All of Depp's range is right there on display: He's goofy, proud, brazen, sometimes fearful, but always riveting.

Later, riving versions of Jack stand on his shoulders, whispering in his ears and goading him into action. It's straight out of the Bugs Bunny cartoons, one of the longtime inspirations behind the physical comedy in the series. But then again, there are also references to Shakespeare and spaghetti Westerns, just to show you how all-over-the-place "At World's End" can be.

Knightley also gets to come into her own — not that Elizabeth was ever a traditional damsel in distress — but here she evolves from feisty fighter to a woman of real confidence and power. The "Pirates" movies may seem like a man's world by definition, but this time there's a strong message for girls and young women, as well.

Whew! That's a lot to digest, huh? And we haven't even mentioned the cameo from Keith Richards yet.

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Fall TV season adds high-concept shows

by DAVID BAUDER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — Old friend Jerry Seinfeld walked onto a Radio City Music Hall stage during NBC's yearly sales presentation to advertisers last week not to tout a new show, but his appearance in some gussied-up promos for a new movie.

Bad enough that he was a physical reminder of how far fourth-place NBC had tumbled from the heights of "Seinfeld." He had to talk about it, too, reminiscing about days when people watched what NBC offered, "or lived in fear of the consequences."

"Sometimes I feel like the whole industry just picked up and joined the circus," he said. Uncertainty and modest expectations were the backdrop of the annual week of fall-schedule announcements. Viewership is down this spring, time-shifting is up and the whole notion of watching television is changing before our eyes. NBC, CBS and Fox cut the time of their usually elaborate sales presentations nearly in half.

Only three years ago CBS entertained advertisers with

The Who. This year, networks couldn't shuffle their customers out to open bars fast enough.

It was enough time for

some clear trends to emerge that viewers will see in a few months.

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students into a stable routine, and ensuring that any transition will go smoothly. Although a decision has not yet been made, Dr. Fanning shared his personal opinion on the situation. "I just don't want a whole lot of moving," said Fanning. "I'd rather keep everyone right

where they are until we can move into the new school." At one time, the current Prestonsburg Elementary School housed nearly 1,000 students and the option to move Clark students temporarily to that site is seen as feasible to some, but Dr. Fanning maintains that the well being

of the children will remain the key factor in the ultimate decision that will be recommended to the board by the transitional committee. "The most important group, bar none, in this decision are the school children," Fanning said.

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Boating

choice. As citizens, we have the responsibility to make the right and safe choice. Find alternate transportation, use a designated driver or don't consume any amount of alcohol if you intend to operate any type of motor vehicle, whether it be a car, truck, motorcycle, ATV or boat."

The two law enforcement agencies have shared a long history of ensuring the safety of state residents, but this is the first time they have joined forces so publicly. "The vast majority of folks who enjoy boating in our state are responsible individuals," said Kentucky Fish and

Wildlife Commissioner Jon Gassett. "The number of boating deaths however, is on the rise. often, it's the innocent who pay the price. A single careless act like drinking literally covers two fields of law enforcement. We're working together with one goal in mind: Keep it a Safe Summer."

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Upheld

Tammy Hylton again. After Rowe left, Robin Hylton made it to his feet, discovered that his wife was dead and called 911. While still on

the phone, Robin Hylton exclaimed "Oh, God, he's coming back!" Robin Hylton tried to flee, but Rowe shot him several times, beat him on the

head with a pistol, then pressed the end of the gun barrel to the back of his head and pulled the trigger again. That time the gun was out of bullets.

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Beshear

few hours sleep the night before. "I had a chance to have breakfast with my family this morning, and now we're back to work," Beshear said in an interview at his campaign headquarters. Beshear received nearly twice as many votes as his nearest primary election rival, Louisville businessman Bruce Lunsford, to narrowly avoid a runoff. Beshear said skipping an extra five-week campaign against a fellow Democrat was a "big advantage." Beshear predicted he'll have a united party behind him as Democrats try to recapture the governor's mansion. He expects a tough race against Fletcher, who got half the Republican vote against two opponents in the GOP primary. "Anytime you run against an incumbent governor, no matter how embattled he may be, he has a number of resources at his disposal that we won't," Beshear said.

Beshear didn't tip his hand on whether he'd zero in on Fletcher's legal problems as part of his campaign strategy. "The public is well aware of what has gone on for the last four years in Frankfort," he said. "I think they're going to pass judgment on that in November." Fletcher, who campaigned in 2003 on a pledge to "clean up the mess in Frankfort," was indicted last May in an alleged scheme to reward political supporters with protected state jobs. The indictment was dismissed in a settlement with prosecutors, but the grand jury that issued it released a report alleging the governor had approved a "widespread and coordinated plan" to skirt state hiring laws. Fletcher called the grand jury's investigation a political witch hunt. Beshear had a different perspective, saying there was "abundant evidence that this administration had vio-

lated the merit system laws. State Rep. Bob Damron, a conservative Democrat from Nicholasville, said he was hopeful that Democrats would stick together in the general election. "I think you'll see Steve Beshear reach out to all factions of the Democratic Party and try to unite them," Damron said. Henderson County Judge-Executive Sandy Watkins, a Democrat, predicted that Republicans will try to use social issues to divide Democrats. But Watkins said he senses that Democrats are especially motivated this time. He said he spoke with seven fellow Democratic judge-executives at a meeting Wednesday, and they all talked about getting local voters mobilized behind Beshear. "I feel the Democratic Party is more united right now than it's been in a long time," Watkins said.

Beshear, a former lieutenant governor and attorney general, said he would continue to make expanded gambling a centerpiece of his campaign against Fletcher. Beshear's plans to improve education and health care are linked to allowing Kentuckians to vote on a proposed constitutional amendment for limited casino-style gambling. Beshear characterized it as "bringing Kentucky money home to Kentucky," a reference to Kentuckians who gamble at casinos in neighboring states. He has projected the state could reap an extra \$500 million a year in additional tax revenue. He said that it would be strictly controlled and that he wants to limit it to racetracks and two to four freestanding casinos along the state's border. To reach the ballot, the proposal would have to clear the General Assembly, where similar proposals have made little or no headway in the

past. Damron said he wouldn't support such an initiative but said he still intends to support Beshear in the general election. "That doesn't mean he and I can't find common ground on other issues," he said. Lincoln County Judge-Executive R.W. "Buckwheat" Gilbert, a Democrat, said expanded gambling would take a back seat to health care and education as main issues in his county in central Kentucky. "Expanded gambling is just a way of keeping the money in our state instead of sending it somewhere else," he said. Gilbert predicted that Beshear would carry his county in November but said the Democratic nominee still has a tough race ahead. "I realize how hard it is to beat an incumbent, especially one who signs checks," he said.

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Fletcher

including U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, who called for the state GOP to stand behind Fletcher. "He has my full support, and I look forward to working with him to move Kentucky forward," McConnell said in a statement. U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., also called on the GOP to unite behind Fletcher. Mike Duncan, an Inez banker and chairman of the Republican National Committee, said Fletcher has "a strong, positive agenda" for Kentucky and that the GOP is united behind him going into the Nov. 6 general election. Fletcher won 104 of the state's 120 counties to be the GOP's nominee against former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear, who won the Democratic nomination.

Beshear made a proposal to legalize casinos the centerpiece of his primary campaign. He said he would continue to make that an issue in the campaign against Fletcher, an ordained Baptist minister. Winning the Republican nomination signaled a remarkable political comeback for Fletcher, who critics said

would not be able to overcome the hiring scandal. Beshear is also attempting a political comeback more than a decade since his name last appeared on Kentucky's ballot. A Lexington lawyer, Beshear previously served as a state legislator and attorney general before being elected lieutenant governor. He ran unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1987 and lost to McConnell in the 1996 race for U.S. Senate. Beshear has claimed that a gambling industry could generate \$500 million in additional tax revenue for the state. Fletcher, an ordained Baptist minister, opposes casino gambling. "Let's not rely on the roll of the dice for the future of Kentucky," Fletcher said Wednesday. "I don't think it's something that's going to move Kentucky forward." Fletcher said his conservative stands on social issues and fiscal matters are appealing to most Kentuckians, including Democrats. "That's why we've been successful, because we've held to those values," he said.

patio. "There's no victory savoring," campaign manager Marty Ryall said. "We've already started planning our strategy for November." A political scandal forced the first-term governor to redouble his efforts on the campaign trail against former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup of Louisville and millionaire businessman Billy Harper of Paducah. Fletcher was indicted last May in an alleged scheme to reward political supporters with protected state jobs. The indictment was dismissed in August in a negotiated settlement with prosecutors. Though Northup made the indictment an issue in the primary race, Fletcher claimed the grand jury's investigation was politically motivated, and he said the outcome of the primary showed that most Republicans thought so, too. "Clearly people look to more substantial issues than a political witch hunt," he said. Northup offered conciliatory words after her loss to Fletcher, and some of the state's top Republican leaders have offered their support,

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HIGH CONCEPT

A simple family or police precinct isn't enough anymore. Networks sought out plenty of fanciful, suspend-your-disbelief ideas for series, particularly after seeing how NBC's "Heroes" proved the surprise hit of this season.

This fall you'll be able to watch a man who can bring back the dead with one touch, a time-traveling reporter, a modern-day vampire, a bounty hunter for the devil, a 400-year-old immortal man, a family of cavemen and a bionic woman. There are cruel twists, too; the immortal man becomes mortal if he falls in love; the man who can raise the dead kills them again permanently with another touch, a complicating factor when his late childhood sweetheart is involved.

That latter show, ABC's "Pushing Daisies," is the most intriguing.

The flip side is that few of the new shows are designed with family viewing in mind, leaving unfilled a hole created by the departures of "Gilmore Girls" and "7th Heaven." That's why "Kid Nation," CBS' unscripted series about a group of

youngsters taking over a ghost town and running it without adult supervision, is a potential hit.

SERIALS

There were two lessons from this season that television executives clearly didn't forget: Don't overdo the serial dramas with complex story lines that require a serious viewer commitment, and keep interruptions for successful ones to a minimum.

More dramas — and network TV is primarily in the drama business these days — will tell stories that won't baffle the viewer who happened to miss last week's episode.

Three successful serials were particularly hurt this season by long intervals with reruns. That was fatal to CBS' "Jericho," which was canceled. The other two, ABC's "Lost" and NBC's "Heroes," will run their new episodes uninterrupted next season, following the model of Fox's "24." So will the CW's "One Tree Hill." CBS will try the same thing with "Swing Town," one of its most promising newcomers.

"I don't know if we know the ideal model yet for each of them," said

Kelly Kahl, chief of scheduling at CBS. "We're looking, experimenting, trying to find the best way to do it."

NO LAUGHS

The slow death of the network sitcom is continuing.

Next fall ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and the CW will introduce fewer comedies (6) than unscripted series (7). New dramas outnumber new comedies by 17-6. NBC, the home of "Friends," "Frasier," "Cheers" and "The Cosby Show," won't have any new sitcoms in the fall. The network has a hard enough time trying to find an audience for a Thursday night comedy lineup that gets critical praise, the idea of finding new ones seemed too daunting.

"They're gun-shy, frankly," said Stacey Lynn Schulman, media analyst for HI: Human Insight. "They've tried and tried and tried, and nothing works."

Fox's "Back to You" will be followed most closely. It has proven sitcom performers in Kelsey Grammer and Patricia Heaton starring as TV news anchors in Pittsburgh.

Oh, and don't expect much from

"Cavemen." The few clips ABC presented made the insurance ads seem brilliant.

COMMERCIALS

With an estimated one-fifth of American homes expected to have digital video recorders by fall, some of the most creative thinking at networks these days is devoted to finding ways to deliver commercial messages that people won't fast-forward past.

The CW will experiment with five-second commercials and an entertainment newsmagazine that incorporates sponsorship instead of commercials. Fox has tried inserting entertaining "shorts" within commercial pods, which is where NBC will place the small skits created by Seinfeld. Several networks have tried backloading commercials — letting a show run longer without ads at the beginning with more ads in the second half.

Later this month, Nielsen Media Research for the first time releases ratings for commercial minutes.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Networks essentially turned off the lights on Saturdays a few years ago, and it was feared they were going in the same direction on Fridays. Judging by the schedules, they seem to at least be making an effort on Fridays. That's where Fox is putting its "American Idol" spinoff that tries to find a good new band. CBS' vampire series will be tried on Friday, too.

It's also where NBC has moved its critically acclaimed drama "Friday Night Lights," in the hope of finding an audience.

WHICH SEX SELLS

Last year NBC offered two series about backstage life at a late-night network comedy show, and only one survived. This year ABC and NBC each have shows purported to be the next-generation "Sex and the City," one by the woman who wrote the book behind the HBO hit, the other by the man who turned it into a series. The ABC series stars Lucy Liu; NBC's has Brooke Shields.

The early line? NBC's "Lipstick Jungle" looks better.

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Ross, Betsy Layne shut out Lady Rebs, 8-0

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MINNIE – Betsy Layne took the necessary step needed to get back to the 15th Region Tournament Tuesday evening, blanking Allen Central 8-0 in an opening round 58th District Softball Tournament game. With the win, Betsy Layne advanced to face Prestonsburg in the district championship game.

Betsy Layne won over Allen Central behind the strong pitching of Casey Ross, who allowed just five hits and struck out one.

Betsy Layne started off somewhat slow, stranding two runners in three innings without any runs. In the fourth inning, Betsy

Layne got going with a single from freshmen catcher Megan Hamilton. Samantha Stewardson then walked for the Ladycats. After the press pass, freshman Faith Reynolds singled, and junior Brittany Adkins doubled, bringing in two runs.

Betsy Layne struck again in the bottom of the sixth inning, scoring six runs.

Adkins, who had both a single and a double, drove in a game-high four RBIs for the Ladycats.

Case had two RBIs for Betsy Layne. "I'm extremely proud of my team," said Betsy Layne Coach Christina Crase. "We have practiced hard all season and really played to our potential in this tournament. We had some huge defensive stops by left

fielder Keturah Tackett and short stop Amby Tackett, both diving and sacrificing their bodies to get an out. I told my team in order to win we must play aggressive defense, hit the ball and run the bases and that's exactly what they did."

Defending 58th District champion Allen Central ended its season 9-8.

Prestonsburg 15, South Floyd 0: The Lady Blackcats needed just three innings to get past South Floyd. After scoring a trio of runs in the opening inning, Prestonsburg crossed home plate 10 times during its second at-bat.

Alexis DeRossett pitched a no-hitter for the Lady Blackcats, facing the minimum of

(See ROSS, page ten)



photo by Jamie Howell
Betsy Layne pitcher Casey Ross posted two wins during the 58th District Tournament.

Notes from district baseball, softball

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Points of interest from district tournament week:

• If you wonder what we'll be missing next spring, I think I can explain it all to you in one divine bit of coaching.

For those who may not have heard, Greg Napier is leaving Shelby Valley High School to take a position with the state department. This is certainly a win for the state but a loss for the school as a whole and the department of athletics in particular.

I doubt I could get an argument from anyone that the biggest fan of Shelby Valley sports is the coach who wears what I affectionately call "that goofy-looking hat." Nobody does it quite like Greg Napier.

On Wednesday night, his team met in the do-or-die opening round of the 59th District tournament, where the annual ritual of eliminating one of the three or four best teams in the 15th Region took place in the first round of the postseason. This year, it was Napier and the Bat Cats against Pikeville, a program that has missed the regional finals only once since fast-pitch softball came into existence.

It was early on, the second batter of the game, when the play in question took place. Sarah Davis, Pikeville's second baseman, came to the plate and laced a line drive into the gap in right-center field.

Like most people, I figured with the speedy Davis we were in for extra bases. Like most people, I figured wrong.

Following the arc of the ball, I quickly saw senior centerfielder Esther Fleming extend her glove and make the catch for out No. 2.

Napier knows his team well and perhaps his district foes better. He positioned Fleming in the right spot, putting her where a rover would play in slow-pitch ball. He left a serious gap in left-center, but knew it was worth the risk.

Fleming made a nice catch, and my point here is not to diminish her role. But had her coach not put her in place, Davis would have been in for extra bases – at least.

In the end, it was the second

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DISTRICT SOFTBALL



photos by Jamie Howell
Betsy Layne regained the top spot in the 58th District Tuesday evening, defeating Prestonsburg in the district tournament title game. Lindsey Martin (below) was named the district tournament's most valuable player.

Ladycats reclaim top spot

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MINNIE – Betsy Layne is back at the top of the 58th District. The Ladycats pulled off a come-from-behind win over Prestonsburg Tuesday night in the district championship game, beating the Lady Blackcats 11-4. After a one-year absence, Betsy Layne is on its way back to the 15th Region Tournament.

Casey Ross, one of the 15th Region's most promising young pitchers, claimed the win.

The Ladycats fell behind early, 4-2 in the champi-

onship game. Prestonsburg enjoyed a strong start in the opening inning as Brittany Collins, Erica Meade and Rikki Hughes – the first three hitters in the Lady Blackcat batting order – each singled. Collins scored Prestonsburg's first run in the opening inning.

Betsy Layne countered with two runs of its own in the third inning when its first and second hitters – Kendra Case and Keturah Tackett – both scored. Prestonsburg, however, went back out in front in the fourth inning

(See LADYCATS, page ten)



JCHS set to host GFC 14

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – Johnson Central High School will host Gladiator Fighting Championship 14 Saturday at the Fieldhouse. The mixed martial arts event will host 20-plus bouts. Doors are scheduled to open at 6 p.m. Fights are slated to get underway at 7 p.m.

Bouts already scheduled for the event include Billy Slone vs. Tony

Fisher; Blake Stumbo vs. Ethan Meade; Brandon Smith vs. Ricky Borders; Nate Johnson vs. Tim McDavid; David Blevins vs. Manny Ermac; Jon McPeck vs. Jon Sykes; Joe Platkus vs. Thomas Taylor; Jared Newsome vs. Justin Little; Hank Johnson vs. Brandon Ermac; Jon Cook vs. Aaron Marcum and Brandon Hall vs. Thomas McDavid. Event organizers expect to have an estimated 23 fights for the card.

GFC will be making its first

appearance in Paintsville. The mixed martial arts promotion has hosted previous events in Jenkins, Pikeville and Prestonsburg. Jenkins High School, Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center and East Kentucky Expo Center have hosted previous GFC bouts.

For more information on the event, contact Eddie Trotter via phone at 606/855-7005 or email at gladiatorfight1@yahoo.com.

Rebs out Raiders in district opener

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DRIFT – Allen Central punched its ticket for another 58th District championship game Monday evening, defeating South Floyd 11-4 in the opening round of the 58th District Tournament. Freshman pitcher Logan Crowder earned the win for Allen Central, allowing three runs on two hits in four innings. The Allen Central freshman recorded seven strikeouts, improving to 2-2 overall.

The Raiders ended the season 0-16.

"We knew we would be in for a battle," said Allen Central Coach Kenneth Johnson. "When this time of year comes, teams are always a little more prepared and playing a little harder. We got ourselves in a little bit of trouble falling behind 2-0 in the first, but we stayed on task and got the job done."

(See REBS, page ten)

Lofton to appear at area basketball camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – The Mark Starns Individual Camp for basketball players in grades K-11 will be held June 11-15 at Johnson Central High School. The camp will run from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. daily with meals courtesy of the JCHS cafeteria being provided daily.

Cost of the camp is \$65 per camper or \$100 for two campers in the same immediate family. Registration for the camp will be held June 11 from 7-8 a.m.

University of Tennessee standout Chris Lofton will make a guest appearance at the camp Friday, June 15. Lofton was named a second team All-American by the Associated Press this past season. A 6-foot-junior guard, Lofton led the Vols to the second-most wins (24) in school history and an appearance in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. Starns served as an assistant coach at Mason County High School during Lofton's brilliant prep career.

For more information on the camp, contact JCHS boys' basketball coach Mark Starns via phone at 789-2500 or via email at mark.starns@johnson.kyschools.us.

Blackcats eliminate Besty Layne, 10-3

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DRIFT – Prestonsburg junior pitcher Josh Rodebaugh held Betsy Layne to just three hits Tuesday evening as the Blackcats defeated the Bobcats 10-3 in the second and final 58th District Baseball Tournament opening round game.

Rodebaugh tossed a no-hitter through the first five innings. Betsy Layne managed to score its first run in the second inning when Brandon Mulkey – the fifth-place hitter in the Bobcat batting order – scored after walking.

Struggling to push any additional runs across, Betsy Layne left the bases loaded in the same inning.

The Bobcats plated a couple of runs in the seventh inning before falling short.

Prestonsburg scored its 10 runs on 14 hits.

The Blackcats scored three runs in the second inning and led 4-0 at the conclusion of the third frame. Prestonsburg put considerable distance between itself and Betsy Layne in the fifth inning, scoring five runs on four hits.

"We had to win this first district game to get back to the region," said Prestonsburg Coach

(See ELIMINATE, page ten)



photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg junior Josh Rodebaugh took a cut at a pitch during Tuesday's district tournament game against Betsy Layne. Rodebaugh pitched Prestonsburg past the Bobcats.

Eighth inning still a huge problem for Reds

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Same old problem. The eighth inning keeps sinking the Cincinnati Reds.

Their lack of a reliable setup man hurt them again Tuesday night. Felipe Lopez hit a grand slam in the eighth inning off reliever Jon Coutlangus, giving Washington an 8-4 win.

The grand slam came an inning after left-hander Mike Stanton, who was counted on to be a setup man this season, gave up the tying run.

The only dependable option in the bullpen right now is closer David Weathers, who is 9-of-10 in save chances. The eighth inning has been such a huge problem that manager

Jerry Narron has considered bringing Weathers into games early just to hold a lead.

"Believe me, I've thought about it," Narron said Wednesday before the Reds faced the Nationals for the third game of their series. "I've thought about bringing in Weathers in the seventh, eighth, ninth."

He's pretty much out of options.

During spring training, the Reds thought the bullpen was in good shape. They signed Dustin Hermanson to try out for the closer's role, and figured that Weathers and Stanton — who both got two-year deals in the offseason — could help close or pitch in setup roles.

They also had right-hander Todd Coffey coming back.

Coffey did well as a setup man last season. And 40-year-old Rheel Cormier was expected to fill the role of facing left-handers late in games.

It all fell apart quickly. Hermanson struggled late in spring training and refused to open the season in the minors, parting ways with the team. Coffey has been hit hard, going 1-1 with a 4.64 earned run average in 25 games. The 39-year-old Stanton is 1-2 with a 6.60 ERA.

Cormier came to the Reds in a trade with Philadelphia last July. As part of the deal, the Reds gave him a \$2.5 million contract extension through 2007. He didn't make it through April — the Reds gave up on him after he allowed three runs in six

appearances. Stanton got a two-year, \$5.5 million deal last November, so the Reds aren't about to give up on him.

The mishmash can be summed up by one statistic. Eight times this season the Reds have been tied after the seventh inning. They've lost all eight games.

If they can get through the eighth, they're fine. The Reds have led 16 times after the eighth inning, and won all 16 games.

Narron has thought about letting rookies Jared Burton and Brad Salmon take a shot at the eighth inning. A better solution might be available soon.

Right-hander Gary Majewski is throwing well at Triple-A Louisville. The Reds got Majewski as part of an eight-player deal with the Nationals last July 13, expecting him to fill a setup role. He had a sore shoulder when he arrived — the Reds have filed a grievance against the Nationals over the deal — and

missed most of spring training because of weakness in the shoulder.

Majewski is 1-1 with a 4.50 ERA at Louisville, where he has pitched better lately. He could be ready for a promotion soon.

"If he's throwing the way he was with the Nationals two years ago, he's a very good pitcher," Narron said. "I don't think we saw him 100 percent healthy last year."

The Reds claim that Nationals general manager Jim Bowden failed to tell them about a cortisone shot Majewski got in his aching shoulder before the trade was completed.

SAARLOOS A SECOND TIME: Right-hander Kirk Saarloos will get another start.

Saarloos surpassed expectations on Tuesday night, giving up six hits and three runs in 5 1-3 innings. It was his first start of the season, and it came under some difficult circumstances.

The Reds needed someone to take the place of Eric

Milton, who is disabled by a sore pitching elbow. Saarloos made his first 20 appearances out of the bullpen, going no more than two innings any time.

Plus, he hadn't pitched in eight days. And, he came down with a virus that is making the rounds in the Reds' clubhouse.

Despite it all, Saarloos lasted 78 pitches on an 84-degree evening, handing a 4-3 lead over to the bullpen.

"I was thinking I was going to force the issue a little bit, make them put the ball in play," said Saarloos, who struck out two and walked two. "That's how I live. I don't strike out many."

Narron said that Saarloos will start Sunday in Milton's place against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Milton is eligible to come off the disabled list on Thursday, but isn't ready.

Asked what Milton is doing in his comeback, Narron said, "I really don't know." Milton declined to discuss it.

GIVING THANKS:
The Prestonsburg High School Varsity Cheerleaders offered up thanks during their road-block Saturday. Some of the newest members of the PHS varsity cheerleading squad are pictured.



Bentley

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of nine straight Panther batters who came to the plate and went down in order to start the game against Ashleigh Stanley.

By the way, does anyone have any idea why left fielder and right fielder are two words, but centerfielder is only one?

In softball, there's little doubt the most talented district is the 59th, where either East Ridge, Pikeville or Shelby Valley will be ousted from regional competition each year.

In baseball, it's the 57th, and it's not real close. Unfortunately, they still employ the draw in that stacked district, so Tuesday saw Paintsville and Johnson Central, the two most storied programs in the 15th Region, meet in the semifinals.

It should be noted here that

had they seeded — which we understand they'll finally get around to doing next year — it could be they'd have met there anyway. Lawrence County is loaded and will bring a 27-10 worksheet into next week's regional tournament after winning its first district crown in any sport since returning to the 15th last year.

Still, there's something about having Paintsville and Central — the biggest rivals in the mountains in the sport of baseball — playing in anything other than the finals that's a little disappointing, at least for me.

And on Tuesday, they turned in another classic for those in attendance at Magoffin County.

It looked early on like the Golden Eagles would cruise. They led 5-1 behind Matt Fyffe, their ace who will pitch for Eastern Kentucky next year. But the Tigers wouldn't quit, tying the game with a pair of two-run homers that sent it to extra innings.

Fyffe did what pitchers are supposed to do — he helped his own cause (a phrase I use mostly to prove announcers and broadcasters don't actually have a patent on it) — when he laced a two-run single past the diving glove of shortstop Daniel Pugh. A wild pitch later made it 8-5, and Fyffe closed it down in the eighth

for the win.

Fyffe went the distance, striking out 13 and walking five. He gave up seven hits in the win.

Congratulations, I suppose, are in order for Pike Central junior Michael Daniels, who will enter the state record books for being hit by a pitch more times than anyone in history.

Daniels has been beamed 23 times now.

Maybe it's just me, but that's just not a record I'd be terribly interested in owning.

And speaking of Pike Central, we offer congratulations to Paula Coomer and the Lady Hawks, who ended Belfry's stranglehold on the 60th District softball title with a 3-0 win in the championship game.

Want an example of the differences from one district to the other? Consider, for a moment, the 57th and 58th softball districts.

In the 57th, after Magoffin waxed Sheldon Clark 15-0 in the opening round, the last three games were decided by a total of five runs — the winners outscored the nonwinners 13-8.

But in the 58th District — played entirely on Tuesday — the score was 35-4, with all four runs scored by teams that didn't win coming in the championship game.

Eliminate

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Bobby Shepherd. "To be playing our best at the end of the season is something we set out to do from the start."

Alan Craynon paced the Prestonsburg offensive effort, going four-four-four with a pair of triples. Rodebaugh, Tyler Hall and Seth Setser each went two-for-three for the Blackcats (16-15). Chris Schoolcraft went two-for-four, finishing with a triple and a double. Leadoff hitter Bobby Hughes had a second-inning home run for the Blackcats, driving in a pair of runs.

Starting pitcher Brennan Case suffered the loss for the Bobcats.

Mulkey, Case and Brandon Tackett each had a single for the Bobcats. Betsy Layne ended its season 2-22.

The win was Prestonsburg's second straight and ninth in 10 outings. Prestonsburg entered the district championship game versus Allen Central Thursday evening as one of the 15th Region's hottest teams. The Blackcats, playing on their home field last season, fell to Allen Central in the 2006 district championship game.

Ladycats

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when Alisha Mayfield, Linsey Fields and Alexis DeRossett all scored. After leading 4-2, Prestonsburg never scored again.

Betsy Layne plated six runs in the sixth inning and three more in its final at-bat, solidifying its lead over the Lady Blackcats.

"In the sixth inning the girls stepped up their game," said Betsy Layne Coach Christina Crase. "They were down by two runs and held their heads up, rallying on two outs and scoring six runs in the sixth inning."

After leadoff singles from freshman Faith Reynolds and junior Brittany Adkins, Kendra Case brought in one Betsy Layne run off of a double. Shortstop Amby Tackett was then at the plate with runners on second and third bases. After an intentional walk, second baseman Lindsey Martin belted a double, bringing in both runners. Megan Hamilton then drove Martin home with a single.

Tackett paced Betsy Layne offensively, going two-for-four with a pair of doubles and three RBIs. Martin delivered a double and drove in a pair of runs for the Ladycats. Reynolds and Ross each had two singles for the Ladycats. Case also had a double for Betsy Layne. Hamilton, Stewardson, Keturah Tackett


and Adkins each had a single for the Ladycats.

DeRossett, who was the losing pitcher for Prestonsburg, collected a pair of singles for the Lady Blackcats. Collins, Meade, Fields and Whitney Caudill each had one hit for Prestonsburg in the championship game.

"With only 11 players to end the season, I can honestly say my players have tremendous heart and dedication," Crase said, following her team's triumph. "After a rocky start, many people could have given up and settled for little accomplishments. However, I knew this team had more potential. We worked hard practice after practice, game after game to accomplish a team goal — District Champion. Every practice, every game we treated as a stepping stone toward achieving this goal. Every win, every loss would be used as a resource to build on strengths and work on weaknesses. I want to take this opportunity to thank my players for playing with heart and dedication — and never giving up. They have worked hard and they deserve to be called District Champions."

Betsy Layne exited the 58th District Tournament 11-10. After finishing runner-up in the district, Prestonsburg dropped to 13-8.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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Allen Central
Baseball



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Rebs

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Johnson was hoping his team would finish strong.

"The only thing I mentioned to our boys is about finishing the job," Johnson added. "We started well, and finished slow. We have to learn to put teams away. But we're young, and that comes with experience."


Alex Hammonds and Hunter Crowder each had two hits for the Rebels. Hammonds went two-for-four, collecting a pair of doubles. Hunter Crowder finished two-for-two with an RBI. Logan Crowder, Josh Prater, Scott Little, John Bryant, Josh Manuel and Chris Stumbo each had one hit for the Rebels.

Bryant and Manuel were Allen Central's leading run producers, driving in two runs apiece.

With the win, Allen Central improved to 14-17 and advanced to the 58th District championship game against Prestonsburg (16-15) Thursday evening.



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Ross

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nine batters in three innings. Rikki Hughes was Prestonsburg's leading batter, going three-for-three.

Katie LeMaster and Alisha Mayfield each went two-for-three for the Lady Blackcats with a double and a single apiece.

Brittany Collins, Linsey Fields and DeRossett each had one hit for the Lady Blackcats. Morghan Slone, who singled once, scored three runs for the Lady Blackcats.

Andrea Conn took the loss for the Lady Raiders. South Floyd ended its season 2-15.

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FOCUSED: Prestonsburg junior Rikki Hughes surveyed the Betsy Layne offense during Tuesday's district championship game. Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne both advanced on to the 15th Region Tournament, which will be held next week at Johnson Central High School.



Horsemen, Sioux City set to face off

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — Coming off a 56-31 win at Evansville last week, the first-place Lexington Horsemen will stay on the road when they travel to Sioux City, Iowa, to face the Sioux City Bandits on Saturday. Kickoff in the Tyson Events Center is scheduled for 8:05 p.m. EDT and the game will be carried live on 101.5 FM The Planet and WVLK 590 AM with Gary Ball and Randy Wilson.

The Horsemen (5-3) moved into a tie with Rock River for first place in the United Indoor Football Eastern Conference with last Saturday's win against the Evansville BlueCats. Quarterback Kewan Dewberry completed 17-of-27 passes for 161 yards with four touchdowns and running

back Rayshawn Askew scored three times to lead Lexington to the victory.

"We're in a situation right now where we control our own destiny," Horsemen Coach Mike Zuckerman said. "I look at the records of everybody and we're all right there in a big bunch. We still hold everything in our hands, and as long as that happens, anything can happen. We have to come out this week against Sioux City and keep playing strong and consistently."

Lexington's Dewberry is the league's leader in quarterback efficiency with a rating of 119.3. He is tied for the UIF lead in passing touchdowns and has thrown for 1,338 yards this season. Askew is tied for third in the league in scoring, averaging 12.0 ppg, and has tallied 16

touchdowns, also third in the UIF this year. Wide receiver Harry Lewis is second in the league in receiving yards per game with 76.9 to go with nine touchdown catches.

Sioux City, which has not played a home game since May 5, is 2-6 on the season and has dropped three of its last four contests. The Bandits are 1-0 this season against members of the UIF Eastern Conference, having defeated Evansville 28-26 on April 21 in Evansville, Ind. Sioux City is the league's worst team in terms of scoring offense, averaging 28.4 ppg, but the Bandits lead the UIF in pass defense, which could pose problems for Lexington's Dewberry. Lexington holds a 2-0 advantage in the all-time series with Sioux City, having won both meetings with the Bandits last season.

Fish for free statewide June 2-3

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — On June 2-3, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will offer its Free Fishing Weekend throughout the state. Free Fishing Weekend events kick off National Fishing and Boating Week, which runs June 2-10. During Free Fishing Weekend, anglers may fish statewide without a fishing license. The weekend is a great opportunity for the whole family to fish without spending any money on licenses.

"Free Fishing Weekend is important because it gives a lot of kids a chance to catch a fish, win a prize and spend time with family and friends," said Marc Johnson, aquatic education coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "It also allows adults to fish for the first time without paying the cost of a license."

There are dozens of fishing events scheduled all over Kentucky during Free Fishing Weekend. To find a fishing event in your area, log on to fw.ky.gov and click on "Events" at the top of the homepage. Check "Fishing Events" and search your county and surrounding counties. Fishing event organizers are encour-

aged to submit non-boating fishing events on the website to help anglers seeking fishing opportunities in their community. Events may take several days to appear on the website.

"A lot of these events take place in city parks and other local venues," said Johnson. "That gives the community a chance to come together, and the thing that brings them all together is fishing."

For young anglers who live in the central Kentucky area, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will host a two-day fishing derby in Frankfort on Friday, June 1 from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, June 2 from 7-10 a.m. Anglers who have not yet reached their 16th birthday may fish on either of the two lakes located at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Headquarters, located on U.S. 60, two miles west of U.S. 127. The event is free and parents are encouraged to register their young guests, as prizes will be awarded by random drawing.

Upper and Lower Sportsman's Lakes (formerly known as the Upper and Lower Game Farm Lakes) will be stocked prior to the derby to enhance young anglers' chances of success. Fishing should be excellent for weeks following the event. Both lakes will be closed to the public for

fishing from Wednesday, May 30 until 10 a.m. Saturday, June 2. A limited amount of equipment and bait will be available for those who need it. Participants are encouraged to bring their preferred rods, reels, baits and lures.

Free Fishing Weekend is open to both Kentucky residents and nonresidents. In addition to fishing licenses, trout permits are also not required during this weekend. Minimum size and creel limits are still in effect, so participants are strongly encouraged to pick up a copy of the 2007 Kentucky Sport Fishing and Boating Guide, available online and wherever licenses are sold.

For general information about fishing in Kentucky, anglers also may call the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) at 1-800-858-1549.

AREA LAKES

- Dewey Lake
- Paintsville Lake
- Carr Creek Lake
- Yatesville Lake
- Cave Run Lake
- Fish Trap Lake



FLOYD COUNTY U16 SOCCER: Below: Forward Nicholas Conn of the Floyd County U16 Elite squad fought to maintain possession against a Perry County midfielder during Saturday's contest. Above: Adam Kimbler, midfielder for the U16 Elite, prepared to send the ball back to one of his teammates.



MSU women's program adds assistant coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Harry Elifson, a nationally-known women's basketball coach, has been appointed as an assistant coach on head coach Mike Bradbury's Morehead State University women's basketball coaching staff. Elifson became a legendary high school coach and one of the most successful girls basketball coaches in Florida prep history and joins the Morehead State staff after several highly successful seasons at the University of South Florida.

"I am really excited about this opportunity. I have known Mike (Bradbury) for many years, and I am extremely excited about the opportunity to work with him and keep this program heading in the right direction and keep it moving toward the top of the conference," said Elifson.

Elifson was an assistant coach at University of South Florida from the 2000-2003 campaigns and was promoted to Associate Head Coach from 2003-2006. He helped lead USF out of the bottom of the conference standings to three straight postseason appearances, including the school's first-ever NCAA Tournament berth in 05-06. As a primary recruiter, he landed three top 40 classes, according to the All-Star Girls Report.

"I am very excited about Harry joining our staff. He has had a lot of experience at the college level and has worked with some very successful programs," said Bradbury. "He will definitely add a lot to Morehead State women's basketball."

At USF, he was instrumental in signing Jessica Dickson, the 2004 Big East Freshman of the Year who has since advanced to play in the WNBA. Elifson also helped mentor USF to its first-ever WNIT berth in 2003-2004 and again helped lead the Bulls to the WNIT in 2004-2005. Also that season, USF posted the program's best-ever record at 21-11.

Elifson made a name for himself coaching at Boca Ciega High School in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he led the girls' varsity team from 1989-2000. Taking a team that had fallen on hard times, Elifson completely revitalized the shape of the girls basketball program and won two Florida Class 5A state titles in 1995 and 1996 and was a state semifinalist in 1999. During the 1995-96 season, Boca Ciega climbed as high as 18th nationally in the USA Today rankings.

His career record at BCHS was 234-87 (.730 winning percentage), and he coached five players that moved on to Division I schools. In all, 11 of his players since 1995 earned college athletic scholarships.

He led BCHS to three regional titles, three regional runners-up finishes, four conference championships, and 11 district titles.

With his team's success came numerous state and national honors. He was inducted into the Boca Ciega High School Hall of Fame in 2004 and was a finalist for the 1997 National High School Coach of the Year. He earned the National High School Coaches Association Region III Coach of the Year award in 1997 and was awarded the 1996 Florida Coaches Association Coach of the Year. He was also Pinellas County Coach of the Year in 1993, 1995, 1996 and 1997 and was the St. Petersburg Times Coach of the Year in 1995 while earning the same distinction from the Tampa Tribune in 1995 and 1996. In addition, he has experience coaching the best girls basketball athletes in the nation as he was the head coach of the East team at the 2000 Adidas High School All-American game.

A native of Iowa, Elifson attended Clinton High School before earning his bachelor's degree in physical education and driver education from University of Northern Iowa in 1986. He began his career as instructor and coach at Holy Family School in St. Petersburg and was also an assistant boy's basketball and football coach at St. Petersburg Catholic High School before moving on to Boca Ciega.

The athletic department also expects to announce another assistant coach early next week.

HAP LITTLE LEAGUE



Above: Gabe Ferrell of the Harold-Allen-Prater Minor League Cubs eyed an Astros batter during a recent game. Devin Kendrick is pictured at shortstop for the Cubs. Below: The Astros' J.T. Hall stood in at the plate. Dalton Frasure is pictured catching for the Cubs, who won.



MSU looking for new baseball coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The contract of Morehead State University Head Baseball Coach John Jarnagin will not be renewed, Director of Athletics Brian Hutchinson announced Monday. The search for a replacement is now underway.

"We have begun a national search for Coach Jarnagin's replacement," Hutchinson said. "I appreciate

John's graciousness and the hard work he put into the program over the last 12 seasons."

Jarnagin was the 10th baseball coach in MSU history, and his teams had a 263-387-2 record in his 12 seasons. Prior to taking over the Eagle program, he had spent 10 seasons as baseball coach at Shelby State Community College in Memphis.

Earlier this spring, Paintsville High School senior Daniel Pugh signed with MSU.

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STARRING ROLE: Harvick wins All-Star Challenge

by JENNA FRYER
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CONCORD, N.C. — Kevin Harvick is no fan of the All-Star race. A monster payday changed his mind.

Harvick earned \$1 million Saturday night by winning the Nextel All-Star Challenge after Matt Kenseth was caught speeding and brothers Kurt and Kyle Busch took each other out of contention.

"I know I am not the biggest fan of the All-Star race, but I guess I have a million reasons to be to," said Harvick, who won for the first time in seven tries in the event.

Harvick started the final 20-lap segment in fourth place, but quickly used a three-wide pass to get by Jeff Gordon and Kyle Busch and take the lead. It was a gutsy move at the time, but once out front, he told his crew it had just won him the race.

"I told 'em, 'We just threw the haymaker, boys, and I think it landed,'" Harvick said. "I just didn't really think we had anything to lose. I said, 'What the heck? We'll just try it up top here.' I didn't let off the gas and it didn't hit the wall."

With Kenseth and the Busch Brothers out of contention, Harvick only had to deal with Jimmie Johnson, a two-time All-Star race winner.

But Johnson barely mounted a challenge, staying in line behind Harvick until the final lap at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Johnson made one attempt at a pass, Harvick blocked it, then drove off to his second win of the season.

Harvick's other victory also was a jackpot — he earned \$1.5 million for winning the season-opening Daytona 500.

"To win a Daytona 500 and the All-Star race, that's pretty cool," Harvick said in Victory Lane.

Harvick, who was second to Johnson last season, scored his first All-Star victory in seven tries and gave car owner Richard Childress his first win in the non-points event since Dale Earnhardt in 1993.

"Always, this has been one of my favorite races," Childress said. "It brings back Saturday night racing like it used to be. I know Dale loved this race. It was one of his favorite races, because you're going to win or you're going to tear it up, usually."



Kevin Harvick

Harvick certainly did his share of wrecking here. He finished last in his first All-Star appearance, then crashed in consecutive years to spoil his opinion of the event.

"The All-Star race kind of brings out the best in all of us," Harvick said. "It's one of those things where everybody is kind of just going for it."

The victory capped a hugely successful weekend for Childress, who said Friday he had formed an engine alliance with Dale Earnhardt Inc. Then AT&T won an injunction to get its logos placed on RCR driver Jeff Burton's car.

The car has been sponsored by Cingular, but AT&T has been fighting to get on the hood since the two companies merged. NASCAR denied the request, citing its exclusivity agreement with series sponsor Nextel, but a U.S. district judge allowed RCR to put the AT&T logo on the car Saturday morning.

"I haven't slept a whole lot, I can tell you that," Childress said of his weekend. "It's been a long year, and for our teams to still be competitive, we've had a lot of challenges."

Mark Martin finished third and was followed by Burton, Tony Stewart, Johnny Sauter and Kenseth. Ryan Newman, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Martin Truex Jr., who got into the race

by winning the Nextel Open, rounded out the top 10.

Kenseth had the field covered, leading 37 laps and winning the first and third segments. But he was flagged for speeding off pit road as he tried to beat Jeff Gordon out after the last stop.

"I got so busy with those other cars, I looked down and I was 200 (RPM) over," Kenseth said.

The All-Star race is usually good for some drama, and it came 18 laps from the finish when brothers Kurt and Kyle Busch wrecked each other.

Kyle Busch, who led 23 laps over the first three segments, was trying to pass his older brother on the outside when Kurt Busch drifted down and the two made contact. Kurt Busch surged ahead, Kyle Busch spun, tapped his brother, and both cars bounced off the wall.

"I was waiting for the day when we got together, and we did, and we were racing for a million bucks," Kurt Busch said. "That was a bummer, to have my little brother pull that move on me. Maybe I should have given an inch instead of taking an inch from him, but hey, that's what the All-Star race is all about."

"We'll see what we can do to discuss it, but right now I'm not eating any Kellogg's anytime soon."

While Kyle Busch was back in the garage, things fell apart for mighty Hendrick Motorsports.

Winners of eight of the last nine points races, Hendrick saw three of its four cars fall out of contention in a matter of minutes. Jeff Gordon got a flat tire to fall off the pace, then Casey Mears and Denny Hamlin made contact to bring out the third caution of the race.

It left Johnson, the defending race winner, as Hendrick's only hope. And after three mediocre segments, it didn't appear he would challenge for the win.

But he was in third after the Busch Brothers wrecked and wasted little time working into second while Martin settled into third.

It stayed that way for several laps, as neither Johnson or Harvick stepped out of line. Only when Harvick appeared to have it in the bag did Johnson make his move.

"I kept chasing him on the bottom, trying to force him to make a mistake, but he drove a solid race," Johnson said. "On the last lap I thought, 'I've got a cushion behind me, let me just try it.' After 1 and 2, I got right to the 29's bumper and I was like, 'Why didn't I try that a lot sooner?' But that's racing."

Hendrick stable too full for Earnhardt — for right now

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rick Hendrick wasn't lying when he said he has no room on his team for Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Hendrick, the last big-time owner to comment publicly on Earnhardt's free-agent status, has spoken to NASCAR's most popular driver about his future. But with a full stable of drivers under contract, Hendrick didn't have a whole lot to offer.

"I've talked to him about doing motors and cars if he wants to do this himself," Hendrick told The Associated Press. "But that's really all we've discussed."

"Right now, I'm full."

"C'mon, Mr. H, are you really claiming there's no room at the inn for a superstar such as Earnhardt?"

"There's no room at the inn," he firmly repeated.

He's right. But that doesn't mean things can't change.

Jeff Gordon has a lifetime contract with Hendrick Motorsports, so he's not going anywhere until he retires. With a fifth championship looking very realistic for this season, it doesn't appear Gordon will be turning in his car keys anytime soon.

Jimmie Johnson, the defending

Nextel Cup champion, is a car owner's dream and he just signed an extension last season that will keep him in a Hendrick car for a very long time.

So that leaves Kyle Busch and Casey Mears, and conventional wisdom says Mears should be nervous about keeping his cushy Hendrick job.

Mears is having a tough first season with Hendrick and is currently a miserable 35th in the standings. But he was placed with the one team at Hendrick that always has struggled, and walked into a team that was a tad bit behind when he got there in December.

Hendrick made a crew chief change four days before teams reported to Daytona, and it's taking some time for everyone to catch up.

Yes, Mears appears to be the weak link. But it's unfair to judge him after a mere 11 races, and it's doubtful that Hendrick is doing that.

Busch, on the other hand, has had plenty of time to be judged.

Although Busch is under contract through 2008 and Hendrick previously said he's working on an extension,

the car owner perhaps should reconsider.

Busch is an excellent driver. He made the Chase for the championship last season and is currently 11th in the points.

But the 22-year-old has made three significant missteps this season that raise questions if the talent is worth the headaches.

Consider:

— After winning the first Car of Tomorrow race at Bristol in March, Busch came off as a spoiled brat when he ripped the car and repeatedly said it "sucked" during his nationally televised Victory Lane interview. When Busch continued the rant in his post-race news conference, Hendrick sat silently next to him, lips pursed and clearly uncomfortable.

— Busch left the track without telling his crew after wrecking in Texas last month. When the team patched up the car to get back on the track for valuable points, Busch was nowhere to be found and they grabbed Earnhardt — of all people! — to finish out the race.

— He wrecked his older brother, Kurt, in Saturday night's All-Star

race, then gave Kurt the opportunity to be the model of decorum. While Kyle stewed inside his hauler after the accident, Kurt gave a somewhat humorous interview and delivered the line of the race when he said, "I'm not eating any Kellogg's any time soon," in reference to Kyle's sponsor.

The incident spoke volumes to how far Kurt Busch has come. Always a bit quirky, he's made significant strides since joining Penske Racing last season. When he's not trying so hard to be liked, or butchering the English language in an attempt to sound smart, Kurt Busch can be kind of cool.

Kyle Busch? Not so much.

When he first was signed by Hendrick to drive the No. 5 Chevrolet, Kyle Busch vowed to use everything he'd seen his brother struggle through as a lesson on what not to do. He's instead done just the opposite.

He comes off as arrogant and entitled, and veterans repeatedly gripe Busch never wants to listen to their advice. Two-time champion Tony Stewart felt like he was talking to a wall when he tried to counsel Busch after their 2006 tangles.

And after Busch and Mears had issues last season, Busch immaturity said he didn't know how to get in touch with Mears to discuss it. Never

mind that these guys live inches apart in the motorhome lot 38 weekends a year.

Hendrick is a patient man who can put up with an awful lot. And there's no reason to believe that enough time in the Hendrick organization won't eventually make Busch grow up and start behaving the way a good Hendrick driver is expected to.

But with Dale Earnhardt Jr. sitting on the open market, wanting desperately to fit in with an organization committed to helping him win championships, one has to wonder if Hendrick should take a long hard look at making it happen.

Who knows? Maybe room No. 5 at the Hendrick inn suddenly could open.

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP DRIVER STANDINGS

1. Jeff Gordon, 1,881
2. Jimmie Johnson, 1,650
3. Matt Kenseth, 1,582
4. Denny Hamlin, 1,539
5. Jeff Burton, 1,486
6. Tony Stewart, 1,375
7. Kurt Busch, 1,325
8. Kevin Harvick, 1,315
9. Clint Bowyer, 1,302
10. Carl Edwards, 1,291

Kahne a long way off from 2006 form

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.C. — Kasey Kahne should be the logical choice to beat Jimmie Johnson and the Hendrick Motorsports gang in the Coca-Cola 600. After all, Kahne beat Johnson on his home turf twice last season.

But, unfortunately for Kahne, it's a brand new year and he's yet to duplicate the success of last season.

Kahne, who won twice at Lowe's Motor Speedway last season, heads into Sunday's race 30th in the points with just one top-10 finish this year. He'd love to end Hendrick's run of eight wins in the last nine points races, but knows he's probably not going to be the driver to do it.

"Yeah, we want to win races," Kahne said. "But you don't come from finishing 20th or 25th to suddenly winning again. Seems like you have to make your way up there, figure things out as quickly as you can. But it takes time."

And time is against Kahne right now.

Despite winning a series-best five regular-season races, Kahne barely made the Chase for the championship last year. He needed to race his way into title contention in the cutoff event, knocking defending series champ Tony Stewart out in the process.

The hole he's in now is much deeper, and Kahne only has 15 races to mount a furious comeback. He won't launch a frantic pursuit for wins, though. Kahne instead wants to take it one small step at a time.

"I'm just hoping to get consistent again, get back in the top 10, top 15," Kahne said. "Once you start doing that,

then you'll have your opportunities as races unfold and work out for you."

In today's NASCAR, success is measured by the Chase. The drivers who make it had a good year. The ones who don't get in go back to the drawing board. Kahne's hoping to get back inside that top 12.

"It's something we can shoot for," he said. "It seems like it gets further and further away each week with the way we're running. If we can go on a big roll, get a streak of a bunch of top 10s, consistent finishes in a row, lead laps, there's still definitely a shot to get there."

"But he'll need a great run in the longest race of the season to make it happen. And even if Kahne is flawless, he'll still have a hard time contending with Johnson, who hasn't finished lower than second at LMS since 2003.

Johnson fully expected Kahne to be among his top competition this season, and has been surprised with how far behind the No. 9 team seems to be.

"Without a doubt, I thought he was going to be a contender for the championship and race wins like he was last year," Johnson said. "I know they're working hard, trying to sort out their stuff. I think it's been a shock to myself and I'd say most of the racing community."

But Johnson said the problems likely go much deeper than Kahne. As teams struggle to run two programs — the current car and the Car of Tomorrow — it's been a challenge to be successful at both.

Only Hendrick, with wins in all five COT races, seems to have it figured out.

"A lot of that falls back on the organization," Johnson said. "As you get

into chassis development, engine development, there's a lot of components that make up the effort that we have at the race track.

"From year to year with rule changes, body changes ... to stay ahead of the curve on that stuff, to really think those things through, takes a lot more than what you see."

Ray Evernham, Kahne's car owner, won three championships as a crew chief for Hendrick and knows how difficult reaching the top of the sport is. His organization has been decent since its 2001 launch, but he's yet to field a legitimate championship contender, even though Kahne is considered one of the most talented young drivers in the sport.

Evernham blames the recent struggles on himself.

"I think the past year has been very, very busy for me both professionally and personally, and I got probably a little bit too far away from my cars," he said. "I enjoy the cars and I enjoy the guys and that's where I need to be."

Evernham now is courting a partner for his race team, and hopes he can get a deal done with Montreal Canadiens owner George Gillett Jr. He's confident that parent company DaimlerChrysler's recent decision to sell the Chrysler Group to a private equity firm will not hamper negotiations with Gillett or sidetrack the Dodge Motorsports program.

"He's aware of what's going on," Evernham said. "Eventually a NASCAR team is going to grow to not be dependent on the manufacturer. I know George already is a Dodge dealer and has a great relationship with them. But I don't think Dodge being sold has really any input on what George is doing."



Dale Earnhardt Jr.



LATE MODEL WINNER: West Virginia driver Rod Evans took the checkered flag in Saturday night's Late Model feature at 201 Speedway.



FLOYD COUNTY FLAVOR: Alan Osborne took the checkered flag at 201 Speedway in Saturday night's Four Cylinder feature.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Milestones and memories

by Kathy J. Prater FEATURES EDITOR

So, another school year has passed, bringing yet another milestone to our little home. Last spring, my eldest daughter graduated high school...



Kathy Prater Lifestyles editor

As a mom, events like these bring a mix of emotions. I'm happy to see this much of their educational lives over and behind them...

It seems like just last week that I was settling Elliott into Mrs. Reba Griffith's kindergarten class at Prestonsburg Elementary...

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DINNER DIVA

Magic food

by Leanne Ely

Week after week, month after month, the magazines proclaim in bold print that they can help you lose up to (fill in the blank) pounds per week...



Leanne Ely

but that's it. Know why? Because there is no "magic food"!

It's like anything you want to do, whether it's get your house in order or lose a little body clutter, there is no magic cleaning potion, no magic food and no magic pill to make this all happen...

FlyLady says that all you need to clean is a little soap (any kind of soap) and some elbow grease

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Floyd County scouts host annual 2007 Olympics

On Saturday, May 5, Floyd County Girl Scouts played host to the 12th annual Girl Scout Olympics event. About 115 girls from Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin and Lawrence counties were on hand to compete in the scheduled events...

Girls from kindergarten through sixth grade were invited to participate. Daisy Scouts are girls who are in kindergarten. Brownie Scouts are girls who are 6 through 9 years of age...

Several area businesses donated services or goods that helped make the event a great success. Big Sandy Community and Technical College allowed the girls to once again use their walking track area for the day...

Olympic events included a bean bag race, sack race, three-legged race, crab walk, broad jump, jump rope, frisbee throw, hula-hoop contest, a 50-yard dash, a 220-yard run for Brownies and a 440-yard run for Juniors.

The events began at 8:50 a.m. with the Brownies and Juniors competing in the 220-yard run and the 440-yard run. After the runs, each age group of girls was

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MORE

To view more pictures from the Girl Scout Olympics, visit our website at www.floydcountytimes.com

GIRL SCOUT OLYMPICS



3-Legged Race -- Daisies: 1st Haley Rice and Emily Howard, Younger Brownies: 1st Cheyenne Rice and Brooklyn Salyer, 2nd Emily Johnson and Amber Goforth, Older Brownies: 1st Alex Miller and Kayce Tackett, 2nd Brittany Watkins and Alison Collins, 3rd Olivia Branham and MiKayla Little.



Hoola-Hoop -- Daisies: 1st Izzabelle Newsome, 2nd Rebecca Reynolds, 3rd Gracie Parker, Younger Brownies: 1st Gracie Smith, 2nd Alley Russell, 3rd Hannah Crum, Older Brownies: 1st Alex Miller, 2nd Skylar Johnson, 3rd Sierra Craft.



Broad Jump: Daisies: 1st Haley Rice, 2nd Jaylen young, 3rd Gracie Parker, Younger Brownies: 1st Cheyenne Rice, 2nd Lyndsey Horn, 3rd (tie) Morgan Davis and Hannah Stratton, Older Brownies: 1st Brittany Watkins, 2nd Alison Collins.



Jump Rope -- Juniors: 1st Ashley Bentley, 2nd Danielle Willoughby, 3rd (Tie) Cortney Perkins and Keiona Craft.

STAGE TALK

There's more to JWT than meets the eye

by Martin Childers JWT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We love staging our wonderful Broadway musical productions every summer, but we're also proud of the many educational outreach programs offered at Jenny Wiley Theatre.

Our first opening night is a couple of weeks away and the excitement is mounting. But, we're also busily planning a Theatre Education Institute, offering up to 24 hours of Professional Development, or three graduate credit hours, for teachers.

We know we wouldn't have such talented kids auditioning for our shows every summer, if they weren't being encouraged and trained by classroom teachers. Jenny Wiley Theatre's TEI offers training for K-12 educators in topics such as theatre history, teaching acting, theatre games and activities, dance, music, and technical basics.

Dr. Bob Willenbrink, Chair of the Department of Communications and Theatre in the Caudill College of Humanities at Morehead State University, will teach the course. It runs July 16 through July 20, and will be held at the MSU-Prestonsburg postsecondary building on the Big Sandy Community and College Campus in Prestonsburg.

This is a graduate level class, and those who want to receive graduate credit should contact Dr. Willenbrink at r.willenbrink@morehead.edu for more information.

You can also find out more information on our web site: jwttheatre.com under Educational Outreach TEI/PD. While there, check out the fantastic shows we're doing this year (the emphasis is on youth!) and reserve tickets now. Call our Box Office at 606-886-9274 or toll-free at 1-877-CALL-JWT.

This and other educational programs at JWT are made possible in part by a grant from Equitable Resources.

* Martin Childers is Executive Director of the Jenny Wiley Theatre at Prestonsburg. His column about theatre happenings and back stage activities appears weekly. Jenny Wiley Theatre is a non-profit organization and receives funding from individuals, corporations, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paintsville Tourism, the Kentucky Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Kentucky Department of Travel.

FLY LADY

Too pretty to use

by Marla Cilley

Our homes are filled with all manner of stuff! This clutter takes on a life of its own and it is all because we are in fear! You can turn the most useful thing in the world into clutter if you don't use it!

This is something we have all done and continue to do unconsciously. We are in fear that we will not be able to get

whatever it is again so we save it. Or we buy something and we are afraid we will never be able to afford it again. It is fine and good to take care of your possessions but to not use them because you might mess them up is a negative way of living our lives.

Let me reassure you. I would never sell you a dishtowel that would not stand up to daily use. We looked long and hard for a dishtowel that I loved! I had always wanted ones that had the reminds us to check on them to help to remind us to wipe our dishtowel each day. I changed my mind from doing this to putting on some of our favorite quotes. I felt that instead of making you feel bad because you had not changed

the dishtowel from two days ago, that I could design the towels instead to encourage you with a few simple words: phrases like "You're not behind," "Just 15 minutes," and "I'm FLYING!"

These are dishtowels and not framed quotes to be displayed on a wall! Any of you can take the same quotes and put them all around your house. Dishtowels have a purpose! They dry dishes, clean off your hands, wipe the faces of your babies and clean up spills! They are to be used and in the process of using them, they are loved! They bless you with their usefulness and with the words that are stitched upon them. Yes, you may love them and feel as though you don't want to mess them up but this line


of thinking is what I am working so hard to declutter from your head!

Let me tell you a story. Many years ago we bought a brand new car. I was not allowed to drive the car because I might mess it up. The first time I drove it, a rock popped up and cracked the windshield. I guess I have a rebellious nature because after that I made sure that I drove it whenever I wanted. I eventually drove the wheels off of that car and it blessed me for many years. I finally released it after Robert and I married. I was very sad to let that car go because it had been a tool to help me survive a bad marriage. It gave me


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'Tube plugging' new, non-surgical form of sterilization

Question: My husband and I have decided that we don't want any more children. He does not want to get a vasectomy, so I was thinking of getting my tubes tied. My friend told me there is another procedure, like having your tubes tied, but without the surgery. Can you tell me about that as well as about having my tubes tied? Which one works the best?

Answer: One of the primary things to understand about having your tubes

tied or non-surgically obstructed is that this is not reversible. You cannot change your mind and have this undone. It is permanent.

With that in mind, there are currently three methods of permanent sterilization for women. The first is a hysterectomy. This is not performed as a means of sterilization, but it does make it impossible for a woman to bear any more children. The other two are tubal ligation (getting your tubes tied) and tubal plugging.

Tubal ligation is a surgical method of cutting and tying, burn-

ing or banding the fallopian tubes so the woman's egg can not pass to be fertilized. This procedure involves general anesthesia and is done with a scope through the navel (belly button). The recovery is fast, usually two or three days. There is minimal pain, and the scar is very tiny. Many women have this one while still in the hospital after having a baby. If done at other times, the woman may have the procedure done on Thursday or Friday and be back to work on Monday, assuming her job is not too strenuous.

The newer method, as I mentioned, involves tubal obstruction rather than tubal cutting and is considered a non-surgical procedure. While there is still light anesthesia, a catheter is threaded through the uterus into the fallopian tube opening inside the uterus. A spring-like coil, called a micro-insert, is placed in the

fallopian tube. Over a period of about three months, your body develops scar tissue around the coil that becomes a barrier inside the fallopian tube. Until this tissue forms and completely blocks the fallopian tube you could still become pregnant.

This is why you need a follow-up exam with the tubal blockage procedure that's not normally required after a tubal ligation. About three months after the coils are placed, your doctor will want to do a procedure called a hysterosalpingogram. This is not as complicated as the name might imply. It is simply a special X-ray where dye is put into the fallopian tubes to be sure they are completely plugged up. Once this is confirmed, you can have the same degree of confidence that you would with a tubal ligation. Statistics show that both of these procedures are more than 99 percent

effective in preventing pregnancy.

I suggest you talk with your family physician or ob/gyn doctor about your options. While the tubal blockage procedure is not as widely available as tubal ligation, it is becoming more common.

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School Happenings

SUMMER CELEBRATION!

To be held, Wednesday, May 30, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Maytown Center. This is a joint event held in conjunction with the Youth Service Centers of Duff Elem., May Valley Elem., and Allen Central Middle School.

The day of fun will include: "Wild Water Wars," "Design your own T-shirt," learning how to make homemade ice cream, and more.

Ages will be divided in groups. Lots of prizes to be given away and, best of all, the activity is FREE to all who attend!

For grades K-8 only. For more information and registration forms, visit www.maytowncenter.org and click on "Summer Activities."

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

•June 11-29 - Smarty Camp for students entering 3rd thru 9th grades; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily at Prestonsburg High School. For registration information, call 886-1297.

•July 12 - Free athletic physicals for PHS students and their feeder schools; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Seton Complex, in Martin. Students must be accompanied by parents.

•July 18 - Back-to-School Health Fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Duff/Allen Central Middle School. Many services will be offered free of charge including school physicals, school supplies, child ID, and drawings for free haircuts.

•July 18 - FREE clothing giveaway at the Graceway Church, located on Rt. 80, at Maytown. Open to all Floyd County families in need.

•Applications and information on local summer camps available at center.

•Updated student health records may be dropped off at the center during the summer break.

•The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be open throughout the summer months. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297. Please call for information on center programs and services or if you need assistance during the summer.

Allen Central High School

•Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

Allen Central Middle School

•Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.

•The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

•Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.

•The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.

•Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Clark Elementary

•Nurse services: Floyd County Health Department nurses will be in the Resource Center on selected dates. Now taking appointments for 6th grade exams, WIC, and well-child exams for birth-18 years. Flu shots may also be scheduled. Call 886-0815 for an appointment.

•Lost and Found located in Resource Center.

•The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

Duff Elementary

•FRC is also in need of clothing, sizes 3T thru

adult, for emergency clothing use and burnouts. If you have clothing to donate, please call the FRC.

•Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

•The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

•July 2, 3 - 4-H Day Camp for grades K-8, at Maytown Center, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Camp is FREE, but parents must provide transportation. Call 285-0321 for more info.

•Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

•Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

•Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

•Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book checkouts. A variety of topics are available.

•Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus.

For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

Mountain Christian Academy

•Now accepting applications for enrollment for Preschool-8th grade for the 2007 fall semester. Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

•Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

•MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

•The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

•Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

Prestonsburg High School

•May 29 - Summer School begins at 8:15 a.m.! Applications available in the counselor's office. Space is limited and placement is "first come, first served"! Students should report to the cafeteria by 8 a.m., on Tuesday, May 29.

Transportation not provided on first day, but will be available thereafter. First summer school session: May 29 thru June 11; second session: June 12 thru June 25.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

•Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.

•SFMS parents with concerns about your child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at <http://iiod.ssts.com> and click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. If you have any questions, please call 452-9607.

•Walking track open to public (track closed dur-

ing special events).

•The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

•All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

•For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

•Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

•The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

•The following camps, with the exception of the Basketball Camp (date to be announced later) will be held on the campus of Osborne Elementary School. Camps will be held in conjunction with several community organizations.

The Rainbow Junction FRC is currently taking sign-ups for those wishing to participate. For more information, please stop by the center or call 452-4553.

•June 5, 6, 7 - "Hands-On Learning" Camp; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

•June 12, 13, 14 - "Camp Shawnee Activity" Camp; 10-11 a.m.

•June 25, 26, 27, 28 - "Safety" Camp; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Note: This camp is geared toward parent/child activities.)

•July 23, 24 - 4-H Day Camp; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

•TBA - "Parent/Child Activity" Camp; 6-8 p.m.

•TBA - Basketball Camp; grades K-6; Wheelwright Gym.

•Lost & Found located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within 3 weeks become the property of the FRC.

•The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.

•The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School

•WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

•For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College

Adult Education and GED
Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.
1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.
9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments
1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne FRYSC; BSCTC.
6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.
1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC.
6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.
1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC; BSCTC.
6-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

Also, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at Drug Court.
Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334
Lisa Johnson - Assistant
Ron Johnson, Stephania Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

Fly Lady

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courage to drive away because it was my car and one summer I practically lived in that car when I was working many long hours at the Brevard Music Center. It had sheltered me from the storms of life and I was thankful for it. I had not saved it for "GOOD" - I used it and I was blessed by it.

Using something means you love it! Holding on to things and not using them is fear. Fear is the opposite of love. It is hoarding. If you are not going to use the things you buy for yourself then please don't buy them from our FLY Shop. Our calendar is to be used! So what, if you have to mark something out! That is what calendars are for. Schedules change and we make mistakes. The dishtowels are to be used, too. Let me tell you, we have put those dishtowels through the wringer. They have wiped up coffee spills and have been washed by Michele and Kathy many times. They love to get things white. These dishtowels have been tested by Michele and Kathy and they passed with flying colors!

What have you been saving out of fear? Use it or release it to someone who will! This change in attitude is going to help you declutter your home! Isn't it fun to get rid of the negativity, too? I love the song "Please Release Me, Let me Go"! Sing it from your clutter's point of view. I sang it loud when I released much of my clutter. Somehow music makes it easier to do.

Since working with Eric Dodge on his new CD, "Why Not Today," I have gotten excited about producing a new CD to help us get rid of our clutter. I have our FlyCrew working on lyrics. My sweet darling can put any words to music, the Onmi Studios in Nashville can turn any melody into a great song and maybe Eric and my niece Courtney will sing them for us. This could be great fun and you know that I don't do anything that is not fun!

If you are not going to use it then give it away to someone who will!

*For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out Flylady's website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, *Sink Reflections*, published by Bantam, and her New York Times Best Selling book, *Body Clutter*, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.*

Veterans to be honored Sunday at Ivel cemetery

A special ceremony for all deceased veterans will be held this Sunday, May 27, at Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, at 2 p.m. The ceremony will be conducted near the cemetery's flag pole.

All veterans interred there will be honored simultaneously with a 21-gun salute, the playing of "Taps," and remarks by Joshua Chamberlain, Civil War veteran, and local government officials.

60th Anniversary

Birthday



On June 1, 2007 Rev. John R. & Minervia Pelphrey will be celebrating 60 years of marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Pelphrey are originally from Barnett's Creek, KY and now reside at Allen. Rev. & Mrs. Pelphrey are members of Paintsville United Baptist Church where Rev. Pelphrey serves as Pastor. Their children would like to invite friends, family and loved ones to join them at a reception in their parents honor to be held at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville, on June 2, 2007 from 2-4pm. No gifts please. For those who cannot attend, cards and greetings may be mailed to Mr. & Mrs. John R Pelphrey, PO Box 477, Allen KY 41601.



Lindsey Whitaker turned 3 on May 6, 2007. She celebrated with her friends at KIDDIE-LAND Daycare on May 4th. Lindsey is the daughter of Carl and Wilma Whitaker of Hueysville.

Bagging for tips helps cheerleaders

PHS cheerleaders are asking the community to support them in annual events.

Help support the Prestonsburg High School cheerleaders by allowing them to receive a tip for bagging your groceries at the Prestonsburg Foodland on Friday, June 1. The cheerleaders will be "Baggin' for Tips" at the store, located in the Highlands Plaza Shopping Center.

Also, on Saturday, June 2, the PHS cheerleaders will hold their annual Yard Sale in front of the Prestonsburg High School building. Come on out and shop with the cheerleaders and get in on some great deals!

Scouts

Continued from p13 put with their own group of judges and everyone was off to a morning of events. Each girl put forth her best effort. Winners were recognized from first to third place in each event from each age level category.

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Younger Brownies: 1st, Alyssa Johnson 2nd, Kate Lackey 3rd, Ciara Dyd
Older Brownies: 1st, Kayce Tackett 2nd, Sierra Craft 3rd, Kaitlyn Branham

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Jump Rope:
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Sack Race: Juniors: 1st Natasha Rice, 2nd Kaitlyn Minix, 3rd Kelsi Tackett
50-Yard Dash:
Juniors: 1st Kelsi Tackett, 2nd Lakin Wells, 3rd, Breanna Prater
3-Legged Race:
Juniors: 1st Sasha Kidd and Erin Castle, 2nd Brianna Salyer and Natasha Rice, 3rd Kellie Mollette and Haley Burton
Jump Rope:
Juniors: 1st Ashley Bentley, 2nd Danielle Willoughby, 3rd (Tie) Courtney Perkins and Keiona Craft
440 Yard Run:
Juniors: 1st Kaitlyn Hager, 2nd Elizabeth Prater, 3rd Natasha Rice
Crab Walk:
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Frisbee Throw:
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Hula Hoop:
Juniors: A 4 way tie was called after each girl continued to hoola hoop after 1 hour in the rain.
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ty Girl Scouts played host to the 12th Annual Girl Scout Olympics event. About 115 girls from Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, and Lawrence Counties were on hand to compete in the scheduled events. Girls from ages 5 to 12 met at the walking track area of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg campus, to compete in the event.

Girls from kindergarten through sixth grade were invited to participate. Daisy Scouts are girls who are in kindergarten. Brownie Scouts are girls who are 6 through 9 years of age. Junior Scouts are girls who are 9

through 12 years of age. This year Cadette Scouts were on hand to serve as judges and volunteer helpers.
Several area businesses donated services or goods that helped make the Olympic event a great success. Big Sandy Community and Technical College allowed the girls to use their walking track area for the day. Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., Prestonsburg Dairy Queen, Heiner's Bakery, Wilderness Road Girl Scouts, Prestonsburg FoodCity, Wildstar Trucking, Prestonsburg Foodland, Prestonsburg Walgreens, and Stanville Subway all donated food items that were used to provide lunch for all participants. The Floyd County Fire Department was also on hand to provide medical care.

Olympic events included a bean bag race, sack race, three-legged race, crab walk, broad jump, jump rope, frisbee throw, hula-hoop contest, a 50-yard dash, a 220-yard run for Brownies, and a 440-yard run for Juniors.
The events began at 8:50 a.m. with the Brownies and Juniors competing in the 220-yard run and the 440-yard run. After the runs, each age group of girls was put with their own group of judges and everyone was off to a morning of fun-filled events. Each girl played hard and put forth her best effort in each event. Winners were recognized from first to third place in each event from each age level category.

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Diva

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to clean. It's the same thing with food and losing that body clutter; all you need is a little bit of food (you need to be able to identify it; no processed chemical foods) and you need to eat it (in portion controlled sized servings) at regular intervals throughout the day. Just like you NEED a morning routine AND an evening routine, you need a routine for your eating—you can't save it up for one meal—you'll be so ravenously hungry, you'll overeat and that puts your body working overtime to digest everything. Not only that, but by NOT eating at regular intervals during the day, you put your metabolism in PARK.

There is no need for your body to work at optimum capacity; it thinks a famine is approaching and it needs to hold on to the very thing you're trying to deal with: body clutter!

We need to move ourselves toward good, wholesome, easily identifiable food eaten at regular intervals. This was a big lesson for me—and resulted in 50 pounds less body clutter. Why so effective? Because your metabolism kicks in when its given fuel (food) and burns more efficiently. If you starve it, it won't do what you want it to do! Your car will not go anywhere without gas, your body is no different.

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day as it gets you started off right AND it gets your metabolism going. Here are 8 ideas for good, easy breakfasts from

the Body Clutter Menu-Mailer that we offer on SavingDinner.com...enjoy!

1. 3 egg whites, scrambled; served with 1/2 cup sauteed veggies
2. 1 slice whole wheat toast topped with 1 teaspoon natural peanut butter served with a smoothie made from 1 banana, 1/2 cup orange juice and 3/4 cup vanilla yogurt
3. 1/2 whole wheat bagel topped with 2 ounces low fat cheddar cheese and served with 4 apricots
4. 3/4 cup raisin bran topped 1/4 cup blueberries and 1 cup skim milk
5. 1 high quality protein bar and 8 ounces low fat yogurt
6. 1/2 English muffin topped with 2 teaspoons low fat cream cheese. Served with 1 hard boiled egg and 1 cup orange juice
7. 1 hard boiled egg served with 1 slice whole grain toast and 1 cup cantaloupe
8. 1 whole wheat flaxseed waffle topped with 2 teaspoons natural peanut butter and 1/2 grapefruit

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website "<http://www.savingdinner.com/>" www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her New York Times Best Selling book, *Body Clutter*, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

Eyes

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me a look that said, "Don't kiss me in here this time, Mom." I'm sure he must have been thinking that he was a "big boy" now and that "big boys" didn't need to have their mamas kiss them good-bye in front of all the other "big boys" in the room.

I didn't kiss him that morning, but I didn't like not doing it.

As my mind races back through a quick replay of Elliott's school years, I see a small, very energetic Bridget McBride running to greet him each morning of their first grade year: "Eddiott, Eddiott," she used to call out before she got the "I" sound in his name down pat. Before that year was over, the call had changed to "Mr. Baldridge!" to which he answered, "Miss McBride!" This exchange between the two lasted even through this past senior year. And, I dare to conjecture, that it will continue in the years to come.

Moving ahead, I can see my small son playing with all the other children a little later at Clark Elementary. There were many happy times at Clark, and especially so because of the hard work and efforts put forth by Pam Meyer and the dedicated staff who made attending after-care and summer-care something to look forward to for all the children. Putting on plays like "The Wizard of Oz" and spending summer afternoons in the community pools made it a little easier to handle the fact that Mommy had to go to work.

It was at Clark that Elliott first started playing football. I remember that pee-wee team and how excited they were to get to suit up like the big guys. Football remained a part of Elliott's life at Adams Middle and later at PHS.

Though he endured Mom's griping many an evening for practices running too long (something which he himself had absolutely no control over) and how dirty uniforms had to be washed each and every night (whew!), I'm glad that he had the fortitude to withstand my

complaints and play anyway because many lasting friendships were formed during those practices and games.

Looking through a "Senior Moments" souvenir booklet that was put together by the PHS Youth Services Center for the Class of '07, I was touched by how close this group of kids really seemed to be to one another. Touched, and I must say, enlightened, as well. I think I always knew that this group of kids had formed a special bond with one another, and I knew that were prone to pranks and a bit of rowdiness from time to time, but what I did not fully realize was just how rowdy.

Okay, kids, comments in regard to "climbing steps" and "the back parking lot hill" in "the Rav 4" along with memories of making one poor member of the group (who I will respectfully not name) "run from Wal-Mart to Giovanni's in the freezing weather" as well as riding atop certain vehicles as they drove down the highway. Ahem. Guys, perhaps I would have been better off to not have read these particular entries? Certainly doesn't make me feel any more secure about the upcoming college years, that's for sure.

And yes, you girls in the class - I read your entries, too. And I thought I used to be a wild child...

Yep, memories. From day 1 as tiny tots to that final walk across the stage and tossing that mortarboard into the air, it's been quite a journey.

And I have been blessed to be witness to it.

To each and every one of the members of the graduating class of 2007, I am proud of each of you. I wish you each and every one the very best.

And to all the teachers, staff and community members that have been there with helping hands as these kids made their way - it takes a village and I'm honored to be a part of this one.

And, last but not least, to my one and only son - you make me proud, boy. 'Nuff said - you simply make your mama proud.

And on to ECU...

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mile on right in the straight. Pack rat cleaning out!! Clothes-Baby and adult, some plus size. Toys, quilts, comforters, dishes, some antiques, some furniture, tools, muzzle loader gun, compound bow (serious hunters) and much more! Dealers and flea marketers welcome! If rains will be June 9th and 10th.

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Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church will be having a HUGE RUMMAGE SALE! from 9AM to 6PM on June 2. Rain or shine on Abbott Creek Rt. 1427 off of US 23 follow signs. There will be hot dogs, chips and pop as well

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7:00 AM
 June 9 and 10, 2007

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The Mine Safety and Health Administration seeks candidates for Underground and Electrical Coal Inspector positions throughout District Number 6.

A minimum of one-year of experience performing a full range of tasks and operating a variety of equipment is required. All applicants must bring a valid driver's license and a résumé in order to participate.

Registration begins at 7:00 am and ends when seating capacity is reached, or when testing begins at 8:00 am. Candidates who pass math and writing tests will be interviewed in the afternoon for possible employment.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5422, Major Revision No. 2

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc. 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining operation located 1.0 mile north of Dana in Floyd County. The pro-

posed operation will disturb 0.0 surface acres and will underlie an additional 20.0 acres making a total area of 432.96 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.2 miles southeast from Johnson Fork Road's junction with Cecil Branch Road and located within Johnson Fork.

The proposed major revision is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7?1/2 minute quadrangle map. The major revision will underlie land owned by J. R. Conn.

The major revision proposes the addition of 20.0 underground acres.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0341, Amendment #1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC., 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.2 miles northwest of Hippo in Floyd County. The amendment will add 192.92 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 320.92 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is located approximately 0.2 mile northwest of KY 850 junction with CR 1288 and located on Prater Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the David and Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the area method of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, Grady Stephens, Darrell Stephens, Sherri Allen, Abe Shepherd Heirs, William May, and Mysania Moore.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objec-

tions or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0303, Amendment No. 3

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, WV 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation located near Craynor of Floyd County. The amendment will add 162.77 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 187.86 acres making a total area of 1162.01 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.5 miles south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned

by Evan and Audie Howell, Carmel and Marie Clark, F.W. Newsom Heirs, Blaine and Zella Stone Heirs, James McKinney, Joseph C. Akers, Glen and Willa Jean Tackett, Maggie Howell, et. al., and Evan Howell. The amendment will underlie land owned by Olivia Hamilton, Darvene Hamilton, Arnold Turner, Jr., et. al., F. W. Newsom Heirs, Carmel and Marie Clark, and Joseph C. Akers and Richard Hamilton et al. The operation will use the contour, auger, and area method of surface mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0292, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that The Raven Co., Inc., P.O. Box 547, Bluff City, Tennessee 37618 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation located at Oretel in Floyd County,

Kentucky. The amendment will add 97.94 acres of surface disturbance will underlie an additional 215.58 acres of which 119.73 acres underlies surface or auger area and is not included in the total making a total area of 641.35 within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.15 miles south from KY 979's junction with KY 1426 and located on Big Mud Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Harold and McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Ballard and Magdalene Ray, Curtis Wilburn, Combs Brothers Investments Company and David Betscher, Paul and Edna Conn, Zachery D. and Bonita A. Akers, and Jake and Melvina N. Akers. The operation will underlie land owned by Ballard and Magdalene Ray, Curtis Wilburn, Combs Brothers Investments Company and David Betscher, Paul and Edna Conn, Zachery D. and Bonita A. Akers, and Jake and Melvina N. Akers. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

PUBLIC NOTICE RE: Public Service Commission of Kentucky Case No. 2007-001188

Notice is hereby given that East Kentucky Network, LLC, dba Appalachian Wireless has applied to the Kentucky Public Service Commission to construct a tower near Auxier, in Floyd County, Kentucky. (37-43-00.0 N / 82-46-50.0 W). The proposed tower will be a 300-foot self-supporting tower.

If you would like to respond to this notice, please contact the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 212 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Please refer to Case No. 2007-001188.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0317

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 3.6 miles northeast of Lancer in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 454.15 surface acres and 165.29 acres of underground area, making a total permit area of 619.41 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.9 miles east from Corn Fork Road's junction with KY 3 and is located on Corn Fork of the Levisa Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Lancer USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Clark Pergrem and Jesse Rudd, Steven Todd and Bonnie Harris, Floyd Harris Heirs, Bill Monroe Thompson, and Bill

Monroe Thompson Heirs. The permit area will underlie land owned by Floyd Harris Heirs, Clark Pergrem and Jesse Rudd, Steven Todd and Bonnie Harris, Bill Monroe Thompson, Bill Monroe Thompson Heirs, Holly Rose, Mike and Teresa Stratton, Evan and Mary Rose, John Hunt, Lewis and Emma Hunt, Mary Lucille Willis, Jewel Crider, Donald L. and Joyce Goble, Rhonda Gail Goble Ousley, Ransom Hunt, and Lewis Hunt. The operation will use the area, contour, underground, and auger/highwall methods of mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Permit No. 860-0456 Increment Nos. 6, 7, 8, 10, 13 & 14

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for Phase 3 bond release on permit

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES COMMISSION

Effective immediately, and with the approval of the Division of Water, Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is canceling the boil water advisory that was voluntarily issued on May 21, 2007, due to a scheduled outage for line maintenance for its customers in the area of the water treatment plant along 1428 to Knottly Hollow, including Corn Fork. The boil water advisory was issued as a precautionary measure. The water line has been repaired and water samples taken in the area of the line break have been analyzed by a certified lab. The lab results indicate that the water supply was not compromised, and is safe for customers to use.

Issued by: Donald R. Compton, Chief Waterplant Operator Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission Current Water, Sewer, and Gas Rate/Fee Structure

WATER

	Inside City	Minimum Bill	Outside City
0-1,000 Gallons	\$7.25		\$10.50
Next 99,000 Gallons	3.99/1,000		5.49/1,000
Over 100,000 Gallons	3.53/1,000		4.19/1,000

Fees:

Service Tap: \$450.00 Base \$600.00 if road or stream must be crossed

SEWER

	Inside City	Outside City	Allen/Dwale
0-1,000 Gallons (Min. Bill)	\$10.05	\$12.25	\$24.36
Over 1,000 Gallons	4.25/1,000	5.15/1,000	2.86/1,000

Fees:

Service Tap: \$400.00 Base \$400.00 + labor and materials if additional work required.

GAS

	Inside City	Outside City
0-1 MCF	\$11.90	\$14.49
Over 1 MCF	11.28	12.06

Fees:

Service Tap: \$300.00 Base \$450.00 if road or stream must be crossed.

David M. Ellis, Superintendent
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission
2560 South Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
(606) 886-6871

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 10 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$3,800.00. One hundred (100) percent of the bond amount is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 13 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$18,600.00. One hundred (100) percent of the bond amount is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 14 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$12,100.00. One hundred (100) percent of the bond amount is included in the application for release.

Written comments, objections,

and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by July 18, 2007.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for July 19, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., or soon thereafter

as may be heard, at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by July 18, 2007.



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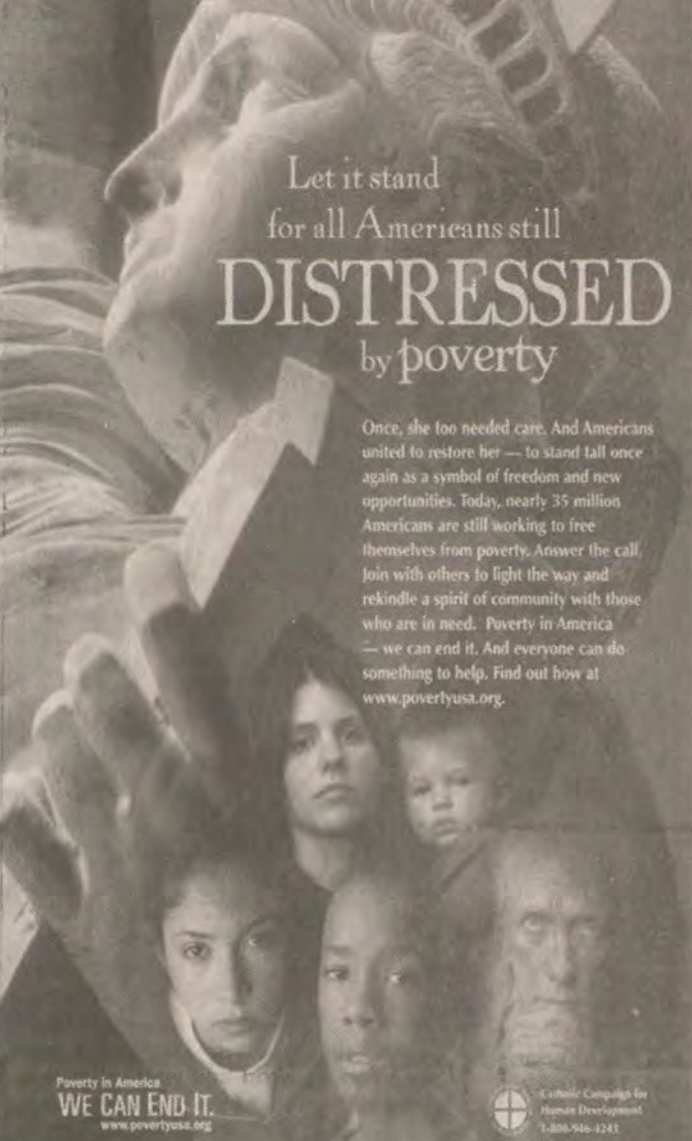
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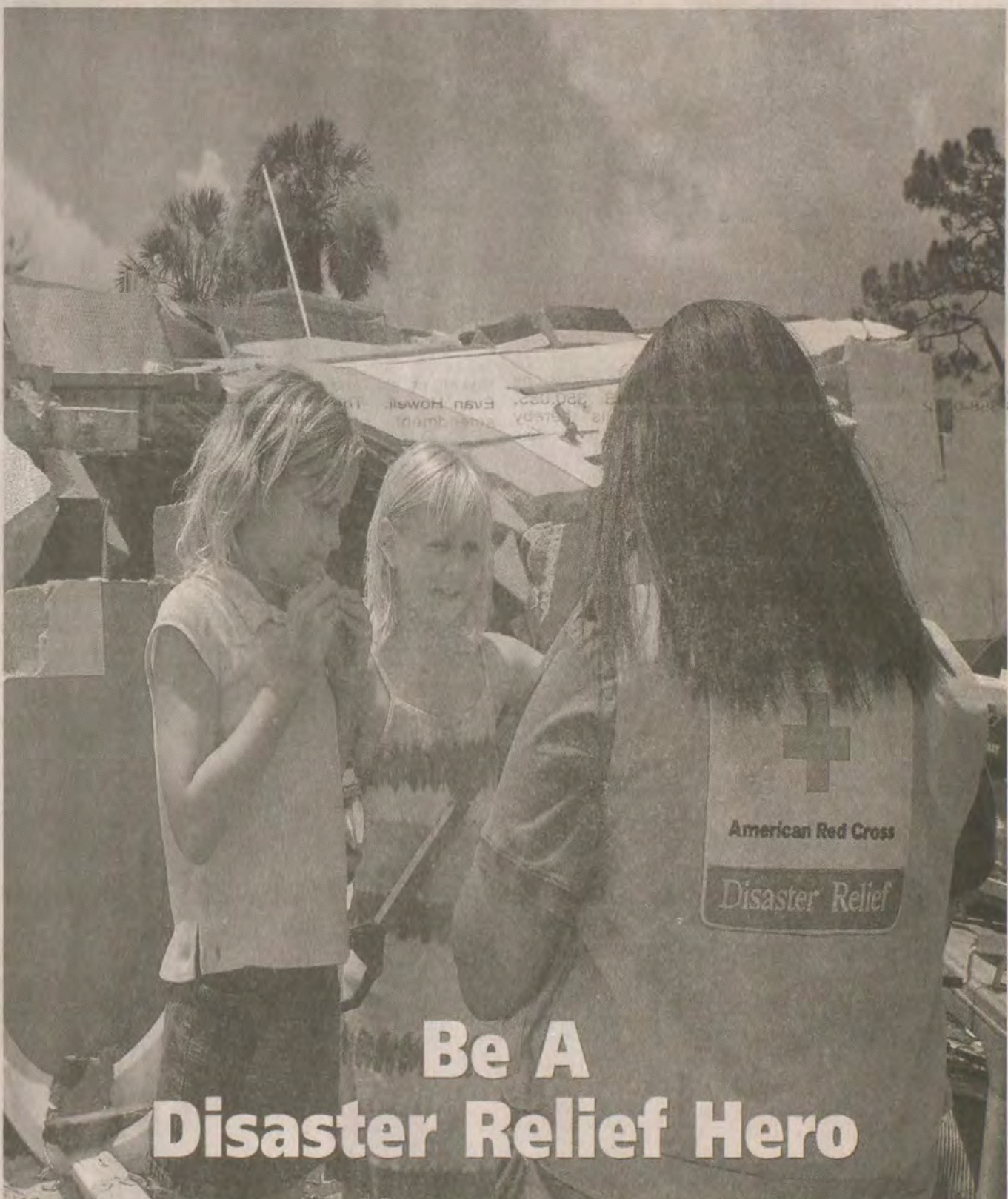


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